



Union Echoes

Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

The mission of the Union County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society is to promote and nurture an interest in genealogy by providing instruction, information, and inspiration while encouraging members and others in the development of family histories and genealogical records for the benefit of future generations.

Letter from the President

Greetings from my bunker. My wife and I have so far avoided the attacks from covid-19. I hope all of you are doing well. Hopefully, 2021 will be a better year for the health of our Nation.

The executive committee is anxious to get together and start planning our programs for 2021. Marty Scott has stayed busy and continues to publish informative newsletters. I hope all of you have been busy researching your family tree. With so many of us staying close to home, it is good to write or call family members to acquire new stories about your family. My wife has used "zoom" to meet with family members from all over the country to share family stories.

Stay healthy and positive; we will be able to meet together again before too long.

Steven C. Lowe, President

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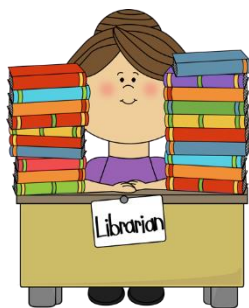
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From the Desk of UCCOGS Librarian, Nancy Katzenbach



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Nancy is at the Marysville Public Library on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help all comers when the library is open.

The library will NOT be open until further notice.

ANCESTRY IS FREE

If you have an Ohio Library card, Ancestry has just made its library edition temporarily free!

https://auth.oplin.org/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fancestrylibrary.proquest.com&fbclid=IwAR1fjGFf0IgQ2w_sLQvTt4gZP1ryT6SS5ztU2CsOeYWdbDHVpUQDyC9Nc6g Copy and paste in your browser, add your library card number, and pick your library. It will go to Ancestry.

**The Union County Chapter of the
Ohio Genealogical Society Minutes**

NO MEETING MINUTES

The library is closed until further notice.



UCCOGS Meetings

**Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19),
NO UCCOGS meetings until further notice.**



Upcoming Events

Website: www.ohiohistory.org/genealogy

Email: reservations@ohiohistory.org

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The [Ohio History Connection's Archives & Library](http://www.ohiohistory.org/genealogy) offers a series of workshops designed to help family history researchers find out about the many records and resources available for research.

The workshops offer an in-depth review of methods, tools, and sources for exploring your family's history. We offer in-person workshops, hands-on technology topics, and webinar presentations. See individual workshop descriptions for location, date, and time.



Family History Resources at the Ohio History Center Webinar

Thursday, January 16, 2020, ∞ 6:30-8:30 p.m
Online

Learn about resources in the Archives & Library at the Ohio History Center that will help you uncover your family story. In this webinar, learn how to use Ohio's public records, manuscripts, photographs, books, and newspapers available at the Ohio History Center.

\$20/Adult; \$15/Ohio History Connection member

[Advance registration required.](#)



CHRONICLING AMERICA
Historic American Newspapers

Bolstering your Genealogical Research with Ohio Memory and Chronicling America

Saturday February 15, 2020 ∞ 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m
Ohio History Center

Are you curious to know if there are photographs of the town or village where your ancestors lived? Are there newspaper articles describing social gatherings they may have attended? Online resources Ohio Memory and Chronicling America may have materials that identify these hidden treasures. Come and learn how to search these databases with **Kristen Newby**, Digital Projects Coordinator, and **Jen Cabiya**, Digital Newspaper Project Coordinator.

\$20/Adult; \$15/Ohio History Connection member.

[Advance registration recommended.](#)

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. **WOSU PBS station**

Tuesday, Jan 5

Breaking Silences with **Gayle King, Jordan Peele, and Issa Rae**

Tuesday, Jan 12

Coming to America with **Nancy Pelosi, Norah O'Donnell, and Zac Posen**



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Fladt Family

In Union Echoes, September-October 2020, **Nina Boerger**, a member of both UCHS and UCCOGS, gave a copy of pages from a German book donated to Union County Historical Society (UCHS). The pages have the birthdates of the **Fladt** family to add to the UCCOGS library files.

Linda Fladt Gase Scott sent me information that she had on the Fladt family to add to the files.

The names **Nina** gave UCCOGS belonged to the brother of **Linda's** great grandfather, **Mathias Fladt**. They mostly lived in Hilliard and New Rome area.

John Stephen Fladt 1/3/1858 Brother of Mathias (Linda's great grandfather)

Amalia "Mollie" Strunkenberg Fladt 3/28/1857

Their children:

Mathias Fladt 4/14/1883 died 5/13/97

Carl Fladt 3/14/1885

Magdalena Emma Fladt 5/30/1887

Caroline Margaret Fladt 3/2/1889

Walter Herman Fladt 12/9/1892 died 12/29/1892

Laura Ann Fladt 8/24/1895

Herbert Veit Fladt 1/15/1897

UCCOGS volunteers will file this information in the "**Fladt**" file at the Marysville Library.



OGS Annual Conference: Bringin' It Home 2021

Location:

Virtual

Topic:

We are literally "bringin' it home" for the 2021 OGS Conference because we are going **virtual**!

For details and reservations,
visit ogsconference.org





Our Mission

The mission of ConferenceKeeper.org is to curate details of genealogy events and freely share the information on a single, organized website and across various social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. Our goal is to help individuals increase their knowledge, skills, and enjoyment of genealogical research by sharing details of genealogy events of all kinds.

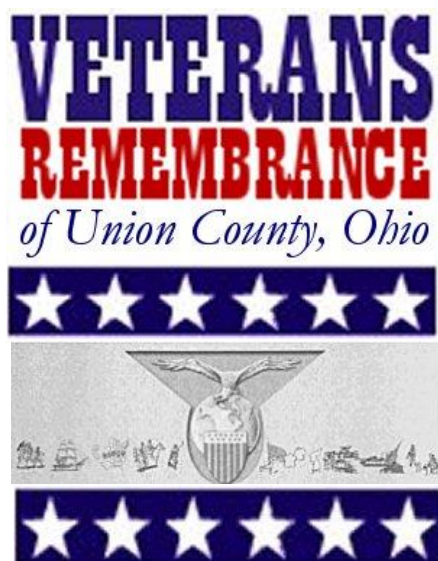
What Can You Find Here?

- A traditional **Calendar** with all genealogy events for every location listed by date.
- A page listing just **Conferences**
- Genealogy event pages by **location** – by specific areas of the US or Canada, as well as other world countries.
- The US location pages include **helpful links** to state-level archives websites, and a **list of genealogy societies** for that state.
- The **Virtual** page lists virtual conferences and online learning opportunities
- **Travel, Tours & Cruises** lists those that are specifically for genealogy research and vacation.
- A **Call for Papers** page listing opportunities for genealogy speakers.
- A **Contest** page, with genealogy-related giveaways
- The **Grants & Scholarships** page lists opportunities for just that, within the genealogy community.
- Genealogy **Volunteer** opportunities – if you have a minute or an hour to spare.

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ConferenceKeeper.org provides these services **completely free of charge**
as a service to the genealogy community

Receive a weekly New Events email: Go to [ConferenceKeeper.org](https://www.conferencekeeper.org) and signup.



Union County Veterans Remembrance Mission:

- Create and maintain a permanent memorial to honor Union County, Ohio veterans of all branches of service, from the Revolutionary War to date
- Create and maintain a searchable veterans database for the use of veterans and the public
- Create and maintain a web site honoring Union County's veterans



Veterans Day Program
8 November 2020
2:00 p.m.

Bruce “Bo” Johnstone, an Army Veteran and Docent Director of Union County Historical Society, served as master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to the 2020 Veterans Remembrance program and ‘Voice of the Stone.’



One of the primary purposes of this plaza and monument is to pay tribute to those that died while serving the country. Another is to allow Veterans, their families, or friends to commemorate their service with a paver. This year 20 new pavers have been added. The

committee dedicated the following new pavers to the honor, glory, and everlasting memory of those 21 honorees who served from Union County, Ohio. (NOTE: One paver had two names on it).

Dedication of New Pavers

Honoree	Branch of Service	Honoree	Branch of Service
ANDREWS, LEROY	Navy	McKITRICK, LAWRENCE G	Army
ANDREWS II, MDB	Marine	MULLINS, JESSE R	Army
ATKINSON, ROBIN	Navy	PERDUE, CARLOS	Army
BEASLEY, SCOTT	Air Force	PHILIPS, DONALD	Army
BRADLEY, HOLLIS E	Navy	PINE, WAYNE	Army
BUTTE, BRAD	Army	REID SR, THOMAS	Army
DEGOOD, WILLIAM	Army	REISINGER, VIRIL R	Army
EUBANKS, RAYMOND F	Army	SCHOBY, JOHN	Navy
GOLDEN, F.K. BILL	Navy	STRITMATTER JR, JOHN A	Army
GOLDEN, FLOYD K	Navy	TRABER, HAROLD G	Navy
GOLDEN, STEVEN F	Air Force		

Men and women from Union County have served or are serving, and their names appear together in this plaza is a tribute to the love of country and tradition of service in Union County. Generosity and thoughtfulness will help honor and keep alive the memories of all whose names are upon these pavers.

In tribute to all our Veterans, the nation which they defended, and the reasons why the United States is so unique, **Nacrina Alvarez-Blanco** performed the songs “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America.” **Aubrey Tillman**, Fairbanks High School Senior, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor **Ed Beeson**, Marysville Christian Church, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

We especially remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice. To represent the veterans this morning, we honor two men, a father and son that died for the United States almost 25 years apart, one in World War Two, the other in Vietnam. Today, our ‘Voice of the Stone’ remembers **Virgil ‘Ralph’ Webb** and his son, **Virgil ‘Junior’ Webb**.

Virgil ‘Ralph’ Webb was born in Claiborne Township on August 22, 1916, to **Albert** and **Ada Webb**. **Ralph** was the youngest of four boys, **Owen**, **Donald**, and **Edward** being his older brothers. As **Ralph** was eight years younger than his next closest brother **Edward**, and sixteen years younger than his oldest brother **Owen**, he was one of those late-life surprises for his mother and father. The family lived on different farms in the Richwood-Claiborne area, and **Ralph** attended the Richwood schools but did not graduate. **Ralph** needed to work the farms with his father during the depression.

Sometime in late 1934 or early 1935, he married **Reatha Millington**, and they had one daughter, **Mary Ann**. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last, and as the draft began in 1940, **Ralph** was back home on the farm. Because of his farmworker status, his father needed **Ralph** to work the farms during the depression and war. So, on November 19, 1941, less than a month before Pearl Harbor, **Ralph** was able to marry **Helen Mummey**. On December 10, 1941, **Ralph** enlisted in the United States Army, sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training. At the time, he was 5 foot eleven and weighed 160 pounds. The Army sent **Ralph** to Fort Benning, Georgia. There the Army assigned **Ralph** to the 2nd Armored Division. One year after his enlistment, he left the United States with the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment to travel to North Africa, arriving on Christmas Day, 1942. Just before he left, on September 5, 1942, his son **Virgil ‘Junior’ Webb** was born.

Ralph served with the 2nd Armored Division on garrison duty in French Morocco, then went with the Division when it invaded Sicily on July 10, 1943. **Ralph** was wounded and transferred out of the 2nd Armored Division, and the 2nd Armored Division went to England for the invasion of France. He was re-assigned as a replacement to Company I, 3rd Battalion of the 361st Infantry Regiment, which was attached to the 1st Armored Division, and fought with them in Italy until June 29, 1944. On that day, as they fought their way north of

Rome, **Ralph** was hit in the chest by shell fragments from German artillery and killed. Initially buried in the Tarquinia Military Cemetery near Rome, in March 1949, his body was returned to Marysville and buried in Oakdale cemetery.

His son, **Virgil ‘Junior’**, grew up without his father in Marysville. He lived with his mother **Helen** at first, until she remarried in late 1949. His mother and her new husband started having children; **Virgil** went to live with his maternal grandmother, **Ethel Mummey**. He attended Marysville High School as a member of the class of 1961. However, after repeating 10th grade, **Virgil** dropped out of school and joined the U.S. Air Force in April 1960. His service in the Air Force included during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. The U.S. Air Force honorably discharged **Virgil** in December 1963. After returning to Ohio, either late that year or in early 1964, **Virgil** married **Dianna Rausch** of Columbus. In November 1964, their son **John** was born. However, **Virgil** must have missed the military, and with the war in Vietnam heating up, he decided to go back into the service. On August 22, 1967, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and after basic training, he waited for orders. In the meantime, his son **Kevin** was born in December 1967.

Virgil received orders to report to Company C, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, stationed in Vietnam, with his tour starting on April 19, 1968. Unfortunately, his wife **Dianna** did not desire to marry a soldier and filed for divorce, granted on April 13, 1968. He reported to Vietnam, the 173rd, Military Region 2, the Binh Dinh Province. The Brigade was conducting search and seizure missions in areas near An Khe and Bong Son. While these missions did not involve contact with large North Vietnamese or Viet Cong forces, American troops did suffer casualties. On September 21, 1968, troops of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, which included Virgil’s Company C, were airlifted to the Suoi Ca mountains to encircle elements of the 18th NVA Regiment. On September 27, 1968, Corporal **Virgil Webb** was killed in action by an enemy grenade. Like his father, he left behind young sons that would grow up not knowing their father. He was the third man from Marysville to die in Vietnam.

Virgil’s body was returned to Marysville in early October 1968 and buried in Oakdale. A letter to the Marysville Journal Tribune suggested that flags in the city be flown at half-staff to remember all the service members that had died in Vietnam. October 9th was the funeral. The town had the flag in front of the city building at half-staff.

Virgil ‘Ralph’ Webb was 27 and a corporal when killed in World War Two. Virgil ‘Junior’ Webb was also a corporal and had just turned 26 when he died in Vietnam almost twenty-five years later. In later years, one of **Virgil ‘Junior’s’** grandsons would also serve in the U.S. Army. For the example set by fathers and sons, their dedication to America, and the supreme sacrifice they made to protect our Republic, today we honor **Virgil ‘Ralph’ Webb** and his son **Virgil ‘Junior’ Webb** as our ‘Voices of the Stone.



Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Sidle
(November 8, 2020)

Union County, home to approximately 100 World War II veterans, celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Three World War II veterans made it to this Veterans Day Program: **James Charles Carsey** (U.S. Army 1944-1946), **Elbert Sidle** (U.S. Navy 1943-1946), and **Harold “Hank” Traber** (U.S. Navy 1942-1946).

As we celebrated Veterans Day and gave thanks to our veterans, please take time and encourage your family and friends to visit the Union County Veterans Monument and Plaza and the Union County Veterans Remembrance website <https://www.ucvetmemorial.org>.



With a digital or non-digital camera, you may have noticed the occasional orb in a few of your photos. Many speculate that these orbs can be specks of dust, pollen, or even bugs caught flying into the image or believe that these orbs may be something spookier - ghosts.

In digital and film photography, orbs may appear. Orbs are often associated with the camera's lens. Dust, rain, bugs, and reflective surfaces may produce orbs. Do ghost orbs exist? Some people believe that they see the evidence of a spirit in their orb-bedecked photos. **Steve Boal**, a UCCOGS member, sent to the newsletter his information and pictures of his orb after seeing the article in the July-August 2020 UCCOGS Echoes newsletter.



Steve took these pictures, November 2, 2010. All Souls' Day at King Williams Historic District in San Antonio,

Texas. **Steve's** wife, **Patricia Westby Boal**, had died in 2009. **Steve** saw **Pat's** face in the orb that showed in his photo.

Since the departure of **Steve's** beloved wife **Pat**, **Steve** frequently experienced the presence of **Pat**. He keeps a Journal of these mystical experiences.

FamilySearch Announces RootsTech Connect 2021: A Free Global Virtual Event

FamilySearch is thrilled to announce that the RootsTech 2021 conference previously planned for February 3–6, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, will now be held on February 25–27, 2021, as a free, virtual event online. RootsTech Connect 2021 will enable attendees to participate worldwide and feature inspiring keynote speakers, dozens of classes in multiple languages, and a virtual marketplace. Reserve your place today at RootsTech.org.

Dues are for the calendar year (January 1 thru December 31, 2021)

Current dues expired on December 31, 2020.

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Are you a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society? Yes ___No___

Surnames you are researching in Union County_____

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These monies buy research materials, microfilm for the Marysville Public Library, and for guest speakers. We are a 501(c)(3) society.