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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. (Check the By-laws under the chapter section of our website for more details.)

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All of us in the Ashland County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society wish you a GREAT year with your Genealogy!!

We hope you find the resources to continue on your journey searching for your ancestors and hope that you can break that brick wall that is stumping you. We hope you also will allow us to be a part of that journey. We have many resources in our chapter; some are within the confines of our Chapter Library, some through the publications that we have published, some through the expertise of our seasoned members, and others through the various programs that we bring to you each month. Come join us.

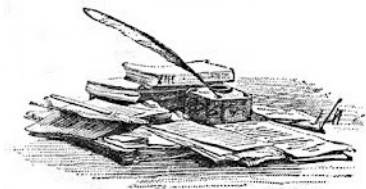


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Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Marleen APPLGATE, Ashland Co. Chapter President
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, even though it appears that we are in the middle of winter, spring is just around the corner with exciting things in store for genealogists like ourselves. One such thing is the annual OGS Conference which will be held in Columbus, Ohio. If you have never attended an OGS conference I highly suggest you put it on your bucket list. This is a wonderful way to network with other genealogists who share a mutual interest with you. You never know when you will be sitting next to a long lost cousin, or the person who has the knowledge to help you break down that all too familiar brick wall. If you happen to attend this year's conference make sure you stop by the Ashland Co. Chapter booth in the vendor hall and say hello!

At the local level our own chapter is on its own genealogical adventure. We are in the middle of phase one of two in getting the estates and guardianships of the Ashland County Probate Court digitized. In August of 2017 a representative from FamilySearch arrived and began digitizing the files from 1846 with the goal of getting everything digitized through 1935. Our chapter has done an excellent job of providing volunteer hours in document prep work which entails getting the documents as flat as possible for filming; indicting what type of file it is (estate versus guardianship), and making sure the proper paperwork is with the correct file. In four months we have donated over 1,000 volunteer hours to this project. The estimated completion date for phase one is June of 2018, with phase two starting just a little before the completion of phase one. This is where everyone can pitch in and help out no matter where you are at, or what time it is as it is the indexing of all the records which can be done from home in your pajamas if you so choose. What a wonderful endeavor to be part of bringing our ancestors "back to life" and preserving their history for future generations. Please watch for more updates on this project on either our Facebook page or in future newsletters.

Regardless of what genealogical adventures you have in store for yourself this upcoming year, I wish for you nothing but success. I look forward to seeing everyone at future meetings as our Vice President Brian HARTZELL has some great programs lined up for the chapter in 2018.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE! — Saturday, September 8, 2018



Exciting news to come in the near future. You definitely won't want to miss it. Keep checking our website and our Facebook Page. I'll be publishing more info in the next newsletter!



**ASHLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS
 SCANNING PROJECT WITH FAMILY SEARCH COULD USE YOUR HELP.
 WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?**

As we have mentioned, Family Search has been digitizing these documents for the last few months and originally 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. It now looks as if due to our volunteering efforts this may be accomplished in less than 12 months.

If you would be interested in donating a few hours a week to help out 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. If you are interested, or have questions, please email Marleen APPLGATE at mragealogy@gmail.com. We have lots of fun and continue to learn from each other. We are even learning more about Family Search and their website.

****Added NOTE:** These scans are NOW on FamilySearch Website. However they are not ready for the phase two, but they are there!! They're a little hard to find. (Go to FamilySearch.Org and log into your account. (Go to "Search/Catalog/ (type in Ashland, Ohio) and do a Search. ..Under "Ashland-Probate Records" and Probate Records). More to follow next time

REMINDER: Did you remember to renew your 2018 membership? Check your **mailing address label**. If it **does NOT have [18]** after your name, then we **have not received your renewal** for the current year.

DIED

July 15, 1859, Mr. Thomas WILEY, in the 73rd year of his age.

Mr. WILEY was born in Chester County, Pa., in the year A.D. 1787. In the year 1812, when the second war of our Nation's Independence was waged against the mother country, Father WILEY was found among his country's defenders. In 1817 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, living a consistent life of the same unto the day of his death, when he changed the robes of mortality for those of immortality. He was one of the Pioneers of Ashland County, having resided in it for the space of 28 years. Thus passes away one by one our old and venerated fellow citizens, and we can but say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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On the 15th of August 1859, Jane M., daughter of James and Rhoda McCOOL; aged three years and three months.

*"Children, like the early flower,
Often droop and lose their bloom -
Pass away in childhood's hour,
To the cold and silent tomb -
Bodies laid beneath the sod -
Spirits gone away to God !*

*Oft along the busy street,
Sad and tearful mourners go;
Mothers for their children weep,
Weep that death has laid them low;
Nipp'd the buds before their boom,
Hid them in the silent tomb.*

*God will gather them again;
In his garden they will grow,
On that green and lovely plain,
Where the crystal waters flow,
Never more to lay their head
Faintly on the cold earth-bed."*

(Above taken from the Ashland Times, Aug 18, 1859)

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A woman representing her name as Madam DIMOND, made her appearance in Ashland some ten days since, and had printed circulars distributed through the town calling attention to her occupation as *astrologist* or fortune telling. She took lodgings at the HILLER House and seemed to be getting along very quietly. She was taken suddenly ill, and rapidly failed. On Thursday night last she died. Telegrams were sent to J. O. SELDEN, of St. Johns, Michigan, whom she represented as being her brother. He did not come. She was buried, after waiting a proper time for the appearance of relatives, in the Ashland cemetery. (Shared by David HORAN, cousin of Lois WHEELER; Cleveland Daily Herald, July 2, 1870)

Leonard POTTER LIVED HERE

Leonard T. POTTER who died at his home in Findlay, Tuesday of last week, was a former resident of Ashland and his remains were brought to the Ashland cemetery for interment, Thursday.

Mr. POTTER was a member of one of the pioneer families in Ashland county and lived here until about six years ago. He was a widower for seventeen years and his remains were interred beside those of his wife. Mrs. Mary BUSHNELL, of Ashland, is a daughter of the deceased. Mrs. Frank KOONTZ, of Ashland, is a sister and Benton POTTER, of Jeromeville, is a nephew of the deceased.

Deceased was a Democrat in politics and was elected constable for Montgomery township several times in succession. He was a civil war veteran and a member of the G.A.R. He was in the 76th year of his age.

Ashland Press, November 1, 1905; submitted by Barb HART

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I WUD NOT DYE IN WINTUR

I wud not dye in wintur,
When wiske punchiz flo—
When pooty gals air skating
Our fields ov ice & sno —
When sassidge meet iz. Prying
& hickeri knutts in thick!
Owe! Who kud think ov dighing,
Or even getting sick!

I wud knott dye in spring time,
& miss the turnip greens,
& the pooty song of the leettle frawgs,
& the ski larks arly screems;
When burds begin there wobbling,
& taters gun to sprout —
When turkies go a gobbling,
I wud not then peg out.

I wud knott dye in summur,
& leeve the gardin sass —
The rosted lam and butter milk —
The kool place in the grass;
I wud knott dye in summer
When every thing's so hot,
& leeve the whisky jew lipbs —
Owe know! I'd rather knott.

I wud knott dye in ortum,
With peeches fit for eating,
When the wavy korn is getting wripe
& kandidates are treeting,
Phor these and other wreasons,
I'd knott dye in the phall;
& sense I've thort it over,
I wud not dye at tall.

(Under "Wit & Humor" - Ashland Times; Aug 4, 1859)



Names mentioned are: Evan F. STINE, Howard E. SHETTEL, Ora C. ARNDT, Wade E. RICHARDS, Von E. COLE, Duanna H. McMULLEN, R.F. McMULLEN, L.M. THOMAS, Mark E. SIMON, Mildred R. WILSON, Grant R. PETERS, Helen N. CUMMINGS, Gladys L. BOTDORF, Elsie A. GRILE, Dorotha GARVER, Amy M.B. GREENBANK, John R. JACKSON, Helen E. KATER, Mary J. McDOWELL, C. PAULINE RICHARDS, Harold G. ROICE, A. Rhea SHICK, Glendora M. SWOPE, Nola M. VANCE, Rev. D.E. DANNENBERG, Dr. Geo. C. ENDERS, Rev. J. Perry PRATHER.

(Contributed by Linda METCALF)

1929 Sullivan High School 37th Annual School Commencement Program.

Board of Education

Evan F. Stine President
 Howard E. Shettel Vice-President
 Ora C. Arndt Wade E. Richards Von E. Cole
 Duanna H. McMullen Clerk

Faculty

R. F. McMullen Superintendent
 L. M. Thomas Principal
 Mark E. Simon Vocational Agriculture
 Mildred R. Wilson Mathematics-Music
 Grant R. Peters English
 Helen N. Cummings Home Economics

Class Motto

"Tint your own sky"

Class Colors

Roman Blue and Gold

Class Flower

Yellow Tea Rose

Class Roll

Gladys L. Botdorf	Mary J. McDowell
Elsie A. Crile	G. Pauline Richards
Dorotha Garver	Harold G. Roice
Amy M. B. Greenbank	A. Rhea Shick
John R. Jackson	Maybelle Smith
Helen E. Kater	Glendora M. Swope
	Nola M. Vance

Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by
 Rev. J. Perry Prather
 at the Congregational Church, on
 Sunday evening, May 19th, 1929, at 8 o'clock

The
 Thirty-seventh Annual

Commencement

of the

Sullivan High School
 Sullivan, Ohio



High School Auditorium

Thursday, Evening, May the twenty-third
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-nine
 8:15 o'clock

Program

Music

Class March Hazel Arndt and Elizabeth McMullen
 Invocation Rev. D. E. Dannenberg

Music

Salutatory Gladys L. Botdorf
 Essay Harold G. Roice
 Power: The Key to the Civilization of the Future
 Valedictory Helen E. Kater

Music

Class Address Dr. Geo. C. Enders
 Dean of the Divinity School, Defiance College
 Defiance, Ohio

Music

Presentation of Diplomas Evan F. Stine
 President of Board of Education

The Guy B. Findley Scholarship Award Evan F. Stine
 Music

Benediction Rev. D. E. Dannenberg

The music is furnished by the Defiance College
 Male Quartette

HISTORY OF SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP TRACED AT MEETING OF CO. SOCIETY *(Ashland Times-Gazette, Monday Feb 15, 1932)*

Interesting talks on the history of Sullivan township were given at the February meeting of the Ashland County Historical Society, in the assembly room of the Court House, Saturday afternoon, by Rupert GORDON, Creyton H. ROGERS, and Fenton B. GOULD, all of Sullivan, and by Attorney Guy B. FINDLEY of Elyria, whose boyhood home was in this historic village of northern Ashland County.

A musical program was rendered by Sullivan musicians, Judge C. C. CHAPMAN gave some personal recollections of Sullivan and W. I. ILGER of the memorial committee submitted sketches of 15 aged residents, or former residents, of Ashland county who passed away between Jan. 9 and Feb. 10.

The attendance at the meeting was highly gratifying, including quite a number of Sullivan township people. Township Chairman GORDON introduced Mr. and Mrs. George FRENCH who have lived for 60 of the 62 years of their married life on a farm near Sullivan where, in a log cabin, in 1848 Mrs. FRENCH was born. Mr. FRENCH was born in 1847. They have been identified with church work for most of their lives. They were asked to sing but declined.

Judge CHAPMAN presided and after prayer by the Rev. John A. SCHMINK, pastor of the Sullivan Congregational church, the meeting was turned over to Rupert GORDON, chairman of the day.

Mrs. Mildred PETERS and Miss Mildred PAINTER played a piano duet, Mrs. PETERS a piano solo and a selection by the Sullivan Young men's quartet, consisting of Marshall McADOO, Robert SCHMINK, Charles SKEELES and Rupert GORDON, was rendered. The musical program included further selections by Mrs. PETERS and Miss PAINTER and by the quartet. To the list of honorary members of the society there was added at this meeting the name of Reuben RITTENHOUSE, former Ashland citizen now living at Compton, Calif. He will be 82 years old Feb. 22.

Mr. GORDON traced the history of Sullivan region back to the time when the ice sheet from the north covered the lands, the limits of the glacier being marked by terminal moraines. The Mound Builders were referred to, the coming of the Indians, the extinguishing of the Indian title in the Western Reserve, and other early history. The southern boundary of Sullivan township is also the southern boundary of the Western Reserve.

In the first survey in 1796, the township was Township 1 of Range 128 of Portage county, and was purchased by WOOD and HOWE. It was made a part of Medina county in 1812 and in 1816 was again surveyed after which Sylvanus PARMELY, Thomas RICE,

Jesse CHAMBERLAIN and others contracted for lands for themselves and friends. The township once belonged to Lorain county. The coming of the first settlers in 1817 was spoken of, the erections of log house for Henry and Benjamin CLOSE a couple of days after the arrival of the Vermont settlers and various pioneers incidents.

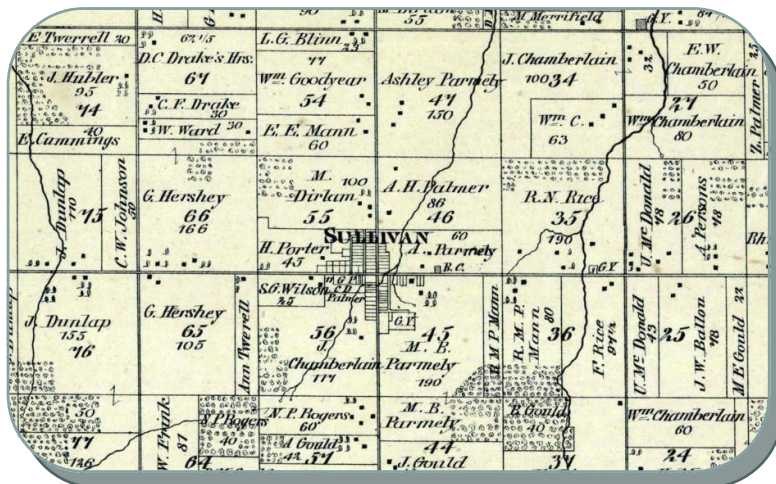
There was an Indian camp on the farm now owned by ed FARNSWORTH and an Indian burying ground on the farm now owned by H.R. SKEELES. There is no record of the Indians molesting any of the Sullivan township pioneers. The township was slow in being settled as this land was held by owners at \$2.50 an acre and other land could be obtained from the government at \$1.25 per acre. The killing frost of June 5, 1859 and its effect on crops in the township was spoken of. In the 60s dairying was quite extensive in the township. The reputation of the Western Reserve cheese became world-wide, Wellington at that time being the cheese center of the world.

The Drake EATON cheese factory, north and a mile east of Sullivan was built in 1868. During the first years of the factory's operation, Rollin SWEET, a milk hauler, was hired to deliver mail to patrons. This is thought to have been one of the first rural mail deliveries in the nation.

Within 24 hours after President LINCOLN, in 1861, made his first call for troops, 16 volunteered at a meeting in the old Baptist church. During the war Sullivan township sent 110 men to the front. Seventeen were killed in battle, died of wounds or disease whose remains were buried where they died. Four died in southern prisons. Fourteen Sullivan township men served during the Spanish-American war and 27 in the World War.

Mr. ROGERS, in his address, paid tribute to the spirit, faith, and determination of the forefathers in the settlement of our county. Out of the wilderness they carved homes for themselves and their descendants.

(To Be Continued next Newsletter issue)



From Ashland County, Ohio 1874 Caldwell Atlas

Why change Find A Grave ?

In November 2017, FIND A GRAVE made some major changes to their website. This, of course, has created a lot of turmoil with many of its die-hard members. These coming changes were first mentioned at the RootsTech Seminar in February of 2017. For a little history, Find A Grave began in 1995 to record famous people's graves. In 2000 changes were made to add all graves; but basically, for all those years, the website looked almost the same. By January 2017 there were 157 million graves recorded. After 22 years, the older coding methods were out-dated. It was time for changes. Find A Grave knew its members were comfortable with how things worked; but to continue forward, changes needed to be made and updated.



There were three main issues that Find A Grave stated for making these changes.

- ***Make it more secure and usable.*** (modernizing the code will make it more secure, easier to work on, and possible to use new tools to improve the site in the future).
- ***Improve performance and speed.***
- ***Support new devices and other languages*** (More than 30% of visits to the site are on a tablet or phone so ability to adapt to smaller screen sizes is important and making it available in a variety of languages).

They have changed their website, but continue to let members go back and forth from the new site to the old site, but remind us that "This old version of Find A Grave will be retired soon". They have tutorials to help all of us become familiar with the new site. I counted almost 30 one-half minute tutorials on a variety of subjects. Things are definitely easier to navigate; however, some things, like the memorial page doesn't look as clean. (my opinion). They definitely seem to want the users feedback. They have an orange "Feedback" button in the lower right-hand corner to add your comments. So remember, if there is something you don't like about the site, let them know —your feedback on the Beta site is both encouraged and welcome!

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Ted BAINBRIDGE, Ph.D., contacted our chapter last November with some of these changes. Following are his observations.

On 8 November 2017 findagrave.com changed. Some changes are cosmetic, while others are functional. A map feature has been added.

The home page has become a photograph with a few menu selections across the top. That page is dominated by the search panel, which functions largely as it did in the past and with the same options for every search box except those related to location.

The old search panel specified location via pull-down lists for country, state, and county. The new search panel offers a single box for location, in which you are supposed to type the name of a place. As you begin to type a city, county, state, or country that box auto-fills with suggested place names which you can select with a mouse click. Use the American English equivalent of a country name; *Germany* works but *Deutschland* doesn't.

The new home page's menu bar goes across the top of the screen. Clicking *CEMETERIES* takes you to a page that lets you hunt cemeteries in either of two ways. Near the top left of the page is a search box where you can type a cemetery name. This auto-fill box works as above. When you select a name, you see a hit list of cemeteries with that name. Each entry on the hit list displays some facts about that cemetery, and a link to its information page. That page contains a search box that you can use to hunt for a person's name.

Instead of using that cemetery-name search box, you can use the cemetery-place search box to its right. Clicking a place name produces a map of cemeteries near that place. You can zoom the map in or out, and can pan it in any direction. (If the map doesn't display any marker pins, zoom in.) After a name is in that search box, clicking *Search* leads to a hit list of cemeteries near that place. Use this hit list the same way you use the other cemetery search box.



*Cemeteries are a guidebook to the past,
as well as a sanctuary of peace and comfort to the living*

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

Reunions have been a large part of family get-togethers' in times past, 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.

HESS-PLANK (Ashland OH Press; 03 Sep 1913)

"A reunion of the PLANK and HESS families and relatives was held in the Norris grove near Nankin station, last Saturday. It was the first of what will be termed the PLANK-HESS reunion. The forefathers of these two well-known families emigrated from near Philadelphia, Pa., to Ashland county in about 1843, settling in the beautiful valley east of town. About 130 of their descendants were present at the meeting, Saturday.

Visiting and the reciting of incidents that occurred some years ago composed the principal features of the day; however, the sumptuous dinner prepared by the ladies was not devoid of interest. After dinner those present were called together by T.R. PLANK, and remarks were made by Dr. Gilbert HESS, Ashland, Hon. F.M. PLANK, Medina and others. A permanent organization was effected by electing T.R. PLANK, president, and George HESS, secretary and treasurer. On motion of A.P. NEAL, West Salem, F.M. PLANK was elected historian. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the next reunion at the Norris grove on the last Saturday of August, 1914."

HOHENSIL Family Reunion (Ashland, OH, Press; 10 Jun 1886)

Rowsburg: "The first Friday in June is the day fixed for the reunion of the HOHENSIL family. The reunion this year was held at Mr. Peter HOHENSIL's east of town. Relatives from Stark, Wayne, Coshocton, Richland and other counties in this State and from other states were present. A grand dinner was served, after which the entire group was photographed by SWINEHART of west Salem and TEEPLE of Wooster. The remainder of the day was given to conversation and recalling the history of the HOHENSIL family.

"The early history of this family in the United States dates as far back as 1754, when Mr. and Mrs. HOHENSIL emigrated from Europe and located at the foot of the Blue Mountains. A house was built at that place but was destroyed by the Indians. After the Revolutionary war they moved to Westmoreland county, Pa. They raised a family of seven children, of which only one is still living, and in Coshocton county, O. He is a very old man and an uncle of one of our townsmen, Mr. Solomon HOHENSIL. From the earliest date the family has been noted for their piety. They are all well-to-do people, enjoying life in the best possible way, that of doing right. They are respected by the people of the community in which they live and bid fair to a ripe old age, as did their ancestors. There were 75 relatives present at the reunion and all spent a pleasant day and wished to live to see (sic) the next one."

**1926 Ashland High School Has Class Reunion** (Ashland Times Gazette; 14 Jul 1981)

The June and mid-year Ashland High School class of 1926 celebrated their 55th anniversary reunion Saturday evening with a dinner at the Ashland College ACcent Room. Guests were greeted by Beryl LUTZ KOPP and Miriam THOMAS SILER who were receptionists. A social hour preceded dinner, Russell BROWN, general chairman of the event welcomed classmates and spouses after which dinner was served to 40 guests, 28 of whom were members of the class. Guy MOORE read comments and messages from those not able to attend.

Delbert CATON led prayer following a period of silence in memory of deceased members. BROWN conducted a brief business meeting during which time it was voted to have the 60th anniversary reunion in 1986 with Helen HORNBERGER MYERS and Lilliam TOWSLEE VINES as co-chairmen. The evening was closed. With Bob KOPP leading the group in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Out of state guests attended from Florida, North Carolina and Virginia

"Family is like branches on a tree. We all grow in different directions, but our roots remain as one."

- From Coshocton Chapter OGS Newsletter

*I am bound to them,
Though I cannot look
into Their Eyes
or Hear Their Voices.
I honor Their History
I Cherish Their Lives
I Will Tell Their Story
I Will Remember Them.*

Author Unknown

Shared by Yolonda VAN DYNE

SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP RESEARCH AID PUBLICATION

Ashland County Research Aid #14 Sullivan Township is now available for advance orders.

This new book on Sullivan Township celebrates their bicentennial (1817-2017) and includes transcriptions of all cemetery tombstones, burial records for Southview Cemetery through 1965, census records for 1820 through 1860, mortality and agricultural schedules, selected tax lists (1820, 1835, 1847, 1855), all land records prior to 1860, land ownership maps (1861, 1874, 1897), information on churches and schools, histories by Sylvanus PARMELY and Grant EATON, the Sullivan Centennial Homecoming Register for 1917, Fuller SMITH Post GAR Members, Sullivan Postmaster List, early Congregational Church membership record, a Sullivan Photo Album, and much more. Includes a complete surname index.

Pre-publication price for this 276 page softbound book is just \$20.00 (until March 15th) . After that, the price will increase to \$25.00. Please add \$4.00 shipping and applicable sales tax at the rate for your county if you are an Ohio resident. Mail to: Ashland County Chapter OGS, PO Box 681, Ashland OH 44805

This is the last township in the Research Aid series other than the City of Ashland (Montgomery Township). See our Publications form on page 15 or go to our website for our other publications available.

ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO RESEARCH AID #14 SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP

Thomas Stephen Neel, Editor



Ashland County Chapter of the
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2017

DID YOU KNOW ???

THAT - If you have created your tree on FamilySearch.Org and have input a few generations, you can find some fun and interesting connections to other famous (or otherwise) persons. Go to www.RelativeFinder.Org (also part of FamilySearch) and log in using your FamilySearch account. It will tell you others who are in your lineage; be it presidents, Mayflower members, Salam Witch Trials, and a LOT more. You may even find some local cousins you didn't know you had.

THAT - www.census.gov/history/ and scroll through the tabs, "Through the Decades" tab will give you an Index to the questions that were asked in each census.

THAT - "In 1620, the Pilgrims made a new beginning in America". With that introduction, American Ancestors, part of the *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, has launched a new interactive website to commemorate the upcoming 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing. Through their 2020 website they are also currently gathering the world's first online gallery of Pilgrim descendants.

To browse the 108 Passengers (including mini bios) check the website: <http://mayflower.americanancestors.org/passenger>.

If you are a descendant you can add your info to their website: <http://mayflower.americanancestors.org/add-information>

THAT - The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (NEPGS) and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, PA have created a new database of all the diocesan church records in digital format. This includes over 300 parishes over an eleven county area to be completed in time for the Diocese 150th Jubilee in March 2018. Though they will not be available online, they will be stored at the society's research library. <http://nepgs.com/wordpress/our-library> (shared by Tom MOONEY, of "Out on a Limb")

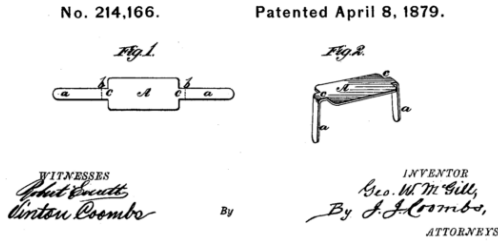
THAT - "Reclaim The Records" is a non-profit activist group of genealogists, historians, researchers, and open government advocates who have been working diligently for several years to get public records online and available to the public. They began in 2015 with New York City records and have moved on to other states. From their website: "We identify important genealogical records sets that ought to be in the public domain but which are being wrongly restricted by government archives, libraries, and agencies. We file Freedom of Information and Open Data requests to get that public data released back to the public. And if the government doesn't comply, we take them to court. Then we digitize everything we win and put it all online for free, without any paywalls or usage restrictions, so that it can never be locked up again. We post all the records for free use at Internet Archive: <https://archive.org>". (See Reclaim the Records website: www.reclaimtherecords.org to see what they're future plans are.)

THAT - In the early days of a traveling doctor, a child's birth just might have been recorded in an adjoining county. These doctors did not always get back to the actual county courthouse before moving on to the next county and recorded it whenever he got to a courthouse.

Tidbits from the Court House

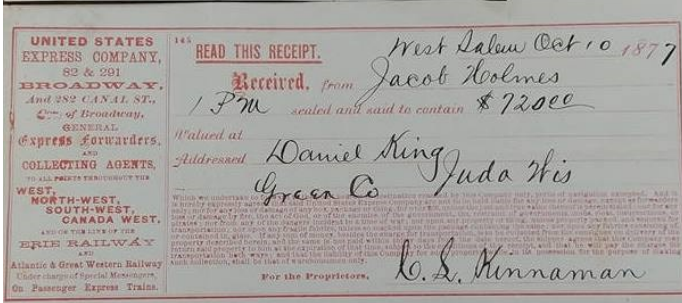
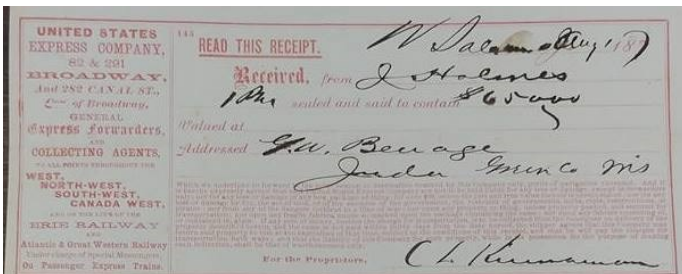
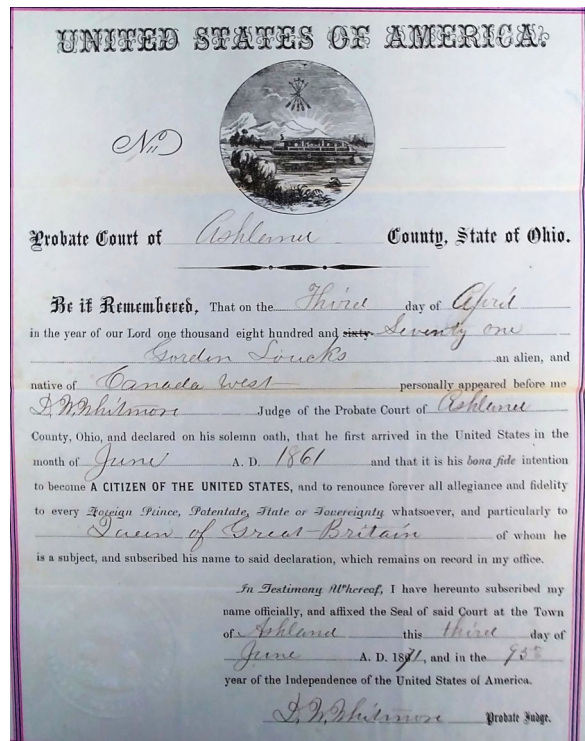
As our volunteers have been busily unfolding the court documents preparing for the FamilySearch scanning, there have been many little golden nuggets found within their aged old folders.

Last time I mentioned that they were using “brass fasteners” One of these shown below would be a prelude to our stapler.



1) One of the “nuggets” was finding a Naturalization Record for Gordon LOUCKS from Canada to the U.S. in 1871, stating he arrived in the U.S. in June of 1861.. Who would of thought of finding this in Probate Court.

2) The below is from the guardianship packet of Jacob HOLMES for the heirs of Jacob BEMAGE from 1860 (File #1005)



3) 1860 Note on the bond that John ELZ was appointed Administrator to the late George ELZ who died in Tulare Co, California, whereabouts unknown, filed in Ashland Co , Ohio (Packet #1014) (Could this be a Gold rush person who never came home?)

4) John WALLACE (mentioning his wife Rebecca WALLACE) Guardianship records of 1871 for VEACH heirs—Packet #1803

5) The 1870 Packet #3587 for Frederick SCHMAN, guardian for KREHBILL Heirs has a bill from a dental surgeon showing the work done on Mary KREHBILL.

As of this newsletter we are unfolding packets in the late 1890's. We'll be into 1900 very soon.

34th Annual Lineage Societies Banquet of Ashland County Chapter, OGS

On November 14, 2017 we held our annual Lineage Society Banquet. Our 2018 Officers were sworn in by our OGS 2nd Vice Pres., Russ POLLITT, and Tom NEEL handed out certificates as we acknowledged our many volunteers for all their hard work. We went on to enjoy another marvelous meal catered by Fergy's On Main and went on to enjoy our evening program, "*Boots on the Ground, Genealogy Adventures with Miss Peggy*" presented by Peggy Clemens LAURITZEN.



Volunteers - The Backbone of our Genealogy Society

I said it last year, and I say it again this year.....A Year-end Program wouldn't be complete without honoring our valuable volunteers who donate their time and efforts to help our chapter continue to accomplish the endeavors to help you, our members.

The following volunteers have donated their time to maintain the Library, work at the ongoing Courthouse Project, or held various positions as chapter officers or chaired other committees for the chapter. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. Deanna APPLGATE, Marleen APPLGATE, Cynthia BECKER, Shirley BOYD, Ginny FEIBER, Linda FULK, Barb HART, Terry HAUN, Bobbi KERSCHNER, Thomas NEEL, Becky PLANK, Pamela REYNOLDS, Susan WHITTED, Those not present at the Banquet to accept their awards were Connie ERICSON, Brian HARTZELL, Peg KERR, Barb QUEER, Jane ROLAND, Holly TAYLOR, and Yolanda VAN DYNE.

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:

Cheryol Miller of Mansfield, Ohio

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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.

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**. Applications 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; however, a \$15 application fee is required. If you have questions or need help, please contact our Lineage Chairperson, 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 1918*) There must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.

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 info on Mary ORAM (1804-1845) and Catherine ORAM (1799-1849) Please contact Christopher.w.orem@gmail.com
- ⇒ Researching Peter and Julianna SMITH (1800-1835). Contact jmccann_46742@yahoo.com
- ⇒ Researching surnames PLANK, STUMP, LONG, McCUEN, FRANKS, ACHEMIRE, ROHABAUGH, BUNDETTE. Contact: bsplank@yahoo.com
- ⇒ Researching: BREITENBUCHER, LONG, SCHNEIDER. Contact Barbara KOSTEINICEK, barb@dickinsonian.com
- ⇒ Researching David BENDER, who came to Ashland Co. about 1850; married In 1855 Sarah HINES (dau. of Rev. Jesse HINES of Reedsburg). David's father, Martin and siblings came from Cumberland Co, PA. John O BENDER (son of David) marr. Lucretia Jane "Jenny" MYKRANTZ who died in 1886. Also looking for George & Magdalan WARNES to tie in. Contact Bary BENDER, 1395 Valley Forge Rd., Helena, MT 59602-7371
- ⇒ David KIBLER is looking for more information on his ancestors; KAGEY, CRONINGER, CHARLES, and SMALLEY. If you connect with any of these Ashland Co surnames, please contact David at djkib@gvtc.com
- ⇒ Judy BOWYER is researching HOOKER and LUTZ surnames. She can be reached at jm1940b@sbcglobal.net
- ⇒ Researching surnames BEEGHLEY, BEALS, FIKE, GARN, HINES, HOSTLER, IRVING, KOPP, MARK, MARTIN, MENG, SHEETS, WILE. If you have any shared surnames, contact Paul & Diana WEAVER, 4944 SW County Rd 38, Fort White, FL 32038
- ⇒ Like to know about Joseph WIGLE ROSS HOUGH (1828-1906) & wife, Nancy McMURRAY (1837-1895). Joseph worked for my 2nd G GParents, Benjamin & Catherine WEIGLE ANDERSON as an indentured servant. Came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Uncle Jacob WEIGLE ANDERSON wrote many letters to Joseph and Nancy HOUGH during Civil war and he referred to him affectionately as a "brother". Believe there is a family connection . Contact Teddie ANDERSON HILL, teddielynn156@gmail.com

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 - RITA BONE KOPP

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.



Rita has been a member of the Ashland County OGS Chapter, since its beginning serving in almost all offices. She has served as President, Vice-President, Chapter Librarian; eleven years as newsletter editor, as well as Recording Secretary and Trustee positions. Sometimes she held more than one position at a time.

In 1993 Rita BONE KOPP was recognized as a Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society at their yearly Conference; this recognition being the highest award given by OGS. At the 2000 OGS Conference she was recognized and received Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award. Rita has abstracted historical records and newspapers for Ashland and Monroe County Chapters of OGS, along with editing an 1880 book for reprint by the Richland County Chapter on their Civil War soldiers. She is a member of Ashland, Monroe and Richland County's First Families, along with First Families of Ohio. With Anne BUDD, Rita prepared an index database of obituaries from the Evangelical Messenger newspaper which is housed on the Ft. Wayne (IN) Public Library within the Genealogy section. www.genealogycenter.info/search/evanmessenger.php.

Her books include: Will Book I, Ashland County, Ohio (1846-1857); Francis & Martha Stevens Bone Family History; Bazel & Mary Howell Smith and Their Descendants of 'Smith Holler' Wayne Township, Monroe County, Ohio; Eleven Years of Monroe County, Ohio Tax Records, 1816-1826; Monroe County, Ohio Tax Records, 1827, 1828, 1829; Index to Hill's 1880 History of Ashland County, Ohio. Co-edited three volumes of Ashland County, Ohio marriage records, March 1846 to February 1870. She has compiled/edited eight books for the local genealogy group. (There are probably more that I may not have mentioned). She has also donated several books to the Chapter Library, including some of the above mentioned.

She has roots in England and has volunteered via transcribing and proof-reading endeavors, as she would say, "across the pond". Rita has been an active web-master for several sites; local and abroad.

Our chapter is truly indebted to our volunteers. We wouldn't be where we are today without the lifelong service to our Chapter that Rita has provided over the years.....not just our Chapter, but the Genealogy Community, as a whole.



ADDENDUM To Our Previous Volunteer - Anne BUDD (in the previous newsletter - Vol 36, Issue 4, page 61) :

Barb HART had reached out to the Allen County Public Library in Indiana to clarify Anne's contribution to the PERSI project there when we were doing our volunteer article for Anne D BUDD. This is what Curt WITCHER wrote back.

"Anne BUDD, as I am sure you all know, is an extraordinary genealogist, family historian, colleague, and human being. It is so appropriate that she is being honored! Anne is among the very best individuals I have ever met.

Not only did Anne key a lot of the PERSI (Periodical Source Index) entries, she was the PERSI project's first supervisor. She laid an excellent foundation upon which PERSI has continued to grow for more than a quarter of a century. Her keen attention to detail, her knowledge of genealogical research methodology and sources, and her fantastic organizational skills when starting the project enabled PERSI to become the largest subject index in the genealogy space. It truly is the extraordinary work that it is today because of the outstanding work Anne did in the beginning of the project.

Another fantastic project Anne selflessly did for the genealogical community was singlehandedly creating an abstraction of the obituaries found in the "Evangelical Messenger" for the years 1848 through 1946. She keyed more than 194,000 obituary entries into this database covering nearly a century's worth of papers. That is an amazing feat. The database and abstractions can be found at www.genealogycenter.info/search/evanmessenger.php.

In addition to her extraordinarily fine work with PERSI and the Evangelical Messenger index, Anne has given truly outstanding genealogical lectures over her career. The workshops and seminars of which she was a part were truly top shelf. She continuously demonstrated the talents of a first-class instructor. The sessions that she would present at state, regional, and national conferences were informative and extremely well done".

Kudos to you and your society for honoring this great woman whom I have been truly honored to know." - Curt WITCHER

UPCOMING 2018 ACCOGS PROGRAMS:

(Members and Visitors are welcome to all meetings)

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, 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.

- Feb 20 - "**Know Your Ashland OGS Genealogy Library**"
Tour by Sarah KEARNS of the Ashland Public Library, with Ginny FEIBER & Linda FULK, Chapter Co-Librarians
- Mar 20 - "**Understanding Your DNA Test Results: Part Two**" Presentation by Kelli BERGHEIMER
- Apr 17 - "**Ohio & WWI: Reconstructing Your Ancestors' Military Service Records**" by Eric JOHNSON
- May 15 - "**Ladies of the GAR: From Civil War to Heritage Societies**" Presentation by Lynne PARMALEE BURY
- Jun 19 - "**200 Years of History: Savannah, Ohio**"
- Jul 17 - Chapter Picnic @ Ashland's Brookside Park West
- Aug 21 - "**Genealogical Resources at Loudonville Public Library**" by Rachel MATHIE
- Sep 18 - "**Timeline: The Swiss Army Knife of Genealogical Records**" by Amy JOHNSON CROW (Joint meeting with Richland Co Chapter held at OGS Library in Bellville. *Either 6:00 or 6:30 pm; time has not been established as of this printing*)
- Oct 16 - "Identifying Sarah Elizabeth SNYDER's Parents"
- Cheryl Brown ABERNATHY, CG
- Nov 13 - Annual Lineage Society Banquet "**BOGART and BACALL Myths, Mysteries and Family Histories**" by Amy WACHS, JD (held at Ashland Christ United Methodist Church.)

OTHER 2018 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- 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. (Key speakers are J. Mark LOWE, Thomas MacENTEE, & Peggy CLEMONS LAURITZEN) Registration will open in a couple of months. Check the OGS website www.ogsconference.org/
- April 28:** Indiana Genealogical Society's annual conference. Held at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany. Professional genealogist Jane E. WILCOX to be the featured speaker. Website: www.indgensoc.org/conference.php
- May 2-5: NGS 40th Annual History Conference (NGS)** "Paths to your Past". Presented by National Genealogical Society; hosted by Western Michigan Genealogical Society held in Grand Rapids, MI. Go to conference.ngsgenealogy.org for more info and to register. (Ten of the 180 lectures will be live streamed, for those not able to go. Some lectures will be recorded and available for purchase.
- 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 individual chapter meetings and their programs, including the OGS Seminars and Conference. A LOT of information is available. www.ogs.org/index.php



Roughly Eleven More Weeks —
Plan your Schedule for our
2018 OGS Conference
to be held at the
Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio
April 11 - 14, 2018

Don't wait! It will be here before you know it.
Check their website often as more information will follow.
www.ogsconference.org/register/



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CHAPTER CONTACTS: Corres. Secretary: ACOGSSEC@gmail.com (OR) Newsletter: AshOGSeditor@gmail.com

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1897 Land Ownership Map (includes maps and one-room school house locations)			\$6.00	
1915-1920 Farm Journal Illustrated Ashland County Directory (CD Map to be purchased separately)			\$21.00	
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Ashland Cemetery Burial Records			\$39.00	
Ashland County 1870 Census Index			\$9.00	
Ashland County 1880 Census Index			\$9.00	
Ashland County Church Records Vol. 1			\$19.00	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol I (1867-1879) (All 3 for \$39.50)	X		\$15.95	
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Ashland County, Hanover Twp., research aid #1	X		\$26.00	
Ashland County, Jackson Twp., research aid #7			\$23.00	
Ashland County, Lake Twp., research aid #3			\$15.00	
Ashland County, Mifflin & Milton Twps., research aid #8 & 9			\$27.00	
Ashland County, Mohican Twp., research aid #6	X		\$26.00	
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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.

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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; 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 the public.

Library Volunteers

(Linda FULK/Ginny FEIBER
Volunteer Coordinators)

- * 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

(Volunteers are needed)

If you'd be willing to donate an hour or two of your time during any of these times, or just occasionally, please contact one of the Library Coordinators;
Linda FULK, charlesfulk@zoominternet.net
or
Ginny FEIBER, lgfeiber@zoominternet.net

Ashland County Chapter OGS website
<http://www.ashlandohiogenealogy.org>
Sheila HELSER, webmaster

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