



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,

Are we done with winter? Groundhog Day was February 2, 2019, and the groundhog did not see his shadow predicting an early spring. The accuracy of these predictions is only 39%, at least flipping a coin we could have a 50%. We are waiting for better weather to go out and stomp in cemeteries.

Groundhog Day is a German tradition, which as early as 1840s, German immigrants brought to the United States. Germans developed their legend, pronouncing the day sunny only if badgers and other small animals glimpsed their own shadows. When they brought the custom to United States, they chose the native groundhog as the annual forecaster.

Coming up March 2nd is "National Old Stuff Day," which we all have old stuff from doing genealogy. March 14th is "National Write Down Your Story Day," how many times have we been told to write our story. April is coming, and then there is April 9th "Cherish an Antique Day," and that doesn't mean your spouse. April 7th thru April 13th is "National Library Week" come and look at Marysville Library all the information that the Union County Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society have been collecting and sorting. If you can visit the library at any time, please let the library know how thankful we are for all the support, they offer.

Marty

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The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Minutes

**NO MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2018
JANUARY 2019
FEBRUARY 2019**



First Meeting 2019 March 16, 2019

**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

No meetings December, January. February or July

Upcoming Events

March 16, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library

“The 100th Anniversary of American Legion Union Post 79”

Presenter – Steven C. Lowe



Steven C. Lowe is married to **Jeanne Lowe** and has one son, **Aaron Lowe**. He is a retired teacher, having taught twenty-eight years at Fairbanks High School and nine years at London Correctional Institution and the Ohio Reformatory for Women. Steve served fifteen years on the Marysville City Council and four years as the Mayor of Marysville. He served eight years in the Army Reserve. He has been a member of American Legion Post 79 for twenty-two years. Both of Steve’s grandfathers, **Warren H. Ritchie** and **Truman R. Lowe** served in Europe during World War I and were original members of Union Post 79. His father, **Donald R. Lowe**, served in the Pacific during World War II.

April 20, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library

“Notable People Who Have Come from Marysville”

Presenter – Robert W. Parrott



Robert W. Parrott is president of the Union County Historical Society and a life-long resident of Marysville and Union County.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Marysville, his presentation will be “Notable People Who Have Come from Marysville.” He will look at a dozen people from Marysville who achieved national fame and success. This will include both men and women in various fields of art, military, politics, business, and entertainment. He will tell the story of each and why our town can be proud of the accomplishments of these remarkable citizens.



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>.

Upcoming Events (continued)

May 18, 2019 – 10am Marysville Library

“Gravestone Cleaning”

Presenter – Krista Horrocks



Krista Horrocks being 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-run the Ohio Chapter). She lives in Columbus with her husband, **Brian**, 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

LIBRARY VISITORS

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

Visitor's Name	Address	E-mail	Surnames
Becky Morelock Zeren	Portola Valley, CA	becky@zeren.com	Hammerle
Rick Kingham	23035 Holycross-Epps Rd Marysville, OH 43040	csk02mustang@yahoo.com	Kingham, Boerger, Johnson, Rausch, Nicol

Black History Month

Also known as African-American History

Fri, Feb 1, 2019 – Thu, Feb 28, 2019

In honor of Black History Month, we included two very interesting articles representing the early residents of Union County.

Sylvia Scott

Sylvia Scott was a black woman, born into slavery near Richmond, Virginia, between 1750 and 1764. She died in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, March 1860. Her death was recorded by **Jas. H. Roney**, who was the census enumerator for the 1860 census and made this notationⁱ at the bottom of a page of the mortality schedule for that year:

“You will find one death registered that was one hundred & ten years old. The person was a colored lady having lived a remarkable temperate life and served as a slave for 60 years and had 7 children by her master, hence the cause of her being liberated.”

Sylvia Scott (continued)

An 1838 deed recordⁱⁱ showing transfer of ownership of 88 acres of land (in survey #6748, Jerome Twp., Union Co., OH) from **Lucy Depp** of Delaware County to **Sylvia Scott** and 14 others "of Union County," in consideration of \$417. Eleven of the grantees share the surname, Scott. Surprisingly, the 1840 US Census of Union County does not include those named on the deed.

In the 1850 census, a black 86- year old lady named **Silvy Scott**, native of Virginia is listed in Jerome Township, Union Co., Ohio. (If this age is accurate, she would have been about 96 years old at the time of her death and would have been born about 1764.) Living in the same household are seven other black people named Scott, all born in Virginia. The youngest of the group is 2-year old **Robert Scott**, which suggests the family came to Ohio between 1848 and 1850.

Although it is not certain she is same individual, there is a "**Silvy Scott**" listed in both the 1830ⁱⁱⁱ and 1840^{iv} censuses living near Richmond in Henrico County, VA, as a free^v colored person. There is secondary evidence that the black Scott family of Jerome Township came from Henrico County, VA. Several members of the Scott family living in Henrico County in 1840 had names matching those on the deed record of Jerome township, Union County; namely **Silvia**, **Peter**, **Matilda**, and **Barnett Scott**, as well as **Judith Jordan**. The death certificate for one **Matilda Scott** who died 1914 in Plain City, Madison County, gives her birth date as 1846 in Henrico County.

Determining the relationships among individuals living in early 19th century is difficult because census records list the name of the head of household, but do not give names of other household members, exact ages or relationships. **Peter Scott** appears in 1860 as a 39-year old [b about 1820] black farmer in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio^{vi}. Records indicate that **Silvia** would have been at least 57 years old at the time of **Peter's** birth, which casts doubt of a maternal relationship.

The details of **Sylvia's** life are unlikely to be discovered, and the discrepancies concerning her age may never be resolved, but she must have been the matriarch of a large **Scott** family and had been a free citizen as early as 1830. Her life in Virginia probably was not easy, as even the rights of free blacks were severely restricted^{vii} at that time. Since the Ohio land was acquired in 1838, it must have taken nearly 10 years for the extended family to accumulate resources and move north. **Silvia's** family must have struggled to farm their 88 acres. She did not live to see the beginning of the Civil War. However, it seems that her life improved from her early situation and she gained the esteem of her neighbor, **Jas. H. Roney**.

ⁱ This notation appears only on the original copy of the 1860 Mortality Schedule, held at the Union County Archives in Marysville, Ohio.

ⁱⁱ Union County Recorder's office, Deed records Vol 6 page 611.

ⁱⁱⁱ 1830 US Census; Census Place: *Henrico, Virginia*; Page: 309; NARA Series: *M19*; Roll Number: 195; Family History Film: 0029674.

^{iv} 1840; Census Place: *Richmond Ward 1, Henrico, Virginia*; Roll: 561; Page: 154; Image: 344; Family History Library Film: 0029687

^v 1850; Census Place: *Jerome, Union, Ohio*; Roll: *M432_736*; Page: 134A; Image: 273.

^{vi} 1860; Census Place: *Jerome, Union, Ohio*; Roll: *M653_1044*; Page: 117; Image: 238; Family History Library Film: 805044.

^{vii} **Nichols, Brenda Dabney**. 2010. *African Americans of Henrico County*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Pub.

Former Slave Dies The Union County Journal October 9, 1930

William Peppers, 115 years old negro who was a slave during the Civil War, died at the Union county home Monday.

Peppers was admitted to the home a year ago. He came here from Gallipolis where he had lived since escaping slavery.

Peppers remembered the Mexican War and often told how he heard his masters talk of President **John Quincy Adams**.

He was born in Montgomery county, Virginia and sold three times as a slave.

The aged negro attributed his long life to regular habits and hard work. He was able to farm work until he was 108.

Mrs. Peppers died 57 years ago. Three sons survive. They are **Samuel** and **Edward** of this county and **Edwin** of Urban.

Inmate of County Home, Who Was Sold As Slave Three Times Has Succumbed October 9, 1930



Funeral services for **William Peppers**, colored, aged about 113 years, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the **E.S. Faulkner** chapel and mortuary, conducted by the **Rev. Mr. Upchurch**, and interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. His death occurred at the County Home, where he had been an inmate since September 1, 1924.

Peppers was born in Montgomery county, Va., a son of **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peppers**, who were slaves. **William Peppers** was sold three times as a slave.

Peppers escaped from *slavery when a body of Union Soldiers marched past a field in which he was plowing corn. He joined the soldiers and then came to Gallia county near Gallipolis, where he found employment. He was unable to read or write as his masters told him that slaves did not need an education.

Peppers remembered the Mexican War and often heard his masters tell about **John Quincy Adams**. He was able to be up and about until a short time ago. He was very deaf and almost blind before he passed away. He attributed his longevity to hard work, regular habits and taking good care of himself. He smoked a pipe since he was a boy but discontinued the habit a few years ago but chewed tobacco until recently.

Prior to being removed to the County Home from Union township, he lived for six years with his son **Samuel**, the latter being unmarried. His father had lived alone since the death of his wife, 56 years ago. For fear of being burned up while the son was away at work, **Samuel** had the trustees of Union township take his father to the Union County Home.

His wife's maiden name was **Martha Gillimore**, and they were married during the Civil War. They had five children, three sons, and two daughters. The two daughters are deceased. A son, **Charles Peppers**, is married and lives in Urbana; two sons, **Edward** and **Samuel Peppers**, live in Union township.

Peppers claimed that he never was ill enough to summon a physician and could make a hand in the field until six years ago. **Peppers** claimed that he could husk and crib as much corn at 100 years of age as any other man at 50 or younger.

*Courtesy of Marysville Journal-Tribune
Kevin Behrens, Editor*

History of Milford Center Schools

PLEASE NOTE: This article was given to me several years ago. I don't remember who gave it to me. There isn't any identification of where, when, or why regarding this article. If you recognize anything, please e-mail martyou50@gmail.com. Thanks!

George Reed, the first permanent settler of Union Township, settled in Milford Center at the place where **Mr. Bouncer** now lives. He had much to do with the first schools. **Mrs. George Reed** taught in her own home, the first school that was conducted in this township. She accepted no tuition for her services.

A short time later **Mr. Reed** gave a tract of land just north of **Charles Davis'** present home. On this tract of land, the first school building was built of logs. This building consisted of one room with a puncheon floor, which was made by taking logs and splitting them into boards. The benches used were made logs split in the center with holes bored in the bottom or round side for legs. The top side was hewed smooth to sit on. As they had no desks, the pupils placed their books beside them on the bench or underneath the bench on the floor. The roof was made of clabboards. In one end of the room was a large fireplace in which logs of five or six feet long could be placed. This building was used for two years.

The second schoolhouse a one room log building was located where **Fred Andrews** now lives by the greenhouse. Each family paid a small tuition for each child who went to school. This was the teachers' salary. The school was known as "The Little Yaller College."

The third schoolhouse was a one room frame building located where **Mr. David Reece** lives. **Mr. St. Johns** who taught here for two years decided the school should have a name, so he called it "St. John's Academy".

The next schoolhouse was built where **Mr. William Vollrath** now lives. It was a two-story brick building, one room on the first and one on the second. This was later torn down and replaced by a frame building. This building was later moved and is now used by **Dr. John Boylan** for an office.

The sixth schoolhouse was located on the corner of School Street and West Center Street. This building was started in 1879, no work was one on the building in 1880, but it was completed in 1881. It was a two-story brick building with three rooms on each floor. The first school session was in the fall of 1881 with **Mr. Albert Burnham** as superintendent and **Mr. John McClimans** as janitor. **Mrs. Aaron Robinson** and **Mrs. McDonald** were the members of the first graduating class. No commencement was held this year, but the following year these two received their diplomas with the second graduating class. In 1891 **Jenny Starr** was the only graduate. The commencement was called "The Lone Star Commencement." In 1893 this building was remodeled, and two rooms were added to each floor. **Mr. Armstrong** was the last superintendent.

This now brings us to our present beautiful building which is quite a contrast to the old log schoolhouse with slab seats and puncheon floors. This new building was built in 1915, first school session was held in fall 1916, with **Mr. Sidebottom** as superintendent. The following individuals have since served as superintendent respectively: **Mr. D.C. Simpkins**, **Mr. T.W. Horton**, **Mr. H.L. Snapp** and **Mr. D.D. Heskett** our present superintendent.

In the fall of 1929, Irwin High School and Milford Center High School were combined. The reason for this was that only one first class high school was allowed in a township. This being the larger school the Irwin High School students were brought here by bus. After this took place the school name was change from Milford Center School to Rural School.

HELEN DAVIS

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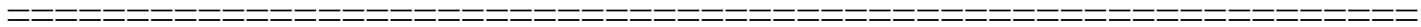
**What does Union County Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society have to offer?
(Or why I joined Union County Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society.)**

1. Great relationship with Marysville Public Library.
 - a. Library houses collection of Union County genealogical materials and other counties.
 - b. Access to genealogy material during library hours.
 - c. Reference librarians are very knowledgeable to help.
2. Extensive surname file.
3. Extensive obituary file.
4. Union County newspapers on microfilm.
5. Speakers/programs on relevant topics at regular meetings.
6. Informative newsletter 6 times a year, yearly every name index.
7. Two lineage societies—Pioneer (with gold and silver levels) and Civil War.
8. The Society is the keeper of over 4,700 soldiers' records that lived in Union County.
9. List of Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers.
10. Welcome new members and encourage active participation.
11. Many publications for sale.
12. The website has a member only section:
 - a. Back issues of the newsletters are available from 1981.
 - b. **Margaret Bouic** Index with 6 pages of key index.
 - c. List of Current Members with contact information and names researching.
13. "Availability of Union County Genealogical Records Online through the Union County Records Center & Archives. Support from **Stephen Badenhop**, Records Manager & Archivist of the Union County Records Center & Archives.
14. Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chairperson, Librarian & Queries: **Nancy Katzenbach** nankatzen@gmail.com is at Marysville Public Library every Tuesday from 10am – 3pm to help.
15. Marysville Public Library is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED MEMBERSHIP FORM.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWAL, PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORM WITH A FRIEND. THANKS!

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? Yes ___No___

Surnames you are researching in Union County _____

GO GREEN! May we send the Union Echoes newsletter to the above email? Yes ___No___

Dues are \$12 per household for 12 months, January-December.

Make check payable to Union County Chapter OGS

Monies used to purchase research materials, microfilm for the Marysville Public Library, and guest speakers.
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