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

I can't believe I'm writing this for 2011 already. Time flies when we are having fun, I've heard. Speaking of "fun", we had some very enjoyable programs at our membership meetings in 2010, and it appears this will continue for 2011. Remember, we have moved the meeting start time to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Meetings are held in the lower level of the Marysville Library.

We have had some preliminary discussions on having a meeting topic geared to helping beginning Genealogists. There is nothing definite on this yet.

Here's wishing all of you a "Happy and Prosperous New Year". See you in 2011.

Brian Wade
 President

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In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the death of one of the founding members of The Union County Chapter, OGS. **Julia Rachel (Fry) Yoder** died after a long illness, on Monday, December 20, 2010. Our society has lost a valued friend and member.

Julia was born February 27, 1918 in Jerome Township, the daughter of **Harold E. and Nellie E. Fairbanks (Seely) Fry**. On August 8, 1936 she married **Clylea C. Yoder** in Raymond. He died on March 18, 1999 after sixty-two years of marriage.

Julia served as Vice-president from 1983-1985 and again in 1994-1995; she was President for one term in 1988-89, and she served nearly eleven years as an associate on the Union County Pioneers committee beginning in 1998. In addition to serving as an officer, Julia contributed greatly to our ever growing library and list of publications. In 1981 she assisted with the indexing of genealogical holdings at the Marysville Public Library. Julia also helped with the gravestone reading and indexing of several Union County cemeteries. When an organization has such a tireless member it is difficult to list all that they have contributed; so some of her contributions have probably gone unmentioned.

In addition to serving on the Union County Pioneers committee, Julia was inducted into the Union County Pioneers in 2004 having proven four pioneer ancestors, **Charles Hanford Adams** (1840), **Mary Elenor Oliver Adams** (1840), **Charles M. Adams** (1850) and **Malenthia E. Adams** (1842).

She was also a member of the New Dover United Methodist Church and the international Association of Machinists Local Lodge #1383.

She is survived by four children, **Peggy K. (Russ) Henman** and **Patsy (Kenneth) Lowry** of Marysville; **Jerry L. Yoder** of New York City; and **Judy C. Yoder** of San Antonio, Texas; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sisters **Mary Jane Chapman** and **Ann F. Rausch**, of Marysville; and one brother, **Hubert H. Fry** of Richwood.

She was laid to rest next to her husband on Thursday, December 23, at Oakdale Cemetery, Marysville (Section O Lot 182-SE1/4). Condolences can be left at www.ingramfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions can be made to the New Dover United Methodist Church or the Union County Chapter, OGS in care of Ingram Funeral Home, 975 North Maple Street, Marysville, OH 43040.



Coming Events:

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

January 15: Derek S. Davey will present: "Researching Those Elusive Maiden Names." (See below)

February 19: Saving Your Family Treasures (Rescheduled from September 13, 2009) **Wesley Boomgaarden**, Preservation Officer for The Ohio State University Libraries, will talk about steps you should take to preserve your family heirlooms

in order to ensure they are around for generations to come.

March 19: Joe Donnermeyer speaking on the Amish of Union County (See more next issue).

April 16: To be announced.

May 17: Pioneer Banquet (Please note that this is a Tuesday evening.)

June 18: Pot Luck Picnic (rain or shine) to be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 124 W. Sixth Street, Marysville beginning at 11:30 A. M.

WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR . . .

(REPRINTED FROM LAST ISSUE)

Our first meeting of the year will be held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Marysville Public Library at 10:00 A. M. Be sure to make a note of the new starting time.

One of the most difficult problems faced by most family historians is finding maiden names. Our January speaker, **Derek S. Davey**, will address that problem with his presentation, **Researching Those Elusive Maiden Names**.

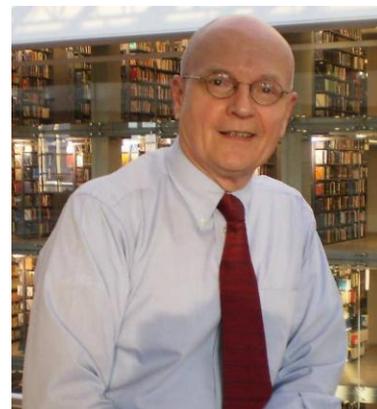
Mr. Davey received his B. A. in History from the University of Toledo in 1985 and his Certificate of Genealogy from Boston University in May, 2010. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists-National and Great Lakes Chapter, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. Most of Mr. Davey's research is done in Northwestern Ohio.

(For additional information see the Nov-Dec issue of the *Union Echoes*, page 71.)

Saving Your Family Treasures . . .

is the topic for the February 19, 2011 meeting when we will have the opportunity to learn from **Wes Boomgaarden**. Wes was the Libraries' Project Officer for the William Oxley Thompson Library renovation from 2000 through its completion in 2009, a key part of the team that renovated the Thompson Library facility. He has served at Ohio State since 1984, and has also held positions at the New York Public Library, Minnesota Historical Society and Macalester College. Wes has been

published widely in the literature of the preservation of library and archival materials. He is an adjunct professor in the Kent State University School of Library & Information Science, where he teaches a Preservation Management course.



Wesley L. Boomgaarden

Wesley L.

The focus in our Saturday-morning time slot is to emphasize some overarching themes, namely:

1. Protection and prevention is worth more -- and is usually cheaper -- than cure. Therefore, protect your valuables with good storage strategies.
2. If you have any doubts about "cure" (one's own action to repair or restore an object), think again. Have doubts! Seek more information before proceeding.
3. Good information, good advice, and an entire industry are all easily available to help you. Seek that additional information and the wide range of options.

With each point Wes will discuss current approaches for "do" and "don't do". And, he will point to both print and online sources where owners, collectors and advocates can get more information.

(Please see **Saving**, page 7)

Paid James W. Evans , for erecting house and outhouse	\$ 1,457.61
Paid Robert Gibson , for repairing fences	\$ 20.00
Paid for furniture, fixtures and provisions	\$ 307.56
Total to that date	\$ 2,763.67

Many counties at the time also established Infirmary Cemeteries, where those that died at the Infirmary were buried. Union County did not establish an Infirmary Cemetery. A room was later erected, in June 1859, for the confinement of lunatics.

Union County Infirmary Superintendents

William C. Porter	1851-1855	Robert A. Linn	1909-1919
Samuel Jewell	1855-1856	Milton A. Southard	1919-1941
John Jewell	1856-1862	W.D. Harmon	1941-1941
George Mills	1862-1869	McKinley Haines	1941-1956
Levi Keeran	1869-1872	A.M. Wallace	1956-1956
William F. Olds	1872-1874	Ivan Albert Barton	1956-1974
O.W.R. Ingman	1874-1874	Helen Barton	1974-1974
Robert Sharp	1874-1877	Silas Carl May	1974-1979
Levi Keeran	1877-1879	Luther L. Liggett	1979-1979
Robert Sharp	1879-1882	Robert L. King	1979-1982
R.S. Bonnett	1882-1884	Luther L. Liggett	1982-1982
John W. Southard	1884-1893	Richard J. Bechtel	1982-1992
J.W. James	1893-1894	Donna Garza	1993-1996
John W. Southard	1894-1901	Kay Lakhi	1996-1996
Caleb F. Haines	1901-1907	Christine Conselyea	1996-2001
George Moder	1907-1909		

In the winter of 1866, an amount of land equal to the original purchase was bought from **G.W. Kent**, making the farm 150 acres. On May 19, 1870, the Commissioners advertised for proposals for 500,000 brick, and on June 6 authorized the levy of a tax of two mills on the dollar for the purpose of building a new Infirmary. In July they awarded the brick contract to **John Weaver, Sr.** for \$6.50 per 1,000 bricks. Commissioners **Joseph K. Richey** and **James Fullington** along with Infirmary Directors **John F. Sabine**, **Daniel G. Cross** and **John Guthrie**, met and considered plans for the new building on January 30, 1871. They selected the one presented by Jones & Gartner, architects, of Columbus, Ohio. On March 31, 1871, the Board of County Commissioners met to consider bid proposals and awarded the contract to R.N. Jones & Company of Delaware, Ohio, for \$27,600, not including heating appliances, with **C.A. Garrow** to superintend the work. Several changes were made in the plans, and the entire cost, exclusive of heating apparatus, was increased to \$29,200. The building was completed on November 8, 1872. The new infirmary was a four story structure with a basement and had one hundred rooms, while the old infirmary was utilized as a barn.

In 1883, the infirmary was described as being "one of the finest for the purpose in the State" of Ohio. In the fall of 1883, the Commissioners decided to build an addition to the infirmary for the purpose of keeping insane individuals. The contract was let in January 1884 to Brooks & Kemper of Dayton at a cost of \$1,570. The addition was completed later that year. In June 1895, **Samuel Amrine** added two verandas to the Infirmary for the cost of \$250.

The semi-annual report for March 1875 stated that there were forty inmates, twenty-one males and nineteen females, with four admissions, three births and one death, since September 1874. There were \$1,960.10 in expenditures and \$665.38 in receipts for the six month period. In September 1882, the infirmary had sixty-three inmates, thirty-two males and thirty-one females, with nineteen admissions, fourteen discharges, two runaways, two transfers and five deaths. There were accordingly \$5,024.90 in expenditures and \$627.29 in receipts. Secretary **John F. Sabine** also reported on that occasion that no epidemic had ever occurred in the history of the institution. In the detailed September 1883 report, the directors stated that 246 bushels of wheat, 1,500 bushels of corn, 8,200 pounds of pork, 100 bushels of potatoes, 7 barrels of sauerkraut, 6 barrels of beans and 20 barrels of turnips had been raised and produced

from the Infirmary farm for a value of \$2,002. In the spring of 1898, the Commissioners purchased an additional fifty acres of land for the Infirmary farm from **H.A. Westlake**.

On January 1, 1884, the General Assembly prohibited admitting children who were eligible for children's homes to the infirmary, unless the children were separated from the adult inmates. This legislation resulted in the creation of the Union County Children's Home that same year. Records pertaining to the Union County Children's Home can be found under the Children's Home records. Fourteen years later, it became unlawful to confine the insane and epileptic individuals in the infirmary.

Union County Infirmary Directors

John W. Cherry*	1851-1851	George P. Cross	1877-1886
Joshua Marshall*	1851-1851	John F. Sabine	1878-1884
John Johnson*	1851-1854	Thomas M. Brannon	1882-1886
David Watkins	1851-1852	William M. Winget	1884-1893
Samuel Ballinger	1851-1853	Alonzo J. Whitney	1886-1888
Levi Longbrake	1852-1861	John E. Harriman	1887-1893
Aquilla Turner	1853-1859	David R. White	1888-1895
John W. Cherry	1854-1857	Alonzo J. Whitney	1893-1899
Thomas E. Brown	1857-1860	Caleb F. Haines	1894-1899
Lemuel Myers	1859-1862	Elias Kyle	1895-1898
Daniel G. Cross	1860-1875	John H. Ryan	1899-1905
Stephen F. Kinney	1861-1867	George Moder	1900-1906
Samuel Marsh	1862-1865	Charles S. Cheney	1901-1907
John F. Sabine	1865-1874	John R. Taylor	1905-1911
John Guthrie	1867-1873	G. Casper Ruhl	1906-1911
Orson B. Williams	1873-1875	Orville Marriott	1907-1912
George Wilbur	1874-1877	David S. Danforth	1911-1913
John F. Sabine	1875-1876	Wm. H. Longbrake	1911-1913
Emanuel L. Price	1875-1878	John Mulcahy	1912-1913
Levi Longbrake	1876-1882		

*Appointed

Effective on January 1, 1913, the board of infirmary directors was abolished and their powers assumed by the county commissioners. In that same year the Infirmary property included a three acre garden, six acre orchard, fourteen cows, five horses and four hundred chickens. The average cost per inmate a year at the time was \$136.99. The infirmary report for December 1914 stated that there were thirty-seven inmates, twenty-five males and twelve females. In 1919 the institutional name was changed again. The new name – the county home – indicated emphasis on caring for the county's needy, aged and infirm. The board appointed a county home superintendent, who was required, as was the infirmary superintendent, to keep a record of inmates, and to submit an annual statistical report to the commissioners. The superintendent could require patients to perform any labor suited to their age and strength without compensation. The commissioners were also required to make monthly inspections of the county home, which included an examination of the care and treatment of patients.

During the Great Depression the Work Progress Administration (WPA) constructed a new porch, sided and painted the woodwork where applicable on the County Home and also demolished in 1937 one unused building on the Infirmary grounds, probably the original infirmary building. In the spring of 1949, this porch was removed and replaced with a cement and steel porch.

Beginning in the late 1950s discussion began circulating about replacing the nearly ninety year old county home. The Board of County Commissioner accordingly placed a bond issue for \$680,000, \$615,000 for the building and \$65,000 for equipment, on the November 1958, ballot, which the voters rejected by 317 votes. A reduced bond levy, this time for only \$470,000, was tried again on the November 3, 1959, ballot. It passed 3,216 to 2,283, with a fifty-nine percent majority. On December 14, 1959, the Commissioners approved the plans presented by Howard Manor, architect, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Knowlton Construction Company of Bellefontaine was awarded the construction contract on June 20, 1960, for the cost of \$290,800. The construction lasted throughout 1960 and 1961, with the Commission-

ers accepting the new county home, on July 31, 1961. In January 1962, plans for demolishing the old county home were placed in motion with the contract finally being awarded on September 25, 1962, to Lima Building Wreckers, of Belle Center, Ohio, for \$3,600. The demolition was completed on February 11, 1963. In July 1966, the commissioners decided to make an addition to the county home, which was completed in the spring of 1968. This final addition made the facility into a 32,000 square foot structure with ninety beds. On April 19, 1976, the name was formally changed from the Union County Home to Union Manor.

County homes, where they existed in Ohio, operated much as they did in 1919. The only significant change came in 1929, when the General Assembly made provisions for a county to close its home when the physical plant became unsuitable for habitation or when the population of the home had become too small for efficient and economical operation. In such a case, the commissioners were required to contract with other county homes or private facilities. On January 1, 1995, the County Commissioners relinquished control of Union Manor to Memorial Hospital of Union County. The old county home proved to be inadequate and discussions began whether to conduct a major remodel of Union Manor or to construct a new facility. It was decided to build a new building at Green Pastures in Marysville. Bids went out in May 1999 and construction began in August of that same year. The final cost for the 54,000 square foot facility came in at \$8.2 million. On April 1, 2001, Union Manor was officially closed and all the patients were transferred to the new facility, The Gables at Green Pastures.



Saving (concluded from page 3)

We will be prepared to discuss, although not in great detail because of time limitations, the following formats:

- Books
- Documents
- Photographs
 - Analog prints and slides
 - Digital sources and storage

- Textiles
- Jewelry and precious metals

We told us that, “I would welcome participants to bring examples from their own collections, should they wish to do that. While I'm not prepared to do an *Antiques Road Show* format, seeing original materials is always instructive and interesting.

Book Review

By **Patty O'Connor**
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Shaking the Family Tree: Blue Bloods, Black Sheep, and Other Obsessions of an Accidental Genealogist by Buzzy Jackson

This is an entertaining tongue-in-cheek look at genealogy. With a PhD in American History and a new baby in her life, the author sets out to trace her family tree. This is not, and doesn't claim to be, a

true guidebook to the genealogical process. I was somewhat disappointed that she doesn't cover the basics such as census, land or even vital records, instead focusing on more "modern" methods of making connections, such as taking a genealogy cruise and doing DNA testing. She may very well have spent a lot of time searching traditional records and just chose not to include that in the book. Nevertheless, I could relate to the stories she tells about meeting previously unknown relatives and finding the abandoned graveyard where her ancestors were buried (almost purely by luck). There are a lot of laugh-out-loud moments in this book.

This book is available at the Marysville Public Library: call number 929.1072 JAC

Cemetery Updates

Done by David & Leona Gustafson

Entries shown with an asterisk (*) are corrections to the published readings. Underlined entries are out "best guess." The book that contain the cemetery readings are noted in italics along with the year it was published and page numbers.

Photographs of all gravestones can be found on my Web site: www.genealogybug.net/uninon_cems

BUXTON CEMETERY, Dover Township (Photographed October 29 and November 11, 2009.)
Dover ~ Jackson ~ Leesburg ~ Millcreek Townships Cemetery Records (1986), pages 5-9.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	DOB	DOD	AGE	COMMENTS
BECK	Infant son of A. & M.J.	10 Jun 1844	13 Jun 1844	3d	
COUNTS	Robert C.	14 Apr 1947	16 Apr 1999		Sgt US Air Force, Vietnam
GRAHAM	George*		29 Feb 1892	63y-10m	*p. 9 – no middle initial
JOHNSON	Helena "Patsy"	20 Jan 1922	29 Sep 2004		
	James D.	31 Dec 1913	12 Feb 1999		
RICHEY	Cassius C.		9 Mar 1866	11y	on base of Rebecca & Edward
RUSSELL	Joseph	14 Feb 1808	30 Mar 1885*		*p. 9 – yr. listed as 1890
WOMELDORF	Elizabeth	1905	1995		p. 6

FORD CEMETERY, Taylor Township (Photographed October 18, 2009)
Liberty ~ Paris ~ Taylor ~ Washington Townships Cemetery Records (1986), pages 84 -85.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	DOB	DOD	COMMENTS
VIGNERE	James Albert	22 Nov 1929	20 Sep 1996	
	Theda Fern	2 Oct 1936	blank	
BAIRD	David N.	16 May 1948	20 Dec 2003	Father of Natalie, Angela & Lucas
FOREMAN	Mary J.	1908	1997	Loving mother

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