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HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2022

Another year has begun with the cloud of Covid infections about the country. One tends to think that these times are worse than years past. Articles on page 3 from 1893 prove that issues of vaccinations and whether they should be required have been in the public forum on and off for years. In the latter half of the twentieth century, more vaccines were developed and gained most of the peoples' confidence, but never all. Covid concerns will also lesson or pass.

In these times of semi-quarantine one can use the internet to seek information on their ancestors. Another source of information is local genealogical and historical societies.

The Edgar County Genealogical Library has several family books (ten sections of our bookshelves). Some books are simple lists of names and dates, but others contain stories and memories of written by people of past times.

Edgar County School Districts Booklets are available in the library also. The times covered starts in 1913. The School Board members, teachers, and later also bus drivers are listed. A book that lists the school names on maps indicating location of all small communities schools of the 1900s is also available.

Lastly, the cemetery records are excellent -- last updated in 2012. Obituaries are collected and indexed after 1990, and some before that time, if donated to us from individual collections. The library is presently open only on Thursday and Friday mornings 9 – 12, but can also be opened by appointment at other times.

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, March 7, 2022 at 7 P. M. at the Meeting Room of the Edgar County Historical Complex, 408 N. Main Street, Paris, Illinois. Topic of meeting: Program to be announced.

NOTE: Covid guidelines as appropriate in the state of Illinois at that time will be followed.

Check our Facebook page or webpage anytime for the latest updates!

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*The Society welcomes **Ancestor Charts** from ECGS members for publication. Charts must be typed or clearly printed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. A letter, signed and dated by the submitter must be included with the charts, giving permission to ECGS to publish the charts in the next available Newsletter issue.*

After publication all charts will be placed in the files of the Genealogy Library for reference by other family researchers. Please be sure to include your name, address (snail and email) and current date on each chart.

Membership:

Individual \$25 annually

Single Life \$150

Annual Year: July 1 - June 30

Newsletter published:
August, November,
February, May

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 December 6, 2021. Little business was carried out except decreasing the open hours due to the rise of covid cases again. Next meeting is March 7, 2022.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL., January 30, 1900, page 2

FROM THE FIRING LINE

Sergeant Lockard Patterson Will Write His Next Letter

Officer John **Patterson**, of the local police department, is in receipt of the following letter from his son, Sergeant Lockard **Patterson**, now with the U. S. troops at Manila:

Manila, Dec. 21, 1899

Dear Father: We arrived here last night at 10 o'clock and the naval officers came, came on board, and told us that General Lawton was shot last Tuesday, the 14th, and that ten of the Third cavalry boys were also shot. We go ashore in the morning and will start on a twenty-five march to the firing line immediately. I can only write a few lines to let you know that I am well at the present writing.

I am on guard tonight and my relief has just finished its turn so I am at leisure to write these few lines. We are still anchored in the harbor. The harbor is full of battleships and transports, but Manila is not as pretty a place as Havana; and there are no docks here, the Spaniards having burned them. We can see some of the Spanish fleet yet in the harbor. The boats are all shot to pieces. There being no docks, we will be landed on lighters. Hoping an early reply, I am your son.

LOCKARD PATTERSON

*Note: General Henry Ware **Lawton** (17 March 1843 – 19 December 1899) was killed during the Philippine-American War. He had served in the Civil War, Apache Wars, and the Spanish War. He was the first American General to be killed overseas. He had graduated from Harvard Law School in 1866. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.*

Edgar County Genealogy Library

LIBRARY OPEN

The Edgar County Genealogy Library is currently open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 AM to 12 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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Hours:
Thursdays &
Fridays 9 to 4
Closed all holidays

Call for appointments during off hours or during inclement weather

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Saturday, October 28, 1893, page 1

The time for argument as to the value of vaccination has long passed. Persons of intelligence do not now question its utility. Properly performed and duly repeated with reliable vaccine, under antiseptic conditions, it is incontestable proven to be a safe and positive protection against the ravages of a most loathsome disease. Among the hundreds of cases of small pox, which occurred in the state within the first year after the promulgation and enforcement of the school vaccination order, not one was reported of a scholar who had been properly and recently vaccinated. On the other hand, several cases, with a large proportion of deaths, occurred among scholars who had never been vaccinated, or not vaccinated since infancy. In no instance where the order was faithfully carried out, did it become necessary to close a school even when small pox existed in the community. But there are many instances of schools being broken up and studies interrupted where – as shown by the returns in this office—the order was neglected or imperfectly enforced. Out of an aggregate of 227, 213 public scholars in Chicago—where a similar rule is in force—only 17 cases of small pox occurred in fifteen years.

Five days later the following article was on page one.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Thursday November 2, 1893, page 1

PROTECT THE CITY

Present Immunity From Disease is no Guarantee of Continued Safety

Paris is at present nearly free from contagious diseases. The secretary of the Board of Health reports that no new cases of diphtheria have been reported for eighteen days and that such children as have had the disease are all recovering. The quarantine has been removed from the scarlet fever infected district, no further fears of an epidemic being entertained. A few cases of typhoid fever exist in the west end, but with this exception the city is in a very healthy condition, showing conclusively the excellent effect of the measures of sanitation that have been observed. Notwithstanding this fact there is a constant menace of small pox, the germs of which may be at any time implanted in the city by persons from infected neighborhoods passing through on the trains. The Board of Health is extremely anxious that the city authorities should make a move in the direction of a vaccination ordinance as a safe guard against such a possible visitation. It has been ten years since a general vaccination has been ordered in the city, and the field is ripe for a wide spread epidemic.

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NOTE: THIS IS THE FOURTH COMPANY FROM EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Black Hawk War, First Regiment, Second Brigade of Illinois, Mounted Volunteers called into the service of the United States, on the requisition of Gen. **Atkinson**, by the Governor's proclamation dated May 15, 1832. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1832 by order of Brig.-Gen. **Atkinson**.

		Capt. Samuel Brimberry's Company	
Name and Rank	Residence	Enrolled in 1832	Remarks
<i>First Lieutenant</i>			
Philip B. Smith	Edgar Co.	June 19	
<i>Sergeants</i>			
James Adams	Edgar Co.	June 19	
William Craig	Edgar Co.	June 19	Ordered to Dixon, supposed mustered out
William Morgan	Edgar Co.	June 19	Absent by order Gen. Atkinson
John Morgan	Edgar Co.	June 19	Horse and equipage lost
<i>Corporals</i>			
John Ripple , 1 st	Edgar Co.	June 19	
John Young , 4 th	Edgar Co.	June 19	
<i>Privates</i>			
Anglin , Valentine	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Cronnick , Philip	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Crist , John	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Clapp , Joseph	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Charters , Duncan M.	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Craig , Isaac	Edgar Co.	June 19	Ordered to Dixon, supposed mustered out
Craig , Robert	Edgar Co.	June 19	Ordered to Dixon, supposed mustered out
Craig , Alexander	Edgar Co.	June 19	Ordered to Dixon, supposed mustered out
Elledge , Isaac	Edgar Co.	June 19	Absent with leave, supposed mustered out
Ferrell , John	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Ferrell , William	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Goodman , William	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Grinder , Henderson	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Henson , Robert	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Jones , Richard	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Jones , Thomas	Edgar Co.	June 19	Ordered to Dixon, supposed mustered out
Redmon , Greenbury	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Wells , Elijah	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Walls , James	Edgar Co.	June 19	
Williams , Samuel	Edgar Co.	June 19	Mare lost July 27, 1832
Wells , David A.	Edgar Co.	June 19	

Moses **Anglin** and Joseph **Andrews**, privates of this company, were mustered into the service of the United States on the 19th day of June, 1832: mounted, armed and equipped, and on the 21st of June were discharged by Brig.-Gen. **Atkinson**, being out of health. Their names were omitted on this muster roll by oversight and they are fully entitled to pay to 21st of June. (Signed) SAMUEL **BRIMBERRY**, CAPT.

(Signed) M. E. **ALEXANDER**, Brig.-Gen. 2nd Brig., Ill. Mil.

Note: Samuel **Brimberry** was born in 1785 in Stoney Creek (now Alamance Co.) North Carolina. In 1820 census Samuel **Brimberry** lived in Cranford Co. IL, and in 1830 he and his family lived in Edgar Co, IL. He died 11 October 1836 in Covesprings, Nacogdoches, TX.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Wednesday, July 12, 1916, page 1

PARIS BANKER PASSES AWAY

James D. Barr dies Wednesday at his residence on Crawford Street

SURVIVED BY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

James D. **Barr**, one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank, of Paris and prominently identified with financial circles of Edgar county all his life died at 2:20 o'clock Wednesday at his home, corner of Crawford and Douglas street, his demise being due to paralysis.

Mr. **Barr** suffered the first stroke of paralysis one year ago last February, but he had been ailing for a number of years previous to that time. Several months ago he entered a sanitarium for treatment, but to no avail.

J. D. **Barr** was born September 8, 1861, on a farm one mile south of Redmon, Ill., being aged almost 55 years at the time of his death. He remained on the farm until he was 19 years of age, when his father, the late A. J. **Barr**, was elected county treasurer of Edgar County and James **Barr** became deputy. Mr. **Barr** also served as deputy county treasurer under J. B. **Wood**, Henry **Musselman**, and J. D. **Hunter**.

Mr. **Barr** was always very closely associated with Mr. J. D. **Hunter** and the two men organized and founded the Citizens' National Bank of this city, the institution being now one of the most substantial banks in Eastern Illinois.

Before this, Mr. **Barr** had assisted in working out the plans and affecting the organization of the Paris Savings and Loan Association. He also was Deputy Grand Recorder of the Ancient Order of The United Workmen of Illinois.

When the Citizens' Bank was organized, J. D. **Hunter** became the president and Mr. **Barr** its cashier. The latter held his position until 1913, when he was compelled to retire on account of ill health.

Mr. **Barr** was married in the year 1883 to Miss Harriett **Wilson**, who survives, together with two children, Co. Superintendent of Highways Karl J. **Barr** and Mrs. Edna **Barr Hamil**, wife of Attorney Chalmers **Hamil** of Terre Haute. Aside from his wife and children, Mr. **Barr** is survived by one sister, Mrs B. I. **Headley**, who is the last member of that family.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, and fraternally was identified with the Paris Lodge of Elks.

Funeral services will be conducted from the late residence at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. R. J. **Schuett**, of the First Methodist church of Champaign Ill., and former pastor of the local church, officiating. Burial will be in Edgar cemetery.

*Note: James D. **Barr** was the son of Andrew Jackson **Barr** (1838 – 22 December, 1885); Grandson of Michael **Barr** (6 December 1800 – 17 March 1872); Great grandson of Hugh **Barr** (4 September 1758 – 24 April 1842) Hugh **Barr** was born in Cork, Ireland and fought in the Revolutionary War. He was living in Caswell County, North Carolina when he enlisted. After the War he moved to Pennsylvania, then Bourbon County, Kentucky, next Davies County, Indiana, and finally to Edgar County, Illinois in the Grandview area. He is buried in the Barr-Johnson Cemetery in Edgar County.*

*2nd Note: Harriett "Hattie" Dell **Wilson Barr** (1864 – November 1954) married James D. 15 March 1883. She lived another 38 years after his death.*

EDGAR COUNTY OFFICERS, 1936

Gordon **Jamison**, Chairman of County Board

Sam **Blair**, County Treasurer

Paul B. **Lauher**, County Judge

Carl C. **Patrick**, County Clerk

Arnold **Moss**, Circuit Clerk

Roy R. **Hess**, Sheriff

Walter S. **Lamon**, State's Attorney

Russell **Stephens**, County Supt. Of Schools

W. S. **Jones**, Coroner

Carson **Anderson**, County Surveyor

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Monday, April 24, 1916, page 3

DENGLER ASKS TEN THOUSAND

Claims to Have Suffered Injured Spine in Fight with Jas. Marley

Suit or \$10,000 was filed in the circuit court Monday by Irwin **Dengler** of near Marley Station against James **Marley, Jr.** the action being for personal injuries sustained in a fight. The suit will be docketed for the June term of the circuit court.

The action is the outgrowth of a feud of long-standing between the defendant **Marley** and members of the New Providence Cemetery association, of which **Dengler** is one of the trustees.

Following a law suit—in which the court held that the cemetery association had a right to use a lane across the Marley farm, **Marley** is said to have locked the gate. Some time later a funeral procession had occasion to pass through, and the lock was broken off.

A few days later **Marley** and **Dengler** met on the highway in front of **Marley's** place. "Young Jim" is said to have attacked **Dengler** and is also alleged to have drawn a gun on him. In the scuffle **Dengler** sustained an injury to his back.

At first he paid little attention to the injury, but later, when his condition became worse, an examination was made, and it was discovered his spine was badly injured. According to advices received by the *Beacon*, his condition is such that he has to be kept in a plaster cast. Physicians say he is in a serious condition.

Only the praecipe was filed with Circuit Clerk Jack **Brewer** by the law firm of Shepherd, Trogdon, and Dole, who have charge of the suit on behalf of the complainant.

*Note Irvin **Dengler** (26 August 1863 – 14 November 1927) was age 52 at the time of fight. One James **Marley** (28 February 1854 – 14 April 1923) was age 62 at the time of fight. This James Marley was the son of W. D. **Marley** (1 Aug 1818 - 24 Feb 1900) and his obituary is the next item. Another James Marley (31 Jul 1881—24 Nov 1948) would have been 34 years old at the time of the fight. He was the son of W. Henry **Marley** (1849—28 Aug 1913 and the grandson of W. D. **Marley**. The farmland around the New Providence Cemetery was owned by W. D. **Marley** until his death in 1900, then owned by W. Henry **Marley** until his death in 1913, and then by his widow, Mrs. Sophia **Glick Marley** at the time of the fight. In conclusion, I think the "young James **Marley**" was the second one described. He never married and had no children. His sister married, but had no children. The land was later sold to a lawyer in Terre Haute, Josiah T. **Walker**. His widow, Mrs. Anna G. **Walker**, later sold some of the land to the New Providence Presbyterian Church.*

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Monday, April 16, 1923, page 1

JAMES MARLEY DROPS INTO THE SLEEP OF DEATH AS HE SITS IN ARMCHAIR

The people of Paris and the county were shocked Saturday evening when it was learned that Circuit Clerk James **Marley** had been called by death.

Mr. **Marley** had been busily engaged in caring for the duties of his office Saturday afternoon, and there had been no indication that his hours had been numbered. He concluded his business of the day about 5 o'clock and departed for his home. He did not complain of illness, seated himself, and was reading a newspaper when the summons came. That he had passed from earth was not known to the family until he was called for the evening meal. He did not respond and investigation showed that he had passed without a movement.

It was known generally that he had been failing in health for some time, and his attending physician, Dr. C. S. **Laughlin**, was not surprised when informed of the death.

Mr. **Marley** was one of the best-known men of Edgar county and was serving his third term as circuit Clerk. He was first elected in 1901 and served until 1912, when he was defeated by T. J. **Brewer**, who held office until 1920, when Mr **Marley** was again elected. His efficient management of this important office and the courteous manner made for a host of friends. He was especially popular with the legal fraternity.

Mr. **Marley** was a resident of Elbridge township, where he had land interests. He had represented his constitu-

ents on the board of supervisors and has held several township offices. He was born March 1, 1854. Mr. **Marley** was united in marriage in the year 1878 to Laura **Ferrell**, who survives with the following children, Mrs. Maude **Marley Snedeker**, of Paris; Ray **Marley**, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Floyd **Marley**, of Ferrell Station, Edgar county. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. **Marley** and was born near Marley Station in Edgar county in February 28, 1854. Four brothers-- Firman, George, Henry and Haleek are all deceased, the latter being killed several years ago.

Mr. **Marley** was an able, progressive citizen and office holder. He was always ready to assist in advancing any movement for the betterment of the community. He and members of his family were identified with the Presbyterian church.

Funeral services will be held from the late residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning conducted by the Rev. Edwin L. **Lord**. The interment will be in the New Providence cemetery at 2:30 o'clock. The pallbearers will be J. G. **Brown**, R. K. **Shelledy**, A. H. **Lycan**, H. F. **Beals**, Owen **Myers** and Guy **Hicks**.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Monday, April 16, 1923, page 1

ED FUQUA NAMED CIRCUIT CLERK TO FILL VACANCY

Judge Walter **Brewer** Monday appointed E. E. **Fuqua**, deputy circuit court clerk to fill the unexpired term of James **Marley**.

The state law provides that in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Circuit Clerk the judge in court session, or in vacation, shall appoint a clerk to fill the vacancy until a special election is ordered by the governor to fill the office.

Mr. **Fuqua** served a term as deputy under Mr. **Marley** several years ago and is thoroughly acquainted with the routine of the office.

Dr. **Martin**, coroner of Edgar County, who was preparing to leave for Kansas City, when notified of the death of Mr. **Marley**, consulted with Dr. C. S. **Laughlin**, who had been attending the circuit clerk, and decided an inquest was unnecessary.

The bond of Mr. **Fuqua**, as recorder of deeds pro tem, in the sum of \$10,000 with E. E. **Fuqua** as principal and E. E. **Gregg** and W. I. **Maddox** as sureties, was filed in the county court Monday morning.

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, Thursday, April 9, 1923, page 1

THE COUNTY BOARD IS AGAIN DEMOCRATIC

The standing of the Edgar County Board of Supervisors at the next roll call will be as follows:

Buck—Chas. **Jump**, d.

Brouilletts Creek—Bert **Connors**, d.

Elbridge—Geo. **Roll**, d.

Embarrass—J. N. **Coombs**, d.

Edgar—Ora **Horsley**, d.

Hunter—John **Bright**, d.

Kansas—P. H. **Pinnell**, r.

Paris—J. A. **Stoneburner**, d.

Paris—J. A. **Fisher**, d.

Paris—Ed **Dunn**, d.

Prairie—R. R. **Hess**, r.

Ross—C. C. **Patrick**, r.

Symmes—Chester **Smittcamp**, d.

Shiloh—Omer **Johnson**, d.

Stratton—Lloyd **Lamb**, r.

Young America—James **Lucas**, r.

This makes twelve Democrats and five Republicans on the Board.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Monday, July 17, 1916, page 8

FORMER PARIS JEWELER SUCCUMBS TO PECULAR AILMENT
AT PEORIA, ILL.

Bee Sting Results in Attack of Blood Poison

The funeral of the late James A. **Kester**, who died of blood poison at Peoria, Ill. was conducted from the Link Chapel at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Ira W. **Allen** officiating. Burial was in Edgar cemetery.

The deceased was for many years in the jewelry business in Paris and is well known by many of the older citizens. His most notable achievement, while in Paris was the construction of the courthouse clock. He was a genius in the line and his work attracted wide attention.

The death of Mr. **Kester** came about in a very peculiar manner. According to the information received here, Mr. **Kester** was riding on a train in the north part of the state when a bee flew into the car and stung him on the face. A few days later the wound became infected, and blood poison set in. The attack was so severe that death was the result.

Mr. **Kester** was aged about 60 years. He was married in this city to Miss Anna **Darnell**, who died 26 years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Gloria, who attended the remains to this city.

*Note: James Absalom **Kester** (20 December 1861 – 14 July 1916) age 54; He married Sarah Anna **Darnall Kester** (6 January 1889) Their daughter was born 20 or 26 December 1888. In 1900 census a James A. **Kester** is 38, inmate, widowed, in Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane, Kankakee, Illinois. In 1910 census a J. K. **Kester** is 48, Boarder, Jewelry Smith, Vincennes, Knox, IN.*

From *The Paris Beacon*, Paris, Edgar County, IL, Friday, April 13, 1883, page 5

OBITUARY

Died, at his home in Moultrie county, this State, on the 5th inst., LEVI MAYNARD of paralysis and old age, at the advanced age of 82 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

Mr. Levi **Maynard** was born in North Carolina and emigrated to Tennessee, when quite young, and from there to this county, arriving in this city in 1831—fifty two years ago. After remaining here two years he returned to Tennessee, and returned again to this county, bringing with him six other families. He camped in the Wabash bottoms near Terre Haute on that historic November night in 1833 when the stars fell. His first wife's maiden name was Catharine **French**, who has been dead about 30 years. She had twelve children, all of whom lived until they became men and women, and all are now living excepting one. His second wife was Nancy **Edwards**. She is the mother of five children two of whom now are now living. He has now living about 100 children, grand children and great grand children in and near this county. He served as Justice of the Peace sixteen years in Elbridge township. He was at one time Major of the militia and during that time he personally knew every man in the county. He was a member of the Christian church a number of years. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. W. **Mathee** of Moultrie county and was largely attended by friends and family. One of his daughters, living in Indiana, remained with him during his affliction. To know Mr. **Maynard** was to love him is the testimony of a large circle of friends.

*Note: Although the name is spelled **Maynard** in the obituary, it most probably was **Mainard** for some of the family. Catherine **French Mainard** is buried in Wilson Cemetery, Elbridge Township, Edgar County.*

*Note 2: In his obituary it is mentioned that he camped on that historic night when stars fell. The Leonid Meteor Storm was seen across the U. S. the nights of November 12th and 13th, 1833. Denison **Olmsted**, a professor at Yale, wanted to know more about the shower; therefore he "crowdsourced" it by asking for information in newspapers across the United States from people that had experienced it. It was estimated that between 50,000 and 150,000 meteors fell per hour at its height. There were so many that the night became as light as day at 3 AM. The meteors were about 10 mm (the average size of a pupil is 4 mm) and had a mass of 0.5 Gram.*

Note 3: He fathered 17 children.

From *Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, September 2, 1892, page 1

Elizabeth Neely OBIT

News was received yesterday of the death of Elizabeth **Neely** of Betsy Station, south of this city. Mrs. **Neely** was 86 years old and has lived in this county for about sixty years. She was the wife of Isaac **Neely** and is well known all over the southern part of the county. The immediate cause of her death was a fall a few days ago, which dislocated her hip and resulted in death three days later. The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon and the interment will occur at Edgar cemetery.

*Note: Elizabeth L. **McConkey Neely** (3 October 1805 – 31 August 1892)*

*Isaac **Neely** (4 November 1804 – 4 March 1884)*

2nd Note: Betsy's Station was located about 3 miles southeast of Paris on the Lower Terre Haute Road on the northeast corner of N. Terre Haute Road and E. 575th Road.

It may have been a stage coach stop, but it definitely was a railroad whistle stop for the Vandalia Railroad. It was an open air platform, where milk cans, crates of chickens, small quantities of farm produce and special orders were picked up or delivered. Occasional passengers were picked up or delivered to the station also.

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