

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.

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings Fellow Genealogists,

Memorial Day is upon us, and we honor all soldiers who died while serving their country. Congress passed a law in 2000 that requires all Americans to stop what they are doing at 3pm on Memorial Day to remember and to honor those who have died serving the united States. I hope to visit Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville and the Milford Center Cemetery. It has been discovered that the memorial honoring WWI was moved from the old Marysville cemetery to Oakdale. This has been confusing, as people outside union County, they may refer to Oakdale as the old Marysville Cemetery. It is hard to believe that before 1900 more than 500 graves were moved from Marysville Cemetery to Oakdale Cemetery. This major undertaking was to make room for the railroad.

On my recent genealogy trip, we discovered how it is essential to document, document, document. I learned that handwriting in the past may be illegible and passed on as a different word. Thus, making it hard to find an area, person, and place. Therefore, so many names, we do not know the correct spelling. Cursive handwriting in the past is very hard to interpret. This offers us many roadblocks and the need to walk away and revisit later.

Marty

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- Nancy Katzenbach, nankatzen@gmail.com
- Nancy is at the Marysville Public Library on Tuesdays from 10am to 3pm to assist all comers.

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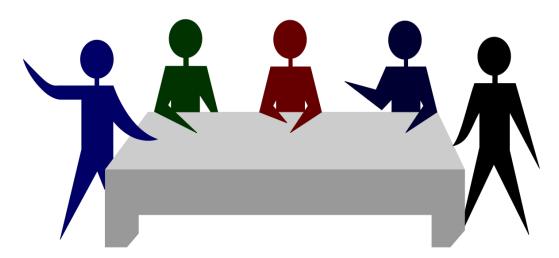
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P.O. Box 438

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All members queries are FREE.

Non-member receive one query FREE



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In July of every odd-numbered year, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee to contact individuals willing to allow their names to be placed as a nomination for an elected officer of the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (UCCOGS).

The slate of proposed officers presented by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the September/October issue of the UCCOGS Newsletter "Union Echoes."

The election of officers shall be held at the regular November 16, 2019 meeting of UCCOGS. The method of voting will be by written ballot. Members who are unable to attend the November meeting may use an absentee ballot. An absentee ballot shall be included in the September/October "*Union Echoes*" newsletter and posted on the UCCOGS website. The absentee ballot must be received seven days before the election, no later than November 9, 2019.

The officers of the UCCOGS shall take office January 1, 2020, following their election and shall serve for two years.

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Minutes March 16, 2019



The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their first meeting of the year at the Marysville Public Library on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 10 am in Meeting Room A. **Steve Lowe**, Vice President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Lynn Baldwin, Lineage Society Chair, said we have 2 pending applications. **Nancy Katzenbach**, Librarian & Membership Chair, reminded everyone that dues are due. She had also received The Richwood Presbyterian Church History starting in 1874

from **Tim & Carol Stevens**. **Nina Hampton** announced the OGS State Convention is May 1- 4 at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. **Steve** announced that the Marysville Journal-Tribune is collecting old pictures, postcards, and stories of Marysville for the Bicentennial Edition of the paper to be published August 1.

Steve, a current member of the Post, then presented an informative power point presentation of the 100 years of the American Legion and local Post #79. His family has been involved with the local Post since the very beginning with his grandfather, **Warren Ritchie**, who served in WWI and was a charter member of the Post. His grandfather, **Truman Lowe**, was also a member and gave his dad, **Don Lowe**, an American Legion membership when he returned from WWII. The Armistice, the end of the Great War, was signed on the 11th Day of the 11th month and the 11th hour on November 11, 1918. The American Legion came about as a fraternal organization for veterans from the Army, Marines, and Navy who served during the Great War. After World War II, the Great War was changed to World War I. The Post then offered membership to those WWII veterans and then to the wars following that.

The local post purchased 24 acres of land on the west end of the township, and in 1937 the WPA (Works Progress Administration) built the building that is in use today. 1959-1960 an addition was built. The WPA also constructed the original pool that opened in 1935 and served the citizens for over 40 years. The American Legion Post #79 and Women's Auxiliary sends high school students from the area schools to Buckeye Boys & Girl State in the summer. They sponsor the Americanism Test. Work with the Union Co. Support Group and provide the flags for downtown Marysville. They provide the Color Guard for local events. The Women's Auxiliary promote Poppy Day which helps veterans in nursing homes and veterans' families. They participate in the Memorial Day, 4th of July parades and pass out flags. They also participate in the Christmas parade. They put flags in the markers of veterans' graves for Memorial Day too. The American Legion has done many great things for veterans' and the community over their existence of 100 years.

The next meeting, **Robert W. Parrott**, a local attorney, will present a program on "Notable People Who Have Come from Marysville" on April 20.

Those who enjoyed the presentation were: Lynn Baldwin, Marie Bouic, Sara Halley, Nancy Katzenbach, Steve & Jeanne Lowe, Nina Lee Hampton, Virginia Smith, Marty Scott, Avanelle Oberlin, Don & Roberta Coder, Bill Thompson, Al & Peggy Birt, Jack & Sabra Foster, Sharon Parrott, Bill Boerger, Jim Foley, Rolly Rausch and Mel Cantrell.

Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary

Interesting Fact from the presentation by Steve Lowe:



Ohio School Pupils Will Get Grenades (1919)

This was a hand grenade. It was one of 15,000,000 engines of death and destruction designed to impress the answer of democracy upon the challenging tools of autocracy during World War I. World War I ended before this grenade, and its companions accomplished their purpose.

Thirty thousand school children – probably more – received at the reconvening of school in that fall this souvenir of the war – a hand grenade converted into a savings bank. The mechanical devices for exploding and safeguarding the thrower were left intact. Only the TNT was removed. This was done to make room for the pennies and dimes school children saved therein for the purchase of War Savings Stamps. These grenade banks were given to every pupil who sold \$100 worth of War Savings Stamps between July 1st and the opening of school.



At the meeting, March 16, 2019, representing the American Legion Post 79 and Auxiliary were (left to right):

Al Birt, Chaplain
Peggy Birt, Auxiliary
Mel Cantrell, Commander
Jeanne Lowe, Auxiliary
Steve Lowe, Treasurer

Memorial Day Facts (softschool.com)

Each year on the final Monday in May the United States celebrates the federal holiday Memorial Day. Formerly Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day, meant to honor the Union and the Confederate soldiers who died during the American Civil War. By the 1900s it had become a day to celebrate all American soldiers who died while serving in the military. It wasn't until 1967 that it was legally named Memorial Day. It became a federal holiday in 1971. The exact origins of who held the first Memorial Day celebration is a debated subject.

Interesting Memorial Day Facts

Approximately 620,000 soldiers on both sides died during the Civil War.

- The Grand Army of the Republic was created by the Union Army to honor their dead. After World War I the American Legion took over their duties.
- Congress passed a law in 2000 that requires all Americans to stop what they are doing at 3pm on Memorial Day to remember and to honor those who have died serving the United States. **President Clinton** signed this action
- The flag is supposed to be flown at half-mast until noon, and then raised to full mast until sunset on Memorial Day.
- The tradition of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day originated from **John McCrae**'s 1915 poem In Flanders Fields. In Canada, they wear red poppies to honor their soldiers on Remembrance Day in November each year.
- Although not as popular today, one tradition was to eat a picnic meal while sitting on the ground of a cemetery. There are still some people in the rural areas of the South that continue to practice this tradition.
- It's common for volunteers to place the American flag on graves in the national cemeteries
- Memorial Day is also a favorite day for people to visit cemeteries and honor those who have died while serving in the military.
- It's estimated that approximately 32 million people travel by car over Memorial Day weekend.
- Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer vacation season while Labor Day marks the end.
- In some areas of the rural South, they hold annual Decoration Days around this time for private cemeteries, often in the mountains.
- Memorial Day is sometimes confused with Veterans Day. However, Veterans Day honors all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors the soldiers who died while serving.
- In 1966, **President Johnson** named Waterloo, New York as the original place of Memorial Day.
- There were more American lives lost during the Civil War than the two World Wars combined.

 Approximately 620,000 died during the Civil War while nearly 116,516 in World War I and about 405,399 in World War II.
- There are more than 300,000 fallen soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery. On average, there are 28 burials there each day.



NEW RESOURCE: Columbus Dispatch from 1871 to the Present

- Go to www.columbuslibrary.org
- Click on Research
- Click on Local History and Genealogy
- Go to Columbus Dispatch Digital and click on visit
- Log in with your Columbus Library Card and pin number. You must have a Columbus Library card. This may be obtained from any Columbus Branch Library or online.
- Type in a family name and see how many hits you receive.

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Minutes April 20, 2019



The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their meeting at the Marysville Public Library on Saturday, April 20, 2019, at 10 am in Meeting Room B. **Steve Lowe**, Vice President welcomed everyone.

He then introduced **Robert W. Parrott**, a local attorney and president of the Union County Historical Society. He presented a power point presentation on *6 Notable People Who Came from Marysville*. His program promoted the 200th Birthday of Marysville with the official birthday on August 10 the week of the Balloon Festival. The following week they

will dedicate a Historical Marker at Partner's Park. **Amanda Morris**, Recreation and Event Manager for Marysville, is working on the special events and updating the city's website. Union County will be celebrating its 200th birthday beginning April of 2020. For this celebration in 2020, many farms in Union County will be featured.

The first-person Bob spoke about was **Cornelia "Nellie" Cole Fairbanks** born in 1848 in Marysville. She was the daughter of **P.B. Cole** and **Dorothy Witter** and was well educated. **Cornelia** met her husband, **Charles Warren Fairbanks**, a Darby Township native, in Delaware where she was attending college. They were married in the Marysville First Presbyterian Church in 1874. Her husband served as Vice President under **Theodore Roosevelt** from 1905-1909. She spearheaded the construction of the DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C. where her portrait hangs in the lobby. They raised their family in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was an excellent speaker and was known for her hospitality and social dinners. She died in 1913 and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Pauline Robinson, daughter of James F. Robinson and Lula Flickinger, was born in 1896 in Richwood. The family moved to Marysville when her father was elected Union County Prosecuting Attorney. Her family lived on West Fifth St., and she graduated from Marysville High School in 1914. Pauline went on to Miami University where she met her husband Marvin Pierce who was captain of the football team. They were married at the Marysville First Presbyterian Church in 1918, and their first child, Martha Pierce was baptized there. She also taught school in Marysville for two years. The family moved to New York where her husband was president of McCall Corporation. She was the mother of First Lady Barbara Bush married to President George H. W. Bush and grandmother to George W. Bush of the United States. Pauline died in 1949, and her parents are buried at Oakdale Cemetery.

Ella Dolbear Lee, Artist, Illustrator, and Author was born in 1866 in Marysville. She was the daughter of **Samuel W. Dolbear** and **Elizabeth Baker**. **Ella** grew up on the Dolbear Farm which her family later donated the land for the Memorial Hospital. She graduated from Marysville High School in 1885 and attended the New England Conservatory of Music and Art in Boston. **Ella** received a scholarship to the School of Design in Philadelphia and began illustrating catalogs and magazines. In 1902 she opened the 1st commercial art studio in Chicago. She went on to illustrate children's books. Her most famous one, which the Union County Historical Society has a copy of, is "The Ella Dolbear Lee Mother Goose." She died in 1954 and is buried at Oakdale Cemetery with her husband.

Albert Kinkade Chapman was born in 1890 to Charles Stansberry Chapman and Anna T. Kinkade. His father was a successful businessman and built their mansion at 130 North Maple St. where he grew up. Albert graduated from Marysville High School in 1908 and received a B.A. and Master degrees from The Ohio State University in Physics and Chemistry in 1912. He received a doctorate in Physics in 1916 from Princeton University. Albert married Ercil Howard, daughter of Cone Howard from Milford Center. He served in World War I and was given the rank of Captain. He became good friends with George Eastman, founder of Kodak. During the war, they developed an aerial camera and film to shoot pictures from the air on the movement of the troops. He was hired by Eastman after the war where he became General Manager in 1943, President of

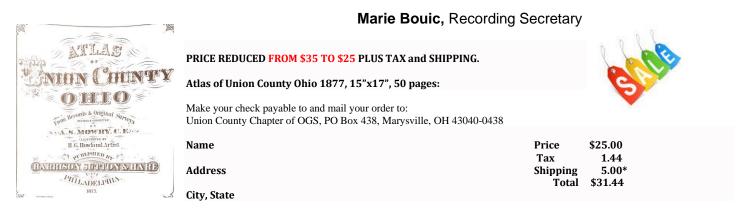
Kodak from 1952 to 1960, and Chairman of the Board from 1962 to 1967. He pioneered color film, home movies, slides, Kodachrome and Ektachrome. He retired in January 1967 and died in Rochester, New York in 1984.

Major General Robert S. Beightler was born in Marysville to William P. Beightler and Joana Sprague in 1892. His father was a surveyor and president of the Perfect Cigar Company. The house he grew up in still stands at 323 West 7th Street. Robert graduated from Marysville High School in 1909 and went on to attend The Ohio State University in Civil Engineering and two years of cadet training. He was offered a job for Union County as assistant Engineer building bridges and roads for Union County and left school. He joined the Ohio National Guard in 1911 as a private and worked his way up to 2nd Lieutenant. When World War I broke out, he was given the rank of First Lieutenant in 37th Infantry which became part of the 42nd Rainbow Division. By the end of the war, he was a Captain. After the war, he started his own construction company. In 1939 good friend and Governor John Bricker appointed him Director of State Highway Department. In 1940 he was promoted to Major General in the Ohio National Guard and commanded the 37th Division of 18,000 men. When World War II broke out, he served in the Pacific Theater mainly in the Philippines. When the Japanese surrendered on Sept. 5, 1945, he accepted the sword of surrender on behalf of the United States. He was commissioned by President Harry Truman and Congress to Major General of the regular army. After the war, he was appointed Director of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. He died in 1978 and is buried at Oakdale Cemetery. There is a historical marker in his memory on the public square dedicated in 2007.

Noah Orr, a giant, and showman, was born in Sodom, Darby Township in 1836 to **William** and **Mary Orr**. He came from a family of very tall and gigantic people. He was 7 feet and 8 inches and weighed between 450 to 600 pounds. In 1859 he was featured as a giant at the Ohio State Fair at Zanesville calling himself the Scotch Giant. He traveled all over the country and Canada. He married **Mary Brott** in 1864. Her father was a prizefighter holding several world titles. 1864, famous showman, **P.T. Barnum**, hired **Noah** to be on exhibit in his New American Museum in New York. That year he also purchased the brick home at 118 West 6th Street and lived the rest of his life in Marysville along with his prizefighter father-in-law. A historical marker was dedicated to him and his home. He toured with circuses and shows and for a while had his own show called Orr's Museum of Wonders and Curiosities. In 1878 **Noah** played the lead in the Lilliputian Opera Company, a group of midgets and himself, and put on children's plays. He did that until he became ill in 1882. He returned to Marysville where he died at his home. A custom made 9-foot coffin was made, and he was buried at the Oakdale Cemetery and had one of the largest funerals ever in Marysville. His tombstone was purchased by donations of small coins from local school children.

At the next meeting, **Krista Horrocks** will present the program on "Gravestone Cleaning" on Saturday, May 18.

Those who enjoyed the presentation were: Lynn Baldwin, Walter & Marie Bouic, Steve & Jeanne Lowe, Virginia Smith, Marty Scott, Bill Thompson, Sharon Parrott, Joe Bell, Linda Reed Prosser, Kermit & Ruth Anne Morse, Amanda Morris, Sharon Dareek, Eva F. Schooley, Leona Gustafson, Alan L. Mayberry, Lisa Mayberry, Ron & Barb Miller, Julie Kramer and Children, Nina Boerger, Ron & Suzanne Boyland, Steve Stolte, Larry Ohlsman.



^{*}To avoid shipping fees, contact Nancy Katzenbach, nankatzen@gmail.com for other arrangements.

Upcoming Events



OGS 2019 Annual Conference (1-4 May 2019)

The OGS 2019 Annual Conference will be held 1-4 May 2019 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. For the most up-to-date information on the conference, visit the conference website at http://www.ogsconference.org.



RootsMagic Founder to Give Free Workshop at Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums (HPLM) Sunday, 05 May 2019, noon – 5pm

Learn how to get the most out of RootsMagic Genealogy & Family History Software from the man who wrote it during a special workshop. RootsMagic Founder and President **Bruce Buzbee** will help participants with their genealogy questions and give an overview and demonstration of RootsMagic7. This event is free.

A schedule is as follows:

- Noon to 1 p.m.– The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library will open for research and browsing.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bruce Buzbee will present an overview and demonstration of RootsMagic7 with specific information on how to migrate your FamilyTreeMaker data to RootsMagic. He will also discuss how you will be able to use your personal Ancestry.com subscription in conjunction with RootsMagic.
- 2:30 to 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 to 4 p.m. Question and answer session.
- 5 p.m. The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums close for the day.

To help plan for seating, registration is requested. To register, please call 419-332-2081 and ask for the library, or email **John Ransom** at jransom@rbhayes.org.

This event is sponsored by RootsMagic, Inc.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings held in the lower level of the Marysville Library

(Elevator located inside the back door.)

231 S. Plum St., Marysville, Ohio 43040

10:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month

Upcoming Events (continued)

May 18, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library – Meeting Room B

"Gravestone Cleaning" Presenter – Krista Horrocks



Krista Horrocks, a professional archaeologist, is an Archaeological Reviewer for the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). **Krista** is a member of the Association for Gravestone Studies (and co-runs the Ohio Chapter). She lives in Columbus with her husband and two daughters. Besides spending her lunch break in the OHC Archives Library, she enjoys working on the Old Fredericktown Cemetery Preservation Project in her hometown of Fredericktown

June 15, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library – Meeting Room B "Wikitree.com"

Presenter – Kay Adams



Kay Adams earned her B.A. in History from The Ohio State University and her M.A.E.D in Adult Education from the University of Phoenix. She has been working on her family history for over 20 years. During this time, Kay discovered she is descended from many amazing people, which include William Bradford (Governor of Plymouth Colony 1624), Josiah Bartlett (a signer of the Declaration of Independence), and George Washington, and there is more! She lives in Delaware, Ohio and the mother of four amazing children and 9 grandchildren. Kay believes it is inspiring to learn all you can about your family history because it's good to know where you came from. She is very excited to share her experience with www.Wikitree.com with us!

July 20, 2019 NO MEETING

Upcoming Events (continued)

August 17, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library – Meeting Room B

"So, You Spit in a Tube" DNA Tests Presenter: Kellen Freeman



Kellen Freeman is the Technology Training Specialist at the Delaware County District Library. His love of learning and interest in technology led him to this position where he teaches computer and technology classes, as well as runs the library's upcoming STEAM Lab where patrons will have access to various maker equipment from 3D printers to sewing machines. Kellen earned his Master of Library and Information Science degree from Kent State University in 2016. He led the Ohio Library Council's Professional Development Committee as Chair in 2018 and now advises the committee as the Past Chair in 2019. He also regularly appears as a speaker at conferences and service

clubs instructing interested listeners about board games and genetic genealogy.

September 21, 2019 – 10am

"What's Ailing You?" Vintage Medicines and Devices Presenter: Jay Russell

October 19, 2019 – 10am

UCCOGS Website Presenter: Rebekah Headings

November 16, 2019 – 10am

Notable Ladies of Union County Presenters: Barb & Krista Miller

LIBRARY VISITORS

NOTE: Only visitors who permit their information for publication are listed here.

Visitor's Name	Address	E-mail	Surnames
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	Milford Center, OH 43045		Weaver
Jennifer Paul	Fostoria, OH	bgfalcon14@gmail.com	May, Cooperrider, Paul
Karen Sayre	2714 Piqua Troy Rd.	Ksayre217@aol.com	Reed
	Troy, Ohio 45373		
Carole Gehrlich	Wapakoneta, OH	cgehrlich@hotmail.com	Reed/Snodgrass
Judy Warner	5609 Princeton Rd.	Jwarner43@aol.com	Rausch
	Liberty Twp, OH 45011		
Lanna Blue	Columbus, OH	capcityblue@gmail.com	Blue
Judy Hummell	Milford Center, Ohio		King

Whose relative is this?



Does anyone know this person? Do you recognize this picture? Came from **Mary CARR'S** collection, no name, maybe it could be a Graham, Godfrey, or Sole?

Submitted by Pam Mead

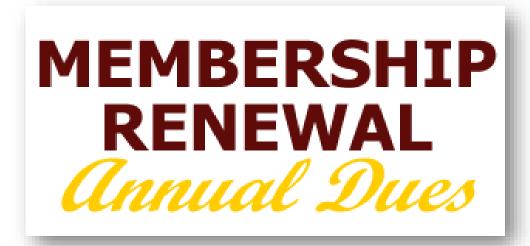
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Any hint would be helpful!



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Dues are for the calendar year (January 1 thru December 31, 2019) Current dues expired December 31, 2018. Renew now!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

(Renewals: please mark with an X any changes in your information)

May we use your information on our Website (members only section)? Yes___ No___

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Are you a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society? YesNo					
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GO GREEN! May we send the Union	ı Echoes newsle	etter to the above email? YesN	0		
Dues are \$12 per household for 12 months, January-December.					
Make check payable to Union County Chapter OGS					
Monies used to purchase research n UCCOGS is a $501(c)(3)$ society.	naterials, microf	film for the Marysville Public Librai	ry, and guest speaker		

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