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Can You Help?

We are in need of volunteers. Linda Cary retired as library director, but she did so much more. She did research for queries, she checked in donations by coding the accession number, she ordered supplies for copier, dusted shelves, helped with the current obituaries, indexed each new scrapbook, and many more things. In the past she had written many articles for the newsletter. She volunteered for a half-day shift each week, and many times filled in for a person that needed to be off for vacation or a doctor's appointment. She is greatly missed and never will be completely replaced. We are also losing two other librarians—Phyllis Sutton and soon Jennie Barkley.

A volunteer librarian usually covers three and one half hours once a week, but if one could cover one or two shifts a month it would help. Some of the other work could be done during more flexible hours. Usually a new librarian works a few shifts with an experienced one to start. A great advantage of volunteering is that you learn what is available. That information can help to further your own family history. On some days, it is a quiet place to get a lot done. On other days it is busy and one learns from others.

If you have any interest, stop by during our open hours on Thursday or Friday to look around and see what needs to be done.

Happy Holidays

Remember: The library is closed the weeks of the coming holidays.

Thanksgiving	November 28th and 29th
Christmas	December 26th and 27th
New Years	January 2nd and 3rd

Remember to call during inclement weather -
we don't ask our volunteers to venture out if the weather is bad.

Coming Events

Quarterly December Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019, 7 P. M., at Edgar County Historical Complex meeting room. TOPIC: What you Learned in the Last Year and Tips.

Meetings are open to everyone interested in family history.

Refreshments

Check our Facebook page anytime for the latest updates!!

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NEW HOURS AT GENEALOGY LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Wednesdays. The new hours are:

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY

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EARLIEST EDGAR COUNTY VILLIAGE

Cambridge was surveyed about 1820, and lots were sold as early as 1817. The plat was recorded in Edgar County Deeds, on 5 May, 1824. Owners of lots were: Elijah **Austin**, Jonathan **Bassford**, Remember **Blackman**, Augustus **Boland**, Aloysios **Brown**, John **Douthitt**, Jacob **Jones**, Richard **Jones**, James **Johnson**, Alexander **Kirby**, Samuel

Littlefield, Jarred **Lykin**, Samuel **Morgan**, Nathaniel **Morgan**, William **Morgan**, Henry **Ogden**, Isaac **ong**, Sarah **Thompson**, William **Whitley**.

When the railroads bypassed Cambridge in the second half of 1800's, the village gradually decreased in size and importance.

Edgar County Genealogy Library



THANK YOU

Linda **Cary** has been volunteering since the genealogy society was started over 30 years ago. She was co-editor of the newsletter, then solo editor of the newsletter, and Director of the Library for many years. She and her husband, Clark, worked on the cemetery project early in the 1990's and again in 2012. She has done much of the card catalog. She has answered many queries and knows where to find the pamphlets and many books.

Linda was always willing to help clients and fellow librarians. We miss her as library director, but she will always remain our friend.

Phyllis **Sutton** has also been helping for over 30 years. She covered her shift every week and was very helpful especially with cemeteries, Find A Grave, and indexes. Phyllis has served on the Genealogy Society Board many years.

Phyllis was always friendly and helpful on Friday afternoons. She also will be missed as a co-worker at the library and will always remain our friend.

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Reference-- *Souvenir History of Edgar County*, 1823-1893, published in 1893, reprinted in 1991 by the Edgar County Courthouse Centennial Committee

Courthouses of Edgar County

The first courthouse was built in 1825. It was on the south side of the square (probably where Pearman Pharmacy stands in 2019) and was built of wood. The specifications are described in detail on page 18 of the above reference. Cost of the building was \$600.

The second courthouse was built of brick in 1833 in the center of the public square. It was two stories. Mr. Hall **Sims** was credited with the successful organization to get the courthouse built. Leander **Munsell** was the contractor and was paid \$4,250. This building was condemned in 1885 by Judge **Hughes**. Court sessions were then held in Academy Hall until the third courthouse was completed in 1893.

The third courthouse still stands today. The architect for the new courthouse was Henry **Elliot** of Chicago. The contractor was Hibbert Brothers of Newark, Ohio. The cost of the building itself was \$74,960. Details of the building are spelled out. The finishing of the interior and yard were let separately.

The cornerstone was laid November 5, 1891 with an afternoon of speeches by notables of the day (the content of the speeches are printed in the above booklet). A listing of the articles included in the cornerstone is given. The booklet also contains history of Edgar County, townships, and biographical sketches at the time period of 1893. It contains many advertisements of 1893.

Note: The above referenced booklet is for sale at the library for \$5.00.

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Excerpt from *A History of Edgar County Illinois Hospital 1830 -1972*, by Edythe Stephens, RN ; 977.323 St, ECGL in Paris Illinois

Page 4 Feb. 16, 1897 Dr. **TenBrock** invented a simplified stethoscope which was soon to be manufactured and nationally advertised. It had a soft rubber cup at the bottom of which were attached two flexible rubber tubes. In the ends were hard rubber ear pieces shaped so that they would remain in the ears. The usual stethoscope was made of unbending rubber tubes and awkward.

Beacon: July 2, 1901 The first X-ray machine in Paris had been installed in the office of Dr. D. W. **Young**,

Beacon: May 6, 1904 The Benedictine Sister had closed a deal for the purchase of the E. W. **Reese** property on North Main with intention of using the same for a hospital and a home.

Beacon: On Saturday Nov. 19, 1904, the Benedictine Sisters formally dedicated and opened the St. Joseph Hospital. This hospital had three floors with accommodations for twenty patients.

Mr. Archie **Vance** had five inches of a bone in his leg removed in the hospital and he had Nettie **Murphy** (later Dr. Nettie **Dorris**) as his special nurse. She was in Medical School and was working through the summer.

Beacon: This hospital was sold at public auction to satisfy certain creditors on March 6. 1906.

About 1906 Dr. George **Fuller** came. He opened his Medical and Surgical practice in his home at 507 S. Central. He had a hospital also, but soon decided to “go west” to California, so sold his practice to Dr. Roland **Hazen**. Dr. **Hazen** had his office in his living room. For his hospital he had one registered nurse and two student nurses.

Records show that Dr. and Mrs. **Hazen** bought from Charles E. **Shaw** Jr. on April 1 1915 land in the J.B. **Crawford** addition to the City of Paris where the “Old Hospital” now stands, Bk. 133, pg. 151, Edgar Co. Court Records.

A new building with the capacity of twenty-five patients was built. Frank **Stephens** was the contractor. His son, Carl, tells me he was in High School and helped his Dad lay floors for fifty cents a day.

TWO EARLY PHYSICIANS

Early in the 1900's there were two women physicians, who practiced in Edgar County. Each went to medical school, was married, and raised a family. Dr. Nettie **Murphy Dorris** was the granddaughter of Thomas **Murphy** (1796-1845) who was an early pioneer in the North Arm area. Dr. Bertha **Lawton Clinton** was born in Stratton Township, Edgar County in 1872. Her parents, Isaac and Ruth **Lawton** had moved to Edgar County from Ohio about 1858.

The two obituaries follow:

From the *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Monday, October 11, 1948 page 3

Rites Will Be On Wednesday for Dr. **Dorris**

Dr. Nettie **Murphy Dorris**, 71, superintendent of Illinois Mobile Health unit, and former Paris physician died at 2 a. m. Sunday at Cottage hospital, Galesburg, Ill. where she had been a patient for three weeks. The body was bought to the Fessant and Clark funeral home and will be removed to the residence 214 South Central avenue, either this evening or Monday morning. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Leslie L **Kingsbury** at First Christian church at ten thirty o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment will be at Edgar cemetery. The casket will not be opened at the church.

Dr. **Dorris** was born in Edgar county near Kidley, Ill. on November 27, 1876, a daughter of Joseph and Mary **Edginton Murphy**. She had been a lifelong resident of Edgar county. In young womanhood she was an Edgar county school teacher, one of her first schools being at Vermilion..

In 1912 she was married to Rev. Victor **Dorris**, who preceded her in death in 1925. Surviving are two sons, Dr. V. M. **Dorris** of Galesburg, Ill., and James Murphy **Dorris** of Centralia; a foster daughter, Mrs. Gladys **Hutson** of Washington, D. C.; a sister, Mrs. Carrie **Poelstra** of Paris; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

In 1905 Dr. **Dorris** was graduated in medicine from University of Louisville and from then to 1933 practiced her

profession in Paris. She was that year appointed district health superintendent with a jurisdiction of six counties, including Edgar. Ten years later she was appointed superintendent of the state mobile health unit, with headquarters in Springfield.

Dr. **Dorris** was a charter member of Paris Altrusa club. She has served as a member of the Paris library board for a number of years, was a member of First Christian church and was also affiliated with the American Medical Association, Edgar County Medical society, the Aesculapian Medical society of Wabash Valley, and Illinois State Medical society.

From the *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, IL, February 11, 1941, page 3

Dr. Bertha Clinton, Practicing Physician Here 42 Years, Dies

Dr. Bertha **Clinton**, physician of Paris for forty-two years died at the Paris Hospital at 4:40 o'clock this morning following a heart attack. She had been in ill health for over a year, but had not been confined to her bed until last week when she was taken to the hospital. Dr. **Clinton**, the daughter of Isaac and Ruth **Lawton**, was born March 26, 1872, on a farm east of Paris. On October 16, 1892, she was married to Willis **Clinton**, an attorney of Paris. After her marriage Dr. **Clinton** entered the School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago from which she was graduated in June, 1899. Since her graduation, she had practiced her profession in Paris until the time of her death. Her office was in connection with her residence at 414 South Main street. She was a member of the Edgar County Medical Association, Aesculapian Society, Illinois State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Helen **Clinton Baber**, a grandson, Brian **Baber**, a foster daughter Hilah **Moss**, a niece, Mrs. Dan **McConchie**, whom she raised from childhood, a nephew, Russell **Lawton**, a niece, Mrs. Stella **Victor**, a grandniece, Virginia **McConchie**, and a grandnephew, James Willis **McConchie**. Her husband died May 10, 1917. Five brothers and one sister are also deceased.

The body is at the Morrison chapel where the funeral will be conducted at ten o'clock Thursday morning, the Rev. Francis **Hardwich** officiating. Burial will be at Edgar cemetery. The family requests the omission of flowe

From the *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, Illinois, Friday, January 11, 1935, page 1

Colored Veteran of Civil War Dies Few Weeks Before 100th Birthday

Henry H. **Artis**, colored, Edgar county's oldest resident and one of the few remaining "grand old men" of the Civil War, died suddenly at eight o'clock Thursday evening. Lacking but two months and ten days of reaching his one-hundredth birthday, preparations were being made for the celebration of the century mark on March 21 of this year. Death came as the result of double pneumonia, which developed from a cold contracted last Saturday. The aged veteran had been in excellent health throughout the winter and had taken his daily outing even during the near-zero weather. Yesterday attending physicians announced his condition as improving, but early in the night he died quietly, only a few weeks away from his fondest dream, an airplane trip to California as he turned the century mark.

A full military funeral will be accorded the old gentleman, whose homely philosophy and smiling greeting had made him "Dad" to all who knew him. Paris Post No. 211 of the American Legion will be in charge of the service both at the Second Baptist church at two o'clock Monday afternoon and at the Edgar cemetery, where interment will be made.

The body will remain at the Zigran Funeral home until eleven o'clock Monday morning when it will be taken to the church, founded his father eighty ago, and will lie in state until the funeral hour.

Honorary pallbearers for the service will be deacons of this church where he has sat in his special pew for the fifty years he has lived in Paris, teaching a Bible study class for thirty-five of those years, and attending two services on Sunday and the mid-week prayer-service regularly until the past week. The deacons are Robert **Owens**, Edward **Allen**, George **McGraw**, Leroy **Wiley**, and Richard **Miller**.

Surviving the centenarian are his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. John **Artis**, with whom he lived at 437 East Court street, a daughter, Mrs. Martha **Leftdrige** and grandson, Horace **Alexander**, both of Connersville, Ind. Another son, Tom **Artis**, passed away in the summer of 1934 at his home in Springfield. Mrs. **Artis**, a native of Charleston, died thirty-one years ago.

Mr. **Artis** was born March 21, 1835, half way between Snow Hill and Raleigh, North Carolina, of free parents, who christened him William Henry Harrison. As a child he lived near Rockville, Ind. until the time of the Civil War in which he enlisted in 1861 to serve two and one-half years as a private and one year as a captain. Without one day of schooling the young man learned to read and write and figure.

Fifty years ago Mr. **Artis** came to Paris and established himself in a barber shop on the west side of the square. Later he moved to the west end of Court street and still later was employed at the Goodman Ford company. At the time of his retirement from business life he was engineer at the city water works.

Mr. **Artis** was a prominent figure in the religious life of the colored people of Paris and a staunch supporter, both financially and spirituality, of the Second Baptist church. Only last March the congregation, combined with the military organizations of Paris, presented a program in celebration of the veteran's ninety-ninth birthday.

Questioned concerning his advanced age, Mr. **Artis** would reply, "I don't know why I'm here, but I'm glad of it." He epitomized his philosophy—"The better we behave, the better we get along."

From *Paris Daily Beacon News*, Paris, Illinois, Friday, July 11, 1947

Henry J. Glick, Centenarian, Succumbs

Henry J. **Glick**, only centenarian of Paris, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the family home, 227 East Madison street. He would have reached his 101st birthday next September 25. Since July 5 Mr. **Glick** had been bedfast, and his condition had been critical for the past few days.

Funeral services will be at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the First Methodist church with Rev. George V. **Herrick** officiating. Burial will be at Edgar cemetery with members of Prairie Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in charge. The body will remain at the Blume funeral home.

Born in Pickaway county, O. on September 25, 1846, Mr. **Glick** was a youth of 19 years when in Terre Haute on April 14, 1865, he and his parents, Enos and Elizabeth **Glick**, learned of the assassination on that day of President Abraham **Lincoln**. The **Glick** family was then in route from Sullivan county, Ind. to settle on the "prairie" of Edgar county. They traveled in a covered wagon. The trip from Sullivan required almost two days. They camped the first night with many other westbound travelers on the bank of the Wabash river, just west of the Terre Haute bridge.

On August 32, 1871, Mr. **Glick** was married to Emily **McEvoy** at the home of her parents, who lived at what was then known at "Dawson Prairie," south of Kansas, Ill. They began housekeeping in a little two-room log cabin on the farm now owned by a daughter, Mrs. Emma **Aitken**, located 17 miles northwest of Paris. The following spring they started building a two-room frame house on a 60-acre farm that had been given him by his father. The land was covered with hazel brush, prairie grass, and wild cherry trees.

Together Mr. and Mrs. **Glick** put up the frame-work, and after the weather boarding was completed and the floor laid, they moved in. At the noon hour while the horses rested from work in the fields and on rainy days, the laths were placed and in the fall the plastering was done.

Through hard work, self-denial and perseverance they were able in 1882 to build a new home-- a two-story frame residence and a large barn. At the rear of the home was planted a large orchard and a grove of walnut and catalpa trees.

After many years of persistent toil, Mr. and Mrs. **Glick** acquired 800 acres of land in the Prairie Chapel neighborhood. Quite a few years ago this land was divided among their children, with the exception of 127 acres, the operation of which Mr. **Glick** directed.

In 1899, Mr. and Mrs. **Glick** moved to Paris, first residing to East Court street, and in 1900 they purchased the present home on East Madison street. Mrs. Glick died about 24 years ago.

To the union were born eight children, six of whom are living: Dr. Orville **Glick**, Kentland, Ind; Mrs. Mertie **Smith**, Charleston, Ill.; Mrs. Emma **Aitken**, southwest of Paris; Nora, Robert, and Ernest of Paris. Two children are deceased: Merritt, who died in 1910, and Mrs. Effie **Bell**, who passed three years ago. There were 80 **descendants**-- including 8 children, 34 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. **Glick** was the oldest of three survivors of his parents' family of 11 children. The other two are Mrs. Jennie **Baker**, 87, Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. Carrie **Holmberg**, 85, Terre Haute.

His health had been unusually good for his advanced age until his recent illness. For the past five years he had been blind. For the past 32 years he had been given constant care by his daughter Nora, who resided with him.

Note:

Henry John Glick	September 25, 1846 – July 11, 1947	age 100
Emily McEvoy Glick	October, 1846 – August 22, 1923	age 76
Effie A. Glick Bell	June 2, 1872 – June 5, 1945	age 73
Dr. Orval Everett Glick	November 19, 1873 – August 25, 1949	age 75
Emma Olive Glick Aitken	August 4, 1879 – February, 1964	age 84
Robert H Glick	March 29, 1882 – October 18, 1965	age 83
William Ernest Glick	April 11, 1884 – 21 Dec 1973	age 89
Nora Glick	July 13, 1887 – April 6, 1971	age 83
Merritt L Glick	January 1, 1888 – November 14, 1910	age 22
Mertie Glick Smith	January 7, 1890 – February 2, 1968	age 78

All of the children lived to reasonably advanced age except Merrit . Being curious I looked for an obituary.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, Illinois, Monday, November 14, 1910, page 7

Death Result of Pneumonia

The death of Merrit Lovell **Glick**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Glick**, of East Madison street, occurred shortly after five o'clock the Monday morning, at his home northwest of Paris, in the Metcalf neighborhood, following a ten days illness of pneumonia.

The deceased was born on the farm where he died, and had he lived until next New Year's Day would have reached his 23th birthday. In the month of September, 1907 he was married to Miss Dovie **Heath** of Metcalf and to this union was born one child, now a babe of ten months. . . .

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, April 3, 1941, page 1

Samuel G. Fulton, Last Edgar Co. Civil War Veteran, Expires Monday

"Uncle" Samuel **Fulton**, 95, last Edgar County civil war veteran, is dead. He expired at 9:30 o'clock Monday evening, March 31, 1941, at the home of his son, Luther, in the Logan vicinity three days after he had passed his 95th milestone. Death was due to infirmities incident to old age. Until the past six weeks, Mr. **Fulton** was able to get about regularly.

He was born March 26, 1846, in Ohio, son of Abraham and Mary **Norman Fulton**. He came to Edgar county with his parents when he was only six years old, and he had since resided in northeastern Edgar county.

Mr. **Fulton**, a veteran of the southern campaigns with the Union armies, was a member of Company 6, Regiment 115, of the Indiana infantry, also a member of the famous Persimmon Brigade, a unit which survived on wild persimmons for weeks in the Tennessee mountain after they had been cut off from their supply sources and were unable to regain contact due to the overwhelming presence of confederate troops.. In 1939 he was elected president of this organization. *Note: Persimmon Bridge org.*

He was never seriously wounded in fighting, although he had some narrow escapes when in one battle bullets flew between his legs and others grazed the top of his head.

After the war, he came back to Illinois and worked on a farm for \$16 a month. When he had saved enough money to buy a team of horses, he started farming. Later he bought stock and did a great deal of trading. He cleared and developed his farm himself, built up the farm, and owned his own home. He did not draw a pension for 25 years after the war.

In 1870 he was married to Martha **Horsley**, who died in 1920. He is survived by four children, Luther, Frank, and Alvin, all living near Horace, and Mrs. Abbie **Conover** of Danville-- also one sister, Mary Catherine **Fulton**, and a brother Douglas of this vicinity. There are 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He was a member of the Baptist church and an honorary member of the American Legion Post 477 of Chrisman.

In 1938 Mr. **Fulton** and his son, Luther, went to Gettysburg, PA on the 75th anniversary of the battle. The reunion was super-

vised by the Pennsylvania State Commission. Each veteran took an attendant and the transportation and upkeep of both were paid by the government.

In September of the same year, Mr. **Fulton** was honored at the Chrisman Horse Show. On this occasion two other pioneer Chrisman residents were given special tribute. They were Mrs. Anna **Julian** and the late John **Boles**. Mr. **Boles** died last spring shortly before reaching his 94th birthday anniversary. Mrs. **Julian**, the sole survivor of the trio, will be 95 years old next August.

Full Military Honors were accorded Mr. **Fulton** at funeral services, which were held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Horace Baptist Church. The services were conducted by Rev. J. L. **Coleman** in the presence of delegations from Chrisman and Paris posts of the American Legion as were as all other patriotic groups. Burial was in Franklin Cemetery. O. Raman **Scott** was in charge of arrangements.

Excerpts from *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, Illinois, September 26, 1961, page 2

Plans Recalls Olden Days In Area

Plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the present Vermilion school building are nearing completion under the direction of Mrs. Karl **Farnham**, program chairman. . . .

The present building, a brick structure, originally contained four rooms, now remodeled to eight rooms it being used for Community District Four to accommodate grades one through four of the children in the surrounding area. It is the only one of the original buildings in District, which is still in use. Crestwood School has taken the place of all other buildings in the district, recently adding a wing, which made possible moving the kindergarten classes from Vermilion.

The Board of Directors at the time the present building was erected in 1911, were A. B. **Koho**, Fred B. **Caldwell**, and Frank J. **Fessant**. First teachers in the present building were Lola **Bartolomew Taflinger**, first, second, and third grades; Mrs. Gertrude **Anderson Huls**, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, Harry L. **Ryan**, seventh and eighth grades. Present teachers are Mrs. Gertrude E. **Harkness**, first grade, Mrs. Edith **Frye**, third grade, Mrs. Evelyn **Arbuckle**, fourth grade, and Mrs. Theodorsa **Day**, second grade and principal.

Some of the old timers can remember the following teachers in the first Vermilion school building: David **Mason**, Emma **Hendrix**, Mr. **Baird**, Rosa **Morton**, Nettie **Murphy**, Allie **Wood**, Miss **Sheets**, Jessie **Allen**, Kate and Mary **Hornberger**.

Mrs. John **Moss** has an autograph album containing endearing verses written by pupils to her mother, Mrs. Rosa **Morton**, teacher in the years 1896 and 1897. The signatures include George **Holloway**, Ervie **Thatcher**, Zora **Duck**, Amelia **Thatcher**, Nathan **Stubbs**, Grace **Mason**, Helen **Adams**, Wanda **Beals**, Irma **Brummett**, Effie **Dugan**, Chester **Gossage**, Chester **Miller**, Glennie **Shepherd**, Willie **Gossage**, Edith **Holloway**, Chester **McDaniel**, Stella **Marley**, Vesta **Marley**, and Bessie **Stubbs**.

Excerpts from *My Golden Heritage*, by Josephine **Sudduth DeJohn** and Stella **DeJohn Fisher**. 1972, page 20 (929.2 Sud in the ECGS library)

First Record of Edgar County

First Settler 1817 in Paris were. . . Jonathan **Young**. . . Seven families settled in the Northeastern section known as North Arm.

The first post office in Edgar county was established on North Arm and Hon. John B. **Alexander** was commissioned postmaster. He did not hold office long as the post office was moved to Paris and his son, Milton E. **Alexander** was appointed postmaster. One of the early doctors was S. J. **Young**.

The first fourth of July celebration was held in Paris in 1823 in a grove of timber on the place of Daniel **Lane**. Mention is made that people used to amuse themselves with "marbles" and other simple pastimes of like character. A menagerie as early as 1821 used to pay periodical visits to the neighborhood. It consisted of two or three cages of monkeys and a Shetland pony. Other amusements consisted of log-rolling, house-raising, quilting bees, and dances. In 1824 Paris was a settlement of eight cabins.

The Free Masonry was represented by two Lodges, one Chapter and one Commandery. Paris Lodge No. 77 was organized in October, 1849. Paris Lodge No. 268 in 1858. The first paper 1836-37 was called "The Illinois Statesman." In 1848, The Prairie Beacon. The first Edgar County Bank was established in 1855.

1879-Paris was named a city. The first Mayor was Col. Henry **VanSellar**. Jonathan **Young**, who came to Paris in 1831 from Ohio, was a prominent factor in the laying out of the Edgar Cemetery and it was his gift of land that formed the nucleus of the present cemetery.

Edgar county furnished two thousand men for the Civil War. Thirty-three percent gave their lives either in battle or hospitals.

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