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We meet at 7:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday each month in the Kennedy Room at the

Marysville First Presbyterian Church, 210 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, Ohio.

*Internet Website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohuniogs>*

### President's Message - by Virginia Smith

In April, I attended my fourth OGS Conference and each year I've come away inspired by a speaker who pointed me to a new record set.

This year, our registration packet included a syllabus with handouts of all the sessions, which helped me to decide which to attend. Also included was a sheet, "What's in Your Township Attic?", which announces the OGS initiative to help archive records from the township level. There was also a nice booklet The Historic National Road, appropriate for the conference theme, Migration Routes.

Most of us who are of European descent search ship manifest's and passenger lists to learn how our ancestors crossed the Atlantic Ocean. But then, how did they get to Ohio? Of course, the very early immigrants to America settled along the east coast and left it to later generations to push the frontier westward. Few of us have an ancestor who left an oral or written tradition about his overland or waterway route. Almost no official records exist for individual travelers to Ohio, so we can only speculate, based on patterns of migration.

By the early 1800's Ohio was considered a "Promised Land". No longer was there a threat of hostile Indians, but the area was still a wilderness. The advent of the Erie Canal in 1820 was like the opening of a floodgate, as were the improvements to the National Road.

It seems that two of my first-generation ancestors came directly to Ohio about 1830, after entering the country at Baltimore, MD. So, they must have used the National Road, and then veered southwardly along Zane's Trace into Fairfield County. (The lateral canal south of Lancaster was not watered until 1840.<sup>1</sup>) Other immigrant ancestors settled in Cincinnati and most likely traveled down the Ohio River.

During the 2007 OGS conference, a wide variety of topics were discussed. As I mentioned, there are always at least one presentation that points me to a new record source. This year, I was inspired by Timothy Pinnick whose talk was humorously entitled, "Old Soldiers Do Die, But Frequently After They Move". From him, I learned about the Grand Army of the Republic Proceedings, which are available at the Ohio Historical Society. Civil War Veterans gathered at annual G.A.R. encampments to celebrate their achievements and to renew old friendships. Following these meetings, a book was published to record their activities. The information is arranged by the Post Number, includes a list of members who died since the previous meeting and some activities of the Ladies Relief Societies. These books are a good source of information.

This was my year to be inducted into the First Families of Ohio. During the ceremony, three children under 10 years of age were inducted, the youngest being about 6 months old. The most memorable moment of the conference came during the Saturday luncheon when Margaret Bouic received the President's award and a standing ovation; this was a long-awaited and well deserved honor.

*Ginny*

Fifty-Six Miles Into the Hills, The Story of the Lancaster Lateral & Hocking Canals by David A. Myer, 2002, Fairfield Heritage Association

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is looking for **Stickney, Erwin, Gladhill**
- Joan Gleibs of 2009 Wing Point Lane, Plano, Texas  
is looking for **Paver, Wagner**

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**To the right is an explanation of a new book,  
“Maps of the Shaker West” that we will be selling  
for \$18.70. A chapter in this book called “Darby Plains”  
is about Union and Champaign Counties in Ohio.**



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**From Our Program Chairman, Don DeGood**

**June 16, 2007, Saturday morning at 11:30am**  
**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - To be held at the First English Church 687 London Ave., Marysville, Ohio. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. Please bring a covered dish, plate, silverware, and drink. We will eat at 11:30 am. Meeting to follow. Jeanne Haynes will lead us on a tour of the Church and its facilities.**

**NOTE: In July, our monthly meetings will move back to the basement meeting room of the Marysville Public Library, on SATURDAY MORNINGS from 9:30AM to 11:30am**

- July 14, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am**  
**4H Genealogy group will present their 4H fair projects. We will try to help the 4H'ers with their presentations for the Union County Fair later this month.**
- August 18, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am**  
**Paul Powers will present photos taken at many of the Cemeteries in Union County.**
- September 15, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am**  
**Marie Bouic will talk about the “Clues” computer program she uses for genealogy.**
- Oct 20, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am**  
**John Gray will talk about writing a family history**
- November 17, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:30am**  
**George Johnson will talk about Antique Christmas Decorations**

## Upcoming Events

### **2007 OGS Summer Genealogy Workshop**

*24-29 June 2007, OGS Headquarters, Mansfield*

The Ohio Genealogical Society announced its annual summer genealogy workshop to be held in Mansfield at the Society's library. The workshop will feature nationally known speakers who will cover many topics of interest to researchers such as cemeteries, land records, church records, vital records, internet update, immigration, and military records. Presentations will also cover Pennsylvania, Virginia, New England, and German, Italian, and Scots-Irish research among others. The workshop will have problem-solving time after each session and a chance to ask questions of the experts.

OGS also announced that the OGS library would be open late Sunday through Thursday evenings only for the workshop participants. A round table dinner will be held Wednesday evening led by Genealogical Speakers Guild President, Shirley Hodges.

For details, fees and hotel information, visit <http://ogs.org> Click on "Events".

*The Federation of Genealogical Societies  
and  
Allen County Public Library*  
are pleased to announce the FGS/ACPL Conference  
***Meeting at the Crossroads of America***

to be held at the Grand Wayne Center - Fort Wayne, Indiana

August 15-18, 2007

A trip to Fort Wayne for this event provides an opportunity to attend a conference and do family research, since the library and convention center are adjacent to each other. For information, see <http://fgs.org>

### **Palatines to America**

Fall Seminar & Tour at Zoar Tavern and Village, Zoar, Ohio

Oct 13, 2007, 9 am – 4 pm

**Fee \$40 includes Seminar, Lunch and Tour**

Amy Johnson Crow will be the featured speaker. Her talks will include: Finding Female Ancestors (Before 1850) and Ten Years is a Long Time: Census Substitutes the In-between Years

Steve Shonk will present a talk on A Brief History of Zoar: It's Settlers and their Descendants.  
A Zoar Village Tour will be given from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. See <http://www.oh-palam.org>

\*\*\*\*\* **How You Can Help -- We**

#### **are looking for obituaries of Civil War Veterans**

After 140 years, the Civil War continues to fascinate us. It changed the life of every citizen who lived through those dark days. For the veterans, military service became a part of their identity and their obituaries often mention the unit of service, their participation in G. A. R. activities, and names of comrades.

Ransom REED was the first Union County soldier to fall in battle, September, 1861. The last survivor, Cyrus STAMATS, died February 13, 1939. During the nearly 80 years between those deaths, our local newspapers printed many stories about the war. We hope to make a special collection and we invite our members to submit clippings of Union County interest. Some of our veterans moved from the county following the war, so articles from any newspaper are welcome.

Mail a copy to us at P. O. Box 438, Marysville, Ohio, 430400. If you'd rather, scan it and send to [vsmith8@columbus.rr.com](mailto:vsmith8@columbus.rr.com) or, if you can cite a *local* newspaper source and date, we may be able to find and print it from our microfilm.

*Virginia Smith*

## Minutes from the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, April 17, 2007

Virginia Smith, president, called the meeting to order. Marie Bouic, recording secretary, read the minutes from the March 20th meeting and they were approved as read.

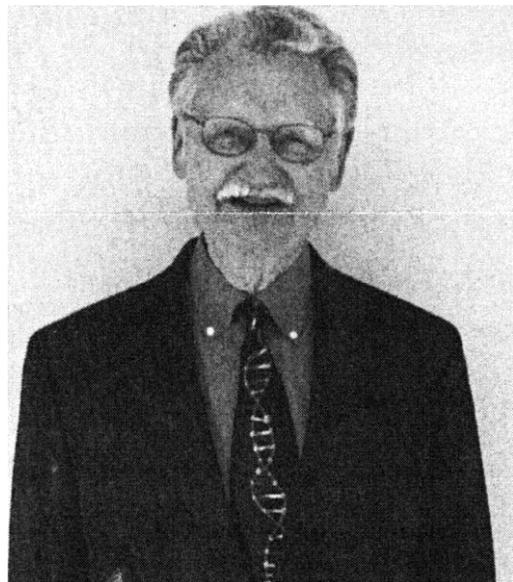
Marian Cowgill gave the treasurer's report.

Virginia thanked the group on behalf of herself and Marie Bouic for paying their OGS Conference registration. The highlight of the conference was attending the Saturday luncheon, where Margaret Bouic received the Presidential Award of Appreciation for her 55+ years of outstanding service to genealogy. She also received recognition for transcribing information from Union County and Delaware County newspapers. Also, Virginia was inducted into the First Families of Ohio at the evening banquet.

Virginia also mentioned that one of our UCGS members, and the husband of former corresponding secretary, Elinor Adams, had passed away. Members may want to send their condolences. Arlene Perkins was thanked for providing the refreshments for the evening. Next month will be our Pioneer Banquet at the Der Dutchman restaurant on May 21<sup>st</sup>, with David Zieh who will recreate the life and times of a British soldier who served at the time of King George the Third in the 1770's. Carol Mickley was thanked for arranging for our meeting place at the First Presbyterian Church. Nina Boerger announced that the Texas State Library is making Ancestry. Com available through their web site for their patrons. She suggested that we check into the availability of using [Ancestry.Com](http://Ancestry.Com) through the library.

Don DeGood reported that the Veteran's Monument stone, all 45 tons, has been set on the courthouse lawn and the pavers are now being laid. The paver the society purchased will be in Section M and the dedication will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Don then introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. James Freed, president of the Delaware County Genealogical Society. Dr. Freed spoke about Genetic Genealogy: Finding Ancestors through DNA Studies. There are three techniques for using DNA: through Oral History; through primary or direct records such as birth and death; and by using the roots of our differences and similarities. DNA has become more widely accepted after the recent PBS series on African American Lives. In December 2005, an entire issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly was devoted to DNA. If you do a Google search for DNA you would get 60 times more hits today than 3 years ago. Dr. Freed provided a handout with his outline and a glossary of genetic terms and sources.



Dr. Freed used the example of 3 DNA success stories. The first being Thomas Jefferson and how DNA was used to determine that he had slave children. Thomas Jefferson had one daughter and no male heirs with his wife Martha. To decide if slave Sally Hemming's children were Thomas Jefferson's heirs, they had to go back one generation to his father and uncle and through their male lines.

Another example he gave was the finding of the father of an orphan, James J. McCabe. He was his wife's ancestor, and Dr. Freed and his wife had been trying to find the father of Mr. McCabe. He was born in 1843 in Newton County, Indiana, and was a Civil War Veteran. He had written a diary. He had married Rebecca Ellen Craycraft, born in June of 1844 in Licking County, Ohio. Through their DNA study they found he had half brothers, and his mother had been divorced. Through the study they found strong circumstantial evidence that his father was James B. McCabe, who came to Ohio in 1807. Mrs. Freed is hoping to prove him as a First Family of Ohio.

His third success story was the confirmation of a name change in the 1860's from Dorsey to Kelly. DNA proved the family changed names from 1860 — 1870. Elisha Dorsey had been a Confederate soldier. He had moved north and changed his name because of the repercussions from being a known Confederate in Yankee territory.

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*Dr. Freed went on to explain about how the Y- chromosome was used for DNA study. All males have one X and one Y chromosome. The Y - chromosome is always transferred from father to son, so all of this type of tests were done on straight male lines. Mitochondrial is another type of DNA, and mitochondrial DNA is transferred from mother to child, and so follows the maternal ancestral line.*

*If you are interested in starting your own DNA study, you need to develop a genealogy hypothesis, and then get an idea of what you are going to test. If you are planning to go back using surnames on your maternal lines 50 — 300 years you would have an emphasis on the Haplotype. If you want to do 'deep' ancestry, anthropological genealogy for example from 300 — 1000's of years to see where in Europe or Africa your ancestors came from or if you have Vikings in your family tree your emphasis would be on the Haplogroup.*

*Good places for starting your project are [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) and the book "Trace Your Roots with XNA". Just using your line to your Great - Great Grandparents, you would have 16 surnames. The more markers used the better. It is easier to disprove a relationship than prove it. There are quite a few companies that test DNA. Family Tree DNA has over 90,000 Y chromosome records in their database. In Dr. Freed's handout was a list of websites that you could check for more information.*

*Those who enjoyed the presentation were: Virginia Smith, Carol Mickley, Don DeGood, Jeanne A. Haynes, Sharon Churvalas, Jan Whitman, Ruth Stewart, Nancy Katzenbach, Margaret Bouic, Julia R. Yoder, Jim & Judi Freed, Marian Cowgill, Dorothy Robinson, Arlene Perkins, Barbara Bouic, Bob Parrott, Dale Neill, Vi Hill, Henry & Peggy Edwards, Nina Boerger, Marie Bouic, Mary Ann Haynes and Kenneth Davison from Seneca County.*

*Respectively Submitted,  
Marie Bouic*



At the Ohio Genealogy Conference in Columbus, Ohio, the highlight of the conference was the luncheon on Saturday where Mrs. Margaret Main Bouic received the Presidential Award of Appreciation for her 55+ years of outstanding service to genealogy. She also received recognition for transcribing data from Union County and Delaware County newspapers.

***Congratulations, Margaret!!***

*(Margaret Bouic seated with Dr. James Freed and Virginia Smith standing)*

**Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society**  
**Annual Pioneer Banquet, May 15, 2007**

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their annual Pioneer Banquet at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City.

After a family-style meal, President Virginia Smith thanked the executive board members for their efforts and working well together. A special presentation of thanks was given to Nancy Katzenbach, chapter librarian, who works diligently to expand and organize our collections. *(see picture at right)*



Carol Mickley, Pioneer Chairperson, assisted by Julia Yoder and Linda Prosser, presided over the induction of New Pioneers.

**New members inducted were:**

- John Gray proved two gold ancestors: John Gray who was in Union County in 1830, and John Lee Sherman was in Union County in 1820.
- Linda Thompson proved a gold and silver ancestor; Noah Trout, a gold ancestor who was in the county in 1840, and James Riley Cole a silver ancestor who was in Union County in 1850.
- Gary Thompson proved three gold ancestors: Abraham Amrine, John Amrine, and John Henry Amrine, each were in Union County in 1817, and Orintha Amrine, a silver ancestor, in Union County in 1850.
- Virginia Smith proved a silver ancestor, Joseph T. Robinson, who was in the county in 1850.

The group was then entertained and informed by David Zieh, who impersonated a British soldier of the Revolutionary War.



He relayed that his pay is only 8 cents per day and 2 cents of it is paid back to his country in taxes. The uniform is made of linsey-woolsey; the waistcoat is red because it is the cheapest dye. The color of the label or facing identifies the regiment of service. His equipment includes a water bottle made of tin, a cartridge box containing his ammunition, and a haversack made from linen. Most soldiers carry about 60 pounds of equipment on their backs.

His weapon, a flintlock musket, referred to as "Bess", can be quickly reloaded and accommodates a bayonet. He described the gruesome wounds inflicted by bayonet. David skillfully engaged the audience and explained the origin of phrases such as "Flash in the pan", "going off half-cocked" and "bite the bullet".

The next meeting will be the annual picnic at the First English Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Haynes will be the hostess.

Those in attendance were: Dwight & Jean Kirk, Charles & Karen Robinson, James & Mary Shumaker, Don & Rose DeGood, Hank & Peg Edwards, Jeanne Haynes, Dick & Carol Mickley, Alan & Arlene Perkins, Dorothy Robinson, Sara Petznick, Ruth Stewart, Nancy Katzenbach, Bill & Norma Jean Overacker, Sharon Chuvalas, Dale & Faye Neill, Ryan & Marilyn Finley, Jim & Lois Dale, Frank & Barbara Bouic, Rev. John & Patty Gray, Virginia Smith, Julia Yoder, Peggy Henman, Marian Cowgill, Pearl Evans, Mary Carr, Linda Prosser, Kermit & Ruth Ann Morse, Margaret Bouic, Mary Ann, Josh & Micah Haynes, Rebekah Headings, and Paul Powers.

*Written by Virginia Smith & Marie Bouic*

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Ancestor Chart

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 LEONARD H. WATTS  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 10-13-1872  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d. -1943  
 p.d.

2 QUENTIN LEROY (PAT) WATTS  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 9-30-08  
 p.b.  
 m. 12-12-27  
 d. 5-15-1994  
 p.d.

5 ANNA MAE SHIRK  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 8-19-1878  
 p.b.  
 d. -1971  
 p.d.

1 VIOLA MAY WATTS HILL  
 b. 8-26-30  
 p.b. URBANA, OHIO  
 m. 12-9-49  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 EDWARD CRANSTON GIFFORD  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 9-15-1880  
 p.b. WOODSTOCK, OH.  
 m. 4-22-07  
 d. 4-5-1966  
 p.d. URBANA, OHIO

3 OPAL FRY GIFFORD  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 8-12-08  
 p.b. WOODSTOCK, OH.  
 d. 12-30-99  
 p.d. MARYSVILLE, OHIO

7 GAITHA M. HUFFMAN  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 7-15-1885  
 p.b.  
 d. 5-3-1911  
 p.d. WOODSTOCK, OH.

8 JOHN J. WATTS  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 10-25-1847  
 p.b. FRANKLIN CO., OHIO  
 m. 9-9-1870  
 d.  
 p.d.

9 ORPHA SAFFORD  
 (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 8-5-1850  
 p.b. UNION CO., OHIO  
 d. 7-4-1873  
 p.d. UNION CO., OHIO

10 HENSON SHIRK  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. 12-25-1816  
 p.b.  
 m. 9-7-1851  
 d. 1-28-1888  
 p.d.

11 SUSAN BURRIS  
 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

12 GEORGE HOWLAND GIFFORD  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. 9-24-1832  
 p.b. WOODSTOCK, OHIO  
 m. 2-25-1862  
 d. 5-16-1921  
 p.d. WOODSTOCK, OHIO

13 MIRY JOSEPHINE MYERS  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 8-9-1846  
 p.b. TROY, OHIO  
 d. 1-3-1933  
 p.d. WOODSTOCK, OHIO

14 CHARLES RUBEN HUFFMAN  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. 1853  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d. 1939  
 p.d.

15 EMMA JANE HOLYCROSS  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 1865  
 p.b.  
 d. 1904

16 HIRSH WATTS  
 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 12-28-1822  
 m. 12-22-1843  
 d. -1911

17 SARA J. GOLDSMITH  
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 1-15-1823  
 d. -1905

18 PELATIAH SAFFORD  
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

19 AZUBAH HUSTIN  
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

20 JOHN SHIRK  
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 3-3-1787  
 m. 8-2-1805  
 d. 7-2-1873

21 SARAH H. BRAKE  
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 1-2-1790  
 d. 9-25-1869

22  
 b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

23  
 b. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 d.

24 DANIEL GIFFORD  
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 2-14-1797  
 m. 9-24-1818  
 d. 2-27-1870

25 CATHERINE WING  
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b. 3-7-1794  
 d. 12-27-189-

26  
 b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

27  
 b. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 d.

28  
 b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d.

29  
 b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 d.

30 ISAAC HOLYCROSS  
 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

31 ADELINE DECKER  
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_)  
 b.

*If You Were Born -----*

**1676 Bacon's Rebellion**

*If you were born between 1626 and 1656 you could have served in the Bacon's Rebellion War.*

**1689 - 1765 Intercolonial Wars**

*If you were born between 1639 and 1743 you could have served in the Intercolonial Wars.*

**1763 - 1765 Pontiac's Rebellion**

*If you were born between 1713 and 1743 you could have served in the Pontiac's Rebellion War.*

**1775 - 1783 American Revolution**

*If you were born between 1720 and 1763 you could have served in the American Revolution War.*

**1790 - 1811 Indian Wars**

*If you were born between 1740 and 1791 you could have served in the Indian Wars.*

**1812- 1815 War of 1812**

*If you were born between 1762 and 1794 you could have served in the War of 1812.*

**1832 Blackhawk War**

*If you were born between 1782 and 1812 you could have served in the Blackhawk War*

**1846 - 1848 Mexican War**

*If you were born between 1796 and 1828 you could have served in the Mexican War*

**1861 - 1865 Civil War**

*If you were born between 1806 and 1845 you could have served in the Civil War*

*(From the Florida Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society, Vol. 13, No. 1, Page 9, January-February 1996)*

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**Wagon Roads to Ohio**

**Gateway to the West**

The first census of 1790 revealed that the US had a population of 3,900,000 people. There was no enumeration for the Northwest Territory, but the entire white population was estimated to be 4,300 people. Along with the settlements at Cincinnati and a few other Ohio River sites, there were already over a thousand families living near Rufus Putnam's Marietta land office on the Ohio River in 1790.

Many of the earliest settlers came to the Ohio River settlements by way of Forbes' Road or Braddock's Road, both leading to Pittsburgh, which was becoming known as "The Gateway to the West". Pittsburgh in 1790 had nearly 400 houses, mostly brick, and was already an industrial center, where sawmills provided finished lumber, and where a small iron works was in operation. Pittsburgh had the basic necessities and the manufacturing capability for wagon wheels, barrels, horseshoes, and virtually any accessory a migrating family would need to continue a journey west. Upon reaching Pittsburgh the migrating families would buy or build their own flatboats for floating down the Ohio River to the new settlements. A flatboat was essentially a large rectangular wooden box and was built to hold all of the family's possessions as well as livestock. A flatboat was built for a one-way trip down river. The boat itself would be disassembled at the end of the journey to provide some of the materials and nails needed for building a shelter. There is a scene in the movie "How the West was Won" that gives a very good idea of what river travel in a flatboat would be like — including the hazards and tragedies.

**A Brief Overview**

The role of the Ohio Company, a private fur trading company which had its roots in Virginia, was in maintaining British control of the Forks of the Ohio River. These goals were accomplished in 1763 when France relinquished its claims to the great Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. After the French-Indian War these areas belonged solely to the capital British and the Mississippi River became the undisputed boundary between British and Spanish territory. Britain surprised it's American colonies with the Proclamation Line of 1763 which took away from the colonies the right to grant lands in the western areas; in fact, the King's proclamation prohibited colonials from crossing the line at all. A revolution took care of that antagonism, and soon after the creation of an American government, the expansion into the western regions became a matter of national policy.

By their act of ratifying the Constitution of the United States, some of the thirteen states were not only agreeing to the creation of a new Federal Government, they were giving up their claims to their western lands. The states of Virginia, Massachusetts and Connecticut ceded their western lands to the US government and in 1787 a new "Territory Northwest of the Ohio River" was established by the Continental Congress. ... Why were the thirteen states ready to give up these lands so easily? ... They gave them up for a very simple reason — as a land owner, the Federal Government would have a source of revenue by selling off land — and the states could stop subsidizing this new federal monster they had created.

An orderly plan for the sale of land emerged; a plan for the creation of new territories and states was developed by Congress. Since the primary source of revenue would be from the sale of land, migrations west of the Appalachian Mountains became a matter of national policy.

Any new territories created were to have a Governor appointed, and provisions were made for a militia to maintain order and protect immigrants moving into the new lands. Congress determined that a territory could petition to become a state if there were at least 20,000 people living there. As the first territory established in 1787, the Territory Northwest of the Ohio River became a proving ground for various methods of dividing land ... meanwhile some private land speculators got into the act.

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

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

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### **Selected Abstracts from the Marysville Tribune in 1874, from Volume 25**

*(From the works of Margaret Main Bouic)*

January 28, 1874 p3c5 Died January 19, 1874 at the Union County Infirmary, of which he had charge, Mr. O. W. R. Ingrman, aged 61 years, 5 months and 18 days. His funeral took place from the M. E. church in Marysville, sermon by Rev. S. H. Alderman.

February 4, 1874 p3c5 Roxanna Kinney, relict of Dr. S. F. Kinney died January 23 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. Morey. She was over 80. She was born in Rhode Island and from there she went with her father's family to New York. There she was married to Dr. Kinney. They moved to Marysville in 1839. On account of her deafness she did not attend church for some years before her death.

February 11, 1874. Tribute of Respect, Samuel Hanawalt died Jan. 21. Millcreek Grange No. 99.  
Feb. 18, 1874

February 25, 1874 p2c2 David Sterling who died at his residence in York Township February 18, 1874 was born in county Down, Ireland, April 15, 1810. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1823, settling in Pennsylvania, thence to Harrison County, Ohio in the following year. He removed to Union county in 1837, and settled on the farm on which he resided until his death. He died of apoplexy. Geo. M. Peck

p3c3 Messrs. S. Taylor of York township, W. H. Crary of Allen; John W. Robinson of Paris; James Rittenhouse of Dover and Dr. T. P. Shields of Millcreek represented their respective Granges in the State grange of Ohio which met in Xenia last week. The attendance was large, 550 Granges being represented.

March 4, 1874 March 11, 1874

March 18, 1874 p3c4 George Hemminger died January 29, 1874. He was born in Somerset County, Pa. June 8, 1797. He imigrated to Tuscarawas County, Ohio with his parents in 1805 and was married to Miss Susan Phillips in New Philadelphia in 1820. From thence he moved to Union County in 1836 on the farm where he lived until his death. He leaves a widow and six children and many grandchildren. W. M. Hellings.

March 25, 1874

April 1, 1874 p3c5 Obie Laughrey, only son of Sylvester and Jane Laughrey, departed this life January 5, aged 1 year, 8 months and 14 days.

(selected abstracts continued)

April 8, 1874 p3c3 William Johnson died from effects of being thrown out from his wagon, a week later. p3c4 Wedding of Capt. A. G. Wilcox of Minneapolis, M. and Miss Estelle H. Woods daughter of Judge W. W. Woods, March 31, 1874. 3/4 column.

April 15, 1874 p3c5 Died at his residence near Bridgeport April 5, 1874, William Winget age 77 years. He was born in Washington County, Pa. but in early childhood his parents with their young family came to Ohio and settled on Big Darby, near Amity. Soon the father died. The mother, left with six small children and little property, struggled hard for their support. The deceased was her 2d child. He was a farmer by occupation.

Died March 25, 1874 in Marysville, Mr. J. R. Russell, aged 33 years, 7 months and 12 days. At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company B., 32d Reg. OVI. He was severely wounded and disabled at Harper's Ferry in Sept. '62 after which he was honorably discharged and subsequently placed on the pension list. He entered the Commercial College, Dayton and took the full course. He was a student at Ohio Wesleyan University about two years. He was united in marriage with Miss E. Jolly August 26, 1869, who with their little daughter and many others now mourn his death. He was elected Treasurer of Union County in 1869 and re-elected in 1871. Funeral at M. E. Church.

In Memoriam- James R. Russell, Palestine Lodge. Also see April 8 p3c3.

April 22, 1874 p3c4 William W. Johnson, son of J. T. and W. R. Johnson was born June 8, 1850 in Butler County, Pa and died in Milford Center April 5, 1874 from the effects of a broken limb.

Died near Summersville March 10, 1874, William Kirk aged 86 years, 10 months and 8 days. Father Kirk was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He removed while quite young with his parents to Norfolk, Va. and at the age of about six removed to Philadelphia, Pa. and from thence to Alexandria and in a few years he went to reside near Leesburg, Va. At that place he was married. From this place he removed to Guernsey County, O. After residing there a short time he came to Summersville. He has had an official standing in the church for more than forty years. The funeral was at the M. E. church, services conducted by Rev. Joseph Good. J. M. D.

April 29, May 6, 1874

May 13, 1874 p3c5 Jane Thompson Hull departed this life May 3, 1874 at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Moses Thompson in the 84th year of her age. Mrs. Hull was the wife of the late John C. Hull of Taylor Township whose death occurred December 30, 1872 in the 85th year of his age. Their happy married life extended through nearly 59 years. They were the parents of 12 children, eight of whom preceded their parents. Mr. Hull was a soldier of the War of 1812. A brother of Mrs. Thompson's grandfather was the Hon. Charles Thompson, who was secretary of the Continental Congress that passed the Declaration of Independence. On the maternal side of her house, there was her grandfather, Col. Evans, who served in the Revolutionary War. She connected herself with the Presbyterian Church.

May 20, 1874 p2c3 Rev. John Gilbert Norris was born June 25, 1801 in Wilshire County, Dunhead Township, England. He came to America with his parents in the 8th year and from 1808-1817 he lived in Nova Scotia, near Halifax and he then came to Ohio. He was reared in the Episcopalian faith but June 25, 1822, he joined the M. E. movement. In October 1829, he left the Methodist Episcopal because they censured him for preaching against slavery. In 1830 he united with the Protestant Methodists but as they commenced to affiliate with slavery, he helped organize several churches in Ohio called Anti-Slavery Methodists. These afterwards developed into the Wesleyan connection. In the after part of his life he had his membership in the Congregational church at Jerome. by John V. Poets

May 27, 1874 p2 Trial of John Reed, charged with the murder of Samuel Griffin October 3, 1873. 4 columns

p3c2 Mrs. W. R. Shultz, wife of the pastor of the M. P. church at Rushcreek committed suicide.

p3c5 Mrs. Eliza Ann Pickett, daughter of Rev. John G. Norris was born in Harrison County, Ohio November 26, 1827 and died near Jerome May 20, 1874 aged 46 years, 5 months, 25 days. She was a member of the M.E. church at Jerome.

She was united in marriage with Mr. B. H. Pickett, March 12, 1846 and was the mother of nine children, two of whom are dead. Funeral services at Jerome May 22. June 3, 1874 p3c4 biography of Rev. John Gilbert Norris

p3c5 IOOF Tribute of Respect of A. W. Brown

June 10, 1874 p2c2,3 continuation of biography of Rev. John Gilbert Norris. He married February 15, 1827 Sarah McMillin who died Sept 12, 1842. Nine children by this marriage. May 4, 1843 he married Ruth the widow of Samuel Ray who was drowned Feb. 28, 1832, son of Rev. John Ray. He died May 16, 1874 (72-10-22) J.

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