

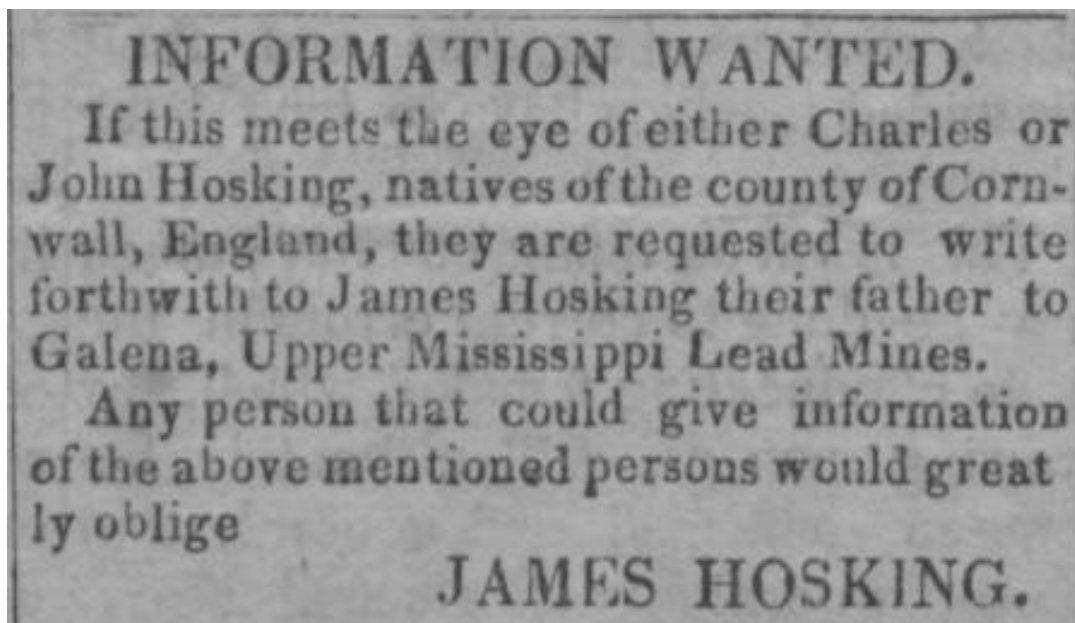
James W. Hosking – 600 Dewey Avenue – 1843 home

Limited information can be found about James Hosking in the local newspapers. There are several possible articles that could be pertaining to him or his family, but some are under the last name of Hoskins, instead of Hosking. In fact, when his wife passed away, she was listed as Rebecca Hoskins. Their graves are next to each other with his listing the last name as Hosking and hers listing the last name as Hoskins. It is also difficult to determine children's names as some are mentioned under both names.

There are other families in the Galena area with the last names of Hosking or Hoskins, but it was too difficult to determine if they were related to James Hosking or not.

The newspaper articles included here may or may not be the same James Hosking or his immediate family, but they are included as possibilities.


The Galenian – May 16, 1832 – possible notice to his sons



North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser – April 7, 1838 – tavern sale?

Possibly he owned this??

A TAVERN STAND—*for sale or rent,*



SITUATED three miles north of Galena, Jo Daviess county, state of Illinois, on the fork road leading from Galena to Mineral Point and Sinsinawa Mound, will be sold or leased on liberal terms: consisting of a Dwelling House, Grocery, Stable, and other convenient out houses, with a good well of water at the end of the dwelling house, with eighty acres of good farming land; 10 acres of which is partly inclosed with a post and rail fence, and partly with a round rail fence. For further information enquire of James Hosking, at the aforesaid tavern, commonly called Hosking Stand or Miners' Arms. Immediate possession will be given.

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North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser – July 2, 1842 – new house for sale or rent

For Rent,


A NEW dwelling house, situated on the corner of Main and Franklin streets. Said house contains six rooms, as follows: A Kitchen and cellar, a dining-room and store room and two bed rooms. Said house will be rented in whole or in part. For particulars, enquire of the subscriber at Old Town.

je25-33.f JAMES HOSKINS.

North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser – February 23, 1844

Membership in Whigs of Jo Daviess County

Whigs of Jo Daviess!



The campaign of '44 has opened upon us! The note of preparation sounds throughout the land! AROUSE TO ACTION! Let us, one and all, meet at the Court House, in Galena, on

Wednesday, March 13th, 1844,

At 2 o'clock, P. M., and strike the first blow in the contest, and throw out to the breeze the banner of

HENRY CLAY!

Let us go forth again into the contest, strong in the experience of former campaigns, and incited to vigorous action from the recollection of the glorious victory of '40! Our former success is a sure guarantee of our future triumph. Let us begin the contest in the fervor of Whig energy, and not slacken our exertions until the WHITE FLAG shall be planted upon the dome of the Capitol.

Partial list of names of Whig Party

James Bailey	George C. Rice	James Temple
I P Stevens	S B Heron	Charles W Crow
J N Crumbacker	Charles Barger	J Frysinger
A Hathaway	P M Wilmarth	R S Norris
Andrew Liddel	Elias Bayliss,	Miers F Truett
Wm Stubbs	Bazil Wells	X Willy
Wm Miller	W P Warwick	James Hosking
Dan Stone	H H Low	W P Ealer
Thomas Garret	Wm J Robinson	A Weirich
Wm Strawbridge	James Virtue	B J Holland
James F Keeler	J B Mennclair	Geo Crookshank
Wm T Gear	James Glasgow	Thomas Clark
Benjamin Burton	Antoine Pelissier	Thomas Parks
Ambrose Sherrill	John Lane	Wm Williams

Galena Semi-Weekly Advertiser – April 2, 1847 – relief fund

FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF IRELAND.
 The Treasurers acknowledge additional contributions from the following sources :
 Collections made by Henry Marfield, Esq., with the assistance of Mr. John Curley.

Contribution Methodist Church, Bench Street	16 50	H Clymo	1 00
T A Livermore	2 00	M Brahanoy	3 00
H M'Neill	1 00	"A Miner, of Mineral Point, rec'd per	
David Owen	1 00	C S Hempstead,	5 00
James Hoskins	1 00	James Campbell	1 00
Saml Hughlett	5 00	Win Fiddick	2 00
Collections made at Hazle Green, Wisconsin, rec'd per D S Brewster, Esq.	44 75	Benson Gallaway	1 00
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			\$34 25

Galena Semi-Weekly Advertiser – August 17, 1847 – tavern for rent?

TAVERN FOR RENT.
THE well known Tavern stand situated on Main st. Galena, called the "White Hart Inn," and at present occupied by Messrs. Gourd & Ivey, is offered for rent on reasonable terms. Possession given 1st of June. For further particulars inquire of the subscriber,
 JAMES HOSKINS.
 Galena, May 1, 1847. n26lf.

Galena Daily Courier – September 17, 1859 – suicide attempt – not sure if this was him

On the evening of the 11th inst., Mr. Jas. Hoskins, having become tired of this world's cares, made an attempt to put an end to his existence by hanging. He was discovered and cut down in time to prevent the full accomplishment of his design.

Galena Daily Courier – August 2, 1860 – death/funeral (date matches the grave headstone even though the last name is given as Hoskins).

Death of an Old Citizen.

Mr. James W. Hoskins, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died in this city yesterday, the 1st inst. He was eighty years⁸ of age, and he had been a resident of this city for over fifteen years. His funeral took place this afternoon, from the Bench Street M. E. Church, of which he has long been a prominent and most exemplary member.

Galena Daily Advertiser – August 2, 1860 – death/funeral

Death of James W. Hoskins.

Our old citizens are, one by one, departing. Yesterday, we were called upon in the order of events, to notice the death of D'Arcy A. French, aged 70 years. Today, we sorrow deeply at the departure of another of still greater age, and whose friendly intimacy we long shared.

On August 1st, 1860, died in this city, JAMES W. HOSKINS, at the age of 80 years. He was born in the county of Cornwall, England, January 10th, 1780. From time he was 15 years of age till he came to this city in 1832 he followed the sea for most of the time, trading between England and the East and West Indies. A part of the time, however, if we are not mistaken, he was engaged in the silver mines of South America. Wherever the lot of our departed friend was cast, we venture to affirm that he met all the requirements of a noble manhood. He was as true to himself, to his country and to his God as most men get to be in this world of trial; and he laid down his life calmly and without fear, like a true Christian, when life's long voyage was over. Peace to the ashes of a just and upright man, whose natural courage, and modest bearing, and independent spirit, and humble trust in the guidance of a wiser hand than that of man, will long be remembered with veneration by all who knew him well. Forty-eight years ago he received the doctrines of christianity by experimental faith; fourteen years ago he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, of which he died a member.

The Funeral will take place from the Bench Street M. E. Church, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

Galena Daily Gazette – March 15, 1884 – death/funeral of wife

Mrs. Rebecca Hoskins died at her residence on Broadway, in this city, last evening, at the advanced age of 89 years. Deceased came to America from the County of Cornwall, England, in 1839, and was one of the early settlers of Galena. Her husband, Mr. James Hoskins, died here in 1860. The funeral will take place from the First M. E. Church tomorrow (Sunday), at 4 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Galena Daily Gazette – September 8, 1884 – daughter's death?

Mrs. Mary Bailey, formerly of this neighborhood, and a daughter of the late James Hosking, died of paralysis at her home in Sonora, California, Aug. 27. She was an estimable lady. Her brother J. L. Hosking, resides at Sonora.

Galena Daily Gazette – February 14, 1884 – son's death?

We have received a notice of the death of Mr. John J. Hosking, at Sonora, California. The funeral occurred January 19. The deceased formerly resided in this vicinity and was a son of the late James Hosking.

From Ancestry.com

1850's Census Listing:

Name James Hoskins

Gender Male

Race White

Residence Age 71

Birth Date abt 1779

Birthplace England

Residence Date 1850

Home in 1850 Galena, Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA

Real Estate 2500

Line Number 8

Dwelling Number 2394

Family Number 2398

Inferred Spouse

Rebecca Hoskins

Household Members (Name) Age

James Hoskins 71

Rebecca Hoskins 52

Dwell- ing num- ber	Family in year 1860	in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color.	years of age.	Value own	or Country.	Mar- ried year	At- tend with	con- vict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1		Alfonso	42	M				"				
2		Ann Hoaglin	60	F				Pennsylv				
3	1392	John as Biggs	35	M		Labour		England				
4		Sharon etc	35	F				"				
5		Edward	11	M				"				
6	1393	John J. Radick	22	M		Miner		"				
7		Rachael	18	F				Pennsylv				
8	1394	James Hoskins	71	M			2500	England				
9		Hebece	52	F				"				
10	1395	John	38	M				"				
11	1396	Thomas Jones	30	M		Miner		Wales				
12		Mary	17	F				"				
13		William	5	M				Pennsylv				
14		John	2	M				"				
15		Mary	9	F				Illinois				
16	1397	Lewis M. McCormack	27	M		Labour		Ireland				
17		Ann	60	F				"				
18		Mary	35	F				"				
19		Leathen	23	F				"				
20		John	20	M				"				
21		Ann	18	F				"				

1860's Census Listing:

Name James Hoskins

Age 80

Birth Year abt 1780

Gender Male

Race White

Birth Place England

Home in 1860 Galena Ward 5, Jo Daviess, Illinois

Post Office Galena

Dwelling Number 1393

Family Number 1477

Real Estate Value 1200

Personal Estate Value 100

Household Members (Name) Age

James Hoskins 80

Rebecca Hoskins 58

From Find A Grave:

Name James W. Hosking

Birth Place Cornwall, England

Death Date 1 Aug 1860

Cemetery Greenwood Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, United States of America

Has Bio? N

Spouse

Rebecca Hosking

URL

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68259136/james-w.-hosking>



JOS W. HOSKING
BORN 1802
EMIGRATED

From Helston
Cornwall England

DIED
Aug. 1. 1860;
Æ. 80 y's 6 m's
& 21 days.

Will and probate records for James:

Name James Hosking

Gender Male

Residence Date Abt 1855

Residence Place Galena, Jo Daviess, Illinois

Will Date 27 Sep 1855

Probate Date 27 Sep 1855

Probate Place Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA

Inferred Death Date 1855

Inferred Death Place Illinois, USA

Item Description Will Records, Vol A-C, 1850-1882

Others Listed (Name) Relationship

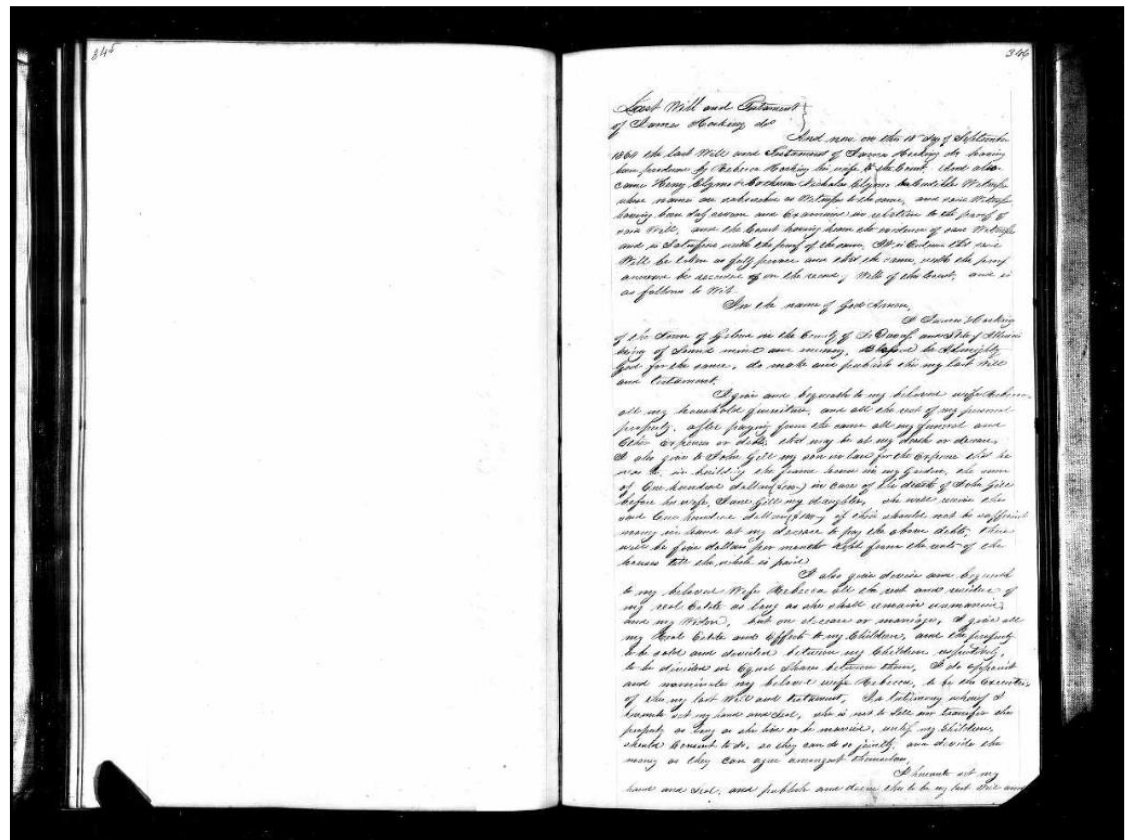
James Hosking

Rebecca Hosking Wife

John Gill Son-in-law

Jane Gill Daughter

Picture of will



1880's Census Listing for Rebecca as widow:

Name Rebecca Haskins

Age 75

Birth Date Abt 1805

Birthplace England

Home in 1880 Galena, Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA

Street Old Town

House Number 250

Dwelling Number 275

Race White

Gender Female

Marital Status Widowed

Father's Birthplace England

Mother's Birthplace England

Occupation Boarder

Neighbors View others on page

Household Members (Name) Age

Rebecca Haskins 75

From Find A Grave for Rebecca:

Name Rebecca Hosking

Maiden Name Tonkin

Birth Date 1803

Birth Place England

Death Date 16 Mar 1894

Death Place Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, United States of America

Cemetery Greenwood Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, United States of America

Has Bio? Y

Spouse James W. Hosking

URL

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/243415930/rebecca-hosking>



*In
Memory of*
**Rebecca
Hoskins**

From
Cornwall
ENGLAND

DIED

Mar. 16, 1884

AE 89. YEARS

Miscellaneous Information:

James W. Hosking was born around 1779 in Helston, Cornwall, England.

James died on August 1, 1860, in Galena, Illinois and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He was 80 years, 8 months, and 21 days of age according to the headstone.

James emigrated from England around 1832 with his wife.

His wife was Rebecca Tonkin Hosking. She was born in 1803 in England.

Rebecca died on March 16, 1884, in Galena, Illinois and is buried next to her husband in Greenwood Cemetery.

James and Rebecca may have had a few children, but not much information can be found. Based on the articles above, it looks as if there was a son named Charles, but no information is available.

Two other children listed (articles are above) are John and Mary who appear to have lived in California. In the census listing, there is mention of a daughter Jane Gill, who was married to John Gill. No further information was found on Jane Gill.

Subsequent Ownership:

Since there is not much information to find on James Hosking, additional research was completed on the next owner, listed as George Edwards (purchased around 1884). Since Edwards was a common name in the area, it was difficult to determine for sure which newspaper articles pertained to this specific George Edwards but based on the content of the articles those believed to be about this person (to the best of our knowledge) are included in this document. There appears to have been two men named George Edwards living in Galena around the same time, so we had to speculate as to which ones were about the man we were researching.

Articles on George Edwards – second house owner

Galena Daily Gazette - June 25, 1874 – brother's injury

Charles Edwards, thirteen years old, brother of Mr. George Edwards, at the upper end of the city, had his finger's caught in the machinery at Mr. Westwick's foundery, a few days ago, and quite badly hurt. The end of the middle finger was completely torn off.

Galena Daily Gazette – March 27, 1879 – property purchase from grandmother

Whitham, Ann to George R. Edwards, March 18, 1879; undivided q of lt 10, blk 1, lts 1 and 11 in blk 2, lt 10 in blk 5, etc., in Young's Add to Galena; lts 12 and 13, Broadway, etc.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 26, 1879 – sister's death

Mrs. Selina Newcomer, formerly Miss Selina Edwards, of Galena, died at Washington D. C. May 20, 1879, aged 26 years and 11 months. At the time of her death she was visiting relatives in Washington. She was a sister of George R. and Charles Edwards of this city. An excellent lady is cut off in the bloom of young womanhood.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 27, 1881 – election judge – possibly him?

JUDGES OF ELECTION.
First Ward—George Rouy, James Wilson,
David Breen.
Second Ward—John Casserly, Chas. Miller,
John Evans.
Third Ward—J. Y. Wonderly, B. C. St. Cyr,
Jacob Klein.
Fourth Ward—Valentine Dietz, Allan Tom-
lin, Samuel Frazier.
Fifth Ward—Wm. Kloth, Michael Magee,
George R. Edwards.
J. B. FRENCH, City Clerk.
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**Galena Daily Gazette – November 4, 1882 – County Treasurer candidate –
not sure if correct person.**

George R. Edwards, independent
candidate for County Treasurer, de-
livered an address at 1:30 o'clock
this afternoon, on the Market Square,
in which he set forth his peculia-
claims and capabilities for that office

**Galena Daily Gazette – November 6, 1882 – County Treasurer candidate –
not sure if correct person.**

Announcement.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate
before the people, for the office of County
Treasurer, believing I can perform the du-
ties of the office satisfactorily.
GEORGE R. EDWARDS.
Dated Galena, August 10, 1882.

Galena Daily Gazette – March 8, 1883 – election clerk – possibly him?

For the Fifth Ward—To be judges,
Wm. Kloth, W. P. Evans and Mich'l
Magee; and to be clerks, George R.
Edwards and Anton F. Luning, Jr.;

Galena Daily Gazette – September 23, 1884 – grandmother's executor

Executor's Notice.
ESTATE of Ann Whitham, deceased.
The undersigned, having been appointed
Executor of the last will and testament of
Ann Whitham, late of the county of Jo
Daviess and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby
gives notice that he will appear before the
county court of Jo Daviess county, at the court
house in Galena, at the November term, on the
3d Monday in November next, at which time all
persons having claims against said estate are
notified and requested to attend for the pur-
pose of having the same adjusted. All per-
sons indebted to said estate are requested to
make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 3d day of September, A. D. 1884.
GEORGE R. EDWARDS Executor.

**Galena Daily Gazette – April 19, 1886 – alderman nomination – not sure if
correct person.**

At a citizens' caucus in the Fifth
Ward Saturday evening Mr. George R.
Edwards was nominated for alderman of
that ward. The Democrat caucus in the
First Ward Saturday evening nominated
Dr. M. H. Cleary, who will contest the
re-election of Alderman O. S. Horton.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 29, 1886 – houses for rent

George R. Edwards has some nice dwelling houses to rent after June 1.

Galena Daily Gazette – September 17, 1887 – houses for rent

GEOERGE R. EDWARDS, GALENA, ILL.,
Real Estate Dealer.
Dwelling houses for rent. Rents collected and taxes paid. Corner Broadway and Meeker streets. 4:7z§

Galena Daily Gazette – June 11, 1888 – sidewalks

AN ORDINANCE
For Sidewalks.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Galena :
SEC. 1. That sidewalks as hereinafter specified shall be built of two-inch plank, laid on and securely nailed to four by four stringers, laid on an even grade and under the supervision and subject to the approval of the city street commissioner, touching upon the line of the following described lots, block, tracts or parcels of land situated in the City of Galena, County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois, to-wit:

East side of south 68 feet of lot 64, west side of Gratiot street, 68 feet long, 4 feet wide, George R. Edwards owner.

Galena Daily Gazette – December 9, 1889 – water to houses

George R. Edwards has had the city water service put in eight of his tenement houses on Broadway.

Galena Daily Gazette – December 23, 1889 – house for rent – possibly him?

George R. Edwards has a good dwelling house on Seminary Hill for rent.

Galena Daily Gazette – March 22, 1890 – shoemaker rents house

Casper Meyer has come to Galena from Dyersville, Iowa, to engage in the manufacture of wooden shoes. He has rented a building of George Edwards, on Meeker street, in which he pursues his vocation. He does his work by machine and turns out a light, comfortable and handsome shoe. Mr. Meyer lived in Galena thirty years ago.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 8, 1890 – houses for rent

George R. Edwards has some dwelling houses for rent.

Galena Daily Gazette – July 17, 1890 – property purchase

Tax Sale Notice.

To Whom it May Concern:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of real estate made by the county collector of Jo Daviess county, state of Illinois, at the court house, in the city of Galena, county and state aforesaid, on the 15th day of November 1888, I purchased the following described real estate situated in West Galena, county and state aforesaid, to-wit:

Lot 89 E. Gratiot St., in West Galena, assessed to unknown. Said real estate being sold for taxes, interest, cost and printer's fee, in pursuance of Section 203 of the Revenue Law of the state of Illinois, as amended and approved June 2nd, 1881.

The time allowed by law for the redemption of said real estate from said sale will expire November 15th, 1890.

GEORGE R. EDWARDS.

Galena Daily Gazette – August 30, 1890 – property purchase

The house and lot of the late Mrs. Mary Dunne, on Gratiot street, was sold this morning at executor's sale, the purchaser being George R. Edwards and the price \$297. Capt. D. W. Corey conducted the sale in front of the court house.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 7, 1891 – houses for rent

George R. Edwards has some desirable houses and rooms to rent. Inquire at the corner of Meeker street and Broadway.

Galena Daily Gazette – October 27, 1891 – houses for rent

George R. Edwards has some houses to rent. Those desiring a house would do well to call on him on Broadway.

Galena Daily Gazette – November 18, 1891 – house purchase?

Sale of the Smith Property on Bench Street.

The three brick houses on Bench street belonging to the Bradner Smith estate were sold at auction this afternoon, Robert Brand crying the sale. There were a number of bidders and the property brought good prices.

The Smith homestead at the corner of Hill street, now occupied by A. J. Louchheim, was sold to John Cloran, Jr., the price being \$2,600.

Judge Hodson bought the upper of the two brick houses adjoining each other, the price being \$1,505.

The third house was not sold at auction, but immediately after it was bought by George R. Edwards for \$1,000.

Galena Daily Gazette – December 8, 1891 – house repairs

George R. Edwards is making extensive repairs on the dwelling house on Bench street which he recently purchased.

Galena Daily Gazette – December 29, 1891 – teaching classes

Book-Keeping,

SHORTHAND-WRITING AND TYPE-WRITING.

George R. Edwards has, at his residence on Broadway, opened a Counting-Room, and, in other ways enlarged his facilities for teaching; and will teach an extended course in Book-Keeping, Short-Hand-Writing and Type-Writing.

There will be daily and evening sessions, so as to accommodate those who can give only a portion of their time to study. Not only residents of the city, but those living in the country can make arrangements by which they can be accommodated.

Persons wishing to learn these useful and instructive branches will find it to their advantage to call. Office and residence, corner Broadway and Meeker streets.

Post Office address:

GEO. R. EDWARDS,
xz **Box 764, Galena, Ill.**

Galena Daily Gazette – May 17, 1892 – house rental

W. H. Blewett has moved into the house on Bench street which was recently purchased by George Edwards.

Galena Daily Gazette – February 27, 1893 – runaway horse damage

Three young men from Council Hill came to town Sunday evening in a cutter. While driving up Bench street their team became unmanageable and ran away, throwing out the occupants of the cutter near Turner Hall. The runaway collided with William Kloth's building at the cor-

ner of Broadway and then dashed into the front of George Edwards' residence across the street, damaging a window. They continued their flight until near the Zins place north of town, where they were captured.

Galena Daily Gazette – July 7, 1893 – property sale

George R. Edwards has sold to the Misses Sarah E. and Lizzie K. Virtue, of Rawlins, a lot on Broadway adjacent to Whitham row. A house will be erected thereon this season and the two ladies and their mother will come to Galena to live.

Galena Daily Gazette – August 7, 1893 – house upgrades

George R. Edwards has about completed the extensive improvements on the Whitham row on Broadway, which were begun last month. He has now let the contract for bath-room, and complete water systems in all the houses. This extensive contract has been taken by C. A. Asmus.

Galena Daily Gazette – August 8, 1893 – horse complaint

George R. Edwards complained on Joseph Hans, the milkman, for allowing his horse to stand untied in the public street. The case was brought before Justice Ryan and Mr. Hans acknowledged the truth of the charge and paid a fine of \$5. Mr. Edwards also picked up two horses which were running loose on his property, stabled them, and required the owners to pay the cost.

Galena Daily Gazette – October 3, 1893 – house upgrades

George R. Edwards has now about completed the extensive improvements on the Whitham row which were begun early in the summer. The houses are practically new now and come nearer the modern idea than the general run of rented houses in the city.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 1, 1894 – cow complaint

George R. Edwards is continuing his crusade against violators of the cow laws. Complaints have been sworn out by him against five citizens of the upper end of town whose cows have been at large, regardless of the law. One of the defendants settled and the other cases are to come before Justice Ryan. Mr. Edwards is determined to protect laws and lawns against the intrusion of Queen Cow to such extent as he is able.

AN INCIPIENT BLAZE.

Residence of George R. Edwards Has a Narrow Escape.

The residence of George R. Edwards at the corner of Broadway and Meeker street was seriously damaged by a fire early this morning and had a narrow escape from total destruction. The building is a one-story frame, with basement, and has a two-story addition in the rear, which is occupied by other tenants. The only inmates of the main part of the house last night were George and Charles Edwards, their mother being at Warren on a visit to friends.

At 3:30 o'clock in the morning Charles Edwards was awakened by the smell of smoke, and he found the house full of smoke, while a fire crackled and burned in the attic overhead. An alarm was turned in at the No. 3 fire-house and the Leadmine hose company responded promptly and soon had the fire under control. The walls and ceilings were badly damaged by fire and water, and the loss will amount probably to \$200. It is fully covered by insurance in the Continental. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

Galena Daily Gazette – March 8, 1895 – second house fire

WORK OF INCENDIARIES

AN OLD LANDMARK IS IN RUINS

The Second Fire in a Week in the Property
of George R. Edwards.

A fire just after midnight this morning, which was beyond reasonable doubt the work of incendiaries, reduced to ruins one of the landmarks of Meeker street, the old building belonging to George R. Edwards which stood at the west end of the small bridge across Hughlett's branch. It has had many uses in its day, but was last occupied as a barn by John Palmer. Mr. Edwards owns a block of property bounded on two sides by Meeker street and Broadway, and including fifteen dwelling houses and the building destroyed. The fact that this was the second fire to occur in a week in the block confirms the suspicion of incendiarism.

The fire was detected and the alarm turned in from No. 3 fire station at 12:30 o'clock. The Leadmine hose company made such prompt response that although the building was of wood throughout, dry as tinder and the second floor filled with hay, it was partially saved and the four burned walls are still standing. The building was insured for \$200 in the Continental. Mr Palmer lost the hay stored in the loft and a few small implements and miscellaneous articles.

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Galena Daily Gazette – March 8, 1895 – second house fire (contd)

Fire Marshal Grady had a narrow escape from injury during the progress of the fire. He was forcing the front doors open when a heavy board fell from the top of the building and struck him on the side of the head with sufficient force to knock him down. The Liberty Hook and Ladder company reported for duty but was not brought into requisition.

The fire was soon subdued, and as is believed, was thoroughly quenched. But at 3:30 o'clock a fresh blaze was discovered in the northwest corner, which had previously escaped. No alarm was given but the Leadmine boys were called out again and soon put out the blaze.

Just a week before, at 3 o'clock Friday morning, the dwelling occupied by Mr. Edwards was discovered to be on fire. The blaze was controlled, but not until damage to the extent of \$200 had been done. It was surmised then that incendiaries had been at work but no overt charge was made. In this case, however, there was no stove or light in the building and it is palpable that the fire was deliberately set.

One theory advanced and one which Mr. Edwards thinks plausible, is that some one whose enmity he incurred through his enforcement of the cattle laws may have committed the despicable crimes. He was one of the few who had the moral courage to attempt to enforce the laws for keeping cattle inclosed and was instrumental in securing several convictions. Of course the connection of the two circumstances is merely suggested, without any evidence to point to any individual as the perpetrator of the heinous crime of firing a dwelling at night. The only ground for the theory is that Mr. Edwards knows of no other enemies, and the deeds were certainly the work of an enemy.

Galena Daily Gazette – September 3, 1895 – library donation

The following is a list of books and periodicals recently given to the library:

Rollins' Ancient History, two volumes, given by George R. Edwards.

Galena Daily Gazette – April 7, 1897 – house sale

The sale of the extensive George R. Edwards residence property is in progress this afternoon.

Galena Daily Gazette – April 8, 1897 – house sale

The auction sale of the George R. Edwards property Wednesday afternoon proved fruitless, not one bid being offered. This was not because the property is not desirable as an investment but because of the complications affecting the title. The property takes in a whole block of residences bounded by Broadway and Meeker street, and good property in other parts of the city.

Galena Daily Gazette – April 16, 1897 – auction of property

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Jo Daviess County, 88-
In Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County—In Chan-
cery. Thomas Dower vs. George R. Edwards
and Selina Glen.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that, in
pursuance of a decree entered on the 22nd day of
February, A. D., 1897, by the said Court, in the
above entitled cause, I, JAMES S. BAUME,
Master in Chancery of said Jo Daviess County,
will, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon on

Wednesday, the 21st day of April

A. D., 1897, at the front door of the Court House
in the City of Galena in said Jo Daviess County,
sell, at Public Vendue, to the highest and best
bidder, for cash the following described Real
Estate, lying and being in the County of Jo Da-
viess and State of Illinois, or so much thereof
as shall be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-
wit:

Lots 10 and 11, in Center Addition to the
City of Galena on the west side of Galena river.

Dated at Galena, Illinois, this 16th day of
March A. D., 1897. JAMES S. BAUME,
Master in Chancery.

JONES & KERZ, Complainant's Solicitors.

Galena Daily Gazette – July 6, 1897 - auction of property

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the
Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess
county and State of Illinois, and to me directed,
whereby I am commanded to make the amount
of a certain judgment recently obtained against
George R. Edwards in favor of John Fiddick
out of the lands, tenements of the said George
R. Edwards, I have levied on the following de-
scribed property, to wit: Lots ten and eleven
(10 and 11) in center addition to Galena, the
south half of lot sixty-four (64), on the west side
of Gratiot street, fronting sixty-seven (67) feet
on Gratiot street and two hundred and seventeen
(217) feet on Brown street and sixty-seven (67)
feet on Harrison street; also the south thirty (30)
feet of the north half of said lot, fronting thirty
(30) feet on Gratiot street, running westerly the
same width to Harrison street; also the north
half of lot six (6), block (25), being fifty feet
front on Harrison street and one hundred and
sixty-one (161) feet deep, more or less, on the
west side of Galena River; also the south one-
half (1/2) fifteen feet and three inches, lot forty-
six (46), east side of Bench street; also lots nine
and twelve (9 and 12) east side of Broadway, all
in the City of Galena, County of Jo Daviess and
State of Illinois.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall
expose for sale at public auction, all the right,
title and interest of the above named George R.
Edwards in the above described property at two
o'clock p. m., on Saturday, the 24th day of July,
A. D. 1897, at the front door of the Court House,
in the City of Galena.

Dated at Galena, Illinois, this 18th day of
June, A. D. 1897.

J. WARREN PARKER,
Sheriff of Jo Daviess County.

Per EDWARD CLARK, Deputy, 23j

Galena Daily Gazette – May 24, 1898 – property auction

Sold at Auction.

“Whitham Row” the property of George Edwards was sold at auction by Deputy Sheriff Clark at the hour of 10 o'clock this forenoon at the front steps of the court house under a foreclosure of a mortgage. The highest bid offered was by the Hoskins Lumber company and reached the sum of \$3118.82. It was knocked down to the company at that figure. The property is a very desirable one for dwelling purposes and is located on Broadway. The figure for which it sold was a very reasonable one.

Galena Daily Gazette – June 10, 1898 – visitors

Sunday we enjoyed a second pleasant visit from a former resident of old Galena, in the person of Mr. J. L. Rice of Washington. He was accompanied by his three sons and a cousin, Mr. Williams. They are related to Mr. George Edwards on Broadway. Mr. Rice was formerly a saddler in Galena but removed to Washington in 1880, where he is now in the grocery and provision business. Company M has

Galena Daily Gazette – July 26, 1898 – property auction

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an Alias Execution issued out of the clerk's office of the county court of Jo Daviess county, and state of Illinois, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against George R. Edwards in favor of George C. Blish which judgment was assigned to Isaac Ritter out of the lands and tenements of the said George R. Edwards, I have levied on all the right, title and interest of George R. Edwards in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lots ten (10) and eleven (11) in Center Addition to the City of Galena on the west side of Galena river in the county of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named George R. Edwards in and to the above described property, at ten o'clock a. m., on

Saturday, the Sixth Day of August, 1898,
at the front door of the court house, in the city of Galena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois.

Dated at Galena, Illinois, this 18th day of July, 1898.

J. WARREN PARKER,
Sheriff Jo Daviess County.

Per EDWARD CLARK, Deputy—xgj

Galena Daily Gazette – August 4, 1898 – property auction

The George R. Edwards property on Dewey avenue, known as Whitham Row, will be sold at public auction at 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon at the front door of the court house to satisfy a judgment in favor of George C. Blish assigned to Isaac Ritter.

Galena Daily Gazette – January 28, 1899 – mother's death

The mother of George R. Edwards of this city passed away at her home in Montfort last Friday. Mr. Edwards was at her bedside when death came to relieve her from suffering which earthly knowledge and skill could not alleviate. The decedent was quite well known in this city where she resided at one time. It is not known when or where the funeral will be held.

Galena Daily Gazette – February 7, 1899 – mother's death

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Salina Edwards.

Died at Montfort, Wis., Jan. 27, '99, Mrs. Salina Edwards, in the 80th year of her age. The deceased was born in Leeds, England, in 1819, coming to Valley Forge, Pa., the same year with her parents where they resided until 1839. In this year they moved to Galena, Ill., and were among its first settlers and among the founders of the M. E. Church at that place. About 1870, the deceased became an active member of that church, and although reticent in manner, she acted upon the teachings of Him who taught "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of one of these ye do it unto me." And many are they who can tell of her benevolence and kindness. She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. P. T. Stevens of Montfort, Wis., and three sons, George R. Edwards of Galena, Ill., John A. Edwards of Dakota, and Prof. C. W. Edwards of Chicago, beside one sister, Mrs. Sarah G. Rice, Washington, D. C.

Galena Daily Gazette – October 4, 1899 – property changes

The passage of time makes wonderful changes even in an old city like Galena. For very many years there stood a long, low, rambling frame house on the corner of Broadway and Meeker street, which during recent years was owned and partially occupied by George R. Edwards, who also owned Whitham Row. Some time ago Mr. Edwards sold his tenement property and a few weeks ago he disposed of the old frame structure to Joseph Bench. Mr. Bench has had the old land-mark pulled down and its site is now the scene of active labor for a number of masons who are busily engaged in laying a foundation for a commodious and handsome modern residence.

Galena Daily Gazette – October 30, 1899 – legal case

STATE OF ILLINOIS,) In the Circuit
County of Jo Daviess,) Court, November
Isaac Ritter vs. George R. Edwards, In Term, A. D., 1899.
Chancery.

Affidavit of the non-residence of George R. Edwards, the defendant above named, having been filed in the office of the clerk of said circuit court of Jo Daviess county, notice is hereby given to the said non-resident defendant, that the complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1899, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, returnable on the second Monday of November, A. D., 1899, as is by law required.

Now therefore unless you, the said George R. Edwards shall personally be and appear before the said circuit court of Jo Daviess county on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the court house, in the city of Galena, in said county on the 13th day of November, A. D., 1899, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same, and the matters and things therein charged and stated, will be taken as confessed, and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at my office in Galena this 14th day of October, A. D., 1899. R. M. SPENSLEY,
Clerk.

J. M. NACK, Complainant's Solicitor.
Galena, Ill., Oct. 14, 1899.

Galena Daily Gazette – November 29, 1899 – former property

Attorney Joseph M. Nack has purchased of Issac Ritter the property adjacent to Whitham Rowe on the north and formerly owned by George R. Edwards. Mr. Nack does not expect to occupy it as a family residence for himself at present but will rent it.

Galena Daily Gazette – December 14, 1899 – property sale

George R. Edwards to Isaac Ritter,
w d, lot 12, Center add Galena..... 1,000

Galena Daily Gazette – April 4, 1900 – property sale

251-14
251-12.

Tax Purchaser's Notice.

March, 31, 1900.

To Geo. R. Edwards George R. Edwards and the unknown owner or owners of and all persons interested in the following described lots:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of real estate, made by the county treasurer and collector of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, at the court house in the city of Galena, county of Jo Daviess and state of Illinois, on the 5th day of July, A. D., 1898, J. Dick Hardin purchased the following described real estate, situated in said county for the taxes, interest, penalties and costs, due and unpaid thereon for the years A. D., 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897, to-wit: Listed, assessed and taxed in the name of Geo. R. Edwards.

Description of the lots purchased: Located in the city of Galena, original lots Young's addition, lot 2, block 25, and lot 10, block 5.

And that the time allowed by law for the redemption of said real estate will expire on the 5th day of July, A. D., 1900.

J. DICK HARDIN.

251-19

Tax Purchaser's Notice.

March, 31, 1900.

To G. R. Edwards, George R. Edwards and the unknown owner or owners of and all persons interested in the following described lots:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of real estate, made by the county treasurer and collector of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, at the court house, in the city of Galena, county of Jo Daviess and state of Illinois, on the 5th day of July, A. D., 1898, J. Dick Hardin, purchased the following described real estate, situated in said county for the taxes, interest, penalties and costs, due and unpaid thereon, for the years A. D., 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, to-wit: Listed, assessed and taxed in the name of G. R. Edwards.

Description of the lot purchased: Located in West Galena in Young's addition, lot 7, block 4.

And that the time allowed by law for the redemption of said real estate will expire on the 5th day of July, A. D., 1900.

J. DICK HARDIN.

Galena Daily Gazette – May 24, 1900 – property sale?

George R Edwards to Nicholas Seubert, w d, pt lot 46, e side Bench St, Galena. 1,000

Galena Daily Gazette – June 7, 1900 – delinquent taxes

THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

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Edwards, George R	12	8	3 91
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Kerwin, R	1	10	12
Edwards, Geo R	6	11	10 09
Young, Alex	11	11	5 05
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Galena Daily Gazette – August 17, 1900 – trip to Washington DC

TOOK A LONG DRIVE.

Former Galenian Travels by Buggy a Thousand Miles.

George R. Edwards, who for many years was a resident of Galena living on the corner of Dewey avenue and Meeker street where the home of C. J. Bench is situated and who later after his financial troubles moved to Chicago and made his home with his brother C. W. Edwards, is now domiciled at Washington, D. C. with a sister who runs a small store on one of the avenues of the Capitol city. In going from Chicago to Washington Mr. Edwards used the means of conveyance very familiar to Galenians when he lived in this city, namely his aged horse and somewhat more ancient buggy. The journey was made by easy stages and proved a pleasure rather than a hardship.

Galena Daily Gazette – February 12, 1901 – property sale

George R Edwards to Isaac Ritter, w
d. pt lt 9 and 10, e side Dewey Ave,
Galena..... 1,000

Galena Daily Gazette – April 6, 1911 – delinquent taxes/property sold

NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
Jo Daviess County } SS.

To Michael Linehan, L. D. Carr,
William C. Nicholas, Oscar McMast-
er, Alex. Warner, Alexander War-
ner, George R. Edwards, Grant Re-
duction Works, and to all unknown
owners and all persons interested:

TAKE NOTICE:—At a sale of
real estate made in pursuance to law
under and by virtue of a judgement
rendered against the same severally
for delinquent general taxes, inter-
est, and costs severally due and un-
paid thereon, duly made in the coun-
ty of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois
J. Dick Hardin purchased on the 6th
day of July A. D., 1909, the follow-
ing described real estate, situated
in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, to wit:

Lot 7 Block 4 Young's Addition,
City of Galena, Listed, Assessed and
Taxed in the name of George R. Ed-
wards, also

Galena Daily Gazette – December 31, 1914 – list of deaths for year

APRIL.

- 2.—George Herman.
 - 3.—Mrs. Charles Baker.
 - 8.—John Miles Gaffney, Dubuque.
 - 12.—Mrs. Harriet Vermilye.
 - 12.—Edward Shanan, St. Charles,
- III.
- 17.—Jacob Mueller.
 - 17.—James Cringle.
 - 18.—Perry Kane.
 - 18.—James M. Ivey.
 - 19.—Caroline Connors.
 - 21.—Jacob Nagel.
 - 21.—Mrs. H. D. Howard.
 - 22.—George R. Edwards.
 - 26.—Enoch Gill, Elizabeth.
 - 26.—Mrs. C. F. Edwards.
 - 28.—Miss Ann Thomas.
 - 28.—Mrs. George Beck.
 - 28.—Miss Josie M. McHugh, Oma-
ha.

From Ancestry.com – 1880 U.S. census

Name **George Edwards**

Age **40**

Birth Date **Abt 1840**

Birthplace **Illinois**

Home in 1880 **Galena, Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA**

Street **Main St 5th Stand**

Dwelling Number **236**

Race **White**

Gender **Male**

Relation to Head of House **Grandson**

Marital Status **Single**

Father's Birthplace **England**

Mother's Name **Selena Edwards**

Mother's Birthplace **England**

Occupation **Schoolteacher**

Months Not Employed **12**

Sick **Paralysis M Legs**

Maimed, Crippled, or Bedridden **Y**

Household Members (Name) **Age** **Relationship**

Ann Whittam **85** **Self (Head)**

Selena Edwards **60** **Daughter**

George Edwards **40** **Grandson**

Charles Edwards **20** **Grandson**

1850 U.S. census:

Name **George Edwards**

Gender **Male**

Race **White**

Residence Age **10**

Birth Date **abt 1840**

Birthplace **Illinois**

Residence Date **1850**

Home in 1850 **Galena, Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA**

Line Number **26**

Dwelling Number **2389**

Family Number **2393**

Inferred Mother **Selina Edwards**

Household Members (Name) **Age**

Selina Edwards **30**

George Edwards **10**

Galusher Edwards **8**

Sarah Edwards **4**

Caroline Edwards **2**

Miscellaneous:

George R. Edwards was born around 1840 and remained single.

His occupation was listed as a school teacher.

It is believed that he passed away on April 22, 1914, but could not find an obituary or information on where he is buried.

He lived most of his life in Galena with his grandmother (Ann Whitham), his mother Salina Edwards, and his brother Charles (CW), who may have moved to Chicago later in life.

His sister Salina passed away when she was only 26 years old.

According to some of the articles, he may also have had a brother John A. of Dakota and another sister, Mrs. P.T. Stevens of Wisconsin.

The census reports also list other family members/children but could not find anything more on them. In one census listing, his “inferred” father is listed as John Edwards, who may have passed away young.

Nothing was found in find a grave, but there was mention of George Edwards who passed away in 1914, but it was a military plaque. There had been no prior mention of his being in the military, so it was not included.