



Union Echoes

Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

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

Letter from Editor

I want to THANK everyone for sending items for the newsletters. UCCOGS could not do the newsletter without everyone's support.

As **Dave Kandel** stated, "Thanks to the UCCOGS newsletter for those of us that cannot make the meetings, the newsletter is our link to what is happening in Union County. You and others are very much appreciated."

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- Finally, our fearless leader, **Steve Lowe**, for leading us down the right path.

Remember this is your newsletter; please submit your stories, findings, ideas, etc., to me at martylou50@gmail.com. We are a fantastic group with tons of history.

Thank you,

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Ohio's Homefront: WWI

Thursday, May 20, 2021, • 7–8 pm.

This program was originally scheduled for March but was moved to May 20th, 2021. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Virtual

\$15/Registrant

Free/Member

World War I was a truly a far-reaching conflict. Battles took place from China to Brazil and the war affected millions of citizens across the globe. In Ohio there was no exception. Thousands of Ohioans on the “home front” did their best to aid in the war effort but there were also many Ohioans who fought against government crackdowns on free speech and blatant persecutions of their fellow citizens. Join Ohio History Connection educators **Andrew Hall** and **Michael Fouts** to learn more about this turbulent time in our history.

Night at the Museum Virtual

Sat., May 15, 2021, • 7–8 pm.

Online

\$15/Participant

Free/Member Participant

Join us from the comfort of home as our Night at the Museum event goes virtual! Travel throughout the Ohio History Center with the Security Guard as they attempt to keep the peace, especially with all of the characters who have come to life. Help the guard solve a puzzle and determine the fate of the exhibits in this interactive and family-friendly program!

You'll explore the Ohio History Center virtually with our security guard—it's their first night on the job and they've just been briefed about how the exhibits come to life (no big deal, right?). Our security guard will need to make sure the exhibits don't make it out of the museum, as they'll turn to dust by morning. The only problem is, the guard will need to input a special code to secure the building, but it's missing!

Follow along with us to track down the clues needed to protect the exhibits. During the evening you'll encounter a 1950s family at a cookout, an Ice Age mammoth, soldiers from the Civil War, WWI, and beyond, a pair of talking portraits, and a cast of characters from the 19th century to the 1970s. Can you find the code and keep the exhibits from escaping into the night?

Remembering Deaf Ohio Baseball Legend William 'Dummy' Hoy

Sat., June 26, 2021, • 7–8 pm.

Virtual

\$15/per Registrant

Free/Ohio History Connection member

William “Dummy” Hoy, a native of Houcktown, Ohio, was the most accomplished Deaf player in Major League Baseball history. Throughout his career he played on numerous professional teams, most notably the Cincinnati Reds, and is one of several individuals credited with bringing hand signs to the umpire position. Join **Steve Sandy**, an expert on Hoy with more than 30 years of research experience, in a discussion on this influential Ohio athlete.

A Century of Sliders—Celebrating White Castle's 100th Anniversary

Fri., May 28, 2021, • 6 pm.

Virtual

\$20/Registrant

\$5/Ohio History Connection member

Free/Ohio History Connection premium member

Join us as we celebrate White Castle's 100th Anniversary. Hear stories from White Castle founding-family members **Erin Shannon** and **Maryann Kelley** as they share the fun and groundbreaking history of the first fast-food restaurant in America history. See vintage items from the Ohio History Connection's White Castle collection, and learn how White Castle revolutionized the fast-food industry.



We changed our name!

Big news... we changed our name! **Rhinehart Roots Genealogy is now known as Civil War Records!**

For some time now, I've wanted to change my name to something that reflected what I did better than "Rhinehart Roots." So when the domain name

of www.CivilWarRecords.com became available, I jumped at the opportunity.

Nothing changes here except the name. I still provide on-site research and record retrieval at the National Archives in Washington DC. I still specialize primarily in the Civil War and War of 1812, along with the federal land records. From your perspective, not a lot will change. All of the old contact information for me will still work. The old email address of Brian@RhinehartRoots.com will automatically be bounced over to Brian@CivilWarRecords.com instead. **The old website at www.RhinehartRoots.com is still up and running-- you'll be automatically redirected to the new website when you go there.**

While I have your attention, many of you are asking about an update on when the National Archives will be reopening. I still don't have a date for that yet. It's partially dependent on the infection rate and the vaccination rate. Both of those are improving, so that's a good sign. I'll be keeping my ears out for any updates and pass them along as I get them. Hopefully, it's soon! **Brian Rhinehart**

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GERMAN TRANSLATOR FOUND



Dave Kandel, a UCCOGS member living in Indiana, has coordinated with **Nina Boerger**, Marysville Public Library, and **Mary Mayer**, a local resident, to locate someone to transcribe the old records from St. John's Lutheran Church written in the old German script. **Mary Mayer** suggested a woman in Germany that she had used for German family genealogy travel back in 2016. **Mary** thought this person might be helpful and willing to tackle a small project transcribing and translating Lebenslaufs (life stories/obituaries) from St. John's

Lutheran Church. **Dave** contacted the woman via email with attachments of digital documents taken from St. John's records at the Marysville Public Library. The woman gave a quote on what Dave had sent her, which was very reasonable, not cheap, yet very reasonable compared with services **Dave** had found on the internet. **Dave** sent his check for the work to an associate in Texas, and a week to 10 days later, he was thrilled to receive the transcriptions and translations. The woman in Germany did what **Dave** considered excellent work.

The information that was "unlocked" by her translation of one Lebenslauf (life story) of a great-great-grandmother revealed a 35-year mystery in **Dave's** genealogy, which started in the mid-80s a trip to St. John's to view the records personally. He lived in Colorado, and even the LDS resources were not available to help. Thus, a personal trip to the source.

From the translation, **Dave** contacted the German researcher to expand further his knowledge of the **Grünbaum** family, **Hoffman** family, **Kandel** family, and **Preiss** family, which all but **Hoffman** came from the Markt Erlbach area of Germany. Those records were available through an online service that the woman had access to and very reasonable fees. Since receiving the **Grünbaum** research, **Dave** shared it with **Nina** because she also had **Grünbaum** members in her family tree. **Nina** will attest to the thoroughness of this researcher's work.

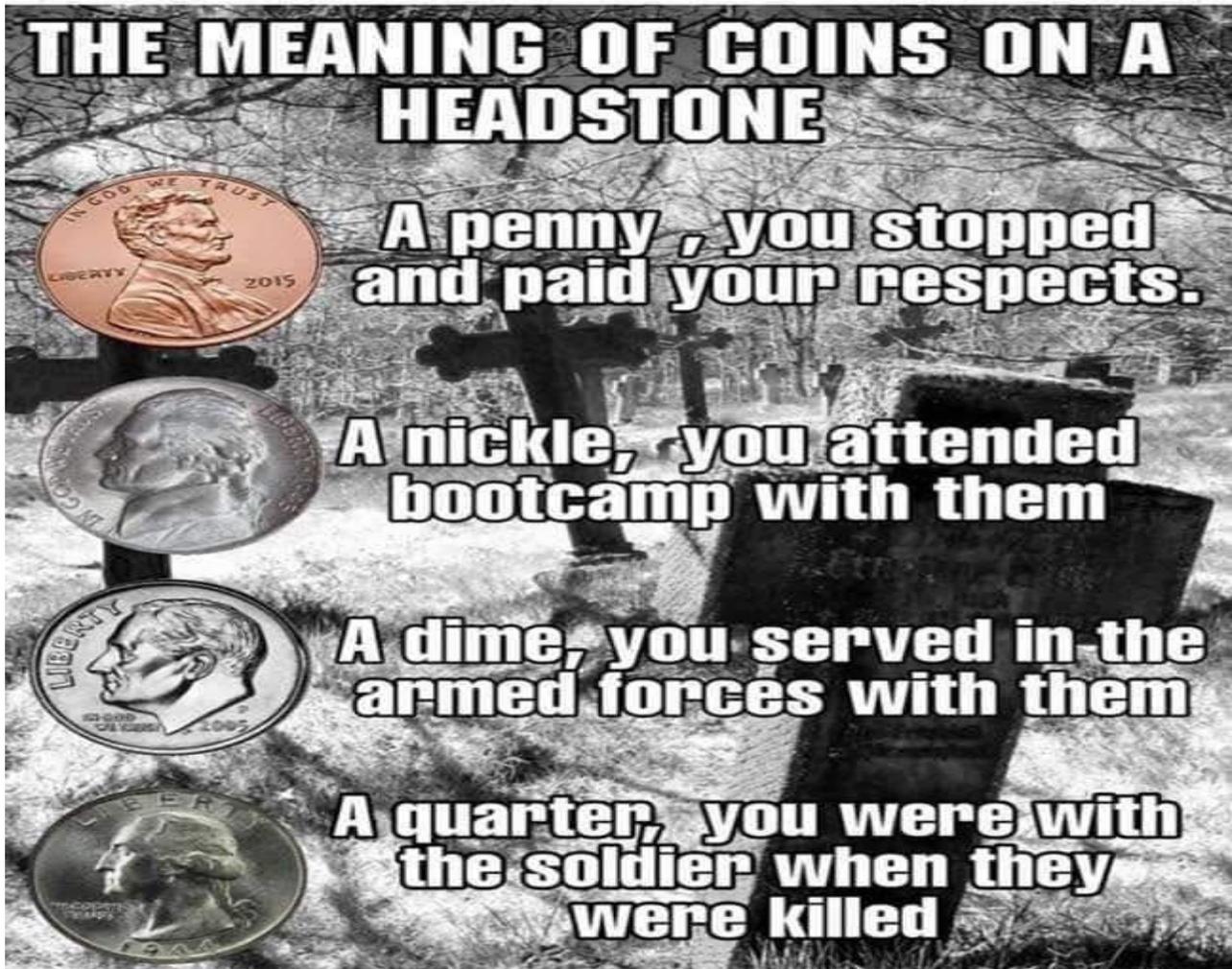
Because of **Dave's** excitement with her work, he wanted to share her contact information with others of UCCOGS who might need translations of their German script documents. Her name is **Ute Mehlhorn** of Suhl, Germany. You can contact her at ute@tgac-us.com, and she also has a travel organization called "The German American Connection." With Covid-19, her genealogy travel business is down, and she is doing more translations. There are other translators out there doing the same work, but **Dave's** experience with **Ute** has been exceptional. He highly recommends her.

Also, **Nina Boerger** is coordinating an effort to have many of the St. John's Lebenslaufs translated, and she is keeping a master list of ones that are in the process of being translated or has been already done. That way, if someone is thinking about having a translation done, it may already be completed, no need to pay for the service twice.

Another exciting project that has been going on at the Marysville Public Library that members might be interested in knowing about has been the rescanning of St. John's record books made available again by **Nina**. **Sue Kienbaum** of the Marysville Public Library has had access to a high-powered scanner through the Columbus Metropolitan Library. The new scans are like viewing the actual book, just beautiful—a big shout-out to **Sue** and **Nina** on this project which is still in progress. You can access it through the library's website at <https://cdm16802.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16802coll40>.

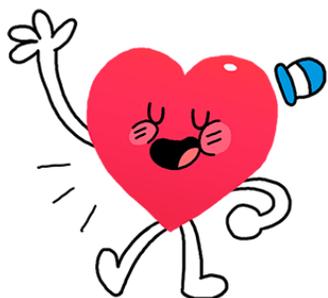
Dave understands that there is good news with Trinity Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran agreeing to make their books available for scanning and to be included online at the library. It will not happen fast, but certainly a step in the right direction for those who do not live in or around Union County.

Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.



 **Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2021** - This was created in 1949 to honor Americans serving in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. It was made an official holiday by **President John Kennedy** in 1962.

 **Memorial Day, May 31, 2021** - Originally, this was May 30, but in 1968 Congress set it as the last Monday. Previously called Decoration Day, people decorated graves and created to honor Union soldiers of the Civil War and extended to honor Americans who died in any war after WWI. Now it is a day when many people visit deceased family and friends' graves whether they served in the military or not.



Welcome New Member

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The **Boal** Family of Union County, Ohio

Written by **Steven P. Boal**, Des Moines Iowa © 2007.

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The **Boal** name held a prominent presence in Union County, Ohio, with the **James Boal** household well documented in the Censuses of 1820 and 1830, for Darby Township. **Steven**'s third great grandfather was **James Boal** (also listed as **Bowl**, **Bowls**, **Bole**, and **Boles**). In Union County, Ohio, as early as 1810 or 1812, **James Boal** purchased and settled on the farm just north of Big Darby. There were records of other various land purchases and sales in Union County through about 1834. **James Boal** was born in Pennsylvania on April 4, 1789. His birth date was recorded in the **Boal** family Bible, as are the vital events (births, deaths, and marriages) of his children. While his first appearance and last presence in Union County is unknown, he had a prominent and well-documented existence in the area (Greene, Franklin, Madison, and primarily Union) from 1812 through 1834.

According to the **Boal** family Bible, both **James** and **Margaret** died "of the flux after suffering seven days each" on "October 18, 1838" (**James**) "October 18, 1839" (**Margaret**). That they died of the same illness a year apart to the day seems ironic.

James Boal came from Greene County and married **Margaret Jane Mitchell**, on March 7, 1814, in "Madison" County, at that time considered to be the parent county for Union County; daughter of **Judge David Mitchell** from Lancaster or York County, Pennsylvania (b. 1760) and wife **Martha Black** of York County Pennsylvania (b. 1764). The **Mitchells** had lived in Kentucky before they arrived in Union County. **James Boal** farmed and reared a large family of children. (*An interesting note - First Lady Barbara Bush is a descendant of Margaret Jane Mitchell's sister Elizabeth Mitchell, wife of John Welch Robinson, Sr*). The **Mitchells** also were a prominent and early family of Union County with ancestral roots from Dromore, County Down, Ireland. In Ireland, **David**'s father, **Samuel Mitchell**, was born in 1726 (**Samuel**'s wife, **Margaret Alexander**, born in 1738 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania). **David**'s brother, **George Mitchell** (b. 1820, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), married **Margaret Boal** (b. 1790 or 1791, d. 1850) and were interred in the **Mitchell** Cemetery in Union County, Ohio), next to **Margaret Boal**'s grave (d. 1828 at age 72).

James Boal served as the Road Commissioner in 1820, on the First Grand Jury May 15, 1820, a Judge for the first election held October 10, 1820, and Justice of the Peace 1823 and 1826. The Associate Judges (**Mitchell**, **Hathaway**, and **Gabriel**) held a special term of court on August 17, 1820. At this time, the Associate Judges granted **Margaret Mitchell** and **James Boal** letters of administration on **George Mitchell**'s estate. In 1826 and 1827, **James Boal** served as County Treasurer. He served in a light horse company organized at Milford about 1830. **James Boal** was one of the earliest members, along with **Robert Nelson**, **John Porter**, and **Samuel Mitchell, Jr.** of the Darby Seceder Church organized in 1824 to become the Unionville United Presbyterian

Church. **Judge (David) Mitchell** held the earliest meetings at his farm during pleasant weather in the sugar grove.

Three of the **Boal** children, **James Fulton Boal**, **George Mitchell Boal** (**Steven**'s second great grandfather), and the youngest **Boal**, **Aaron John Boal** (listed as **John A. Boal** in the family Bible and Union County Pleas Court) all were educated and became medical doctors. The eldest **Boal**, **David Mitchell Boal**, died at the age of 31, on July 5, 1845, of "chronic diarrhea after suffering ten months" according to the **Boal** Bible, and is buried in Franklin County, Ohio (Will and Estate of **David Boal**, Union County, Ohio Common Pleas Court Records).

Dr. James Fulton Boal (J.F. Boal) married **Lucinda Starr** (1846 in Union County, Ohio). They had three children, **Albert** (b. 1847 in Franklin County, Ohio), **Martha Emma** (1853 in Buda, Bureau County, Illinois), and **Ella Starr** (1855 in Amity, Knox County, Ohio). He was born and raised in the "**Mitchell** settlement" on the Big Darby near Milford. He attended lectures in Cleveland, Ohio, and studied medicine at Starling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated. **Dr. J.F. Boal** practiced medicine in Union County until 1847, when they moved to Truro, Ohio, then Madison County, Ohio, in 1849, and Knox County, Illinois, in 1857. After a seven-year stay, they moved to Tipton, Iowa, living there until 1866, when they moved to Buda, Illinois, where he and **Lucinda** remained. He was reportedly a good physician and actively involved in practice for more than 40 years.

Biography for **Dr. James F. Boal**, Bureau County, Illinois History of Bureau County, Illinois, **H.C. Bradsby**, 1885, Biographical Sketches. *"Dr. James F. Boal, Buda, was born in Union County, Ohio, April 24, 1817. He is the son of James and Margaret (Mitchell) Boal. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in about the year 1800, removed to Greene County, Ohio, and after marriage in Union County, and that State was his home till 1834 when he removed to Indiana. He and his wife died in Indiana in 1838 and 1839. His wife was born in Kentucky and was the daughter of Judge David Mitchell, who moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky in 1796, but two years later in 1798 settled in Union County, Ohio, and became a large landowner. One of his sons, Jesse Mitchell, was the first white child born in Union County. Dr. Boal's early life was in his native State, and in 1846 he began the practice of medicine, having attended lectures at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1849 he graduated from the Sterling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio. He continued practicing medicine in Franklin County, Ohio. In the spring of 1857, when he moved to Knox County, Illinois., where he remained about seven years, and then located in Tipton, Iowa, where he remained until July 1866, and then came to Buda, Illinois, and continued in the practice of his profession for some years. In the spring of 1867, he opened a stock of drugs in Buda and has continued the business since the firm now being J. F. Boal & Son. They carry a stock of goods valued at about \$5,000. In 1847 he was united in marriage in Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Lucinda Starr, by whom he has one son, Albert F., and one daughter Ella. Mr. Boal is a member of the A. F. & A. M. of Buda and the Congregational Church. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. Albert F. Boal was born November 12, 1848, in Franklin County, Ohio. He was united in marriage November 1871 to Miss Elizabeth Murphey, who died January 1874, and left one son, Tracy E., born October 10, 1872".*

Dr. George Mitchell (G.M.) Boal married **Susannah Louise Mills** (1846, in Madison County, Ohio), and they had five children. The first two children were born in Indiana, **Samantha** in 1847 and **Varro** in 1849, in Franklin County, Indiana. **Varro** also became a medical doctor, a surgeon who began studying medicine with

his father and educated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Keokuk, Iowa, graduated in 1880 and the University of Iowa. **Dr. G.M. Boal** went to the University of St. Louis and St. Louis Medical School around 1854. **Dr. G.M. Boal** was Captain of the Militia at Savannah, Iowa, in 1864-1865. **Delmore, Steve's** great grandfather, was born in 1851 in Elmwood, Knox/Peoria County, Illinois. Daughter **Melvilla Argatha** was born (1853) in Champaign, Illinois, and **Ida Estella** (b. 1862) in Savannah, Davis County, Iowa. The family had moved to southern Iowa. **Steve's** grandfather, **Ezra Boal**, used to tell the story when he was a teen (about 1908 or 1909) in Davis County, Iowa, near Bloomfield, Iowa. He was thrown from a horse and severely broke his leg, and possibly amputation was discussed. His uncle, **Dr. Varro Boal**, was contacted, practicing medicine in Auburn, Nebraska (1881 to 1919). **Steve's** Great grand uncle **Varro** drove his car back to Davis County, Iowa, to treat and save **Steve's** grandfather's leg from amputation. **Susannah (Mills) Boal** was the daughter of **John Mills** (b. 1797 in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey) and **Temperance Hatch** (b. 1808 and d. 1844 in Madison County, Ohio), father was **Zenas Hatch**, (b. 1784 in Massachusetts). **Susannah's** father served in the Mexican War, and her grandfather and two uncles served in the Revolutionary War. In 1921, when **Varro's** mother **Susannah (Mills, Boal) Small** died, it stated in her obituary that **Dr. Varro Boal** of Monrovia, California was too ill to return to Davis County, Iowa for the funeral. He died in Monrovia, California February 2, 1924.

Dr. Aaron John Boal (originally referred to as John A. Boal) was only three to four years old when his parents died. He went to live with the Mitchells (likely Judge David Mitchell and his third wife, Hanna Caldwell), but the Mitchells did not treat him very well. Maybe that is when he moved to Indiana as a minor (1847 date of David Mitchell Boal's estate settling). "He was raised by his elder brothers who were physicians in Knox County, Illinois" (1892 Portrait and Biographical Record, page 634). After common school education, at the age of nineteen, he entered medical college in New York City. Three years later, he opened an office in Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois (1892 Portrait and Biographical Record of Ford County Illinois, page 634). Dr. George Mitchell Boal paid for Aaron's medical training. After just one year of practice, he was able to repay the "debt" he owed his brother of \$2,800 for his tuition and expenses while in school. Aaron married (1856 in Knox County, Illinois) Mary Ellen Hall, a pharmacist born (1837) in Akron, Ohio. Aaron died at the age of 37 of stomach cancer in Piper City, Ford County, Illinois, where he had a good practice and a family of three children, Alvira Estelle (b. 1857, Knox County, Illinois), Delmar Alonzo (b. 1859, Knox County, Illinois), and Lilly Ida "Minnie" (b. 1862, Oneida, Knox County, Illinois). His widow ran a drug store and boarding house in Piper City after his death.

The female children of **James and Margaret Boal** were: **Martha Black Boal** (1819-1828), **Margaret Fulton Boal** (b. 1824), who married (1845, Union County, Ohio) **Samuel Lackey Reed** at age 21, worked at tanning and in the mill in Milford for 16 years before becoming a grocer (8 children - **Martha, Elizabeth, James, Alvira, Adelia, Emma, Cyrus, Robert**) both lived and died in Union County and were interred in Oakdale Cemetery; **Elvira Nelson Boal** who married (1847, Union County, Ohio) **David J. Elwell**; **Martha Eliza Boal** who married (1849, Union County, Ohio) **Moses Coe** (7 children - **Heber, Orra, Herman, Margaret, Almer Martha, and Lulu**) also lived and died in Union County and are interred in Oakdale Cemetery; and **Cornelia Ann Boal** who married (1854, Union County, Ohio) **John Knox Bradfute** (7 children - **Ora, Lillie, Martha, John, Anna, William, and Mary**) and later lived and died in Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio.

Portrait and Biographical Album of Greene and Clark Counties, Ohio Chapman Bros., Chicago, 1890, pg. 840, 841: *"John K. Bradfute. The substantial Scotch nationality finds an admirable representative in the subject of this notice, who by his energy and perseverance has built up one of the finest farms in Miami Township, Greene County. Not only has he*

*a good house and a plentiful supply of this world's goods, but he is more than fortunate in his domestic relations, having an enjoyable family, and enjoys in a marked degree the esteem and confidence of his neighbors. Labor was not a hardship, as he enjoyed himself at his work. In noting our subject's antecedents, we find that his father, also named **John Bradfute**, was a native of Scotland and born November 3, 1756. He came to America with his father in 1800, located near Lexington, Kentucky. They came to Ohio in 1806, and located near the embryo town of Clifton, Greene County, upon a tract of heavily timbered land from which they cut away the forest trees, brought the soil to a good state of cultivation, and instituted a comfortable home. The mother bore the birth name of **Eliza La?ghead (Laughhead)**. She was born in Kentucky in 1802 and was married to **John Bradfute** in 1828 in Greene County.*

*The parents of our subject, after their marriage, settled in Xenia, now Cedarville Township, where they lived one year, then purchased the land now owned and occupied by **John K.** There they spent the remainder of their lives. Of the six children born to them, four are living, namely, **Elizabeth**, the wife of **James J. Johnston** of Franklin County, Iowa, and the mother of seven children; **John K.**, our subject; **Jane**, widow of **James C. Stormont** and the mother of two children, and **Ellen Mary**, the widow of **J. B. Knox**, who also has two children. An infant, who died **unnamed**, and **Sally**, who died when thirty-two years old. The mother departed this life in 1866 and the father in 1870.*

*The subject of this notice was born May 21, 1833, at the farm where he now lives and acquired his early education in the district school. Later he attended an academy for two years, being under the instruction of **Rev. J. B. Stuart**. He assisted his father in the labor of the farm until the latter's death. In the meantime, he married, May 24, 18?4, Miss **C?rnelis (Cornelia) Ann, James, and Margaret (Mitchell) Boal**. **Mr. Boal** was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch descent. His wife was a native of Union County, Ohio. They were the parents of ten children, only three of whom are living.*

***Mrs. Bradfute** was born January 11, 1832, in Union County, Ohio, and was carefully reared, receiving a good education. After their marriage, **Mr. and Mrs. Bradfute** lived on the home farm for one year, and then our subject purchased a farm one and one-half miles south, which they occupied for sixteen years. After the death of his father, he purchased the homestead where he has since lived. To him and his estimable wife there have been born nine children, seven of whom are living, namely: **Ora E.**, **Lilly M.**, **Martha J.**, the wife of **Robert P. Benham**, of Miami County, this State, and the mother of two children; **John A.**, who married Miss **May Marshall**, occupies the old Knox farm and is the father of one child; **Anna** and **Mary** are at home; **William** is living in New Mexico.*

Mr. Bradfute has always taken an active interest in politics. In former years he voted the straight Republican ticket but is now a Free Trader. For the past twenty years, he has been a member of the School Board of his district and has officiated in other minor offices. Both he and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the United Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Bradfute has been Trustee. He has been interested in Sunday school work from early manhood and has been a Sunday school teacher for many years. He keeps himself posted upon current events and formerly belonged to the Miami Grange. His farm is ninety acres in extent, all under a good state of cultivation and very productive”.

Martha Eliza (Boal) Coe, Marysville Tribune: *“Died on Wednesday morning, November 25, 1868, of consumption, in the 40th year of her age, Mrs. Martha E. Coe, wife of Moses Coe, Marysville. Mrs. Coe was born in Union County. She was the seventh child of James and Margaret Boal. Her parents were worthy consistent members of Associate and Seceder Church, and like all people of that order, were faithful to their covenant vows in the training of their children for God and heaven. Her mind indoctrinated in religious truth, and under God, at an early age, led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and a public profession of faith in Him. Being left an orphan in her tenth year, she became a member of an uncle’s family. A divine sanctity constantly sheds its fragrance. Again, she enjoyed a superior advantage for Christian culture. It was not long after her marriage that she transferred her membership to the Presbyterian Church of Milford Center, where her husband took up the Cross. She remained in full communion until she joined the Presbyterian Church of Marysville, shortly after the family moved to this place.*

She was all that could be desirable as a wife and mother. Her last sickness was somewhat protracted but not severely painful and borne with great patience and resignation. Death had no terrors to her soul, and the desire to live was only for her husband and family of seven children, the youngest being a little babe”.

“Death of Mrs. Samuel Reed,” Marysville Tribune, Wednesday, July 8, 1891, “The funeral of Mrs. Samuel Reed took place on Sunday afternoon, December 5, 1891, Rev. W. A. Ferguson officiating. Mrs. Margaret F. Reed was born in Darby Township, Union County, Ohio, January 20, 1824. Her death occurred July 3, 1891, aged 67 years, five months, and 13 days. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Boal. At the age of 15, she became an orphan, her parents dying within a year of each other. She was united in marriage to Samuel L. Reed, March 6, 1846, from which union there were born nine children, four sons, and five daughters, one of whom (the youngest son) preceded her to the better land in his infancy. She became a member of the Milford Presbyterian Church at the age of twenty years. She leaves a husband, eight children, one sister, and a brother to mourn her loss”.

There are several mysteries to be solved.

(1) Who was **Margaret Boal**, who appeared as a head of household in the 1820 Census of Union County, Darby Twp (age group 45+)? Likely, she was the **Margaret Boal** interred in the Mitchell Cemetery who died in 1828 at 72 years of age (b. 1756). Since there was no **Margaret Boal** listed in the 1830 Census of Union County --what was her connection to **James Boal**? It appears that the two women listed within her household in the 1820 Census (age 16-26) were likely the two additional women (not accounted for or present in the 1820 Census) to appear in **James Boal**'s household (age 20-30) in the 1830 Census of Union County, Ohio. Who is **Margaret Boal** (b. 1791, Pennsylvania), who married **George Mitchell** (b. 1789, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), brother to **Margaret Jane (Mitchell) Boal**? Could the first **Margaret Boal** be **James Boal**'s mother and the second **Margaret Boal** be **James Boal**'s sister?

Steve had several communications and exchanges with **Lois Barr** of Columbus, Ohio, a descendant of the same **Mitchell** ancestry through **Margaret Jane Mitchell**'s brother, **Moses Mitchell**. Although she had not done the research herself, she had a compilation of family notes which may support the above theory about **Margaret Boal**'s, a theory **Steve** find more plausible now than nine years ago (1998) when they were in touch. The elder **Margaret Boal** (another **Margaret Jane Mitchell, Sr.**) she had noted as the daughter of **Samuel Mitchell** and **Margaret (Alexander) Mitchell**, born (1756 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) before **Jane Mitchell** (1758). She also noted that this **Margaret** was married to a **James Boal Sr. Jon F. Davis**, now deceased (**Steve** believes), of Milford Center, Ohio, who was also a **Mitchell** descendant would have been able to assist with this untangling. He had undertaken a detailed history of the **Mitchell** family. Unfortunately, by the time **Steve** contacted him in July of 1998, he had had a debilitating stroke. **Jon** tried to answer his letter with a short message indicating that **Steve** was on the right path, but his poor health could not provide any further insights. Much of his research is within a reportedly 3,000-page book, *The Mitchell Pioneers of Union County, Ohio, in 1799*, by **Jon F. Davis**.

(2) Where were James and **Margaret Boal** after about 1832 until their deaths?

(3) Where were they interred? A memorial to **James** and **Margaret Boal** is in Hopeland Cemetery, Buda, Illinois, where son **Dr. James Fulton Boal** moved and interred with wife **Lucinda**.

Beers indicated that **James Boal** moved his family to Indiana in 1828 or 1830, where he died. In the Union County Ohio, Common Pleas Court Records, Journal Book 5, pages 248-249, 5-18-1847, reference to **James F. Boal** and **George Mitchell Boal** being executors of **James Boal**. **David Boal** left no widow or children but named his brothers and sisters. Also named **John (A.) Boal (AKA Aaron John or A.J. Boal)** "a minor and resident of the State of Indiana."

There is conflicting documentation on this point. **Boal** children seemed to be in Union County when their parents had reportedly moved to Indiana. As indicated above, there is a reference under **Aaron**'s son, **D. A. (Delmar Alonzo) Boal** in the Portrait and Biographical Record of Ford County, Illinois, Lake City Publishing Company, 1892, pages 634, 637. This reference indicated that his father, **Dr. A.J. Boal**, was born in Greene County, Ohio (1834 or 35, one year difference between his death certificate and the Bible). "**Dr. A.J. BOAL**, having been one of the earliest physicians of Ford County Illinois, was born in Greene County, Ohio, upon a farm, and his parents died when he was only three years old. He was reared by his elder brothers (i.e., **James F. Boal** and **George Mitchell Boal**), who are physicians in Knox County, Illinois". This reference supports the notion that from at least 1834 to their deaths in 1838 (confirming the Bible death dates of 1838/39), **James** and **Margaret** lived on their farm in Greene County. This disputes **Beers** account that **James** and **Margaret** moved with their family to Indiana in 1828 or 1830. In 1847, it may be likely that "**John A.**" **Boal** lived in Indiana resulting from settling **David Mitchell Boal**'s estate. At that time, he would have been eleven or twelve years old. Maybe he moved from Union County because of his reported bad experiences. Perhaps **James** and **Margaret Boal** were buried in Franklin County by **David Mitchell Boal** and are next to his grave. If only one knew where in Franklin County that might be. What would genealogy be without mysteries?