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- Vice-President: Brian HARTZELL
- Recording Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Patricia DEANE
- Corresponding Secretary: Deanna APPLGATE
- Senior Trustee: Holly TAYLOR
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- Librarian: Karen HISSONG
- Newsletter Editor: Terry HAUN

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**As a chapter member, please consider volunteering as a committee member or elected officer next election. This helps support the society as a whole. We want your input. (Check the By-laws under the chapter section of our website for more details.)**

## WELCOME TO 2017

As you begin a new year, may your goals for the year bring you to new experiences and new rewards with us, your partner in genealogical finds and resources,  
**THE ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER  
OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**



Chapter Officers shown taking the pledge for 2017

L-R, Virginia FEIBER, Deanna APPLGATE, Terry HAUN, Patricia DEANE, Brian HARTZELL

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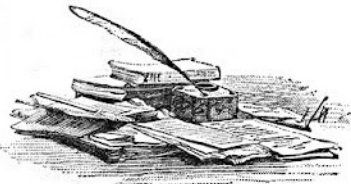
*The President and Recording Secretary Positions are - Vacant*

### Other Committee Members:

- Librarian (& Library Volunteer Chairman);- Karen HISSONG
- Lineage Societies Chairman - Marleen APPLGATE
- Newsletter Editor - Terry HAUN
- Newsletter Mail Team - Terry HAUN / Holly TAYLOR
- WebMaster - Sheila HELSER

**REMINDER:** Did you remember to renew your 2017 membership? Check your **mailing address label**. If it **does NOT** have [17] after your name, then we **have not received your renewal** for the current year.

## CHAPTER MESSAGE



For the last two years this spot was reserved for the “President’s Message” which Tom NEEL, our past president, was graciously willing to handle. That position is now vacant. We are a Genealogical Society without a President. That means ALL of our other Chapter Officers will need to take on extra responsibility to keep our Society working in a functional manner. We also do not have a Recording Secretary who records the minutes from the chapter meetings.

If there are any members who are willing to take on one of these roles, possibly even a shared role, please contact our Vice President, Brian HARTZELL (hartzell56@hotmail.com).



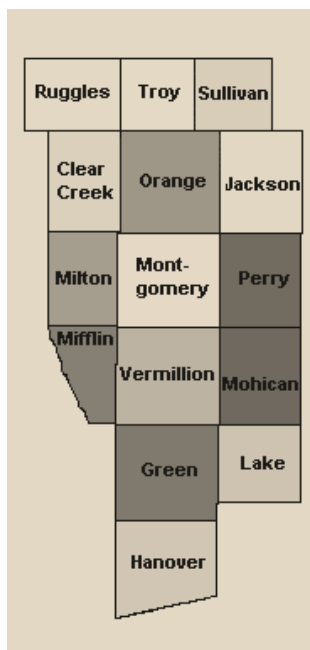
As we begin a new year with our Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, this is a good time to reflect on our purpose and ongoing goals for our chapter.

For 28 years our society has dedicated itself to help create and build interest in preserving and collecting genealogical and historical records relating to the early settlers of Ashland County, Ohio and the surrounding community. Ashland County has 15 townships for which we have generated several source books for sale and for research to our members located in our Chapter library. We have tried to ensure that much of our courthouse records have been made available to the public via various publications or online methods and are continuing in this endeavor. As with all chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society, we are a non-profit society which relies on our membership and donations to help support our purchase of new books for our library; publication of our various county and township books, etc; producing the quarterly newsletter; and bringing in informative and exciting programs to our members. We also rely on volunteers, who selflessly donate their time to fulfill the goals of our chapter. As I’ve said before, the volunteers are truly the backbone of the society’s continued existence. Please consider supporting our Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society by being an active member. We need your ideas, suggestions, and time if we are to continue in these endeavors.

For this year, we currently have a complete agenda of genealogy-based monthly program meetings, a website that is working to keep the public up to date on our chapter and continuing to add relevant information regarding the Ashland County community of the past and present, a Facebook Site (including many visitor posts) to keep you informed through that media, and a quarterly newsletter filled with information on our ancestors and their surroundings, past and present.

**Program and Meetings:** We already have our monthly meetings scheduled for 2017 and speakers of genealogy interest procured for our members.

**Publications:** Many publications have been produced over the years and are available for purchase. Plus, we have several which are being planned as a part of our future goals.



**Lineage Societies:** We have three Lineage Societies to help honor our ancestors

**Website:** Our website has much local information and is updated frequently making it easy to navigate the various pages and categories of information.

**Newsletter:** Published quarterly with articles pertaining to the locale such as community happenings, newspaper obits, family stories and pictures, as well as current genealogical information including new and innovative ideas from internet sources.

**Society Library:** Our library is filled with many books of local interest as well as surrounding communities, counties and states, along with many family histories and genealogy “how-to” publications. Now that we’ve moved into our new location and have more shelving space, we’ll be able to add to our collections.

**Volunteers:** Our chapter volunteers help produce our new publications, transcribe the cemetery records, help with local research and lookups for members and non-member queries, help in the library, chair our chapter and meetings, produce and mail our newsletter, chair the Lineage Societies, and host our website.

All of these are methods which are used to give you, our members, the most beneficial experience for the coming year. The Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is here to help you. We hope to hear from you.

Thank You - our members and volunteers!

## McNULTY, THE FAMILY AND THEIR HOTELS

Part 2 of 2 (By Shirley FULK BOYD)

*(continued from Vol 35, Issue 4)*

In July of 1865 a grand reception and welcome was given to the returning soldiers of Ashland County. A fine dinner was followed by a program of eminent speakers including General W.T. SHERMAN, General J.D. COX, General James A. GARFIELD, and General R.B. HAYES. The 101st and 102nd Regiment Bands provided good music for the occasion. In the evening a Grand Military Ball was given at the McNULTY House.<sup>27</sup>

On the 1870 Ashland, Ohio census were William (hotel keeper), Margaret, Agnes, Horace (as hotel clerk), Bell, William, Edward, Lillie LETT, age 55, black, cook, born in Virginia; Millie CHRISTELLER, domestic servant; Mary RICKARDSON, domestic servant; John STURGIS, age 10; Millie BLACK, 17, hotel waiter; Thomas OGDEN, 38, carriage manufacturer; John RAMSEY, 24, telegraph operator; Alphonza SHEETS, 22, hardware store; and Ora PIERSON, 28, music teacher.

In 1873 at about 9:30 in the morning the insistent sound of the fire bell brought Ashland's citizens, workmen, and businessmen from their places of business. They filled the streets, saw the flames issuing from the roof of the McNULTY, and excitedly formed long lines reaching from the cisterns at the McNULTY and MILLER houses and neighboring wells. The lines passed bucket after bucket of water up the flights of winding stairs to the top of the building. The fire soon spread beyond the reach of their buckets and there was a sigh of relief when they heard the steamer's whistle making its way from the engine room. The men quickly had their hoses out, but because of the brick wall that extended ten feet above the roof, the water was not reaching the seat of the fire. As the firemen changed strategies, the roof gave way and crashed to the floor below. At this point there was little hope of saving the building.

The new plan resulted in getting the hoses on top of the adjoining buildings after which the fire was brought under control. Inside the flames made little progress because of the floods of water which had been thrown on it. By eleven o'clock the fire was extinguished. The excited people could see how the waters came down the interior of the building rushing like a maddened cataract down the several stairways. It was a sad spectacle. Furniture, clothing, carpets, and other goods were dripping with water, and people hurriedly moved what they could to the undamaged part of the hotel. The confusion dissipated as Margaret McNULTY displayed great presence of mind and an unusual amount of bravery as she directed the removal of several pieces of furniture. She was present from the moment the fire bell sounded and superintended the moving of goods. Her calmness kept the panic in check.

Mr. Louis LEON, who had a clothing store on the first floor of the building, arrived at the scene almost immediately and threw open the doors. Men and boys rushed in and within five minutes removed the clothing to a safer location. Mr. Charlie WOODHOUSE, the proprietor of an extensive hardware business in the adjoining building hurried into his store, seized a

package of powder in his arms, and over iron, nails and plows made his way out of the store and headed for the creek.

The cause of the fire was believed to be the chimney on the east side, which was burning out and throwing up fragments of fire as witnessed by a number of citizens. It is thought one of the embers lodged under a shingle. A very dangerous feat was accomplished by nozzleman MERCER, who crossed upon a ladder from the roof of the neighboring BUFFENMYER Building to the McNULTY House roof after a part of the roof had already fallen in. A temporary roof was put in place until a less flammable roof could be constructed.<sup>28</sup>

In 1875 the Ashland Cornet band was giving a concert each Saturday night from the McNULTY House balcony.<sup>29</sup>

In 1878 Major William McKINLEY, Jr., of Canton, was in town "the guest of his former comrades of the twenty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was met at the depot by A.O. LONG and other old friends and taken to the McNULTY House. During the day his room was thronged with callers who desired to pay their respects to Mr. McKINLEY as a public man of national repute ... In the evening the Cornet Band serenaded Mr. McKINLEY at the hotel and in response to calls from the large company of citizens who had assembled during the music, he appeared on the balcony and was introduced in behalf of the soldiers whose guest he was."<sup>30</sup>

In 1880 the newspaper reported "General GARFIELD Comes to Ashland for the Reunion of the 420d OVI" The article stated: "The business houses and especially the balconies of the McNULTY and the MILLER House were decorated with flowers, evergreens, and flags. The crowds began to gather early in the morning and by nine o'clock the streets were full. General GARFIELD came in a special train at ten and was escorted with his party to the McNULTY House, being loudly cheered all along the way. Over 8,000 people assembled on Main Street calling 'GARFIELD, GARFIELD!' The general stepped out on the balcony and said, 'I did not come here to make a speech but to see the 42<sup>nd</sup> and after I have seen the boys I will be glad to see all of you that I can. I thank you for this call.'<sup>31</sup>

On the 1880 census William McNULTY is listed as hotel keeper with Margaret, his wife; daughter, Belle; son, Horace McNULTY, a dentist; and son, Edward McNULTY, hotel clerk. Others living or working at the hotel were Emma STONE, 32, servant; Caroline STONE, 13, servant; Martha HAMILTON, 16, servant; Edith BROWN, 16, servant; Sallie GREEN, 16, servant; Fannie WELLS, 29, servant; Randolph FREER, 25, hostler and servant; and Elias HOLBEN, 30, banker, boarder.

In 1899 Elizabeth CLARK remarked that Mrs. McNULTY presided over the hotel with the dignity of manners and a good cheer countenance that always followed her. Another article indicated that Margaret McNULTY and Mrs. Michael MILLER (of the Miller House) were the most widely recognized women in Ashland County. They were ladies who for many years welcomed guests to their respective houses, and contributed to

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**McNULTY HOTELS -** (Continued from page 3)

their comfort. Margaret was by nature a hotel hostess as her father, John PUGH, was a Mansfield hotel proprietor.<sup>32</sup>

William McNULTY died and was buried November 27, 1890 in the Ashland Cemetery. He suffered many years with rheumatism.

In 1891 an unusual news item described the following incident: "At about one o'clock Sunday morning Deak HAMILTON, who has been portering (carrying baggage for guests) arose in his sleep, and going to a hall window in the third story, walked out and fell to the ground, a distance of about 30 feet. He broke his right arm between the elbow and shoulder. The shock awoke him and his moans brought Mrs. STARK to the window. She wakened her husband and he got Deak up to his room, and called Dr. ASH who set the arm. HAMILTON had gone to bed about 12 o'clock and was in a dream when he got up and walked out of the window. He is getting along very well, and was able to be moved to his father's home. There has been a strange experience at the McNULTY House, as no less than three persons have fallen, when asleep, from the third story windows within the past dozen years."<sup>33</sup>

On February 2, 1893 the McNULTY Hotel property was sold at public auction by William's administrator, Harry A. MYKRANTZ to Elias N. HARVOUT for \$7,667.<sup>34</sup>

George HEMINGWAY, who had most recently been the

proprietor of the MILLER House across the street leased the McNULTY House for one year with privileges of five years. He renamed the building the HEMINGWAY and used it as a boarding house that rented by the day or the week and catered mostly to bachelors. He also operated a variety store and a traveler's library at that location.<sup>35</sup> He was in business there from 1890 to 1913.<sup>36</sup>

Margaret McNULTY died on April 9, 1894 at her home on what was known as the BANNING property on Center Street where she resided after leaving the McNULTY house. She was a faithful and life-long member of the Presbyterian Church and was buried in the Ashland Cemetery on April 12, 1894.<sup>32</sup>

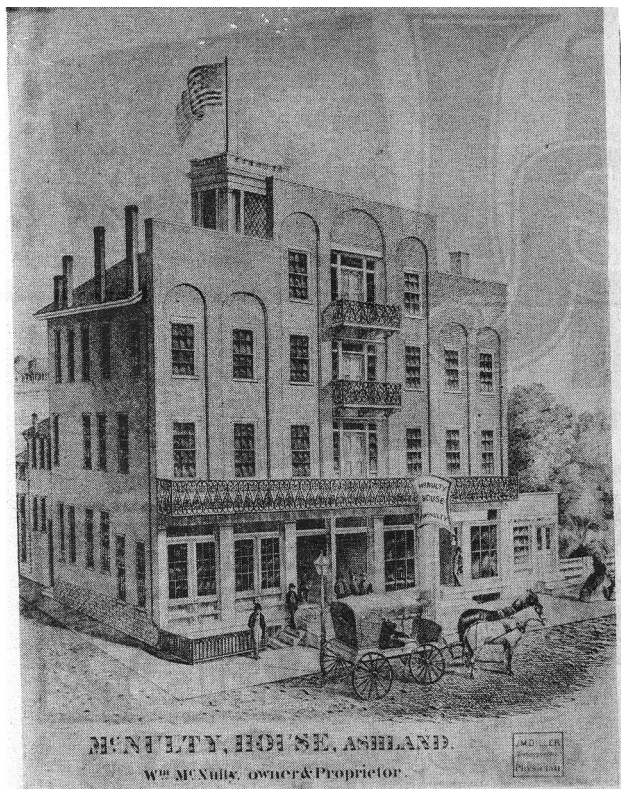
Without the smiling, genial, gracious presence of Margaret McNULTY the hotel languished. Another hostess could not be found with those qualities. No longer could one partake of her famous suppers.<sup>37</sup> So this property succumbed to a succession of owners and proprietors, which were not always the same person. One of these transactions, recorded in The Ashland Press, April 20th 1893, stated that "E.N. HARVOUT traded the McNULTY House to BRUBAKER Bros., for their share in the BRUBAKER block. The BRUBAKER Bros. will remodel the hotel property, lower the floors and probably fit it up for a hotel. The saloon part will be arranged for a store room."

In the year of 1894 it was noted in the paper that three-story buildings in Ashland, which had been without fire escapes - contrary to the law, would be provided with them. State Inspectors ordered that fire escapes be put on the opera house, the National bank building, the BOWMAN building containing the Masonic hall, and the MILLER and McNULTY houses. They were to be broken stairways and not ladders and ropes.<sup>38</sup>

On May 7, 1913 George M. GILBERT purchased the McNULTY House property on Main Street from John PATTERSON for \$22,900.<sup>39</sup> He began extensive renovations and the iron balconies, which were such a distinguishing feature of the front of the old McNULTY house building were removed because of safety concerns. Mr. GILBERT utilized all four stories for his furniture and undertaking establishment. Partitions were tom out and archways formed connecting the rooms on the several floors. The old two-story kitchen at the rear of the main building was removed and a new two story building constructed through to what was known as Diamond Alley. A part of the quarters formerly occupied by C.W. LANDIS grocery was fitted up for the mortuary chapel and the various floors were to be used - some for show rooms and others for storage purposes. On the third floor he put in 5-room, 4-room, and 3-room outfits displayed just as they appear in the homes. A steam heating system was installed, also electric lights, passenger and freight elevator and other improvements which brought the building thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.<sup>40</sup>

Next to the original McNULTY building was a story and a half frame building with log addition which became Merle ROBERT's store known as the Toggery.<sup>41</sup> He sold gentlemen's furnishings and made clothes to order. Mr. GILBERT purchased that building to expand his furniture store. In 1927 the company had outgrown its warehouse facilities and a large brick warehouse was constructed at the corner of South and Luther streets to accommodate the needs for expansion.<sup>42</sup>

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### Famed hotel now a furniture store

The McNulty House, well-known hotel in northcentral Ohio, was built in Ashland in 1850, damaged by fire in 1873, and bought by George Gilbert in 1913 when he moved his furniture store from Orange Street to Main Street. The upper doors leading to the balconies, with their ornate iron railings, can still be seen from Main Street. It was here that a former president, Rutherford B. Hayes, overslept in 1883, when he was awaited, as speaker at the dedication of the Soldiers Monument at the courthouse square. (This is one in a weekly series of photos of early Ashland being presented by the Times-Gazette.)

**McNULTY HOTELS - (Continued from page 4)**

The furniture company closed in 2008 and the property went into foreclosure because taxes of \$30,000 had not been paid. Keenan HAHN of California bought the building in 2013 for \$60,000. In 2016 he sold it to Doug and Anna REYNOLDS who have plans to refurbish it as the Uniontown Microbrewery with a full-service restaurant.<sup>43</sup> Perhaps Anna will revitalize the image of Margaret McNULTY.



## Footnotes:

27. WIEST, *Horse and Buggy Days*, page 26.
28. *Ashland Press*, "The McNULTY House Fire", 27 February, 1873.
29. Betty PLANK, *Historic Ashland*, Volume 1, page 34.
30. *Ashland Times*, 22 August 1878.
31. Betty PLANK, *Historic Ashland*, Volume 1, page 34.
32. *Ashland Times*, 12 April, 1894.
33. *Ashland Press*, 23 April 1891.
34. *Ashland County, Ohio Deed Record*, Volume 81, page 549.
35. Betty PLANK, *Historic Ashland*, Volume 1, page 34.
36. Christine BOX, *Postcard History Series*, Ashland, page 94.  
(David LEE's postcard)
37. WIEST, *Horse and Buggy Days*, page 14.
38. *Ashland Press*, 12 April, 1894.
39. *Ashland County, Ohio Deed Record*, Volume 131, page 383.
40. *Ashland Press*, 17 December 1913
41. *Ashland Press*, 31 March 1915
42. *Ashland Times-Gazette*, "GILBERT Furniture Company Is Nearing Hundredth Birthday", 18 June, 1965, page R-16
43. *Ashland Times-Gazette*, "GILBERT Furniture Co. Building Bought", 12 July 2016, page A-1.

**Death of Sarah WACHTEL**

Mrs. Sarah WACHTEL was born in Juniata county, Pa., June 25, 1829, and died March 25, 1916, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie GALLOWAY, near Mohican. Aged 87 years and 2 months. She was married to Henry WACHTEL in the year of 1851, and to this union was born four sons and three daughters. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hattie GALLOWAY, with whom she made her home, besides seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She united with the Reformed church at Mohican under the pastorate of Rev. EXCELL and lived a consistent Christian until her death. Services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home, conducted by Rev. J. J. WAGONER, of Marshallville, her former pastor. The remains were placed in the vault at Jeromesville for the present, but later will be interred in the Mohican Cemetery.

**WEAVER and MILLER OBITUARIES 1900 - (Ashland Times, Wed, September 26, 1900)**

**Samuel WEAVER** was born in Milheim, Center [sp] county, Pa., October 13, 1832, and died at Shelby, O., September 21, 1900, aged 67 years, 11 months and 8 days. With his parents he moved to Ashland county in 1842. He was married to Rebecca SOUDERS in 1859 and to this union were born seven children, three boys and four girls; one daughter, Ella, has passed to the great beyond. The children living are: Mrs. Oretta BENNETT, Shelby; Harvey S., Mansfield; Mrs. Julia STARK, Toledo; Mrs. Mary McMurray, John and Thomas, Ashland. His wife departed this life September 2, 1883. He has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. BENNETT, since 1892. In his early manhood he gave his heart to God, joining the Lutheran church, never forgetting his Creator, in whom he trusted. He had implicit faith in God, and told the family that Jesus was his Savior. He was a man who never spoke disparagingly of the Bible and Christianity. He was a kind, loving father and has gone to be at rest. He will be missed by the children and all who knew him. The funeral services were held at his residence on Cleveland avenue Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Revs. DESSENBERG and ENGLAND officiating. Interment in the Dickey church cemetery.

**Mrs. John MILLER** - There are lives so full of sweetness, charity and helpfulness that when they go out the loss comes as a personal one not only to the household but to every one in the community. Such a life was that of Mrs. John MILLER, who peacefully passed away last Saturday morning at the old homestead on Miller street. Funeral services were held at the family residence Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. W.G. SCHOPPE, who paid the highest tribute to the worth of the departed and the presence of many friends testified to the tender regard in which she was held by every one.

Mrs. MILLER, whose maiden name was Christina HUMERICKHOUSER, was born in York county Pa. seventy-three years ago. With her parents she moved to Milton township where she was married to John MILLER, with whom she lived fifty-four years of happy married life. After a short residence in Wooster they took up their home in Ashland, where Mrs. MILLER endeared herself by countless deeds of never failing kindness. In every position in life she was faithful, kind and true and the memory of her loving services and cheerful sacrifices will never be forgotten in the home and society blessed with her presence. She leaves a husband, one son, Less J. MILLER, and one daughter, Mrs. E.A. POTTER, of Chicago, to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

**BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1902-03**

The township and precinct assessors have filed with the probate judge reports of births and deaths for the year ending March 31, 1903, as follows: *(Added Note: If their age is mentioned it is in brackets after the date)*

*(Continued from previous newsletter)*

CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP - Births

*[Difficult to read]*

John BENSON, Dec 2, '02  
 Carl Wallace COUTTS, Sept. 17, '02  
 Margaret Pauline CUPPY, Oct. 11, '02  
 Wm Everett EKEY, March 6, '03.  
 Paul Mercer EBERHART, March 3, '03  
 Margaret Ruth FAIR, Sept. 20, '02  
 Hazel Ellen HASTLER[?], Dec. 19, '02  
 Marcus KERR, Sept. 1, '02  
 Helen Idella MORR, April 29, '02  
 Hazel Edith McCONNELL, April 19, '03  
 Charles Dallas MYERS, May 13, '02  
 Vale Maryon QUINN, Sept. 21, '02

CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP - Deaths

Mamie E. BRYTE, Dec. 6, '02 (22)  
 Mary CHURCH, April 15, '03 (78)  
 Mary A. MASTERS, July 14, '02, (64)  
 Magdalene MASTERS, Dec. 28, '02 (95)  
 Charles McWILLIAMS, May 8, '02 (82)  
 Thos J ZEIGLER, Jan. 14, '02 (58)

MILTON TOWNSHIP - Births

Martha BRUBAKER, Aug. 7, '02  
 Glorene BUZZARD, April 16, '03  
 Lawrence EICHER, Aug. 23, '02  
 Carl Ellsworth GONGWER, Feb. 26, '03  
 Dorothy Alice GEBHART, Nov. 30, '02  
 Mary HARTMAN, June 1, '02  
 Vernon HIDER, June 1, '02  
 Nellie May KISSEL[?], Feb. 3, '03  
 Ilene KEEVER, Sept. 13, '02  
 George B. McCARTER, July 30, '02  
 Marshall McDANIEL, April 16, '03  
 Anna May OHL, May 14, '02  
 Hazel SEYMOUR, Feb. 15, '03  
 Clifford Dale TUCKER, Feb. 18, '03  
 Helen S. WITMER, April 27, '02  
 Ralph Curtis ZEHNER, March 26, '03  
 Willard S. ZEHNER, Sept. 9, '02

MILTON TOWNSHIP - Deaths

James HAZELETT, March 29, '03 (73)  
 Mary KISSELL, April 5, '02 (56)  
 Julia MELCHING, Sept. 8, '02 (24)  
 Sophronia McDANIEL, Sept. 29, '02 (75)  
 Francis OHL, Feb. 24, '03 (31)  
 David WERTMAN, Jan. 20, '03 (71)  
 Jacob WOLF, Oct. 14, '02 (77)  
 Irvin WOLF, July 27, '02, (16)  
 Samuel ZEHNER, March 12, '03 (87)

LAKE TOWNSHIP - Births

Walter Karl BERNHARD, Jan. 1, '03

Mary Isabel DERR, Feb. 24, '03  
 John EBERHARD, March 20, '03  
 Leola May FABER, Feb. 14, '03  
 Dale Lehr FULMER, Feb. 16, '03  
 Carey HEFFELFINGER, Aug. 18, '02  
 Herman S. HORN, Nov. 5, '02  
 Ruth E. KOPP, Dec. 7, '02  
 Bertha Evelyn KANTZER, Sept. 9, '02  
 Harland Wm. MOSHER, Jan. 4, '03  
 Robert Ray PAULLIN, May 23, '02  
 Fanny Fay PAULLIN, May 23, '02  
 Ralph Howard RICHEY, March 30, '03  
 Ruth Margretta STEFFANNI, June 28, '02  
 Baby WEIKERT, Nov. 23, '02  
 Ralph Henry WOLF, Aug. 28, '02  
 Clarice Christina YOUNG, Sept. 16, '02

LAKE TOWNSHIP - Deaths

George KANTZER, May 15, '03 (78)  
 Matilda D. LONG, Aug. 6, '02 (60)  
 F. T. RICHEY, Oct. 13, '02 (67)  
 Maggie SCHAFFER, March 1, '03 (19)  
 A.A. STEWARD, July, '02 (67) *[No day]*

JACKSON TP. JACKSON PREC-Births

Marion BAYLOR, July 21, '02  
 Harry E. BRINKER, Oct., '02 *[No day]*  
 May Belle FLEMING, Dec. 1, '02  
 Infant FOGELL, Dec. 16, '02  
 Daniel W. JONES, Sept. 12, '02  
 Infant KUTZ, Nov. 15, '02  
 Arnold KIPLINGER, Dec. 23, '02  
 Lucile McFADDEN, Aug. 28, '02  
 Glen A. McFERREN, Feb. 2, '03  
 Ralph W. KEEN, Jan. 1, '03  
 Harry C. MOSIER, Feb. 7, '03  
 Clayton Tanner SIGRIST, Aug. 19, '02  
 Howard M. STAUFFER, Sept. 1, '02  
 Otho SAMS, April 25, '02  
 Clyde WEAVER, Sept. 17, '02

JACKSON TP. JACKSON PREC-Deaths

Elizabeth FUHRMAN, Oct. 18, '02, (88)  
 Fanny J. LANDIS, May 8, '02, (61)  
 Margaret SWOPE, Feb. 12, '03, (66)  
 Halla F. YOCUM, May 8, '02, (2)

PERRY TOWNSHIP - Births

Edna Maye BONE, Aug. 24, '02  
 Lorna Maye DAVALT, May 2, '02  
 Infant DERR, Oct. 10, '02  
 Infant DUFFEY, Aug. 20, '02  
 Ruth ESBENSHADE, July 4, '02.  
 Ernest Paul FRYE, Feb. 20, '03.  
 Harvey R. FUNK, Sept. 25, '02.  
 Dorothy M. GALLOWAY, Oct. 19, '02.

Arthur Gordon GORGAS, Feb. 24, '03.  
 Ethel A. HOSTLER, Sept. 20, '02.  
 Esther HOSTLER, Sept. 20, '02.  
 Lawrence HOUSEHOLDER, Sept. 7, '02.  
 Mary Alice MARKEL, Aug. 6, '02.  
 Arthur O. MARKS, Aug. 29, '02.  
 Mildred MYERS, Nov. 30, '02.  
 Matilda F. SAMPLE, Sept. 8, '02.  
 Ernest H. SCHOFF, Sept. 3, '02.  
 Floyd SCOTT, Aug. 11, '01.  
 Infant STONE, April 1, '03.  
 Vera Marie STONE, Oct. 30, '02.  
 Mary ZIMMERMAN, Nov. 7, '02

PERRY TOWNSHIP - Deaths

John CAMP, Feb. 17, '03 (76)  
 Infant DERR, Oct. 15, '02 (5 days)  
 J.H. DEPLER, July 22, '02 (70)  
 Infant DUFFEY, Aug. 23, '02 (2 days)  
 Ora HARMON, Feb. 23, '03 (23)  
 Esther HOSTLER, Sept. 20, '02 (1 day)  
 Anna JONES, Jan. 28, '03 (74)  
 Margaret J. LASH, Feb. 23, '03 (70)  
 Arthur D. MEFFERD, Sept. 11, '02 (8)  
 Earl H. NOEL, Dec. 11, '02 (27)  
 Elizabeth SOUDER, Jan. 1, '02, (67)  
 Matilda WILE, Mar 31, '03 (74)  
 Sarah Jane WISE, Oct. 10, '02 (35)

TROY TOWNSHIP - Births

Catharine Blanche CARR, March. 24, '02  
 Mabel Iona EVERETT, Feb. 13, '03  
 Lois FAST, July 10, '02  
 Doris Elmora FISHER, Sept. 13, '02  
 Raymond Cecil GORDON, Nov. 28, '02  
 Paul Leroy RICHARDS, April 14, '02  
 Wendell Scott RICHARDS, July 10, '02  
 Harry Adam SMITH, April 28, '02  
 Infant SPRINKLE, March 19, '03  
 Carl F. VAUGHN, May 17, '02  
 George WILLIAMS, July 24, '02

TROY TOWNSHIP - Deaths

Eliza Ann ANDREWS, Feb. 6, '03, (85)  
 Jennie KINTNER, July 7, '02 (33)  
 John SWOPE, Sept. 26, '02 (76)  
 John THORPE, April 1, '02 (60)

VERMILLION TOWNSHIP - Births

Infant BAHU, Feb. 12, '03  
 Infant BOYER, April 16, '03  
 Anna Mabel BECK, March 5, '03  
 Nellie A. CLAWSON, Sept. 3, '02  
 Asher Bernard CASE, Aug. 14, '02  
 Arthur M. CHANDLER, July 26, '02

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**BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1902-03***(continued from page 6)*

Oscar Sherman DOERRER, Oct. 30, '02  
 Herald Elvin EWING, June 30, '02  
 Mont Leroy FRY, Aug. 4, '02  
 Flossie GREGG, July 11, '02  
 Mary Anna GROFF, March 3, '03  
 Ralph GLASNER, Sept. 20, '02  
 Bernice HOSSINGER, Aug. 5, '02  
 Alva HARP, June 13, '02  
 Dortha HAWKS, March 22, '03  
 Martha Elizabeth HELBERT, Sept. 18, '02  
 Martha E. MEAD, Feb. 18, '03  
 Infant PUSTER, Jan. 2, '03  
 Grace Luella SCHUCK, Dec. 12, '02  
 Elmer Earl SHARP, Nov. 15, '02  
 Howard Lloyd SCHUCK, Aug. 11, '02  
 Infant ZEHNER, Sept. 30, '02

VERMILLION TOWNSHIP - Deaths

Edna BEACHLER, Jan. 22, '03 (22)  
 Michael CULLER, Feb. 17, '03 (81)  
 Clyde Forest HARP, Feb. 25, '03 (12)  
 Michael HEICHEL, Feb. 7, '03 (75)  
 Ardema HELBERT, Oct. 28, '02 (29)  
 Charles W. LONG, July, 21, '02 (39)  
 Robert L. McCREADY, April 20, '03 (27)  
 James L. MOFFET, April 5, '03 (76)  
 Anna Elza SIGLER, Oct. 14, '02 (80)

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP - Births

Herald S. BYERLY, April 1, '02  
 Francis L. CAMPBELL, April 5, '02  
 Infant FRIDLIN, July 23, '02

V. Saria JERLAND, April 25, '02  
 Flora KOCH, June 19, '02  
 Alice Anna LANDIS, Dec. 2, '02  
 Infant SWITZER, March 2, '03

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP - Deaths

Jennie BEEGHLEY, March 21, '03, (52)  
 John BARR, Feb. 14, '03, (81)  
 John K. BARR, Aug. '01, (73)  
 Eliza CHARLES, Jan. 3, '03, (75)  
 Paul HERSHEY, Aug. 31, '02, (2)  
 Abigail ERELAND, Sept. 28, '01, (57)  
 B. R. KAHL, May 19, '02, (3 mo)  
 Mary A. KEIGHTLY, May 24, '02, (58)  
 Byron KEIGHTLY, Dec. 21, '02, (35)  
 Fanny STAMAN, July 24, '02, (80)  
 Mary SWITZER, Jan. 11, '03, (75)  
 Sylvia J. ROHLER, Oct. 23, '01, (25)  
 Mary A. WEAVER, April 28, '02, (72)  
 Margaret ZEHNER, Jan. 7, '03, (62)

MCKAY PRECINCT - Births

Baby FRANK, Sept 3, '02  
 Baby LONG, July 2, '02  
 Lucile KITHCART, Nov. 4, '02

MCKAY PRECINCT - Deaths

Baby FRANK, Sept. 3, '02 (-)  
 Baby LONG, July 2, '02 (-)  
 Lucile KITHCART, Jan. 19, '03 (2½ mo)  
 Belle BOWERS, April 5, '03 (62)

HANOVER TOWNSHIP - Births

Alta Leona ACKERMAN, July 27, '02  
 George Carl BOWMAN, Sept. 1, '02

Lester Lloyd DUNN, Sept. 5, '02  
 Christina Leone HARRIS, Aug. 18, '02  
 Helen HARLET, June 19, '02  
 Alva Decilva HEINBERGER, Feb. 8, '03  
 Mabel Louisa KESNER, Oct. 24, '02  
 Golda Marie KINNEY, April 21, '02  
 Alice M. Clementine KICK, Mar 28, '03  
 Roena MENCER, July 2, '02  
 Raymond Paul OHEARN, Feb. 15, '03  
 Ramond Leroy VANS CODER, Feb 27, '03  
 Mary Dortha WEAVER, Sept. 6, '02

HANOVER TOWNSHIP - Deaths

Mary Ann COE, Aug. 27, '02, (70)  
 George W. WALLACE, Nov. 5, '02, (37)  
 James P. WORKMAN, Dec. 26, '02 (54)

THE COUNTY INFIRMARY - Deaths

Melvin BRINK, May 11, '03 (40)  
 John CUNNINGHAM, Dec. 15, '02 (72)  
 Sarah MAXWELL, Nov. 16, '02 (74)  
 Albert NEWMAN, April 3, '02 (90)  
 Harriet REYHER, July 5, '02 (69)  
 Lewis ROGERS, May 7, '03 (59)  
 Samuel TREASE, June 16, '02 (69)  
 Geo. TAYLOR, June 30, '02 (84)  
 Benjamin WILLIAMS, Feb. 10, '03 (42)  
 Susan ZIMMERMAN, Aug. 19, '02 (85)

*(Ashland-1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wards,  
 Perrysville Precinct, Orange, and  
 Montgomery Townships to be included in  
 next newsletters)*

**The Births and Deaths of 1902-03 were all printed in the Ashland Press throughout a six-week period.**

May 27, 1903: (Mohican-North, Green, and Jackson-Polk Precinct)	<i>(included in Newsletter Vol 35-4)</i>
Jun 3, 1903: (Ruggles, Sullivan, Mohican-South, and Hanover-Loudonville Precinct)	<i>(included in Newsletter Vol 35-4)</i>
Jun 17, 1903: (Clear Creek, Milton, and Lake)	<i>(included in Newsletter Vol 36-1)</i>
June 24, 1903: (Vermillion, Hanover, McKay Precinct, and County Infirmary)	<i>(included in Newsletter Vol 36-1)</i>
June 24, 1903: (Perrysville Precinct, Ashland 4th Ward)	<i>(future)</i>
Jul 1, 1903: (Orange, Montgomery, and Ashland-1st, 2nd and 3rd Ward)	<i>(future)</i>
Jul 29, 1903: Mifflin, Perry, Troy, and Jackson-Jackson Precinct)	<i>(included in Newsletter Vol 36-1)</i>

**When You Can't Find that One Record That Will Break Your Brick Wall -  
 Remember to Laugh !**

*Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.*



*I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing **five** gentlemen today. As soon as I wake up, **Will Power** helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see **John**, then **Charlie Horse** comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, **Arthur Ritis** shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with **Ben Gay**.*

One of our greatest historical resources for Ashland and the surrounding communities was Betty PLANK who recently died in 2016 at the age of 93. She had written three books on "Historic Ashland County" and for many years wrote a weekly article in the Ashland Times Gazette. Every article she wrote, either in her books or in the weekly articles, provided us with a look back to earlier days of Ashland County.

*The following is an abstract of an article from her book "Historic Ashland County II, Ashland, Ohio" published in 1995. The actual article covers pages 86 through 90 in the book.*

### OHIO'S LAST PUBLIC HANGING 1884 IN ASHLAND OHIO

Before dawn on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1883 Tom McAVOY ran up and down the streets of Polk shouting, for lying dead on Congress Street was, Harry WILLIAMS, foreman of the Polk lumber mill. He had been slain with an ax. Tom McAVOY was the brother-in-law of the victim, and claimed that he saw George HORN murder Harry WILLIAMS.

At this point the men of the village set out to take the law in their own hands. They found an ax under a haystack in HORN's barn. They pulled him from his bed and when they found blood on his shirt., HORN protested, claiming that he always got a nosebleed when he was drinking.

Will GRIBBEN, HORN's best friend, and witnessed as an accomplice, was taken from his house that dawn. Although he had struck no blow, he had been with HORN.

Mayor Henry WICKS managed to get HORN and GRIBBEN locked in the calaboose, and County Sheriff Isaac GATES finally arrived to take charge of the prisoners.

By Tuesday, the news had spread throughout the county. Alexander F. SMALLEY wrote in his diary, "A most horrible murder was committed in Polk Sunday morning. Geo. HORN assisted by Bill GRIBBEN killed a man named WILLIAMS. They are both in jail and will positively be hung."

George HORN and William GRIBBEN were to remain in the Ashland County jail for more than a year. Each was tried separately. The HORN trial began on Oct. 10 and lasted 18 days. Making up the jury were Dillman SWITZER, Jackson SNYDER, Anthony SIGLER, George STONE, Ebenezer SHRIVER, G. A. JOHNSON, Jacob SHAMBAUGH, Reuben LANDIS, Samuel CULLER, Jacob WELTMORE, J. F. KILAVER and David BAKER.

Through courtroom testimony the following story evolved. The afternoon before the murder, McAVOY, WILLIAMS, HORN, and GRIBBEN went to West Salem to pick up their weekly pay. All four lingered that evening in West Salem's saloons. Only WILLIAMS was said to be drunk. During the evening, WILLIAMS and GRIBBEN argued. Around midnight, all four men were seen at the West Salem depot. HORN and GRIBBEN hopped a freight train back to Polk; WILLIAMS, and McAVOY walked, with WILLIAMS staggering.

McAVOY said he and WILLIAMS arrived in Polk around 3 a.m. As they walked south from the depot, they saw HORN and GRIBBEN walking towards them. He stated that he and WILLIAMS started to run down Congress Street. HORN is said to have had a large stone which he threw just at that moment Harry WILLIAMS turned around. The stone struck him, breaking his jaw and knocking him down. It was then,

McAVOY said, that HORN split WILLIAMS' head with three blows from an axe.

Even with overwhelming evidence, George HORN appeared confident of acquittal. He claimed that they were innocent and someone had set them up. The defense attorney, Charles J. KENNY told the jury, "I had only talked with my client 10 minutes and I was convinced of his innocence." The only people who could testify as to HORN's innocence were his parents who insisted that he had been in bed asleep at the time of the murder. Many villagers, however, testified that they had heard HORN threaten to kill WILLIAMS and that they had seen HORN and GRIBBEN on dark streets of Polk early that Easter Sunday."

During the trial, Judge Jabaz DICKEY ordered the body of Harry WILLIAMS exhumed from the Polk graveyard. The head was cut off, the battered skull of WILLIAMS was passed among the jurors. A fracture was seen to extend to the base of the skull. Such an injury, the court physician testified, would cause "immediate death". On Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1883, DICKEY retired the jury. Within two minutes of the courthouse bell being tolled the courthouse was jammed with people from the porch to the top of the galleries. CULLER, jury foreman, pronounced HORN guilty of murder in the first degree.

GRIBBEN's was tried the following January. He insisted he had never harmed Harry WILLIAMS. In 1884 it was enough that he had been present at the murder, giving aid to the murderer and preventing the escape of the victim. The jury was made up of Joseph SHEETS, John CLINE, George WOLF, Harry A. JOHNSON, Benjamin FRAUNFELTER, Conrad REASER, Abraham NUSSBAUM, John C. WOLK, F.M. BARTON, John E. COVERT, Ithamar COVERT and D.F.A. DeVINNEY. They deliberated for nine days and GRIBBEN was found guilty. Both HORN and GRIBBEN were sentenced to be hanged on Friday, May 16, 1884.

Alexander SMALLEY made the following notation in his diary Saturday, Feb. 1, 1884. "Anna and I left baby Fern over at Pa's and were off for Ashland by sunrise. Court room over half full when we got there. Tremendous crowd in a little while. Mr. GSCHWIN (who assisted Judge KENNY) made a post powerful speech in favor of GRIBBEN for a new trial. Occupied over three hours. But to no purpose. About 3 p.m. the judge over-ruled the motion and read GRIBBEN's death sentence. Twas a very sad picture to see a young man in the prime of life stand up and hear that awful sentence. He bore up pretty well."

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*Ohio's Last Public Hanging (continued from page 8)*

Sheriff Isaac GATES and his wife Susan NEWCOMER GATES lived on the upper floor of the jail as was the custom at the time and Mrs. GATES served the cooking for the prisoners and each felt pity for the men.

Each man, during the final days of his life, wrote a letter to Mrs. GATES. George HORN wrote, "Dear Mother GATES, This is one of the hardest things I ever had to do in my life, but I could not leave you without saying something to you. I am sorry to leave you but it cannot be helped and mother, if there ever was a woman I worshipped, it is Mother GATES. I hope we will meet in Heaven."

William GRIBBEN's letter follows: "Dear Mother, In remembrance of the kindness you have shown to me and mine, I feel it my duty to write you a few lines to show that I respect you enough to write to you. I can never repay you myself, God surely will do it for me. I only go on a few days before, and I will be looking for you. Mother, it is very hard to leave my wife and baby, but I think like this. They will meet me soon. But this will make you feel worse so mother, I will bid you good-bye and good-bye. God bless you. I remain your friend both in life and death."

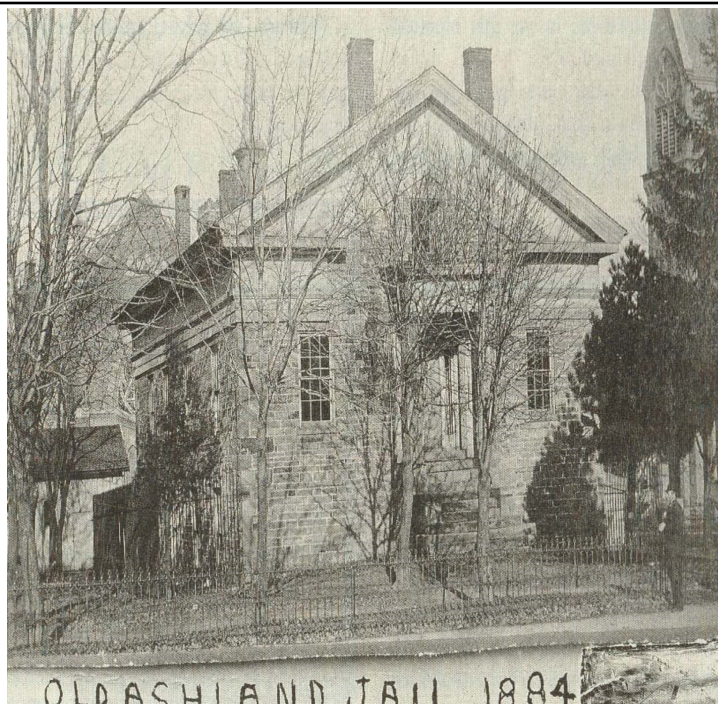
The coffins, made of rosewood and "nicely trimmed" had white satin lining with silver plated ornaments and handles. and were provided by local undertakers WALLACK and FRAZEE.

Because of riots that had taken place at hangings in other counties, precautions had to be taken to provide additional law enforcement officers. At least 350 men of the Ohio Militia were on hand. They came from Polk, Wadsworth, Akron, Wooster, Youngstown, East Palestine, and Beach .

On the morning of May 16, 1884, the yard between the Ashland County Courthouse and the jail had been enclosed by an 18-foot fence. Inside the enclosure, hidden from public view, was built a wooden scaffold. Above the trapdoors was a beam from which dangled two ropes, rubbed and smoothed with pumice. Near the platform were three rows of benches reserved for those citizens who had been issued "invitations" to sit on these benches as assistants to the execution.

By law, only the sheriff and his associates, a clergyman, and others as the prisoner my delegate, not to exceed six, would be allowed to view the hanging. Because the sheriff had so many requests, he "bent the law" a little.

By 7 a.m. all was chaos. Men had been clamoring all night for positions on tree branches and rooftops. By 8 a.m. nearly 6,000 people had gathered. A throng of shouting people pushed near the enclosure, trying to break it down to see the hanging. The militia stood ready, their guns loaded. The mob swore,



threw stones, and spit at the soldiers, but the militia stood firm.

At exactly 9 a.m. HORN and GRIBBEN walked quickly up the steps to the platform, accompanied by GATES and several deputies, and a minister. They stood over the trapdoors while GATES put the smooth ropes over their heads.

The minister started talking in a low voice. The shouts of the mob grew louder, and then some men started to scale the high fence. The militia was in disarray. The woodhouse behind the jail was set ablaze. Sheriff GATES, without waiting for the minister to finish, pulled the lever, and HORN and GRIBBEN dropped six feet, their bodies swaying just three feet above the ground. An Ashland doctor checked the pulse of each man every few seconds. Twelve minutes later he assured the sheriff that both were dead.

GATES and his deputies cut loose the bodies and rushed them into the jail where later that morning they were put on exhibition and viewed by an immense crowd.

That afternoon the enclosure and the scaffold were dismantled. Board by board, they were packed up and sent by train to the city of St. Louis, which had purchased them.

A crowd estimated at 250 people attended the funeral May 22 in Polk and 100 carriages followed the bodies to the cemetery. Guards stood at the tomb day and night for two weeks to prevent any more trouble.

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*George Andrew HORN and William Henry GRIBBEN were executed outside the Ashland County Jail on May 16, 1884. Newspapers from as far away as North Dakota covered the hanging and was considered a spectacle for all to see with many taking souvenirs of the scaffolding and tickets that were given out to prominent citizens. It was reported "had the execution been an hour later there would have been bloodshed, for each moment the crowd grew bolder. Because of this hanging, Ohio Gov. George HOADLEY ruled that public hangings were no longer legal and would not be tolerated. All executions were to be held at the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus, Ohio. This would be the last public hanging in all of Ohio. (This event was also covered in the History of Ashland County, Ohio, Volume 1, By Abraham J. BAUGHMAN). Wm GRIBBEN is buried in Polk Cemetery.*

*Looking Back***“REUNIONS—In Times Past”***Looking Back***KOHLER REUNION - (Ashland, Ohio Press; Oct 7, 1903, Page 2, column 5)**

A PLEASANT REPAST - "The KOHLER family celebrated its nineteenth annual reunion Saturday, Sept. 26, at the home of J.W. KOHLER, six miles east of Mansfield. Nineteen years ago this reunion had its birth on the evergreen banks of Flemmings Falls, bounding the farm where they met for this year's festivities. The Site where we gathered this year is one of renown and of history, it being the old homestead of the KOHLER and BRUBAKER families, from whose union has sprung this noble tribe. Members of the said family can be found in every state of the union, however Richland, Ashland, and Morrow counties claim the largest number of them.

The gathering this year, it is believed, was the best in attendance and in spirit ever held. The pleasant and picturesque surroundings in the beautiful, rich valley of the Blackfork is typical of the blood and stamina of this great tribe. About 175 relatives participated in this rich repast. The day was an ideal

one, but its durations too limited to satisfy the social cravings - however, the laden table with its sweet meats was more than enough to satisfy our hunger.

Therefore, be it resolved: 1st. That we give thanks to Him who has kept us that we might enjoy the rich festivities of this day. 2nd. That we express our appreciation in this code of resolutions to J.W. KOHLER and family for their successful efforts in making this annual gathering one of the most enjoyable. 3rd. That we use every means possible to sustain this annual gathering and endeavor to make each successive one better in attendance and richer in sociability. 4rd. That we are proud of this noble family which we represent, and that so far as it is within us we shall always protect our lineage from fallen in the ranks, here we may be reunited in heaven.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Henry Irving KOHLER, Coshocton, O"

**GOOD REUNION - (Ashland, OH Press; Oct 15, 1902)**

On Saturday, Oct. 4, 1902, the GOOD reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil SWITER, on Fourth street, Ashland. A bountiful dinner was had, as the ladies all came with filled baskets. After a good time was had in the afternoon, the guests were next treated to watermelon, by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew SPONSLER. There are not very many such good days passing by. At a late hour the guests returned to their homes, wishing that they may all be permitted to meet many more times on such an occasion. Those present were: A.J. GOOD and family, of Nova; J.A. SOUDERS, wife and daughter, of Lattasburg; Edward HOLMES, wife and sisters, of West Salem; Mrs. H.A. JOHNSON, J.R. HEIFNER and family, Mrs. Amanda MASON and daughter, James HAMMAN, wife and sons, John WEAVER and wife, and Andrew SPONSLER and wife, of Ashland.

**GOOD REUNION - (Ashland, OH Press; Oct 7, 1908)**

The GOOD reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos GOOD on the Orange road near this city Saturday. "A number of the member's of the family were in attendance. The main feature of the day was the dinner which was 'Good' in every respect. During the day a dress pattern was presented to Mrs. Amos GOOD by Mrs. JONES. Rev. JONES, of Nova, presented the gift in a few well chosen words.

"The next reunion will be held at the home of J. R. HEIFNER, near the Crouse school house, the first Saturday in October 1909. Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. GOOD, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. LEBKISHNER and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. GOOD and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. HEIFNER and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew SPONSLER, Mr. and Mrs. Bia HEIFNER and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil SWITZER and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira SWITZER and daughter, Mrs. Ed HOLMES and children, Rev. JONES and wife of Nova, Mr. and Mrs. Marion WOLF, and son, of Galion, Mr. and Mrs. Byron WOLF, Mr. and Mrs. John WEAVER, Mr. and Mrs. Ed KESNER and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McMURRAY and children, Purley HEIFNER, and Miss Lucinda KEISTER."

**GOOD FAMILY REUNION HELD AT TRAUDER HOME GOOD - (Ashland OH Press; Oct 14, 1914)**

Descendants of George S. GOOD to the number of sixty-five met for their annual reunion at the home of Mrs. Amanda TRAUDER, on East Fourth street, last Saturday. The day was spent in informal visiting and a bountiful dinner was served from the baskets which each family brought. Those who were present from outside of Ashland were: Marion WOLF and two sons, of Galion; Mr. and Mrs. Robert CAMPBELL and family, Mr. and Mrs. James LEBKISHER, Mr. and Mrs. E.D. GOOD and daughter, of near Nova; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey WOODS and son, of Dickey; Mr. and Mrs. Joe SOUDERS, of Red Haw; Mr. and Mrs. Ed KESTLER, and Mrs. Grace PRUNER and children, of west of this city; Mrs. Ed HOLMES and family and Mrs. Tom STENTZ and family, of Nankin."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER MEMBERS

On the last membership renewal notice we added a block to find if you might be interested in receiving your Quarterly Pastfinder Newsletter as a pdf digital copy. Nothing has been decided yet, but we are considering offering digital copies to our members in lieu of the mailed copy. This would be entirely optional. To move forward in that direction, we need to make sure we have the most current email address for you.

Using the E-Chronicle publication (mentioned on page 12) as our guide, we have sent out a global mailing to all members who have an e-mail on record. We will be sending out another publication at the beginning of February.

**If you do not receive either edition**, that means we do not have a valid e-mail address for you.

Please contact our Treasurer, Pat DEANNE  
at [accogstreas@gmail.com](mailto:accogstreas@gmail.com) to  
**UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

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### FAMILY REUNIONS

If you are planning a family reunion for later this year and would like to mention it in the newsletter, please let us know. We'd be happy to post it.

### HOW VALUABLE ARE DEATH RECORDS

Death records are possibly one of the least reliable vital record that you can use to research your ancestors. Don't get me wrong, we use this valuable tool to help get back to the next generation and it truly is a valuable source. But realize that the person that would have the most accurate information IS the deceased. Many times the informant is distraught and unable to remember the facts at that time. Therefore, every bit of information recorded (except, *maybe*, the date and time of death) is subject to errors. Make sure you are aware of the relationship between the deceased and the informant. The record is only as reliable as the informant's knowledge of the deceased. (I have seen when children did not even know their grandparents names or where their parents were born).

### GENEALOGISTS LAUGHTER

- ◆ Blessed are the Elderly for they remember what we never knew.
- ◆ Do I need a Genealogical Search Warrant to see the records?
- ◆ I finally got it all together. Now where did I put it?

## DID YOU KNOW ???

**THAT** - The Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois is in the process of receiving a collection of 2.5 million Postcards. *The Curt Teich Postcard Archives Collection* is widely regarded as the largest public collection of postcards and related materials in the United States. The Curt Teich Company, located in Chicago, Illinois from 1898 to 1978 is regarded as the world's largest printer of view and advertising postcards. This collection of over 360,000 images related to more than 10,000 towns and cities in the U.S., Canada, and 115 other countries. The collection, includes local and family history, travel and exploration, Chicago and the Midwest, and the history of printing, publishing, and typography. It may take several months to properly record the data for electronic viewing. Check their website for more detail.

[www.newberry.org/newberry-acquires-world-famous-collection-25-million-postcards](http://www.newberry.org/newberry-acquires-world-famous-collection-25-million-postcards)

**THAT** - There is a website on The USGenWebProject site that gives over 600 abbreviations found in genealogy with their definition. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html)

**THAT** - Found an interesting site to search surnames, giving a distribution map of the surname across countries and regions. (It will NOT help you find your ancestor, but it does give a nice overview of where those in the US and world carry that name. <http://locatemyname.com/>

**THAT** - Our Chapter now has a monthly e-publication. It was sent out in January to all members who have provided an e-mail address with their membership or renewal. If you want to be on the mailing list and did NOT get an e-mail in January, contact us with your current e-mail address and we will update the information for our future monthly publications. ([accogstreas@gmail.com](mailto:accogstreas@gmail.com))

Our out-of-State Ashland County Chapter members can still support the chapter by submitting articles involving your Ashland County ancestors. This is a good way to connect to others that might be researching the same names.



## ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS

### Ashland County Chapter OGS is now using an E-Chronicle.



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- ◆ This is a monthly e-mail publication designed to notify you of upcoming program schedules and changes to our meetings and/or locations.
- ◆ It is the hope that this will engage and educate the membership of our chapter who have a desire to learn more about genealogy and how to research their own family's history.
- ◆ If you did not get your January copy, it is possible that we do not have your current e-mail address. Please contact our Treasurer, Pat DEANNE (accogstreas@gmail.com) to update your e-mail address.

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Chapter is looking for volunteers who are willing to spend some time in the Chapter Library to assist others who might need help during their visit to the library. See the back page of the newsletter for dates and times that we try to staff the library. You need not be an expert in the library or genealogy to help.

This is a great way for you to learn about the resources we have in the library, while helping others. Benefits to volunteering are learning what's available for your own research while helping those visiting the library.

Please contact our Librarian, Karen HISSONG, at [midnightflyer3@frontier.com](mailto:midnightflyer3@frontier.com)

### DO YOU WISH TO APPLY TO A LINEAGE SOCIETY?

Those interested in applying to one of the Lineage Societies should complete the application by **August 31, 2017**. Application forms are available at the Ashland County Genealogical Society in the Ashland Public Library or at the Ashland County Genealogical Society website. Applicants need not be members of the ACCOGS to apply. There is, however, a \$15 application fee for any applicant. If you have any questions or need help, please contact our Lineage Chairperson who is Marleen APPLGATE (mragealogy@gmail.com).

<http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/lineagesocieties.html>

### Requirement for induction into one of the Lineage Societies is as follows:

- ◆ **First Families of Ashland County**  
Proving the applicant's ancestors were living in Ashland County prior to 1850, and there is a direct lineage from the ancestor to the applicant.
- ◆ **Settlers and Builders of Ashland County**  
The pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between Jan 1851 and Dec 31, 1870. Again, there must be a direct line from ancestor to the applicant.
- ◆ **Century Families of Ashland County**  
The pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between January 1871 and December 31 one hundred years prior to application year. There must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.

### Get ready to join the adventure of Genealogy Gone Wild!



The official OGS Conference website is gearing up for the 2017 OGS Annual Conference to be held at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio on April 26-29, 2017. Check their website often for updates. Remember the workshops always fill up fast, so check the site and make your arrangements early.

[ogsconference.org/](http://ogsconference.org/)

“When we die, we become “stories” in the minds of others.”

### ***33rd Annual Ashland County Chapter, OGS Lineage Societies Banquet***

Our latest Lineage Societies Banquet was held last November to honor the pioneers of Ashland County, Ohio and the induction of our newest member into the First Families of Ashland County and the swearing in of our 2017 Chapter Officers.

After a delicious dinner, Marleen APPEGATE introduced our newest member of the First Families of Ashland County, Peggy KOHLER, who received her certificate and Lineage Society Pin, naming her pioneers Peter KANE, 1823 Jackson Twp.; Ann McMILLIN, 1840 Jackson Twp.; and Mary KANE, 1840 Jackson Twp. After the installation of the 2017 officers by OGS Trustee, Dr. Deborah ABBOT, Dr. ABBOT proceeded to introduce the audience to her program "An American Icon: Bob HOPE" who was an Ohio native.



Peggy KANE KOHLER, newest member of the First Families Lineage Society of Ashland County Chapter, OGS



### **VOLUNTEERS - The backbone of a Genealogical Society**

A Year-end Program wouldn't be complete without honoring our valuable Volunteers who donate their time and efforts in a variety of ways to help ensure that our local chapter continues to provide the services and resources that our members expect. There are other volunteers who are not represented here, but you all work for the common goal of an excellent OGS Chapter!



Chapter volunteers shown above are :Virginia FEIBER, Deanna APPEGATE, Terry HAUN, Beth BURNS, Shirley BOYD, Patricia DEANE, Brian HARTZELL, and Marleen APPEGATE

**UPCOMING 2017 ACCOGS PROGRAMS:**

(Members and Visitors are welcome to all meetings)

**NOTE:** For 2017, our January and February meetings will be held at Ashland's **Christ United Methodist Church**, as well as the November Lineage Society Banquet. All other meetings will be held at the Ashland Public Library, except our July picnic. No December meeting.

- 24 JAN: "**Genealogy Kickstart for Beginners**" with Tom NEEL
- 21 FEB: "**Overcoming Personal Brickwalls**" (5-minute presentations by chapter members about their personal brickwall challenges)
- 21 MAR: "**Following Every Clue**" by Ernest THODE
- 18 APR: "**He Used To Be My Ancestor: Avoiding Seven Common Research Mistakes**" by Chris STAATS
- 16 MAY: "**The Art of Death in the Big Easy**" by Kara MORROW
- 20 JUN: "**Finding Family Histories Online**" by Russ POLLITT
- 18 JUL: **Chapter Picnic/Potluck** –"The Old Log Cabin" at Keith & Linda METCALF home.
- 15 AUG: "**The National Highway: A Ride Through Time**" by Sylvia D. MILLER
- 19 SEP: "**Understanding Your DNA Test Results**" by Debra NOWELL
- 17 OCT: "**Haunted Ohio: Witches, Warlocks & Ghosts**" by Mary Milne JAMBA (Using genealogical research to illuminate the true stories behind urban legends in Ohio.
- 7 NOV: **Lineage Society Banquet** "Boots on the Ground, Genealogy Adventures with Miss Peggy" by Peggy CLEMENS LAURITZEN
- DEC: NO MEETING

**OTHER 2017 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

- Jan 22-27: Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)**  
Week-long genealogy training (intermediate and advanced course). Hosted by the Utah Genealogical Assn. 9:00 am MDT. Details at [slig.ugagenealogy.org](http://slig.ugagenealogy.org).
- Feb 8-11: Roots Tech** Held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, UT with over 200 learning sessions on many genealogy interests and all levels of experience, plus Expo Hall where you can try out the many gadgets. Find out what's new and what's not.  
[www.rootstech.org/rootstech-2017](http://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-2017)
- Feb 28-Mar 2: 3-day Research Trip to Allen County Public Library.** Organized by GenealPursuits with pickups at Mentor, Brookpark, or Bellville, Ohio. See their website for more information and rates or call Cynthia at (440) 951-0914.  
<https://genealpursuits.com/tours/>
- Apr 22: Ohio Chapter Palatine's of America** presents "Beyond the Obvious German Genealogy" at the Columbus Metro Library. [www.oh-palam.org](http://www.oh-palam.org)
- Apr 26-29: Ohio Genealogical Society, 2017 OGS Conference "Genealogy Gone Wild"** held at Kalahari Resort & Convention Ctr. in Sandusky, Ohio check the [www.ogsconference.org](http://www.ogsconference.org) website for more information.
- May 10-13: National Genealogy Society (NGS) 2017 Conference "Family History Lives Here"** held in Raleigh, NC. Presented by NGS and North Carolina Genealogical Society. See website for more information and to register. [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- Aug 30-Sep 2: Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) 2017 National Conference** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania "Building Bridges to the Past" <http://fgs.org/index.php>
- Oct 7: 2017 ACGSI of Indiana Fall Seminar** at the Allen Co Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN. with CeCe MOORE, (genetic genealogy consultant for the PBS television series Finding Your Roots) More info to follow.

The Pastfinder is the quarterly newsletter of the Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and is issued four times a year. The Newsletter is for you, the members. Please submit articles of interest with name of the newspaper, date, and page number. (We always want to see our sources.) Also, your name as contributor is requested. We look forward to hearing from you.

Feel free to submit any suggestions for input to: Pastfinder Editor, Terry HAUN ([AshOGSeditor@gmail.com](mailto:AshOGSeditor@gmail.com)).

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Our Chapter website, <http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org>.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Ashland-County-Chapter-Ohio-Genealogical-Society-174530202738572/](https://www.facebook.com/Ashland-County-Chapter-Ohio-Genealogical-Society-174530202738572/)

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## Ashland County Chapter of the OGS Lineage Societies

(First Families, Settlers & Builders,  
and Century Families)

Ashland County Lineage Society applications can be printed out from our web site. Go to the ASHLAND CHAPTER link of our website. **August 31 is the yearly deadline for induction.**

Marleen APPLGATE, Lineage Chairman

### ◆ First Families of Ashland County

(FFOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County prior to 1850.

### ◆ Settler's & Builders Of Ashland Co, OH

(SBOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between January 1851 and December 31, 1870.

◆ Century Families (CFOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between January 1871 and December 31 one hundred years prior to application year.

### Newsletter Mailing

Terry HAUN / Holly TAYLOR

## Chapter Membership

Ashland Chapter OGS Membership

\$5-Student; \$15.00-Single;

\$20.00-Family (one address)

Life—\$150.00 (S) or \$225.00 (F)

Send to **Patricia J. DEANE, Treasurer**

1717 State Route 511, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Membership year is January -December

**Applications can be found at our website**

## Chapter Meetings

The Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meets the **third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm** in the lower level meeting room of the Ashland Public Library, 224 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio. Program at 6:30 pm (approx. 1 hour); Chapter business meeting immediately follows. Chapter meets at the Library location all months except July (annual Picnic), November (Lineage Banquet held by reservations only), and no meeting in December. Meeting will be cancelled if schools are closed due to inclement weather. All meetings are free and open to public.

## Library Volunteers

(Volunteers available to help you with research in the library at these times)  
(Karen HISSONG, Volunteer Coordinator)

- \* 1st Tues of month 7-9 pm
- \* 2nd Thurs of month 1-3 pm
- \* 3rd Tues of month 5-6 pm  
(before chapter meeting)
- \* 3rd Sat of month 10-noon
- \* 4th Thurs of month 1-3 pm

### \* JANUARY

3 (Tues) = 7-9  
12 (Thurs) = 1-3  
17 (Tues) = 5-6  
21 (Sat) = 10-noon  
26 (Thurs) = 1-3

### \* MARCH

7 (Tues) = 7-9  
9 (Thurs) = 1-3  
18 (Sat) = 10-noon  
21 (Tues) = 5-6  
23 (Thurs) = 1-3

### \* FEBRUARY

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18 (Sat) = 10-noon  
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23 (Thurs) = 1-3

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