

Haisley Family Reunions in East Central Indiana Newspapers, 1906–1910

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The Haisley family began holding annual reunions in 1906, the first one in Matter Park in Marion, Indiana. The Haisleys originally came to Grant County, Indiana, in 1847 from North Carolina. Ira and Rebecca Haisley moved to Indiana first and were soon joined by siblings.¹ Ira worked as a farmer with their son Jay, while Rebecca kept house for her husband and children.²

Below is a list of names of those who attended the reunions from 1906 to 1910 as reported by area newspapers. Besides attendees, the articles also reported on officer elections and other activities that occurred during the reunions; the officers' names are also listed below. Over the years, the newspaper accounts did not list as many individual names, although they stated that the reunions were well attended. The notices also included announcements about the following year's reunion, including the date and location of the event.³

Notes:

1. "Haisley Reunion," *Fairmount News* (Fairmount, Indiana), August 21, 1906, Newspapers.com, Ancestry.
2. Ira Haisley, 1870 U.S. Census, Liberty, Grant County, Indiana, Roll M593_317; Page 120B, Ancestry.
3. "Haisley Reunion"; "Large Reunion," *Fairmount News*, August 27, 1907; "Local News," *Fairmount News*, August 25, 1908; "Haisley Family at Glen Miller Park," *Richmond Item* (Richmond, Indiana), August 20, 1909; "Society and Personal," *Richmond Morning News*, (Richmond, Indiana), August 18, 1910; "Haisley Family Reunion," *New Castle Courier* (New Castle, Indiana), July 27, 1911, all available through Newspapers.com, Ancestry.

"Haisley Reunion," *Fairmont News*, August 21, 1906

Elected Officers

Jesse Haisley—President

Miss Kittie Haisley—Secretary

Fred Haisley—Treasurer

Attending

Arthur Doherty and family

Melvin Garner and wife

Riley Garner and family

Elwood Garner and family

Cal Miller and wife

Jesse Haisley and wife

O [J?] Hockett and family

Fred Haisley and family

Dora Haisley and family

Charles Carey and family

Harl Haisley and family

Dennis Haisley and family

Ves Haisley and family

Mrs. Millicent Haisley

Misses Kittie and Lucy Haisley and Mayme Ellis

“Large Reunion,” *Fairmont News*, August 27, 1907

Elected Officers

Jesse Haisley—President

Mrs. Roscoe Stuckey—Secretary

Attending

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Haisley

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haisley

Dora Haisley and family

Mrs. O. J. Hockett

Fred Haisley

Miss Mayme Ellis

Mrs. Millicent Haisley and daughter Lucy

Otto Haisley

Mrs. Roscoe Stuckey
Mrs. Henry Doherty and children
S. E. Haisley and family
Mrs. Susannah Hockett
Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock
Mrs. John Peacock
Carlton Peacock and daughter
Dennis Haisley and family
Riley Garner and family
Mel Garner and family

“Local News,” *Fairmont News*, August 25, 1908

Elected Officers

Alpheus Haisley, Richmond—President
Fred Haisley, Richmond —Secretary
Fred Haisley, Fairmount —Treasurer

Attending

Henry Doherty and family
Mrs. Jesse Haisley
Linus Haisley and wife
Carlton Peacock and wife
Mrs. Phoebe Hockett
Mrs. Milicent Haisley
Miss Frances Hinshaw
Fred Haisley and wife
Mel Garner
Mrs. Charles Carey
Lucy, Ethel, Susie, John, and Paul Haisley

“Haisley Family at Glen Miller Park,” *Richmond Item*, August 20, 1909

Elected Officers

F. F. Haisley—President

Fred Haisley—Secretary/Treasurer

Attending

Jesse and Linus Haisley

Linus Haisley

F. F. Haisley

“Society and Personal,” *Richmond Morning News*, August 18, 1910

Elected Officers

Linus Haisley, Fairmont—President

Irvin [Haisley], Muncie—Secretary/Treasurer

Attending

Mr. F. F. Haisley

Ruth Hiatt

Mrs. Glen Haisley

Thelma Overman

Freda Reynolds

Mr. Linus Haisley

Mr. Irvin Haisley

Mentioned Deceased

Dennis Haisley

Mrs. Garner