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Union County Chapter, O.G.S., P. O. Box 438, Marysville, Ohio, 43040, holds its meeting on the third Tuesday, Monthly, in Marysville Public Library Meeting Room, Lower Level, 231 Plum St., Marysville, OH. (Elevator inside back door.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Spring is here and summer will soon be arriving (at least according to the calendar). Summer is my favorite time of year. I have the chance to do the majority of my genealogy research in the summer and then I spend the rest of the year putting it into perspective. This summer I will be concentrating on my g. g. grandfather Daniel Hough. Hopefully I will be able to finally determine if he was in the Civil War. All the indications are that he was. I am hoping even more that his widow applied for a pension. Many people say this could be a gold mine of information.

In April we inducted the first members of the Union County Pioneers. I would like to congratulate all of the members who worked so hard to prove their an-

cestors. The banquet was held at the Raymond House and guest speaker was Ray Crain, historian and author. A good time was had by all.

In June, our society will have our annual potluck. We will visit the Presbyterian Church in Plain City. In July, our annual research trip will take

us to the State Library in Columbus,

with a tour of the renovated State

House tentatively planned. Call (937)

747-3010 or e-mail me at

dgresh@netexp.net for more info. Mark you calendar for next year for: 1998 OGS Conference, April 17-18 in Worthington, 011. Theme: "The Heart of Our History: Putting Your Ancestors in Historical Perspective" and the keynote speaker will be Curt B. Witcher. Ohio will also be hosting the Federation of Genealogy Societies National Conference in Cincinnati in August of 1998.

We are always looking for a good speaker for our meetings. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let any officer know. We would really appreciate it. I hope all of you have a good and safe summer. Happy Researching. Denise Gresh

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The following article was published in the Urbana, Ohio newspaper a short while back. At our Pioneers banquet, Mr. Crain was our speaker, and generously gave his permission for us to publish it in our newsletter. He also gave us permission to publish other parts of his books, etc. Your FA was speaking to someone (sorry, I can't remember who the person was) who had never heard of the "Great Black Swamp" of northwestern Ohio. I had mentioned that my grandfather and great-grandfather had spent several winters cutting trees in the Black Swamp as a way to earn extra money for their families. Following this article, which was requested by Elaine Chapman, I am printing one I found in Ray Crain's book "The Long Green Valley" pp 67-69.

*GETTING STRAIGHT FACTS
ABOUT BLUE JACKET, A bit of
local history, by Ray Crain.*

Last week, I attempted to lay the foundation for this article. I tried to explain that we have a fictional account of Blue Jacket's life that goes back so many years that it has become a legend.

First, Marmaduke Swerengen was born Jan. 2, 1763. This is a fact. It is believed that Blue Jacket, the Shawnee, was born about 1740.

The exact date cannot be ascertained. Howe's History of Ohio simply states that he was born prior to 1745.

If Marmaduke Swerengen was in fact Blue Jacket, then let's apply his date of birth to history.

It is a matter of historical fact that Blue Jacket led Indian troops at Point Pleasant in 1774. "Duke" Swerengen was only 11 years old at that time, hardly qualified as a leader.

Legend has it that "Duke" was captured in 1771. If so, he would have been 8 years old, not 17 as the story states.

His brother Charles would have been 4 years old at that time.

He also could not have been captured in 1771, because he was living at home

in Pennsylvania when his father, John Swerengen, died in 1784.

"Duke" inherited a slave and various chattels in that year.

One does not will property to someone who was captured by Indians 13 years before and presumed dead.

Bob Van Trees has a copy of that will and its contents.

On or about 1761, Blue Jacket married his first wife, Margaret Moore. By 1763 the couple have a son---Joseph.

"Duke" Swerengen would have a slight problem here since he wasn't born until 1763.

Being born in 1763 and captured in 1784 he could hardly have been "raised by the Indians"--he was 21 years old and an adult.

"Duke's" great-great grandfather was Garrett van Swerengen. The term van simply means of the family, however, if you capitalize the word it becomes a given name.

The Swerengen family dropped the van from the name three generations before "Duke" was born. So, the name Marmaduke van Swerengen is totally inaccurate.

Notice that until now, I have never used the term van Swerengen. There is a reason.

Legend claims that "Duke," alias Blue Jacket, killed his brother Charles at the battle of St. Clair's defeat at present Fort Recovery. This is all fiction.

First, Marmaduke Swerengen was not at that battle because he was not the War Chief Blue Jacket. That being the case, he couldn't have killed his brother there.

There was, however, a Swerengen who was killed in that battle. His name was Capt. Van Swerengen. Van was his first name. He was also not of the same parentage as "Duke." This man was a distant cousin.

Capt. Van Swerengen was born in 1753 or 54 and was the son of Maj. Thomas Swerengen IV, who died perhaps late in 1785.

His son, Van Swerengen, was killed on the battlefield at present Fort

Recovery, November 4, 1791.

Capt. Van Swerengen's great-great grandfather was Marmaduke Swerengen's great grandfather.

Charles Swerengen, Duke's brother, became a minister and served as such in Butler County, Ohio, in the early 1800s.

He later moved to Indiana where he died at the ripe old age of 81. He is buried near Yountsville, Ind.

So, where did this preposterous story begin? Every clue points toward two men, Rev. Charles Blue Jacket (born 1816--died 1897) and Thomas Jefferson Larch (born 1809--died ?).

These two men, for reasons known only to them, seem to have fabricated this story which was printed in a Kansas I historical Society publication around 1870. It was such a unique story that it has been repeated ever since.

Sleep tight Blue Jacket, your honor has been upheld.

"THE BLACK SWAMP OF OHIO

Should you be traveling through northwestern Ohio, be sure to notice the surrounding terrain. The land in general is as flat as a table top. Also notice the soil. It is as black as a lump of coal. You are traveling through an area once known as the "Black Swamp". This ancient lake bed once covered all or part of eighteen contiguous counties of Ohio.

When I was a young lad, ages ago, a portion of the area was referred to as the "Onion Marsh". Farmers produced hundreds of acres of onions from the rich, black, humus-filled soil. The locale today is still perhaps the richest soil in all of Ohio. Rich loam such as one finds here lends itself to producing some of the highest yields of corn and soybeans.

This soil is also perfect for raising all types of vegetables. Hundreds of acres of potatoes, tomatoes, onions and leafy vegetables are grown here. Perhaps the biggest cash crop grown in certain counties is sugar beets.

If you pass through the area during harvest time, you can't help but notice

literally dozens of trucks loaded with sugar beets on their way to the processing plant, the largest being located at Findlay, Ohio.

As an historian who specializes in early Ohio history, I have always been quite interested in various military records and journals of travelers who passed through the area two hundred years ago.

In those days, especially during the rainy season, travelers claimed that it was nearly impossible to pass through the swamps. Colonel Richard Mentor Johnson, while traveling through this area, tells of having horses flounder in the Black Swamp and they were left to die. This was during the War of 1812. His troops, all mounted, followed the Bullskin Trail, present U. S. Route 68, through the area on his way to battle the British/Indian forces at Detroit and in southern Ontario. Canada.

The swamp was full of mosquitoes and poisonous snakes. Malaria and typhoid fever could easily be contracted by simply passing through the area. Literally hundreds of early settlers succumbed to various maladies associated with stagnant water.

According to early historians the swamp area was heavily wooded. Such species as beech, ash, elm, oak, cottonwood and poplar were the most common varieties. The heavy mantle of leaves which covered the forest was so dense that it was nearly impossible for sunlight to penetrate these swamplands.

In open areas which dotted the region, one could find crabapple, wild plum and persimmon trees. Wild grapes were also plentiful. Nut trees such as walnut, hickorynut and chestnut grew in abundance where sunlight was available. Hazelnuts thrived throughout the open areas of the swamp. Nuts were a favored treat of the Indians.

The region was termed a hunter's paradise. Buffalo, bear, deer, panther, wolf and elk roamed the swamp. Such small game animals as beaver, muskrat, and racoon were numerous. Wild ducks, geese and wild turkeys

could be found in abundance.

Once the area was drained and the trees cleared for farming, it became a virtual Eden. Many who pass through the area today have little or no knowledge of what once was there. I now call your attention to a unique part of Ohio, which once was a favorite hunting and gathering area for both Indian and white settlers alike.

Cranberry bogs were numerous throughout the area. It was one of the easy cash crops harvested by early pioneer farmers. The fruit would be gathered, packed in barrels and shipped to more populated areas as far away as New Orleans.

QUERIES, FEB. 1997

GREEN, DRAPER, SANAF--
Research request by Joyce A. Hagerty, 2455 Knox Road 700 East, Oneida, IL 61467-9523 who has been looking for many years for information about Robert C. Green (b. c. 1796 in RI; m. C 1816 in VT; d ? In ?) And his wife Ruth Draper (b c 1796 in VT; in. ca 1816 in VT; d ? in ?). Robert and Ruth are in the 1850 census of Ohio, but not in the 1860. The writer is also looking for info about Isaac J. Sanaft (b ca 1818; m May 30, 1841 in Union Co; d 1884 in Broadway) and his wife Elizabeth Green (b ca 1818 in VT, child of Robert & Ruth Green; m May 30 1841 in Union Co; d 1884 in Broadway).

FARLEY--Research request by Cathy Hayden, 550 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104 who needs any birth info about Elizabeth Farley (b Jan 1, 1859? in Plain City--child of John Philip and Mary Moon). Even though this birth was in Madison Co., the courthouse there did not have record. The writer thought it may have been recorded in Union Co.

JOHNSON, DRAPER--Query by Marcella H. Pettis, 7830 SW Event Ct., Beaverton, OR 97007-5955 who needs info about the marriage of Algernon S. Johnson (shown in 1850 census as single in Union Co., Paris

Tp) and Charlotte Draper, who gave birth to Marcella R. Johnson.

ASH, MITCHELL, EALY, HOPKINS -Query by Shirley A. Rogers, P. O. Box 24, Boulder, MT 59632-0024 who is looking for the marriage records concerning 1) Lorenzo D. Ash and Sadie Mitchell, m. Ca 1898. 2) Herman Ealy and Nellie Hopkins, m ca 1910-1920. 3)Gerald Hopkins and Della M. Ash m ca 1924. QUERIES--APRIL 1997 BAKER--Research request by Nancy E. Baker, 204 Westwood, Delaware, OH 43015 who would like any info (other than childrens' names) about Hamer Paul Baker, b. May 30, 1859 in Licking Co.; d. Mar 9, 1942 and is (Cont. Next page) buried Claibourne Cem. With first wife Fannie. Nancy would like to correspond with relatives.

Mc MAHON, DONOHU . ANDREWS Query by Marjorie Wilcox, 3513 South Old US 23. Brighton, MI 48116 who needs copies of specific pages of Union Echoes pertaining to Andrews, MacMahon, and Donohoe.

GANUE, SMITH—Query by member J. K. Huffman, 6516 E. Route 36, Cable, OH 43009 who is seeking 1)info on the parents of Rosa E. Ganue who was b. Union Co. In 1846. 2) Info about William Smith (b 1805 in VA) and his wife Sarah (b. 1800 in KY). William and Sarah had approx. 10 children.

JOHNSON—Query by member Ray E. Keck, 12415 Maple Ave., Paulding, OH 45879-8842 who wonders if anyone knows or has info about the burial place of Jacob and his wife Mary Johnson. It may be that they are buried next to their son Alexander in York Cemetery-D12 marked "Mother", D13 unmarked. They were both listed in 1880 census, but no trace of them in Probate death records.

REED, DYSON--Research request by Doris Forsyth, 1907 W. Flamingo

#173, Nampa, ID 83651-1689 who is trying to break her "10 years of being up against a brick wall" in relation to finding information about her Reed ancestor. She is looking for parental information about Anne (Ann?) Dyson Reed who died 3 Aug 1862 in Union County. Anne Dyson first married David Reed (d. 1816/17 in Belmont Co.) Who was the father of her eight children: James, Elizabeth, Zephaniah, Samuel, William, Anne, Sarah and John. In 1850 Anne Dyson Reed married Lewis Bonnett.

KAHL—Research request by Judy G. Suressi, 9264-A Anita Ave., Englewood, FL 34224-8390 who is looking for any info about Charles A. Kahl (b. 1869 in Pittsburgh, PA) and due to a "great hotel fire" Charles was "supposedly" put in an orphanage here in Marysville.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. UNION COUNTY, OHIO

A Methodist Episcopal society was organized about 1840, in a log schoolhouse built in the woods on Rocky Run, near where Southworth Mather then lived. afterward the Hiram Titsworth and now the William Haynes place. The membership was small, and most prominent among the little band were Hiram and Lemuel Titsworth, John Johnson and Southworth Mather. The latter two were local preachers. Services were continued in a log schoolhouse until a new schoolhouse was built on the newly opened Marysville and Kenton road, which stood near the site of present Methodist Church, north of Byhalia. Services were then held in the schoolhouse for a number of years. By the removal of members from the neighborhood, the society became very weak numerically and regular preaching was suspended.

About 1872, a class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of perhaps twelve members, was organized, with Allen Haines as class leader. The society prospered, and in 1876 erected a commodious and handsomely constructed edifice, 34 X

48 feet, north of Byhalia half a mile, and close to the schoolhouse, in which the meetings had previously been conducted. Its cost exceeded \$2000. It was dedicated by Rev. David Rutledge, then Presiding Elder of the district to which it was attached. The first steps looking to the erection of the church were taken during the pastorate of Rev. Solomon Linsley. His successors as pastors of this church have been Revs. William Shultz, William Dunlap, J. C. Clemmons, David Bowers and John W. Dorman. The last mentioned is now serving his second year. The Byhalia Church was originally included in the Mt. Victory Circuit, composed of four charges--Byhalia, Mt. Victory, Wilson Chapel and Reinhart Church. It is now an element in the York Center Circuit, which comprises four churches-- McKendree at York Center, Byhalia, Summersville and Bethel. The present (1883) membership is about forty. A Sabbath school was organized subsequent to the erection of the church, and is now working in an active and successful manner. It contains ninety-five members, eight classes and is superintended by William Haines. (From the History of Union County, Ohio, Beers. 1883. Reprint 1981, pp 665-666, Vol. 2)

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Left to right Frederick-William Ely Labadie, Laurel J (Hoskins) Labadie, Karen (Eirich) Gwilliams, Margaret (Main) Bouic, John Hoskins, Arlene L (Wood) Perkins, Marilyn (Reed) Dziama, and Ruth (Bigelow) Stewart

Union County's first Pioneers, those who have proved that their ancestors were inhabitants of Union County before December 31, 1840 (for Gold Certificate) or December 31, 1850 (for Silver Certificate) are pictured above.

On the following pages are listed the others who have proved their ancestors here in Union County, but were unable to attend the banquet Their certificates have been mailed to them.

Welcome to all of our new Pioneer members. To all of you who would like to join this group, don't forget to start working on your applications for next year! We plan to make this a yearly event, and welcome all of you who know that your ancestors were early settlers here in our area.

If you have not sent for your application, please contact Marian Cowgill, chairperson, at 34 Edgewood Dr , Richwood, OH 43344. There is a charge of \$5.00 for application, and \$15.00 one-time-only membership fee. We'd like to hear from you.

If you would like to send a short story about your pioneer ancestor to the editor of the newsletter, we will be happy to print them as space permits.

Union County Genealogy Society. UNION COUNTY PIONEERS

CHARTER MEMBERS 1997

001 Arlene L. (Wood) Perkins UCGS Member No. 156
356 W. Main St., Plain City, OH 43064 614-873-5332

Gold	Uriah Wood	1820	Pioneer No.	001
	Dimis Bigelow	1820		002
	Michael S. Wood	1820		003
	Eliza Thayer	1822		004
	Alpheus Wood	1825		005

002 Margaret (Main) Bouic UCGS Member No. 7
9210 Watkins Road, Marysville, OH 43040 614-666-2301

Gold	George Graham	1828	Pioneer No.	006
	Ralph Graham	1824		007
	Elizabeth Lazenbee	1824		008
	Hannah Burdick	1820		009
	Hezekiah Burdick	1820		010
	Mary Richey	1820		011
	William Richey	1820		012
	Stephen Smith	1840		013
	Christina Howard	1840		014
	Nancy Smith	1840		015
	Andrew Taylor	1825		016
	John Taylor	1822		017
	Daniel Taylor	1820		018
	Jane Noteman	1820		019
	Andrew Noteman	1820		020
	David Mitchell	1820		021
	Martha Black	1820		022
	Moses Mitchell	1820		023
	Jemima Cartwright	1826		024
	Elizabeth Mitchell	1829		025

003 Roger C. F. Nicol UCGS Member No. 520 937-349-4801
18270 Middleburg-Plain City Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

Gold	Johann Ludwig Klaiber	1840	Pioneer No.	026
Silver	Johann Sixtus Klaiber	1842		027

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004 Tami (Nicol) Bowman UCGS Member No. 566
17118 Robinson Road, Marysville, OH 43040 614-642-6377

Gold Johann Ludwig Klaiber 1840 Pioneer No. 026

Silver Johann Sixtus Klaiber 1842 027

005 Amy Lorraine Nicol UCGS Member No. 562 937-349-4801
18270 Middleburg-Plain City Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

Gold Johann Ludwig Klaiber 1840 Pioneer No 026

Silver Johann Sixtus Klaiber 1842 027

006 Mary Kathryn Bouic UCGS Member No. 564
1915 Ridgebury Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026 614-527-9425

Gold George Graham 1828 Pioneer No. 006
Ralph Graham 1824 007
Elizabeth Lazenbee 1824 008
Hannah Burdick 1820 009
Hezekiah Burdick 1820 010
Mary Richey 1820 011
William Richey 1820 012
Stephen Smith 1840 013
Christina Howard 1840 **014**
Nancy Smith 1840 015
Andrew Taylor 1825 016
John Taylor 1822 017
Daniel Taylor 1820 018
Jane Noteman 1820 019
Andrew Noteman 1820 020
David Mitchell 1820 021
Martha Black 1820 022
Moses Mitchell 1820 023
Jemima Cartwright 1826 024
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Rebecca Lakin 1835 029
Christian Myers 1828 030
Hannah Graham 1828 031
Ann Catherine Myers 1830 032

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007 Marilyn (Reed) Dziama UCGS Member No. 425
185 Heatherington Road, Bentleyville, PA 15314

Gold	David Reed	1801 Pioneer No.	033
	Samuel K. Reed	1807	034
Silver	Josephus Reed	1844	035

008 John A. Hoskins UCGS Member No. 541
12660 Mulvane Road, Richwood, OH 43344 614-943-2329

Gold	William Hamilton	1838 Pioneer No.	036
	Lydia Springer	1838	037
	George B. Hamilton	1838	038

009 Laurel J. (Hoskins) Labadie UCGS Member No. 591
836 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040 937-644-8606

Gold	William Hamilton	1838 Pioneer No.	036
	Lydia Springer	1838	037
	George B. Hamilton	1838	038

010 Frederick-William Ely Labadie [child of 009] 836 Collins
Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040

Gold	William Hamilton	1838 Pioneer No.	036
	Lydia Springer	1838	037
	George B. Hamilton	1838	038

011 Hazel (Nelson) Stein UCGS Member No. 69
P. O. Box 56, Bushnell, FL 33513 352-793-6943

Gold	John Irwin	1817 Pioneer No.	039
	Anna Steele	1817	040
	James Hughs Irwin	1826	041
	Mary (Polly) Reynolds	1826	042
	Mary (Polly) Irwin	1828	043
	Elisha Reynolds	1816	044
	Mary (Polly) Witter	1816	045
Silver	John Abner Stirrat	1846	046

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- 012 Penny (Platt) Nethro UCGS Member No. 427
984 Riggsby Road, Galloway, OH 43119-8801 614-878-2914
- Gold Christopher Brown 1831 Pioneer No. 047
Rosanna (Rhoda) Brown 1831 048
- 013 M. "Susie" (Clark) Rickard UCGS Member No. 586
7880 Rickard Road, Plain City, OH 43064 614-873-4820
- Gold John Price 1830 Pioneer No. 049
John Price 1831 050
- 014 Karen (Eirich) Gwilliams UCGS Member No. 576
21840 Herd McIlroy Rd., Raymond, OH 43067 937-246-3830
- Gold John Martin Eirich 1837 Pioneer No. 051
- 015 Ruth (Bigelow) Stewart UCGS Member No. 13
13620 U.S. 42, Plain City, OH 43064-9445 614-881-5602
- Gold Russell Bigelow 1816 Pioneer No. 052
Eliphas Bigelow 1816 053
Alpheus Russell Bigelow 1827 054
Charles McCloud 1814 055
Miriam McCloud 1814 056
John Parthemore 1819 057
Frederick Parthemore 1819 058
Joseph Morse 1822 059
Permelia Morse 1822 060

county, for awhile a resident of Kentucky, when he removed near Summersville, purchased a large tract of land, when the country was in the woods. He is now a prosperous farmer, a member of the Richwood Presbyterian church, and a man of strict integrity.

Mr Sylvanus Taylor, living on the Richwood and York pikes, a short distance west of Summersville, came to this county from Logan county, in 1865. He owns about 255 acres of land in York and Claibourne townships. He began life with a very moderate sum of money. Taught school in the winter and farmed during the summer until he met with an accident which, for a time, incapacitated him for manual labor. After gaining, in part, the use of his hand, he retired from teaching and gave his entire attention to the farm.

A short distance from Summersville on the same pike stands the handsome and commodious farm residence of Mr M C Culver, a member of the 31st OVI. Was mustered into the service in the summer of '61. Was twice wounded at Chicamauga, first day of that stubbornly contested battle, he was struck in the leg by a minnie ball, inflicting only a flesh wound which did not compel him to leave the ranks. The second day he was again wounded, this time by a piece of shell in the side. Will refer to this and other incidents more fully in our purposed sketch of the gallant 31st.

Mr J E McCormick is the next farmer we meet. Born in New York city before the din of elevated railroads disturbed the quiet of the place, or electric cables connected the metropollls of the New World with the sea-ports of the old. Left an orphan at an early age, he was thrown upon the world to battle as best he might. Was thirteen years of age when he came to Union county. Worked principally for Mr George Davis, now his father-in-law, until after marriage, when he purchased a small farm and began life in earnest. He has been for several years Superintendent of the Summersville M E Sunday school, and a leading member in the church.

One of the oldest residents of York township, is Mr F D Davis, of York Center. His parents removed to this township, from Harrison county, some fifty-eight years ago. His parents lived to quite a ripe old age. His father being eight-five years of age when summoned home; his mother's head was silvered with the frosts

of eight-six winters 'ere she passed into the "great unknowable beyond." Their remains now repose in the M E cemetery at York, where howled the wolves, and sported the fawns, when they were in the prime of life carving a home for themselves and their children, from out of the unbroken forest.

Mr Davis can well remember when there were but two or three houses at Summersville, not more than ten in Richwood, three at York, none at Byhalia, half-a-dozen at Kenton, one or two at Victory.

Cattle then ran out on the commons all winter, and would often cut down maple and sugar for them to brouse at. Game of all kinds abounded. Mr Davis said "Father and us boys often killed as many as five deer a day. Would bend down a sappling, fasten the deer to the top and then let it swing, to prevent the wolves from getting the deer before we returned home from work."

"Made sugar in the woods when we had to set boards around the boiling-shed to keep the wolves away at night."

"It would take from four to six days to go to mill and return."

"Many a meal have we made on baked potatoes, father not getting back from mill so soon as expected."

"Father was a minister, and I always collected the quarterage, which was assessed at one dollar a year, payable quarterly in sugar, ther being very little money in circulation those days.

"I thought it a good day's journey to go to Richwood and return. When I returned, the horse would be covered with black, sticky mud. Swans and swamps were made passable by cutting beech logs and building corduroy bridges."

By hard labor, Mr and Mrs Davis have gathered a sufficient portion of this world's goods to support them during the evening of life, and yet leave a moderate estate to their children. Above all, they can bequeath them the most precious of all heritages, the example of well spent lifes.

Mr Davis is a well preserved courteous and hospitable gentleman of the old school, whom it is a real pleasure to meet. His memory of "old times" is fresh and voluminous. The sparkle of his eye and animation of feature when speaking of the reminiscences of his youth, led us to remember that happiness is subjective and not objective.

A man predisposed to view the bright side of life will be happy under almost and circumstances. A pessimist would be miserable in heaven.

UNION COUNTY MARRIAGES (continued)

2265	Lebbeus Wood	Minerva J. Snodgrass	April 5, 1855	D. Mann
2266	Miles Titsworth	Elizabeth McIntire	April 5, 1855	Hiram Titsworth, JP
2267	Elon Brake	Ruth Ann Speer	April 10, 1855	Rev. Sylvester Southard
2268	Geroge R. McIntire	Mary Clark	April 22, 1855	J. B. W. Haynes, JP
2269	Simpson Anderson	Mary McGill	April 7, 1855	Warret Owen, JP
2270	Benjamin Headly	Mary Elizabeth Laughrey	Apr. 12, 1855	Rev. J. C. Sidle
2271	Jefferson M. Hobbs	Eliza Latson	Apr. 15, 1855	Robert Turner, JP
2272	James Bell	Mary Jane Reed	Apr. 12, 1855	Rev. John Sessions
2273	Wm. Livingston	Eliza Ann Latson	Apr. 15, 1855	Rev. Daniel Kinney
2274	Joseph D. Smart	Julia S. Spencer	Apr. 12, 1855	Rev. J. S. Adams
2275	James Cummings	Julia St. John	Apr. 31, 1855	A. T. Grossen
2276	Robert Thompson	Marinda Longbrake	Apr. 15, 1855	Rev. J. S. Adams
2277	George Coleman	Mary Catherine Miller	April 17, 1855	Rev. Jacob Seidell
2278	Philip Rousch	Ann Barbara Geace	Apr. 19, 1855	Rev. Jacob Seidel
2279	John G. Gosz	Ann Barbara Rousch	Apr. 26, 1855	Rev. Jacob Seidel
2280	Henry Shepard	Elmira Dilsaver	Apr. 26, 1855	Rev. J. C. Seidel
2281	Thomas S. Latimer	Elizabeth Dodge	May 3, 1855	I. N. Wells, JP
2282	Harrison Campbell	Rebecca Ann Snodgrass	May 1, 1855	Rev. J. S. Adams
2283	John Sidle	Sarah Jane Beardsley	May 10, 1855	Rev. Daniel Kinney
2284	Jenkins/Junkin Mulvain	Marjory R. Paine	May 9, 1855	Rev. E. Winans
2285	Jesse Columber	Mary Myers	May 11, 1855	no return
2286	Oscar Beck	Margaret Beck	May 22, 1855	J. S. Adams, Min
2287	Edward L. Lease	Elizabeth Filler	May 25, 1855	Rev. J. S. Adams
2288	George W. Vangorden	Mary Jane Wyant	May 24, 1855	J. B. Richey, JP
2289	Sanford Bennett	Elizabeth Emmins	May 23, 1855	J. B. W. Haynes, JP
2290	William Patch	Mary Suthard	May 30, 1855	John Barbour, JP
2291	Solomon Weaver	Mana Scott	May 31, 1855	Jonathan Marker, Min
2292	Jacob Spindler	Esther Blankner	June 5, 1855	Jacob Seidel, Min
2293	John Field	Martha Emphill	June 7, 1855	John Cheny, JP
2294	Edward R. Ryan	Sarah Ann Poling	June 11, 1855	George L. Line, Min
2295	John Sandels	Julia Ann Lash	July 10, 1855	Warret Owen, JP
2296	Chester Skeels	Margaret Catherine Brannon	June 16, 1855	Jared O. Jewett, JP
2297	Abner A. Tallman	Mary Elizabeth Middleton	June 24, 1855	Richard P. Judy, JP
2298	Charles Butler	Martha Weston	June 21, 1855	T. A. Sheldon, Min
2299	Braley Green	Mary Twigg	June 29, 1855	Rev. Henry Snell
2300	Pearson F. Holycross	Jane S. Wilson	June 27, 1855	Christopher Grubbs, JP
2301	Peter Sharp	Urith Morrison	June 30, 1855	Warret Owen, JP
2302	Simpson Price	Elizabeth Cheney	June 30, 1855	Rev. E. J. Winans
2303	J. T. Killen	Alice Ferris	June 28, 1855	Henry Bushnell, Min
2304	William Hill	Mary Jane Morris	July 1, 1855	Rev. E. J. Winans
2305	Simon J. Sterling	Mary E. Hammond	July 4, 1855	R. L. Judy, JP
2306	John P. Baldwin	Catharine Blue	July 4, 1855	Robert Turner, JP
2307	Thomas Black	Harriet Webb	July 8, 1855	Elder Daniel Long
2308	William Boyd	Nancy Jane Byers	July 12, 1855	F. Southard, EM
2309	William Kent	Nancy Caroline Saterle	July 15, 1855	Elder Daniel Long
2310	Charles Bird	Margaret Johnson	July 19, 1855	R. L. Judy, JP
2311	George D. Ganoe	Susan E. Ward	Aug. 1, 1855	A. D. Doolittle, JP
2312	Daniel Burkpile	Hannah Jane Snell	Aug. 2, 1855	John Barbour, M
2313	Alexander Emmons	Sarah Bennett	Aug. 9, 1855	J. G. Sidle, Min
2314	David Hamilton	Melvina Beard	Aug. 12, 1855	J. N. Wells, JP
2315	Shepard Clark	Hannah Barney	Aug. 16, 1855	Rev. John Drake
2316	C. C. Knowlton	Sarah P. Hastings	Aug. 20, 1855	Rev. L. D. McCabe
2317	Phineas Bell	Martha McKitrick	Aug. 23, 1855	not signed
2318	A. G. Wood	Rosanna Reed	Aug. 20, 1855	John W. Drake
2319	Moses Huffines	Nancy J. Duvall	Aug. 25, 1855	Elder Daniel Long

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