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The Union County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 438, Marysville, Ohio, 43040, holds its meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday monthly, at the Marysville Public Library lower level meeting room, 231 Plum St., Marysville, Ohio. Elevator inside back door. Internet Website <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohuniogs>>

President's Message - by Virginia Smith

Year 2006 has begun to fly by and many of us have already broken our New Year resolutions. I have a new strategy to help me keep mine – I chose a goal that's fun! I've resolved to apply for the Ohio Genealogical Society First Families of Ohio.

There are at least two of my family lines that hopefully qualify as settlers in Ohio by 1820—the **Turney** family in Franklin County and **Henthorn's** in Monroe County. I know from experience as a Union County Pioneer that it takes more time to accumulate the required evidence than one might expect and may require some travel. Soon, I'll make a trip to Mansfield, Ohio, to check files at the OGS library.

My motivation for joining the lineage societies is twofold: first, to honor my ancestors who undoubtedly struggled through hardships and secondly, to archive the information for future generations.

Our Union County Pioneer committee welcomes your applications; the deadline for filing application is January 31 and our banquet for induction is in May. Many of you reading this newsletter qualify for this recognition and I challenge you to apply. If you need help in locating Union County records, Nancy Katzenbach, our librarian or I may be able to help. You may find information online at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohuniogs>. Karen Gwilliams, Linda Prosser, and Julia Yoder serve on the committee and can answer questions about qualification. The first step is to get an application. To request an application, send a check for \$5 made payable to the Union County Genealogy Society to:

Union County Pioneers
Karen Gwilliams
21840 Herd McElroy Rd.
Raymond, Ohio 43067

Without gardening and lawn care work, the winter is a great time for genealogy. We have almost a whole year—so, let's get started!

Ginny Smith

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From Don Degood, Our Program Chairman:

DUES ARE STILL DUE!!!

2006 is here and if you have not paid your dues, please do so. If you do not know 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.

Please mail your dues to:

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PO Box 438,

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Queries:

Joey Michael Cupp, 716 Broadway St., Washington Court House, Oh. 43160-2010 is seeking info on John W. **Tatman** B.1846 Vinton Co. D. 3/11/1911 in Union Co. and wife Margaret Elizabeth (**Blackstone** ?) **Tatman** D. 1/24/1929 Union Co.

John **Hamilton**; Hamilton@mn.rr.com Eden Prairie, MN. Wants to know if Alexander **Hamilton**, died ca 5/26/1848 in Watkins, Union Co. Wife Mary also died in Union Co. I can not find them listed in our cemeteries. Kathy **Strine**; kstrine@peoplepc.com would like info on James L. **Ward** d.12/26/1844 and William **Wells** and wife Mary.

Make checks payable to:

NancyKatzenbach

UNION COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Library News by Nancy Katzenbach

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 pertains to Union Co.). This will make patrons and myself aware that there is a book with that name in it. Below is a continuation of the list from last issue.

List of our Family Histories (continued from last issue):

- The Descendants of John **Boreing** by; Roger S. Hecklinger & Edwin G. Boring—surnames—Boreing, **Boring**,
- Genealogical Story of our Family Brice by; Natalie Brice, Antonio—surnames—Chilton, **Brice, Bundy, Knight and Callahan**
- **Brookover, Pence** Genealogy by Mary Ruth Bookover
- Memories For My Family Brown, Hook and related families by; Ila L. Brown LaRue—surnames—Brown, **Cooper, Beach, Hook**,
- The **Brush** Family Book of Recipes & Reflections by; Ruth Brush Turner—surnames--Brush, **Spelman, Turner, Sullivan**,
- A gift of Memories from Grandma by; Lyndian Agner—surnames—Rausch, **Goesz, Blumenschein, Loeffler, Gotz**,
- Some Descendants of Thomas **Bryant** of Chester County, Pa. Compiled by; Miriam L. Luke, G.R.S. Surnames—Bryan, **Bryant, Chandler, Gardner, Moore, Power, Rice, Smith, White**, and many more
- The **Burnham** Family by; Roderick H. Burnham—surnames—Burnham, **Andrews, Smith, Story, Williams, Wood, Woods**, and many more
- **Burns & Born** Families—other surnames—Boerger, Gase, Nicol, **Rausch, Scheiderer, Stillings**,
- First Lieutenant James A. **Cahill**, Copied and Compiled by; Esther Dillon Marsh
- The **Camerons** of Union Co. and the Allied Families of **Foster, Milliken, Reed, Smith, Thrall, Warrick and Wilbur** compiled by Finley Ryan
- A History of the **Carlton** Family by; **Hugh Robert Carlton**—surnames—Bartow, **Blizzard, Boyd, Carlin, Carlton, DeHaven, Hite, Robinson, Smith, Thompson**, and many more.
- John Cary the Plymouth Pilgrim by; Seth C. Cary—no index-
- The **Cary** Family in America by; Henry Grosvenor Cary-
- **Castleberry** and Allied Families by; **Jesse Wendell Castleberry**—surnames--Barnard, **Bowden, Crawford, Davis, Graham, Hodges, Hughes, Johnson, Little, Miller, Robbins, Smith, Summers, Vineyard, Woolsey**, many others
- Descendants of Revolutionary War Soldier David **Chamberlain**, and his Wife, Chloe **Conant** by; Leallah Franklin—surnames – **Barringer, Baum, Chamberlin, Collins, Evans, Fisher, Griggs, Kindle, Moore, Nichols, Peter, Rizer, Roberts, Seibert, Smith, Woodruff**,
- **Cody/Powers** Family Histories and the **Cody** Family Chronicle by; Bob Cody – Surnames—Laird, **Noon, Murray**,

List of our Family Histories (continued):

- Otway **Cooper** Diary, by Mary Jean Turner Kuckelman
- Chronicles of the families of **Cooperider, Cooperrider, and Coopriders and their descendants** Edited by J.L. Coopriders --surnames—
Brown, Brush, Hall, Hostetler, Johnson, Jones, King, Miller, Orr, Reed, Ridenour, Storm, White, Wilson

January Meeting: Jesse Conrad tells of Ole Magnetic Springs

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their meeting on January 17th 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 where their ancestors came from.

Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the November meeting and they were approved as read.

Marian Cowgill, Treasurer, reported that at the end of November the balance was \$3,727.15. Income for the month was \$1079.00 and expenses of \$470.00, leaving a balance of \$4,336.15 for the end of December in the checking account.

Membership and Program Chair, Don DeGood, said Ron Boylan, a Civil War Buff, will be the speaker at the next meeting. He will be telling us how he found a Civil War musket and traced it to O.M. Scott, a Civil War Veteran. For the April meeting, Bob Converse will talk about pre-historic history of Union County. July, no destination has been decided for the field trip. Louise Jones of the Ohio Historical Society will talk about their collection of old newspapers.

Nancy Katzenbach, Librarian, has been indexing the family histories and is up to "Comet". The vertical files are complete from A through "Chambers" and more obituaries have been added to that file. The library has ordered and replaced the 3 missing microfilms. A new family history has been donated to the library, Family History from David L. Kandel Family & Descendants of Leonhard Sixtus Kandel and Margaretha Preiss. Dale Neill, Newsletter Editor, needs items for the newsletter by January 30. He will be putting the 2004 index in this issue. Virginia reported that Rebekah Headings, webmaster, has updated the calendar on the website and it is now working.

Jeanne Haynes, Corresponding Secretary, has shipped 6 orders since November.

Karen Gwilliams, Pioneer Chairperson, announced that the deadline is January 31, and she has 1 person qualifying as a pioneer and one person that still needs additional information.

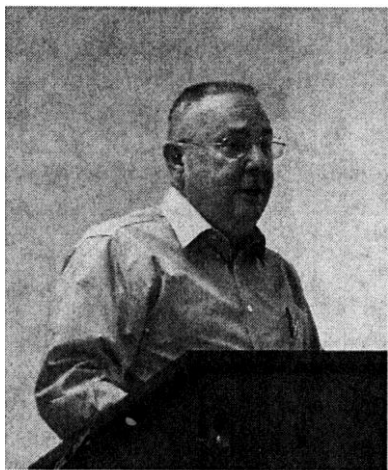
Old Business:

Virginia Smith has volunteered to be the President and was duly elected, as the nomination was still on the floor from the November meeting. We are still in need of a Vice President.

New Business:

Jeanne Haynes gave an update from the Executive Board meeting on investigating the advantages of non-profit status for our organization. Bob Parrott had met with the board at the last meeting and gave us an overview of what had to be done to become a non-profit 501-C3 organization. The committee found in the archives a large brown envelope where By-Laws were written in 1980 after the May 1980 Charter. An update to the By-Laws were found in the 1997 Echoes by Nancy, but we have found no proof where they had been voted on and whether the changes had been reported to OGS. Also, she found in the OGS's By-Laws that a society is required to send a list of their members each year, and we don't believe that has been done. If the UCGS was a non-profit organization, any kind of endowment, trust, or will that would be donated to the UCGS would be a tax deductible for the donor. Jeanne then made a formal motion for the executive committee to move forward and get this process going. Bob Parrot is willing to donate his time to help us. She has dropped off the information that had been found. Nina Boerger seconded the motion and the motion passed. Virginia thanked Darlene Shull for providing refreshments.

Don then introduced our speaker for the evening, Jesse Conrad, on "Ole Magnetic Springs". He brought 2 large notebooks with pictures, memorabilia and news clippings of Magnetic Springs.



Jesse Conrad

The town started in 1860 as Green Bend when John Newhouse started a vineyard and needed water for his grapes. He dug a gravel pit which became stagnant, so in 1879 he drilled a well and reached water at 62 feet. They noticed that nails were attracted to the drilling bit. He then built Eagle Park on the west side of the town and brought in trees from Michigan and built a bandstand and gazebo. Sunday's were a big day in the town as there was always a concert and horse shoe pitching, etc. There would be as many as 1500 - 3000 people in attendance on a Sunday.

The name changed from Green Bend to Kokosing named after the Indians in 1881. In 1882 the town became incorporated and then 1883 the name was changed to Magnetic Springs. The first school was located one lot west of the United Methodist Church which is now their parking lot. Sue Robinson, who was afflicted and couldn't wear shoes because of the swelling in her feet, came to the town in September 1880 and commenced bathing and drinking the water. With her condition so much improved, she stayed and uilt a boarding house. She ran the "Bee Hive", one of the busiest places in the town from 1883 until her death in 1895. In 1906 a trolley ran from Magnetic Springs to Delaware and was called the Magnetic Springs - Delaware Inter-urban.

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The trolley was later extended to Richwood and ran until 1919 when the automobile took over. A bank was established in 1916 with stock sold of \$25,000. In 1917 a large loan was made to a man in Raymond. When he couldn't pay it back, he skipped town and people made a run on the bank and it closed. It is now the Post Office. There were 4 hotels in the town. The Park Hotel, which became the Polio Foundation, burned down in 1903. In 1923, it was rebuilt with large white columns in front and chandeliers in the dining room. There was a swinging bridge over Bokes Creek to take people to the golf course. They also had horse stables. In 1954, Dr. Kenneth Keever went to the Ohio State Grange Association and they raised money to renovate the Park Hotel into a Polio Foundation. It did well until the Salk vaccine was discovered and eliminated the need. It then became an orthopedic hospital for six to seven years and then a rest home. The Sager Hotel was the first skyscraper in the county and the first building in the county to have an elevator. It was a four-story brick building. There were 2 springs on the grounds, and it was a place where people could come and take baths. It burned to the ground in 1984.

The Ballard Hotel and Bathhouse started in 1920. In 1924 it was doing well. There were separate women's and men's bath houses. A bath would take 1 — I V2 hours to complete. A person started out soaking in a tub of water as hot as the person could stand, and then you would be taken to a steam cabinet to open your pores. Then you would go to a table and have a salt or alcohol rub and then to a hot shower. This was the treatment for 21 days. Jesse said he saw and helped carry people in from ambulances and 21 days later they would walk out. To get the benefits, you had to use the actual water, not softened.

Jesse's family operated the Conrad Hotel, which was noted by many names. Jesse's grandfather, Dr. Jesse F. Conrad was an MD. Now the only part of the Conrad Hotel that is standing is a brick bathhouse that is an apartment. His grandfather had a practice and published a book, and he would lecture to everyone on Friday nights. He also built an airport in Magnetic Springs. He passed away in the 1940's and his father, a chiropractor, continued the practice. His family had a 400-acre farm, 1 V2 miles outside the village and raised all the milk, pork, beef, eggs, chicken and vegetables that supplied the hotel.

Some tidbits that he pulled from the newspapers were; the first baths were given in 1879 in Zinc tubs; in 1880, 100 baths were given a week. John Newhouse had boat excursions to Eagle Park, which is now a Church of Christ church camp called Maple Dell. There was an ice cream factory and a place to hold band concerts. It was noted for having the best ice cream around. Eagle Park was stocked with alligators from Florida. He also built a conservatory, and had plants from all over the world, including many tropical plants.

There were two newspapers at one time in the town. Mrs. Grover Cleveland was known to order full flasks of magnetic water. The Governor of Ohio came in 1882 and spoke to 800 on the liquor issue. A dug well from 1882 — 1884 contained three types of water, salt, magnetic & sulfur. In 1923, the KKK was very popular and even had a Klan newspaper. In 1949, slot machines were confiscated, as the Mafia came to the town. The maids would find guns in between the linens in the closets. There were always poker games going on. In 1941, the Purdue football team came to Magnetic before their game with OSU. After that, OSU signed a contract to have the team come on Friday nights to the Park Hotel before the games. In the 1940's the town started spraying for mosquito's. The population of Magnetic Spring has been 360 all of his life. Quite a diverse group of people came to town to take baths; such as Amish, steelworkers, coal miners. Jesse said Magnetic was a great town to grow up in and the bath houses benefited everyone in town. It was a good place and a beautiful place to live.

Those attending the meeting were: Ruth Stewart, Nancy Katzenbach, Virginia Smith, Karen Gwilliams, Darlene Shull, Jeanne A. Haynes, Dale & Faye Neill, Walter & Marie Bouic, Margaret Bouic, Jesse L. Conrad, Don DeGood, Ila LaRue, Pearle Evans, Marian Cowgill, Robert O. Hamilton and Nina Boerger.

Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary

UCGS February Meeting
February 21st , 2006

***Speaker is Ron Boylan, who found
a Civil War musket that was used by
a companion of O.M. Scott
Marysville Public Library,
Lower Level Meeting Room
7:00 P.M. Come join us!***

UCGS March Meeting
March 21st , 2006

***Grant Kearns will tell of his trip to
retrace Lewis and Clark's Journey
Marysville Public Library,
Lower Level Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.
See You There!***

ATTENTION COOLIDGE FAMILY

Don Coolidge would like to announce that he is currently writing a book on the Coolidge family of Union County, Ohio. If any other members have ties to this family and would like to contribute, please contact him at shockwave1977@yahoo.com or at 855 Chambers Road, Apt. 9, Columbus, Ohio 43212-1459

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