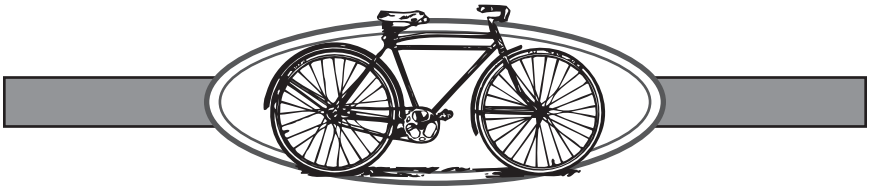

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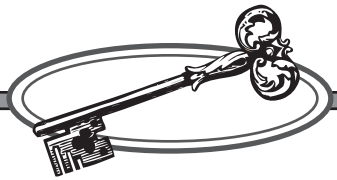

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SpC
977.3:B

Bateman, Newton, ed. Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Clark County. Dixon, IL.: The Print Shop, 1976. Reprint of ed. published Chicago: Middlewest Publishing Co., 1907. Illus., maps, separate index.

Section one consists of generally brief alphabetical entries on various people, places, and events in Illinois history. Section two is devoted to the history of Clark county and includes chapters on the formation of the county, location of the county seat, county officials, early settlers, medicine, towns and townships, newspapers, internal improvements, churches and social organizations, education and natural resources. A lengthy chapter is made up of biographical sketches of local citizens and includes illustrations and genealogical information.

SpC
977.369:B

Bateman, Newton, ed. Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Edgar County. Chicago: Munsell Publishing Company, 1905. Illus. maps.

The Illinois section is identical to that in the above history. The Edgar County section briefly covers the formation of the county: pioneers, cities, towns and townships, industrial development, politics, banks and banking, professions, churches, education, newspapers, fraternal organizations, and wars. About half this section is devoted to rather brief biographies of Edgar County citizens. There is no index.

SpC
977.375:B

Bateman, Newton, ed. Illinois Historical, Crawford County Biographical. Evansville, IN: Unigraphic, Inc., 1978. Reprint of ed. published Chicago: Munsell Publishing Company, 1909. Illus, indexes, maps.

The Illinois section has been omitted from this reprint. The historical section covers the usual topics: county organization and early settlement, courts and law, industrial development, politics and county officials, towns and townships, schools, churches and fraternal organizations, newspapers,

medicine, agriculture, wars, and the oil industry. More than half the volume consists of detailed biographical sketches of local citizens. The historical and biographical sections are indexed separately.

SpC
977.369:C

Centennial Book Committee. Chrisman Area Centennial. Chrisman, IL: Book Committee, 1973. Illus.

This profusely illustrated history traces the growth and development of the town of Chrisman IL from 1872 to 1972. Topics covered include churches, residences, education, businesses, agriculture, and clubs and organizations. There is no index.

SpC
977.369:E

Edgar County Historical Society. Prairie Progress, A History of Edgar County, 1880-1975. Dallas, TX: Taylor Publishing Company, 1976. Illus., index, maps.

Various authors contributed chapters on such topics as agriculture and the Farm Bureau, schools and education, transportation, parks and recreation, and towns and townships. Nearly half the book consists of biographical sketches submitted by local residents. There is an every name index for the historical section, but the biographies have been indexed by the main entry family names only.

SpC
977.371:H

History of Casey, Illinois, and Western Clark County; Shawnee Mission, KS.: Kesler, 1981. Illus.

This history of Casey and nearby communities includes information on agriculture, well-known citizens of the past, schools, churches, organizations, businesses, and the oil industry. The many photographs illustrate the changes in Casey over the years, Most of the book consists of biographical sketches submitted by local residents. There is no index.

SpC
977.375:H

History of Crawford County, Illinois. Crawford County, IL: Crawford County Historical Society, c. 1981, 1983. 2 vols. Illus, index, maps.

Volume one is comprised of illustrated biographies and genealogies contributed by local people. The stated aim of the editors was "to present the Twentieth Century, with flashbacks to an earlier heritage." Only the main subjects of the biographies are listed in the index. Volume two contains some family histories submitted too late to be printed in volume one but is otherwise devoted to history. Various authors contributed chapters on the histories of the individual townships, touching on such subjects as villages, churches, schools, business, civic organizations, prominent citizens, and social events. A chapter on "special interest stories" contains various reminiscences.

SpC
977.369:H

The History of Edgar County, Illinois. Evansville, IN; Unigraphic, Inc., 1968. Reprint of ed. published Chicago: Wm. LeBaron Jr., 1879. Separate index.

Histories of the Northwest Territory and of Illinois are included in this volume. A general history of Edgar County covers the organization and settlement of the county, the establishment of the townships, election of public officials, the coming of the railroads, and establishment of schools. Chapters on individual townships include such subjects as early settlement, towns and villages, politics, businesses, churches, fraternal organizations, and schools. The biographical sketches are arranged by township and thereunder in alphabetical order by name. The chapter on the county's war record concerns Civil War services and lists the local men by regiment and company. There is a list of taxpayers for each township.

SpC
977.371:H

History of Marshall, Illinois, and Eastern Clark County with Genealogical Sketches. No publisher given, 1978. Illus.

This well illustrated history gives information on the growth and development of Marshall and nearby communities and on people, schools, churches, organizations, and businesses in Clark County. More than half the book is made up of biographies and family histories submitted by local people. There is no index.

SpC
977.371:H

History of Marshall, Martinsville, Illinois, and Central Clark County No publisher given, 1980. Illus.

The brief section on Marshall contains more photographs than text. There are sections on Martinsville and nearby communities, businesses, churches, and schools which give more information and contain many photos. Most of the book is made up of biographies and family histories submitted by local residents. There is no index.

SpC
977.371:H

History of Westfield, Illinois, and Northwest Clark County. Shawnee Mission, KS: Kesler, 1981. Illus.

Many photographs illustrate this history of Westfield and nearby communities. Topics covered include newspapers, homes, churches, schools, organizations, veterans, and the oil industry. Biographies and family histories make up half the book. There is no index.

SpC
977.369:H

Hume Centennial History Committee. Hume, Illinois, 1873-1973. Potomac, IL: Wescove Press, 1973. Illus.

This brief history has been compiled from original records, published sources, and oral histories. Topics covered include the settlement and early history of Hume, public officials, the railroad, schools, sports, churches, businesses and businessmen, agriculture, parks and recreation, and clubs and organizations. There are also reminiscences by various authors. There is no index.

SpC
917.7369:P

Paris, Illinois. [s.l.: s.n., 197-?]

This small book was originally published by the Commercial Club of Paris and includes photographs and brief information on the town of Paris, local schools and churches, fraternal orders, hospitals, public utilities, transportation, and various businesses. The Commercial Club members for 1903-04 are listed. There is no index.

SpC
917.7369:P

Paris, Illinois, Illustrated and Descriptive. [Indianapolis, IN.: R. Emmit Avery, Pub.], 1908. Reprinted Paris IL.: Edgar County Genealogical Society.

The Paris Commercial Club contributed to the small book of photographs of city parks, schools, churches, railroad depots, charities, residences, and businesses. It also includes statistical information and a list of the patrons of the publication.

SpC
977.37:P

Perrin, William Henry, ed. History of Crawford and Clark Counties, Illinois. Evansville, IN: Unigraphic, Inc., 1971. Reprint of ed. published Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co., 1883. Separate index.

Part one is devoted to history. Each county is treated separately but similar topics are covered. There are chapters on the early settlement and organization of the counties, courts and justice, public officials, internal improvements, education, the press, war history and the individual townships. Part two consists of biographical sketches arranged by county, township, and then by name. The pages in each section are numbered separately so the index gives both section and page numbers.

SpC
977.369:R

Redmon Historical Committee. Redmon on the Edge of the Prairie. Potomac, IL: Blue Grass Printing, 1974. Illus.

This profusely illustrated history briefly treats the early settlement of Edgar County and the Redmon vicinity, the founding of the town, local citizens and businesses, schools, sports, churches, clubs, socials, outstanding events, and agriculture. There are also reminiscences by long time residents. There is no index.

Notes:

Land & Vital Records:

SpC
929.577369:B

Brown, A. Joyce (transcriber) Edgar Cemetery, Paris, Edgar County, IL. (1858-1872). Brocton, IL: Author, 1985.

Transcribed from original records in possession of cemetery superintendent. Section one is in alphabetical order by name. Each entry gives date of burials, age, section and lot numbers. Section two is in order by section and lot numbers but gives the same information. An explanation of code numbers used appears in the front of each section.

SpC
929.377369:B

Brown, A. Joyce. Index to Edgar Co., IL, Estates & Wills (1823—1963). Brocton, IL.: AJB Genealogical & Historical Research, 1987.

This index to Edgar County probate and will records is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the deceased. Each entry gives box number, cause (i.e. estate or will), and will book number.

SpC
929.377369:B

Brown, A. Joyce. Index to Miscellaneous Probate Records (1823—1963) in Edgar County, Illinois. Brocton, IL: AJB Genealogical & Historical Research, 1989.

Each entry gives name, file number, and cause (i.e. minor, delinquent, adoption, insane, etc.). Access to the actual courthouse files regarding adoptions and mental suits is restricted.

SpC
929.577369:C

Cary, Linda Peterson. Index to Edgar County, Illinois, Cemetery Records. [Paris, IL.]: L. P. Cary, 1991.

This book is an index of surnames taken from over 100 Edgar County cemeteries. Entries are in alphabetical order except that spelling variations are placed in parenthesis. Surnames are followed by numbers indicating the cemeteries. An Edgar County map shows cemetery locations.

SpC
929.577369:C

Cary, Linda Peterson. Resting in Peace: Grandview Cemetery Records, June 1892—October 1980, Edgar County, Illinois. [Paris, IL.]: Tresearch, 1990.

These cemetery records were obtained from DAR records from the 1950's, plus a directory of the cemetery compiled by Ceba Demetrius Smith. Entries are in alphabetical order by surname. Each entry gives: surname, lot number, first name, date of birth or age, date of death or burial, and remarks. There is an index of maiden names.

SpC
929.577369:C

Cemetery Records of Brouiletts Township, Edgar County, Illinois. [s.l.]: Colonial Dames XVII Century, Nathaniel Foote Chapter. [1985?]

Names are arranged by cemetery and thereunder in alphabetical order. However, for Sugar Grove Cemetery the names are in the order of burial and are indexed. There is no overall index. The names of the transcribers and dates of transcription are given. The cemeteries are located on a map of Brouiletts Creek township.

SpC
929.577371:C

Clark County Genealogical Society. Clark County, Illinois, Cemetery Records. Marshall, IL.: The Society, [1977?] 6 vols.

Each volume covers the cemeteries in one or more townships. Arrangement is by township and cemetery, then alphabetical order by name. Maps of the townships are included. The index volume is also arranged by township, cemetery, and name, so it is not very useful.

SpC
929.377371:C

Clark County Genealogical Society. Clark County, Illinois, Marriages. New York: Empire State Book Co., [n.d.] 2 vols.

Volume one indexes marriages from 1819 to 1872, and volume two covers 1872 to 1899. Each volume is made up of sections covering smaller time periods (Ex. 1819—1838, 1838—1845). Arrangement is by surname of groom with brides' indexes after each section.

SpC
912.77369:C

Combined Atlas of Edgar County, Illinois: 1870, 1894, 1910. Mt. Vernon, IN.: Windmill Publications, 2001.

Reprint of three Edgar County atlases showing names of land owners, street maps of towns, and illustrations of people, residences, and public buildings. Each atlas is indexed. Illinois and U. S. maps are included.

SpC
929.377369:C

Cook Funeral Home Records, October 1918—August 1924: Cook & Wright Funeral Home Records, September 1924—December 1928. [IL.: Edgar County Genealogical Society, 1986.]

This volume is a transcription of original funeral home records in private hands. Entries are in alphabetical order by the name of the deceased and give age, color, ordered by, death date, and notes. There is a surname index

SpC
929.377369:D

Daughters of the American Revolution, Edgar County, Illinois. Marriage Records in Edgar County, Illinois, 1823-1851. [s.l]: The Chapter, 1900, 1971.

Marriages are in order by the first letter of the grooms' last names but then are arranged chronologically instead of alphabetically. For instances, the 1829 marriage of James Osborn appears before the 1849 marriage of Jonathan Ogden. There is no alphabetical index or brides' index.

SpC
929.377369:E

Edgar County, Illinois, Marriages. Paris, IL.: Edgar County Genealogical Society, 1988. 8 vols. Map, index.

These indexes to the Edgar County marriages from 1823 through 1914 were compiled from original courthouse records. Entries are in alphabetical order by grooms' surnames. There are indexes to brides' surnames and to parents' and guardians' surnames. Starting in 1878 marriage records gave information on the parents of the bride and groom, and that information is included. The original sources are cited.

SpC
929.577369:F

Foley, Mrs. Beecher, comp. Cemetery records, Kansas Township, Edgar County, Illinois. Paris, IL: B. Foley, 1970.

Names are arranged in alphabetical order by cemetery, but there is a surname index which indicates all the cemeteries listed.

SpC
929.577369:F

Foley, Mrs. Beecher. Soldiers Buried in Edgar County, Illinois, 1837-1955. Paris, IL: B. Foley, 197-?

Arrangement is by cemetery and then alphabetical order by name. Each entry gives name, war, rank, branch of service, unit or organization, date of death, grave number, lot number, and block. There is no overall index.

SpC
929.377369:H

Hammond, Barbara L. Echoes from the Past: Estate Packets...Edgar County, Illinois. Paris, IL.: Tresearch, 2002.

The information for this book was taken from the original documents in drawers 1—23 of the Edgar County probate packets. Section one consists of transcripts of the estates filed alphabetically by the name of the deceased. Section two is an index to the persons named within the documents. Section three consists of transcripts of miscellaneous records, such as guardianships and adoptions, and section four is an index to persons named in those documents.

SpC
929.377369:H

Hammond, Barbara L. Will Books 1-2-3 of Edgar County, Illinois, 1823—1875. Paris, IL.: Tresearch, 1999. Illus., map, index.

The information for this book has been arranged into alphabetical order by the name of the deceased. Each entry gives name, type of document, will book and page, date will was written, date will was proved, spouse, heirs, administrators, land description, comments, and additional sources. There is an index to the surnames of those mentioned in the wills.

SpC
929.377375:J

Johnston, Donna Gowin. Our Crawford County, Illinois, Heritage. Casper, WY: Mountain States Lithographing Company, [1983?]. Illus., Index.

Genealogies of the Allen, Bailey, Enlow, Ford, Gowin, Harris, Hicks, Highsmith, Leeman, Littlejohn, Martin, Neeley, Rash, Sanders, Thomas, and Waggoner families. Illustrations, copies of records, and some local history are included.

SpC
929.37737:M

Mortality Schedules - 1860, 1870, 1880 - Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne. Olney, IL: Richland County Genealogical Society, 1978.

The microfilmed mortality schedules were copied exactly, even when words were obviously misspelled. Entries include name, age, sex, race, marital status, place of birth, month of death, birthplaces of parents, occupation, cause of death, length of illness and number of years in county. Entries are arranged by county and township and are not indexed by name. The 1870 mortality schedules for counties beginning with letters A-K are missing.

SpC
912.77371:P

Plat Book of Clark County, Illinois, 1892. [s.l.]: Clark County Genealogical Society, 1986.

This photographic reprint of an 1892 atlas includes township maps showing the names of land owners, street maps of towns, a Clark County, and an Illinois map, plus a directory of land owners.

SpC
929.377369:P

Powell, Waunita. Brides Index, Edgar County, IL., Marriages, April 1874—1877; Grooms Index Edgar County, IL., Marriages, April 1874—1877. [Paris, IL.]: [Edgar County, Illinois, Genealogical Society, 1986.]

All names are spelled exactly as in original. Correct spellings of names, when known, were included in brackets. Half the book is in order by brides' surnames, and the same information is listed by grooms' surnames in the second half of the book.

SpC
929.577369:S

Shutt, Philip L. Edgar County, Illinois, Deaths and Some Burials. [Paris, IL.: Edgar County Genealogical Society, 1990.]

This material was originally compiled from cemetery records, vital records, and local histories, but no citations were provided. Over 6,000 deaths are listed, but this is not a complete record of all the county deaths. Entries are in alphabetical order with an index of women's names. Each entry gives name, date of birth, date of death, and remarks, such as parents' names, certificate number, or cemetery.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe and others. Cemeteries of Edgar Township, Edgar County, Illinois. [s.l.]: E. Stephens, [1986?].

Arrangement is by cemetery and then alphabetical order by name. There is no index. Military stones are noted, as well as inscriptions such as "son of, wife of," etc. Maps of Edgar Township and Edgar County are included.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe and others. Cemeteries of Elbridge Township, Edgar County, Illinois. [s.l.]: E. Stephens, [1986?].

Arrangement is by cemetery and then alphabetical order by name. There is no index. Brief inscriptions are noted. Maps of Elbridge Township and Edgar County are included.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe Zimmerly. Cemeteries of Embarrass Township, Edgar County, Illinois. [s.l.]: E. Stephens & A. Brown, [1986?].

Arrangement is by cemetery and then alphabetical order by name. For the Shields Cemetery the names are in order of burial with a surname index. However, there is no overall index.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe Zimmerly. Cemeteries of Ross, Shiloh, and Young America Townships, Edgar County, Illinois. [s.l.]: E. Stephens, [1987?]

Arrangement is by township, cemetery, and then alphabetical order by name. There are maps of the county and the townships. No index.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe Zimmerly. Cemeteries of Stratton Township, Edgar County, IL. [s.l.]: E. Stephens, [1987?].

Arrangement is by cemetery and then alphabetical order by name. There is no index. Maps of Edgar County and of Stratton Township are included.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe Zimmerly. Cemeteries of Symmes Township, Edgar County, IL. [s.l.]: E. Stephens, [1987?]

Arrangement is by cemetery and then in alphabetical order by name. There is no index. Maps of Edgar County and of Symmes Township are included.

SpC
929.577369:F

Stephens, Edythe Zimmerly. Franklin Cemetery, Edgar County, IL, Edgar Township. [s.l.: s.n., 1982?]

Hoult Cemetery is included in this volume. For each cemetery the names appear in the order of burial, and each cemetery is indexed separately by surname. Maps of the cemeteries are shown; and the names of the recorders are listed.

SpC
929.577369:S

Stephens, Edythe and others. Woodland Cemetery, Edgar County, IL, Ross Township, Chrisman. [s.l.: s.n., 198-?].

The Reed-Sugar Grove Cemetery in Brouiletts Creek township is included. Names appear in the order of burial, and each cemetery is indexed separately. Maps of the cemeteries are given, and the names of the recorders are listed.

Directories:

SpC
977.369:P

Paris, Illinois, City Directory. Manitowoc, WI: Johnson Publishing Co. 1967.

Alphabetical list of names includes city and rural residents. Each entry gives name of spouse, occupation, address, telephone number, and names and years of birth of minor children. A street guide, a classified business directory, and a reverse telephone directory are included.

SpC
977.369:P

Polk's Paris, Illinois, City Directory. Chicago: R. L. Polk & Co., 1926.

Names of residents and of businesses are listed in alphabetical order. The entries give name of spouse, number of children, occupation, and address. Rural residents are listed in the rural route section. A street guide and a classified business directory are included. The miscellaneous section lists local public officials, schools, churches, and organizations.

SpC
977.369:S

Special Residential Edition of the Paris-Edgar County, Illinois, County Directory. [s.l.]: Johnson Publishing Co., 1979.

Names of residents and of businesses are listed in alphabetical order. The entries give name of spouse, occupation, address, telephone numbers, and names and years of birth of minor children. There is a classified business section and a telephone number directory. The miscellaneous section gives general information on Paris and nearby communities.

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