

# Edgar County Genealogical Society

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## TIPS FOR PHOTOS

### FIRST RULE

Label the photo with complete names, place, occasion, and date.  
Never use only nicknames..

### SECOND RULE

Never use a Sharpie, ballpoint or gel pen.  
Use a graphite pencil No 6B or No 8B for Heritage pictures.  
Use an archival photo pen for resin-coated pictures.

### THIRD RULE

Store in acid free sleeves or albums  
Acid free storage boxes are also available;  
Never store pictures in attic or basement.

### FOURTH RULE

If your paper pictures have been digitalized or your pictures are digital  
Store safely and in multiple places.  
Portable hard drives are acceptable, but can fail.  
CD's are obsolete. Pictures should be moved.  
Thumb drives are excellent for sharing with relatives or friends.  
There is off-site storage—ex. Dropbox, Goggle Drive, iCloud and genealogy specific sites.

## NEW SCRAPBOOK

A new military scrapbook containing news items about Edgar County soldiers who served in World War II and later times—including some articles in the 1960's. The book is indexed with 2188 names.

The scrapbook was compiled by Wanda Ann (**Brown**) **Young**, who was the wife of Howard **Young**. It was donated by Carolyn **Johnson**.

## Coming Events

### Meetings

The quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7 P. M. at the Meeting Room of the Edgar County Historical Complex, 408 N. Main Street, Paris, Illinois. Topic of program: : To Be Announced. A short business meeting will follow.

**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!

## Society Information

### Society Officers 2019-2020

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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

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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

The Edgar County Genealogical Society sponsored an informational program "A Stroll through Paris by Postcards" presented by Teresa **Pennington**. Slides of her postcards were shown. She gave history on the scenes of the various cards. Several comments were added by the audience. She also showed postcards of Chrisman. Daniel **Briseno** displayed some of his postcard collection on tables at the back of the room. Postcards of Tom **Sunkel**, who played six years in Major League Baseball, were also on display.

A short meeting of the ECGS was led by President Judy **Cash**. The secretary's minutes from the last meeting were read by Teresa **Pennington**. An interim treasurer's report was given by Monica **Brunelle**. The officers for next year are:

President	Judy <b>Cash</b>
Vice-President	Debbie <b>Wilson</b>
Secretary	Teresa <b>Pennington</b>
Treasurer	Monica <b>Brunelle</b>
Director	Joy <b>VanMeter</b>

The newsletter will continue to be edited by Monica **Brunelle**. There is no director of the ECGS. We can always use more volunteers for projects and/or as librarians. The library will continue to be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 AM to 12 Noon Central Time. Light refreshments were served after the meeting.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Tuesday, March 20, 1923, page 2

### OBITUARY

John B. Johnson

John B. **Johnson**, 81 years old, died at his home at Sandford, Ind., Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. Mr. **Johnson** was never considered a particularly strong man, but had never called a physician until Sunday, when he was stricken with paralysis, and a doctor attended for the first time. He was born in Edgar county, north of Sandford, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin **Johnson**.

Fifty-seven years ago he was united in marriage with Elizabeth **Fuqua**, who survives him with one son, C. C. **Johnson**, of Terre Haute. Two nieces, Miss Bell **VanHoutin**, and Mrs. Chester **Mann** of Paris also survive.

Mr. **Johnson** was a civil war veteran.

Note: *John Bond Johnson* (~1842 - 20 March 1923)

# Edgar County Genealogy Library

## LIBRARY NEW HOURS THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY 9 AM — 12 NOON



The Edgar County Genealogy Library is currently open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturday 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](mailto:ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org) or by regular mail. Remember the phone, email, and mail are only checked on open library days. 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](http://www.edgarcountygenealogy.org).

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Thursdays,  
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9 to Noon  
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Call for appointments during off hours or during inclement weather

From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Wednesday, November 1, 1899, page 1

### DEATH OF MRS. ED STEP

#### Passes Away After a Long and Painful Illness

Lizzie **Step**, daughter of Rev. S. and N. C. **Smott**, wife of Ed **Step**, chief of city police force, was born in the city of Paris, Ill., June 10, 1872, and died at 5:30 o'clock a. m. Nov. 1, 1899, aged 27 years, 4 months, and 21 days. She was converted and joined the United Brethren church under the labor of Rev. J. B. **Connett**, the pastor in charge, some ten years ago. She was married to Edward **Step** Sept. 30, 1890, Rev. D. E. **Bair** officiating. To them was born one son. For the past two years she has been in declining health with that dread disease, consumption of the bowels, and for the last four months has been confined to her home; but she bore her affliction with great fortitude; never a word of murmuring or complaining was heard during her protracted illness. Her last hours were unusually bright spiritually and the end of great peace. Two hours before her death she called on those present to join with her in singing the beautiful hymn "Take me as I am," and in a clear, sweet voice she led the hymn from beginning to end. Shortly afterwards she bade an affectionate goodbye to all present and called on all to be still, and the spirit took its flight. She was a good neighbor, and a kind and affectionate wife and mother. In her death, the community loses a good citizen, the parents an affectionate daughter, the church and the lodges an active and honored member, and to the husband and family the loss is irreparable. She leaves a husband and three children, father and mother, three brothers and five sisters to mourn, but their loss is her eternal gain.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, Rev. S. **Mills** officiating.

*Note: The funeral was described the following day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The pall bearers were ladies, selected from the Sinai Lodge. Mrs. Will **Green**, Mrs. Frank **Beals**, Mrs. J.M. **Moodu**, Mrs. E. P. **Haug**, Mrs. W.F. **Filson**, and Miss Rosa **Patterson**.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Note: Ed **Stepp** had two children with his first wife, who had died in 1887: Alfred (25 Dec 1884) and Gertie (Nov, 1887). Lizzie and Ed had one son, Riley, (11 Aug 1892) Ed, 43, married a third time on March 15, 1901 to Mrs. Sallie E. **Acklin**, 37, daughter of Jacob and Nancy **Henderson Stotts**.*

#### Librarians:

Linda Barrett  
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From “*Smith Shaw—His Progenitors and descendants 1748 – 1989*”, researched and published by Barbara Hammond, TRESEARCH, 514 N. Main St., Paris Illinois, Article on pages 68-69, written by Virginia Shaw Zimmerly. Booklet found in the Edgar County Genealogy Library, 408 N. Main Street, Paris, Illinois.

#### SHAW HOUSE

If this house could talk, the stories it could tell! About the lively **Shaw** boys, Perry, Ike, Bab, and Mac, and their escapades-- how they brought their Shetland pony, Nobby, into the house and upstairs before it was discovered. And how they trained Nobby to be a fire horse and run at the sound of a bell. This resulted in quite an adventure for Aunt Nell when she was downtown with the pony and cart and the real fire bell sounded. True to his training, Nobby took off. Aunt Nell lived to tell the story, quite unshaken, being used to her four brother's pranks.

The house was begun by Elvis Perry **Shaw** in 1853 and took 2 years to build. Weather boarding, woodwork, and floor joists, studding, beams, and rafters were hand cut. Built on a foundation of rough-cut stone slabs, the house was designed as many others of that prewar period. The entrance hall is flanked by narrow windows and opens into a hall from which a curving staircase, cut from solid walnut, leads to the second story rooms. The eight rooms downstairs contain four fireplaces, a fifth is in the dirt floored basement.

The house stood on seven acres of land, the remainder of the land entered in 1823 by Smith **Shaw**. Located around the house in the manner of many Southern farms were various buildings and sheds -- the wash house, ice house, chicken house and woodshed. In the barn lot was a small shed used for butchering. Attached to the barn was a machine shed in which were kept tools and a grindstone with a seat and pedals, which turned it. Just west of the barn lot was a fenced-in chicken house and yard containing two cherry trees.

The rest of the property, except for a large vegetable garden, was pasture through which ran a creek.

Early in their marriage Charles E. and Lilla Jane moved into this house and this is where they raised their five children. A large room was added to the east end of the house for Major E. P. **Shaw**, where he lived until his death in 1900. Still later (1918), after the death of his wife, Isaac Newton **Shaw** and his two sons, Edward and Charles, moved in with “Grandpa and Grandma” **Shaw**, and the east room was further enlarged and a bathroom installed.

My father, Bab, worked for a road construction company in Indiana and as the work progressed it meant moving from town to town. Because of this Jane and I stayed with our grandparents during the school year. This, with frequent visits by Mother, Dad, and Phoebe meant that there were often five grandchildren here. Grandpa had five swings put up in the yard—one for each of us.

Grandma **Shaw** was never happier that when she had people around – young or old. She was from a large family too (**Sheppards**) and many of them lived in Paris. Lots of **Shaws** from Paris and around the country came back to visit also. It was “open house” to all. There were always lots of children too. Once when Bab **Shaw** had measles, his close friend, Pete **Lycan**, came down with them too. Grandma just put him to bed with Bab and they shared their misery.

Sometimes she would have all the neighborhood children over and make taffy. After cleaning the top of a zinc-topped table in the kitchen, she rubbed it with butter and poured puddles of the hot taffy around on it. As soon as it cooled enough we all started pulling it, running in and out of the house and getting sticky fingerprints everywhere. Grandpa **Shaw** would quietly go around washing doorknobs, etc. with great patience. We liked to go with Grandpa when he went on errands, and he was never too busy to be bothered. When I was little I had frequent earaches. Grandpa would rock me in his rocking chair and sing. The song I remember best was “Camptown Races.” This was the best medicine for earaches.

I suppose every generation thinks theirs was the best times growing up. I only know we were never bored. There was always something to do, and someone to play with as there were several children in the neighborhood. We played kick-the-wicket, “run, sheep, run,” and other games outside or went down in the pasture and jumped across the creek (often not making it across). On rainy days there might be eight or ten boys and girls of the neighborhood playing in the house. Chuck's and Ed's electric train tracks were laid around most of the floor in the “back parlor” and as long as the boys wanted them there Grandma would not have them moved. No one seemed to mind stepping over and around them.

Neither Uncle Perry nor Aunt Nell married. Uncle Perry took care of the yard, a big vegetable garden, and the

livestock, which consisted of milk cows, chickens, and sometimes a pig or two for butchering. Aunt Nell kept the house with help from Uncle Perry with the heavier work. Jane and I would usually dry the dishes while Aunt Nell washed. She would tell us stories about the times when she and her brothers were growing up and about the years when they lived in Texas.

Uncle Perry served in the Spanish American War where he contracted typhoid fever and nearly died.

Although at times the house was fairly bursting at the seams with three generations, all in all, everyone lived together in harmony and closeness and were a loving family.

#### V. Zimmerly

*Note: The house still stands just east of the old Paris Hospital on East Cranford. There is a painting of the house in the Edgar County Historical Museum.*

*Note 2: The **Shaw** sons:*

*Perry – Elvis Perry (1879 – 1962)*

*Ike – Isaac Newton (1881 – 1947)*

*Bab – Charles Edwin (1883 – 1941)*

*Mack – McMinn Buchanan (1885 – 1956)*

From *The Prairie Press*, Paris, IL, Saturday, December 28, 2019

#### OBITUARY

#### VIRGINIA ZIMMERLY

Virginia S. **Zimmerly**, 103, of Bloomington, IN, and formerly of Paris, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at her daughter's residence. A memorial service will be at a later date in Paris. The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. **Zimmerly** was born May 14, 1916, at Paris, the daughter of C. E. and Alta **Gaumer Shaw**. She married Wayne **Zimmerly**, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Eleanor (Dr. Larry) **Rink**; grandchildren, Scott (Allison) **Rink** and Dr. Ben (Diana) **Light**; great-grandchildren, Sydney **Rink**, Quincey **Rink**, Halley **Rink**, J T **Rink**, Erica **Light**, Ginny **Light**, Allison **Light**, Nolan **Light**, Jon **Light**, and Ben **Light**; and her cousin, Mike **Craun**.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Julie **Light**; granddaughter, Virginia Ellen "Ginger" **Rink**; and grandson, Eric **Light**.

Mrs. **Zimmerly** lived a life of graciousness, kindness, humility and service. She received the Key to the City of Paris on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and was involved with many philanthropic organizations. She was a member of the Paris Garden Club, Chapter KP of PEO of Paris and was a past member of the Paris Library Board just to name a few. She was a lifelong member of the Paris Presbyterian Church. She loved spending time with family, reading, traveling and gardening.

From *Paris Daily Beacon News*, Paris, IL, Thursday, April 23, 1942, page 2

#### PARIS RURAL PUPILS ENJOY TRAIN RIDE AS SCHOOL CLOSES

Pupils at Sulfur Springs school, east of Paris, enjoyed an unusual "last day of school" observance on Wednesday, when they went from Paris to Terre Haute on a Big Four train in the afternoon, which for many was a new experience.

At noon parents of the pupils gathered at the school, taught by Mrs. Louise **Zimmerman Sunkel**, bringing food for a picnic dinner. A beautiful lace cloth was presented to Mrs. **Sunkel**.

Shortly after three o'clock the students, accompanied by Mrs. **Sunkel**, Mrs. Robert **Gray**, Mrs. Herman **Kemper**, and Mrs. Joe **Irish**, boarded the train and were given courteous attention by both the conductor and brakeman. While in Terre Haute they visited stores and other places of interest, and after partaking of supper there, returned by train arriving home at 7:30 o'clock.

Children enjoying the outing were Bill and Virginia **Chittick**, Wilma Jean **Potts**, Bob, Joseph and Patricia **Irish**, Delores **Voils**, Peggy and Teddy **Jones**, Howard **Shonk**, Juanita and Lynn **Flarity**, Norman **Straw**, Donna and Phyllis **Kemper**, and Sally **Spires**.

*Note: The unusual fact in this story to me was the fact that the last day of school was Wednesday, April 22.*

From *The Chrisman Courier*, Chrisman, Edgar County, IL, Friday, May 28, 1904

## OUR WRENCH FACTORY VERY BUSILY ENGAGED

They are Getting in Shape to Turn Out Work Very Rapidly  
New Buildings Are Almost Completed

The C. E. Bonner Mfg. Co. has been crowding things at the wrench factory for some time and for the past few days they have been working over time—thirteen hours a day. Besides the carpenters, brick masons, and tenders, who have been busy working on the new buildings, the factory force consists of thirteen men, five skilled mechanics and eight machine men.

This company has one of the most thoroughly equipped factories in this part of the state. They have fifteen different machines now at work, and another one is on the road. With the new steam hammer they can turn out most any kind of work and do it very rapidly. It is capable of striking a twenty-ton lick and when the hammer drops something has to come. The bars of steel are heated very hot and then put under the hammer, where they are made into any shape desired. The hammered product then goes through the trimming machine to cut off the rough edges, the milling machine to cut the teeth, and then to the emery wheel or polisher.

Since the new hammer has been started, the machinery has run during the day by steam and at night by gasoline power. On account of building and moving the machinery, the factory is far behind with orders and thus they are compelled to work at night. The whistle is now sounded morning, noon, and night, which gives this part of the city a metropolitan air. At the present time the factory has a capacity of 150 wrenches per day.

*Note: The Bonner Mfg. Co. started in 1904. A similar wrench had been patented in 1902 by Wm. Bonner (Patent # 716515) but never manufactured. In 1903 Clarence E. Bonner received Patent # 737199 for a very similar wrench with Wm. Bonner, his older brother, as witness. By 1915 the C. E. Bonner Mfg. Co. had moved to Champaign, IL. The tools were sold under the Victor brand. No exact date of dissolution was found.*

*Note 2: There is a Victor wrench on display in the Agricultural Building at the Edgar County Historical Museum at 408 N. Main Street, Paris, IL.*

*Note 3: James Bonner moved his family to Edgar County near Bloomfield in the mid 1850's. In the 1860 census James Bonner, 37, farmer; Nancy, 35; William, 16; Sam, 13; Mary, 11; James, 9; Thomas, 5; John, 1 were listed. In the 1870 census two more children were added-- Charlie, 6, and Clarence, 1. James Bonner was born in Ohio on 16 September 1822. He moved to and married in Johnson County, IN, died 13 January 1893 in Edgar County, IL, and is buried in Cherry Point Cemetery in Edgar County, IL. William Bonner (15 January 1844 – 11 January 1926) died in Indianapolis, IN. Clarence Edward Bonner (7 February 1869 – after 1940) lived in Chicago, IL in 1920 and probably moved to Yonkers, NY, by 1940. After he sold the wrench factory he was associated with an automobile and airplane engine company. He moved from business to business, and he was apparently very successful.*

From *The Hume Record*, Hume, IL, Friday, February 8, 1907, page 1

### Oldest Lady in Township

Mrs. Nancy **White Howerton** was born February 6, 1817, in Logan county, Kentucky. She came to Illinois when five years of age and has since lived in Clark and Edgar counties.

She was the mother of nine children, three of whom are still living, Wm. N., with whom his mother lives, S. W. and James N., who live at Genoa, Neb. Mrs. **Howerton** has lived in Hume for about 12 years. She is a faithful grandmother in Israel and has been for many years a faithful member of the M. E. church.

She has a vivid recollection of the early pioneer days when they spun and wove the cloth and did all the sewing by hand.

She was 90 years old Wednesday. Her general health is good. She is the oldest person in the township and not many older in Edgar County.

*Note: Nancy White married Francis F. Howerton 15 Jan 1838, Clark Co, IL. She died 15 January 1908 just 22 days before her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Her son, Wm. N. Howerton, died in March, 1908 at the age of 57 years old.*

From *The Chrisman Courier*, Chrisman, Edgar Co., IL, Friday, May 28, 1904, page 1

#### A Peculiar Accident

Sandford, IN, May 24—A singular and possibly fatal mishap befell A. B. **Thompson**, a well-known Edgar county farmer, residing one mile west of the village today. It appears that some calves, belonging to Mr. **Thompson**, had gotten on the right-of-way of the Big Four and were in danger of being struck by the No 11, the west-bound fast train. He was attempting to drive them from the track, but found that he would not have time to do so and stepped, as he supposed, out of danger, when the train struck one of the animals and hurled it against him with terrible force. The train was brought to a standstill as soon as possible and backed up to ascertain the extent of the damage done. Mr. **Thompson** was picked up in an unconscious condition. One leg was crushed, both hands badly cut, and he is thought to have sustained internal injuries, the full extent of which could not be learned, pending the arrival of a physician, who was summoned from Vermillion.

Mr. **Thompson** was conveyed to his home, where he was made as comfortable as possible, but it will probably require several days to determine the issue. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. Annie **Reese**.

The victim is the aged father of J. D. **Thompson**, formally of this city, who now lives at Vermillion.

*Note: Alva B. **Thompson** was born 2 Oct 1832 and thus was 71 years old at the time of the accident. He died on 22 December 1912 at the age of 80 years, 2 months, 20 days.*

*His wife, Elizabeth **Denham Thompson**, was born 10 July 1831 and had died 25 January 1906. Both are buried in Little Grove Cemetery, Edgar County, IL.*

From *Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Friday, February 8, 1889, page 3

#### FT. SUMTER

Mrs. Jesse **Swango** was called to Redmon last week to see her little grandson, who is quite ill of typhoid fever.

F. G. **Hanks** was in this vicinity the first of the week.

Felix **Hollingsworth** has removed his family from Paris to the **Levings** farm west of Swango.

J. W. **O'Hair** has removed his family to Paris.

John **Craig** and family are visiting relatives in Warrenton.

Misses **Griffins** of New Hope, are visiting at Saul **Driskell's**.

W. P. **O'Hair** returned to Charleston Sunday, accompanied by Ollie **Frazier**.

A Mr. **Coleman**, from Redmon, has removed his family to the residence lately occupied by J. W. **O'Hair**.

Will **Swango** is visiting relatives near Charleston.

Chester **Lycan** is recovering from the mumps, while several more of the Ft. Sumter pupils are still afflicted.

Have any of you heard of Grover? It is the first station south of Swango.

John **Craig** is postmaster, blacksmith, grocery keeper and ticket agent. Miss Ida **Craig** is assistant post-mistress.

Jas. **Drake, Sr.** is visiting relatives in Brocton.

Jas. **Williams** is now occupying his new residence.

Mrs. R. **Barnett**, of Champaign, is expected here this week to be the guest of her parents, J. V. **Lycan** and his wife.

Mrs. Thos. **Collier** and son visited friends near Vermillion Sunday.

Will **Jones**, of this place, accompanied by his cousins, Ida and Ella of Nevins, are visiting Will **Jones** of Redmon.

A team belonging to Dock **Wells** ran away one day last week and demolished the wagon and harness. No one injured.

George **Beatty** is once more a granger, having removed his family to his farm Monday.

*Note: Above Will **Jones** visited Will **Jones**. In the census of 1880 in Edgar County, IL, there were 16 Will or William **Jones**.*

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From *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris, IL, Wednesday, September 25, 1912, page 7

DEATH CLAIMS GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. T. C. McCallister Dies at her Residence West of City

Mrs. T. C. **McCallister**, a lifelong resident of Edgar County and a prominent worker in the Asher church, southwest of the city, passed away at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening following an illness lasting over a period of several months. Her condition has been extremely critical for some time, and death has been expected almost momentarily for the past two or three days.

Miss Hanks, daughter of William and Mary **Hanks**, was born July 28, 1846, in Symmes Township where she spent her entire life. At the time of her death she was aged 66 years, 1 month, and 27 days. Aside from her husband, she is survived by two sons and one daughter, vis: W. H. and Bert **McCallister** and Miss Dollie **McCallister**, all residing in Edgar Co. Mrs. **McCallister** was a member of a family of thirteen children of whom three now survive, vis: Nelson **Hanks** and Mrs. Jesse **Swango, Sr.** of Paris; Mrs. Aden **Baber**, of Kansas.

The funeral will be held from the Aster church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and burial will be in Edgar cemetery.

From *The Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, IL, Saturday, July 13, 1929, page 9

SHOAFF IS POSITIVE LINCOLN'S CABIN WAS EXHIBITION IN '65

Thomas D. **Shoaff** of Shelbyville, Ill, formerly of Paris, and brother of Fred and L. A. G. **Shoaff**, is having quite an argument with the Massachusetts Historical Society regarding the statement made by the former that the Lincoln cabin in the Harristown bottoms was exhibited on Boston Commons in 1865.

A letter received from Mr. **Shoaff** from the librarian of the society in which he said that no references could be found of the exhibit, was answered by Mr. **Shoaff** as follows: "I was eighteen years old in 1865 and was running a newspaper. I remember the incident clearly. Father had the logs shipped to Boston and the freight bill was \$14. Dennis **Hanks**, my mother's father and John **Hanks** went along with father and sold souvenirs.

Grandfather **Hanks** told me many times how people wept on seeing the cabin. It was soon after Lincoln's assassination-- either June, July, or August. Father was away for four or five months, and came back wearing a \$150 suit of clothes.

The cabin was later shipped to Chicago and there exhibited. It passed out of father's hands and was supposed to have been shipped to England and lost in passage. Of course, the story that the cabin was exhibited in the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia is a fake.

A search of the records of the Boston city council should reveal a permit to James **Shoaff** of Decatur, father of Thomas **Shoaff** for the exhibition of Lincoln's first home in Illinois.

Mr. **Shoaff** has a picture of the cabin taken in the Harristown bottoms just before it was taken down for shipment, with Dennis and John **Hanks** standing beside it, and on the back that certification that it is a true picture.

M. **Shoaff** says that he met in Coles county recently a Mrs. **Grigley** of Chicago who says she paid \$25 for the same picture, which bore the date 1861. Mr. **Shoaff** told her that she had been imposed upon, since the picture was not taken until four years later.

From *The Kansas Journal*, Kansas, IL, Thursday, April 16, 1896, page 1

CLASS OF '96

The graduates of the class of '96 are Pearl **Arterburn**, June **Rose**, Bertha **Andrews**, Floy **Laughead**, Vena **Allen**, Ernest **Green**, and Elmer **Florer**.

The first four have taken the whole course in the Kansas Public School and have been classmates all the time. Vena began her school life in Toledo, Ill. On moving here she entered the grammar room and has been in the school seven years. Ernest learned the "A B C's" in the country, at Green Wood school south west of town. He entered the High School Jan. '93. Elmer too came from the country, the Lewis school northwest of town. He entered the second year class and finished his third year.

The class motto is "Be As You Seem." The colors are olive-green and magenta. Elmer is president, June is secretary, Bertha is the youngest of the class. June has been elected to give the salutatory address. Vena has the honor of being Valedictorian.

From *Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, Edgar County, IL, Thursday, March 23, 1933, page 1

### PIONEER CITIZEN PASSED AWAY SUNDAY A. M.

Remains of Mrs. Henrietta Scott Were Interred in Woodland Cemetery Monday

Henrietta A **Scott**, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T **Chase**, was born in Medina Co., Ohio May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1852. Died March 19, 1933, aged 80 years and 10 months.

At the age of four or five years, she with her parents and sister drove overland, across Indiana and Illinois and on to Onslow, Iowa. There she grew to womanhood. In 1871 she was united in marriage to Americus **Scott**, about two years her senior, who was raised in the same neighborhood. This couple came forthwith to Illinois and located two and three-fourths miles north of Chrisman, where they resided for over fifty years.

To this union were born one daughter, who died in infancy, and three sons Guy W. **Scott**, Purl A. **Scott**, and Leo G. **Scott**, all living in this community.

Surviving also are two granddaughters, Helen **Scott Malone** and Doris Eleanor **Scott**. Also one great-granddaughter, Patricia Helen **Malone**.

A sister and a brother of the deceased, Mrs. Ella D. **Smith**, and Horace T. **Chase**, are now living in Bell, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

Americus **Scott** preceded his wife in death on March 20, 1926. Henrietta A. **Scott** united with the Baptist church, Chrisman, Ill. and was baptized by Rev. **Nickerson**, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1929.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church, in Chrisman, Monday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. W. A. **Nickerson** officiating, and interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

*Note: Although this couple were raised and married in Iowa, Americus **Scott** had many relatives in Northern Edgar County.*

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