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Marysville Public Library, 231 S. Plum Street, Marysville, Ohio. (Elevator inside back door.)
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The UCCOGS Banquet honoring Union County Pioneers and Civil War Families was, I believe, a success. We enjoyed good food, good company, and good conversation. We were pleased to have two of our Pioneer honorees and their spouses in attendance. We enjoyed and learned from our speaker—always a good combination.

Leaving the character of Mrs. Ellen Ewing Sherman behind, **Julie O'Keef McGhee**, reminded us that we all need to write down our family stories as in many instances; we will be the last generation to have known the immigrant ancestors or to know their stories. Sadly, too many of those stories have already been lost to coming generations.

On May 27 our youngest had major surgery (She's home and doing great!). While sitting in the surgery waiting area I began reading Mrs. McGhee's book, *Transplanted Shamrocks; Recollections of Central Ohio's Irish Americans*. There were many distractions during our wait; so I was unable to get far into the book. However, one story in the collection was contributed by **Bob Cody**, whose mother, a daughter of immigrants, was born near Marysville. The family background and story that Mr. Cody told is filled with the kind of information that most of us would like to leave for our descendants. I know that the stories I've read so far have inspired me to stop collecting names and start writing more stories.

Though our country's Memorial Day has come and gone, I hope we will all remember daily those who have given so much to keep our country one that still attracts immigrants from all parts of the world. And I personally believe that we should all remember that our ancestors, no matter when they came here really weren't welcome, be they Irish, German, Asian, African, or "Latino." But without their courage in coming and without the courage of their sons and daughters ours would be a very different county and the legacy passed down would not mean so much.

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Coming Events:

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

2014:

June 21: The Ohio Historical Society as a Repository of Genealogical Records—Speaker: Elizabeth “Liz” Plummer, Manager Research Services Archives/Library. (Rescheduled from January 18.)

No meeting in July.

August 16: If You Don’t Find Grandma on the Internet—Speaker: Dana Palmer, CG.

September 20: Create Autobiographical Comics—Speaker: Alice Wilson, Reference Assistant Youth Services, Marysville Public Library.

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

November 15: Live Acoustic Music performed by Singer/Songwriter Vanessa Prentice (Marysville folksinger).

No meeting in December.

June 21, 2014 Meeting: The Ohio Historical Society as a Repository of Genealogical Records

Elizabeth L. Plummer is the Manager of Research Services of the Museum and Library Services Division of the Ohio Historical Society. She and her staff enjoy helping the many patrons who visit the library with their family history questions. She received a Master of Arts in American Studies from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Her publications include:

- “Myth Busting: Electric Chair Edition,” Ohio Historical Society Collections Blog, posted November 11, 2011.
- “Newspaper Resources at the Ohio Historical Society,” *Ohio Genealogy News*, Fall 2008.
- “Tourism at the Ohio Penitentiary,” *Timeline*. January/ February 2004.

Ms. Plummer will be speaking on *The Ohio Historical Society as a Repository of Genealogical Records*. She will introduce the audience to the many wonderful resources available at the Ohio Historical Society for family history researchers. Examples of birth, death, marriage, probate, naturalization, military, prison, and land records; newspapers; manuscripts; and maps will be presented. Come and learn how many of these materials may help you with your research.

News & Announcements

WELCOME! Our newest members:

Avanelle Oberlin
203 S. Maple Street
Marysville, OH 43040
No surnames listed.

Ned & Ruthann Rausch
19118 St. Rt. 31
Marysville, OH 43040
No surnames listed.



WE ARE ALL INVITED to help

John A. Hoskins

Celebrate his 85th birthday at an open house!

Sunday, June 8th, 2014 from 2p.m. – 4 p. m.

At Richwood First United Methodist Church –

19 South Fulton Street, Richwood, Ohio.

No gifts, please.

Bring friendship and good wishes



Oakdale Cemetery, as most of you know, is owned and maintained by the city of Marysville. It is also the largest cemetery in Union County. Last June **Stephen Badenhop**, Records Center & Archives Coordinator, made copies of the original sexton's records from the first burial through June 14, 2013 (They have since been updated every month.). Stephen gave a copy of the records to the UCCOGS along with a spreadsheet of all the names and locations of burial; no additional information was included. The handwritten records are contained in three large volumes and begin with the first burial; they include interment number, date of burial, name, date of death, age in years and months, nativity (place of birth) and location of the grave. Leona Gustafson has been transcribing the handwritten records to the spreadsheet and has, finally, finished the first volume, which runs from May 14, 1880 through January 12, 1945 (5574 interments). The executive board decided to make the records available to everyone with access to the Internet. Volume one is online at <http://uccogs.org/Cemeteries.html>. The records are searchable. Eventually we hope to have all Oakdale records online—more than 122,000 interments through April 2014. There are many, many unmarked graves at Oakdale; so be sure to look for your family. If you would like to have a record lookup or copies of original records, write to Leona at:

llgbug@genealogybug.net OR
union_echoes@uccogs.org



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

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We need a new **Webmaster**. You need a basic knowledge of HTML editing, Internet access, and reliable Email. Right now this job would require a few hours about once a month. If you are interested, contact our temporary Webmaster, Dave Gustafson:

Email: dgus@genealogybug.net



Palatines to America invites you to attend:

June 25 to 28, 2014: THE ROAD TO YOUR GERMAN ANCESTORS--the Palatines to America 2014 National Conference in partnership with the Ohio Chapter Palatines to America.

This event will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Ramada Plaza Conference Center, 4000 Sinclair Road. For a complete schedule and additional information see www.palam.org or write Palatines to America, PO Box 141260, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

Our Sincere Condolences to our friend and Vice President, Calvin W. Wood.

On Friday, May 9, 2014, Calvin's wife of 49 years, **Sharon Lee Slaughter Wood**, died at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.

Sharon was born January 28, 1942 in Albion, Michigan, the daughter of **William** and **Ida Armstrong Slaughter**. She and Calvin were married September 18, 1965 in Battle Creek, Michigan and they became the parents of three daughters, **Gia** and **Jenna Wood** of Marysville, and **Kara Wood** of Gahanna, Ohio. Also surviving are three grandsons, **Nicolas**, **Anthony** and **Alex Ciotola**.

For a complete obituary and to leave condolences go to www.underwoodfuneralhome.com

April Minutes

Submitted by **Lynn Baldwin**, Acting Secretary

The April 19, 2014, meeting of the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society was called to order by President Leona Gustafson at 10 a.m. in the Marysville Public Library. Twenty-one members and guests were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the current treasurer's report were on the table for those who wished to review them. Corresponding secretary Dave Gustafson told us that since the last meeting he had received five orders for thirteen books. Fifty-four percent of the members are currently receiving their newsletters by e-mail. Finally, he reminded everyone to renew their membership if they have not already done so.

Librarian Nancy Katzenbach reminded everyone that she and Marie Bouic are at the library on Tuesdays to help anyone who needs assistance with their research. She also said that she and Marie are almost finished with the letter "M." They have been merging the personal genealogy files of the late Margaret Bouic with the Society's collection. Margaret generously left the Society fourteen filing cabinets of genealogical information.

Lineage society chairman Brian Wade reported that the Annual Banquet will be held May 20. Three new pioneers and one Civil War ancestor will be inducted. The keynote speaker will be Julie O'Keefe McGhee. She will portray Mrs. Ellen Ewing Sherman, the wife of General William Tecumseh Sherman.



Nancy Ottman

The morning's program, "The Language of the Cemetery," was presented by **Nancy Ottman**. Nancy is the retired Director of Human Resources and

Loss Prevention for the JC Penney Co. She has been involved in genealogical research for more than twenty-five years.

Nancy began her slide presentation by discussing various types of stones often found in cemeteries. Field stones, small stones with usually only the initials engraved, were common throughout the 1700s into the early 1800s. Wolf stones were slabs that covered the grave to protect the deceased from wildlife and the grazing of domesticated animals. Table top stones were a modification of the wolf stones. Unlike the wolf stones, table top stones were elevated. This allowed for more than one deceased to be buried at the site. It also prevented grazing animals from disturbing the grave. Some graves were marked by both headstones and footstones.

Monument styles take many shapes. Box tombs were empty stone graves in the shape of a box (the deceased was buried under the box). Some box tombs had slots and tabs which made them easy to get into; however, it also made them targets of vandalism. Portal stone tombs were pointed at the top and were shaped to resemble a doorway. Symbolically, they showed the deceased the way to heaven. Hip tombs were shaped like small low houses with a hip roof. Ninety-nine percent of them have crosses on top. Bolster stones were shaped like a pillow.

Some monuments are unique to certain locations. An example of this are the corbel arched tombs found in eastern Tennessee.

Some cemeteries have unique characteristics. For example, African-American cemeteries always face water. The spirits of the deceased can follow the water eventually to the ocean which will lead the spirit back to Africa. Another unique type of cemetery are the garden crypts which are enclosures for full body entombment. These may be in a hillside or a beautiful building.

Nancy showed us many examples of grave markings and explained their meaning.

When inspecting a tombstone, Nancy's advice is to look at the whole picture. Notice the shape of the stone. Examine the side pieces for clues. Consider the location of the cemetery.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Those in attendance were **Nancy Katzenbach, David & Leona Gustafson, Paul R. Fish, Bill Thompson, Sharon & Brian Wade, Virginia Smith, Kevin Longberry, Avanelle Oberlin, Lynn Baldwin, Eva Schooley, Rosemary Anderson, Nina Lee Hampton, Nina Boerger, Jim & Lois Dale, Darlene Shull, Karen Vance, Carol Mickley.**

May Meeting & Banquet

Submitted by **Marie Bouic**, Recording Secretary

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their 18th Annual Pioneer and 2nd Annual Civil War Families of Union County Banquet at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City on May 20. President Leona Gustafson welcomed members and guests. Leona thanked Stephen Badenhop for acquiring the Oakdale Cemetery records and sharing with our genealogy group, Leona has the first volume online at UCCOGS.org. If there are any questions, feel free to contact her. Watch for our genealogy group's presence on Facebook soon. Calvin Wood, Vice President, gave the invocation before the meal.

Brian Wade, Lineage Societies chair presented two gold Pioneer certificates to father and son, **James Wood Shaw** and son, **James Steven Shaw** proving their ancestors in Union County before 1840. Relatives they proved in Union County were: **John Henson Peter Bouic**, 1835; **Catherine Ann Myers**, 1830, **Rebecca Lakin**, 1835, **Christian Myers**, 1828 and **Hannah Graham**, 1828. **Brenda L. Cronin** of Oak Ridge, North Carolina proved **Randall Andrews** living in the county in 1840.

Norman Jean Clowers Hunt of Danville, CA. proved **Alonzo Cheney** of the 18th US Inf. Co. F. Dec. 1862 – Dec. 1862 for the Union County Civil War Families.

Leona then introduced the speaker, Julie **O'Keefe McGhee**, author, storyteller and impersonator of **Ellen Ewing Sherman**. Ellen shared pictures and stories from her diary. She was born in Lancaster, Ohio to **Thomas** and **Maria Boyle Ewing**; her father was a senator from Ohio. Ellen was very well educated both in Lancaster and in Washington, D. C. Ellen was an extremely devout Catholic, though "Cump" didn't share her religious views at all.

She married **William Tecumseh "Cump" Sherman** whom her father had taken into the Ewing home and raised after the death of William's father, **Charles Robert Sherman**. Charles died in 1829, when "Cump" was nine years old, leaving his widow and six additional children.

Ellen and "Cump" were married on May 1, 1850 in Washington, D.C. Throughout their marriage they lived many places, San Francisco, CA, Somerset, OH, Leavenworth, KS, New York, NY and Washington, D.C. The couple often lived apart even before the Civil War. They had eight children, four daughters and four sons. Two sons died very young. She organized groups that raised large sums of money for charity. Ellen was active in U. S. observance of the 1877 Golden Jubilee of **Pope Pius IX** and later

received his personal thanks. That was one of her proudest moments. During much of her life she took an interest in the Indian missions and was instrumental in the organization of the Catholic Indian Missionary Association, for which she raised many thousands of dollars. In her later years she suffered from cardiac asthma and wasn't able to accompany General Sherman to events.

Those enjoying the evening were: **Dave & Leona Gustafson**, **Nina Boerger**, **Brian & Sharon Wade**; **Bill & Norma Jean Overacker**, **Rosella Renz**, **John & Patria Hoskins**, **Walter & Marie Bouic**, **Calvin Wood**, **Nancy Katzenbach**, **Stephen Badenhop**, **Mary Shumaker**, **Barbara Rehl**, **Jim & Lois Dale**, **Paul Fish**, **Shirley Gibson**, **Nina Lee Hampton**, **Sara Halley**, **Crista Miller**, **Avanelle Oberlin**, **Ned & Ruthann Rausch**, **J. Steven & Patricia Shaw**, **James & Kathy Shaw**, **William & Julie McGhee**, **Traice Akins**, **Jackie Factor**, **Sarah Johnson**, **Darlene Shull**, **Diana Gustafson Fields**, and **Patricia Marie**.



Civil War Families of Union County (left)
Union County Pioneers (right & front)



New Gold Pioneers, father & son,
James Wood Shaw and **James Steven Shaw**

More Banquet Photos . . .



Sharon Wade shares a laugh with **Kathy Shaw** at the registration table.



If everyone would just take their seats we could eat!



Marie & Walter Bouic
Where do you think we should sit?



Ellen Ewing Sherman
(AKA Julie O'Keefe McGhee)



That salad looks good, don't you think?



One finale to a good meal and a good time.

A TREASURE FOUND - TREASURE LOST

By Robert W. Parrott

Recently, an auction took place in the state of Maine in which a significant number of documents from the Civil War days of Union County were sold. The papers, which were not previously known to exist, had belonged to **Celinda F. (Turner) Lawrence** (1835–1915) of Marysville.

Celinda was born in Marysville on January 25, 1835. She was the daughter of **James Turner** (1811–1859) and **Angela Steer** (1814–1840). James Turner came to Marysville in 1834. He served as Union County Recorder 1842–1852; Clerk of Courts 1852–1855 and Probate Judge 1855–1859. Judge Turner died in office on December 26, 1859. Celinda was an office holder in her own right. She was appointed by the Lincoln Administration as Marysville postmaster. She held that position from November 27, 1863 to February 2, 1865. One of the papers sold at auction was her appointment.

When the Civil War broke out, four of Celinda's brothers were of military age. All four enlisted; however, the auctioned items showed that three joined the Union army and one, surprisingly, enlisted in the Confederate forces. A number of letters written by these brothers were kept by Celinda which were part of the sale. Most interesting are the ones written by her Confederate brother which were sent under "flag of truce" to Union County. He was captured in 1864 and many of his letters were written from a Union military prison in the state of Delaware.

On May 3, 1865, Celinda married **Maecenas C. "M.C." Lawrence** (1832–1881), of Marysville.

Lawrence was born in Marysville on April 20, 1832, the son of **William C. Lawrence, Sr.** (1804–1846) and **Rosannah Piper** (1810–1887). William came to Marysville in 1831 and was the town's first permanent attorney. He served as Union County Prosecutor from 1834 to 1839 and member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1841 to 1842. He was also a Whig leader and editor of several Whig newspapers in Marysville, including the very first newspaper published in Union County. Part of the documents sold at auction included Union County Whig correspondence from the 1840s.

M.C. Lawrence became an attorney like his father. When the Civil War began, he enlisted in Co. F., Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and held the rank of first lieutenant. After his term of service expired, he reenlisted in the newly formed 121st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Company A was comprised of all Union County boys. Lawrence was made captain of that company. Later, he was promoted to Lieu-

tenant Colonel of the regiment. All of his appointment papers were put up for sale. Probably the largest private collection of military documents relating to Company A and the 121st Ohio, not otherwise held by the U.S. government, was sold in the auction. This included such items as official military reports; special orders issued to the regiment during the war; company abstracts, invoices and lists; official correspondence concerning battles; letters with his superiors and private correspondence with regimental officers.

Of great interest are the letters written by M.C. Lawrence during the war to his family in Marysville and letters written from his family to Lawrence. These letters cover the period of 1862 to 1864. The letters to Lawrence give details of the happenings in Marysville and Union County during the war. Some of the topics include the activities of the Copperheads in Union County; the building of Union Block on the northwest corner of the public square in Marysville; and the names of many local citizens who died during that period, both civilian and military.

After the war, M. C. Lawrence returned to Marysville and the law. He served two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1866 to 1870 and one term in the Ohio Senate from 1874 to 1876. Lawrence died December 15, 1881. He is buried at Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville (Section C Lot 236). Celinda continued to reside in Marysville; however, in her final years, she moved to Piqua to live with her daughter. Celinda died November 28, 1915 and is buried beside her husband at Oakdale Cemetery. It is assumed the box of family papers went to her daughter after Celinda's death. How they turned up in Maine is anyone's guess.

Approximately two-hundred records are part of the collection, preserved by Celinda (Turner) Lawrence for future generations. These manuscripts are extremely important locally. As an entire archive, they provide valuable insight into the Civil War period in Union County, record events connected to two historically significant local families and offer rare data about one of the primary Civil War military companies from this area.

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Lawrence Gravestone

Unfortunately, the collection is now gone. The documents were sold, piece by piece, to hundreds of buyers and are now scattered across the country. Just as this new and exciting resource was found, Celinda's treasure is once again lost to Union County.

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Black Genealogy

James W. Wilson

Also Known As

Simon Depp

Transcribed and Submitted by **Virginia Smith**

Before the Probate Court of Union County, Ohio
[case 775]

On this 24th day of May AD 1875, personally appeared before me **John B. Coats**, Probate Judge in and for the County of Union in the State of Ohio, **James W. Wilson**, who being duly sworn, according to law, deposeth and says that he is the identical person known heretofore by the name of **Simon Depp**, that he is the son of **Miles Depp** and **Esther Depp**, who are both deceased, that he was supposed to be and was alleged to be deceased, in the proceedings

heretofore heard in the Probate Court of Union County, Ohio, to sell the lands in said County of the said Esther Depp deceased, Entitled **Aurelius Depp** Administrator of the Estate of Esther Depp deceased against **Lavina Washington** and others, that by reason of his supposed death, his children and heirs were made parties to said proceedings and **Mary Johnson, Ellen Dirst** have received from the said administrator a distributive share of the amount that would be the share of said Simon Depp if living being twenty Dollars and Eighty six cents, the whole sum due to Each full heir of said decedent being Eighty three Dollars and forty six cents the balance appears to be unpaid, some amount not now fully known is in the hands of **James R. Smith**, late Probate Judge of this County, and said administrator Aurelius Depp, has paid three shares that were supposed to belong to the heirs of Simon Depp to John B. Coats, now Probate Judge of said County being Thirty one dollars and twenty nine Cents, Said James W. Wilson says that his reason for changing his name from that of Simon Depp was that said last mentioned name was given to his parents, who were slaves and said name was the name of their master, and he further says that his hatred of slavery and the part he took against the accursed institution Endangered his safety, personally under the name of Simon Depp, and he changed it to James W. Wilson under legal advice and is now known by said name and intends to be so known the remainder of his life.

J. Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of May AD 1875

John B. Coats, Probate Judge

Received of **John Bloats**, the sum of Thirty one Dollars and twenty nine cents the amount in full by him received of Aurelius Depp as late administrator of Esther Depp dec'd which amount I claim as one of the heirs of said Esther Depp Deceased, I being the real Simon Depp, now under the name of James W. Wilson.

J Wilson

Genealogy: *A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.*

Genealogy: *Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!*

Genealogy: *Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.*

Lest We Forget

by **Rev. John Gray** (Ret) BS BA, MDIV
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While thinking about Memorial Day this year I was reminded of the many veterans in my family who served our country in combat. Chief among these is my great-great uncle, **James Isaac Gray** (1840-1919), of Ostrander.

Jim served in the Civil War from Union Co., OH in Company F, 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He had one of the most extensive battle records of anyone, in any war, of my extended family. He Enlisted in Dec 1861 and discharged Jun 1865, he served throughout most of the war.

Records from the National Archives detail Jim's service in the battles of Chancellorsville (wounded in the hand), Fredericksburg (perhaps the most disastrous Union defeat of the war), he was hospitalized at Acquia Creek, Virginia after Chancellorsville and thus missed out on Gettysburg where his younger brother **Stephen Kenneth Gray** (1845-1863), also of Company F, 66th OVI, was shot on Culp's Hill and later died of his wounds. Cousin **Anna McKitrick** of Plain City says her grand-father Jim was wounded three times. In the enclosed picture, taken many years after the war, you can see he is wearing a prosthesis on his left arm, I assume as a result from one of the war wounds.

Jim applied for a pension after the war. He and wife **Barbara Baughman** lived across the Millcreek Bridge in Ostrander, first house on the right. He and Barbara and one child are buried in Jerome IOOF Cemetery, Ash Section, South Quarter.

I am grateful for my family's Civil War service: James Isaac Gray had brothers "Kenny," **Silas** (my grandfather) and **John**, all of whom served in the war. Jim and Silas made it home--Kenny and John, who was MIA, did not.

God bless our combat veterans; they deserve the very best care and all the respect their country can give them.



Family photo taken about 1900, courtesy cousin **Anna McKitrick** - Seated L-R - **Eliza Gray** 1879-1957. **James Isaac Gray**, **James Anson Gray** (1882-1968) **Barbara (Baughman) Gray** (1845-1928), **Laura Belle (Gray) Bryson** (1871-1910). Standing L-R - **Julia (Gray) Hoy** (1874-1970), **Clara (Gray) Anderson** (1876-1948), **Eugene Gray** (1872-1957), **George Edward Gray** (1867-1958).

My Cemetery Readings

By Carol Berry

I started working on my Family Tree about 20 years ago; right after my Mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. I wanted to do her Vangorden family first and get as much information from her while she could remember.

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**Henry Vangorden** was married to **Catherine Carter** and they were in Union County by 1820. They were my Pioneer family. They had eight children, all born between 1819 and 1835. I became very attached to this family as three of their younger children died very young. I found **Elizabeth** and **Wesley Vangorden** were listed in the Buck Run Cemetery book [UCCOG publication, *Union-Allen Township Cemetery Records* (Marysville, 1982)] at the Ohio Historical Society Library. So I planned a day trip to Union County with my 6 year old grandson to go to the cemeteries. Just about ready to give up on our search, Michael said, "I think I see an 'E' and a 'W'." As you can see from the photos below, you really couldn't read anything. I know using baking soda to bring out an inscription is controversial, but I sprinkled the soda in my hand and rubbed it on the headstone and both the Elizabeth and Wesley Vangorden information just "popped" out. I took the photos and then lightly brushed off the remaining soda.



**Figure 1.** Before using baking soda to enhance inscription.



**Figure 2.** Enhanced with baking soda.

**Elizabeth Vangorden** died (of measles), January 28, 1837, age 10 years, 2 months, 25 days.

**Wesley Vangorden** died, February 25, 1841, age 5 years, 3 months, 23 days (killed by a falling tree).

**Personal Mention.**

**David Cross** closed his school at Pharisburg last Friday.

**Joe Wilkins**, as the "fat captain," was a fair sample of the truly comical.

The friendly face of "**J. N.**" entered our sanctum again last Thursday.

**Mrs. M. C. Camp**, of Dayton, is visiting her sister **Mrs. D. F. Elliott**, North street.

Many citizens of Logan county are in town, called as witnesses in the **Inskeep** case.

**A. H. Thompson**, land appraiser for Liberty township, was the first to make return to the Auditor.

**M. Pierson**, of Granville, Ohio, spent Sabbath among friends in this place, the guest of **Mr.** and **Mrs. C. S. Ogden**.

**W. M. Woodworth**, of Irwin, after a week's sojourn in Marion and Wyandot counties, returned home Monday last.

**Charley Sharp** returned from Leadville last week, after an absence of about six weeks. Charley didn't like the looks of things.

**Drs. J. W. Field** and **B. Newlove** attended the annual meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Association, at Dayton last week.

**Miss Nellie Garwood**, of Chicago, is visiting among friends in this place, the guest of her grandmother. **Mrs. Taylor**, W. Center street.

The Ohio Homeopathic Medical Society met at Cincinnati last Wednesday. **Dr. Blinn**, of Marysville was elected a member of that body.

**Hale Hunter** recently visited the Magnetic Springs of Union county, and is full of praise as to their beauties and medical qualities—*Central Ohio News*.

**Miss Anna Day**, of Columbus, spent Saturday and Sabbath in town last week, the guest of **Miss Avice Hicks**, at the home of **Mrs. W. H. Robinson**.

**Chas. S. S. Lenox**, of Brooklyn, N. Y., remained over Sabbath in this place. He expressed himself as highly pleased with our beautiful and prosperous village.

**Sam. Mayer**, formerly telegraph operator in this place but at present occupying a similar position in

Delaware, paid his many friends here a flying visit last week.

**Mrs. Jacob Sellers**, with her two children started for Carroll county, Md., Monday morning, to visit her parents, and enjoy herself a few months among old friends and neighbors.

**Miss M. L. Southwick**, of this city, has a serial story now running in the *New York Weekly*, which we hear highly spoken of. **Bostwick Bros.** are agents for the paper, where copies can be secured.

**Flora**, wife of **Lewis Lemay**, of Millcreek township, who died and was buried in this place, nearly four years since, was disinterred and the remains forwarded to Dayton for reinterment, last Monday.

A prize was offered by **Mr. French**, who has been teaching writing, to the person who showed the greatest improvement in the art at the end of the term. The school closed last week, and **Frank Garrard** was the captor.

**Mr. Cyrus Phelps**, of Springfield, was in town Monday, and gave us a friendly grasp of the hand. Mr. Phelps was born in Marysville 53 years ago, in a cabin situated on the lot occupied by **Delmore Snodgrass**, south-east corner of South and East streets.

The jury empaneled [sic.] to try the case of **Amos Inskeep**, consist of the following persons: **Geo. Erb, H. N. Amrine, Jerry Rhinehart, Thomas Wharton, William Jolliff, John Weidman, John Kilbery, D. S. Snell, Ray G. Morse, William Benson, W. W. Clevinger, I. N. Paris**.

The pilgrims from Marysville last Sunday were Messrs. **E. G. Berger, John O. Fleck** and **M. R. Slocum**, who together with their ladies dropped into town in time to take dinner at the American. Marysville can turn out more young to the square inch than any village in the State of its size.—*Delaware Herald*.

And they all seem to go the Delaware for recreation on the Sabbath day.

The following persons have been appointed enumerators for taking the census of Union county: Union township, **Jeff G. Turner**; Darby, **Andrew Ferguson**; Jerome, **Perry Buck**; Millcreek and Dover, **Dr. T. P. Shield**; Paris, **H. Kinkade** and **Thos. P. Martin**; Liberty, **Uriah Cook**, Leesburg, **Thos. P. Martin**; Allen, **Edward Stillings**; Jackson, **John R.**



Dixon; Claibourne, **P. E. Barnes** and \_\_\_\_ **Jones**; Washington, **John E. Harriman**; Taylor, **William H. Willis**; York, **P. P. Webster**.

A New York paper gives the following regarding **Col. Orr** in an interview with a curious woman during his travels in the State. It is one of the Colonel's best—he has always had a special faculty of being a good joker, and it seems that he grows in that humor as time wears on him: "Have you always been your present size?" asked an innocent lady of Col. Orr, the giant of the Lilliputian Opera company, "No, Miss," replied the gallant Colonel, "they say I was considerably larger at birth, but I have been ill several days and lost some flesh."

**Nancy Malone**, a colored lady residing one mile south of Marysville, will reach her 104th year on the 3d day of August. She came from Brunswick county, Va., twenty-five years ago, and was then 79 years old. She is remarkably well preserved, has her health well, but shows extreme age. Her memory on most subjects is clear and unerring, she hears distinctly but her sight is failing her. One of the remarkable features in her life is that she was never sick a day and never took medicine of any kind. Considering the fact that old Aunt Nancy is poor, but content to weather out the few remaining days of her life with becoming courage, a little charity bestowed upon her occasionally would help smooth her pathway to the tomb and give her some pleasant memories to live for. Charities are bestowed very often upon less worthy objects.

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### The Bethel School.

Report of the Bethel school, York township, Union county, Ohio, for the month ending May 21, 1880. The following shows the average per cent in studies:

**Angelia Drake**, 98; **Nellie Curl**, 97; **Eva Skidmore**, 98; **Eva Curl**, 96; **Sili Haines**, 98; **Emma Cromptacker**, 96; **Anna Webb**, 98; **Mary January**, 98; **Della Hoover**, 98; **Mertie Ballinger**, 98; **William Plotner**, 98; **James Plotner**, 98; **Otway January**, 96; **James January**, 99 [or 90]; **Milo Ballinger**, 98; **Bertie Ballinger**, 97; **Thomas Ballinger**, 96; **John Ballinger**, 95; **Willis Harvey**, 97; **Dennis Harvey**, 98.

The oral class consists of **Reuben January**, **Eddie Harvey**, **Howard Harvey**, **Scott Ballinger**, **Frank Cromptacker** and **Minnie Anderson**.

The roll of honor consists of **Angelia Drake**, **Nellie Curl**, **Eva Skidmore**, **Sili Haines**, **Eva Curl**, **Emma Cromptacker**, **Anna Webb**, **Mary January**, **Milo Ballinger**, **Della Hoover** and **James January**.

**P. M. Kellers**, Teacher.

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### DIED.

**DIED**—On the 15th of May, **Mr. Francis M. Drake** in the 51 year of his age. His disease was Pneumonia of the Lungs. Funeral services on the 17th, by **Rev. John Graham**.

Bro. Drake was united in wedlock with **Miss Mary Harriman** in 1850. Soon after, they moved to the home where he died. By industry and frugality they had saved considerable wealth. Bro. Drake has been a member of the M. E. Church about thirty years. He died in the triumph of a living faith and has gone to rest with the pure and blessed and to enjoy Heaven forever. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss, but their loss is his eternal gain. Well may the church lament his loss, he was a willing worker and a good financier, his house was a home for the ministry, but he has gone to his reward. Rest on, sing on, forever, Bro. Drake. Friends, weep not, but rather rejoice that you may soon go and see him in that sun bright clime of everlasting felicity.

**L. D. WRIGHT.**

York Center, Ohio

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### MARRIED.

**MELCHING—CLARK**--By **Wesley Garrard**, J. P., **Mr. John J. Melching** and **Flora E. Clark**, on May 20th, 1880.

**CARTER—HAINES** — By **J. D. Herd**, J. P., at his residence in Liberty tp., on May 20th, 1880, **Mr. Charles W. Carter** and **Miss Mary Haines**.

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Three wagons filled with traveling vagrants were in town Monday, begging money to feed their families. The men were all able bodied, fat and strong, likewise their women, while their children were as lively as crickets. They had half a dozen dogs, and a couple extra horses. The men all chewed tobacco and seemed to be well stocked with the wood. Is it right to encourage such people by thus supplying them with alms?

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3. **John Hancock**, May 24, 1775 - October 30, 1777
4. **Henry Laurens**, November 1, 1777 - December 9, 1778
5. **John Jay**, December 10, 1778 - September 27, 1779
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(The Articles of Confederation were adopted March 1, 1781)
7. **Thomas McKean**, July 10, 1781 - November 4, 1781
8. **John Hanson**, November 5, 1781 - November 3, 1782
9. **Elias Boudinot**, November 4, 1782 - November 2, 1783
10. **Thomas Mifflin**, December 1783 - June 1784
11. **Richard Henry Lee**, November 30, 1784 - November 22, 1785
12. **John Hancock**, (Second Term) November 23 1785 - June 5, 1786
13. **Nathaniel Gorham**, June 1786 - January 1787
14. **Arthur St. Clair**, February 2, 1787 - January 21, 1788
15. **Cyrus Griffin**, January 22, 1788 - April 30, 1789  
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