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President's Message - by Virginia Smith

Each time I attend a genealogy conference, I'm struck by the optimism of the speakers. Only once have I been told to "forget it" - that was regarding the pursuit of my Smith/Schmitt family's German origins. Other than that, the experts encourage us to search for another elusive record that could break through the "brick wall". Most of us give up after we check the census, birth, death and tombstone readings. More determined researchers will look at tax records and land transactions.

Recently, some unusual local documents have shown up in unexpected places. Some have come to light because of our Union County chapter's working relationship with the Union County Historical Society and its president, Bob Parrot. In the August issue of this newsletter, I related the story of the lost Union County 1860 non-population census. Bob also has pointed me to some old Civil War "excuses" retained in our county courthouse, written on small slips of paper and filed by township. These are dated 1862 and seem to be records of men who felt unfit to be drafted into military service. A physician examined these individuals and ruled them excused or unexcused.

Mr. Parrot has allowed us to extract the genealogical information from an old book donated to the Historical Society by a member of the **Jerew** family. The ledger documents financial transactions of the family through the 1850-1860's. The progenitor of the family was Charles Jerew, who through two marriages produced thirteen children. Charles listed his occupation as a shoemaker, but the ledger shows he supplemented his income by doing farm work for neighbors. We can see the expenditures of the household as well as the farm activity in Jackson Township, and many neighbors are mentioned. In addition to the financial information, there are vital records such as those more commonly found in family Bibles. Vital records include Charles Jerew and his son, Jesse, and their progeny.

When I met Carol Marshall, who runs the office at the Jerome Township Hall, she invited Nancy Katzenbach, our librarian, and me to help organize some old records maintained by the Township Clerk. Although we have yet to uncover pre-1900 records, we have found a program of the 1915 Fair listing livestock exhibitors, receipts for crow heads (for which a bounty of 250/head was paid), some burial records, relief orders (aid to families in need during the depression), lists of teachers and school children. Carol is to be commended for her efforts to preserve this history.

You just never know what may turn up, and thankfully, there seems to be always another place to look. So, I'm not giving up entirely on my German Smith problem, since I have found a few unexpected clues.

Ginny

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QUERIES: (Submitted by UCGS Librarian Nancy Kallenbach)

Donna Wills, dw54dw@alltel.net, is searching for any information on Hollis Conkright, born in Ohio, date unknown. Married Betsey Brown on Sept. 30, 1834; then married her sister, Sarah Ellen Brown, on May 27, 1838, in Union County. Hollis and Sarah had three daughters, Sarah, Mary Ann, and Nancy. (Mary Ann and Nancy married brothers).
Sarah married a second time — to Richard Columber in Delaware County on Dec. 5, 1846.
Donna is trying to determine what happened to Hollis Conkright. Were he and Sarah divorced, or did he pass away prior to her remarriage?

From our Webmaster, Rebekah Headings

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Please add my email address, rebekahmary@hughes.net, to your Spam guard if you wish to continue to receive online notices regarding the Union County Genealogical Society. I recently assumed the responsibility of emailing such notices. Many notices are bouncing back to me. If you are not currently receiving online notices and wish to be added to the list, please email me with your desired delivery email address.

THANK YOU!

List of Books that have finally been cataloged and put on the shelf (Submitted by (UCGS Librarian Nancy Kallenbach)

- Vol 9 - Hardin Co. Marriage Books 40-47 (1978-1994)
- Vol 1 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 2 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 3 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 4 - Old Ada Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 5 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 6 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 1 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Vol 8 - Old Kenton Newspaper Death & Marriage Notices
- Calvary Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake Township, Logan County, Ohio
- Dunkirk Cemetery Stone Readings
- Hale Township Cemetery Listing (Including Burial Permits)
- Preston Cemetery (Marion Township) Burial Permit Records Volume
- Preston Cemetery (Marion Twp.) Index to Burials
- Montgomery Township Cemetery, Marion County, Ohio
- Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Big Island Township, Marion County, Ohio
- Green Camp Twp. Cemetery, Marion County, Ohio
- Waldo & Pleasant Townships Cemetery, Marion County, Ohio
- Index to Recorded Deaths of Union County, Ohio, prior to 1909
- A History of Jonathan Alder - Edited by Larry L Nelson
- Maude (1883-1993) She Grew up with the Country - by her son Mardo Williams
- Rice Family from Wales to Union County - by Rev. Jack A. Rice
- John & Harriet Moran - By Kay Hickey
- Children of Joseph William Michael & Evaline Coon - by Charles Davis
- Descendants of Michael & Joseph Davis - by Charles Davis
- Related Forbes, Whitman, Burwell Families in 1190-1910 - by Verna Forbs Willson - names Carr, Rist, & Ruby

Upcoming Events

Union County Genealogy Society Meetings:
Lower level of the Marysville Public Library
Saturday mornings, 9:30 AM

October 20th, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am



"Writing a Family History"
By John Gray

November 17th, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am



George Johnson will speak on Antique Christmas Decorations

- Scheduled programs for 2008:
 - January ---- History of Plain City by Bernie Vance.
 - February --- Underground Railroad
 - March ----- Robert Bremer, "Searching the LDS Catalog"
 - April ----- DAR application and rules of evidence
 - May ----- Banquet at Der Dutchman
 - June ----- Pot luck lunch at Marysville First Methodist Church (unconfirmed)

UCGS Board Officer Nominations

At the November UCGS meeting we will vote for a new President and Treasurer.

Mr. Brian Wade has volunteered to be nominated for President,

And, Mr. Paul Powers has volunteered to be nominated for Treasurer.

We currently do not have any nominations for Vice President.

We do not have any other volunteers for these positions.

If you, or someone you know would be interested in serving on the UCGS board, please contact us.

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Nomination Name: _____

*Minutes from the August Meeting of the
Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, August 18th, 2007*

The Union County Genealogical Society met in the lower level of the Marysville Public Library Saturday morning, August 18, 2007. President Virginia Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Secretary Marie Bouic read the July meeting minutes and they were approved. A display copy of the 2008 calendar was shown to the group. A supply should be printed and ready for sale at our September 15 meeting.

Carol Mickley, Pioneer Program Chair, mentioned the deadline for application for Union County Pioneers is December 31st. She asked that applications be submitted as early as possible. Virginia mentioned that election of officers will take place at our November meeting. She pleaded with the members to consider serving, since several positions are open.



Marie Bouic presented the program, a demonstration of several computer programs designed for genealogists. She distributed a handout sheet listing the types of reports possible from each program, and the website from which the programs may be ordered and/or downloaded.

The first program discussed was PAF, or Personal Ancestral File, an inexpensive program available from the Church of Jesus Latter Day Saints. It is free from the website www.familysearch.org. To make impressive charts, an additional program, PAF Companion, is necessary. The cost of this program is less than \$10 and it provides a means of printing a variety of reports. Margaret Bouic prefers the descendant outline report from this program, because

the format clearly displays family relationships.

Marie then showed a program called Roots Magic, found at www.rootsmagic.com. The cost of this program is about \$30. It is easy to use and generates spectacular reports. Books may be published from this program, including pictures. It is capable of storing lists of places, sources, birthdays, "To Do" items, and many more.

Marie showed the group how to export a GEDCOM file, which facilitates the transfer of family information to other computer applications or to other researchers. Then, she showed us her hand-held PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), which she carries on research trips. She uses the GEDStarPro program, and she has all the dates and names in her family tree in this PDA program. (www.ghcsoftware.com)

Refreshments were provided by Dale and Faye Neill and Virginia Smith

Those attending: Margaret Bouic, Henry Edwards, Darlene Shull, Carol Mickley, Jeanne Haynes, Roz Bressler, Nancy Katzenbach, Virginia Smith, Calvin Wood, Dale Neill, Faye Neill, Don Degood, Robert Hamilton, Mary Stierhoff, Brian Wade, Marie Bouic, Carole Gehrlich, Karen Sayre, Nina Boerger, Elinor Adams, Barbara Bouic, Walter Bouic.

Minutes from the September Monthly Meeting of the Union County
Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society September 15th,
2007

The Union County Genealogical Society met in the lower level of the Marysville Public Library Saturday morning, September 15, 2007. Virginia Smith, President, called the meeting to order. Marie Bouic, recording secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. Marian Cowgill, treasurer, gave her report.

Virginia Smith asked for volunteers or nominations from the floor for President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Recording Secretary, Marie Bouic and Corresponding Secretary, Jeanne Haynes will stay on board. Marian Cowgill nominated Brian Wade as President and Jeanne Haynes seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ila LaRue moved to have Paul Powers serve as Treasurer and Nancy Katzenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed. According to our By-Laws we are to have the ballot in the next newsletter. Dale Neill, Echoes Editor announced his deadline for any news would be September 24th.

Virginia asked if anyone would contact local businesses who would sell our 2008 calendars. The calendar features military history of Union County with lots of pictures and historical items. Jeanne Haynes has sent a calendar and contacted all the veteran's groups and senior groups in the county. Natural Accent's will have a supply to sell.

Rebekah Headings and Paul Powers presented the program on the cemeteries of Union County. They have tried to visit each cemetery in the county and displayed many pictures of each cemetery that they have checked out. Rebekah is the webmaster for our genealogy society, and her father, Paul, is a professional photographer. She explained the project got started by taking pictures to put on the website and trying to record better directions to each cemetery. They both



became more involved in the project than expected, and have found one cemetery that has not been recorded by our society, and three that are not on the county engineer's map. The pictures were displayed, and organized, by each township in the county. Some cemeteries were very well kept, while others were not. While traveling to the different cemeteries, they have found that the township trustees are responsible for maintaining the cemeteries, unless a church or private party is already doing it. Rebekah said that the revised code states that all cemeteries should be fenced and have a sign. They showed many photos of old veteran's tombstones. Some interesting tombstones had their family genealogy written on them; some stones were in German; and some were homemade. She said that the Jerome Township trustees

told them they are working to photograph every tombstone in the Jerome Township cemeteries, and also restoring damaged markers. Rebekah said they *have not* been able to find the Spain Cemetery, referenced in the records. So far between Rebekah and her father, they have over 2,500 photos in their collection. Paul has won awards for his photos at the Union County Fair. He said the best time to take outdoor photographs is on an overcast day, because of the shadows cast by the direct sun. He has taken most of the photos in the UCGS 2008 calendar.

Marian Cowgill and Ila LaRue provided the refreshments for the meeting. The next meeting will be October 20th at 9:30 am with Rev. John Gray telling us how to write a family history.

Those in attendance were: Jeanne A. Haynes, Margaret Bouic, Ruth Stewart, Nancy Katzenbach, Arlene Perkins, Ila LaRue, Marian Cowgill, Carol Mickley, Karen Sayre, Vi Hill, Marie Bouic, Lois Barr, Paul Powers, Rebekah Headings, Dale Neill, Calvin W. Wood, Virginia Smith, Sharon N. Wade, Brian Wade, Lois Dale, Jim Dale and Darlene Shull.

Respectively Submitted, Marie Bouic

Pedigree Chart

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Chart no. 1

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____

<p>4 Kelly M WATKINS b: 7 Jul 1882 p: Huntsville, McArthur, Logan, OH m: 30 Mar 1903 p: Ohio d: 25 Nov 1958 p: Bellefontaine, Logan, OH</p>	<p>8 William Jasper WATKINS b: 10 Apr 1848 p: Jefferson Township, Logan County, Ohio m: 28 Jul 1875 p: Logan Co. OH d: 4 May 1930 p: Jefferson Township, Logan County, Ohio</p>	<p>16 William White WATKINS b: 13 Oct 1825 d: 1 Nov 1897</p>
<p>2 William Edwin WATKINS b: 9 Aug 1908 p: Rushsylvania, Logan, OH m: 2 Sep 1929 p: Barberton, Summit, Ohio d: 4 Sep 2000 p: Fort Myers, Lee, Florida</p>	<p>9 Sarah Sophia KELLEY b: 22 Jul 1852 p: Bellefontaine, Logan, OH d: 12 Jan 1920 p: Dayton, Montgomery, OH</p>	<p>17 Rebecca John ELLIOTT b: 9 Oct 1821 d: 14 May 1886</p>
<p>5 LaVerna WYBURN b: 14 Jun 1883 p: Marion County, OH d: 25 Jun 1961 p: Springfield, Hampden, MA</p>	<p>10 Joseph D. WYBURN Jr. b: 31 Jan 1857 p: Ohio m: 17 Jul 1878 p: Logan Co. OH d: 10 Feb 1909 p: Rushsylvania, Logan, OH</p>	<p>18 Henry KELLY b: 15 Oct 1826 d: 24 May 1899</p>
<p>1 Douglas Edwin WATKINS b: 31 Jul 1937 p: Springfield, Hampden, MA m: p: d: p: sp:</p>	<p>11 Venora (Nora) BURNS b: 1857 p: Belmont County, OH d: 20 May 1893 p: Logan Co. OH</p>	<p>19 Catherine J EDDY b: 8 Oct 1829 d: 23 Jun 1900</p>
<p>6 Albright Moody SHIFFERLY b: 3 Jun 1881 p: Hancock, OH m: 2 Nov 1904 p: Bluffton, Allen, OH d: 23 Jan 1965 p: Hardin, OH</p>	<p>12 Gideon SCHIFFERLY b: 12 Apr 1851 p: Richland Twn, Allen, Ohio m: 14 May 1874 p: Mt Cory, Union Twp, Hancock, OH d: 29 Dec 1890 p: Bluffton, Allen, OH</p>	<p>20 Joseph D. WYBURN Sr. b: 1810/11 d: 5 May 1892</p>
<p>3 Meredith Lucille SHIFFERLY b: 21 Mar 1906 p: Findlay, Hancock, Ohio d: 6 Nov 1995 p: Plus Health Care Center, Lima, Logan, Ohio</p>	<p>13 Caroline Christina ZELLER b: 2 Aug 1854 p: Mt Cory, Ohio d: 1935 p: Mt Cory, Hancock, OH</p>	<p>21 Rachel Ann TEN EYCK b: abt 1834 d: 6 Dec 1878</p>
<p>7 Carrie Alice TODD b: 12 Mar 1886 p: Bay City, Bay County, MI d: 15 Mar 1944 p: Lima, Allen, OH</p>	<p>14 John TODD b: 13 Sep 1860 p: Port Huron, St Clair, MI m: 16 Oct 1884 p: West Bay City, Bay, MI d: 19 May 1946 p: Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH</p>	<p>22 George BURNS b: 1828 d: 1865</p>
<p>Prepared 6 May 2007 by: Douglas E. Watkins 443 Blackstrap Road Falmouth ME 04105-1002</p>	<p>15 Mary Ann Elizabeth CHARTERS b: 29 Jan 1862 p: Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence, NY d: 27 May 1944 p: Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH</p>	<p>23 Esther E ELLIOTT b: Feb 1834 d: 6 Feb 1915</p>
		<p>24 Johannes SCHIFERLI b: 28 May 1819 d: 11 Mar 1907</p>
		<p>25 Christina SCHWARTZ b: 10 Oct 1829 d: 25 May 1885</p>
		<p>26 Frederick C ZELLER b: Jul 1820 d: 7 Sep 1903</p>
		<p>27 Barbara Christina KORNER b: 1819 d: 4 Nov 1896</p>
		<p>28 William John TODD b: 24 May 1821 d: 23 Dec 1909</p>
		<p>29 Janet PATERSON b: abt 1836 d:</p>
		<p>30 John CHARTERS / CHARTERIS b: bet 1822 and 1825 d:</p>
		<p>31 Martha BOWDEN b: abt 8 Dec 1824/25 d: 8 Jan 1910</p>

(Continued from last month's Echoes newsletter)

Zane's Trace

One of the first land grants on the Ohio River went to a man named Ebenezer Lane, considered the founder of Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia). Zane had control of the land on both sides of the river and operated a ferry. With a virtual monopoly on ferry traffic at that point, he became a very prosperous man. Crossing the Ohio River from Wheeling gave access to an Indian trail into the interior of the Ohio country. Rufus Putnam's land holdings were nearby and the creation of the new US Military district, the Federal Government saw the need for upgrading the trail to provide access to these newly opened lands. In 1796, Ebenezer Zane contracted with the Federal Government to construct the first wagon road into the Ohio country. The road began at the Ohio River opposite Wheeling, then moved West on the same route today as US Highway 40 (and interstate 70) to the settlement at Zanesville, then southwest to Chillicothe, and south to the Ohio River again. A ferry across the Ohio River landed at Limestone, Kentucky (now Maysville), where a road connection from Lexington to the Ohio River was already well traveled in the 1790's. When Zane's Trace was first blazed, the dense forrest of Ohio meant that road construction consisted of cutting the trees, leaving the stumps, and clearing out any underbrush to create a "trace" of a road. The passing wagons tended to form two rows of ruts, which were often the only visible evidence of a road surface. Grading or leveling improvements were made only at places where it was impossible to pass by wagon. On Zane's Trace, travelers referred to a "stumped" wagon as one that had been highcentered on a stump or stuck between stumps — and the word is still used today (when we are "stumped" over something).

Southern routes to the Ohio River, ca. 1800: Head your wagon towards Lexington, Kentucky. From Virginia, Maryland, or Pennsylvania, take the Great Valley Road to the Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road to Lexington. From the Mississippi River, take the Natchez Trace to Nashville. From Knoxville, take the Nashville Road, then North to Lexington. From Lexington, go north to the Ohio River at Maysville and connect with Zane's Trace into the Ohio country, or build a flat boat and float down the Ohio River.

From New Jersey, or Pennsylvania, begin at Philadelphia, head west to Lancaster, thence to Hagerstown in Maryland, keep pointed West to Cumberland thence to Wheeling and on to the Zane's trail. Get to Zanesville and decide where to go from there. (Looks pretty much to me like your choice was Chillicothe, Ohio then Limestone, Kentucky, where you could divert to Cincinnati or continue southwest to Lexington then Nashville).

(Editor: More to come in the next Echoes . . .)

(Information authored and sent from Glenys Rasmussen to Ila LaRue by email, circa 1998)

149 One-Room Schools Once Operated In County

There were once 149 one-room schools operating in Union county a survey by Gale W. Baldwin, county school supervisor, reveals Jackson and Taylor townships had the largest number, 12 each, while Dover and Millcreek, with eight apiece, had the smallest. Location of each of the schools is shown on the accompanying map. Some of the schools were named for families in the neighborhood, while others were named for the location they served. Some of the names were odd, some fanciful, and some of the names still exist today to designate the community which they encompassed. Last of the one-room schools was discontinued in 1936. Clai-

bourne township being the last to have them. The 1935-36 school directory lists four in that township, Cahill, Bigelow, Pleasantville and Flatwood.

While all of the old schools have long since ceased to be used for their original purpose, many of the buildings are still standing. They are used for numerous things, from tool sheds to dwellings.

Mr. Baldwin credits numerous persons for helping him prepare the map, mostly older residents who remembered where the school stood, and what they were called. He also had a lot of help from a juvenile Grange in tracing records of their township.

Listed by townships, the schools were:
Allen—Henpeck, Striglow, Greenwood, Railroad, Little Red Schoolhouse, Buck Run; Coe, Allen Center, Canolly, Pottersburg, and one unknown.

Clairbourne—Cahill, Stoney Point, Clairbourne, Sunnyside, Richwood high school, Richwood grade school, Big Swale, East Boundary, Adams, Tawa, Bigelow and Deadwood.

Darby—Robinson, Stevens, Soden, Wolfe, Bridgeport, Settlement, Little Bruck, Smith, Martin and Number 8.
Dover—Thompson, Springdale, Perkins, Tanner Crossing, Mt. Hermon, Buxton, Dover and Taylor.

Jackson—Stahl, Merit, Fountain Grove, Carter, Tenery, Benedict, Willey, Essex, Baldwin,

Cheney, Woodland and one unknown.
Jerome—Jones, McDowell, Ketch, Lamb, Dodge, Mitchell, Mooney, Davis, Chapel, Hill, Jerome, and Kile.

Leesburg—Magnetic Springs, Stringtown - Half Acre, Elliott, Styre, District No. 2, Pharsburg, Hildreth, Blackhawk, Bonnette, Blues Creek and Beechgrove.

Liberty—No. 1 Land, Shirk town, Colleg, Hill, Carter, Raymond, Flat Branch, Sickney, Peoria, West Flat Branch, and Leatherwood.

Millcreek—Beecher, Liggett, Tossey, Shields, Oraville, Felkner, Rausch and Watkins.

Paris—Blue, McFadden, Amrine, Ginger Hill or Lee, Stubbs, Children's Home school, Rupright, Gilchrist, Newhouse, Taylor No. 10, and Weaver.

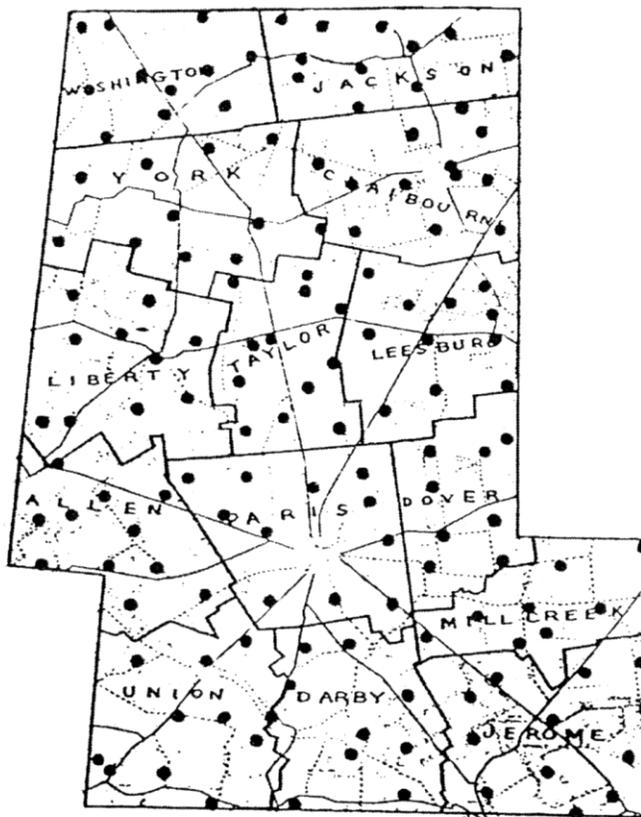
Taylor—Hull, Taylor, Broadway, Four Corners, Miller, Asbury, Braun or Brown, West Blues Creek, Bokes Creek, Phelps, Shirk and Reed or Glasgow.

Union—St. John's or Showalter, Porter, Witter, Homer, Hathaway, Ax, Handle Bend, Mitchell, Biglow, Irwin and Burnham.

Washington—Wilderness, Bethany, Eberwood, Fouts, Byhala, Howard, Grace Temple or Grace Chapel, Haines, Miller, Centennial and Bird.

York—Bethel, Boechdale or Figley, Bolenbaugh, York Center, Miller, Somersville, Middletown, Pleasant Valley or Hells Half Acre, Hamby or Shinehoe, Southard and Cahill.

Each Dot A One-Room School



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STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come, look with me inside this drawer

*In this box I've often seen,
At the pictures, black and white,
Faces proud, still, serene.*

*I wish I knew the people,
These strangers in the box,
Their names and all their memories
Are lost among my socks.*

*I wonder what their lives were like.
How did they spend their days?
What about their special times?
I'll never know their ways.*

*If only someone had taken time
To tell who, what, where, when,
These faces of my heritage
Would come to life again.*

*Could this become the fate
Of the pictures we take today?
The faces and the memories
Someday to be tossed away?*

*Make time to save your pictures,
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,
Or someday you and yours could be
The strangers in the box.*

John Gray Family History

Rev. John Gray recently sent some of his family history information to be published in our Echoes Newsletter. Rev. John has two UCGS Gold Pioneer ancestors that were inducted in May of this year.

John has ancestors in the Bergandine, Blue, Orahood, Hamilton, and Newman families. Two of the oldest in his family tree is Hamilton A. Blue who married Susan (Orahood) E. Blue. Two of their sons died in the Civil War within two weeks of each other.

Here is some info submitted from John:

Two brothers, Samuel & Wilson Blue, sons of Hamilton A. (1819-1886) & Susan (Orahood) E. (1816-1872) Blue, died in the Civil War during the siege of Vicksburg within a few short days of each other. (see Section 7J, p. 179 of Bill Blue's 4th ed.; note corrections to dates of death & Companies, as they appear in the 4th ed.)

- Wilson C. Blue 1.1.1.3.1.1.1.2, b. 1842, Private, Co. K, 96th OVI, enl 15 Aug 1862, died 27 Jan 1863, age 20, of measles, on board the hospital boat 'J.C. Swan'

Roll dated 18 Nov 1864, at mouth of White River, Ark. The muster roll of Jen & Feb 1863 says he died 31 Jan 1863 on board the hospital boat J.C. Swan.

Originally enlisted for a term of 3 years, 6 Aug 1862 at Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, farmer, age 20, height 5'9", complexion light, eyes blue, hair light. Mustered in Camp Delaware 19 Aug 1862. The official military record says died of typhoid fever. Another military record says KIA Deer Island, MS.

- Samuel Blue, 1.1.1.3.1.1.1.3, b. 1844, Private, Co. K, 96th OVI, enl 15 Aug 1862, d. 10 Jan 1863 of typhoid on the steamer 'Hiawatha'. Another record says KIA Vicksburg, MS. Originally enlisted 6 Aug 1862 at Marysville, Union County, Ohio, farmer, age 18, Height 5'4", complexion dark, eyes hazel, hair black. Died at Young's Point, La 11 Feb 1863. Muster Roll dated 18 Nov 1864 says died of pneumonia, 11 Feb 1863 at Youngs Point, LA in battle of Chickasaw Bluffs, Ft. Hindman. Another record says he died of measles. An undated letter in his military file reads as follows: "Sir, I inform you of the death of one Samuel Blue, Co. K, 96th Ohio, at this hospital. His effects, if any, are at his camp commander's disposal. E.L. Franklin, Sup in charge."

Resources:

- Roll of Honor, 1877 Atlas, Union Co., Ohio
- National Archives military records files
- The Marysville Journal-Tribune 19 March 1863, as published in the Union County Gen. Society newsletter 'Echoes' June 2002, p. 31 — abstract courtesy Margaret Bouic



The photo to the left is Mr. John Wesley Bergandine and his four daughters, Laura, Annie, Clara, and Hattie. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio in 1849. His daughter Clara (1884-1964) married John 'Jack' Alan Gray (1880-1957) in 1903. John Alan Gray was the son of Silas George Gray (1844-1916) and Sarah A. Blue (1855-1941), who were both born in Union County.

Selected Abstracts from the Marysville Tribune in 1876, from Volume 28

(From the works of Margaret Main Bouic)

June 6, 1877 p2, c 1,2 R. L. Broome, Chapter IV

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p3c2 Johnnie, youngest son of John and Jennie Sellers died Friday aged about four years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Davies, in the M. E. church.

June 27, 1877 R. L. Broome, Chapter VII

p3c5 In Memoriam Mrs. Melissa Kerr, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Carr in Medina May 24, 1877.

Died June 19, Elizabeth, wife of Jackson Wright, aged 30 years.

July 4, 1877 p2c2 R. L. Broome Chapter VIII

p3c2 Willie Bumgardner, Mechanicsburg, aged 14, while bathing in Buck Creek, Clark County last week, was drowned.

July 11, 1877 p2c1 R. L. Broome, Chapter IX

p3c3 Died June 13, 1877 at the home of her parents in Darby township, Miss Mary M. Martin, aged 33 years, two months and 5 days. For twenty-two years the departed was sorely afflicted with apoplexy.

Died June 15, 1877 Miss Millie, daughter of A. G. and M. R. Boring of New Dover in her 18th year.

Funeral services in New Dover Baptist church by Elder B. J. George and the pastor.

Died At Cincinnati June 25, 1877, Timothy C. Wheeler, son-in-law of Ira B. and Mary H. Robbins of Broadway. He was killed by a car jumping the track and crushing him against another car in Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton yards. He leaves a wife and one child.

July 18, 1877 p2c2 R. L. Broome, Chapter X

p3c3 Two little girls, one three and the other nine, the daughters of Mr. John Crofford were lighting a fire with coal oil. The explosion burned the little girls. Both died late.

July 25, 1877 p2c1 R. L. Broome, Chapter XI (last chapter)

August 1, August 8, 1877

August 15, 1877 Ellis Hudgel killed when run over by a train at Milford Center.

p3c5 Died 31st ult, Mrs. Lena B. Sheiderer, wife of George Sheiderer, aged 25 years. She leaves a husband and four small children. The babe of the deceased, aged about three weeks, died on the 13th.

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August 20, 1877

August 29, 1877 p3c2 A daughter of J. Frank Snider of Columbus, aged eight years, died Monday and was brought to Marysville for burial.

p3c5 Died August 22, 1877, in Millcreek township, Catharine Peirsol, consort of John Peirsol, Sr. in the sixty fourth year of age.

September 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19 1877

September 26, 1877 Andrew Chavons died suddenly Sunday. Heart disease.

October, 3, 1877 p3c2 Mr. Dwight Webb lost a very interesting little daughter aged six years, Died Friday by scarlet fever.

p3c6 Died September 27, 1877 at the residence of Dr. A. J. Richardson in Summersville of heart disease, Judge James R. Smith, aged eighty-three years and one month. Judge Smith was born in Maryland and emigrated to the eastern part of the state while a young man, and in 1834 came to the township and bought the farm now owned by S. Taylor on Bokescreek near Summersville. He sold the farm and bought the one now owned by his son L. W. Smith, one-half mile south of Summersville. He followed farming several years when he was appointed one of the Associate Judges and served nine years. He served two years as Justice of Peace in this township and one term as Land Assessor in 1840. He also sold goods in Summersville about six years. Then he was elected Probate Judge of Union county and served ten years after which he came back to Summersville and bought a small lot of land and made a fruit and flower garden, which he has since cultivated, more for pleasure than profit. His wife preceded him to the better land twenty-seven years ago. He organized the first Sabbath School in the township in his house in the spring of 1836. He served his country a short time in the War of 1812. His funeral was at the M. E. church, sermon by Rev. John Penhorwood.

October 10, 1877

October 17, 1877 p3c4 Died Oct 6, near Milford Center, John Cranston, aged 48 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was born in Champaign county. He leaves a loving companion and five children, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral at Milford, October 8 by Elders Joseph Knight and S. D. Elliott.