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Dec.—NO MEETING

Jan. 04, '04-- Jim Freed: Today's

DNA tests' role in genealogy

Feb. 17, '04-Sharon Gilbert,

Union Co. Probate Court

Computerized.

Mar. 16, '04-Sue Banks 'What's

New at the Library'

QUERIES, NOV. 2003

RAHM-Research request by member Linda Hieber, 2307 W. Nashville Pl., Broken Arrow, OK 74012, e-mail

<okheibers@yahoo.com> who needs any information about John Rahm. John purchased property in Marysville in 1856.

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<rrosol@ecentral.com> who needs any info about William Ritchey, b. 7 Oct 1759 in PA and d. in Union Co. on 7 Aug 1847.

DAVIS--Research request by

member Lois Larson, 2200 11th

Ave., Moline, IL 61265-2259. She needs info about George Davis b. ca. 1801-2 in PA, and d. Union Co. in 1855.

NOTE TO MEMBERS ONLINE:

In order to conserve resources, the Union Co. chapter is contemplating sending the Union Echoes by e-mail to those who would like to receive it in that fashion.

If you would prefer to receive your copy of Union Echoes by e-mail, please send your address and member number to our membership chairman, Don DeGood at his e-mail address <dubya@imetweb.net>. If there is enough interest, Karen Gwilliams (our Union County Pioneers chairman) has offered to set up a program to achieve this. Let us know what you think.

(Ed. Note) I have discovered that I have some of the traits of a TAPHOPHILE. What's that, you ask? It is a person who is a lover of cemeteries and funerals. I must admit, though, that I much prefer cemeteries with their messages of the past, to funerals with recent sadnesses.

HISTORY OF TAYLOR TOWNSHIP, UNION COUNTY, OHIO BY KAREN GWILLIAMS

The November meeting of Union County chapter OGS began with a powerpoint history of Liberty Township, by member Karen Gwilliams. Liberty township was the sixth township formed in Union County **and** was organized on the first Monday of June 1822. At the beginning it was a large area in the northwestern part of the county, before the other townships were formed. The first survey of the land was done in September 1799 for David Duncan for 1000 acres, and for Jacob Woolston for 600 acres.

Four streams ran through the township; Mill Creek which gave water power to all the early mills, and where the first settlers lived on the banks. Colver Run, Little Otter Run and Flat Branch were the other streams in the township. Levi Carter was one of the earliest settlers who came to the township in 1813/1814 because he had accepted 100 acres given by General McArthur to anyone permanently settling on land in the township. He was also the judge of the first election in the township. Charles Colver came in 1815 and Israel Carter, a brother of Levi came in 1816. Some of the early settlers whose names have ties to present day Union Countians were Samuel Porter, James Herd, Thomas Herd, Sr., Isaac Brake;, Mordecai Baughan, John Shirk, David Lockwood, Israel Lockwood, Allen Rea, John Raymond, Nathaniel Norviel and Levi Rea. Solomon Cook introduced Spanish merino sheep, and was one of the leading sheep men in the county. Stephen Cranston and his wife were one of the oldest married couples in the county, and followed an unbroken path of 'blazed trees' into the county. Many of the early settlers were farmers and raised the Spanish merino sheep, Durban cattle, French horses, Poland-China hogs and short-horned cattle.

The population for Liberty township in 1840 was 992, second to Paris township which had 1151. In 1850 there were 1, 257 living in the township and was still 2nd to Paris, which had 1587. Today's population of Liberty township is 1705 and it is the 6th township in comparison to Paris;, which has 17,459 population.

The first mill in Liberty township was owned by Samuel Orahood and was built around 1831/32. About 1834/35, G. Smith added a sawmill to it. Clement's Saw Mill was built about 1833 by Ransom Clement and was probably the first sawmill in the township. The Thomas Gris Mill was built about 1845/46 by A. Thomas. A Mr. Feltner built the Peoria Sawmill. A tannery was built about 1849 by T. L. and Daniel Wiswill.

The first village surveyed was Kingsville, when Samuel King surveyed 13 lots on September 26, 1834. Nothing was ever **built** on this. Newton, which is now Raymond, was surveyed and laid off into lots and streets by David Paul on August 25, 1838. Peoria, the only other village in Liberty Township was surveyed by F. A. Fay on May 20, 1870 and was added onto in September 1872. The first house in Newton was built by Hezekiah Davis, John Raymond had the first hotel, Edward Inskeep had the first store, and the first blacksmith was William Boggs. Dr. Winthrop Chandler was the first doctor and John Raymon was also the first Postmaster.

In 1883, the number of businesses were 2 general stores, 2 blacksmith and wagon shops, a photography gallery and furniture store, a boot and shoe shop, a harness shop, two doctors, one school house and three church congregations. In 1914, Raymond (formerly Newton) consisted of an agricultural implement business, blacksmith shops, creamery, hotel, barber, hardware, millinery, physician, tin shop, well drilling and windmill businesses, postmaster, restaurant, meat market, livery, shoe shop, veterinary, hay warehouse, carriage shop, broom factory, poultry shop, general merchandise store, and funeral and undertaking businesses. Businesses and organizations in the 1950's and 1960's were: two grocery stores, hardware store, 2 gas stations, a pool hall, grain elevator, restaurant, auto mechanic, funeral home, Army/Navy surplus store, two churches, plumbing business, barber shop, blacksmith, grange, VFW Hall and Mason's Hall. Today there is a grocery store/gas station, auto body repair shop, library, fire station, auto mechanic shop, masonry business, schoolhouse, two churches, Christmas Tree business, garden/nursery, embroidery business and the VFW.

Peoria is less than 2 miles from Raymond and Broadway, and located in the midst of a rich agricultural section of Liberty township. The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad was the first line through the town. There are about 9 acres within the village limits. The first store was owned by Robert Finley.

The Post Office opened in 1872 with Robert Finley as the first postmaster.

In 1914, Peoria had the United Brethren and Friends churches. Businesses consisted of a general store or two, hotel, barber, blacksmith shop, and the train depot. There was also a 2-story cement block school building. It would have been an excellent place for business, but the village was too close to many nearby towns.

In the 1940's there was a barber shop/pool hall, train depot, post office, grocery store, two churches, blacksmith/machine shop located in Peoria. Today, Peoria has a United Methodist church, and Tillman's Trucking Co. The Friend's church location is now a park, and a new home now stands in the old school lot. Other businesses in Liberty township today are Honda Research and Development, Day Lay Egg Farm, a Paintball Shooting game establishment and a private hunting club.

The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad first ran through Peoria in the spring of 1864. The Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad (familiarily know as the T & OC) was completed in 1893 and ran through both Raymond and Peoria. Raymond's Train Depot was built in 1895 and used until early 1940. Today it is used as a residence. It was located across from the Raymond Cemetery on St. Rt. 739.

The grain elevator was built in 1900 and was in business until it burned in 1967.

Liberty township has had many accomplishments. In 1914 a school was built in Raymond to consolidate all of the schools of the township. Nineteen twenty three saw Raymond Library get its own building, which had originally been the creamery. Library books were donated by area residents, and the 'library' run by members of the Country Culture Club. Before they had a building, patrons would check out books at homes of the members of the Culture Club. In 1925 electricity came to the area. The Masonic Lodge gave \$150 to help bring the lines into Raymond. The first gas station in Raymond came in 1928, and the owner's wife also sold canaries. In 1947 the Fire Department was formed. Virgil Poling was the first Chief, and served until his death.

The churches in the past, and the present have been the Methodist Episcopal Church in Newton; Free Will Baptist Church in Newton, Disciple Church on Mill Creek, Otterbein United Brethren Church, Christian Church, United Brethren Church and Friends Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first organized religious group in the township. The church began at the home of Israel Carter and was made of of members of the Carter family. The church is now known as the United Methodist Church. The Free Will Baptist Church was the second oldest, and organized in 1826. The members met in Liberty township, and East Liberty until the church divided in 1837. In 1852 they united with the Christian Church to build a church building. Sometime before 1900, the congregation built its own church. It was a quaint little church with tall dome windows and a stately steeple that housed a large bell. In the early 1920's, a few remaining members could no longer support the church. Jay Mullaney bought the building, tore it down and built a farm building with the materials.

The Disciple Church on the Mill Creek was organized in the winter of 1838 by Rev. D. H. Hathaway. The congregation met in homes and the schoolhouse near where the church was later built. In 1847 the congregation erected a 24' by 28' hewed log building for church purposes. In late 1859, they began a 'church raising.' The new church was dedicated on January 29, 1860.

Otterbein United Brethren Church was organized by Rev. F. G. Hendricks in 1849. They began meeting in the schoolhouse near Flat Branch in the southwestern part of the township. A frame building was built and dedicated in 1857. In 1876, the two remaining members moved their membership to Darby Church in Allen township.

The Christian Church began on September 30, 1850. The congregation worshiped in a log cabin at the west end of Raymond. With the Free Will Baptist Church, a new 'shared' church was dedicated April 10, 1858. In 1883, this church was still being shared by the two groups. It is now the Church of Christ in Christian Union.

The first school was held on Israel Carter's farm. A log cabin was erected in 1824, at the site where the Baughan Cemetery is now located. A hewed log house was located on the site of Dague & Wilson's Store. A frame school house was located on the site of Angeline Lockwood's home. In 1880 a large 2-story frame schoolhouse was built. At one time the township was divided into 10 sub-districts. Each district had its own building. Later, all were consolidated into one school at Raymond. In 1963, the school was annexed to the Marysville schools.

Liberty township has five cemeteries. They are Baughan Cemetery, Raymond Cemetery, Mill

Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, Clark Family Cemetery (south of Raymond) and the Judy Cemetery which is located on Wheeler-Green road, on the Bischoff Farm.

The Baughan Cemetery was the first burial place in the township and was located on the Marysville Pike, which is now Raymond Road. It is located between Raymond and Peoria. Land was given by Mordecai Baughan in 1822, and the first person buried there was a child of William Gladhill. It was enlarged in 1868, and the care was taken over by the township trustees.

The Raymond Cemetery was formed when land was set aside in 1850/51 from the David Paul farm, a little northeast of (then) Newton, and is now located at the edge of Raymond on Rt. 739. The township trustees assumed responsibility for its care a year later.

The Mill Creek Church of Christ Cemetery was located on Luanda Road, behind the church and now is located across the road from the present church.

(Karen Gwilliams' family, the Eirichs, have lived in the township since 1946. Her presentation of this history also included many pictures of some of the churches, schools, businesses and cemeteries in Liberty township. We appreciate the work that she has done to present this interesting and informative program for us. You will probably recognize her as Chairman of our Union County Pioneers program. Thank you, Karen)

JEROME TOWNSHIP QUILT

Dale Neill and wife brought in a very old quilt, of which a partial photo appears below. It appears to have been made by a church group, with names embroidered on the 'crazy quilt' patches by the quilters. Below is a list of the names on the quilt as best that they could decipher them. If you have a relative or friend listed on the quilt, please contact the society, as Mr. and Mrs. Neill are still researching the origin of the quilt, and would like to contact persons with knowledge of the names listed.

Square 26- Minnie (unreadable)

Square 1—Unreadable

Square 5- "

Square 3- Mau(rest unreadable)

Ackley, C. and Wife

Anderson, Clara

Andrews, Mary

Andrews, Sarah

Andrews, Dan

Andrews, J. J.

Andrews, Ruby

Andrews (?), Mrs. (?)

Arnold, W. J.

Arnold, Hattie

Ashbaugh, Donald

Ashbaugh, Mabel

Ashbaugh, (?) S. L.

Ashbaugh, Ernestine

Ashbaugh, Louise

Ashbaugh, Hilddred

Atkison, Walter

Auckland, Myrtle

Avery, Mrs. A. P.

Bailey, Blanche

Baily, Harry

Baily, Irma

Baker, H.

BV Beach, Mrs. Jeff

Beach, (?) J.

Bishop, Mary

Bishop, Ella

Blaney, Flora

Blaney, Mary

Blaney, Will

Blaney, Grover

Bower, J. W. and wife

Bradley, (?) and wife

Bradon (?), Carl

Brobeck, Sarah

Brobeck, Lizzie

Brock, Olie

Brock, Grant

Butler (?), O. D.

Cary, (?)Lank and wife

Chapman, Geo. and wife

Cochenour, Mrs.

Collier, Ott

Collier, Ada

Collier, Lois

Collier, Harold

Collier, Am.

Collier, Ernest

Collier, Frank

Cones (?) Larry, Nora, Cyrus

Conklin, Malissa

Conklin, Grace

Conklin, Hazel

Conklin, Henry

Conklin, Emma

Conklin, Pearl

Conklin, L. H.

Conklin, Mr. & Mrs. W.

Conklin (?), Mrs. J.

Conrad, Mrs.

Conrad, Mr.

Cook, Maggie

Cooper, Mrs.

Cooper, Nora

Crochnour, Abe

Cron, Roy and Wife

Cross, J. W.

Currier, Rilla

Currier, D. E. and wife

Davis, Ethel

Dean, W. S.

DeWitt, Mrs. M.

DeWitt, Lucy

DeWitt, Amos

DeWitte, J. S.

Disbrow, Orna & George

Dix, Dr. R. M.

Dix, David

Dix, Minnie

Dixon, Arlie

DohertyChas.

Doherty, Mrs. C.

Doner, Arthur

Doner, Della

Doner, Harry

Dulaney, Lloyd

Durboraw, Win

Durboraw, Joe

Ebright, Ruth

Einler, Maggie

Quilt Names, cont.

Elder, E. E. S., Ivan
 Elsey, Ola
 Fee & Co., T. J.
 Feidler, Al and wife
 Fox, Ida
 Fox, Edna
 Fox, Chet
 Fox, Pird Lee
 Fox, Lena Marie
 Fox, Jennie
 Fos, Eli
 Fox, Will
 Fravel, Milton and Wife
 Freshwater, Edith
 Fry, Allie
 Fry, Florence
 Fry, Marion
 Fry, A. W.
 Fry, Marguerite
 Fry, Blanch
 Fry, Jessie
 Gamble Ada
 Glick May
 Gorden, Florence
 Gray, Ruth
 Gray, James
 Gray, J. A.
 Green, Mary
 Grewell, Geo. and Wife
 Grooms (?), ? Ewing
 H (torn away), Tom
 Hagenlocher, Mr. & Mrs. Will
 Hagenlocher, Willella
 Harrison, Lulu
 Hay, Edith
 Henry, Clint
 Henry, Mary
 Herriott, Mrs. H.
 Hill, Frank
 Hill, Percy
 Hill, Alice
 Hinderer, Geo.
 Hinderer, Mabel
 Hinderer, Berry Stewart
 Hinderer, Lee Holmes
 Jomderer, Ira *HINDERER, LURA*
 Jdspm, Mrs *HODSON, MARS*
 Hodson, Muriel
 Hoy, Julia

Hudson, Wm. And Wife
 Hulbert, Mrs.
 Ingmire, Clay
 Ingmire, Geo.
 (To be continued)



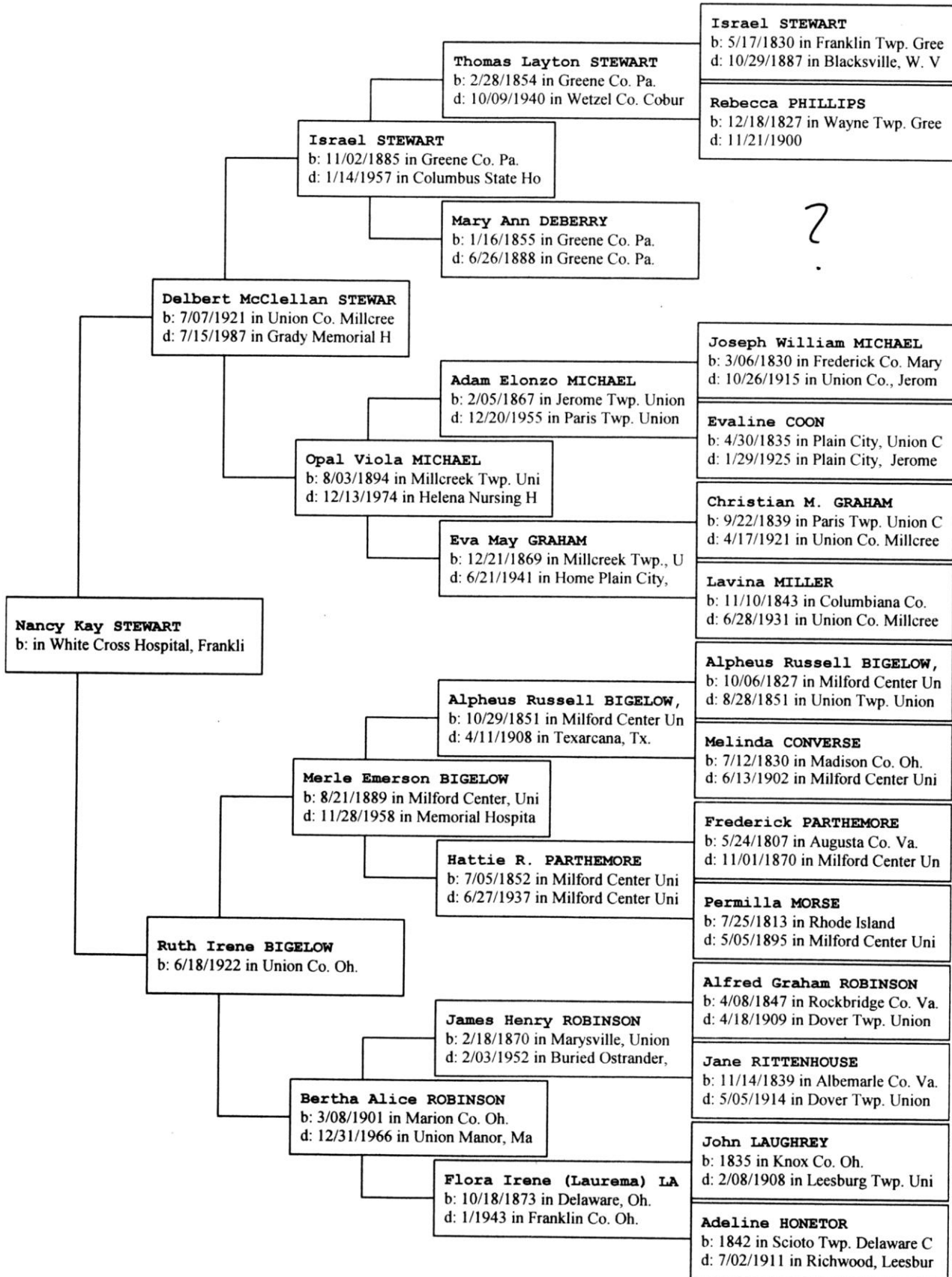
UNION TWP., UNION CO.
 SCHOOLS (From 1883 History of
 Union Co., OH, Beers, Vol. 2, p.183-
 184)

The class of people who first settled in Union Township were energetic, enterprising men and women, and, as has already been stated, many of them had large families, the younger members of which needed to be educated and fitted for the duties of a new country. State and church demanded men of intelligence and education; counties and townships were to be organized, laws enacted, and churches instituted, for the regulation and protections of the people who were so rapidly filling up this wilderness of a country, possessed of untold wealth of soil. The old, gray headed sires must soon pass from the field of action; and especially was this true here, under the hardships of pioneer life, and the fatality which existed from malaria,

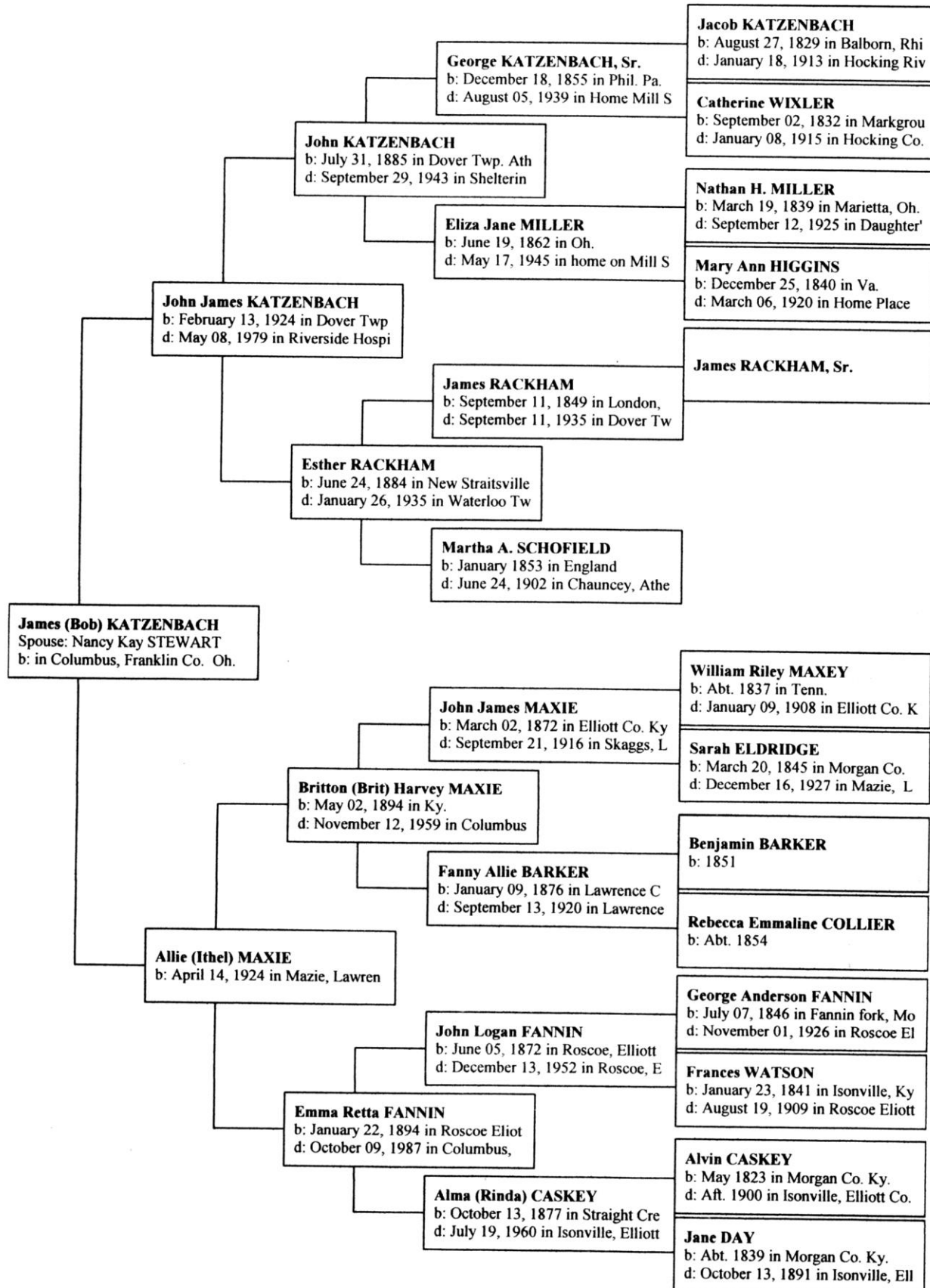
milk sickness and other prevailing diseases; and the rising generation must be fitted to assume the duties soon to devolve upon them. Many of the fathers come from New England, the land of schools and colleges, and they knew and appreciated the value of education. Hence, from such a class of settlers we might expect just what was the case...early establishment of schools and institutions of learning. Just what year the first school was started is at this distant day difficult to ascertain. But it is believed that in the Reed settlement a school was taught as early as 1806-08. Of course here, as elsewhere, the first schools were individual, or subscription schools. The first building erected for school purposes was a round-log cabin of the most primitive kind—chinked and daubed—with puncheon floor, slab benches and greased paper windows. This house was succeeded by another log one, and this again, by a good, comfortable, hewed-log building, which served the people for many years. Some of the first teachers were David Chapman, Jephtha Peasely, Ralph Phelps and Thomas Cratty.

It is probable that the next school started was in the "Green settlement," on the post road. The first school taught here was by Nehemiah Sabine, in the winter of 1814. Mr. Sabine died before completing his labors in the school, and his son Hiram, taught the remainder of the term. Other teachers, who followed Mr. Sabine, were Henry Mathews, Levi Phelps and William Burnham. (Continued)

Nancy Stewart Katzenbach



Ancestors of James (Bob) Katzenbach



**CONVERSE-GARTON
CEMETERY (FULLER CEME-
TERY, PLAIN CITY, CANAAN
TWP., MADISON COUNTY,
OHIO. FROM THE
INTERNET AS SUBMITTED BY
LISA ALBERS, 9 MAR 2003.**

*The cemetery is located at
Lar. 40 deg. 02' 11" N, Long: 83 deg
15' 41" W.*

*The cemetery is about 429
ft east of OH Hwy 142, .4 mile
south of Price-Hilliards Rd.*

*CONVERSE-GARTON Cemetery
is located on land which was
previously owned by James
Converse and before him it was
owned by David Garton. In 1985
it was owned by Welsey Mercer
and records don't indicate a
change in ownership of the land.*

*In 1986 a transcription of
this cemetery was compiled by
Michael Bryan Jones. I have since
revisited the cemetery and made
additional notes/corrections,
which were completed in 2002.*

Ackison, Andrew J., b. 1808, d. Jul
27, 1819

Ackison, Martha A., b. 1801, d.
Jul 27, 1819

Bigelow, Freedom, d. Mar 1-, 18-
(b. Abt 1815, son of Freedom
Bigelow and Susanah Kathan)
Clark, Catharine, b. Mar 9, 1823,
d. June 28, 1823 (dau of Thomas
and Rachel G.)

Clark, Joel H., b. May 17, 1822, d.
May 31, 1822 (son of Thomas &
Rachel G.)

Clark, Johnathan, b. Apr 24, 1825, d.
Aug. 2, 1829 (son of Thomas and
Rachel G.)

Clark, Judith H., b. Feb. 13, 1829,
d. Aug 19, 1829 (dau. Of Thomas
and Rachel G.)

Clark, Thomas, b. Oct 1, 1768, d.
Jan. 19, 1843

Cutler, Eleanor, b. Feb. 13, 1852, d.
Nov. 9, 1856

Cutler, Elisha B., b. Jan. 31, 1809,

d. Nov. 9, 1856

Cutler, John, b. Mar. 18, 1838, d.
Aug. 26, 1855 (son of E. B. & E.)
Finch, Judith, b. Jul 15, 1831 (dau
of James M. & Nancy)

Francis, William L., b. Sep. 22,
1824, d. Sep. 33, 1851 (Son of
Daniel & Rebekah (Harris))

Fuller, Isaac, b. Feb. 8, 1834, d.
Sep 15, 1835 (son of Arnold and
Sarah)

Fuller, James Tolbert, b. Dec. 19,
1830, d. Nov. 27, 1837 (son of
Arnold & Sarah)

Fuller, Ledora, b. Nov. 29, 1841,
d. Jan. 2, 1842 (dau of Shubel &
Rhoda)

Fuller, Mary J., no dates (wife of
James) (Note: Mary J. was born abt
1811, d. 1832-1833)

Garton, David, b. Mar. 13, 1784, d.
Aug. 17, 1851 (son of Hosea
Garton and Demaris (Nichols))

Garton, Demaris, b. Feb. 1, 1813,
d. June 22, 1822 (Dau. Of David &
Martha (Harris))

Garton, Hosea, b. Aug. 25, 1808,
d. Nov. 25, 1831 (son of David
and Martha (Harris))

Garton, Martha, b. Sep. 26, 1787,
d. Feb. 28, 1824 (wife of David,
dau of Jonathan Harris Jr. and
Catherine (Casto))

Harrington, Fanny, b. 1806, d.
Aug. 2, 1847 (wife of David)
Harris, Eleanor, (aka Sarah), b.
Oct. 15, 1772, d. 1821 (wife of
Joel, dau of Benjamin Ingersoll)

Harris, Eleanor, b. 1821, d. Sep.
30, 1824 (dau of George and
Judith (Harris) Harris)

Harris, George, b. Apr. 30, 1798, d.
Mar. 13, 1844 (son of Jonathan
Harris, Jr. & Catherine (Casto))

Harris, Joel, b. Dec. 20, 1774, d.
Feb. 3, 1835 (son of Jonathan
Harris, Sr. and Martha (Casto))

Harris, Jonathan, b. Sep. 22, 1763,
d. Mar. 23, 1837 (son of Jonathan
Harris Sr., and Martha (Casto))

Harris, Judith, b. Jul. 13, 1798, d.
Oct. 8, 1825 (1st wife of George

Harris, dau of Joel and Eleanor
"Sarah")

Harris, Katherine, b. Dec. 19,
1758, d. Aug. 13, 1837 (wife of
Jonathan Harris, Jr., dau of David
Casto, Sr. and Phebe (Gandy))
Harris, Susannah, b. 1808, d.
Dec. 24, 1829 (2nd wife of
George)

Harris, name illegible, d. Aug.
1822

Lane, Elizabeth, b. Jan 12, 1819,
d. Apr. 14, 1845 (wife of Otis R.
Witham)

Lane, Lodica, b. Apr. 3, 1809, d.
Jul. 25, 1847 (dau of Luther &
Lodica)

Lock, John, b. Nov. 3, 1819, d.
Aug. 23, 1849 (son of John S. &
Louisa)

Lock, William W., b. Aug. 7,
1831, d. Apr. 24, 1850 (son of
John S. & Louisa)

McNelly, Elizabeth, d. Aug.
1833 (dau of John & Isabel)
Morrison, Alpheus, b. 1822,
d. Aug. 1843 (son of-and
Martha)

Parrish, Hanna ("Anna"), b.
1809, d. Nov. 27, 1858 (wife of
Wm.)

Parrish, Mary, b. 1837, d. Mar.
9, 1850 (dau of Wm. And
Hannah)

Parrish, Sarah, b. 1850, d. Jan.
26, 1854 (dau of Wm. And
Hannah)

Parrish, William, b. Dec. 31,
1800, d. Oct. 8, 1868

Reece, David Garton, b. Sep. 15,
1833, d. June 1, 1834 (son of
David Reece and Mary "Polly"
Garton)

Reece, Polly, b. May 7, 1819, d.
May 28, 1846 (wife of David, dau
of David Garton and Martha
(Harris))

Ridgway, Martha, b. 1833, d.
Sep 26, 1837 (dau of Wm. And
Nancy)

(To be continued)