

# Edgar County Genealogical Society

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## 2020 – The Year of the Pandemic

The unusual times of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to affect our lives. Meetings are cancelled or greatly affected. Eating out has been greatly decreased. I found myself reading the newspapers during the times of the Influenza of 1918. The epidemic of 1918 actually lasted from April 1918 to April 1920. It was first identified at Fort Riley in Kansas. It spread rapidly throughout the US and Europe. There were four waves, each with slightly different characteristics. The second wave started in August 1918 with a slightly mutated H1N1 influenza A. The deadliest month for the U.S. was October 1918. It is reported that 28% of the citizens of the U. S. were infected and 500,000 to 850,000 died. In the Paris newspaper, there were one or more obituaries many days in October or November in 1918. Often two or more family members were affected. The young adults were most affected. Half of the deaths were in the 20 to 40 year age group. The person would have symptoms of the flu for a few days, then suddenly die. The swine flu epidemic in 2009 was also a H1N1 influenza A.

In 1918 there was a second significant world event—World War II. Young men were sent to Europe to do battle. The men were concentrated in units and many contacted the virus. There were over 53,000 U. S. deaths from combat and over 116,000 from battle and disease. In this newsletter there are influenza stories and war stories.

## DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, October 31, 1918, page 1

### MAY LIFT INFLUENZA BAN ON THE CHURCHES SUNDAY

Mayor **Hoff** informed the pastors of the city that unless there was a decided increase of influenza in Paris in the next two days, the ban would probably be lifted for services on Sunday.

This also probably means that the schools will be opened on Monday.

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

## Coming Events

### Annual Meeting

**Monday, September 21, 2020, 7 P. M., at Edgar County Historical Complex meeting room. TOPIC: To be announced. Check Facebook page.**

**Meetings are open to everyone interested in family history.**

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The Society presents four programs yearly, including

the Annual Business Meeting in June. Those are announced in the Newsletter, the Prairie Press, on our website and Facebook pages.

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## ECGS Meeting

No meeting was held in June because of the Covid-19 pandemic, The next meeting is hoped to be on September 21, 2020. It will include the annual business meeting of the Society. {Please check the website to get the latest update.

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The Edgar Count Genealogy Library is currently closed except by appointment, because the coronavirus quarantine is in effect in Illinois and Indiana. Appointments can be made by phone—leave a message— or email at [ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org](mailto:ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org) or by regular mail. Remember the phone, email, and mail are only checked once a week at the end of each week. Check the website at [www.edgarcountygenealogy.org](http://www.edgarcountygenealogy.org) to find the exact date when the library will reopen.

From *Paris Daily News*, Paris, IL, October 11, 1889, page 1

PERSONAL MENTION

- George W. **Patton** went to Terre Haute today on business.
- Hon. Robert L. **McKinlay** returned last night from his trip to Ohio.
- Charles **Dole**, of Mattoon, was in the city this afternoon.
- Dr. F. M. **Davis** went to Coal Bluff, Ind. this afternoon.
- Charles A. **Steele**, of Chrisman, was in the city this afternoon.
- Cary **Smith** and George **Augustus** returned yesterday from a business trip to Chicago.
- Bruce **McNutt** returned from Chicago. Mrs. **McNutt** also returned from Danville.
- Jacob **McVey**, of Isabel, was in the city today.
- John C. **Jones**, H. E. **Rives**, and J. W. **Sheppard** went to Terre Haute today.
- Miss Helen **Baird** went to Terre Haute this afternoon.
- F. J. **Maddocks**, Supervisor of Brouillette Creek township, was in the city today.
- Mrs. Sarah **Mayfield** returned this afternoon from a visit with friends at Charleston, Ill.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, September 13, 1898, page 1

LOCAL BREVITIES

- H. E. **Rives**, who has been quite ill is somewhat better.
- Apollo Lodge, No 57, K. of P. holds its regular weekly meeting tonight.
- Huston **Caldwell** is able to be out again after being confined to his bed for several days with a very bad carbuncle.
- Among the boys who came home from Jacksonville is Ed **Cale**, who is quite sick at his home in the west part of the city being threatened with typhoid fever.
- The Odd Fellows's Benefit Association of Edgar county paid to Mrs. C. N. **Standley** Monday \$412. This is the sixth death, which this association has paid in seven years.
- Col. A. H. **Chapman** of Charleston, father of Postmaster Robert N. **Chapman**, died at noon Sunday at his home in that city. The deceased was seventy-six years of age and served with distinction in the Civil War.
- Thos. **Wetzel** arrived home from Jacksonville on a sick furlough having had the usual tussle with malaria, which is the bane of existence in Florida. Steve **Wilson** is also on the way home and several others will come shortly.

Inventions in Edgar County

Throughout our history patents for new or substantially improved machines, equipment, or processes have been issued by the U. S. Patent Office.

The *Souvenir History of Edgar County—1823-1893*, Compiled and Accepted by Board of Supervisors, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893, Published by U. O. Colson, Paris, Illinois: reprinted in 1991 Edgar County Board, page 84.

“Isaac **Scott's** adjustable grave box cover patented November 29, 1892, is manufactured at Chrisman, Illinois. Those covers placed immediately above the box and encloses it perfectly tight; no water or earth can come in contact with it. They will be furnished on trial. His patent covers the United States and Canada. For further information write to him at Chrisman, Illinois.”

*Note: The adjustable grave box covers were manufactured in Chrisman during the 1890's.*

Gas Pressure Lamp

Another patent holder was Charles Marcus **Daniels** (1877 – 1957) of Paris, Illinois. The patent was issued on December 28, 1909 for a hollow wire gasoline lamp that burned with a cotton mantle. Charles **Daniels** was a barber, a bicycle repair shop owner, and by 1910 was listed as the owner of Daniels Light Co. The name was later changed to Daniels Gasoline Lighting Co at 304-306 N. Main St, Paris, IL. It continued until the 1940's when electricity became more available.

*Note: As a child I remember such a lamp. It was seldom used. If you were careful, the mantle could be lit multiple times, however, if you touched the mantle it crumbled to a tiny pile of ashes.*

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From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, October 3, 1905, page 7

NEARLY NINETY YEARS OF AGE

The death of Mrs. James **Bell**, occurred at eight o'clock this morning at the family residence at Oliver after a lingering illness of several months duration. A husband and three children survive her. She had resided in Oliver for many years and was quite well known throughout that vicinity.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning from the home. Burial will be made in Edgar cemetery.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, December 19, 1907, page 7

NONOGENARIAN IS DEAD AT OLIVER

James A. Bell Succumbs to Infirmities Incident to Advanced Years

The death of James A **Bell**, a pioneer resident of Oliver, occurred about 6:30 this morning at his home about a half mile from that village. He was about ninety years old and his death was occasioned by ailments, incident to advanced years. He is survived by four children: Jonathan **Bell**, Mrs. Isabel **Newcomb**, Rev. Clarence **Bell** and Mrs. James **Fettters**, the latter a resident of West Terre Haute. The funeral will occur from the residence Friday morning at ten o'clock and burial will be made in Edgar cemetery in this city.

*Note: The first obituary list three children survive her and the second lists four children that survive him. The census suggests that they had five children and that all of them were alive at the time of each of the deaths. Questions??*

From the *Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, October 28, 1918, page 8

CHARLES BOLEN DIES OF INFLUENZA ATTACK;  
SISTER SERIOUSLY ILL

Charles **Bolen**, son of J. E. **Bolen**, died Saturday at the home of his father, near Oliver, of Influenza. He was 19 years old, was born at Ridgefarm, but lived the greater part of his life near Oliver. He was survived by his father, two brothers, Orville at Chrisman, Vernon at home, and five sisters; Mrs. Ocie **McCulley**, Mrs. Elsie **Francis**, who live near Paris, Marguerite, who is seriously ill at home. The burial was Sunday at Ridgefarm.

*Note: Marguerite Bolen Porter recovered and lived until 1982, age 77 years. Although the obituary only lists 3 living sisters, I think there may have been four. His mother had just died in June, 1918.*

*The family, according to census and other records, included:*

*Joseph E. Bolen (9 Jul 1860 – 9 Jan 1949)*

*Lydia Jane Harness Bolen (Sep 1863 – 2 Jun 1918)*

*Laura May (Nov 1884 – 11 Aug 1905)*

*Orville Fremont (4 Mar 1887 – 7 Aug 1975)*

*Jesse Florence (18 Mar 1889 – 27 Aug 1980)*

*Osie Alice (12 Jun 1890 – 23 Dec 1969)*

*Levona Elsie (21 Feb 1893 – 2 Aug 1977)*

*Vernon Eli (26 Sep 1897 – 19 Jan 1981)*

*Charles Otho (14 Jun 1899 – 1918)*

*Marguerite (1905 – 1982)*

From *History of the Disciples of Christ in Illinois, 1819-1914*, by Nathaniel S. **Haynes**, A. M., 1915.

Nevins Christian Church was organized in 1858 by William **Hurtly** and A. D. **Fillmore**. It was started as the Franklin Church and was near the Franklin Cemetery (name later changed to the Sims Cemetery, because there was another Franklin Cemetery in northern Edgar County). In 1881 the church building was moved to Nevins, which was a nearby railroad station. Some of preachers were: Wm T. **Simms**, Wm H. **Simms**, Nathan **Wright**, Thomas **Goodman**, Wm **Holt**, A. J. **Frank**, J. W. **Perkins**, John N. **Mulkey**, Hezekiah **Williams**, Isaac **Lamb** and H. W. **Cuppy**.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, November 7, 1907, page 7

AGED PIONEER CALLED HENCE

Samuel McNutt Succumbs to Injuries Sustained in Fall Three Weeks Ago  
Attained Patriarchal age of Eight-Nine  
Was Native of Pennsylvania, Removing in Youth to Ohio, subsequently  
To Indiana, and Finally to this City in 1885

About 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, November 6, 1907, Mr. Samuel **McNutt**, after a painful illness of nearly three weeks' duration, passed peacefully away at his home at No. 219 West Washington Street, aged nearly 90 years.

About three weeks ago, in attempting to throw a club into a tree to knock down some apples, his foot slipped and he fell heavily on the concrete walk in his dooryard, sustaining injuries from which one of his great age was unable to rally. He suffered most excruciating pain whenever he was not under the influence of opiates, and his aged wife, herself hardly recovered from the effects of a fall, waited upon him with affectionate loyalty to the last, ministering in every possible way to his comfort. Mr. **McNutt's** condition was such that up to Tuesday it was thought that he would recover, but that recovery was impossible, so rapid had been the change. The vital spark had seemed so strong until then, that his friends hoped even against hope that his strong constitution and regular life would prolong his existence a few months more at least.

Deceased was born in Greene County, Penn., Sept. 22, 1818—the year Illinois entered the federal territory. He has therefore lived to see all the immense changes that have taken place in state and nation since that time—more important events than had occurred from the “stars first sang together” up to the period of his birth. He was a witness of those vast events, and a careful reader of the history of his times. In fact, he lived to enjoy the greatest times of the greatest nation of all history--the period of the growth and progress of our country.

From Greene county, Penn., he moved with his father's family to Butler County, Ohio, where he lived a few years, later removing to Clinton county Ind. where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Paris, where he has been a familiar figure every since, and where everybody remembers his genial smile and hearty handshake. His home was on North Main Street until a few months ago, when the kind old nonagenarian removed to No. 219 West Washington where his last days were spent.

May 30, 1844, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane **Heavilon**, near Frankfort, Ind., and she been his faithful companion for more than 63 years. The death of her husband was a great shock to her, and this added to the exhaustion from the weary, but patient watching at the bedside of her companion, will doubtless shorten the time for their meeting on the evergreen shore.

Four children were born to this union, two of whom survive. Bruce **McNutt**, of the Jones Dry good Company, well known throughout the county, and Mrs. Clara A **Ely**, of Danville, are the survivors. David **McNutt**, a son, died in 1890, and Mrs. Eliza **Yeargin**, a daughter, passed away in 1892. Mr. Samuel **McNutt** was a member of Prairie Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M.

The funeral will take place from the late residence, No. 217 West Washington Street, at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, Rev. Ira W. **Allen** officiating. Interment will be made in Edgar Cemetery.

*Note: Jane **McNutt** died August 22, 1910 at age 85 in Danville, IL where she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Charles **Ely**, since the death of her husband.*

From Paris Daily Beacon, Paris, IL, October 26, 1918, page 6

INFLUENZA TAKES SECOND MEMBER OF KIRBY FAMILY

Frank **Kirby**, 22 years old, died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock of influenza, after two weeks illness. His sister, Mrs. Mary **Welsh**, died October 9, of the same disease.. The funeral services will be held from the house Sunday at 2 o'clock' Burial in Edgar Cemetery.

Dennis “Frank” **Kirby** 1895—1918

Mary J. **Kirby Welch** 1894—1918

From the *Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, October 31, 1918, page 1

MRS. ED HADDIX DIES FROM INFLUENZA ATTACK  
FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

Mrs. Ed **Haddix**, 35 years old, died Wednesday morning at 11:30 of influenza. She spent the greater part of her life in Paris. Maude **Baldwin** was born near Walnut Prairie, August 12, 1884. She was married to Ed **Haddix** 15 years ago. She leaves a husband and five children: Roy, 12; Clarence 11; Homer, 9; Hershel, 6; Anna Louise, 3; and her mother, Mrs. Lizzie **Baldwin** of Terre Haute; one sister, Mrs. Grace **Hall** of Paris; three brothers: Bert, Lee and Otto--the latter two in France. The father died 11 years ago. The burial was at 3:00 P.M. Thursday at Edgar Cemetery.

*Note: In the 1920 Census, Ed **Haddix** was living alone in Paris; Roy, 14, was living at the St. Charles School for Boys; Clarence, 13, Homer, 11, and Hershel, 8, were living in the Children's Home on Eads Avenue in Paris; and Anna Louise, 5, was living with her Grandmother Elizabeth **Baldwin** in Terre Haute, IN.*

*The Children's Home on Eads Avenue had been built in 1897 at a cost of \$10,000 on a ten-acre grove donated by James A. **Eads**. The building still stands.*

From *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, IL, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1938, page 3

SEIZURE FATAL FOR EDWARD HADDIX WHILE REPAIRING FENCE

A coroner's jury investigating the sudden death Friday afternoon of Edward **Haddix**, 63 year old Paris man living on Rosalie Street, returned a verdict of death, as the result of an acute heart attack at an inquest conducted this morning by Dr. W. S. **Jones** of Redmon, Edgar county coroner.

Mr. **Haddix** suffered the attack at five o'clock Friday afternoon while he was working at the J. Victor **Scott** farm located four miles northwest of Paris. Mr. **Mapes** and Mr. **Haddix** were repairing fence when Mr. **Haddix** was stricken.

Funeral series will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Blume funeral home. Burial will be at Edgar cemetery.

Mr. **Haddix** is survived by four sons, Roy of Terre Haute, Ind., Clarence, Homer, and Herschel, all of Paris; one daughter, Mrs. Annie **Oakley** of Terre Haute, Ind.; three grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. George **Cameron** of Terre Haute, and Mrs. Allen **Hamland** of near Prairieton, Ind.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, October 29, 1918, page 6

WITH THE BOYS IN THE SERVICE

From Floyd L. **Taflinger**

Somewhere in France

Sept. 18, 1918

Dearest Mother, Dad, and Brother,

Since my last letter to your, I have been so busy that I have somewhat neglected my correspondence.

I am now back from the front and can write a few lines. I said I was busy: well, I have been engaged in chasing the Dutchman. 'Tis great sport. During the first four days of the last drive, I was there. I will attempt to describe some of my experiences.

Prior to the big drive we hiked for days and days. We knew action was coming and we looked forward to the opening. Finally the time came: we hiked to the front and waited in a woods during a rain. 'Twas wet and chilly and everyone cussed but me. At 1 A. M. the grand fireworks began. Our artillery started the barrage that scared the Dutch out of miles o'land. We were stationed where we could watch the whole show. 'Twas certainly some barrage and those gunners hit almost every Dutch hiding place along the line. At dawn we went over. I was in a reserve line at the opening, but went into the front line in the afternoon. 'Twas a grand success. We went beyond our objective with ease, the resistance being light. After the first day I went into reserve again until the third

night. While in reserve I had plenty to eat due to the fact that Heinie did not have time to take his honey jam, bread, ect. with him.

The third night we again went forward and went over the top the next morning. I had many new experiences that day. I was a scout when we went forward to take a machine gun nest. We established our line that afternoon and then had the pleasure of driving back a counter attack. Heine laid over a big barrage and then sent several waves o' Fritz at our right flank. The marines certainly love to shoot and believe me, we made the Dutch men head for Berlin in short order. We cleaned out all the front wave and the rest retreated. 'Twas very exciting and a fellow enjoys that close fighting much more that lying in a little hole while their artillery is tossing over "Sea Bags" shells. After that counter attack I was sent out into "No Man's Land" on a listening post. I was there all night until early next morning at which time we were relieved and came back. And, too, 'twas Emil's outfit that relieved us. I did not get to see him, but I suppose he is now tossing "Sea Bags" over to Fritz.

I forgot to tell you of the tanks that went over first and of the great number airplanes that filled the sky. Use your imagination and you can paint a good picture. Tanks in front leading thousands of soldiers, plenty of airplanes over head, protecting us and helping clean up the enemy, and plenty of big guns behind, pouring tons of shells into the Dutch.

We were certainly a dirty looking bunch when we came out of action. No one had shaved for over a week and most of us had not even washed out hands and face. However, our appearance is much improved at present. Our present location is a big woods. 'Tis raining every day, and we are having plenty of mud. However I have a nice tent and a heavy German blanket to keep me dry and warm. Dutch blankets are heavy and nice and warm.

I am enclosing a small piece of German bread. The loaf, from which it was cut, was used by me on several hungry occasions during the scrap. I might say that my company was first to go thru the village of ~~xxx(censored)xx~~. Can you find me?

At the time of this writing I am sitting in my tent on a nice layer of blankets; My muddy shoes are just outside the door (living like Japs). I am feeling well and happy and full of that same faith I had before I left home. Things are going well, dear ones, and we must thank God for it.

Give my love to everyone and tell them that all's well. I have received no letter from you since yours of July 30.  
Love to all. Floyd

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, November 8, 1918, page 1

#### COMRADE REPORTS FLOYD TAFLINGER WAS KILLED

Last week we published a letter from Floyd **Taflinger** of Paris, which was written from somewhere in France on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, to his cousin Mrs. Will **Crist**, near Metcalf, but the ink on the paper in which the letter was published was hardly dry before a letter came to Mr. **Taflinger's** parents notifying them that their son had been killed in the discharge of his duty.

The deceased was a member of the U. S. Marines and belonged to the 75<sup>th</sup> Co. and 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment. The first news of their son's death was imparted to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. **Taflinger** by their son's nearest and best army chum, who pays him the following high compliment:

"Dear Mrs. **Taflinger**:

It is with great sorrow that I write to my native land once more, for I know this letter can bring only sorrow and sadness to your heart. You will doubtless have the word of Floyd's death many days before this reaches you, but it was Floyd's last request of me to write his dearly beloved mother and if I ever get back to the states to take her a message written by him in a time of danger when every true son's thought is in God and his mother. Some of Floyd's last words were: "George, if I am lost in this battle, tell mother and the rest I will meet them in the other world," and I am sure that he will, too, for as long as we had been together, before he went to sleep each night, a prayer was offered to our blessed Savior.

Floyd was the best friend I ever had and as long as I chummed with him I never heard him utter a swear word or tell a lie. I know it is hard for a mother to lose her son, but after all what is this world with its pitfalls and temptations to that other glorious world where we will all be united once more. May God bless you and keep you is the prayer of your boy's friend.."

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Mr. **Taflinger** was born at Charleston, Ill. 21 years ago, and had been a resident of Paris, for a number of years. He graduated from the Paris high school in 1916 and was attending a law school in Detroit when he enlisted April 14 in the marine corps. He was sent from to Detroit to Paris Island, S. C. and later Quantico, Va. Four months ago he sailed for France, where he has been engaged in active service, according to letter received here, one of which was published in the Daily News Tuesday of last week.

Mr. **Taflinger** was a member of the Christian church and a very popular member of the Beta Phi Sigma fraternity. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, Emil and Glenn, the former of whom is a soldier in France.

*Note: Floyd Layton Taflinger (October, 1897 – 8 October 1918)*

*BROTHER: Emil C. Taflinger (17 November 1892 – 15 October 1980) who was decribed as a pianist, music teacher, vocal teacher in various censuses.*

*PARENTS: Eli Wilbur Taflinger (1867 – 5 Mar 1937), Lyda J. Stotts Taflinger (1872 – December 1965).*

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, November 1, 1918, page 1

#### BIRTHDAYS FALL ON SAME DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Cash **Chrisman**, the popular owners of the Chrisman Cottage, who are so well and favorably known all over the country, and especially by the traveling public, celebrated their birthdays last Saturday, both of which fall upon Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. **Chrisman** was 73 years old while Mrs. **Chrisman** is one year his junior.

That that event might be celebrated in a more fitting manner their daughter, Mrs. J. W. **Wingert**, and husband, gave a dinner in their honor, which consisted of all the delicacies, which appeal to the inner man. Both Mr. and Mrs. **Chrisman** were presented with ten dollars in gold, a nice book and a most gorgeous bouquet. They were then taken on a motor trip in Paris where they spent the afternoon in a very pleasant manner.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chrisman**, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Jan. 12, 1915, have resided here the greater part of their life. In fact, they were the second family to take up their residence in Chrisman after the town was laid out in about 1871. For people of their years they are remarkable well preserved and here is hoping that they may be spared to enjoy many more such happy birthdays.

For many years the **Chrismans** have been conducting the Chrisman Cottage, which is well and favorably known for miles around and if a party of friends desire a feast, which would be fitting to a king or queen, all they have to do is to notify Mrs. **Chrisman** a few hours in advance and they will certainly not be disappointed.

*Note: Francis M. "Cash" Chrisman lived until 19 October 1933 (age 87) and Samantha Emma "Emma" Barr Chrisman had died 1 June 1932 at age 84.*

*Cash Chrisman was the nephew of Mathias Chrisman.*

From *Chrisman Courier*, Chrisman, IL, June 29, 1922, page 2

#### Mr. and Mrs. N. Sam Archer of Paris Killed

Mr. and Mrs. N. Sam **Archer**, and very prominent people of Paris, were killed at Springfield, Ohio last Thursday morning when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban car near the entrance to the Masonic Home in that city. Mr. **Archer** was killed instantly, his head having been completely severed, and

Mrs. **Archer** died within five minutes.

They had been on a trip to New Jersey to witness the graduation of their grandson and were enroute home when the terrible accident happened. Both Mr. and Mrs. **Archer** were active workers in the Christian church.

A private funeral was held from their late residence on West Madison Avenue, Paris, Monday afternoon.

*Note: Norbin Samuel "Sam" Archer (6 October 1852, Brownsboro, KY – 22 June 1922, Springfield, Clark, OH) Aimee Trogdon Archer (27 December 1860, Edgar County, IL – 22 June 1922, Springfield, OH) Aimee was the daughter of Solomon and Sarah J Hunter Trogdon and the sister of Judge Trogdon. The Trogdons and Hunters were early residents of Edgar County.*



From *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, IL, November 27, 1929, page 1

### ELBRIDGE STILL OWNERS GUILTY, JURORS AVER

Willard **Large** and Orville **Large** of Elbridge, Illinois, were convicted on a charge of operating a still on a farm two miles southeast of Elbridge by a jury in the United States district court in East St. Louis yesterday. The former was sentenced to eighteen months in the Vermillion county jail.

*Note: Willard **Large** (21 September 1881 – 6 June 1934). I could not locate an Orville from this area. Willard **Large** had lived much of his life across the state line in Indiana. He had a filling station about a half mile into Illinois on the Lower Paris and Terre Haute Road.*

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