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Vice-President's Message - by Virginia Smith

Since this is our last Newsletter of 2005, it's time to reflect on some of the year's highlights:

- Rev. Gray resigned as our President because of personal commitments. (As your Vice President, I've been stumbling through the proceedings since April.)
- Elinor Adams, because of family matters, resigned as our corresponding secretary. Thank you, Elinor for four years of service. Jeanne Haynes has agreed to fill that position.
- Dale Neill has completed his first full year of editing this newsletter.
- A new member of the Executive team is Rebekah Headings, who serves as our Webmaster.
- We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our chapter.
- Nancy Katzenbach, Jeanne Haynes and I attended the OGS convention in Akron.
- We had good participation for our annual field trip to the State Library of Ohio.
- Our programs were entertaining and informative, thanks to Don DeGood, who schedules the speakers. Several

projects are in progress:

- Expanding the obituary and surname files. This is being accomplished with the help of several donors and volunteers.
- Updating the job descriptions for the officers and committee chairs.
- Possibly reducing mailing cost by obtaining a non-profit status.
- Compiling an index of late birth registration and death records.

Genealogy research has changed in the last few years, with the rapid and constant improvement of information on the Internet. Our Chapter is receiving almost no "queries" now and we speculate that it's because information is so readily available elsewhere. Microfilm of census records is not being used so much these days, since *Heritage Quest* or *Ancestry.com* make electronic searches convenient. Many libraries, including the Marysville Public library, are staffed to answer email queries. Many areas in the USA have volunteer look-up groups such as Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (<http://www.raogk.org>).

Another change has to do with the increased awareness or sensitivity to privacy issues, a concern of many citizens. We ask library patrons to sign a register, listing their name and address as well as their surnames of interest. Nowadays, folks seem to be reluctant to share this personal information. Our local chapter tries to help researchers by putting them in touch with others researching the same family. On several recent occasions we have found data sought by patron who left without providing contact information.

We don't know what changes are next, but it's important for our organization to keep growing. As you renew your membership this year, consider playing a more active role. If you are unable to attend our meetings, send us a message to let us know what you'd like to see in the newsletter or on our Website. If you can serve as an officer, please let us know, as of this writing we have no candidate for President or Vice-President for 2006-2007.

Thank you to all who guided me through my term as Vice-President. I'd like to wish all our members a wonderful holiday season and many genealogical "finds" in the New Year.

Ginny Smith

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From Don Degood, Our Program Chairman:

DUES ARE DUE!!!

Seems like we just started on 2005, and paying membership dues has been completed. Now, here comes 2006. To see if your Dues are due, look at your mailing label on this Echoes Newsletter. If it has " Expires-01-01-06", your membership expires 01-01-06 and your dues are due for the year 2006. If you are a family rate (again, look at the label; if it has two membership numbers, you are a family rate) the amount is \$12.00. We mail just one Echoes Newsletter per mailing address. For a single subscription the dues are \$10.00.

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Make checks payable to:

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We have had several new members this summer:

- Doris Jolliff 5/23/2005
- Carol Snyder 6/6/2005
- Patricia Schertzer 7/11/2005
researching: Schertzer, Van Atta, Jarvis, Shirk
- Anne Hall 8/29/2005
- Sharon Chuvalas 11/7/2005
researching: DAVIDSON

Queries:

Jon R. Meek, P.O. Box 18507, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73154 seeking info on Zachariah Meek(s), who was in the 1860 Census Liberty Twp. 18yrs.of age. Any info would be helpful.

John C. Donaldson, 716 West Moon Valley Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85023-6215--jcdonaldson@cox.net, seeking biographical info on Rev. Samuel Woods.

Editor's Note: A mistake was made in the last issue

in the "OUR HEROES: Julia Yoder" article. Julia's Grandfather, John Emery Fairbanks, was a cousin of Vice-President Charles Fairbanks. My apologies to Julia Yoder.

***No UCGS Meeting in December 2005
We normally do not have a regular meeting in December Enjoy the
Holiday Season!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

Library News by Nancy Katzenbach

Attention: There are three rolls of microfilm missing from the Newspaper archive files. They are of the Marysville Tribune, from Jan 1989 to July 1, 1990. If you know of the whereabouts, please contact the library, or see that they are returned as soon as possible.

I have started to compile a list of our Family Histories that are on the shelf. As I go through the books, I will place a picture of the book in each surname file (most important surnames that pertain to Union Co.). This will make patrons and myself aware that there is a book with that name in it. Below is the beginning of the list.

List of our Family Histories:

- American Patriot The New Frontier Alexander, Sprague & Related Families By Lynda Alexander Fonde & Marsha Alexander Groff.—Surnames —**Alexander, Sprague, Brake, Shirk, Caruthers, Lavender, Glock, Durr, Sweetzer, Turner, Voight, Hickish, Tway, Twiford, Irwin.**
- The History of Jonathan **Alder** By Henry Clay Alder
- Aliens Quakers of Shenandoah Their Ancestors and Descendants 1636-1984 by Rudelle Mills Davis and Peggy Davidson Dick—Surnames—Allen, **Hull, Bird, Bond, Dobyn, Hawkins, Kingree, Long, Moore, Pennybaker, Pennywitt, Walton, White,**
- My Mother's People Vol.II Pioneer Families by Becky Hardin – **Surnames--Atherton, Elliot, Mather, Shields, Tapp, Treat.**
- American Patriot vs. Hessian Mercenary Vo. I by Lynda Alexander-Fonde & Marsha Alexander-Groff – surnames – **Arnold, Maught, Richards,**
- **Amerine-Amrine** Genealogy 1754-1980 by Wesley W. & Velma (Amerine) Winn
- Lord of Avenel by R. Charles Waymire, Sr. –Surnames – **Waymire, Day, Baker, Hutchens, Lowe, Reed, Ingersoll, Morris, Robinson, Lackey, Biart, Zimmerman**
- Christ and Anna Descendants of Anton **Bach**, Jacob **Daumm**, John **Hartman**, **George Kremer**, and John **Yocum** Compiled by; Patty Dahm Pascoe – other surnames—Breest, **Claty, Corso, Knapp, Konzen,**
- **McCormick, Shafer, Schaefer, Showalter, Zimmer**
- **Ballinger**, by George Jansen, other surnames – **Henning, Carpenter, Field**
- **Asa Bates** His Kin and Some Descendants in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Ohio Compiled by; Loraine Miller Heider
- Ancestry of Lewis **Bates** (1810-1897) Compiled by Loraine Miller Heider, Edited by Paul Edward Bates—surnames —**Ross, Cranston, Rice, Carr, Lewis, Gardiner, Weeden, Gavit, Hart, Nicholson, Underwood, Hungerford, Wilcox, Holden, Clarke, Williams, Wiley, Macoone, Hazard, Dungan, Cocke, Brownell, Weston, Pemberton, Bourne, Cave, Ferrers,**
- Clan **Bell** A Brief History of Clan Bell and the Descendants of John **Bell** Compiled by; Mary K. Ericksen, Ph.D. 2000 – surnames – **Amerine, Black, Chamberlin, Elliott, Humphrey, James, McColloch, Smith, Southard, Watkins, and many others.**
- Ancestors and Descendants of Lucy Ann and George Ephiraim Cleaver Bennett Vol. I & 2 Compiled and --- Edited by; Dorothy Wilkerson **Bertine**—surnames—**Cleaver, Kock, Rambo, Souplis(Supplee) Coulston, Levering, Rees, Thomas, DeHaven, McGlathery, Schumacher, Wentz,**
- **The Bigelow** Family Genealogy Vol. I & II by; The Bigelow Society, Patricia Bigelow, Editor—other surnames—**Bates, Chamberlain, Greene, Harrington, Keyes, Morse, Rice, Skinner, Stearns, Tarpenning, Warren, Wood,**
- The Genealogy of the **Beach** Family by; Ila L. LaRue—other surnames—**Brown**
- **Bishop/Bischoff** Families-- other surnames— **Blumenschein, Boerger, Brake, Burns, Daum, Fogle, Kandel, Kenreich, Kleiber, Nicol, Rausch, Scheiderer, Streng, Thiergartner, Vollrath, Walker,**
- Johannes Francicus **Bibler** Family of Germany and Ohio. By; Martha Morgan-- other surnames—**Harris, Smith, Norris, Morris,**
- Descendants of John Blaw (**Blue**) compiled by William H. Blue 3 Volumes—surnames—**Blaw, Blue, Blew, many others**
- The Bountiful **Bonnettes** by; Rev. Harry B. Parrott Sr. –surnames—**Bonnette, Parrott, Robinson, Zimmerman,** many more.
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- The **Boone** Family, A Genealogical History of the Descendants of George and Mary **Boone** Who came to America in 1717 Compiled by; Hazel Atterbury Spaker –surnames—Boone, **Bryan, Tribble, Hughes, Grubbs, Lincoln, Scholl**
- Thomas **Boon** Immigrant died 1723 Isle of Wright Co, Virginia by; Rupert Farnham Thompson 2 Vol.'s – surnames—Boon, **Boone, Clark, Daughtry, Farnham, Jobe, Lamons, Pye, Thompson, Watts**, and many more

September Meeting: Karen Gwilliams Speaks on UCGS Pioneers

The Union County Genealogical Society met at the Marysville Public Library on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. Vice President Virginia Smith opened the meeting. She announced that this Saturday there will be a program at the Columbus Metropolitan library.

Jeanne Haines read the minutes of the previous meeting, with several corrections. Past President Denise Gresh was not mentioned; Marion Cowgill served first four years rather than two; Ruth Stewart was third president, not second. Vice-President, Virginia Smith, read the Treasurer's report. Dale Neill said Nov. 28 is the next deadline for submitting news for December newsletter.

Nancy Katzenbach presented the library report. Judy Price had brought in some books from her mother, Maxine Burlile: "A Guide to the spelling and Pronunciation of German Names" by Arta F. Johnson; "History of Fayette County Ohio, 1984"; "The Family Name Price" by Ralph A. Price; "The Sheneman-Bickel-Machling-Faust" by Allen D. Sheneman; and "Hildreth Genealogy" by Allen D. Sheneman. Nancy has put "2005 Family Treemaker" on the computer in the library. Ned J. Seachman e-mailed and asked if we would like to have a copy of his book that has Siegman and Gamble names from Union County. He sent the following books: "The Descendants of Johann Heinrich Anton Siegman, Kingdom of Hannover & Elizabeth Keener, York County Pa.

Next month the speaker will be the Director of the Marysville Public Library, Ryan McDonald.

Karen Gwilliams conducted the program of the evening on preparing an application for Union County Pioneers. She explained in detail how to prepare the four page application process for Pioneers. No 4 is the person you are submitting as Pioneer. The other pages show the proof of the various generations you are using. Pages 1-3 will need to be made out for each generation leading up to the **Pioneer**.

The Bouic's provided the refreshments.

Present were Jeanne A. Haynes, Ann Yadon, Margaret Bouic, Dale and Faye Neill, Virginia Smith, Julia R. Yoder, Don Degood; Bill Overacker, Nancy Katzenbach, Ruth Stewart, Dick Seslar, Marian Cowgill, Darlene Shull, Robert Hamilton; Peggy Edwards, Barbara Bouic.

Respectively Submitted, Margaret Bouic

***UCGS First Meeting of 2006 January
17th, 2006***

***Speaker is Jesse Conrad on Ole Magnetic Springs Marysville
Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room 7:00 P.M. Come
join us!***

Thanksgiving Foods Different 100 Years Ago

By Jennifer Viegas, Discovery News, Nov. 23, 2005

One hundred years ago, many Americans on Thanksgiving were eating deep-dish onion and egg pie, which they washed down with homemade root beer, according to a museum director who believes holiday dinners a century ago often were very different than the "traditional" meal that today is enjoyed on the fourth Thursday of November.



While roast turkey now serves as the main course for most, the big bird was a hit-or-miss item a century ago, particularly in rural communities. "Most farmers tried to kill a wild turkey or a deer for Thanksgiving, but more often than not they wound up killing a goose or a hen that no longer was a good egg layer," said George Gross, director of the Delaware Valley College Roth Living Farm Museum in North Wales, Penn. Gross, who says written evidence from a century ago supports his claims, explained to "Discovery News" that deer hunting season begins around this time of year, so venison had a good chance of making it to the Thanksgiving dinner table.

The onion and egg pie, which Gross likened to a quiche, was sort of the green bean casserole of its day, in terms of popularity. He said it took farm dwellers around five hours to prepare, since they had to gather the eggs and milk before preparing the dish and baking it in a wood oven. He is not certain why it fell out of favor. "People probably just started to think that it was too much trouble to make, or that it didn't taste good," he said.

Root beer required two weeks to prepare, but people a century ago felt the effort benefited their health. "Folks believed that root beer was an excellent drink for them, thinking the roots killed bacteria in the drinking water, thus making it safer to drink than water," Gross said. "They hadn't realized that it was the boiling process that was doing the trick and had they wanted to drink safer water, they only needed to boil it."

As for dessert, pumpkin pie was not always served, since he said tarts filled with canned fruit were more popular during the Victorian and Edwardian eras. "If they did eat some kind of squash, it probably would have been cooked, mashed, sweetened, and eaten right out of the bowl," he said. "They sometimes also would make a sweet custard out of pumpkin or other squashes."

Differences were also regional, he said. People in Texas, for example, often would have prepared more regional Tex-Mex fare for the holidays, just as many Texans do today. The overall differences, though, were most obvious between rural and urban dwellers across the U.S. One hundred years ago, turkeys already were being farmed, so city dwellers could purchase a turkey at the local butcher shop.

Timothy Essig is an educator at the Landis Valley Museum, a living history museum located in Lancaster, Penn. The museum chronicles Pennsylvania German culture from 1740 through 1940. Essig told "Discovery News" that he agrees holiday dinners a century ago often were different than today's festive meals. But, he said people of English heritage, and other groups who wished to assimilate with the English, were known to sit down for a turkey and dressing meal on the holidays, especially if farm-raised turkey was available.

Both Gross and Essig said ham and pork products, however, were a definite holiday no-no 100 years ago. "They ate pork all of the time," explained Essig. "If you ate pork sausage, bacon, scrapple, ham, and other pork products practically every day of your life, you wouldn't think pork was anything special."

Whether the main course was venison, or some kind of fowl, people often would feast for two or more days. "Thanksgiving was celebrated after harvest time, so workers wanted to have a party and relax," Essig said. "It also made practical sense, because without refrigeration they could only store leftovers for a few days by putting them in a root cellar, a spring house, or in a container over cold water. Once the meal was made, people basically had to eat, and eat and eat until it was gone."

Minutes from the November 15, 2005 UCGS Meeting

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their meeting on November 15th in the meeting room of the Marysville Public Library.

Vice President, Virginia Smith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She then asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell something about a favorite relative.

Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the October meeting and they were approved as read. Marie then read the treasurer's report in absence of Marian Cowgill. The balance at the end of September is \$4,159.97. Income for the month was \$140.00 and expenses of \$188.23 leaving a balance of \$4,111.74 for the end of October in the checking account. The balance in all accounts was \$17,247.10.

Dale Neill, Newsletter Editor, needs items for the newsletter by November 28. He is also checking about getting the non-profit postage rate.

Jeanne Haynes, Corresponding Secretary, has had one sale since the last meeting.

Nancy Katzenbach, Librarian, reported that she and Margaret have finished the B's for the vertical files. Nancy also thanked Virginia for coming in on Tuesday's and helping.

Program Chair, Don DeGood, gave the meeting topics for 2006 through July.

January 17, 2006 — Jesse Conrad on Ole Magnetic Springs.

February 21, 2006 — Ron Boylan will be telling us how he found a Civil War musket and traced its history and how it ties in with O.M. Scott, a Civil War Veteran.

March 21, 2006 — Grant Kearns on his experience traveling with the Lewis and Clark Reenactment.

April 18, 2006 — Not confirmed, he has contacted Louise Jones of the Ohio Historical Society to speak on Newspaper Research for Genealogists.

May 16, 2006 — Pioneer Banquet at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Patsy Gaines will speak on Early Ohio Stories.

June 20, 2006 — Annual Church Picnic at the Jerome United Methodist Church.

July 18, 2006 — Annual Field Trip to be decided.

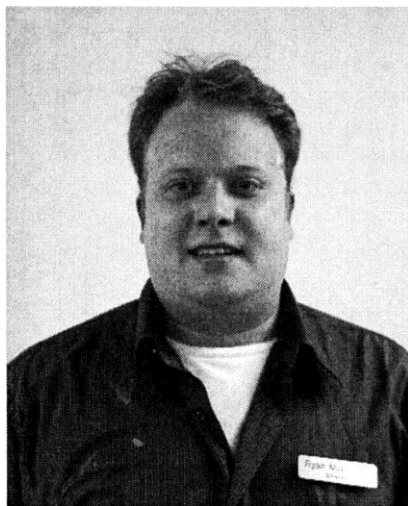
Don has received one new membership for 2006.

Arlene Perkins passed around a sign up sheet for refreshments for 2006.

Old Business:

Virginia opened the floor for nominations for President and Vice President. Don nominated Virginia Smith as President and Barbara Bouic seconded the motion. No further action.

Darlene Shull has typed up the birth registrations and Nina Boerger will proof read them. Virginia is working on the 1st volume of death records. Three microfilm rolls of the 1989 Marysville Journal Tribune are still missing. The cost to replace them is \$100.00 each.



Our speaker for the evening was Ryan McDonnell, director of the Marysville Public Library. He has worked at the library for two years and recently became the director. He was very enthusiastic about future plans for the library. In the past ten years the population of Union County has doubled and it is predicted to double in the next ten years. Users of the library have gone from 2000 to 6800 active users. In 4 1/2 years they are predicting 20,000 active users. The library has gone from 180,000 items circulated in a year to 400,000 items now. They are in a Library Consortium with other libraries in Central Ohio and share materials with them. Now they are borrowing 1000 items a day and borrow more than they share. They recently put counters on the doors and they average 800 patrons a day. The funding from the state is frozen so he is very grateful for the library levy that passed.

From a survey to 1000 Marysville School District residents, they came up with a plan for future growth. The library needs to stay in

Marysville at the present location.

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The library needs to work on reducing the noise, improving customer flow and the customer experience. They need more AV space, a quiet reading space, more meeting rooms, and an enclosed storytime area and more room for the genealogy collection. The building is 20 years old and the overall project is to improve the library's ability to handle the increased number of patrons. Possible solutions are to maximize what they space they have now and make it more efficient. Ryan showed floor plans of what they would like to do and have hired an architect firm to draw up plans to best use the space they have. There is 9000 sq. ft. in the basement that is unfinished. They would like to add another meeting room as the present one is used all the time and they have been turning people away. Also move the administration, AV department, genealogy area and possibly divide the present meeting room.

The library is a school district library and they receive no money from the Marysville School District nor from the city, school or county. They will need to run a Capital Campaign to fund the renovations of the library. They have now consolidated vendors and have cut costs as low as they can.

Ryan also mentioned that patrons could download books anytime. There is also a 24/7 reference librarian that will answer questions from their website. He would be glad to work with our society in planning the new space for the Genealogy collection. He mentioned that Grandview Library has recently digitized 100 years worth of yearbooks and can be accessed from their site. He is hoping we will be able to do something like that but right now the cost is about \$1.00 a page.

Arlene Perkins provided the refreshments for the evening.

Those present: Margaret Bouic, Virginia Smith, Nancy Katzenbach, Don DeGood, Jeanne A. Haynes, Marie Bouic, Dale & Faye Neill, Nina Boerger, Barbara Bouic, Darlene Shull, Arlene Perkins, Dorothy Robinson, James & Lois Dale and Ryan McDonnell

Genealogist's Christmas

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...

"Too bad about the data for which you wrote
Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such
Were proof that my work had become much to much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.

Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring
Christmas cheer;

I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.

The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!
"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy;

When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned.
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.
I gazed with amazement - the cover it read
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."

"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
He said as he gave me a great big Santa Hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!

A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.
Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.
While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

Terry Thacker

Researchers at the Marysville Library

Name	Address	Surname searching for	e-mail address
Sharon Jones	14248 Pleasant Ridge Marysville, Ohio		
Pat Brownell	Biggs, Ca.	Arnold	
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Ancestry Quick Tip Use Care When Entering Data

by Stanley Douglas Kenner

I have had a lot of problems with people and the way they put data into Ancestry World Tree. A lot of people would, hypothetically, put in say, "David Smith, Born 1845, USA." Unfortunately, there were twenty-three Dave Smiths born in the United States in 1845.

If they know his full data is "David Alexander Smith, born 1 Jan 1845 in Warburg Co., Tennessee, U.S.A.", they should include all the information. It is much better to see the second data and know that this is the David you have been looking for years. Also, many neglect to say whether it is Warburg, Tennessee the city, or Warburg County. If it is the city, it should read, "Warburg, Warburg Co., Tennessee." If it is the county, it should read, "Warburg Co., Tennessee." These simple steps would make a tremendous difference for those searching for a person, especially when the name is very common, like say William Smith or Elizabeth Smith.