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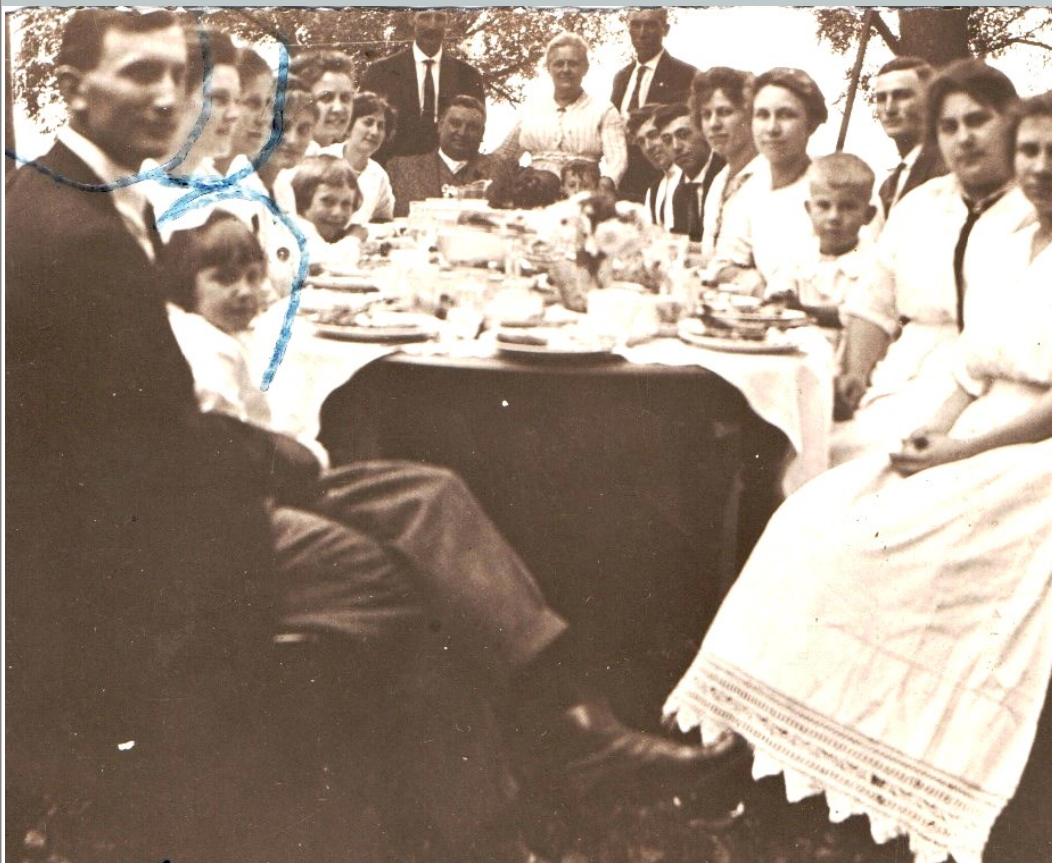
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As a chapter member, please consider volunteering as a committee member or elected officer next election. This helps support the society as a whole. (Check the By-laws under the chapter section of our website for more details.)

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BUCKINGHAM FAMILY AT 1915 FAMILY REUNION IN ASHLAND, OHIO



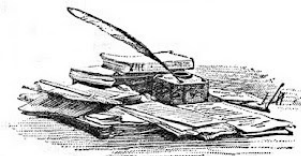
Shown is a family photograph taken in 1915 at a family reunion. The only identified people are the BUCKINGHAM family on the far left, in front (circled in pen). Beginning at the far left front is Walter Guy BUCKINGHAM, next is their child, Mildred BUCKINGHAM (age 5), followed by Eva (DOVE) BUCKINGHAM, the mother. Written on the back of the picture is the following "Walter and Eva BUCKINGHAM, BASHFORD and Family Reunion". We would love to identify others in the photograph.

If anyone knows who the other persons in the photograph might be, please contact the editor or Cheryl VanHORN (VANHORN5939roadrunner.com).

(Photograph was provided by Mildred BUCKINGHAM's granddaughter, Cheryl VanHORN).

Time to Renew Your Membership for Next Year - !

See Renewal Form and Annual Surname Index Insert !



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Marleen R. Applegate, Chapter President

It is hard to believe that 2020 is almost over, however I am sure like myself everyone else is waiting to turn the calendar to 2021. Just like turning the calendar to begin a new year the Chapter is also getting a new fresh start with a new President. I would like to thank all the members for your support these last few years while I was serving as your President. My role of President was a very easy one because of the wonderful group of officers as well as volunteers. I know that the new Chapter President, Linda Collins, will do great and will continue to help the Chapter grow and move into the future. I am very excited to see what new fresh ideas Linda will bring to the table for the Chapter.

The holiday's will be very different for everyone this year I am sure because of COVID-19 as we will not be able to have our large family gatherings as we traditionally have. My final challenge to you the members is to take the time to reflect on holiday's past and write down some interesting things you remember. It could be a funny story (maybe the cat took off with the turkey carcass during dinner), or your family has a unique tradition all your own (if so how/why did it begin). If you can't think of any holiday events, then write down your thoughts or your experiences of dealing with the last seven months. Leave a lasting first-hand experience that future genealogists in your family would treasure fifty or one hundred years from now.

Again, thank you members of ACCOGS for all your support these last few years, and, Linda, best wishes for a very successful term as our new Chapter President.

Sincerely,

Marleen R. Applegate,

ACCOGS President

Have you seen our new monthly Chapter correspondence, "The Bulletin"?

As of July our Chapter President has been sending out monthly updates of the current happenings of our chapter via e-mail. This is designed to keep you informed of the constant changes that have been happening with our meetings, as well as other changes that might need to be addressed in a timely manner. If you have not received any of these, please notify one of our chapter members of your current email address. (you can contact our Chapter President at accogspresident@gmail.com; Corresponding Secretary at ACOGSSEC@gmail.com; or Newsletter Editor at AshOGSeditor@gmail.com)

THE WOMEN OF ASHLAND COUNTY

The history books are full of stories of the bravery and heroism of Americans throughout the generations, mentioning many by name.....but not so much for the women folk. However, woman have always played an important part in our history; sometimes hidden, but always there. They were there for their men in the War of Independence of this nation as well as each and every war since then; only a handful actually being named in the written history of the nation. They were there when they left their parents and grandparents and made the travels with their husband and children through the wilderness as the pioneers moved Westward and made their homes in the forest clearings. They were there to help with the building of the towns and helped to build the empires of business and the nation's progress through the centuries. But, as mentioned before, women were usually not mentioned by their name (only through their husbands' name).



Remember in the early days of America the role of women was only to take care of her family. That meant cook and preserve food, make soap, candles, butter, spin and weave clothing, and anything else needed for the home. They would also help in the field and care for the animals that provided dairy and meat for the family, as well as help educate their children. They were also involved with church and community affairs. However, they were not allowed to own businesses or have a legal voice in public matters outside of their home. If their husband would happen to die, women were not even allowed to be guardians for their children in the early years (being that they probably could not financially support them).

But by the mid-1800's, women began to emerge as individuals, not just the wife of her husband. Sometimes this came about from losing her husband and taking over the family business or family farm to support the children. Over time women were beginning to take on a more prominent social status depending on where women lived and their financial means. It definitely was not easy and took a strong-minded woman to "buck the system". Some of these early careers that women pursued were as teachers, nurses, or doctors; while others stayed in the traditional role of wife, mother and homemaker. Women would continue to pursue their independence in the home, legal, and business endeavors, including the right to vote.

Ohio became the fifth state to approve the 19th Amendment on June 16, 1919 and it was finally passed into law on Aug. 26, 1920. It is in this thought that as we applaud the 100-year anniversary of women's' right to vote, that we look back on the many noteworthy women of Ashland, Ohio that we mention them and their efforts in Ashland's early days. In 2015, Shirley BOYD wrote "*Ashland Women, 1815-2015*", a book acknowledging over 140 women who had an impact on Ashland spanning 100 years from 1815 (the year that Ashland was laid out under the name of Uniontown) through and including 2015. Shirley BOYD mentions in her book, "The purpose of this book is to give these women a name...." Even though Shirley FULK BOYD passed away earlier this year (not from the COVID), we thank her for her contribution to genealogy and the "woman of Ashland, Ohio". The following is just some of these Ashland women from the 1800's and early 1900's who would "make a statement"; sometimes not even aware of their impact.



Nancy (HARPER) SHEETS (1796-1880): As a pioneer wife, she traveled with her husband, Joseph, to the Ohio wilderness and settled in Uniontown. It is mentioned how "rowdies" came to town and created a commotion on several instances. Nancy finally took action. She went to the hitching post and used her butcher knife to cut loose the rowdies horses. Within 15 minutes the village was quiet again. Nancy said it "was a little tough but it had to be done".

Katherine DORAN, who was born between 1800 and 1810 was a business owner and possibly the first milliner to place an ad in the newspaper. She stated in the ad that she could make to order ladies riding coats and dresses as well as gentlemen's pants and coats. She worked from her home on Main Street in exchange for country produce.

Jane E. (COUTLER) SLOAN (d. 1899) is the earliest documented preceptress (principal) of the Female Department of the Ashland Academy in 1841-42. This was Ashland's first school established in 1838.

Agnes DWIRE was the first female to wear pantalettes in 1839. These were drawers with lace or ruffles worn under a dress meant to show below the hem. Women of that time period could be jailed for wearing anything other than a long dress. She was making a statement, maybe a fashion

statement; but definitely took a risk to show that women did not have to conform to established rules.

Clara (ILGER) WILEY (1848-1924) decided that not only boys could skate on the Town Creek. Up till that time girls could only stand on the bank and watch the boys skate. In 1856, with permission from her mother, she donned her brothers' skates and took to the creek, surprising everyone. Of course, soon many others, women and children took up the pastime.

Nora VESPER (1879-1976) was in the first nursing school class of 1912 and graduating class in 1915. She also was one of the first to fly across the Atlantic Ocean to begin her missionary service as a nurse in Sierra Leone, Africa. The Samaritan Hospital Alumnae Association established a \$150 scholarship in her honor.

August (HARMAN) FULTON (1824-1913) was secretary of the Ashland Ladies Indignation Society. When her husband, John died in 1893, she joined her son and daughter, who were medical missionaries under the Presbyterian Church in Canton, China. The Mission Church was so impressed by this Ashland woman that their new church was dedicated to her and was named the August Fulton Church. The church was the center of Christian activities in Shanghai.

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Mary (BRIDGER) FREER (1820-1901) was married to Jonas and while the couple had no children, they helped raise a number of orphan children. To show her appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who served the Union during the Civil War, Mary donated the statue that still stands at the county courthouse. President Rutherford B. HAYES gave the statue's dedicatory speech. He praised Mrs. FREER saying that this was the first monument "that tells the story of the patriotism of the American Woman." In her will Mary stipulated that her property south of town be used for a children's home.

Nettie (GANTZ) DOVE (1872-1895) was the wife of Fred C. DOVE and learned the printing trade in the *Ashland Sun* office. She was also employed at the *Ashland Daily News* during its two years of publication.

Electra (ROBBINS) HALL (1826-1924) married to Alfred, was active in many women's groups throughout her long life. The first in 1853 was the Ashland Ladies Indignation Society where Electra was instrumental in organizing an aggressive crusade for the elimination of saloons in the village. She was involved with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), the Salvation Army, and the Woman's Relief Corps. She was involved in the temperance crusade that swept Ohio during the winter of 1873-1874. After the amendment giving women the right to vote became law, Grandma Hall was the first voter on Precinct B, First Ward to cast her ballot. In 1922 Electra again cast her ballot against the local beer and light wine amendment.

Sarah (KILGORE) WERTMAN (1841-1935) was born in Indiana. Her father, a prominent attorney, encouraged her to study law. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Law Degree, but could not practice law in Indiana because females were not admitted to the bar. However, in 1878 Sarah came to Ashland and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1893. In Ashland, she practiced law with her husband, Jackson, specializing in real estate and abstracting.

Belle (MANSFIELD) WIEST (1856-1912) Belle was diligent in collecting the history of Ashland. However, Belle died before seeing her work published. Thus the members of the Ashland Historical Society prepared, typed, and published her work under the title of "*Horse and Buggy Days*".

Belle F OSBORN (1854-1923) Began teaching in 1875 and taught for 22 years. She tutored young people without compensation and for several years was high school principal. Belle was also librarian for a short time. In her will she left money to the public library for purchase of books and also made bequest to Samaritan Hospital, Ashland Board of Education for worthy students in music education, and for development of Brookside Park.

Helen (PHILLIPS) ARNOLD (1875-1935) Helen is believed to be the first probation officer in Ashland. She traveled to homes of juvenile delinquents and to mothers in need of mother's pensions.....She succeeded in straightening out the lives of delinquent girls to get them out of poor environments. She was regarded by state probation officials as one of the outstanding probations officers of Ohio. It was stated that she was a pioneer in Ashland welfare work, promoting its start as a part of the Ashland Federation of Women's Clubs projects. This resulted in public health nursing and other forms of welfare being introduced to the city. She also served as president of the WCTU for many years.

Erma CONWAY (1923-2001) was the former owner of the Donley Motor Company, which she purchased in the mid-1950s and operated until 1963. In 1973 she moved that business to Claremont Avenue where she sold AMC, Lincoln, Mercury, Saab, and Capri automobiles until her retirement in 1976. Erma was noted for being the first woman in the United State to own and operate a dealership.

Note: Check out Shirley FULK BOYD's book, "*Ashland Women, 1815-2015*" for more of Ashland's unsung heroes.



City Council Meeting - 1905
(From the *Ashland Press*, Sep 13, 1905)

- Private Burying Ground Done Away With -

Street Commissioner BENINGHOF stated that the bodies in the MARKLEY private burying ground had been removed to the Ashland cemetery. This burying ground was in the center of Virginia avenue which leads from Cleveland avenue north to Seventh street, east of the Erie railroad, and as long as it remained a burying ground the avenue could not be opened. By a state law it is made impossible to deed cemetery land for any such purpose. By consent of the MARKLEY family what remained of the bodies was removed by the town and placed in an Ashland cemetery lot donated by the cemetery trustees. Commissioner BENINGHOF found the remains of nine bodies. One had been buried over seventy years, another eighty-four years. All had been interred in black walnut caskets. He completed his work Saturday afternoon.

The lot in question was purchased by the board of trade from Ira RIDDLE for \$400 and was later sold to the town. Virginia avenue is already a street but is not graded.

(Article shared by Nancy & Ron DUPRE)



After reading this article and reviewing the Ashland County Chapter book "*Ashland Cemetery Burial Records*" and checking out *Find-A-Grave*, I believe at least five of these bodies were of Joseph MARKLEY (who died in 1825); his wife Susan WEIGHLEY MARKLEY (died 1841); their son Aaron (died 1882); Seth MARKLEY; and James HELLER (died 1833). They are buried in Ashland Cemetery Section 2, Lot #316. (The owner of the Lot is identified as "Aaron MARKLEY's heirs".)

Free mail for U.S. Soldiers during World War II

Written by Marleen APPLGATE

While my mother and I were looking over some scrapbooks given to the chapter by the Clear Creek Historical Society due to their disbandment, we ran across the pictured news clippings out of the scrapbook of World War II soldiers from Ashland Co, Ohio. It contained a lot of missing soldiers from the original scrapbook done by us several years ago, so we will be updating it with the new clippings received.

One of the clippings found was this article about free mailing privileges to servicemen stationed both domestic and overseas. I found this very interesting. Was it something that the U.S. Government always does during times of War? When did this start (as the newspaper clipping has no dates other than March 31st)? When did this opportunity end? Why was this privilege granted to the soldiers?

Upon a quick Google search I could not find complete answers to most of my questions. My next source was to contact Kerry LAURITZEN who is a retired mail carrier of over 30 years. He could not provide much more information, other than he thought maybe postage was waived for World War I soldiers. Peggy LAURITZEN however, did point me towards a wonderful source at the United States Postal Service website. It was a 144-page illustrated book entitled "The United States Postal Service: An American History" (source citation given at the end of this article). What a gem that publication was for old pictures of mail carriers' uniforms, old vehicles used to transport the mail, etc. I highly recommend taking a quick look as it holds lots of interesting information.

Reading the publication at the USPS website I did find out that in July 1861 Civil War soldiers were able to send mail free of charge due to the fact that stamps were hard to get and if you did get them even harder to keep dry. All a soldier had to do was write the phrase "Soldier's Letter" where the stamp would have gone, the catch was any letter a soldier sent home the recipient had to pay the postage due. I could not find any information on World War I or World War II (other than the previously mentioned WW II article). In World War II all the soldier had to do was write free where the stamp should appear, and in the return address section write his name, regiment, and where he was stationed. Kerry LAURITZEN did say that there was to his knowledge no free postage for soldiers during recent times of military conflict.

Now to answer why was this privilege granted to the soldiers, first and foremost to keep the moral up. After dealing with horrible battlefield scenes, or dealing with boredom, mail became a main focus of the soldier (even in the Civil War). Everyone looked forward to the exciting news from home to brighten their days as most were isolated from their family and friends. The outgoing mail from the soldiers was not just a hobby but a constant reminder to them that they had a life outside of the battlefield. Another reason was to provide the opportunity to get the soldiers vote counted, in 1944 the government waived the cost of airmail postage (which was very expensive) and the soldiers filled aircraft cargo holds with ballots. While there was a large influx of letters going both ways, it was highly censored as to not divulge military secrets by the soldiers, and to keep depressing news from home away from the soldiers. All mail leaving or entering the United States was opened, examined, resealed, and given a censorship stamp before being delivered.

During World War II postcards were created as military propaganda that families and friends could mail a soldier to brighten their days. This cut down on the amount of censorship issues as there was little to write and could easily be examined before sending on.

While not all my questions were answered, I did gain some new information about the history of the USPS as well as a new appreciation of the USPS.

Sources:

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/mail-call-World-War-II-communication-told-soldiers-diary>

<http://www.americainwwii.com/galleries/stamps-for-the-war-effort/>

<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history> (link to the book: "The United States Postal Service: An American History")

Phone interview with Kerry & Peggy Clemens LAURITZEN on 21 July 2020

Service Men Need No Postage Stamps

WASHINGTON, March 31—Free mailing privileges for men in the armed forces will become effective at many points by the end of the week, the Post Office department said today.

Instructions to postmasters to accept service men's mail without postage will be issued in the postal bulletin to be mailed to offices throughout the country tomorrow. When a postmaster receives this official notice, his office may accept unstamped mail matter.

To take advantage of free mailing, the service man merely writes his name, rank and organization on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. The privilege extends to all ranks of the armed forces including commissioned officers. It applies to mail sent by men from domestic points as well as those abroad — not merely to those abroad as previously reported.

A Clean House is a sign of a wasted day of GENEALOGY !

THRASHING IN VERMILLION TOWNSHIP, ASHLAND, OHIO COMMUNITY

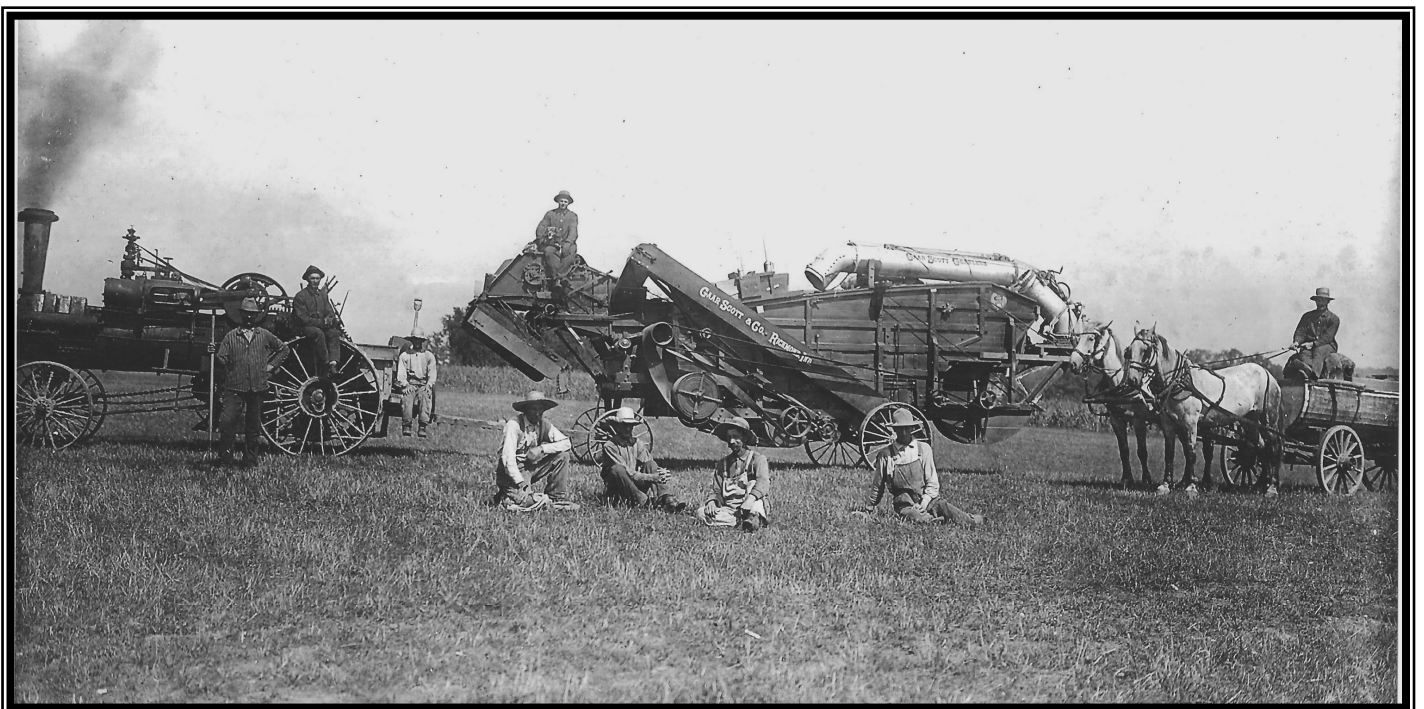


Thrashing wheat and oats was a community effort in the early 1900s. It took a crew of several neighbor men and a few hired men to run the machinery and haul away the grain and straw. Because thrashing took all day, the women cooked several large meals to keep the men fed. Water was delivered to the field.

These pictures are of the thrashing machinery owned by Albert McCREADY (1842-1924) and his son-in-law Christian SCHUCK. They lived in Vermillion Township and thrashed for farmers in the area. The pictures are not dated, but appear to come from the early 1900s. The people in the pictures are not identified, but look prepared to go to work.

Christian SCHUCK and Fanny McCREADY had three children, Viola, Leona, and Naomi. These pictures come to us through the courtesy of Viola's daughter, Carolyn WAGNER.

(Pictures and write-up contributed by Virginia SCHUCK)



WHY DO PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR NAME?

(This is not meant to be an all-inclusive breakdown of this subject; only a recap or refresher guide. We all know that the name variations and changes we see on documents have a great impact on the quality and/or certainty that we choose as pertinent records we find for OUR given ancestor. It is important that we are recording the records for the right person and these are just a few suggestions that might impact them and our search for their records.)

MARRIAGE: Of course, one of the obvious reasons is that women get married and change their surname to their present husband. This could change over the course of her life depending on how many times she married. And, in today's liberated world, she may not even change her birth surname or she might tack on her married name to her maiden name. She, in essence, may have one name on her birth certificate, another on a marriage record (or records), and another on her death certificate.

SPELLING: Another well-known situation is that in earlier days, spelling didn't matter so much. A surname was spelled just how it sounded. And, of course, this would be how it sounded to whoever was writing it down. That is one of the reasons that early census records can be so challenging. You also might often see several spellings of the same surname on a given document. Wills would list the female children by the surname, only to find it spelled differently on the Census or Marriage records. Brothers may have even spelled the surnames differently. One such situation was the family surname was "DEITCH". After two generations the name had pretty much become "DITCH". However, one grandson chose to spell his surname "DEITCH" while all the other siblings were "DITCH". A different situation I ran into was a county history book said three brothers each spelled their names differently to keep the families apart....But, family says otherwise. The family's version is "there was a family feud and they spelled them differently so as not to be identified to each other". Which would you believe; the county history book or the family story? ... I'm going with family story!

ETHNICITY: Ethnicity has an effect on the surname as to how it sounded to the various other ethnicity groups. A German immigrant or an Irish or Italian would pronounce the same word differently and would "hear" the name they were most familiar with. Also sometimes immigrants would try to Americanize the spelling, especially if it was hard to say or write. They may have just shortened the name, also. This also may have happened over time. Some names might be shortened by removing the "er" or "ic" at the end of the name. Later, removing another syllable or two, and even later making it a simple common name. If you know the ethnic origins of your ancestors, that might help in finding a name change. Irish may have left off the "O" or "Mac" or "Mc". The German name "SCHWARTZ" means black, so they might just change their name to "BLACK". The German name "SCHMIDT" is a derivative of the word "schmied" that means "blacksmith" and/or "metalworker". This surname is the German equivalent of "SMITH" in the English-speaking world. Keep in mind the end surname of SMITH would have different roots depending on the ethnicity of the origins. STEIN might have become STONE, or ZIMMERMAN became CARPENTER. This would be more likely with occupational or place names. The Scandinavian naming practice (Patronymic) was in use well into the 19th century. This would mean a child's surname was formed from the given name of his father,—resulting in each generation of a family bearing a different last name. That means a family name was formed by taking the first name of the father and adding "sen, son, sson, søn, datter, dotter, or dottir" to it. For instance, John, the son of Carl (who was the son of Christian) would be "John CARLSON" or a variation, but his father was "Karl CHRISTIANSON" and so on.

NICKNAMES: It wasn't always the surname that was affected. Nicknames have always plagued us with finding records. Sometimes the record would show what family members called them; sometimes it was their birth name; and sometimes they were called by their middle name. And this wasn't always just our female ancestors. Sometimes we find the males who go by a name that has nothing to do with their birth names. There are times that in later year's family members don't even know their aunt's or uncle's or grandparents' real name, only what they've gone by for many years. Family members may remember things incorrectly also. (I had a family member that was always called by Walter Henry by family and he is listed as "Walter" on many census and his marriage records. However, after reviewing his tombstone and his military records of WWI and WWII and seeing his signature on his military records, he signed it as Henry Walter. His death certificate also confirmed that. Even later family members did not remember his actual name.)

NAME CHANGE: Some people may have legally changed their names with the courts. There are many reasons they may have done this. I know of one situation that a person was told on his mother's deathbed that whom he had always thought was his father was not. Within six months, he changed his surname to that of his biological father and DNA has confirmed the family link. It took current family members several years to find the records of the two names and then not knowing why he changed the name until another record surfaced solidifying everything. My own experience was finding a man who left his wife and children and "ran away" changing his name completely. He remarried and had children in a completely different location. Each set of children only knew their father by the name that they had grown up with. Thus, one man – two completely different names. DNA and family pictures were able to confirm the situation. *(by Terry HAUN)*

Of all the problems encountered in genealogical research, names can be some of the toughest. But don't give up. Someone once said "The Truth Is Out There"...."Someone Has the Answer"

October 1831 Petition for Justice of the Peace for Montgomery Township

The following is a transcription and original copy of the document and signatures of a petition that was filed in Richland County Common Pleas in the October Term 1831 (item #29). Original is now located in the Ohio Genealogical Society in the Richland County Room . This was provided by Tom NEEL, courtesy, Richland Co Chapter OGS



“To the Honourable the Court of Common Pleas of Richland County – The petition of the undersigned inhabitants and electors of The Township of Montgomery in said county humbly represent to your Honours that they conceive it would conduce to the public benefit and convenience to have an additional number of Justices of the Peace in said Township of Montgomery. Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honors [sic] would add one more Justice to said Township, and that your Honours would make such order estating thereto as is by same provided, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray –“

Wm. SMITH	John B. McCULLEY	Elias SLOCUM	Samuel ROWLAND	John CARR
William WHEELER	Daniel CARTER	Moses A. RIDDLE	David LONG	Joseph AUSTIN
John CASIDY	George BUTLER	George RIDDLE	Jonas CLINE Junr.	John YEISLER
Elisha WHITE	Jonathan MARKLEY	Samuel BURNS	Jame MAGLE	Peter WHITRIGHT
Wm. KOLLER	John G. MOSER	John BURNS Junr.	Adam ARTMAN	Daniel OLDSHUE
Lewis LATTA	Conrad CLINE	Ira BEVANS	Joseph JUNFER	James KUYKENDALL
John LATTA	James McCALLISTER	Hulbert LUTHER	John TANYER	William D. FORD
William M. LATTA	Joseph HOAEY	George SWINEFORD	John OLDSHUE	Charles WHEELER
Samuel WHITMAN	Ezekiel JONES	Jos. WASSAR	James CONLEY	John WHEELER
Lodwick CLINE	Jacob BAUGHMAN	John P. REZNOR	Jacob HETMYER	Samuel E. BURNS
John CARR Jr	John WOLF	M. BEVANS	Asa ENGLAND	James W. KINDALL
Wm. CLOSSON	Henry MILLER		Henry WINTRODE	
Joshua BROOKS	John HELLER		Benjamin CLINE	

Below is a copy of the actual written document. See next page for signatures of the men recognized above.

1831-10-29

To the Honourable the Court of Common Pleas
of Richland County - The petition of the undersigned
inhabitants and electors of The Township of Montgomery
in said County humbly represent to your Honours
that they conceive it would conduce to the public
benefit and convenience to have an additional number
of Justices of the Peace in said Township of Montgomery.
Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honours would
add one more Justice to said Township, and that
your Honours would make such order relating thereto
as is by Law provided, and your petitioners
as in duty bound will ever pray -

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Wm Smith
 William Shalane
 John Cosider
 Eliza White
 Wm. Maller
 Lewis Latta
 John Latta
 William M. Latta
 Samuel Whitman
 Lodwick Cline
 John Carr jr
 Wm Elston
 Joshua Brooks
 John B. McCullen
 Daniel Carters
 George Butler
 Jonathan Mackley
 John G. Moser
 Amos Cline
 James M. Callister
 Joseph Hoagy
 Ezekiel Jones
 Jacob Baughman
 John Wolf
 Henry Miller
 John Hill
 Elias Stocum
 Moses A. Ricard
 George Kiddle
 Samuel Burns
 John Burns jr
 Ira Brown
 Hutter Luther
 George Guinford
 Jos. Waffar
 John P. Reynolds
 M. Brown

Samuel Howland
 David Long
 Jonas Cline jr
 Jacob Magle
 Adam Artman
 Joseph Grewer
 John Sawyer
 John Alshie
 James Tomley
 Jacob Stetson
 Asa England
 Henry Hinshaw
 Benjamin Cline
 John Carr
 Joseph Austin
 Tom Yeisler
 Peter Whitright
 Daniel Oldshue
 James H. Hymen
 William D. Ford
 Charles Wheeler
 John Wheeler
 Samuel S. Brown
 James W. Kincaid

NOTE:

Signatures of 61 inhabitants of the Township of Montgomery, Richland County, Ohio as of 1831.

In 1830, the population of Montgomery Township was 1,530.

(Ashland County, Ohio wouldn't be formed until 1846).

C O M M U N I T Y H A P P E N I N G S

**Obituaries From
The Ashland Press; Thurs, August 15, 1889
(page 3, col 6)**

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Hannah BUZZARD was born October 25th 1823, and died August 4th, 1889, aged 65 years, 9 mo. and 9 days.

The subject of this sketch was born in Union Co, Pa., October 25, 1823 and remained there until her mothers death, which was Dec. 30th 1831, and then her father, John ROBISON, and family, which consisted of one son and three daughters, moved to Ashland county, O. in the year 1834, after which she made her home with Mr. MYKRANTZ, when about 9 years old, and remained there until she was married. She married Daniel BUZZARD, Aug. 24, 1845, and they journeyed together but a few years until his death, which was August 24th, 1853; he was living in Rowville, Tuscarawas county, O., at the time of his death. There was born to them one daughter and two sons. After her husband's death she moved back to Ashland county to take care of her father. Her father died June 10, 1880 and she remained on the homestead with her oldest son until her death, which was caused by gallstone, some seventy being found in her body. She was a member of the Disciple church and never lost faith in her Lord. She was ready to go whenever He would call her home. Funeral services were held at the house at 2 o'clock Monday, Rev. Mr. HAITHCOX officiating.

*Mother, rest, thy toils are over,
And thy cares on earth have passed,
Thou hast gone we know to heaven
There to be with angels blest.*

*Oh, dear mother, yet we know it,
That our lose is heaven's gain,
Yet we would ever have her with us,
If it were the Lord's kind will.*

*Now farewell, farewell dear mother,
Till we cross the sea of death,
And are safely anchored
In the harbor of the blest.*

Wm. SHIPLEY died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. F.A. VANTILBURG, Ashland, Ohio, Aug 5, 1889, aged 81 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

The deceased was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb 29, 1808; came to Ohio in 1828; united with the M.E. church, of which he was a consistent member until his death. As the church was then, in its youth, he has lived to see it in its glory. Was married in 1829 to Miss Martha MANNING. The Lord blessed this union with seven sons and three daughters, six of whom are living. Father SHIPLEY has gone to meet his beloved companion and four children in the Spirit Land where parting shall be no more.

*I'll wake with the angel band,
And the songs of home we shall sing again,
When you reach the heavenly land.*

Funeral services conducted by Rev. BARON, assisted by Rev. PEPPER.

Frederick JONES was born in Deptford, England, February 22, 1807; came to America November, 1848, and came to Ashland immediately after and resided here ever since. He died Friday morning, August 9, at 4:15 a.m., at the residence of Jno. SHEPPARD, his son-in-law. He was 82 years, 5 months and 17 days old. He was a good husband and father and loved by all. He leaves two daughters, fifteen grand children and thirty-nine great grand children to mourn his departure. His wife departed this life six years ago, and eight great grand children have gone to the better land. The funeral took place at the residence of John SHEPPARD, on Cleveland avenue, and was conducted by the Rev. J.S. FELGER.

Rev. Ed SHEPPARD

The Ashland Union; Mar 5, 1862 (page 3 col 2)

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Married on the 27th of February, by Rev. W.A.G. EMERSON, Mr. Samuel HECKMAN and Miss Catharine BRUBAKER, all of Ashland county.

On the 2d of March, by Eld. H. Morgan PRICE, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George SWINEHART and Miss Nancy A KEENER, all of Ashland county, Ohio.

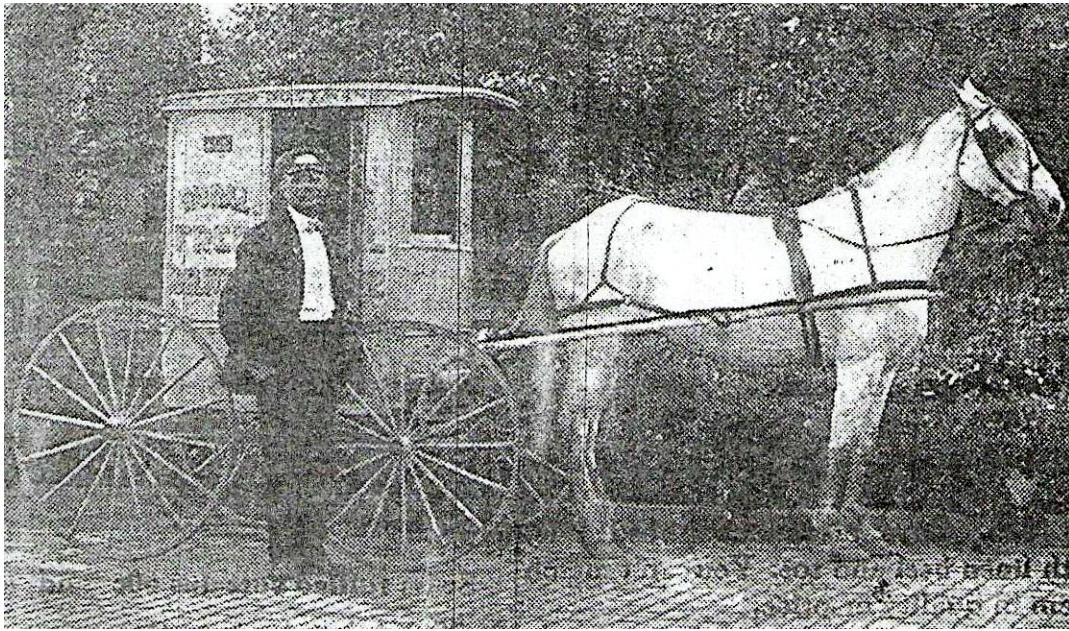
Died in Ashland, at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. J. ROBINSON, on the 28th of February, after a

protracted illness, Mr. William WILSON, in the 72d year of his age. He calmly and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

On February 22, 1862, of typhoid fever, in Camp at Stanford, Kentucky, Samuel JOHNSON, of Vermillion township, Ashland county, aged 24 years.

Mr. JOHNSON was an excellent and worthy member of Capt. SMITH's Company, 65th Regiment, by whom his loss is deeply felt regretted.

CARRIER CHARLES WERTMAN AND OLD MAUD



Old Maud has succumbed to the ravages of time and hard work and will be seen no more by the patrons on rural free delivery route No. 2 driven by Charles WERTMAN. The faithful white mare was procured by Mr. WERTMAN when he entered upon his duties July 1, 1900, he being the first carrier assigned to route No. 2. Maud pulled Mr. WERTMAN and his load of mail over the route, which is 26 miles long, every day for the first two years. Then another horse was secured and Maud took her turn on alternate days and she has been used in this way almost ever since. About two months ago she gave out completely and has not been able to go over the route since. She has traveled a total mileage over the route of 48,000 miles. The above picture of the faithful animal and her driver was taken some time ago.

Mr. WERTMAN will round out ten years of faithful service to the people of his route and the government on Friday of this week. He has traveled over the route a distance of between 78,000 and 80,000 miles during that time. He has gone more miles than any other carrier in Ashland county. In that time he has never missed a day except the time allowed each carrier by the government for his vacation. He has gone over the route about 300 times every year. He knows every

house along the route almost as well as his own home having passed each 3,000 times in the past ten years. Mail is delivered to about 150 different homes.

Charles has seen many changes along the route; those who were boys and girls when he made his first trip ten years ago are now men and women. He is known to every member of each family along the route and the children call him "mailman" or "Charley."

If the patrons of route No. 2 were required to vote whether or not they wished to change carriers there is no doubt they would unanimously decide to retain the man who has served them so faithfully through sunshine and storm these past ten years. Charles has the reputation of having a stand-in with the road supervisors over his route with the result that he has better roads than any other rural carrier who goes out from the local post-office, a mighty important thing in bad weather.

While old Maud will be seen no more by the patrons of the route, her driver appears as good as ever and will no doubt continue to make his daily rounds over the route for years to come.

(Ashland Press, Jun 9, 1910, page 6)

Is it Emigration or Immigration?



Have you struggled to remember which term means what? Recently I watched one of Peggy Clemens LAURITZEN's many webinars where she explained in a very easy-to-remember explanation.

Emigration - "exited" a country

Immigration - went "into" a country

Migration - "movement within" a country

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

Reunions have been a large part of family get-togethers' in times past, and even into today's society. Anne BUDD has been collecting these notices 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.

BERRY Family Reunion Ashland, OH Press 24 Jun 1882

The word went forth that there would be, on the 17th day of August, a reunion of the Jacob BERRY family and their immediate relatives. When the day came, we packed our baskets, went to the residence of Samuel BERRY, in Jackson township, where it was announced the meeting was to take place. (*Entire account not copied here.*) Many were the tear-dimmed eyes when Bro. Jacob, of Illinois, stepped to the front, told of the distance he and brother Peter had come to be with them; of the changes that had been wrought; since he last met with them; how those grey-headed men and women of to-day walked about with a sparkling eye and firm, buoyant step forty years ago.

Father BERRY was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, came to Jackson township in 1821, and died in 1874, at the age of 85 years 10 months. Thus, for the first time his now remaining children, namely: John, Jacob, Christena, Henry, Peter, Margaret and Samuel, five sons and two daughters, had met as perhaps they never will all again in a family reunion on earth.

**URBAN Family Reunion Held in Illinois (Sunday, May 10) - Ashland, OH Press 20 May 1908**

Mr. B.J.URBAN, of Pleasant Home, Milton township, and sister, Mrs. Susan KAUFMAN, of Funk, returned last week from an extended visit among Illinois relatives and friends, and report an exceedingly pleasant and profitable trip. A family reunion was held in their honor, the following account of which is taken from the Gibson Courier, of Gibson City, Ford county, Illinois:

On Sunday, May 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. JOHNSON, near Salem, was held the URBAN family reunion, the occasion being in honor of B. J. Urban, of pleasant Home, Ashland, Ohio, a brother of J. M. URBAN, and Mrs. Susan KAUFMAN, of Funk, Wayne county, Ohio, a sister. Mr. URBAN and Mrs. KAUFMAN have not visited here for many years. The former was a resident of McLean county about forty years ago and taught school near Stanford.

At about ten o'clock the relatives and a few immediate friends assembled. An elegant dinner was prepared by Mrs. F. P. JOHNSON, Mrs. Jacob URBAN, Mrs. W. S. URBAN, and Mrs. Newton SWAIN. The table was laden with good things to eat, which was surely a good indication of plenty and that those who prepared the dinner were masters of the culinary art.

The afternoon was spent in a very pleasant manner by relating former experiences, listening to music, and talking in a general social way. The day passed only too rapidly for such a pleasant event.

The relatives of Mr. URBAN and Mrs. KAUFMAN who were present were J. M. URBAN and family, Newton SWAIN and family, F. J. JOHNSON and family, W. S. URBAN and family, Prof. Harvey URBAN and wife, of Orban; Dr. Charles URBAN and wife, of Paxton. The friends present were Mrs. Mary ARNOLD, of Beason, Ill.; Burwell MILLER, Harry SHUMAKER, and Albert T. WISE.

Mr. URBAN and Mrs. KAUFMAN left Tuesday morning for Sheldon, Ill., where they will make a short visit and from there they will return to their Ohio homes.

Mr. URBAN was in Ashland, Tuesday morning, and before returning home called at the Press office. He states the Illinois farmers have suffered even more than the Ohio farmers from the continued rains this spring.

**SUMMERS - Four Old Brothers Ashland, OH, Press 24 Sep 1896**

A unique reunion occurred Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Margaret SPENCER, in Orange township. Mrs. SPENCER's four only brothers were there and a small family reunion was held. The remarkable thing about the reunion was that the average age of these four brothers is 74 years, certainly a high average.

The brothers are: Henry SUMMERS, of Nova, aged 80 years; Adam SUMMERS, of Charlotte, Mich., aged 77 years and 6 months; David SUMMERS, of Cleveland, aged 70 years and 6 months; Jacob SUMMERS, of Orange Tp., aged 68 years. Of the three oldest, Henry, the oldest, seemed to be the strongest and heartiest. The other member of the family is a sister who lives in northwestern Michigan. The reunion was attended by L. M. HELBERT and family, of Ashland, Mrs. HELBERT being a daughter of Jacob SUMMERS.

GENEALOGISTS LAUGHTER

- **With my luck, my family tree has root rot!**
- **Shaking trees and kicking walls; that's what looking for ancestors is about.**



FamilySearch Announces RootsTech Connect 2021: A Free Online Conference Experience February 25 - 27, 2021



The annual family history conference held each February in Salt Lake City will now be held online on February 25-27, 2021 as a virtual Conference. For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free.

Their comment, "The pandemic is giving us the opportunity to bring RootsTech to a broader audience worldwide....A virtual event also allows us to expand our planning to truly make this a global celebration..."

In addition to classes, the online event will feature keynote speakers, a virtual expo hall, and will offer a combination of both Livestream and on-demand content to accommodate differences in time zones for participants. Also, the three-day sessions will be available to watch on-demand after the event is over. There is no charge.

So check their website and sign up NOW...What are you waiting for? <https://www.rootstech.org/>



DID YOU KNOW - That FamilySearch Wiki has many Webinars and Classes for us Stay-At-Home Genealogists? The Family History Library Classes and Webinars are listed on their website; plus, you can view previously recorded classes. If you cannot attend a live event, most sessions are recorded and can be viewed later online at your convenience at Family History Library classes and webinars. Go to their website and view what they have available.

[www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/
Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

DID YOU KNOW ???

THAT - I happened upon a website that seems to be an all-in-one site for tracking local and distant events as well as links to various Chapters and genealogy events. On their website they state they are... "the most complete collection of Genealogy events online. Take the time to browse the site as they have a lot there. <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

THAT - With everything popping up as virtual, here is another that will benefit genealogists. "CURIOSity Digital Collections" is maintained by the Harvard Library, a part of the President and Fellows of Harvard College ("Harvard University"), in support of its mission to advance scholarship and teaching by creating, preserving and disseminating knowledge. the Harvard Library and Harvard University.

[https://curiosity.lib.harvard.edu/?
mc_cid=1e8cd99e86&mc_eid=9dd7fc7d34](https://curiosity.lib.harvard.edu/?mc_cid=1e8cd99e86&mc_eid=9dd7fc7d34)

THAT - The Maryland State Archives has recently announced they now have online their 1898-1910 death certificates. This is in addition to the 1848-1898 death certificates which were already online. Original Marriage Licenses 1777-1851 have also been made available to the public. To search the online records, go to: <http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/Series.aspx?ID=se42>

OR

<http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/series.aspx?ID=S1179>

(Thanks to Dick EASTMAN for bringing this to our attention.)

THAT - FamilySearch, a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently announced that it has surpassed **8 billion searchable names** in its historical records online collection. They acknowledge that this achievement was made possible thanks to online volunteers, technology and partnerships with other organizations.

(As a reminder, as Ashland County volunteers we can include ourselves in that achievement). See our Presidents Message for additional information).

THAT - "Reclaim The Records" (which I have spoken about before) has recently posted online the Missouri Death Index for 1968-2015 and the Missouri Birth Index for 1920-2015. This is the result of a four-year-long law suit against the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). See them online at the websites

www.missourideathindex.com and
www.missouribirthingindex.com

THAT - In August of this year, Ashland County Commissioners approved an agreement with Kofile Technologies to digitize all land records in the Ashland County Recorder's Office. This would mean that two hundred and twenty books would be scanned and placed online for public use. Michal CROW, Ashland County Recorder, said "It will bring us into the future," They are hoping the records would be ready by early 2021.

(Thanks to Barb HART for bringing this to my attention)

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. Let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter.
3. Send in your query for the year.

WELCOME to our newest member:

Linda VACHA - of Mansfield, Ohio

Researching names of ALGER, BASSETT, BINGHAM, BLODGETT, BRADFORD, ELLSWORTH, NICHOLS, PEET, RICHARDS, RIPLEY, ROBINSON, and TODD

DO YOU WISH TO APPLY TO A LINEAGE SOCIETY?

It's too late to apply for the current year. However, those interested in applying to one of the Lineage Societies for next year should complete the application by **August 31, 2021**. 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 each 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 1920) There must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.



VISIT THE ASHLAND CHAPTER LIBRARY

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

The Ashland Chapter maintains a Genealogy and Local History research room on the mezzanine level at the Ashland Public Library, which is open during normal Library hours Monday thru Saturday 9-7 and Sunday 12-4. This room is operated jointly by the chapter and the APL Adult Services Department. It contains Family Histories, Local Ashland, Ashland County, and Township history (including churches and schools) as well as Obituary Files, the Chapter's Lineage files, members 5-generation charts and county census records. Additional resources available include Ashland County newspapers on microfilm from 1852 to Dec 2018 and research materials pertaining to other Ohio counties and other states. Donation of books, manuscripts, and research material pertaining to Ashland County and their families are always welcome. *(Most materials in this collection are not cataloged in the Ashland Public Library system as they are owned by the Chapter.)*

**— THE LIBRARY IS PRESENTLY
CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 —**



Ohio Humanities is a state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Through grants and public humanities programs we help Ohioans interpret the past, imagine the future and define individual values. Additionally, we also envision and build innovative economic opportunities, understand and engage diverse cultures. Funding cultural programs around the state is one way Ohio Humanities helps to sustain vibrant communities.

As we move through this uncertain time with COVID, the Ohio Humanities has made grants available to organizations of all sizes in Ohio through their Ohio Cares Programs.

The ACCOGS has received a grant for \$1,000. These funds will help us cover the cost of some of our speakers as well as purchase supplies to be used when we are able to access the genealogy room in the Ashland Public Library and also when we return to live meetings at Christ United Methodist Church.

Thank you Ohio Humanities for all you do .

(Above provided by Rebecca PLANK, Chapter Trustee, who was instrumental in procuring this Grant)

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) .

2020 CHAPTER PROGRAMS**DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 CRISIS:**

ALL meetings have been turned into Virtual Meetings using "BlueJeans" as our platform. (There is no December meeting).

Nov 10 - Annual Lineage Society Banquet - BOGART & BACALL: Myths, Mysteries and Family Histories
- Amy WACHS **(THE BANQUET HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETING** as our previously monthly meetings - There is no reservation fee.....AND.... Sorry there is no Virtual Cheesecake !

UPCOMING 2021 CHAPTER PROGRAMS

(January thru March are scheduled as "Virtual Meetings" Others will be determined at a later date)

Jan 19 - Finding Answers in Naturalization Records (Amie BOWSER)

Feb 16 - Collateral Kin, Indirect Routes to Direct Ancestors (Sunny McClellan MORTON)

Mar 16 - (To be announced)

Apr 20 - Migration Trails to Ohio (Peggy Clemens LAURITZEN)

May 18 - Seeking Freedom: Ohio and the Underground Railroad (Cathy NELSON)

Jun 15 - Betsy ROSS-Her True Colors (Chris HART)



OGS Conference
The Premier Midwest Genealogy Conference

Ohio Genealogical Society, the largest state genealogical society in the United States, will be hosting their first virtual Conference (**Bringing It Home 2021**) with their normal great line-up of speakers and topics. See website for details www.ogsconference.org/

OTHER 2021 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Please Note that all Announcements are contingent on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis and are subject to change. Please check their websites before making plans.

2021:

Feb 25-27: RootsTech Connect 2021 - FamilySearch has announced that their yearly conference in Salt Lake City Utah RootsTech will become a **free, virtual** gathering this year. So register soon. www.rootstech.org

Apr 14-17: Bringing It Home 2021 - Ohio Genealogical Society Virtual Conference - OGS, the largest state genealogical society in the United States, will be hosting their first virtual Conference, with their normal great line-up of speakers and topics. The 2020 Conference was cancelled as one of the first Conferences to be effected by the CoronaVirus epidemic. See website for details www.ogsconference.org/

Jun 4-5: Genetic Genealogy 2021 - Jamboree 2021 Online Virtual Conference (Southern California Genealogy Society brings two online virtual conferences your way) See website below for more info)

Jun 11-12: The Stars In Your Family - Jamboree 2021 Virtual Conference (Southern California Genealogy Society brings two online virtual conferences your way)

See <https://genealogyjamboree.com> for more info.

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS:

The Ashland County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society has many published Ashland County research aid books for sale. Visit our website, <http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/ashlandbooks.html> for a list of them and descriptions. Print out the order form and mail to the address shown on the form.

THE PASTFINDER

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHLAND
COUNTY CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Ashland County Chapter
Ohio Genealogical Society
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Ashland County Chapter of OGS Lineage Societies

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.** See Marleen APPLGATE, Lineage Chair for questions

- ◆ **First Families of Ashland County** (FFOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County prior to 1850.
- ◆ **Settler's & Builders Of Ashland Co, OH** (SBOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between January 1851 and December 31, 1870.
- ◆ **Century Families** (CFOAC). Pioneer ancestor must have been in Ashland County between January 1871 and December 31 one hundred years prior to application year.

Newsletter Mailing
Terry HAUN

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 **Linda FULK, Treasurer**
P.O. Box 681, Ashland, Ohio 44805
Membership year is January -December
Applications can be found at our website
<http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org/>

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, reservations only), and no meeting in December.

All meetings are free and open to the public.

Library Volunteers

(Ginny FEIBER - Library Coordinator)
(Linda FULK - Library Assistant)

Ginny FEIBER; feiber@zoominternet.net

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions,
the Chapter Library is still closed

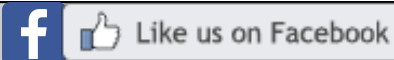
Ashland County Chapter OGS website
www.ashlandohiogenealogy.org

Sheila HELSER, webmaster

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.



FIND US ON THE INTERNET:

Our Chapter Website: <http://ashlandohiogenealogy.org>.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AshlandGenSoc/>

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

The Ashland County Chapter OGS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization; donations to the Society are tax deductible. Your gifts help us buy books for the library, acquire speakers for our programs, and provide the means to publish our books. Consider a gift above and beyond your annual membership to help preserve the records left by our Ashland County pioneers.