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## Ashland, Ohio Common Pleas Court Bible *(and it's local history)*



Did you ever wonder if the bible that is used to swear in our officials has a history? Well our Common Pleas Court Bible does have a history and a very interesting one at that.

This Bible was originally owned by William OSBORN, who was Judge of Common Pleas Court of Ashland, Ashland County from 1866 to 1872. In 1923, at the death of his daughter, Bell OSBORN, the Bible became the property of Mrs. W.D. BEER of Center St. this City.

It was sometime in the mid to late 1920's that Mrs. BEER presented the Bible through Hon. W.T. DEVORE, former Judge of the District Court of Common Pleas, to Judge Charles Calvin CHAPMAN for use in the Library of the Court. Thus started the close to 100 year residency of the Bible in our Common Pleas Court. While the Bible does not seem to have any family information for genealogists, it has become a permanent part of our local Ashland history.

Down through the years several Judges have made comments regarding the Bible's presence in the Court House Chambers. Below are some of those comments:

January 8, 1939 - This Bible's History is to be carried and passed from Chas C. CHAPMAN who addressed the Judge's duties January 9th 1927; and the twelve years being now complete, the Bible now passes to Hugh E. CULBERTSON.

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## PROBATE COURT SCANNING PROJECT IS NOW COMPLETED !

What started out in the fall of 2017 as our “Probate Court Scanning Project” has now been completed and the digital records have been sent off to Family Search for their inclusion in their on-line database. The records scanned were from the formation of the county in 1845 through and including 1934 (which includes estates, guardianships, trusts, wills, etc.). The records on the [FamilySearch.Org](http://FamilySearch.Org) site are not yet indexed, so if you are looking for any documents from this timeframe you’ll have to process through the individual records. We are hoping that we will be allowed to do the indexing if that option becomes available.

See our Oct-Dec 2017 issue of the Pastfinder Newsletter on page 52 to read about this project’s beginning. Barb QUEER had said at that time “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.” And, this project to preserve these precious documents was done at no cost to the county.

According to Marleen APPLGATE, Project Coordinator, the project took just over 13 months with 43 volunteers from the Ashland OGS Chapter and local community working just over 2,400 hours to unfold, flatten the contents, and then refold and refile the packets. According to Yolonda VAN DYNE (independent subcontractor for FamilySearch), she has scanned upwards of 550,000 images in those 13 months. Our Chapter members who volunteered their time over the course of those 13 months are listed, as follows:

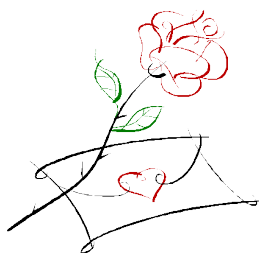
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Picture provided by Brian HARTZELL

Yolonda VAN DYNE, using her digital scanning machine

*(See page 58 for our Volunteer Appreciation Party notes and pictures.)*



*Family - For where your treasure is, There will your heart be also.*

*Luke 12:34*

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April 4, 1967 - It gives me pleasure to hand this Holy Book to Robert E. HENDERSON, my successor and one who is conversant with its truth and a firm believer in the truth that God still lives. May its light ever guide him.

H. CULBERTSON

April 1, 1973 - Bible passed to Eugene PUGLISI. It is directed that this Holy Book be available for use of the Court and it's officers.

Eugene PUGLISI

February 8, 1999 – It is with pleasure that I turn over to Jeffrey L. RUNYAN, the Common Pleas Court, General Division. I only hope that you will enjoy the work as I have enjoyed it. It is important to know that you may feel as if you are trapped in the job on occasion. God will help you on those occasions. Best Wishes to you.

Robert E. HENDERSON, Ret. Judge

February 8, 2005 - It has been a High Honor and privilege to serve as Common Pleas Judge. God Bless all who sit on this bench in the future.

Jeffrey L. RUNYAN

February 8, 2011 - I have been challenged as a Judge to try to always do my best in a professional and personal manner. I have enjoyed being Judge, but it can be a very difficult job. I wish you the best, Ron. Remember Judge HENDERSON's words. I have found them to be comforting and true. May you always remember that you are not alone, although at times it may feel that way. Best Wishes,

Deborah E. WOODWARD

*(Information provided by Tina A. CARPENTER, CCM Ashland County Common Pleas Court and pictures provided by Barbara QUEER)*



*The Bible was published in 1850 by the American Bible Society and measures 7.5" wide by 11" long*

William OSBORN was born 11 May 1821 in Columbus, Franklin Co, Ohio to Ralph and Catharine (RENICK) OSBORN. His father (Ohio State Auditor for 18 years) and some of his brothers were also in the field of Law. After graduating from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and passing the Ohio Bar, William began his law practice in Ashland which he continued for several years before becoming a judge of the Common Pleas Court for Ashland, Richland and Morrow counties. According to various history books of the area, "He sat on the bench until his death" which was 11 Feb 1880, though it's been said that he only served till 1872 in Ashland.

He is buried in Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Ohio, along with his wife Cornelia M FARR, and three daughters, Kate Renick OSBORN, Belle Farr OSBORN, and Lizzie C OSBORN. (Osborn School in Ashland was named for his daughter, Belle, who was a school teacher. The school was torn down in 2015).

### **Favorite Quotations of Ashland People**

*(A small book in the Library, compiled by Class #10 of the Christian Sunday School-No dates listed)*

B. C. PIATT - "The light which puts out our eyes in darkness to us only that day dawns to which we are awake. There is more day to dawn, the sun is but a morning star." - THOREAW[ *sp*]

Mrs. C. W. MYKRANTZ - Womanhood's woman-sweet as strength, and strong as tenderness, to make—a struggle with the dark for white light's sake." - Elizabeth Stewart PHELPS

Ralph Q. BEER - His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world—this was a man." - SHAKESPEARE

W. L. VANOSDALL - "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

## WERE YOUR ANCESTORS MARRIED AT A GRETNA GREEN?

Are you having troubles finding that certain marriage record? When you have researched for your ancestors' marriage record in the area they lived or where their children were born, you might need to broaden your search. One thing that might help is to know about the Gretna Greens or Marriage Mills they may have gone to. Searching marriage records in the nearest Gretna Greens may be worthwhile.

A "marriage mill" or "Gretna Green" is a town that encourages couples to come and get married, either because the law is lenient or because local officials refuse to enforce existing law. The concept of marriage mills is nothing new - Gretna Green was a village in Scotland that first became popular in the 1700's as a place for English couples to elope for a quick, no questions asked, marriage or without anyone knowing. Marriages are still being performed there today.

The "Gretna Green" idea was soon carried over to the American colonies. Marriages are regulated by the states, so if a couple found their states' requirements too stringent for their liking, they may have opted to travel to a town across the state border to take advantage of more favorable marriage laws.

A couple might have wanted to run away from their home area to get married at a younger age, or wait a shorter period after obtaining a license, to marry without parental consent, or to avoid blood tests, or less paper work. They also may have wanted to avoid paying a marriage bond, or to keep the marriage a secret, or marry a closer cousin than their home district will allow. Businesses also realized they could benefit from the notoriety. It wasn't just the marriage officials (justices

of the peace, judges and ministers) who would receive a fee for their service, but hotels, restaurants, photographers and even florists might benefit from this business. Military posts on the frontier, like Crown Point NY, Southwest Point TN, could be Gretna towns. People from bordering states along international boundaries for Canada and Mexico often slipped over the boundary to marry. Other Gretna Green towns might be "River Towns" along the Ohio, the Mississippi, the Connecticut, the Hudson, the Missouri Rivers. They would stop to get married and move forward on their journey.

Today two of the most famous marriage mills are Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada - couples from all over the world get married here because the law requires no waiting period to issue a marriage license, and there is no requirement to get blood tests. As a result, marriages are performed 24 hours a day and there are even drive-in chapels, where you can get married without ever leaving your car.

The various states would have their own "Green" area based on travel time and distance from "home". It could be within the state or "just over the line". For Ohio couples, the most likely states would be Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Aberdeen, Ohio, located in Huntington Twp, Brown County, along the Ohio River, next to Kentucky was a famous "Gretna Green". Thomas SHELTON, Justice of the Peace, is credited with marrying many thousands of eloping couples from OH, WV, KY, IN, IL, MO, and many of the southern states. Some couples came just to be married and then went home again. Others stopped over on their way West or East or South or North to be married. At the close of the Civil War, following T. SHELTON's death in 1870, many widows and orphans of soldiers had trouble getting pensions because these marriages performed by Squire SHELTON were questioned as to whether or not they were legal. Many of these marriages were never recorded; just a Certificate of Marriage was issued to the couple. Later, however, they were declared as legal by act of the State Legislature.

Indiana has its own history of marriage mills. Crown Point (Lake County) in northwestern Indiana was advertised in Chicago newspapers as being the "Gretna Green of the Midwest." They also advertised in cities such as Cincinnati using giant signs as well as newspapers. More than 175,000 marriages were performed from 1915 until 1940, including that of silent film actor Rudolph VALENTINO, who wed under the name Rudolph GUGLIELMA in 1923. The justices of the peace performed marriages 24 hours a day and the booming business of marriage was estimated to have brought in \$300,000 a year. Lawrenceburg (Dearborn County) in southeastern Indiana was another marriage haven; as was Jeffersonville (Clark County) in southern Indiana, whose proximity to the border made it a popular destination for Kentucky couples wanting to elope. Eph KEIGWIN, justice of the peace there is said to have presided over 10,000 marriages in his lifetime. For Michigan couples, Angola (Steuben County) in northeastern Indiana was definitely a destination. In



Map of Marriage Mill Towns from FamilySearch's Wiki

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the 1950's, Steuben County was issuing 1,000 more marriage licenses each year than the larger populated Marion County (Indianapolis). The First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola had a chapel in the back, known as The Chapel in the Garden. That chapel was the site of over 12,000 marriages in one five-year stretch in the 1900's, with the couples from that time representing 37 states and 8 countries. In 1956 alone, the church received \$20,000 in marriage fees.

Divorces can also be had in Gretna Green type places. Las Vegas, Nevada and Mexico had been popular places for Californians to run off to for quick, cheap divorces since about the 1930's. These are places where not only could the person seek a quick divorce, they could then get remarried quickly. Until 1873, Indiana used to have one of the most liberal divorce laws in the country. Their divorce law did have a residency clause, but there was no requirement concerning the length of one's residency.

So, ask yourself some basic questions about your next area to research. Did your ancestors live close to a county or state border? What town might your ancestors have gone to for a quick marriage? Finding missing marriage records may be as simple as looking for the Gretna Green nearest to where your couple lived. Keep searching and trying new ideas.

Below are listed some of these Gretna Green-Marriage Mills that have been identified\* ~~There are~~ many more of them out there, but I have listed those that might be of importance to Ohio residents. Some of these sites have come and gone as these Gretna Green's fell out of favor based on changes of the laws.

ILLINOIS: Cook Co.

INDIANA: Clark and Floyd Counties (for Louisville, Kentucky and surrounding areas); Crown Point, Lake Co (for Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio); South Bend, St. Joseph Co. (for Indiana and southwest & western Michigan); Angola, Steuben Co (for northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan); Evansville, Vanderburgh Co (for northwest Kentucky and southeast Illinois); Angola, Indiana was a popular place for northwest Ohioians to get married.

KENTUCKY: Maysville, Mason Co; Pike Co; Greenup Co.

MARYLAND: Cecil Co, Elkton (for PA, DE, MD, & NJ); Howard Co.

MICHIGAN: Port, Huron, St. Clair Co (for Ontario); St. Joseph, Berrien Co (for Cook Co, Illinois)

OHIO: Aberdeen, Brown Co (called the Gretna Green of the Ohio Valley); Cincinnati, Hamilton Co (Many persons stopped in Cincinnati to work before moving on to a different place)

PENNSYLVANIA: Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co (used by northern Ohioans, such as Cleveland); Reading, Berks Co; Philadelphia ( for colonial New Jersey); West Alexander, Washington Co;

VIRGINIA: Fredericksburg (from about 1938 until mid 1941); Manassas, Prince William Co (for D.C. mid-Atlantic States, and New England)

VIRGINIA: Point Pleasant, Mason Co; Cabell Co.

Terry HAUN

## TOMBSTONES DO NOT ALWAYS HOLD THE FACTS !

Read the tombstone closely. Do you see something wrong. This is a perfect example that you can't always trust what the tombstone says. *(Note the date of death)* Sometimes the Death Record will have a different date than the tombstone.



The tombstone picture provided by Dick EASTMAN as a part of his "Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter" <https://blog.eogn.com/>

## GENEALOGISTS LAUGHTER



Two women were talking at a high-society party. "My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," one said. "How far back has your line been traced?" "I'm not sure," the second woman replied. "All our records were lost in the flood."

Shared by Ron & Nancy DUPRE

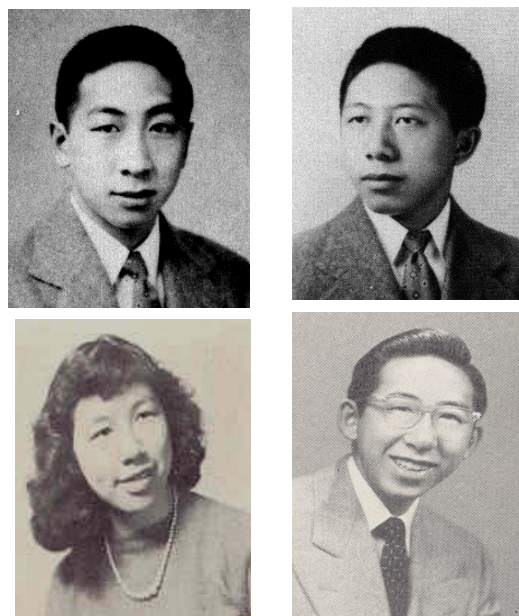
## QUONG FAMILY OF ASHLAND, OHIO

Around the time of 1924 a Chinese couple from San Francisco, California put down roots in Ashland and began a family. They were the only Chinese family in the area and operated a Laundry on Orange Street. (It has usually been referred to as "Chinese Laundry" - whether this is the name or a reference is not known and the address is usually listed as "Orange Street") Not much is known of them until the father, Lee QUONG, died April 30, 1934. His death is mentioned as follows: "Lee QUONG, 57, Chinese laundryman of 349 Orange street, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday at Samaritan Hospital following a ten-day illness with pneumonia. Born in San Francisco, he came here ten years ago and has operated the laundry during that time. Survivors are his widow, Gin SHEE and four small children, Tom, Tim, Trula, and Ted. The body is at the Shaw Funeral Home from where it will be taken to Cleveland by members of a Chinese brotherhood of which he was a member. Burial will be made in West Park Cemetery at a date not yet determined. There will be no funeral Service." (*Ashland Times Gazette - Tuesday, May 1, 1934, page 1*).

Inside the Probate Court Guardianship Packet #15091 (docket 19, page 420) were several items of paper for various bills including the burial of Lee QUONG. It was from Gilbert Furniture Co. Oct 6, 1934 for "To casket & attendance at Mother Brigg's funeral, burial at Ashland for a total of \$250.00" (It wasn't paid in full until Jan 5, 1939).

Through several newspaper articles for the next several months we see that the mother, Gin SHEE QUONG and her four small children, Tom, Tim, Trula, and Ted went through a lot of turmoil trying to determine if they would be going to China (either deported or voluntarily has been open to debate) or stay in Ashland. However, the four children; Tom, born 1925; Tim, born 1926; Trula, born 1931; and Ted, born in 1933 were U.S. citizens, all born in Ashland, Ohio. There were several news bits about the family being sent to Cleveland to make arrangements for sending the family to China, "birth place of Mrs. QUONG" even though the children were "American citizens, having been born in Ashland." The Plain Dealer, in Cleveland Ohio ran an article which related that some residents thought it best to send the family back to China "to be with their people." Others "opposed the removal of the

Chinese Family" and called on Probate Judge B. W. McCRAY to get involved even though no official action had been taken as of yet to procure a judgement.



Senior Class Pictures: above from top left to bottom right; Tom, Tim (AHS Class 1944), Trula (AHS Class 1949), and Ted (AHS Class 1951) Pictures contributed by Russ SHOPBELL through the Ashland Chapter website <http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/schoolsashlandopen.html>

In November of 1934, the local newspaper ran an article stating "Ashland's 'International Problem', that the disposition of the QUONG family, has reached probate court". The news of this international situation had been in many papers across the country, including California, Idaho, and Pennsylvania. "An application made by Jay H. EMMONS has been filed to name a guardian for the four small children of Mrs. Gin Shee QUONG.....it is claimed that the children are American citizens, that there is a movement on foot to move them away from their home into a foreign country and conditions which will not be for their best welfare." The article also mentions "Those who are on the other side contend that Mrs. QUONG wants to return to her homeland and insists upon it, although the children have expressed a desire to remain here.....They further stated that if the children do go to China, they will be under the protection of the United States government because they are citizen of this country." (*Ashland Times Gazette, Nov 30, 1934; page 1*).

[Editors note: Remember that in 1934 China was in an upheaval with the Chinese Communists fighting the Nationalists]

The majority of the local people, however, chose to help them out. The Rev. H. E. ANDREWS,  
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<p><b>Laundries—Chinese</b> Quong Gin Shee Mrs 346 Orange</p> <p><b>Laundries—Steam</b> <b>MYERS LAUNDERERS &amp; DRY CLEANERS, 41-49 E South,</b> Tel 72 Main (For further information see pages 9 and 14 Buyers' Guide)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 1941 Ashland City Directory -</p>
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*(QUONG Family - continued from page 54)*

pastor of First Presbyterian Church, was one of these. However, it was Frank MIKUSINSKI, purchasing agent for Faultless Rubber Co., and his wife, Mable, who practically adopted the family. Gin SHEE kept the laundry open and ran it as best she could, although she spoke little English. On December 3, 1934 Probate Judge B.W. McCRAY made the official announcement to the four young children "You won't have to go to China". Dr. C.C. PATTON and Mrs. H.E. ANDREWS were named to serve as guardians of the four QUONG children. Judge McCRAY also reinstated Mrs. QUONG's monthly pension of about \$20 which was due her as a "mother's pension for the care of the children.

The following year, Tim wrote a letter to Santa Claus. This letter, as well as other letters from several other youngsters, was published in the Times-Gazette. He asked Santa for a gas stove for his mother, sweaters for Trula and Ted, a warm dress for mother and corduroy pants for Tom, and games. The Orange Street merchants saw that the stove was purchased and the other items were secured, as well.

The QUONG children were able to grow up in Ashland and attended the Ashland schools even showing up in the Ashland High School's Yearbooks.\* In 1957 the three boys are still listed as living with their mother on Orange Street. Ted went on to graduate from Wittenberg University, became a periodontist, and presently lives in Honolulu with his wife and family. (His marriage in 1963 was announced in our local papers). Tim managed a Mexican restaurant near Waikiki over the years, was a veteran of World War II, and passed away in 2010. He is buried in National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Trula married Kenneth YOSHINO and lives in the northern part of Ohio. Tom remained in Ashland and, after graduation from Ashland College with a business

administration degree, he worked at the F.E. Myers Co. and later was the Clubhouse Manager at Brookside Golf Course. Tom was quite involved with the community acting as chairman, president, or advisor in many organizations in the area. He was also the caretaker of his mother at their home on Winthrop Lane.

Gin Shee (YOUNG)\* QUONG had only learned a few English phrases and identified cans of fruit or vegetables by the pictures on the outside. The girls at the check-out counter got to know her well as she held out bills and change and they took what they needed. Gin Shee QUONG died 24 Mar 1991 in Ashland and is buried in West Park Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio. Her obituary reads: "Services for Gin SHEE QUONG will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Denbow-Primm Funeral Home with the Rev. Sanford C. MITCHELL officiating. Burial will be in Westpark Cemetery in Cleveland....Mrs. QUONG, 87, of 956 Winthrop Lane, died Sunday evening in Samaritan Hospital following a short illness. She was born in Canton, China, Sept. 30, 1903, and had resided in the Ashland area since 1924, coming here from China. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was married in 1924 to Lee QUONG who preceded her in death in 1933. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Trula) YOSHINO of Chesterland; three sons, Tom L. QUONG of Ashland, Tim L. QUONG and Dr. Ted QUONG, both of Honolulu, Hawaii; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild." (*Ashland Times Gazette, Mar 26, 1991; Page 6, Col.2*)

All of the family is gone from Ashland now. Tom, who was the only one to stay in the area, was killed in 2006 when the car he was driving collided with a truck. His ashes are buried in Ashland Cemetery.

*(I wonder what their lives would have been like if they had moved to China all those years ago.)*

- Terry HAUN

*SOURCES and additional Information:*

- ◆ 1930 Census: Living at 349 Orange Street, Ashland, Ashland Co, Ohio, rented. He was Head of Household, born in California about 1878; first married at 27 and he could read and write and speak English. (this would indicate that he had been married previously). Gin Shee was born about 1903 in China; first marriage at 20, could read and write but could not speak English. Also shows she immigrated around 1924.
- ◆ Ashland High School Senior Class Pictures of the children (located on our website: <https://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/>)
- ◆ Gin SHEE, Tim, and Tom QUONG, Find-A-Grave Memorials: [www.findagrave.com/memorial/100753581/gin\\_shee-quong](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100753581/gin_shee-quong)
- ◆ Tim QUONG Obituary: Tim Lee QUONG, 83, of Honolulu, died Feb. 21, 2010. Born in Ashland, Ohio. Retired restaurant worker; U.S. Army veteran. Survived by brother, Ted; sister, Trula YOSHINO. Service 9:30 a.m. Monday at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. No flowers. Casual attire. Donations to Blood Bank of Hawaii. <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2010/Mar/06/ln/hawaii3060311.html>
- ◆ Ashland Times Gazette: November 30, 1934; December 3, 1934, December 4, 1934
- ◆ ATG: December 22, 2012 "Historic Ashland"
- ◆ The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, Dec 5, 1934 ran a picture of the mother and children. Picture is available for purchase. [www.historicimages.com/1934-press-photo-mrs-gin-shee-quong-with-children-to-remain-in-united-states](http://www.historicimages.com/1934-press-photo-mrs-gin-shee-quong-with-children-to-remain-in-united-states)
- ◆ Ted QUONG is on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ted.quong](http://www.facebook.com/ted.quong)

\*(Young is what is listed on Gin Shee's and Tom's Ohio Death Index; however, I would assume that is an Americanized sound of a Chinese name)

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### NOBLE CITIZEN - Jacob L. DORLAND Meets Death With Cheerful Courage

An honored citizen, a loyal friend, a generous neighbor, a kind brother, a devoted husband and a loving father, who without ostentation or display nobly performs life's duties, these are the noblest virtues and justly they can all be ascribed to Jacob I. DORLAND, who peacefully passed away at his home on Sandusky street Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Through many days of patient suffering he had known that death was inevitable yet he met it with a courage so gentle and cheerful that it seemed like going on a pleasant journey and the memory of his thoughtfulness softens the keen sorrow which has come to the home of which he was the honored head. When strength began to fail, business matters were all closed up with that justness and fairness that had always characterized his dealings with his fellow men. Now that he is gone his many noble qualities shine out all the more brightly for his generous charity and many other good deeds were done in secret.

The greater part of Mr. DORLAND's useful life was spent in Ashland, where he was held in the highest esteem as a business man and public-spirited citizen. He served a number of terms on the city council, where his good judgment and wise counsel made him a most valuable member. He was a master marble cutter and a large portion of his life was spent in the monument business, varied by the management of a book store. By integrity and fair dealing he built up the large business that made him so well known throughout the county.

In private as well as public life he was a model citizen and the ties which existed between himself and loved ones were most strong and tender. He was ever thoughtful of their best interests, and no service was too great that would bring happiness to them. Until the father was taken, the home circle was never broken and he counted this one of his chief blessings. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Linda SIGLER, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Josephine RHOADS, of Cleveland; Mrs. Bessie BROWN, of California, and Arthur DORLAND, of this city. Three sisters also survive him, Mrs. Jennie POE and Mrs. Susan DULIN, of this city, and Mrs. DeSHONG, of Kansas City. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Sandusky street Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

*Ashland Time Gazette, November 30 1904 (pg 3, col 1)*



### Polk news of death of David SWITZER

The sad intelligence just reaches us of the death of David SWITZER, who is a brother of Mrs. Henry HARTSELL, formerly of this place but now of Wellington, and also a brother of Henry SWITZER southeast of town, by being knocked from the railroad while walking between Akron and New Portage. The train over the Erie road was approaching him and as there are double tracks from New Portage to Akron, he, to avoid the Erie train, stepped over onto the C.A. & C. track, opposite, only to be hurled

into eternity. He leaves a family, consisting of a wife and two children. He was a carpenter by trade and an honest and industrious man, and lived in the township for some time, near his brother, Henry SWITZER's, on the Cleveland road.

*Ashland Times Gazette, Tuesday, February 24, 1891 (page 1, col 2)*  
(Contributed by Brenda SPIER)

### Eloped With High Diver

Considerable excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Perrysville by the sudden disappearance of Grace ROWE, the fourteen year old daughter of Mrs. Jane ROWE from their home in Perrysville. The girl left one day recently while her mother was away from home, without leaving anything to tell where she had gone. She took several articles of wearing apparel with her and left for parts unknown.

It seems that during the recent carnival and home coming celebration held in Perrysville the girl became infatuated with a fellow named Elmer PARSON, who made the high dive. Investigation revealed the fact that she had left Perrysville for Mansfield on the last day of the carnival and in the evening, she joined the young man there. They then boarded a Pennsylvania train for Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Hearing of this, the girl's mother left Perrysville and traced them to Ft. Wayne but then learned that they had gone to a town in Michigan. She then returned to her home and later received a letter from her daughter from a Michigan town, saying that the two had been married. What action the mother will take has not been learned.

*The Ashland Press, 25 September 1912 (page 8, col 1)*  
(Contributed by Brenda SPIER)

To Forget One's Ancestors Is to Be a Brook Without a Source - A Tree Without Root  
- Chinese Proverb

*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. Anne 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 in our Family Histories Section.

**AUSTEN-PEARCE Family Reunion - Ashland, OH, Press 2 Sep 1908**

The AUSTEN and PEARCE reunion was held at Slater's grove, near Jeromeville, Wednesday, August 26, 1908. Friends of both families met and got acquainted with one another and mingled together in sports of different kinds until the noon hour arrived, when all gathered around the tables laden to their utmost capacity with good things. It is needless to say that everyone did justice to the feast prepared.

As this was the first reunion of the family, a complete history of the ancestors of both families had been prepared by Theodore H. GEORGE, of Ashland. It was read by Rev. LILLY, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Lakefork.

After the history had been read, the officers were elected, as follows: President, Theodore M. GEORGE of Ashland; vice president, J. T. AUSTEN, Pittsburg, Pa.; secretary of Ohio, T. R. GARN, Jeromeville; secretary of the west, Richard PEARCE, Flora, Ill.; secretary of the east, C. W. AUSTEN, Pittsburg, Pa.; treasurer, G. W. GARN, Jeromeville; corresponding secretary, T. R. GARN, Jeromeville.

A motion was made by Edward PEARCE, of Beaver Falls, Pa., to tender thanks to Rev. LILLY for the reading of the history of the families, also for the address delivered by him, a copy of which was to be sent to him. The motion carried. It was decided to hold the next reunion at Slater's grove August 26, 1909.

There were 268 present, and following is a list of those from a distance: Mrs. Maggie ASH and Mrs. Edwin AUSTEN, West Etna, Pa.; Mrs. Melina FOGAL, Westford, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. AUSTEN, Aspinwall, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. AUSTEN, Miss Louise AUSTEN and J. A. MEREDITH, Monongahela, Pa.; Elmer E. GORDON, Sarah A. GORDON, Edward E. and James A. GORDON, Bellvue, Pa.; Charles M. and Bessie M. ASH, West Etna, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. PEARCE, Flora, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. PEARCE, William and Etta M. PEARCE, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Allison PEARCE and Mary N. PEARCE, Flora, Ill.; Peter C. RICH, James KNOX, Sherman AUSTEN, Mrs. Charles COLLIER, Gail KNOX, Chester BURCAN, Mrs. E. E. BURCAN, Mrs. F. GARN, Hazel RICH and Mr. W. E. KREILING, Wooster; Ebright AUSTEN and Clyde AUSTEN, Shreve; John W. SHUTT, West Salem; Ozelle M. HART, Mr. and Mrs. S. SHERICK, Graham SHERICK, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. HART, Wilbert J. HART, Cleveland; Emma AUSTEN; A. R. RAUBENAULT and family, Plimpton; Ella M. PEARCE, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. James SIMMERS, Hattie YOUNKER and Christian HETLER, Burbank; Henry AUSTEN, Wadsworth; S. D. PEARCE, Cannonsburg, Pa.; Mr. Frank SEIBERT and Miss Vera SEIBERT, Chippewa Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. PEARCE, DeHaven, Pa.; Miss Fannie J. PEARCE, Burgettstown, Pa.; Mrs. A. A. PEARCE, Clifton Park, Pa.; Albert and Mary WERTZ, Marshallville; Fern S. SHUTT, Redhaw; Mrs. Suza CLIFFE, Mohican; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. SWAISGOOD, Loudonville; Miss M. S. AUSTEN, Monongahela, Pa.

**Enjoyable Gathering At Clyde ELLIS Home - Ashland OH Times Gazette 20 Aug 1919**

A very happy and enjoyable crowd, numbering 39, gathered at the pleasant [*sic*] suburban [*sic*] home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde ELLIS, one and a half miles west of Greenwich and held their annual reunion. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. C.W. MOMYER of Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Joe SEATON and children, Clark, James and Martha of Shenandoah; Mr. and Mrs. I.D. MOMYER and children, Pearl, Gladys and John of Adario; Mr. and Mrs. Hansell MURRAY and children, Wilbur, Laurence, Paul, Genevieve and Madge of Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph RYLAND and children, Raymond, Lavaughn, Helen and Dorothy of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde ELLIS and children, Bruce, Thelma, Myron and Leland of Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Rob TUCKER and son Harold of Savannah; Wellar McCORMIC, Mrs. Elizabeth McCORMIC of Shiloh; Eil ELLIS of Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Jay ELLIS of Cardington. The next reunion will be held at the home of J.D. MOMYER at Adario.

*\*Is it perhaps J.D. Momyer*

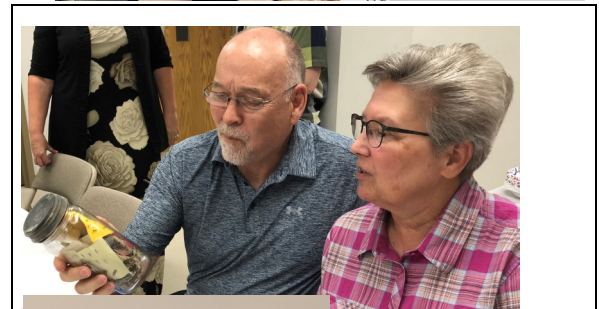
## Tidbits from Our Court House Project

We have finished our Court House Scanning Project of the Probate Court Records and Family Search now has the images. Many of them are now online at FamilySearch.Org; but because they have not been indexed yet, you will have to search for them using the local catalog.

During the early years there were Tax Rates found in various packets. See a copy of one of those (for the year 1889). On the next page is a summary of those Tax Lists that were found between the years 1889 and 1898.



We held our Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party in late August for all those who helped us achieve this accomplishment in just a little over one year. Below are some of those who attended.



Yolanda VAN DYNE surprised all of us with some precious parting gifts. Why you might ask? "Because she said so" ----



Our dessert was provided by Becky PLANK's daughter, Abigail CARTER, "Confections On The Go" who has shared her delicious cupcakes at various times throughout our Courthouse project.

### TAX RATES FOR 1889.

TOWNSHIP'S.	DEC. RATE	JUNE RATE	TOTAL
Hanover Township	8 50	7 00	15 50
Loudonville School District, Hanover	12 10	10 60	22 70
Loudonville Corporation, Hanover	14 30	12 80	27 10
Loudonville Corporation, Green	14 00	12 50	26 50
Green Township	4 90	4 10	9 00
Perrysville School District in Township	9 80	9 00	18 80
Perrysville Corporation in District	12 90	12 40	25 30
Perrysville Corporation	8 00	7 50	15 50
Loudonville School District in Green	11 10	10 30	21 40
Vermillion Township	6 50	5 50	12 00
Hayesville School District	6 85	5 85	12 70
Hayesville Corporation	7 70	7 20	14 90
Montgomery Township	6 65	5 15	11 80
Ashland School District	9 10	7 60	16 70
Ashland Corporation	13 60	13 10	26 70
Orange Township	5 90	4 90	10 80
Orange School District	6 55	5 55	12 10
Lake Township	7 25	5 75	13 00
Mohican Township	6 30	5 00	11 30
Jeromeville School District	8 55	7 25	15 80
Jeromeville Corporation	7 75	7 25	15 00
Perry Township	6 40	4 90	11 30
Jackson Township	5 35	4 45	9 80
Polk School District	6 10	5 20	11 30
Polk Corporation	6 70	6 20	12 90
Mifflin Township	7 85	6 85	14 70
Milton Township	5 90	4 90	10 80
Clearcreek Township	6 05	5 25	11 30
Savannah Corporation	7 45	6 65	14 10
Ruggles Township	6 10	5 00	11 10
Troy Township	8 05	7 55	15 60
Sullivan Township	5 75	4 75	10 50



A pleasant surprise was that over the last year, Barb QUEER had been saving the homemade string, pins, clips and other types of paper binding that was used to contain these old documents in a jar.

(Shown above reviewing the items retrieved are Jim JUSTICE and Barb QUEER, with the jar shown in detail on the left.

Below are the Tax Rates that were found in many of the Probate Court Documents, which gives a snapshot view of what was charged on the property of any given district at that time. It is interesting to see how these rates increased (or decreased) over the years. (Generally Loudonville Corporation District, followed by Perrysville Corporation District, had the highest tax rate for those years. It is interesting to see those also with the lowest tax rates.)

<b>Tax Rates by District</b>	<b>1889</b>	<b>1893</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>1898</b>
Hanover Township	15.50	19.00	16.50	18.90	18.00	17.00	18.40
Loudonville School Dist, Hanover Twp	22.70	22.90	23.50	24.40	23.50	23.60	24.30
Loudonville Corporation, Hanover Twp	27.10	22.90	29.80	33.00	32.50	32.50	33.00
Loudonville Corporation, Green Twp	26.50	28.80	29.90	34.00	33.10	33.20	33.50
Green Township	9.00	11.90	14.10	12.90	12.60	11.80	14.10
Perrysville School Dist, Green Twp	18.80	21.00	22.10	21.30	20.90	19.00	15.20
Loudonville School Dist, Green Twp	21.40	21.80	23.60	23.70	23.10	22.30	23.60
Perrysville Corporation District	25.30	26.90	28.10	31.00	35.00	34.00	29.20
Perrysville Corporation, not in District	15.50	17.80	20.10	22.60	26.70	26.80	28.10
Vermillion Township	12.00	15.20	13.80	11.10	11.40	13.70	13.60
Hayesville School District	12.70	17.00	17.00	15.50	15.70	17.20	16.90
Hayesville Corporation	14.90	19.00	18.80	18.00	18.20	19.20	21.10
Montgomery Township	11.80	14.80	14.90	12.50	13.70	15.00	15.40
Ashland School District	16.70	17.70	17.30	16.70	17.50	18.50	18.90
Ashland Corporation	26.70	27.70	27.30	29.90	30.50	31.50	32.00
Orange Township	10.80	15.00	12.40	13.20	12.70	13.30	13.30
Orange School District	12.10	16.30	14.00	13.90	15.00	14.50	13.80
Polk School District, Orange Twp	---	---	---	---	12.50	14.60	14.80
Lake Township	13.00	14.50	13.90	13.90	13.60	13.70	15.20
Mohican Township	11.30	15.00	15.00	---	14.90	13.70	16.30
Jeromeville School District	15.80	18.00	18.50	---	18.50	19.70	19.50
Jeromeville Corporation	15.00	23.00	22.90	---	17.50	20.60	21.60
Perry Township	11.30	14.90	13.00	12.00	13.00	13.50	14.40
Jeromeville School District, Perry Twp	---	---	18.40	17.70	16.70	18.10	18.70
Jackson Township	9.80	11.00	12.00	13.30	13.20	13.70	13.90
Polk School District	11.30	12.20	13.00	12.60	12.10	14.40	14.70
Polk Corporation	12.90	13.70	13.70	13.10	13.10	16.40	16.20
Mifflin Township	14.70	15.90	13.30	14.00	16.60	14.40	14.50
Mifflin Corporation	---	21.00	15.80	17.00	19.60	17.40	17.50
Milton Township	10.80	14.50	13.00	13.50	15.40	17.40	14.00
Clear Creek Township	11.30	15.00	14.70	13.00	13.30	14.00	14.00
Savannah School District	---	15.50	16.00	16.20	17.20	14.90	14.50
Savannah Corporation	14.10	17.20	18.30	18.70	20.70	18.60	19.00
Ruggles Township	11.70	13.60	14.40	14.10	14.30	13.70	13.80
Troy Township	15.60	15.60	13.60	12.20	12.90	16.30	15.60
Troy School District	---	21.00	19.70	14.50	16.30	18.90	16.80
Sullivan Township	10.50	16.30	16.90	16.70	16.50	17.30	17.60

***REMEMBER: Absence of Evidence is not Evidence of Absence !***

### How Important Is It To Record Your Own Stories?

Have you started your stories? As a continuation from the last newsletter, I'll be giving you more ideas and suggestions of what you might want to record from your own "Life Story".

It's been suggested that if you write about one thing a week for 52 weeks you'll have 52 stories to pass on to your children and grand-children. Many of these one-paragraph stories may have never been mentioned to your children over the years. Some of the things you might want to start with is some basic things that make up who you are. You can just write down short one-paragraph stories to get started.

- ◆ When or where were you born? In the hospital or at home? Describe your neighborhood or the town you grew up in.
- ◆ Do you have special features that you were told that you look just like "so and so". Record them and who you looked like; family, friend, or movie star.
- ◆ What were some of your special pets? Do you have a picture of you with them. Write down your memories of when you first got the pet and how you or family named it.
- ◆ What did you and your siblings do that got you in trouble? We ALL have some of those stories and, though, they may not have been funny at the time, hopefully time has brought out the bright side of the situation.
- ◆ Were you named for someone in your family; either your first name, your middle name, or even a nickname? Tell who named you, where the name came from, or in honor of a loved one.
- ◆ Write some of the memories you have of your parents or grandparents. You may mention what you loved doing with them, what you disliked doing, or some of the things they *always* said. (for instance, "*eat your food; there are children starving in the world*". I know my children have a few they'd love to tell about me.)
- ◆ What organizations have you belonged to and/or what awards you have received. (You don't have to feel like your gloating when you record these memories. Your family will appreciate these little tidbits of your life).

There are many stories that can be written, so where do you begin? Start by making a list of 52 items that could be a paragraph subject. Get yourself a notebook and just take one week at a time and write down about that subject matter. You don't have to make it formal, just jot your thoughts down. If you want to write it up later, you can correct the grammar and punctuation at that time.

Next time I'll give you at least 52 subjects that you might want to write about. But you can choose whatever YOU want; it is YOUR "Life Story".

Terry HAUN

### DID YOU KNOW ???

**THAT** - If you have research in Bucks County, Pennsylvania this will be of interest to you. "Racing against time in Bucks County to save 300 years of land records" is the heading and tells us of an all too common theme. Our history in paper is disintegrating. Records from 1684 to the late 1800s in about 700 volumes are being treated and rebound over the next few months. Their county Recorder of Deeds said: "And this isn't just the history of Bucks County — it's the history of this country." Picture of many, many books of old records stacked on pallets are shown in the article.. (Thanks to Dick EASTMAN for this). Article can be read at the Philadelphia Inquirer's web site at : <http://bit.ly/2LEsyLk>.

**THAT** - We all have times we need a birthdate calculator based on death information, either from the death certificate or the obituary or tombstone. There are lots of tools out there to come up with that calculation. Here is yet another website that can do it for us. It can use either the Gregorian calendar (most used in today's dates) or the Julian calendar. [www.ovs-genealogy.com/tools/free\\_birthdate\\_calculator\\_calculates\\_birth\\_day.shtml](http://www.ovs-genealogy.com/tools/free_birthdate_calculator_calculates_birth_day.shtml)

**THAT** - If you are checking the censuses for an ancestor that hasn't moved for more than 10 years and you are certain that you know where he should be (and are assuming that the name has been "corrupted" in the index), you might find him by checking the neighbors. Look at the neighbors that are listed next to you ancestor in the census before or after the one you are searching. Try to track the neighbor (or neighbors) in the same census you are looking for your ancestor. He may still be living next to the same neighbors. It's also possible that he was overlooked entirely.

**THAT** - Before 1830 the Forms for The U.S. Census were Not provided by the federal government to the enumerators. Therefore, there is not a standard appearance throughout the nation. Some locations did have their own pre-printed forms, so their enumerators were at least consistent. That is why you may see a slightly different view in various states.

**THAT** - North Carolina's archivists are worried that fragile collections of documents, covering centuries of history, could have been destroyed by Hurricane Florence. The fear is that historical archives housed in universities, courthouses, and local libraries are at heightened risk from flooding and mold. Some are in well-protected university libraries, others are located in courthouses and historic buildings that are not equipped with climate and humidity control systems. (Dick EASTMAN comments on this with the original article at: <https://tinyurl.com/y73odjx9>.)

**THAT** - Washington Co, Maryland Marriage records from 1886-1970 are online through the *Washington County Free Library*. They can be accessed at: [www.washcolibrary.org/?q=marriages](http://www.washcolibrary.org/?q=marriages).

**THAT** - The Virtual Genealogical Association founded in April 2018 to provide a forum for genealogists to connect, with other genealogists online, geared towards those: 1-whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings 2-who prefer online presentations, conferences, & socializing 3-with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists <https://virtualgenealogy.org>

## 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 five-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.
3. Send in your query for the year.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Our most recent new member is:

**Tammy SLOAN PELTON** - (PeltonTammy@yahoo.com)  
 Researching Surnames: SLOAN, PELTON,  
 SWOPE, KEEFER, HETSLER, ABBOTT



### ASHLAND COUNTY SURNAME QUERIES

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

- ⇒ Janet S. BOYD is researching the following surnames: HAMILTON, MARKLEY, BOYD, ROBERTS, CRONE, GOFF, and FRANKS. She can be reached at boydj7@zoominternet.net.
- ⇒ Dale DANIELS is researching COGGSHALL, DANIELS, DAY, GROOVER, SHOEMAKER, SMITH. If you have those surnames contact him at 214 St Rt 60, New London, Ohio 44851
- ⇒ Barbara H. RENNEKER is researching the surnames of : RENNEKER, FLANAGAN, and WAYSON. She can be reached at: barbandcarl@gmail.com.

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

Those interested in applying to one of the Lineage Societies should complete the application by **August 31, 2019**. 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. There is a required \$15 application fee for all applicants. If you have questions or need help, please contact our Lineage Chairperson, Marleen APPLGATE (mragenealogy@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 1919) There must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.

#### **CHARTER Member of Ashland County Chapter OGS has Died**

Ruth Ann HALL, 91, of Wellington, died Sunday, September 23, 2018 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain. Ruth was born October 4, 1926 in Ashland, Ohio, the daughter of John Charles and Beulah Faye (COTTRELL) DILGARD.

She was co-founder and charter president of the Ashland County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society and was the first librarian of the chapter. Ruth was a previous member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; also the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lucy Barnum Chapter, Adrian, Michigan.

Interment will follow in the Ashland Cemetery.

*(Complete obituary can be found in the Ashland Times Gazette, Wed, Sep. 25, 2018, page 2)*

**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) .**

**UPCOMING 2018 ACCOGS PROGRAMS:**

(Members and Visitors are welcome to all meetings)

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise stated, (except for our July picnic), our meetings are held at the Ashland **Christ United Methodist Church**, 1140 Claremont Ave., Ashland Ohio unless otherwise stated. There is no December meeting.

**Oct 16** - "Identifying Sarah Elizabeth SNYDER's Parents" with Cheryl BROWN ABERNATHY, CG

**Nov 13** - Annual Lineage Society Banquet "Westward HO" with Peggy Clemens LAURITZEN (at Ashland Christ United Methodist Church.) -  
(*Please note this is a last-minute change in speaker and program, due to health reasons of the previous speaker.*)

Dec - No Meeting! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

### COME VISIT THE ASHLAND CHAPTER LIBRARY

(Located on the 2nd Floor of the Ashland Public Library)  
(224 Claremont Ave, Ashland, OH 44805)



Co-Librarians Linda FULK & Ginny FEIBER have been working on the reorganization of the library materials to help make it easily accessible to our patrons. If you plan to do research at the library and want help finding resources, let us know in advance and we will have someone there to assist you. (*see last page for their e-mail address*).

**OTHER 2018-19 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

\*\* (Remember to check the Ohio Genealogical Society webpage. Listed are the various chapters and programs, including the OGS Summer Sessions, Seminars and yearly Conference. A LOT of information is available.

[www.ogs.org/index.php](http://www.ogs.org/index.php) OR  
[www.ogs.org/events/summersessions.php](http://www.ogs.org/events/summersessions.php)

**2019**

**Feb 27 - Mar 2: ROOTS TECH 2019 - "Connect-Belong"** Held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. . Registration began on September 20, 2018, so save the date and check their website: [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org)

**May 1-4: OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** will host their 2019 Convention, "Building A Heritage", at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Warren Co, Ohio.  
[www.ogsconference.org/](http://www.ogsconference.org/)

**May 8-11: NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2019 Family History Conference** entitled "Journey of Discovery" to be held at St. Charles, Missouri. (For more information or to schedule, check their website.)  
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**May 31-Jun 2: Southern California Genealogical Jamboree:**  
Check website <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

**Nov 1-3: Virtual Genealogical Association Conference** (with Amy JOHNSON CROW, Blaine BETTINGER, Christine WOODCOCK, Judy RUSSELL, Lisa ALZO, Peggy LAURITZEN, Thomas MacENTEE, and many others not mentioned.)  
<https://virtualgenealogy.org/programs/>

**Time to Renew  
Your Membership  
For Next Year -**

**See Renewal Form and  
Lineage Banquet  
Form Insert !**




**MEETING CANCELLATIONS:** Please check our Facebook page for any last minute announcements. We also try to have WNCO and WMFD make announcements of any cancellations. If we have your e-mail, a message will be sent through our Constant Contact email service.

**FIND US ON THE INTERNET:**

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

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

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**Ashland County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society**



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P. O. Box 681, Ashland, OH 44805-0681

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Description	* No Disc	Qty	Price	Amount
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)			\$3.50	
1895 Ashland City/County Directory			\$14.00	
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	
Ashland 175th Birthday Booklet (1815-1990; original lots, land ownership, & maps)			\$2.00	
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)	No Disc		\$15.95	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol II (1879-1886) (All 3 for \$39.50)	No Disc		\$15.95	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol III (1887-1908) (All 3 for \$39.50)	No Disc		\$15.95	
Ashland County Death Records Vol. 1, 1867-1879			\$15.00	
Ashland County Death Records Vol. 2, Part 1, 1880-1894			\$15.00	
Ashland County Death Records Vol. 2, Part 2, 1895-1908			\$15.00	
Ashland County Genealogical Abstracts of Will Book 1	No Disc		\$9.00	
Ashland County Marriage Records Probate Court Vol. 4 & 5, 1870-1886			\$17.00	
Ashland County, Clear Creek Twp., research aid #11			\$26.00	
Ashland County, Green Twp., research aid #2	No Disc		\$26.00	
Ashland County, Hanover Twp., research aid #1	No Disc		\$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	No Disc		\$26.00	
Ashland County, Orange Twp., research aid #12			\$32.00	
Ashland County, Perry Twp., research aid #5			\$18.00	
Ashland County, Ruggles Twp., research aid #4	No Disc		\$26.00	
Ashland County, Sullivan Twp., research aid #14	No Disc		\$25.00	
Ashland County, Troy Twp, research aid #13	No Disc		\$24.00	
Ashland County, Vermillion Twp., research aid #10			\$25.00	
Ashland: The City of Progress and Prosperity 1815-1915			\$18.00	
Greentown: A Story of 1812 in Contemporary Documents	No Disc		\$11.95	
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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 APPLIGATE, 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.

Ashland County Chapter OGS website  
[www.ashlandohiogenealogy.org](http://www.ashlandohiogenealogy.org)

Sheila HELSER, webmaster

## 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**.

Program at 6:30 pm with Chapter business meeting immediately following.. Chapter meets all months except July (annual Picnic), November (Fall Banquet held by reservations only), and no meeting in December.

All meetings are free and open to the public.

## Newsletter Mailing

Terry HAUN / Holly TAYLOR

## Library Volunteers

(Linda FULK / Ginny FEIBER  
Volunteer Coordinators)

**(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](mailto:charlesfulk@zoominternet.net)  
or  
Ginny FEIBER,  
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## Meeting Cancellations

**Meeting will be cancelled if schools are closed due to inclement weather.**

**For other types of cancellations, check our Facebook page or listen to WNCO or WMFD.**

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