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ASHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 166 YEARS IN THE MAKING



Aerial view of Fairground—1970

Ashland recently hosted the 166th Ashland County Fair which ran for seven days. The Fair generates different interests for everyone. For some it is amusement rides, concessions, entertainment; for others it is the farm animals, the agriculture or craft exhibits, and for others the races and tractor pulls. There is probably something of interest for everyone and that hasn't changed for the one hundred and sixty-six years of the Fair.

Today the Fairgrounds is located at Claremont Avenue and Baney Road in Ashland, but it wasn't always held at this location. In 1851 Hayesville claimed the first location for an Ashland County Fair. Virginia PATTERSON stated in her 1976 book, "Early History of Hayesville and Vermillion Township," that the fair was on land just west of the Vermillion Institute and east of Big Alley, now known as Cottage Street. In 1930 Thomas HARVEY, an elderly resident of the area, born in 1842, told her he remembered attending that first fair as a boy of 9. He said a person could buy a piece of gingerbread for a penny and a glass of cider for 2 cents. There was a small track and the principle attraction was seeing Eliza STRINGER ride his pet pig around it.

It is not known how long Hayesville had these fairs. The "Ohio Agricultural Report: 1859" stated, "Ashland County held its eighth annual county fair on Oct. 12, 13, and 14, 1859". An Ashland map dated 1861 shows land identified as "Ashland County Fair Ground" located on the east side of Orange Street in the vicinity of the intersection with Fourth street (which dead ended at Orange at that time). However, it is not known if this land was ever utilized.

A comment from Betty PLANK in 2007 would indicate land was purchased near Ohio 60 north near the home of Jean GOSSETT around 1860 and Virginia PATTERSON said evidence shows fairs were there as late as 1882. (Nothing more is found on this information, but Jean lived in the Hayesville vicinity).

Beginning in 1883, fairs were held in the northwest part of Ashland with an entrance off Sandusky Street at Wick and Vine Streets. An 1883 item in the Ashland Press states that the fairgrounds in GREINER's woods opened and that a double balloon ascension by the WILLIAMS brothers was the highlight of the day.

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Ashland Co Fairgrounds - (from previous page)

Pleasant Street was originally called Greiner's Lane as the GREINER family owned much of the land in that area. The Fair continued to be held at this location until 1904.

Harness Racing, an integral part of Ashland County Fairs, took on greater importance at the fairgrounds in 1892 when W.G. WIEST and William PRIEST of Polk leased the track and built a stable measuring 120 by 38 feet and contained 20 stalls. A trainer from Lexington, Kentucky was hired to take charge and train the horses. Unfortunately, sometime around the turn of the century, the stable barn burned down.

It was noted that in 1899 there were also bicycle races held at the fair. Frank BEER won a \$25 suite as first prize with a time of 31 minutes, 31.5 seconds for the 10 miles, just ahead of Harry KAUFFMAN, who was given a \$9 pair of pants.

At the annual meeting in 1904, the Fair Board voted to discontinue the fair and the land at Sandusky and Vine Streets



Fair Grounds (old race track is barely visible in the lower left hand corner).



Ida & Mary Esther ESHELMAN (ca 1912)



was divided into lots and sold. Community and street fairs would have to continue the Fair tradition for several years.

Fair Historian, Frank "Telak" TELAKOWICZ mentioned that in 1923 there were several fairs in the area. There was a North Ashland County Agricultural Fair in Nova Sept. 20, Loudonville Free Fair Sept. 26, Ashland County Fair Oct. 8 and Central Ashland County Free Fair in Hayesville Oct. 11.

In 1923 the present site for the fairgrounds on the corner of Baney Road and Claremont Avenue was established, located on land owned by Cleveland Jay LATTER. Frank TELAKOWICZ, also wrote that C.J. LATTER (who had bought the 115-acre farm from Edward BEER in Dec. 1913) sold portions of his 115-acre farm to 40 stockholders, formed the Ashland Fair and Race Company and operated a fair on this site. The Sep. 12, 1941 edition of the ATG reported that Harry STRODTBECK and John PHILLIPS had laid out and graded that original track, others cleared the land of trees and stumps, and built the 1,000-seat grandstand for harness racing. Sarah KEARNS mentions in her recent ATG article that "Admission to the 1923 fair, which ran Oct. 8-10 was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, with civil war veterans given free admission". The Fair mostly consisted of harness racing and a merry-go-round that first year.

The 1924 fair had Governor Vic DANAHEY and Secretary of Agriculture Charles TRUAX participating in the opening ceremonies with C.J. LATTER as president of the Ashland Racing Company and H.B. ROPP as Secretary.

Phyllis HILLER, daughter of C.J. LATTER, recalled a story from that 1924 fair. "She was 8 years old at the time and she remembered he would pop corn in the house and then sell it to the crowd during the races".

The 1925 fair opened Sep 22 for three days with a new 1,000 seat grandstand and bleachers, including loudspeakers. The race program had the largest field of horses booked at that time and ended with a Grand Finale of a fireworks show.

The 1926 and 1927 fairs continued to grow by adding Draft horses and a Draft horse barn in 1926. The 1927 Fair would be the last year for the Independent Ashland Fair and Race Company Fair. The officers of the society were C.J. LATTER, president; M.T. SHARP, vice president; C.P. GONGWER, secretary; O.D. FIRESTONE, treasurer; and Rodgers ROBERTS, marshal. Directors of the fair were David REED, H.B. VANOSDALL, M.T. SHARP, F.E. SHANK, G.M. HINER, T. R. PLANK and Lloyd CALHOUN.

By 1928, after the purchase of additional land, the new Ashland County Agricultural Society, billed it as the first annual Ashland County Fair, with Mr. LATTER as president; Dr. H.B. ROPP, secretary; and J. Freer BITTINGER, as fair secretary. The newly organized society held its four-day County fair from Sep 18-21.

The 1929 fair was held Sept. 17-20 with more barns built and additional tents erected for exhibits, along with adding a Ferris wheel and several children's rides. It was reported that 10,000 people attended over that four-day period.

There seems to be no records of the County Fair being held from 1930 to 1933. Phyllis HILLER recalled a polio scare in 1929, therefore the ensuing years were cancelled.

In March of 1934, the Ashland County Agricultural Society deeded 30 acres to the County Commissioners. From this point on, the county commissioners owned the fairgrounds and the Ashland County Agricultural Society operated the County Fair. Mr. LATTER continued to serve as a director on the fair board until 1952. He died in 1974.

According to Frank TELAKOWICZ, John Lincoln SMITH, a fair board member, wanted "an enclosed arena to show off his Percheron draft horses". Either in 1934 or fall of 1935 (depending on the source) construction began on a large exhibition building that could hold about 2,000 people and be used year round, including the County Fair. The federal government allocated \$6,880 for the (continued on page 51)

Ashland Co Fairgrounds - (from page 50)



1936-1939, Ashland County Fairgrounds Coliseum - from Ohio History Connection)

project, and the local community would contribute the rest. The building was placed on the former site of a large barn owned by C.J. LATTER that had been destroyed a few years earlier by a tornado on Jan.18, 1929.

Contractor Don D. HOOTMAN of Polk was the foreman for the Coliseum project. (He would later be involved in the construction of several other buildings on the fairgrounds, including the new grandstand and several of the horse barns.) Wood for the project was donated by local farmers and hauled by Robert & John DINSMORE, Laurence RUSSELL was the architect and M.P. LICHTENWALTER the structural engineer. The completed building was 141 by 200 feet, with an arena 80 by 200 feet. The Coliseum ended up with a completion cost of \$20,000 and, except for the funds from the government, the rest was provided entirely by the county commissioners, WPA funds, and local subscription. At the time of its completion it was the second largest coliseum in Ohio.

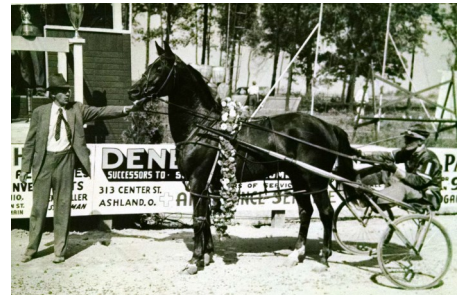
The Coliseum dedication was held at the fairgrounds on Jun 26-27, 1936 during a two-day horse show sponsored by the Ashland Riding Club. Exhibitors from around the state brought 78 horses to compete in 18 classes for \$550 in cash prizes as well as silver trophies and ribbons. Ashland competitors included Mary MILLER, P.C. FRITZINGER, Joe BROWN, and BURRIS and his son. The local newspaper mentioned that the crowd was especially pleased when Judge Samuel L. HAYNES of Cincinnati awarded blue ribbons in two classes to the chestnut mare Sweet Seniorita, owned by Mary MILLER. Another treat was a special exhibition of Peter-At-Law, the champion Standardbred owned by Clifton P. GONGWER and David REED. It's been said that this horse put Ashland on the map as far as horse racing and "brought the money" to Ashland.

In 1939 a new track was laid out and the current grandstand was finished at a cost of \$10,948.17. The Public Works Administration (PWA) footed forty-five percent of the construction cost. The new grandstand was 133 feet by 52 feet wide by 31 feet high, and designed to seat 2,000 people. It was built at a slight angle to the homestretch so that spectators would not have to crane their necks to see the exciting finishes. (The old grandstand, which was built in the 1920's, was remodeled for horticulture displays and the old race track became a parking lot.) The 1939 Fair was touted as "bigger and better than ever...new buildings, a new race track, a new grandstand,..." The Times-Gazette went on to say that even

the exhibits were larger and improved, as were the midway, including additional rides. John T. BROWN was the state director of agriculture at that time and gave the dedication speech for the new race track, grandstand, and exhibition buildings during the 1939 Fair. Judge H.E. CULBERTSON served as master of ceremonies and praised L.G. SHENBERGER, county engineer, who "built the track for less money than any track was every built".

Once again, Peter-At-Law was brought in for an exhibition race for the dedication.

Peter-At-Law raced against his own son, Peter-At-Last, in the older pacer's final race. The horse



Ashland's own Peter-At-Law

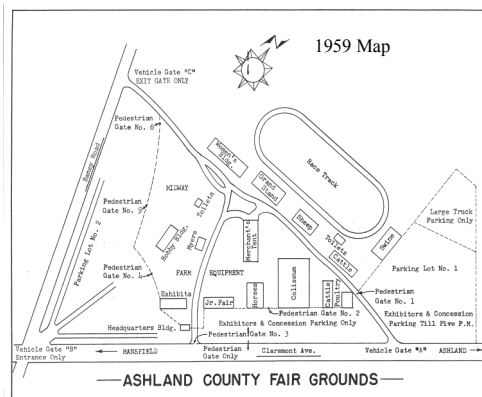
died in 1957 and is buried in the west end of the Fairgrounds.

During the 1940's the fairgrounds grew from 38 acres to 62 acres. And for the next several years new barns were built, new rides were introduced, and new races brought in, including stock car races. In 1980 the fair board purchased land across from the fairgrounds on Baney Road for an additional 8 acres of parking.

Some of the Fair Presidents over the years were Bill FULMER, Richard HAWLEY, Donald KAESER, Robert REIDENBAH, and Marty WESNER as the current one.

Over the years many well-known people have entertained at the County Fair. Just to name a few, we have: Spike JONES and the City Slickers performed in 1949; Ted MACK's Amateur Hour was here in 1952; Homer and Jethro appeared in 1956; Captain Penny, in 1958; Red FOLEY and Frankie AVALON entertained in 1959; Tex RITTER performed in 1966; Minnie PEARL and Hank WILLIAMS, Jr in 1967, and the list goes on and on (See the Ashland Times Gazette article from Aug 30, 2001 for a more complete list).

Many of our local residents have fond memories of the Fair over the years. In 2001 (during the 150th Ashland County Fair sesquicentennial celebration), the August 30 special edition of the Ashland Times Gazette included many of these memories. Today, residents are still making memories during the current fairs and, hopefully, will record them for future generations. Contributed By Terry HAUN



(See page 52 for Sources)

FAMILYSEARCH SCANS ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO PROBATE COURT DOCUMENTS

Although our volunteers have been unfolding these packets for several weeks now, they gathered at the County Office Building, Room 102 on August 28 of this year to share with county officials and the Ashland Times Gazette what the project is all about and the value of it to the community. The goal is to preserve the Probate Court records from further deterioration and to provide these documents in a digital format for others to view online through FamilySearch. The all-volunteer project is a collaboration among FamilySearch, the Ashland Genealogical Society, as well as its parent organization The Ohio Genealogical Society, and the local community. The records being digitalized are from the formation of the county in 1846 through 1935 and include estates, guardianships, trusts, wills, etc.

Barb QUEER, one of our Chapter volunteers, stated “The more people go through (the documents), the more they deteriorate and this is old paper.” Because these documents are over 150 years old they are continually being damaged. Some of those packets are now empty; sometimes due to being misfiled or sometimes due to theft as well as the result of age and effects of being handled by people. It is felt that when these court records are digitized they will be preserved and available for all future generations to view..... And the originals will be protected.

Marlene APPLGATE, chairman of First Families of Ashland County, member of Ashland Genealogical Society and third vice president of the Ohio Genealogical Society, is in charge of the unfolding of these documents and her volunteers. Some come on a regular basis and some can only volunteer occasionally. Marleen has stated that there are several regular volunteers which include Cynthia BECKER, Shirley BOYD, Connie ERICSON, Linda FULK, Terry HAUN, Peg KERR, Bobbie KERSCHNER, Becky PLANK, Pam REYNOLDS, and Barb QUEER. (Marleen is also a “regular” volunteer).

The volunteer process is to pickup a records packet, go through it, unfold and flatten the documents, make notes about who the packet belongs to, what kind of packet it is, list them by case number and year and then put them in a folder to be digitized. The FamilySearch subcontractor, Yolonda VAN DYNE, photographs each document and then waits for FamilySearch headquarters in Salt Lake City to confirm that a good copy was made. At this point the volunteers will refold them, return them to their original packets and file them back in the archives. Another related project in the future, will be to index the digital records that will be online at FamilySearch so they will be searchable.

FamilySearch has been working with various OGS chapters as they continue to strive to digitalize all Ohio Court House records. “FamilySearch, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, has been actively gathering, preserving and sharing genealogical records worldwide for more than 100 years. While the all-volunteer effort benefits the county through production of a digital copy of its records at no cost, it is the genealogy aspect — creating a link to the present from the past — that is foremost for FamilySearch.”

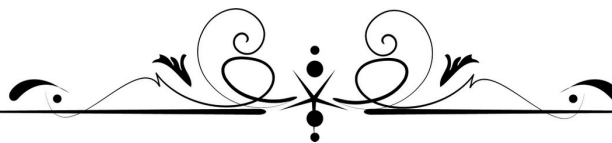
This is an exciting time for Ashland County. We are preserving an important part of our county history; and quite possibly important history for people further west. Remember, Ashland County was a stopping off point for many folks who later moved west and their early records are located here. There are possible descendants today in places as far west as California, Oregon, or Washington who will appreciate our efforts.

The Times Gazette has two online articles of that 28th day in August.

www.times-gazette.com/news/20170905/preserving-history--volunteers-helping-to-secure-ashland-county-records



Volunteers shown are Tom NEEL, Shirley BOYD, Becky PLANK, Brian HARTZELL, Barb QUEER, Cindy BECKER, Connie ERICKSON, and Bobbie KERSCHNER



Sources: Ashland County Fairgrounds (pages 49-51):

“Horse and Buggy Days” by Belle MANSFIELD WIEST
 “Early History of Hayesville & Vermillion Township” by Virginia PATTERSON
 “Ohio Agricultural Report: 1859”
 Sarah KEARNS website:
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 Ashland Times-Gazette, Sep 12, 1941

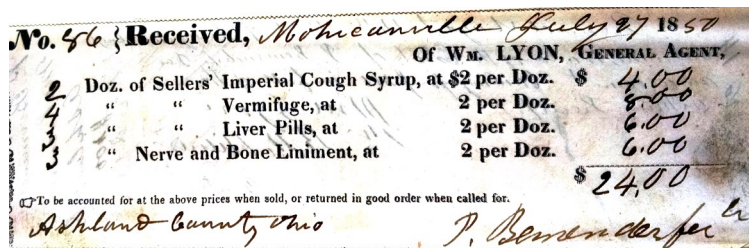
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 Ashland Times-Gazette: September 16, 2017, page A3
 Betty PLANK “Historic Ashland” article ATG, Oct 6, 2007
 Ashland Fairground Archives
 Picture-Coliseum: Ohio History Connection
 Picture-ESHELMAN sisters: Terry HAUN
 Pictures-Fairground & horse: Ashland Fairground Archives

Tidbits from the Court House

As our volunteers have been busily unfolding the court documents in preparation for the FamilySearch scanning, there have been many little golden nuggets found within their aged old folders. It will be interesting to note when paper clips, rubber bands, and staples are first seen in these packets. So far we see many documents sewn together (as you would sew fabric) or they used a sealing wax to connect the pages. In 1865 we start to see “brass fasteners” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brass_fastener). AND, every little piece of paper was used, some are very small with legal records of receipts or payments.

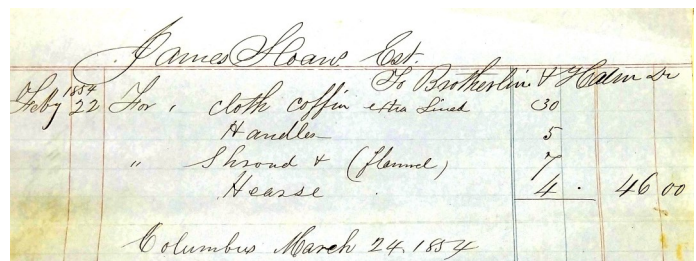
- ◇ A 1846 Vermillion Twp. Will for Joseph KREBIEL was found - - - written entirely in German.

- ◇ In the inventory of an administrative record in 1850 were the following listed items with the prices of that time period. (Cough Syrup, Vermifuge, Liver Pills and Nerve and Bone Liniment) (See Picture)

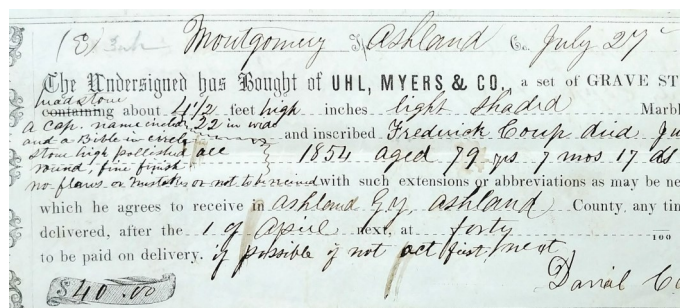


- ◇ Jabez KIRKWOOD, of Hanover Township recorded in his will signed and dated 25 May 1854, his books to various persons in the family (showing the value he placed on his books).

- ◇ 1854 Estate Records for James SLOAN shows a receipt dated February 22, 1854 for Cloth Coffin (extra lined)-\$30; Handles-\$5; Shroud (flannel)-\$7; and Hearse-\$4; total \$46.00 (See Picture)



- ◇ 1854 Montgomery Twp. Frederick COUP - receipt for his tombstone bought from UHL, MYERS & Co. for \$40.00 paid on delivery at “Ashland Grave Yard”. (See Picture)



GENEALOGISTS LAUGHTER

- ◆ Am I the only person in my tree?... seems like it.
- ◆ Old genealogists never die they just lose their census.
- ◆ Genealogy: Better than the best adventure game and just as frustrating

NEWSPAPERS HELP US FILL IN THE “DASH”



You've heard it said that when we see a tombstone with the birth and death date these are just numbers. It's the "dash" in the middle that tells the complete story of our ancestor. Newspapers help us fill in that "dash". Actually, they even help us with the beginning and ending dates also. Therefore, it would be safe to say that newspapers are an important research tool to uncovering the lives and fabric of our ancestors.

The key would be where do you find that article that tells the story? It could be in the obituary, which if we are lucky will give their parent's names, where and when they were born, when and where they married and to whom, and maybe list all their children, including those that have died previously. Usually, though, this is not the case. Some obituaries will only indicate "so and so died yesterday, an old pioneer of this town". Not what we are looking for.... However, we have something;! We take whatever we can get. That is what we Genealogists learn to work with...the small things. We may also find a family reunion mentioned, which will give us lots of family names to research to hopefully tie into the family, including a child's married name, or it may give us a snapshot story of the progenitor of the family. Or, we could find a birthday party mentioning age and birthdate. Another find in the newspapers are the legal news, including land transfers, probate proceedings, executors notices, etc. Many times we'll find in the news something we would have preferred not seeing; an altercation with the law, domestic violence, or worse. If you knew what occupation or profession your ancestor had, you might find an ad in a paper telling about the business or some dealings with people. You might want to search for weather conditions for a specific event. (I knew that one of the children of an ancestor had died in a tornado, so I searched the paper looking for information on that tornado. It ended up giving me details of the family tragedy, even though it never mentioned the child's name. I did learn lots of the aftermath of the storm and how the neighboring families worked together to deal with that event. You might even research a cause of death to understand more about what illness your ancestor had or how he/she died.

All of these finds give us clues where to go for the actual Primary Source that we're looking for to help built the picture of our ancestor and their lives and possibly links to the next

generation. But how do we find that "needle in the haystack"?

Thankfully, in today's world, there are a lot of newspapers online (and more being added every day). If you can't find it today then possibly next week, next month, next year it could be online. Another thing to keep in mind is that you may not have to find a newspaper from the exact town in question. Many of these stories are picked up by other towns nearby and carried. If the town or village is small, the information may end up in a larger town nearby. The bigger the event, the more likely it will be published in a larger town within a day or two of the original local newspaper. (My personal situation was an ancestor who celebrated her 108th birthday. This happened in Holmes County; however, the story was picked up in Mansfield, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh, PA, as well as many other locations).

There are several online newspapers that might help in your research. I will mention a few, but I know there are probably some that I am not aware of, plus new ones are always popping up online.

The Ancestor Hunt: *(free site):*

www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html.

This site is not a repository of newspapers but a listing of links to helpful sites for researching those newspapers, along with links to actual newspapers grouped by state. Once you enter a state link, it will take you to additional links which may direct you to one of the further mentioned sites or it may direct you to a specific library or state or county holding of obits, etc. This is sometimes a good place to start your research as it may show many different areas of research for a given locale.

Chronicling America: *(free site)*

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Chronicling America is a Library of Congress website which provides access to historic American newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages, and is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). Their Digital Newspapers range from 1789-1924 with over 2,298 Newspapers represented. You can search these by name or by browsing the newspapers.

Another Tab on the website is "U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present" which shows all newspapers for a given State, County, city. It does not mean the newspapers are available for searching. (For instance, Ashland County has had 34 publications including Ashland, Loudonville, Hayesville, including The Brethren Evangelist, a publication published in Ashland, Ohio from 1879-current may include where these newspapers may be housed. (It does NOT mean that Chronicling America has these online.

Google Newspapers: *(Free site)*

news.google.com/newspapers/:

Over 2500 newspapers overseas and U.S.; some papers only have a few editions, other have several years. Some are recent years; some are mid 1800's. I noticed papers from early

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Newspapers Fill the "Dash" - *Continued from Previous Page*

Mansfield being represented. (It is best to know the name of the newspaper that you are researching, but you can google their site for articles pertaining to a local area.) Take your time researching this site.

RBHayes (*Free site*):

(<http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/>)

The RBHayes site is an index to over 3,500,000 obituaries, death & marriage notices & other sources from Ohio from the 1810's to the present day. Using the Ohio Obituary Index, once the search is found, the actual obits may be ordered from over 60 partner libraries. Ashland, Loudonville, and Wooster Libraries are partners in this index. (Some libraries charge a small fee, others do not.)

GenealogyBank: (*paid site*)

(www.genealogybank.com)

This site features over 7,000+ small town and big city historical newspapers across the U.S. from 1690 to present day. They are continuing to add to their collection of newspapers, so you need to check them frequently.

Newspapers.Com: (*paid site*)

(www.newspapers.com)

According to their website, they have 5,300+ newspapers from the 1700's-2000's and millions of additional pages added every month. They have early newspapers and current publications (However the more current are in the premium subscription category). They have a great variety of newspapers that can be searched by Newspaper Title or doing searches by surname and possible location. They don't seem to have any of our local newspapers, but do have the larger communities around Ohio, including those closest, i.e. Mt. Vernon and Mansfield.

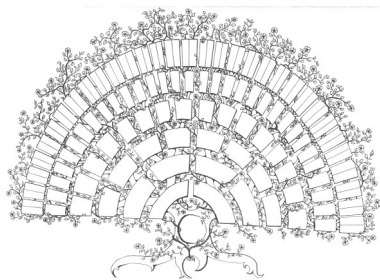
NewspaperArchives: (*paid site*)

(<https://newspaperarchive.com>)

To be honest I have never used this site, so I know very little about it. Their website says they have various newspapers from 1607 thru 2017 with over 2.19+ billion articles worldwide.

Ashland Chapter Library, (Ashland, Ohio)

Don't forget to check out our library upstairs in the Ashland Public Library. We have the Ashland & Loudonville newspapers on microfilm. We have obit indexes on the shelves that will also help you find local information on your ancestors.



Listed below are the local Ashland County newspapers (based on the information from Chronicling America) that were produced over the years:

The Ohio Union 1849-1854
 The Ashland Union 1854-1868
 The States and Union 1868-1872
 The Brethren Evangelist (Ashland, Ohio) 1879-current
 The Ohio Globe (Ashland, Ohio) 1835-1836
 The Ashland Standard (Ashland, Ohio) 1846-1849
 Ashland Democrat (Ashland, Ohio) 1846-1849
 The Ashland Press (Ashland, Ohio) 1872-1920
 Ashland Times (Ashland, Ohio) 1853-1903
 The Ohio Union 1849-1854
 The Ashland Union (Ashland, Ohio) 1854-1868
 The States and Union (Ashland, Ohio) 1868-1872
 Ashland Times-Gazette (Ashland, Ohio) 190?-1921
 Ashland Times-Gazette and Ashland Press (Ashland, Ohio) 1921-1947
 Ashland Times-Gazette (Ashland, Ohio) 1947-current
 The Ashland Times and Ashland Gazette (Ashland, Ohio) 1903-1907
 The Ashland Gazette (Ashland, Ohio) 1887-1903
 The Ashland Sun (Ashland, Ohio) 1885-1893
 The Ashland Times (Ashland, Ohio) 1907-1921
 Ashland Free Press (Ashland, Ohio) 1985-current
 The Independent (Loudonville, Ohio) 1870-1874
 The Loudonville Democrat (Loudonville, Ohio) 1879-1920
 Loudonville Times (Loudonville, Ohio) 1920-current
 Loudonville Advocate (Loudonville, Ohio) 1893-1920
 The Advocate (Loudonville, Ohio) 1890-1893
 Loudonville Advocate (Loudonville, Ohio) 1873-1890
 The Full Moon (Loudonville, Ohio) 1886-18??
 The Surprise (Loudonville, Ohio) 1884-18??
 The Loudonville Courier (Loudonville, Ohio) 1892-1???
 Vermillion Spy (Hayesville, Ohio) 1866-1???
 The Hayesville Journal (Hayesville, Ohio) 1875-1890
 The Perrysville Enterprise (Perrysville, Ohio) 1898-19??
 The Ashland Collegian (Ashland, Ohio) 1922-current
 The Purple and Gold (Ashland, Ohio) 1900-19??
(The last two are Ashland College Newspapers)

Contributed by Terry HAUN

The oldest computer can be traced back
 to Adam and Eve.
 Surprised! Surprise! It was an Apple.
 But...with extremely limited memory...
 Just 1 Byte.
 Then...everything crashed.

OBITUARY FOR Katherine GOON McCURDY

Katherine GOON, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth GOON, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., September 2, 1819. About the year 1835 she moved with her parents to Ohio. She was united in marriage to Robert McCURDY, May 26, 1842. To this union were born four sons, Simon McCURDY, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota; Jacob McCURDY, of Bluffton, Indiana; McKinley MCCURDY, of Davis, O., and Allen McCURDY who preceeded [sic] her in death 20 years ago. She had nine grandchildren, six of which are living, also great-grandchildren. She resided on the farm on which she died nearly 65 years.

Mrs. McCURDY was a member of the Presbyterian church at Clearfork for nearly 40 years. She was a kind friend and a loving and devoted mother, always having a kind word for every one at all times. She died at 4:30 p.m. January 13, 1906, at the old home, near Davis, Richland county, trusting in her Saviour [sic] with full confidence and faith of a devoted Christian mother. Aged 86 years, 4 months and 11 days. The funeral was held at the Bunker Hill church, January 16, at 11 a.m. conducted by her pastor, Rev. MONTGOMERY, of Perrysville. Interment in Bunker Hill cemetery.

Those from a distance were Jacob McCURDY and daughter, Emma, of Bluffton, Indiana; Joseph McCURDY, wife and daughter, Fern, of Shelby; Albert SCARBOROUGH and wife, of Fredericktown; H.E. McCURDY and sister, Laura, of Mansfield; Martha McCURDY and Alma HOSFELD, of Butler; Luther McCURDY, of Mt. Vernon; Jacob GOON, of Fredericktown; G.W. BERRY and wife, of Lucas; Dr. T.A. GRAVEN, of Wooster, and her grandson, E.E. McCURDY, of Loudonville.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness and assistance during our recent bereavement.

McKinley McCURDY
Jacob McCURDY
Elmer McCURDY

*Loudonville Democrat
Thurs, Jan. 18, 1906 (page 7)*



Ed GETZ and family, of Plymouth, were called here on Wednesday on account of the death of his father, John GETZ, Sr.

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James Byron ALLISON

James Byron ALLISON was born December 16, 1872, and died December 16, 1905, aged 33 years and being the anniversary of his birth. He was the son of James and Ann ALLISON, of Monroe township. He was a pharmacist, having been educated at the Tri-State Normal college at

Angolo [sic], Indiana, and Valparaiso, Indiana. After serving some time in his chosen occupation his health failed and with his wife he went to Texas and afterwards New Mexico in the hope that the change would be beneficial. For the greater part of the two years he was located at Albuquerque.

For a time the climate seemed to inspire hope of recovery, but the time came when he choose home and loved ones to all else. He started for home December 16 and passed away on the train at Raton, not yet at the danger point which is Lynn - the summit called the dead line. He was cared for by railroad officials and their kindness to Mrs. ALLISON could not have been excelled. On the following day she left with the body for Millersburg and at Topeka, Kansas, was joined by his brother, Ellsworth, and wife, of Kansas City, Missouri, who accompanied her.

We feel deeply the loss of such energetic and well qualified young men when they are just in the prime of manhood. There were three brothers, Herbert, Ellsworth and William, the latter dying in the south while engaged in work at the Southern Christian Institute. There were five sisters, Laura, Zorelda, Lulu, May and Estella, the latter having passed away in February, 1904.

There remains to mourn his departure his wife, mother, two brothers and four sisters. On June 25, 1902, he was united in marriage to Mamie M. GOODALE, of Angola, Indiana. An infant daughter is the result of this union. Deceased united with the Christian church at Welcome when about eleven years old, under the pastorate of Rev. James L. SNYDER. He was an active and efficient worker in all departments of the church and leaves the example of a Godly life to comfort those he dearly loved. The funeral services were held at the Welcome church on Wednesday, December 20, services being conducted by Rev. A. M. BIRD, of Fredricksburg - Holmes County Farmer.

The deceased was a brother of Mrs. A.M. SHRIMPLIN, of this place, and was well known throughout western Holmes County.

*Loudonville Democrat
Thurs, Jan. 18, 1906 (page 7)*



*“When a Society or a Civilization Perishes, One Condition Can Always Be Found
They Forgot Where They Came From” - Carl SANDBURG*

THE CENSUS – WHAT DO WE USE IT FOR? — Part II

(With permission, following is a Reprint from *The Wayne Co Genealogical Society Newsletter*)

- By Pam BLAHA

(This is a continuation from page 39 of the last newsletter)

At the start of the 20th century the vast number of immigrants affected what was asked in the census. Categories of “citizenship” ask for the year of the immigrant’s arrival in the US and if the person was a naturalized citizen. Many men from Eastern and Southern Europe came here to work in the mines and factories for a few years, send money home, possibly return to their country of birth, and later bring their families with them to America. Through the first three decades of the century they asked what specific country the person was born in, where their parents were born, and what was their primary language. I think an interesting study would be to find how many households there were in which the man (usually the head) spoke English, the children in school spoke English, but the wife – the homemaker, still spoke her native tongue. I suspect that number would be very high in large industrial cities such as Cleveland or Pittsburgh. This statistic gives us much insight into our recent immigrant ancestors.

Finally the 1940 census is quite different for a number of reasons. The country was just coming out of the Great Depression. That altered the lives of many Americans and created quite a few new questions for census takers. Some of these are whether the family lived in the same place in 1935 as in 1940. Many had lost their homes and moved in with relatives. There were questions as to military service in WWI, also questions about Social Security and corporate pension funds. One column that caught my attention was about persons 14 years of age or older as to their employment: private job, Government program (something such as the WPA, CCC, or others). What was their occupation and salary? There were questions as to the status of women: married? Age at first marriage? How many children? Etc.

All the censuses give clues as to what the lives of our ancestors and those around them were like. For those with recent immigrants it contains clues for searching passenger lists and for naturalization paperwork that might contain a home town, country or names of others close to the family. What do you think will be included in the 1950 census when it becomes available in 2022? The move of society was to the suburbs. Will there be questions as to the length of the drive to work? How many cars do

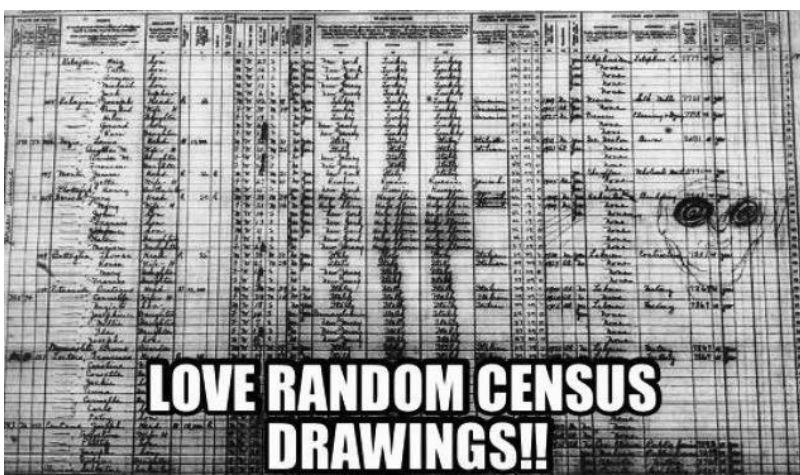
you own? Do you have a television? It will be interesting to see.

In addition to the standard censuses there are a number of “schedules” enumerating many items. For example, the Agricultural schedules of 1850, 1860 and 1880 are very lengthy and give much information on what crops were being grown, the amount of land owned, livestock, value of such and much more. There are also manufacturing and industrial schedules in 1880. The most unique ones (also in 1880) were listings of the blind, paupers and indigents, and inhabitants of prison. These can be very insightful. Sometimes using the censuses can be frustrating. We have all experienced the wide variations in surname spellings. Part of this is due to the indexing that was done early on, but much of the blame is on the handwriting of the census taker. Another issue is how the census taker “hears” what is said to them. Imagine an English speaking census taker questioning a recent German immigrant in 1850. And, it gets worse in the 1880’s and early 1900’s with the Eastern European immigrants communicating with the enumerator. If the husband was at work, the wife at home who doesn’t speak or understand English, possibly only a child is the one who tries to answer the questions. And - spelling those Slavic, Russian, Hungarian, Polish, etc. names? Good luck! If they come out even close it is a miracle. So for the researcher trying to find a village in Ukraine that was part of at least three different political regions in the first 30 years of this century, putting together the place of origin and a reasonable spelling, it is very difficult.

There are many inconsistencies for the same person in censuses from 1900 through 1930. Take this example: Mary Yourkovitch was born in 1863-1865 in “Poland, Austria-Hungary, Galicia” depending on which census you look at. She immigrated (for the first time) in 1889, 1888, 188? [can’t read it]. Her husband arrived in 1886 on the 1910, but has died or moved away by 1920. That is realistic but difficult to trace. And, even though the family is definitely in the US in 1900 I

have not found them anywhere on a census. I know where they could be, and likely should be; but they just aren’t there. I will find them - someday. Censuses – look at them again. You might find out more than you realized. Good luck.

Thank you,
Pam BLAHA
for sharing this with our
Ashland readers.



www.facebook.com/TwistedTwigsGenealogy/

The key is Not to prioritize what’s on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.

*Looking Back***“REUNIONS—In Times Past”***Looking Back*

Reunions have been a large part of family get-togethers' in past times, and still ongoing even into today's society. Ann BUDD has been collecting these notices over time and has donated to our library a notebook full of reunions, family histories, etc. If you get a chance, check out what's in our Library, and take a look at the Reunion notebook.

ANDERSON REUNION - 1903

ANDERSON REUNIONS - Ashland, OH, Press 14 Oct 1903 p.8 Lake Twp. "A very enjoyable social event was the ANDERSON reunion held on Saturday at the home of J.F. ANDERSON, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of the settlement of the progenitor of this branch of the family, Benjamin ANDERSON, on his farm. The weather was pleasant and propitious and everybody happy. The Mohican band was in attendance and furnished fine music. There was also an orchestra present, W.A. ALLENBAUGH, violin, J.F. ANDERSON, violin, and his two sons, guitars, with Mrs. Ella EMERICK at the organ. A sumptuous dinner, a feeling address of welcome, history of the family, short talks interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental, all tended to make the day pass pleasantly, and after the regular program those who worship at the shrine of Terpsichore engaged in that exercise. This family has the distinction of having sent four brothers to the army in the civil war: Jacob W. ANDERSON enlisted in 1861, 5th Ohio Light Artillery, died at Vicksburg, July 28, 1863; W.S. ANDERSON Co. C, 120 O.V.I., died in Texas; James C. ANDERSON Co. K, 82 O.V.I., three and one-half years. This was the company organized and commanded by the late Dr. D.S. SAMPSEL, of Ashland. James had a son in the Eighth Ohio in the Spanish war; Caleb S. ANDERSON enlisted in the 163 O.V.I., Co I, and served till the muster out. In addition to those from the neighborhood we noticed J.W. HOUGH, of Greensburg, Pa.; J.W. ANDERSON and wife and C.S. ANDERSON and wife, of Columbia City, Ind.; Mrs. E. GASKILL, of Montpelier, O.; L.C. FINLEY and wife, of Strongsville, O.; Mrs. PEPPARD, of Stark county, Ohio; J.C. ANDERSON and family, of Big Prairie, Ohio; Mrs. Eliza RUSH, of Funk, Ohio; Milton EWING and family, of Jeromeville, and others. May they enjoy many similar occasions."

NOTE: *In the above newspaper article there is the reference to "worship at the shrine of Terpsichore". Does any of our readers know what that means? A quick google search would indicate something to do with dancing. If you know anything about that phrase, I would love to hear from you.....and share with the rest of us.*

- 1941 ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL REUNION -

A total of 154 persons attended the 40th class reunion of the 1941 graduating class of Ashland High School Saturday evening at Mohican Lodge. Of those attending, 79 were class members.

Special guest were former teachers, Dr. John HARTZLER, James McDOWELL and Robert TIPTON and wives, and Margarie SPRAGUE. Albert McCracken Jr. gave the invocation and Eldon CRONE, reunion president, presided over a brief business meeting.

A Memorial service, conducted by Wilma HEIFNER PINKLEY and Annabelle KOPPLER CANFIELD, honored the 23 deceased members. Seven who have died since the last reunion are Virginia BUZZARD MARTIN, Dorothy Jean COTHREN SIGAFOOS, Lois DONELSON BALSIZER, Russell FACKLER, Ray KOLP, Jean WITMER STARR and Frank JOSEPH.

Class historian Ruth NALLEY HARBAUGH reported there are 519 children, 398 grandchildren and one great-grandchild among the 200 graduating class members..

Since the last reunion five years ago, 39 classmates have moved, 68 still live in Ashland, one-fourth are located in other Ohio communities and another one-fourth are living throughout 21 states and one foreign country. Eight are living

in California and Florida. Seven classmates could not be located.

Out of state members attending the reunion were Bob EDWARDS of Rome, Italy; Tom BOWDLE of California; John REBMAN Jr. of Oregon; Carol BAUMAN POWELL of Washington; Earl GROVER and Fred STEAD, both of Texas; John GILBERT of Arizona; Ralph WENRICK of Georgia; Anne GATES MILLER of Vermont; Donald FLUKE of North Carolina; Wayne RITTER and Bill WAGNER, both of Illinois; Fern BAKER of Indiana; Genevieve SHINDLER MOORE of Virginia; Tom WILEY of Pennsylvania; and Don OBORN, Harold MAXHEIMER, Kathryn OVEREYNDER COUVER, Claude KENDALL and Pat BEACH FISCHER, of Florida.

McCracken was elected as president for the 1986 reunion with Carl URBAN, Art BILLHEIMER, John SNOW WILLIAMSON, Belva Jan PRICE BRIDGETT, Vivian GORHAM BLAKE and Mrs. CANFIELD assisting.

This year's committee included CRONE; McCracken; Marjorie SNADER IRWIN, secretary; Mrs. PINKLEY, treasurer; Ruth ROBERTS ARMSTRONG; Harold and Audry MEARS FAULK, Warren and Sue SPRENG, Jeane COUNTRYMAN, Betty HOOD PLANK, Mrs. HARBAUGH, George and Marguerite HICKMAN and Joe DENBOW.

Ashland Times Gazette, 19 Aug 1981

CHAPTER MEMBER HONORED BY SELBY FAMILY

The SELBY Reunion, which was held in July of this year honored Ruth HOSTETTER, an Ashland Chapter Member, for her research assistance to the SELBY Family



Steve SMELTZER is shown presenting Ruth HOSTETTER with a wooden plaque at this year's family reunion for her research help on the Selby Family. The plaque reads "Selby Family Reunion Award for Distinguished Service to the Selby Family" and was crafted by Steve.

Ruth first met Steve SMELTZER at the Ohio Genealogical Society Library in the spring of 2016 while volunteering at the Library at the front desk. Steve came into the library looking for information on the Selby family for the reunion. Ruth asked if they were from Ashland County and did one of them marry a HOSTETTER. He said yes. Her great grandfather, David HOSTETTER's (1838-1917), sister Elizabeth HOSTETTER (1841- 1927) married John SMURR SELBY (1837-1895) in 1863. She was able to pull a number of items relating to the SELBY family for him. Ruth also had knowledge of where the Selby's lived near Mifflin. So, a few weeks later they met and went to Mifflin and located the farm where the SELBY's lived and where the HOSTETTER's lived. She was also able to show him where the two families were buried in the Mifflin Cemetery.

- Steve SMELTZER reminded us that the 2018 reunion will likely be in September, the date to be determined once it is scheduled with Ashland Parks and Recreation. -

DID YOU KNOW ???

THAT - The State Archives of North Carolina blog has published a three-part series on "**How to interpret Colonial period handwriting**". The series includes a brief history of writing during this time period, characteristics of 17th and 18th century British-American handwriting, and some tips on deciphering the text found within these records. Part I can be found at the following website; Part II and III are shown as links within the first article. <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2017/08/18/what-does-that-say-series-pt-i/> (Thanks to Dick EASTMAN for addressing this on his website "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter".)

THAT - Our local Vermillion Institute in Hayesville, which has been completely renovated over the last couple of years will be featured on HGTV's "You Live In What?" in the not-too-distant future. HGTV will be coming to film the Vermillion Institute this October. Vermillion Institute has their own Facebook page, which might show more as it gets closer. www.facebook.com/VermillionInstitute

THAT - The RB Hayes Presidential Library offers several benefits of becoming a subscription member. One of them is one year's subscription at home to MyHeritage.com; another is their "Membership 411 Sessions" as well as short videos and powerpoint pdf's of them. If you haven't been to their site lately, they have a lot online AND at the Museum in Fremont, Ohio. They also maintain the "Ohio Obituary Index" which Ashland newspapers have been a part of (and the chapter volunteers are continually adding new ones). The Index is made up of approximately 90% newspaper citations and about 10% other sources. Check their website and do some browsing. www.rbhayes.org/main/research-collections

THAT - Found a nice website with a lot of tidbits on Ashland county called "Ashland on the Margins". Very interesting reading. What I realized as I was preparing this tidbit, it is created and maintained by our local chapter member Sarah HOOTMAN KEARNS. Check out her website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ashlandonthemargins/home>

THAT - After five years of hard work, the genealogical community raised more than \$3-million to support the digitization of the War of 1812 Pension files. With this monumental task of digitizing 7.2 million pages, the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is committed to seeing the entire collection of these digitized files available freely online. FGS will continue to process the remaining portion of the War of 1812 Pension files. Completed images and associated indexing will be added to Fold3 in the coming months and will be offered for free indefinitely. Anyone can access the images that have been digitized thus far at Fold3 at <https://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>

THAT - When using GPS to identify a gravesite at websites like BillionGraves.Com and FindAGrave.Com the exact marker is only accurate to about 16 feet with today's technology. That means you might have to search in a 32-foot circle to find the exact memorial. In 2018 newer Smartphones with Super-Accurate GPS Chips will improve this accuracy to within less than one foot. See Dick EASTMAN's website for the full article. <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/09/25/super-accurate-gps-chips-coming-to-smartphones-in-2018-will-improve-cemetery-locations-accuracy/#more-19938>

THAT - In 2009, the fifth edition of the "Confucius Genealogy" was published, an 80-volume set that contains the names of more than two million of Confucius' descendants. (From FindAGrave "Did You Know" section).

ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS

Welcome **NEW MEMBERS** - to the Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. We invite you to submit queries to the newsletter. You might be surprised who else is researching your same family.

1. You can start by submitting a copy of your 5-generation chart to the Chapter for insertion in our 5-generation book located in the genealogy room of the Ashland Library.
2. Contact us to let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter.

Our most recent new member is:

Judy EMMERICH, 451 Annis Road, South Amherst, OH 44001.

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If I have overlooked a new member, or those surnames you are researching, please let me know. I'll be glad to add you and your surnames in the next issue.

ASHLAND COUNTY QUERIES



⇒ **Free.....** As a Chapter we have a lot of knowledgeable people who are willing to share. Contact us at accogs@gmail.com

⇒ Looking for information about my 3rd Great Grandparents, Benjamin ANDERSON (1811-1863) and Catharine WIGLE/WEIGLE) ANDERSON (1811-1892) and their Ohio descendants. Their sons, Joshua & Caleb ANDERSON made their way to Whitley Co, Indiana, where I descend from Joshua. Benjamin and Catharine ANDERSON are buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Wayne County, Ohio. Contact me, Teddie ANDERSON HILL, at TeddieLynn156@gmail.com

WANTED: ASSISTANT PROGRAM CHAIR

Our chapter is looking to add an Assistant Program Chair to support Brian's efforts as Vice President and Program Chair. Individual would work with Brian this fall to develop the chapter's annual program schedule, help to recruit speakers and handle some introductions next year when Brian might be unavailable. If you have questions or are interested in the position, call Brian HARTZELL at (567) 215-3236.

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, 2018**. 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. (Currently, this would be 1917) There must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.



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- ◆ Ashland Co Chapter is using a monthly e-mail publication designed to keep you updated of current program schedules and changes to our meetings and/or locations.
- ◆ **If you have not received these monthly publications,** please contact our Treasurer, Pat DEANE (accogstreas@gmail.com) to **update your e-mail address**. Or, if you have problems opening the monthly e-mail publication let us know. Contact us at ACOGSSEC@gmail.com. We want to hear from you.

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.

WE WELCOME suggestions for input in the newsletter: Pastfinder Editor, Terry HAUN (AshOGSeditor@gmail.com) .

HONORING OUR CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS

Each Quarter we will be Honoring one of our many Chapter Volunteers who have, over the years, made a great impact to our Organization through their varied efforts within the chapter.



ANNE LOCKWOOD DALLAS BUDD - Is a Charter member of the Ashland Genealogical Society which had their first meeting at her home on January 26, 1970 with 15-18 people present. As a fledgling new chapter there were two main issues to resolve; the need for money and genealogical reference books. Anne dove right in and helped to solve both issues. She was involved with the reprinting of the "Hill's 1880 History of Ashland County", "Knapp's 1863 history", "Baughman's 1909 history" & Caldwell's 1874 Atlas of Ashland County. These reprints also included indexes which the originals did not. Several hundred copies of these books sold and helped the chapter become financially established. The money was used to purchase books for the chapter library, which originally consisted of one metal cabinet in the meeting room of the Ashland Public Library. Anne has been past Chapter President several times. She has authored genealogical books and proofed and edited others. She's been involved with the preparation of several of our chapter books. Anne indexed obits and other Ashland specialty news from the Times Gazette for the 1960 decade which is now housed in the Chapter Library. She has also donated several books to the Chapter Library. Definitely our chapter wouldn't be where it is today without her love of genealogy and support in its endeavors.

We are looking to fill our upcoming
Chapter Treasurer position for 2018.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in fulfilling this position or are interested in more information check our website under the By-Laws .

(<http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/pdf/ByLaws1-5.pdf>)

Nominating Committee consists of Terry HAUN, Linda FULK, and Ginny FEIBER, who can be contacted for more information .



OGS CONFERENCE
APRIL 11-14, 2018 | COLUMBUS

Time to start thinking about our 2018 OGS
Conference which will be held at the
Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio
April 11 - 14, 2018

(More information to follow at their website)

ASHLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS SCANNING PROJECT WITH FAMILY SEARCH COULD USE YOUR HELP.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

The scanning of nearly 100 years of Ashland County Probate Court Records has begun. Family Search has been digitizing these documents for the last few weeks and suggested an estimate of roughly 14 months to complete this project. Our chapter has pledged to provide volunteers to help unwrap each record and flatten them in preparation for their scanning.

If you would be interested in becoming more familiar with the Probate Records by donating a few hours a week to help out at the courthouse in the unfolding process, let us know. Even if you can only help out one time, that would be a benefit. This is a great opportunity to help our chapter and you might also come across some of your relatives in those records. (Richland County Volunteers reported that they gained a lot of knowledge from working on their Richland County Courthouse project). If you are interested, or have more questions, please email Marleen APPLGATE at mrgenealogy@gmail.com.

UPCOMING 2017 ACCOGS PROGRAMS:

(Members and Visitors are welcome to all meetings)

NOTE: All meetings will be held at the Ashland Public Library, except our July picnic and the November Lineage Society Banquet which is held at the Ashland **Christ United Methodist Church**.. There is no December meeting.

17 OCT: **“Haunted Ohio: Witches, Warlocks & Ghosts”** by Mary Milne JAMBA (Using genealogical research to illuminate the true stories behind urban legends in Ohio.

14 NOV: **Lineage Society Banquet** “Boots on the Ground, Genealogy Adventures with Miss Peggy” by Peggy CLEMENS LAURITZEN held at the Christ United Methodist Church in Ashland.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DEC: NO MEETING



OTHER 2017-2018 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Oct 21: The Ohio Chapter Palatines to America 2017 Fall Seminar held at The Columbus Metropolitan Library “Researching in Ohio: German Genealogy Methods and Sources” with research after the seminar. (See website for more info/register <https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php>)

Oct 27-28: **Illinois State Genealogical Society** hosting their **ISGS Fall Conference**. (see website for more info www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=536)

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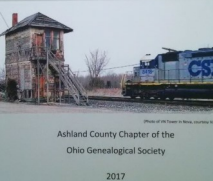
Feb 28-Mar 3: RootsTech 2018 to be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their theme this year is “Make Connections-Discover Belonging” hosted by FamilySearch. The yearly conference has been expanded to four days to allow for more class sessions. Start planning now and check website: www.rootstech.org

Apr 11-14: Ohio Genealogical Society 2018 Conference in Columbus **“Blazing New Trails”** at the Hyatt Regency. (J. Mark LOWE to be keynote speaker; Thomas MacENTEE, the luncheon speaker & Peggy CLEMENS LAURITZEN the Thurs evening speaker.) Registration will open in a couple of months. Keep checking the OGS website.

Aug 22-25: Federeation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) “On the Rivers-Past,Present,&Future” 2018 FGS Conference held in Fort Wayne, Indiana with The Allen County Public Library as the local host . FGS website: <https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

****** (Don’t forget to check out the Ohio Genealogical Society webpage which lists the various chapter meetings and their programs, including the OGS Seminars and Conference. A LOT of information is available . www.ogs.org/index.php

ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
RESEARCH AID #13
TROY TOWNSHIP
Thomas Stephen Neel, Editor



Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
2017

**TROY TOWNSHIP
RESEARCH AID PUBLICATION
IS NOW FOR SALE**

The “Ashland county, Ohio Research Aid #13 Troy Township” book, by Thomas Stephen NEEL, is now available for sale.

This volume on Troy Township is roughly 171 pages and includes an index. It includes various Troy township and County Atlas Land Maps and includes snapshot histories of the various Churches, Schools, businesses, and early settlers in the area. The local Nova Cemetery records are included. Tax Lists of 1834, 1847, 1849, and 1856 included, as well as ten pages of photos of Troy Township. The price is \$24.00

See our Publication form on page 63 to order. Payment (check or money order) should be sent to the Ashland County Chapter OGS, PO Box 681, Ashland OH 44805.

Check our other Township Research Publications

The Ashland County, Ohio Research Aid series is an effort by the Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society to assist the family historian by combining cemetery, census, land, and tax records in one volume, by township.

Twelve of the fifteen townships have been represented in publications, thus far. Our township research aid series includes cemetery records, land transactions and census records through 1860, tax lists for the township, community histories, land ownership maps, photographs and much more!

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

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We have many published Ashland County research aid books for sale. Visit our web site, <http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/ashlandbooks.html>, print out the order form and mail in your request to the address on back page.

PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

Ashland County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society



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1847 Ashland County Tax Records - CD			\$11.00	
1849 Ashland County Tax Records - CD			\$11.00	
1915-1920 Farm Journal Ashland Co. Directory Map - CD (see 1915-1920 Farm Journal Directory below)			\$5.00	
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1897 Land Ownership Map (includes maps and one-room school house locations)			\$6.00	
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