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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue contains two items that don't come around often, but are quite important to the UCCOGS and its members. Most important are the newly revised bylaws. In order to maintain a useful, up-to-date organization it is necessary to review and revise the rules used to govern it. The Ohio Genealogical Society suggests that this be done every five to seven years. We are required to publish the revised version of the bylaws in the newsletter thirty (30) days before the membership votes to accept or reject them. The vote will be taken at the November 16 general meeting. A place has been added to the absentee ballot (on the cover/last page) for your vote.

The second item of importance is the absentee ballot giving every member the chance to vote for the officers who will do their best to serve you for the next two years. All of the candidates are names you know as they haven't changed. But if you feel that you would like to be elected or nominate someone (with their permission) this is your chance. If you send an absentee ballot (see last page) you might want to include your 2014 dues.

October is Family History Month! To kick it off the OGS is having a one day seminar on Saturday, October 5 (see page 57).

This year is winding down, but we have two great meetings scheduled for this year and a few ready for 2014. If you have a speaker or topic that you would like to see scheduled in the upcoming year, please, let me know. I'm always looking for ways to make our meetings special for all who attend.

Last, but certainly not least—we once again owe a big thank you and a debt of gratitude to Union County Archives Coordinator, **Stephen Badenhop**, for compiling two more books for our list of publications. They are *Union County Birth Records Volume I: 1867-1885* and *Union County Birth Records Volume II: 1886-1908*. See more on page 59.

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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 10:00 A. M. in the lower level, meeting room “A” at the Marysville Public Library, 231 S. Plum Street, Marysville. (Elevator located inside back door.)

### 2013:

**October 19: General Phil Sheridan’s Extended Kin With Emphasis on Research Methods Used**—Speaker: **Donald Schlegel**, genealogist, author, and historian. (See next page.)

**November 16: Talking to the Dead**—Speaker: **Debora Carder Mayes**, genealogist, author, columnist; editor; instructor; lecturer. (See page 56)

**No meeting in December.**

### 2014:

**January 18: The Ohio Historical Society as a Repository of Genealogical Records**—Speaker: **Elizabeth “Liz” Plummer**, Manager Research Services Archives/Library.

**February 15:** To be announced.

**March 15: Blogging for Genealogists**, learn what we can expect when using blogs and, also, how to set up your own blog.—Speaker: **Jennifer Alford**, [www.jenealogy.biz/](http://www.jenealogy.biz/)

**April 19: Language of the Cemetery**, covers the evolution of the tombstone from field stones to present day stones along with lettering changes,—Speaker: **Nancy Ottman**.

**May 20: Pioneer & Civil War Families Banquet**—time and place to be announced.

**October 18: Ghost Towns & Forgotten Towns of Union County**—Speaker: **Marie Bouic**.

**Remainder of year to be announced**

**According to Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter** ([http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/)) there are more than 80 million professional and amateur genealogists around the world. That’s a lot of mostly nice people sharing a lot of family.

**The Extended Kin of General Phil Sheridan  
Concentrating on Methods and Records Used  
Presented by Donald M. Schlegel**



Mr. Schlegel began exploring his grandmother's Sheridan ancestry some years ago and became fascinated by the many claims in print and on-line of kinship with General Phil Sheridan of Somerset, Ohio (1832-1888). So he set out to see what could be learned. The presentation will give the results of that exploration but will concentrate on the resources used to track the family in Ireland, New York, and New Orleans.

Born and raised in Columbus, Don received a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from Ohio State University in 1971. He retired in 2010 after almost 39 years with Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co. and AEP. He says he would have majored in history in college, but needed a "paying job" to raise a family. He lives near Hilliard with his wife; they have four daughters and four grandchildren (so far).

Don has written many articles on history, biography, and genealogy over the years:

- Contributor to the *Bulletin of the Catholic Record Society-Diocese of Columbus*, since 1975. Editor of same and major contributor since 1985.
- Contributor of fourteen articles published in the *Clogher Record*, Journal of the Clogher Historical Society, in Monaghan, Ireland, beginning in 1988.
- Contributor to the MacMahons of Monaghan website.

**Books, Booklets, CD**

- *The McDonalds of Somerset, Ohio and their descendants with sketches of other Perry*

*County families* (1977)

- *Passengers from Ireland : lists of passengers arriving at American ports between 1811 and 1817* (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980)
- *Lager and liberty: German brewers of nineteenth century Columbus* (1982)
- *Franklin County, Ohio divorces before 1870 with many state-wide references* (1983)
- *The Columbus Catholic cemetery: history and records, 1846-1874* (1983)
- *The Columbus City graveyards, containing histories of the Franklinton, North, East, South, and Colored Graveyards of Columbus, Ohio, with a consolidated list of all known lot owners, burials, inscriptions, and removals* (1985)
- *Irish genealogical abstracts from the Londonderry journal, 1772-1784* (Clearfield, 1990)
- *Burns : Castlecomer, Clarksville, Columbus* (1991)
- *The ancestors of the McDonalds of Somerset* (1998)
- *Early memorials in Union Cemetery, Franklin County, Ohio* (1999)
- *Illustrated history of the Diocese of Columbus* (Editions du Signe, 2001)
- *The view from Dublin: personal data in the Hibernian journal, 1771-1784* (compact disc, 2005, at Col's Metro)
- *Abstracts of chancery inquisitions of the seventeenth century for counties Fermanagh and Monaghan* (Cumann Seachas Chlochair, 2008)

# Talking to the Dead

Presented by Debora A. Carder Mayes



Many of you will recall our April 2012 meeting when Debbie gave us such helpful information for use when seeking our military ancestors. Our January 2013 speaker, **Dale Bartow**, Executive Director of the Union County Veterans Service Office referred to Debbie's presentation several times. On November 16 Debbie will come back to help us find and use a "variety of records pertaining to an ancestor's death." We will learn what and where records can be found and how one record often leads to others.

Since her first presentation Debbie has joined the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and has proven her pioneer ancestry. She was inducted into the Union County Pioneers in May 2013 (See the May-June issue of the *Echoes*.)

Debbie's passion for genealogy began over sixteen years ago when she started exploring her own family history. As a genealogical research volunteer at the Delphos Public Library and Allen County, Ohio Historical Society, requests for research beyond the time limitations of the volunteers were offered to her and these requests became her first clients. She researches primarily in West Central Ohio and the Miami Valley, but has also done research in other Ohio counties and seventeen other states.

She has been presenting programs and workshops since 2004, speaking at genealogical and historical societies, libraries, and other organizations. In December, 2007, Debbie completed

the National Genealogical Society's American Genealogy: A Home Study Course. She was acknowledged as a contributor to Elizabeth Shown Mills' book, *Evidence Explained*. Most recently she has been writing a book on her father's family history.

Debbie has a B.S. in Education from The Ohio State University. She has completed the DAR Genealogist Consultant Course; the National Genealogical Society's *American Genealogy: A Home Study Course* and their online course, *Using Census Records in Genealogical Research*. Additionally, she has attended numerous OGS and national conferences and local workshops.

Debbie is a member of several county chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society. At home she has been a member of the Allen County Chapter, OGS Executive Board since 2001. She has served that chapter as President (2004-2006 & 2008-2010), Vice-president (2003, 2006-2008), newsletter editor (2003-2010), historian (2001-2002), and FGS delegate since 2001.

The national and state genealogical societies that Debbie is a member of are too numerous to list here. She is also a member of several Ohio county state, and national lineage societies.

Debbie writes for *The In Depth Genealogist* (<http://theindepthgenealogist.com/>) and has her own blog, "Rambling Along the Ancestral Trail," at <http://cardermayes.weebly.com/blog.html>.



## News & Help Wanted

**The City of Marysville** recently allowed **Stephen Badenhop** to scan all of the Oakdale Cemetery records. Stephen gave the scanned records to **Leona Gustafson** who has been slowly transcribing them into a spread sheet. City employee, Heather Mitchell, is now sending a monthly report to Leona so that the UCCOGS has an up-to-date record of all interments in Union County's largest cemetery. The oldest records include the transfers from the old City Cemetery and other cemeteries, though in some cases the names of those transferred were not known. There are many records for which no gravestones exist. Contact Leona if you have questions or queries about the records and those buried at the cemetery.



**Jerome Township Soldiers Monument** will be rededicated on Saturday, October 5 (See *Union Echoes*, Jan-Feb 2013, page 11). The event will start with a 10 a. m. special service at the New California Presbyterian Church adjacent to the new Monument Park at the intersection of U.S. Route 42 and Industrial Parkway. After the service the monument, which has been refurbished and reinstalled on a new base, will be rededicated beginning at 11 a. m. The monument will be the centerpiece of a new park created especially to provide a more appropriate setting for this 100 year old monument to the dedicated and brave men who served during the Civil War. The park will also serve as a memorial to all Jerome Township soldiers in all our nation's wars. The work on the park, being completed in stages, is expected to last through 2015. For additional information visit <http://jerometownship.com/>, or call 614-873-4480.



**There is still time left to register for the OGS Fall Seminar!** In honor of Family History Month, the Ohio Genealogical Society would like to invite you to attend the upcoming Fall Seminar on 5 October 2013 featuring guest speakers, **George G. Morgan** and **Drew Smith**. Let the Genealogy Guys help you ramp up your genealogical research using the latest in technology to help you research smarter online.

For more information:

<http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar2013.php>

Should you have any questions about the event, call 419-886-1903, or Email: [publicity@ogs.org](mailto:publicity@ogs.org) Registrations can also be taken at the door the day of the seminar.



**Dave and Leona** have finished photographing all of the cemeteries in Union County and will soon be updating the still active cemeteries when possible. There are a few photos that need to be retaken; so not all photos are online. Leona has begun to add obituaries as they are found or sent to her, but that is not a major goal of the Website. The next project will be the recently restored Darby Township Cemetery in Plain City. The cemetery is located in Madison County, but many Union County families are represented, especially among the earliest graves. The photos can be viewed at:

[www.genealogybug.net/union\\_cems/unionindex.htm](http://www.genealogybug.net/union_cems/unionindex.htm)

Leona has been asked by several people how she feels about the Find A Grave Website ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)). Her response usually is, "I think it's a great site and I use it all the time. I am always happy to respond to requests and post the photo or photos requested if I have them or even go take photos. What I don't like and won't tolerate is having our photographs copied and used by other people without our permission. A few people have done that with whole cemeteries. I don't think they realize the time, money, or wear and tear on the car that we put into taking the photos. We do have our own Website, after all." When told by one "photo hijacker" that she is selfish and should be willing to put them all on Find A Grave for 'everyone to find' the only response was, "You found them, didn't you?!"



**Help wanted!!** We still need a **Program Chairperson** to take charge of scheduling most monthly meetings. All members of the executive board are happy to pitch in and help. All committee chairpersons are also members of the society's executive board. If you would like to volunteer and/or have questions contact Leona:

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We need a new **Webmaster**. You do not have to live in Ohio in order to do this job. You do need a basic knowledge of HTML editing, Internet access, and reliable Email. Right now this job would require a few hours about once a month. If you are interested, contact our temporary Webmaster, Dave Gustafson:

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## August Minutes

Submitted by **Marie Bouic**,  
Recording Secretary

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their August meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Marysville Public Library at 10:00 a.m. President **Leona Gustafson**, welcomed everyone. The minutes, treasurer's report, membership and new and improved lineage society forms were available on the table to look at and pick up.

Since the June 15 meeting, **Dave Gustafson**, Corresponding Secretary, reported that he has sold 1 copy of the Beers 1883 Union County History, 2 copies of Domestic & Paternity Suits Case File Index (1820-1950); Marriage Record Book (1900-1950) and 3 CD's. Lynn Baldwin, committee member for the Lineage Societies has 1 pioneer application pending. Leona announced the deadline for the next newsletter would be September 23.

This year is an election year and we need volunteers for the nominating committee. If someone is interested in serving as an officer please contact **Calvin Wood**, Vice President.

September 14 the Union County Historical Society is hosting a Night at the Museum from 6 until 9 p.m. Our group will have a table set up with publications for sale and information to share.

Our next meeting will on September 21, Dr. **Jarrod Burks**, a professional archaeologist will present the program on Ground Penetrating Radar and Unmarked Graves. He has located graves in Ohio and internationally.

Leona then introduced our speaker for the meeting, **Becky Hill**, Head Librarian and Project Coordinator for Obituary Index of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont presented a program on "Tracing Your House's History." Marysville Public Library is one of the libraries that is involved in the indexing of obituaries for the Index of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library. There are now over 2.5 million names that can be researched online. Ms. Hill had a very detailed handout that everyone followed along with her PowerPoint presentation of pictures of different styles of homes. Before the meeting was called to order she briefly showed pictures of the Lorain County Homes by Rail Homes that consisted of kits

ordered through the Sears Catalog. (If you would like to have a copy of Ms. Hill's handout contact either Dave Gustafson – [dgus@genealogybug.net](mailto:dgus@genealogybug.net) or Leona Gustafson – [llgbug@genealogybug.net](mailto:llgbug@genealogybug.net))

She showed many examples of different architectural styles beginning with the Weller Log Cabin of the Union County. Log Cabins were built up to 1850's. There are many books available to help date your house. Many pictures of different styles of architecture were shown with some homes that were located in Marysville. Federal Style of architecture were built from 1780-1802 and had 6 over 6 double hung windows. There was a Late Federal Style farmhouse, a Greek Revival farmhouse built 1820-1860 with half windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Italianate built in 1850's, Gothic Revival/American Gothic 1840-1880; Second Empire 1860-1890; Victorian Stick House 1860-1890; Folk Victorian House 1870-1910; Queen Anne style 1870-1900; Colonial Revival 1870-1950; Shingle Style House 1880-1900; American Four Square 1895-1930; Cotswold Cottage Style, Arts & Craft 1908-1940 ordered as kits from the Sears Roebuck Catalog.

Among ways to check the age of your home you may look for physical evidence for papers in attic or basement or writing on walls under layers of wallpaper or exposed beams. Check the kinds of nails used as they may help tell the age when the dwelling was built. Foundation materials include stone, brick or dug basement. Glass and windows, early glass was wavy and smaller panes since glass was expensive. Stained glass wasn't used in homes until after 1875. Look for alterations in the exterior and interior; or you can scrape away exterior paint under the eaves to find layers that might give a clue.

Research land records, tax and appraisals records, city directories, Sanborn Maps if your home is in a town where they were/are available; and old county atlases are often helpful in rural areas. Interview neighbors and families of past owners. Or if you are very fortunate to find a manuscript with the history of your home. Research genealogical resources such as obits, marriage announcements or anniversaries. The 1880 Census gave street addresses for people living in town and you can check to see if your house was built at that time. Photographs are another possibility. In her handout were many websites that could give tips for more clues.



**Becky Hill**

The Hayes Presidential Library has much history and information from the Civil War to World War I time period. Ms. Hill then showed how to research online the Sanborn Maps found on the Ohio Web Library through the libraries website. She also demonstrated how to use the Obituary Index found at the Hayes Presidential Center and how to navigate around the Union County Auditor's website to find your property.

The program was enjoyed by over thirty people.



## **Union County Agricultural Society – It's Beginning**

By **Leona Gustafson**

The information in this article was all found in the two volume set, *The History of Union County, Ohio* (W. H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1883), 1:328-29. The original article was contributed for inclusion in the history by "**R. L. Woodburn, Esq. of Marysville.**"

Apparently Mr. Woodburn didn't think much of early agriculture in Union County as he begins his article, "At the time our Agricultural Society was organized, our county was thinly populated and one of the most backward counties in the State..." However, it doesn't take him long to talk about the strong character of the earliest settlers and their realization of the importance of organizing an agricultural society. The first meeting of which was held in the "old courthouse during the summer of 1847." Officers were elected and the second week in October of the same year was set aside for the first fair.

The officers elected at that first meeting were: President, **Eliphas Burnham**; Vice President, **A. A. Woodworth**; Treasurer and Secretary, **John Johnson**. The same four men were reelected in 1848. Eliphas Burnham remained president until 1851 when **Joshua Judy** was elected to that office. Most of the original officers were elected several times over a number of years.

The first Union County Fair was held in Marysville in the public square, and fabrics were displayed in the old courthouse. The following year the fair was held further south on Main Street and the courthouse was used as the "fine art hall." In 1854 the society made the decision to purchase land for a fair ground and appointed a committee to make the purchase and "report [a] plan for payment. Thirteen acres were purchased from **John Cassil**. They paid \$50 per acre with the first half due January 1, 1855 and the balance, with interest, was due a year later.

A joint-stock company was formed to procure the

Those attending were: **Bernal & Eva Schooley, Ashley Wilson, Joseph Ollhalf; Dave & Leona Gustafson, Virginia Smith, Barbara Montgomery, Marlene Forsythe, Vi Hill, Lewis Cook, Rev. John Gray, Patricia Croy; Walter & Marie Bouic, Kermit & Ruth Anne Morse; Robert Hamilton, Keith & Julia McCoy; Paul R. Fish; Lynn Baldwin, Jeff & Barb Hensley; Elizabeth Ward, June Martin, Donna Bryant, Calvin Wood; Lloyd Baker, Carol Mickley, and Rebecca Oldham.**

funds to make the purchase. "The deed of conveyance to be made to such stockholders, subject to the use of the Union County Agricultural Society, so long as it should use the same for a fair ground, but to pass absolutely and unconditionally with the improvements to the stockholder, when the society shall disband or cease to occupy it for its annual fairs." Each share cost \$10. The following purchased one share each:

**John F. Sabine, James A. Henderson, Richey & Buxton, P. Manchester, R. L. Broome, Solomon Cook, John Barbour, Jesse Mearis, J. R. Galloway, Moses Coe, A. S. Chapman & Co., W. H. Robb, Joseph Newlove, John E. Cahill, William M. Robinson, Samuel Woods, D. D. Welsh, E. Biglow, Luther Winget, Ray G. Morse, Benjamin Gordon, James Smith (Darby Plains), John Reed, 3d, R. D. Reed, A. A. Woodworth, William Bigger, Jesse Gill, A. F. Wilkins, John W. Thompson, S. A. Cherry, Thomas W. Miller, John Johnson, John T. Lenox, James Finley, W. W. Woods, C. S. Hamilton, P. B. Cole, William C. Malin, Joshua Marshall, Tabor Randall, N. Raymond, S. R. Reed, F. Hemingway, Hiram Stokes, William Gabriel, George B. Burnham, George W. Stamates, J. C. Sidle, James Kinkade, Philip Snider, Samuel C. Lee, C. Houston, William T. Brophy, Phelps & McWright, Thomas Turner, Sexton & Co., James Martin, William R. Webb, and James M. Welsh.**

**James Riddle**, purchased one and a half shares. **J. C. Miller** and **James W. Robinson** each purchased two shares; and **J. & E. Burnham, James Fullington, Charles Fullington** purchased three shares each. **John Cassil**, purchased four.



## September Minutes

Submitted by **Marie Bouic**,  
Recording Secretary

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their September meeting on the 21st at the Marysville Public Library at 10:00 a.m. President **Leona Gustafson**, welcomed everyone. The minutes, treasurer's report were available on the table to check out.

**Calvin Wood**, vice president, has not had anyone volunteer for an office. **Dave Gustafson**, corresponding secretary and membership chair, had received a book order and payment from Toledo Library. Leona and Dave sold a 3 set volume of the Beers History at the Night at the Museum last weekend. **Nancy Katzenbach**, librarian, showed the new 2 volume book of Birth Records of Union County compiled by Stephen Badenhop. They may be purchased as the 2 volume book set or the two volumes on one CD.

Leona had previously misinformed the group about the voting of the revised By-Laws. They do have to be voted on by the membership. Leona noticed on the Eastman Genealogy Newsletter that WOSU will be featuring four episodes of the Genealogy Roadshow beginning on Monday, September 23 at 9 pm.

The next meeting will be October 19 and will feature **Donald Schlegel**, genealogist, author, and historian, "General Phil Sheridan's Extended Kin with Emphasis on Research Methods Used."

Leona then introduced our speaker, **Dr. Jarrod Burks**, who presented a program on "Imaging the Unseen in Cemeteries using High Tech Tools for Looking into the Past". He had a very interesting Power Point program with many pictures of his work. He spends a lot of time in cemeteries trying to find unmarked graves. He uses four types of equipment in his search. Magnetometer is an electrical resistant meter in his searches. It measures the earth's magnetic field. He showed examples of his works using this method at the earth mounds around Chillicothe where he had found additional sites.

Dr. Burks also uses an Electrical Resistance Meter which sticks electrodes in the ground and the machine sends electricity into the ground for readings. He used this piece of equipment at the recently restored childhood home of Eddie Rickenbaker in Columbus. He was hoping to locate some interesting items. He did locate the well and cistern and showed pictures of his findings. He said

he found many marbles, too, scattered over the yard.

Another piece of equipment that he uses looks similar to a push mower is called Ground Penetrating Radar and uses radio waves and the results are similar to looking at a catscan. A hand held instrument also used is called a Magnetic Susceptibility. He showed pictures of cemeteries he has worked and documented. He did a two week project at Guadacanal in the Solomon Islands where 2500 Marines died during World War II trying to find some remains. He was hired to look for the remains of a small reconnaissance patrol who had been killed and were buried near the beach by their fellow Marines. Dr. Burks also assisted an eighty year old man whose brother was one of the marines who died there. The elderly man had been there many times looking for his brother's remains.

Dr. Burks is a trustee of the Ohio Archaeological Council, a nonprofit organization of professional and avocational archaeologists and Vice President and founder of Heartland Earthworks Conservancy:  
[www.earthworksconservancy.org](http://www.earthworksconservancy.org)

The new director of the library was present for part of the meeting since he had a previous commitment, **Randy Matlow**. This is his second week on the job.

Those attending were: **Dave & Leona Gustafson, Virginia Smith, Walter & Marie Bouic, Lynn Baldwin, Calvin Wood, Nancy Katzenbach, Nina Boerger.**



**Jarrod Burks, PhD**

## ***Records Center & Archives***

By **Stephen W. Badenhop**

Records Center & Archives Coordinator

### **UNION COUNTY BIRTH RECORDS** **(1867-1908)**

The UCCOGS is proud to announce that it will be publishing Union County Birth Records from 1867 to 1908 in a two volume set, 1867-1885 and 1886-1908. These volumes transcribe birth records in Union County, Ohio, from 1867 to 1908. Each volume is organized alphabetically. It begins with the first birth recorded on July 1, 1867, and ends with the last birth recorded on December 31, 1908. The earliest records from 1867 and 1868 usually do not list the name of the person being born and also do not list the maiden name of the mother, while subsequent years are more consistent in documenting such information. It should be noted that the terms “babe,” “baby,” “infant,” “not named” and “unnamed” have been standardized to “Not Named” in the two published versions. The original records can be found at the Union County Probate Court. Microfilm copies of these records are available at the Marysville Public Library, Ohio Historical Society, or through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Union County birth records from 1867 to 1908 were originally recorded in a four volume set. The records from 1867 to 1885 are arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically by township. The surnames are then organized alphabetically in the township subset. Records from 1886 to 1908 are arranged alphabetically by recording year. These records document the births occurring in Union County and the births of individuals whose parents reside in Union County, hence birth records for individuals born outside Union County and outside the State of Ohio. These records originate from the probate court and are maintained through that office. Probate courts existed in the Northwest Territory prior to Ohio’s statehood. They had authority in probate, testamentary, and guardianship cases, although the probate judge and two common pleas court judges issued all final judgments. In 1802, Ohio’s first constitution abolished separate probate courts and transferred their authority to the common pleas courts. Separate probate courts reappeared in 1851, when Ohio drafted a new constitution. This gave the probate court the power to grant marriage licenses and control land sales by appointed executors, administrators, and guardians along with powers in probate, testamentary, guardianship, adoption, mental illness, and naturalization. Authorities the

court still maintains today, except in regards to naturalization, which power was transferred to the federal government in 1906.

On March 18, 1867, the Ohio General Assembly passed an act “to provide for the registry of births and deaths” in the State of Ohio to take effect July 1, 1867. The law mandated that probate judges “shall keep a record of the births...reported.” The law also specified that the information “shall state, in separate columns, the date of making the record, the date and place of birth, the name, sex and color of the child, and the names and residence of the parents...” Originally it was the duty of “the physicians and professional midwives” to report the births to the probate court every three months. In 1869, the law was amended so that the township assessor’s became responsible for the gathering and transmission of birth records to the probate court. The assessors’ registries reflected a twelve month period “ending on the first day of March,” and at that time the registries were recorded in the probate court. Physicians, surgeons and midwives were still required to maintain a registry of births as previously stated. In 1893, individuals whose birth was omitted from the birth records could upon “the sworn testimony of two or more competent witnesses” have the record amended to reflect their birth. These basic parameters remained in effect until the law was repealed in 1908.

Commencing January 1, 1909, the Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics was created and the responsibility for the recording of birth records was transferred to that agency, which was usually done through the local Health Districts. In Union County, births occurring between March 1908 and December 1908, which should have been recorded in March 1909, were still recorded in the Probate Court. In effect, birth records for individuals end in the Union County Probate Court for those born prior to January 1, 1909.

Volume one also contains a registry of births from 1856 to 1858. The first act “to provide for the registration of births...” was passed on April 8, 1856. The law provided in section two that it was the “duty of all physicians, surgeons and midwives, keep a registry of all the births...at which they have professionally attended.” The list was to be deposited in the Clerk of Court’s office on the first day of March every year. This law was the first attempt to record birth records in Ohio. Unfortunately, the law was largely ignored and unenforced after its first couple of years of operation. Therefore, records from the first cycle, 1857 to 1858, are the only ones that exist in extensive form. This law was repealed and replaced with the 1867 legislation. The original records are located at the Union County Records Center

and Archives.

The volumes in addition to containing a registry of births from 1856 to 1858 also include a record of births occurring at the Union County Infirmary. The Infirmary was established in 1851 and was run by a superintendent who managed the day-to-day operations. The superintendent was required to maintain a register of inmates noting their admission and discharge from the institution. It was customary in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century to send unwed mothers to the county home until they gave birth. These births were then recorded in the infirmary register and are included for the date range contained in these volumes. The original records are located at the Union County Records Center and Archives.

Finally, this volume includes delayed and corrected

births records filed with the Union County Probate Court from 1941 to 1995 for those whose birth dates should have been included or corrected in these volumes. As previously stated, omitted births were first addressed in 1893 legislation. The process though was haphazard and functioned differently in different counties and under different probate judges. This was remedied with “emergency” legislation in 1941, which formalized and standardized the delayed or corrected birth process. Delayed and corrected birth records from Union County are contained in a six volume set maintained in the Union County Probate Court. This summarizes the history of birth records and allied birth records in the State of Ohio filed and recorded in agencies other than the Health Department, which covers the time period in these volumes transcribing birth records in Union County.

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UNION COUNTY CHAPTER of the  
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
BYLAWS  
**2013 REVISION**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the UNION COUNTY CHAPTER of the OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (UCCOGS)

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

1. To support the objectives of the Ohio Genealogical Society.
2. To create and build interest in preserving and collecting historical the record of Union County and related areas of Ohio.
3. To encourage active membership in this Chapter and in the Ohio Genealogical Society.
4. To take an active part in collecting records and in making them available for public use in genealogical research.
5. To publish, if advisable, genealogical materials compiled by the Chapter members and to copyright this material if necessary.

ARTICLE III FUNCTION

1. To function, as a nonprofit organization pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1702.59 and exclusively for educational purposes according to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or its amendments.
2. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding Provision of any future United States Internal Rev-

enue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

1. The Officers of this Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The President shall call meetings of the Chapter and its officers, preside at meetings, appoint Committees and their chairperson, and perform duties generally required of this office.
3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or incapacity.
4. The Recording Secretary shall keep records of all Chapter and Executive Board meetings.
5. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle the correspondence pertaining to the Chapter and be responsible for the inventory and shipping of all book orders.
6. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Chapter, pay expenses as authorized by the Executive Board: receive membership dues, record donations, and prepare financial reports as requested by the Executive Board.  
An annual audit will be made of the financial records of the chapter.
7. Officer vacancies shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. In August of every odd numbered year, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating committee to contact individuals willing to allow their names to be placed into nomination as officers of the Chapter.
2. The slate of proposed officers presented by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the October issue of the Chapter Newsletter, *Union Echoes*.
3. The election of officers shall be held at the regular November meeting of the Chapter. In addition to the names submitted by the Nominating committee, nominations shall also be accepted from the floor. The President shall determine method of voting for officers which may be by oral vote, show of hand, or written ballot.
4. The officers of the Chapter shall take office January 1 following their election and shall serve for a period of two years.
5. Members who are unable to attend the November meeting to cast their vote for officers may do so by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot shall be included in the October *Union Echoes* newsletter and posted on the Chapter website. Absentee ballots must include the member's membership number and be received prior to the election.
6. Any vacancy which may occur in the elected officers due to resignation, disability or death shall be filled within 30 days, for the unexpired term, by the President with approval of the Executive Board. A vacancy in an office may also be declared by the President if any officer misses three consecutive unexcused meetings.

#### ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

1. Executive Board shall have charge of the business affairs of the Chapter.  
The Executive Board shall be comprised of all elected officers and the chairpersons of the Standing Committees. Any Chapter member who is a State Officer or Trustee shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board, provided however, that if any officer is also a chairperson of a standing committee they shall have only one vote. The registration fee shall be paid by the Chapter for two members of the Executive Board, as selected by the Board, to attend the Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Convention.
2. Standing Committees (chairs of committees and their assistants are encouraged to attend Executive Board meetings and will have a vote as part of the Executive Board):
  - A. Research/Library
  - B. Membership

- C. Lineage Societies
  - 1. Pioneers
  - 2. Civil War Families of Union County
- D. Union Echoes (editor)
- E. Webmaster
- F. Programs

#### ARTILCE VII MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Any person may become a member of this Chapter by completing an application for membership and paying dues. Annual dues for the ensuing year (1 January through 31 December). Changes shall be determined by the Executive Board with the approval of the Chapter at the September meeting.

The Executive Board may vote to award lifetime membership to members who have made significant volunteer contributions to the Chapter.

#### ARTICLE VIII QUORUM

1. Executive Board: A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
2. The members present at a regular meeting of the Chapter will constitute a quorum after all members have been notified of the meeting. The Chapter newsletter (*Union Echoes*) will be the official notification of meetings. Additional notification may be provided as determined by the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE IX BYLAWS REVISION

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter provided that any proposed amendments are published in the *Union Echoes* or presented at a regular meeting of the Chapter at least thirty days prior to any vote to amend the Bylaws. A two-thirds vote shall be required to adopt any amendment to the Bylaws.
2. The Bylaws and any amendments shall be filed with the Ohio Genealogical Society in Mansfield, Ohio within ninety (90) days from the date of adoption.
3. The Bylaws shall be reviewed every four (4) years by a committee appointed by the President.

#### ARTICLE X PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that may be adopted.

#### ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

If the Board should recommend the dissolution of this Chapter, the entire membership shall be notified by mail thirty (30) days prior to a business meeting to consider this issue. If the recommendation to dissolve is approved by two-thirds of those members present, the Chapter is dissolved. At that time, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Chapter, the Board shall begin the procedure of disposing of all assets in such manner and to such organizations that are exempt from Federal income Tax under Section 501(c)(3). Any of such assets not so disposed of by the Board, shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Union County, Ohio, exclusively for the purposes of the Chapter, in such manner and to such organizations as shall at that time qualify as organizations exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Court shall determine.

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**From the bylaws:** *The election of officers shall be held at the regular November meeting of the Chapter. In addition to the names submitted by the nominating committee, nominations shall also be accepted from the floor. Members who are unable to attend the November meeting to cast their vote for officers may do so by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must include the member's membership number (the number is on your mailing label or contact dgus@genealogybug.net ) and be received prior to the election (November 16, 2013). Space has been provided for a write-in vote for each office. Please, clip along the dotted line and mail your ballot to:*

**Election 2013  
Union County Chapter OGS  
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Your name (please print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Marie Bouic  \_\_\_\_\_

**Corresponding Secretary:**

David Gustafson  \_\_\_\_\_

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