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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As you celebrate with family and friends the holidays, please be safe and merry. Note that the library is staffed by volunteers and is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. This year the Edgar County Genealogy Library will

***CLOSE at 4 p.m. Friday, November 19
And reopen
At 9 a.m. Thursday, December 2
Happy Thanksgiving***

***CLOSE at 4 p.m. Friday, December 17
And reopen
9 a.m. January 6, 2022
Happy Holidays***

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FOR SALE

Books with an Edgar County Connection

Two of the histories of Edgar County are available: Reprinted with index– History of Edgar County Illinois, 1879; Edgar County History, 1880-1975 (Prairie Progress); Some volumes of the Edgar County, IL Marriages; Cook Funeral Home Records (Volumes I, II, and III in one Book); Index to Edgar Co Estates and Wills (1823-1963); Presented with Pride, WW II Service Scrapbook; So Proudly We Hail (newspaper clippings of WW II). All have an Edgar County connection and would be a appropriate gift for a person interested in Edgar County history. See the website: www.edgarcountygenealogy.org for further information.

Coming Events

Meetings

The quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7 P. M. at the Meeting Room of the Edgar County Historical Complex, 408 N. Main Street, Paris, Illinois. Topic of meeting: Christmas Party. Finger food desserts to be shared. Tips and genealogical findings also to be shared. **NOTE: Covid guidelines as appropriate in the state of Illinois at that time will be followed.**

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Each membership receives one volume (four issues) of the Newsletter annually.

Fees received after March 1st will be applied to the coming year, unless you state otherwise on membership application.

Meetings

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.

Queries:

Each member is entitled to at least one query published annually in the Newsletter, more as space permits.

Non-Members are charged \$2 per query.

Please limit each query to

10 typed lines, including your name and address. A query should provide at least 3 items: name(s), date(s) and location(s).

Address Changes:

If your address is changing for any reason (moving or 911 address change) ECGS must be notified. We ARE NOT responsible for lost copies of the Newsletter. Replacement cost is \$3 per issue.

ECGS Meeting

A meeting was held on September 20, 2021. The program was a presentation on the Edgar County Records in the Illinois Regional Archives which is on the Eastern Illinois University campus in Charleston, IL. Their records include; some birth records; some marriage records; taxable lands list from 1823-1838; some school records from 1913 to 1957; Deed Records from 1823 to 1919; Chrisman city council minutes 1902 to 1983 and city ordinance record 1906 to 1944; and a few records from Brouilletts Creek township and Elbridge township. They suggest you call 217-589-6093 to get a vendor tag and an appointment. Copies are \$1.00 for 4 copies or 50 cents/page. All of their records are on microfilm.

Two volunteers from Family Search attended the meeting to explain Family Search's interest in digitization of records.

A short business meeting was held after the presentations. No changes in the library open hours or covid policies were made. The library is open on Thursdays and Fridays 9 to 4.

First White Child Born in Paris

On page 5 there appears an obituary of Amanda **Shaw Smith**, and it mentions that Mrs. Angeline **McMillan** was the first child born in Paris. Angeline **Alexander**, daughter of Col. Milton Alexander, was born on 10 October 1824. She first married J. Wilson **Ross**, who died in 1858. Angeline **Ross** married Uriah **McMillaan** on 7 November 1859 in Edgar County, IL. Mr. **McMillan** died in 1880. Angeline died in Paris, IL on July 29, 1911, and was buried in Edgar Cemetery.

ANOTHER GIFT SUGGESTION

Consider an annual membership for a friend or family to the Edgar County Genealogical Society for \$25.00,

Edgar County Genealogy Library

LIBRARY OPEN

The Edgar County Genealogy Library is currently open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 AM to 4 PM Central Time. If you need to research at other times, appointments can be made by phone—leave a message— or email at ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org or by regular mail. Remember the phone, email, and mail are only checked on Thursdays and Fridays. In case of changes in the restrictions due to Covid, the hours may again change.. The latest information about the library should be available at www.edgarcountygenealogy.org.



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Closed all holidays

Call for appointments during off hours or during inclement weather

From *Paris Beacon*, Paris, IL, Friday, November 30, 1849, page 2

BLOODY AFFAIR

We learn, that on Wednesday evening last, two brothers, George and Caleb **Williams**, went to the house of George **Turner** in Elbridge, and that George **Williams**, having some old grudge against **Turner**, after quarrelling for some time, inflicted three severe wounds upon him, from which his recovery is considered quite doubtful. **Turner** caught up a dog-iron, and not knowing which of the **Williams** had stabbed him, struck C. **Williams** on the head, and knocked him down—skull probably fractured. In arresting Geo. **Williams**, Mr. I. **Hanks** was shot through the thigh by the discharge of a rifle, in the hands of **Williams**. He first attempted to shoot H. C. **Allen**, who caught his gun and turned it aside, thus escaping injury. Mr. **Allen**, we understand, discharged two pistols loads of shot at **Williams**, both of which took effect. George **Williams** is now in jail at this place. The other was not in a condition to be sent to jail.

Note: All five men are listed in the census of 1850. George Williams, 31, living in household of his brother, Caleb Williams, 34, who has a wife and children, in Clear Creek, Clark Co, IL. George Turner, 45, is listed as a carder in a Yarn, Thread, and Fabric Mill, living west of Elbridge with a wife and children.

I. Hanks is Isiah Hanks, who was about 32 in 1850. H. C. Allen is Hardin C. Allen, who was about 37. Both were living in District 97, Edgar County, IL.

From *Paris Beavon*, Paris, IL, Thursday, May 15 1890, page 1

CHRISMAN

Roads muddy and Chrisman dry, the drug stores are not permitted to sell “forty rod.”

The artesian well is becoming famous.

Superintendent **Kerrick** was in town the first of the week.

Col. **VanSellar** spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Miss **Sellar**, of Olney, is visiting Anna **Colbert** of this place.

School closed Tuesday; commencement exercises are to be on the night of the 23rd.

The M. E. church is completed and reopening services are to be held beginning

Wednesday evening.

Chrisman is about to have a boom, a number of new houses are being built.

From early morning until late at night the farmer’s wagon can be heard bringing the golden grain to market. Trade in all of its various departments appears to be taking on new life, and that long woebegone face has given place to one beaming with joy and gladness.

Librarians:

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From *The Paris Beacon*, Paris, Edgar County, Friday, March 30, 1883

Base Ball

At a meeting the Reds Base Ball Club, held last Tuesday night, the following officers were elected: H. E. **Rives**, Pres.; L. A. G. **Shoaff**, Sec'y. and Manager; Riley **Swinford**, Treas. Directors --- H. E. **Rives**, Dennis **Berian**, L. A. G. **Shoaff**, C. **Utter**, Ed **Parrish**, C. W. **Vance**, and R. **Swinford**. Committee appointed to see to grounds, and other business, were transacted. Next meeting will occur next Tuesday evening in the room over **Dol-larhides** store.

From *The Paris Beacon*, Paris, Edgar County, IL, Friday, June 15, 1883, page 8

KANSAS

Mrs. John **Archer** and Mrs. Ray **Ringland**, of Decatur, are here visiting their old home.

G. A. **Dornblazer** was at Mattoon last week.

J. K. **Boyer**, S. A. **Victor**, and F. N. **Boyer** have just returned from a business trip to Chicago.

John J. **Jackson**, the merchant prince of Brocton, was in town Monday.

W. F. **Boyer** visited the county capital last week.

Master mechanic **Bell**, of the D. O. shops is laid up with a sprained ankle.

John **Wittick**, the good looking typo of your city, is sticking type on the *Journal*.

Capt. Henry **Wiley**, of Paris, was here a day or two last week, in the interest of the Champion Harvester.

The biggest crowd ever seen in Kansas is now an assured thing for the 4th. Everyone will be here.

Miss M. A. **Kehoe** gave a number of her friends a lawn party Wednesday evening.

Dr. **Rafferty**, of Indiana, has located amongst us for the practice of his profession.

The prize game of base ball between the Reds of Paris and Mattoon will be played on the 4th, on the east side, near Walt **Brown's** beautiful grove.

Note: The Paris baseball team organized in the previous article was playing in the July 4th game in Kansas, IL. I could not find the score of the game.

From *The Paris Beacon*, Paris, Illinois, April 10, 1885, page 8

Elbridge

We are glad to say that we are to have a doctor in our town. Dr. **Evinger**, of Sandford, has purchased property in our town and will move here in a few days. Dr. **Evinger** is a first-class doctor and comes well recommended, and it is the duty of our citizens to give him a share of their patronage.

Note: Dr. John W. Evinger (22 Jan 1852 – 6 Apr 1919)

From *The Paris Beacon*, Paris, IL, March 5, 1886

ELBRIDGE

Miss Minnie **Maddock** has returned from Clark Co. where she has been teaching school.

M. S. **Evinger** has received insurance on his house, lately burned by incendiaries.

Dr. J. W. **Evinger** has just returned from Indianapolis, where he has been attending medical college.

Joseph **Hickman's** wife returned, last Monday, where she has been visiting her parents. They will live in Elbridge.

There will be a sale at the residence of the late William **Lamb**, on the 13th of this month.

Mrs. **Lamb** has rented the farm to Wm. **Watts**, and talks of moving to Vermillion.

The marksmen of the East Division of Elbridge township met on the farm of Simon **Archer** last Saturday, to try their skill at the target. The prize shot for was a porker,

t. weighing near 200 lbs. The winners were Messrs. **Welch, Hughes, and Reese** Brothers.

Married, on Wednesday evening, February 24th, Miss Inez **Thompson** and Mr. Manuel

Staley

*Note: Minnie **Maddock** (6 Oct 1865 – 2 Apr 1941) was born near Elbridge, Edgar Co, IL and died in Missouri. On her death certificate her occupation is listed as retired schoolteacher. She married Lincoln **Thompson** from Clark Co., IL also a school teacher.*

*M. S. **Evinger** was Morris S. **Evinger** (1865 – 26 Sep 1923). His brother, Dr. John W. **Evinger**, lived from 1852 - 1919.*

William Lamb was a common name in Edgar County, IL in the 1880's with there being at least three.

*Simon **Archer** (1807 – 1892) had moved to Edgar County from Parke Co, IN in the early 1880's. There were many shooting contests in that area of Indiana at that time. Manual **Staley** (22 May 1854—20 Jun 1943) Married Inez **Thompson** in Vigo Co , IN.*

From *Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Wednesday, February 14, 1912, page 11

DEATH CLAIMS OCTOGENARIAN

Mrs. Amanda E. Smith Passes away at her Home on East Washington

SECOND CHILD BORN IN CITY OF PARIS

Mrs. Amanda E. **Smith**, widow of the late Dr. Thomas **Smith**, died at her residence on East Washington street at 3:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, death being resultant from the infirmities arising from old age. She had been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Smith was born January 3, 1826, and was therefore aged 86 years, one month and 10 days at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith **Shaw**, who were pioneers of this country. She claimed the distinction of having been the second child born in Paris, the late Mrs. Angeline **McMillan** being the first.

She is survived by six children: Dr. Julian **Smith**, of Wolcott, Ind., Lucian G. **Smith**, of Terre Haute, Ind., John E. **Smith**, of Fort Sheridan, Ill., Willis N. **Smith**, of Jamestown, North Dakota, Mrs. M. F. **Bell**, of Kearney, Nebraska, all of whom were in attendance at her bedside.

Willis **Augustus**, Howard **Smith**, and Mrs. Henry **Crede** are grandchildren of the deceased. She has been a member of the Presbyterian church since childhood, a good Christian and a faithful worker for the cause. Funeral services will be held from the residence of Henry **Crede**, on South Central avenue, at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

From *Hume Record*, Hume, Edgar County, IL Friday, February 11, 1921, page 1

\$10,000 Needed For Cemetery

Big Taxpayer Writes Interestingly About Needs of Young America Cemetery

The writer would call the attention of the people of Young America and Shiloh townships to the condition of our cemetery. First, I would remind them that this is the only cemetery in the two townships, with the exception of the Payne cemetery, near Brocton. So the necessity of caring for it in a suitable manner and, as befits a wealthy, civilized community such as this, goes without argument. The only question is "What is needed?, What will it cost?," and "Where will we get the money?" But few people possibly know the history of this cemetery up to the present time.

In the year 1897, there being the corpse of a child of a prominent family in Hume awaiting burial, and the roads being bad, Mr. John W. **Connelly**, then undertaker, bestirred himself to get a cemetery near Hume. George H. **Tucker** offered to sell the five acres of land, now our cemetery, and a right of way to same for \$1000. Mr. **Connelly** and others interested got out and secured the signatures of twenty men guaranteeing the \$1000. Mr. George **Hughes** furnished the money. A charter was procured of the Young America Cemetery Association, and a deed was made by Mr. **Tucker** and his wife of the land, and the cemetery came into existence.

Mr. **Hughes**, without charges, surveyed the land into lots and streets. It was fenced and drained. The twenty men each paid their \$50 and we were out of debt. There are about 400 lots laid out and numbered and about half of them have been sold. The proceeds for such sales have been used to care for the grounds and also to accumulate a fund for its future care. This community does not realize what we owe to John J. **King**, W. H. **Stark**, O. O. **Williams**, G. W. **Hughes**, and others for their unselfish care of the grounds and the careful management of the funds of the association, which now amounts to \$2000.

But now comes the question for the people to meet. While we all wish that Uncle John **King** may live forever to care for the cemetery we know it is impossible, and when a few of the men of the original stockholders are gone, there being no profit in it for the stockholders, it will, as is usual in such cases, cease to function and the grounds allowed to grow up in weeds.

Now the writer suggests that a 40 ft. street be opened from the railroad at F. H. **Cash's** gate along the line straight north to the road north of the cemetery. The cemetery association buy the land east of the cemetery that would be cutoff by the road, and enough land south of the present cemetery to make ten acres in all. That the road be graded and graveled or cindered and oiled. That a 6 ft. cement walk be built on one side of the road. That a landscape gardener be employed to come and lay off the grounds, locate the roads or streets through the cemetery, and the flowerbeds, and the trees that should be planted. This will make a total cost of \$10,000.

Now where will we get the money? First, The present cemetery association will deed the land to the Village of Hume. As a consideration for said land the village will by ordinance agree to keep and take care of said cemetery forever, and to open and pay for the street as above mentioned. The money now on hand, \$2000 will be given by the association as a starter, and people already owning lots will asked to contribute, and I think nearly all will willingly do so. There will be approximately 800 lots for sale. Put the price at \$50, and have a sale of lots.

Ask the town of Young America at the town meeting in April to vote about \$2,000 to aid the work, then let everybody go to work and put it over. After it is completed, we will be proud of it.

That the village of Hume will elect a Cemetery Board to serve without pay, like the school directors, consisting of three members, one to be elected each year to serve three years. They will have full charge of the cemetery, such as fixing the price of lots and taking care of the grounds.

If this plan, or one something like it, is carried out, we can all feel assured that our cemetery will be cared for as long as Hume is on the map.

CITIZEN

From *Hume Record*, Hume, Edgar County, IL, Friday, May 6, 1921, page 1

CEMETERY NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED

Young America Cemetery will remain the property of the present private individuals, according to a decision reached at meeting of the stockholders Saturday afternoon. However, the members of the association passed a resolution by which the Village of Hume is to be asked at the next meeting of the trustees to purchase ground from Fred **Cssh** and Flem **Ogg**, for the purpose of opening an avenue from Main street to the cemetery. The village is to stand the cost of the ground, which is estimated to be about a \$1,000.

While one or two of the stockholders were in favor of deeding the ground to the village, the proposal did not take well with the majority, who preferred to keep the property and the \$1800 on hand and continue the sale of lots. In other words, the majority of the ten stockholders refuse to give city control over the burial grounds, but are advocating that the taxpayers take \$1,000 out of the city treasury and provide a roadway and sidewalk to the privately owned cemetery.

The *Record* sincerely doubts that the village trustees will make the appropriation for that purpose. And they should not. The taxes bestow a burden of every property owner and as people from all this section of the county are using the cemetery, while Hume does not get one penny out of the sale of the lots, it would be poor management to donate a thousand dollars for that purpose. While it would be a fine thing to have a street leading to the cemetery we do not believe that the village should shoulder the burden as long as the place is in private ownership,

In the meeting Saturday Mr. Howard **Winn** was elected director for a period of three years

Note: I do not know the status of the Young America Cemetery today.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, November 16, 1921, page 1

ALLEGED HOG THIEVES GO TO GRAND JURY

What is believed to be the most important arrest of the season was made by Sheriff **Sizemore** and his deputies Tuesday afternoon when James and Lew **Wallace** and Orion **Dunn** were taken into custody charged with stealing and converting to their own use hogs and other stock belonging to owners of Hunter, Elbridge, and Paris townships.

The arrest was caused by a raid on the stock owned by Jacob **Littlefield** of Edgar Township.

The men are charged with having disposed of four truckloads of hogs, supposed to have been stolen, in Terre Haute and two loads to Paris shippers.

Late in the afternoon the prisoners were arraigned before Justice **Davis**. They entered a plea of not guilty and were held in the sum of \$2,000 each, with William **Wallace** and Mrs. Belle **Edwards** as sureties. The sheriff informed a Daily Beacon reporter this morning that the men would be indicted by the present grand jury.

Dunn was not able to find a bondsman and was taken to jail. He is remarked (that) he might as well be in jail as any other place.

For several years past farmers residing in townships near Indiana have suffered from the depredations of thieves. Hogs and cattle have been butchered in the fields and carried away. No clue to the bandits was ever secured.

Suspicion was directed to the **Wallaces** and **Dunn** nearly a year ago and watched. The officers say no direct evidence against them could be secured until a week ago.

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

SENTENCE REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT

Springfield, Ill., June 22—The Supreme Court today handed down a decision in the case of Lewis **Wallace**, convicted of stealing hogs at the November term of the Edgar County Court, reversing the verdict and remanding the case for re-trial.

The case created a good deal of interest at the time, and when sentence was pronounced, an appeal was taken by **Wallace's** attorney, W. H. **Hickman**. The prisoner was released on bond of \$3,000.

From *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, IL, Friday, July 12, 1946, page 3

Eveland Signs As Basketball, Track Mentor

E. W. **Eveland** has returned his signed contract to coach and direct cross country, basketball, and track at Paris High school for the coming year. He will also handle the boys physical education classes.

Delay in signing of the agreement came because **Eveland** had planned to spend the summer in Paris and thus had not been in any particular hurry to get his contract. Then suddenly he received an offer of a job as a trail blazer in a forest reserve in Montana and was given just ten days to get out there and start to work. He didn't know what his address would be out there and thus a considerable amount of time would be spent before his contract could be sent to him and returned to the office of Superintendent John R. **Moss**.

The announcement that he will be back for his 12th year ends all sorts of rumors concerning **Eveland**. Reports had him signing contracts at Bradley Tech, Danville and all over the state.

With the signing of Coach **Eveland** as cross-country, basketball, and track mentor the athletic setup at Paris High school is complete. According to the Illinois High School Athletic Association the principal of the high school is athletic director and in this case that is Otto R. **Ariens**. As has been the case for the past several years C. J. **Little** will handle the business end of the department. H. D. "Deacon" **Sweeley** will once again take over the post of football coach.

Thus with **Sweeley** and **Eveland** once more working together, Paris High school can look forward to a good year of athletics. **Sweeley's** prospects for a good football team are indeed bright with lettermen in the line and backfield returning to give him experience and balance. Coach **Eveland** will have three of his first five back on this year's basketball team, and Paris is expected to be one of the strong teams in the state again.

Eveland's record of achievements includes the following:

Year	School	Won	Lost	Pct.
1928	Geyser, Montana	12	3	.800
1929	Waterman	23	7	.767
1930	Waterman	28	3	.903
1931	Waterman	27	5	.844
1932	Waterman	25	4	.862
1933	Waterman	26	3	.897
1934	Waterman	26	5	.839
1935	Waterman	23	8	.742
1936	Paris	18	9	.667
1937	Paris	28	4	.875
1938	Paris	34	4	.895
1939	Paris	37	3	.925
1940	Paris	31	6	.838
1941	Paris	31	4	.886
1942	Paris	39	1	.975
1943	Paris State Champs	38	2	.950
1944	Paris	23	9	.718
1945	Paris	31	6	.837
1946	Paris	32	4	.888

From *Paris Beacon News*, Paris, Illinois, Tuesday, July 7, 1987

Ernie Eveland Dies at Canton

Ernie W. **Eveland**, ranking among the very elite of Illinois high school basketball coaches, died Monday at 5 p.m.

Coach **Eveland** had experienced health problems since January, being hospitalized briefly on at least two occasions. He was stricken at home in Canton Monday and was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The **Eveland's** lived at 1724 East Chestnut Street where they had resided since his retirement in 1970. His wife, Mary, survives along with a daughter Mrs. Charles (Linda) **Shirar** who also lives in Canton. A granddaughter, Elaine, resides with her parents. A son, Duane "Bucky" **Eveland**, died in 1963 as a result of an automobile accident.

Mr. **Eveland** was 85, his birth being June 18, 1902. Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Murphy-Sedgwick Memorial Home in Canton and burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday. The family has suggested the memorials be given to the U.S. Olympic Fund or to the Paris Community YMCA. Those to the U.S. Olympic Fund should be sent to Murphy-Sedgwick Memorial Home in Canton.

More than any other individual, Coach **Eveland** brought great attention to Paris because of his basketball success at Paris

High School. During the late 1930's, 40's, and 50's Paris was basketball and basketball was **Eveland**. He coached the Tigers to state championships in 1943 and again in 1947. The Tigers were second in 1939 and 1942, bringing home the third place trophy in 1938. Coach **Eveland** sent 11 teams to the "Sweet Sixteen" 10 of them when he was at Paris. He coached the Tigers to 20 Regional titles.

Paris holds the Illinois High Schools Association record for being in the state finals seven consecutive years, 1936 through 1944. According to the IHSA, Coach **Eveland** is second only to Arthur **Trout** of Centralia in number of games won with 791. His 30-year career record was 791 victories and only 178 losses for a remarkable 81.5 winning percentage.

Eveland started his coaching career at Geysler, Montana, in 1927, posting a 12-3 season record. In 1928, he took head basketball job at Waterman, IL and was there for seven years, making his debut in the "Sweet Sixteen" in 1930.

Coach **Eveland** came to Paris in the fall of 1935 and left the scene in 1958. While at Paris his teams won 618 and lost 125 for a 83.2 winning percentage.

He moved to Cisne for the school year 1959-60 and then jumped north to Alaska where he coached at Ketchikan 1960-62. He then went to Fairbanks where he finished out his career in 1970. **Eveland** often explained that he went to Alaska because he loved to hunt.

After retirement, he and his family settled in Canton where he spent most of his time watching basketball on TV and working on his "ranch" which he owned at the edge of town. He had horses and a big garden, which kept him busy.

Ernie W. **Eveland** was a charter inductee in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1973. He was a regular attendant at the yearly banquet until this spring when his health prevented him from attending.

The Paris Booster Club organized an "Ernie **Eveland** Night" several years ago at which time many of his players returned to honor their coach. It was then the Board of Education of Paris School District formally named the high school gym the "Ernie W. **Eveland** Gym.

Letter to Miss Monica **White**, 1073 Seventh Street, Charleston, Ill., Postmarked: Vermillion, Ill. June 25th 2 P. M., 1904; Postmarked on back: Received Charleston, Ill., June 26, 6:30 A. M., 1904. From her mother, Mrs. Laura **Waller White**.

Monica was attending the summer session at Eastern Illinois State Normal School to become a school teacher. She taught at Duck School and Salem School in Edgar County.

Vermillion, Illinois

June 24, 1904

Dear Daughter,

I am so tired this morning, I washed an awful big washing yesterday evening and commenced after two o'clock. I have had company every day this week. Mr. Oliver **McDivitt** and cousin Percy **Neely**, from Iowa, came Wednesday and Percy stayed until Thursday evening. Uncle John did not come out. Dollie went home Tuesday. Mrs. Jo **Maddock** had a paralytic stroke Tuesday night. She is a little better now.

How about the buttons for your gingham dress? Do you want me two(sic) send them to you?

I had these letters to send this time and it would make too much(sic). We have not got letter yet from Jack.

Ovid is going today to Paris with his Uncle Bill. Cary said tell Monica he caught his leg in the old gate and fell off and very near broke it. How do you like your living place by this time and what board do you pay? Well I must close for this time for I have got a big days work to do.

I wanted Ovid to write you, but he said if you were ashamed of Mama's letters, you could go without hearing from him, so good-by Monica

Be a good girl. Write soon.

Laura **Waller White** (14 Jun 1862 – 3 Jan 1934)

Dollie was the wife of John **Waller**, who was Laura **Waller White's** half-brother.

Mrs. Jo **Maddock** (1848 – 1921) was a neighbor, who lived in Elbridge. Note: She lived 17 more years. Oliver **McDivitt** lived east of Nevins. He was an uncle to Percy because Percy's mother was Oliver's sister, Margaret **McDivitt**, who married Charles Henry **Neely**. Percy was a first cousin of Laura **Waller White**, because Laura's mother, Setina **Neely Waller**, was a sister to Charles Henry **Neely**. Charles Henry and Margaret **McDivitt Neely** had moved to Iowa between 1870 and 1880 before Percy was born in Iowa on 17 Nov 1881.

Note: Monica **White Webster** 26 Nov 1884 – 29 Aug 1959 She later married Stewart Frank **Webster**.

Ovid Lloyd **White** - 14 Jul 1887 - 26 Apr 1974 Brother

Cary Clay **White** - 11 Jun 1895 – 24 Dec 1989 Brother

Pleasant McClellan "Mack" **White** – 11 May 1891 – 4 Jun 1977 Brother, who was not mentioned in letter

HELPFUL GENEALOGICAL TIP

Always label all notebooks, book bags, and computer bags with your name and contact information. If you leave a notebook or bag in a cemetery or library, a finder can easily notify you. In visiting a genealogy library always sign in with a name and at least one method of contacting you. Leave the family names that you are researching, in case more information is found after you leave.

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