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TITANIC SURVIVORS LIVED AND BURIED IN ASHLAND CEMETERY

On April 10th, 1912 in Southampton, England, the family of Frank J. GOLDSMITH, which included his wife, Emily (nee BROWN) and 9-year old son, Frank J.W., boarded the RMS Titanic as third-class passengers, en route to New York City. Some of their friends would also board for the journey to America. Previously, between 1908 and 1911, Emily's parents and six of her twelve brothers and sisters had also emigrated to America, settling in Detroit, Michigan. This was their destination.

Their youngest son, Albert J "Bertie", at age 6, died in 1911 of diphtheria. And, in the tragedy of their youngest son's death, Frank and Emily made the choice to emigrate and join Emily's relations in Michigan.



Picture posted on Emily's Find A Grave Memorial, by Volunteer #47362226

On that fateful night of April 14, 1912 the renowned RMS Titanic (with an estimated 2,224 people on board) would hit an iceberg and sink within two and a half hours, stranding many on board. Thus, another tragedy would befall Mrs. GOLDSMITH. Ultimately only Emily GOLDSMITH and her young son, Frank GOLDSMITH, would be found. Frank Sr. almost certainly knew his fate when he made sure his wife and son were in the last lifeboat available and said his goodbye. His body has never been found and is listed as "lost at sea". The surviving passengers of the Titanic were picked up by the RMS Carpathia within 1 1/2 to 2 hours after the distress call; and by 9 a.m. the morning of April 15 the last survivor was on the Carpathia. The numbers vary, but the facts seem to suggest that approximately 1500 lives were lost that night and 710 survivors. The Carpathia finally docked in New York City, with its Titanic survivors, on the evening of April 18, 1912.

Mrs. Emily GOLDSMITH and her son, Frankie, were cared for by the Salvation Army while in New York City, and then provided train fare for them to be reunited with her family in Detroit. Mrs. GOLDSMITH was employed in the Detroit area as a dressmaker and worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Emily remarried on May 2, 1914 in Detroit, Michigan to Harry ILLMAN also from the same area of Strood, Kent, England. He had come to America a year later, in 1913. She is found on the 1920 Census as living on Harrison Ave., Detroit Ward 8, Wayne, Michigan along with her husband Harry, her 17-yr. old son Frank, and one of her brothers, Edward BROWN. At this time she is noted as being "naturalized".



A passport dated Mar 21, 1921 was prepared for her, Emily Alice ILLMAN, and her minor son to return to the "British Isles" to visit family. At this point her residence was listed as 6190 Vermont Ave., Detroit, Michigan. However, it is interesting that on June 1920 a passport was initiated for her husband, Harry ILLMAN, to visit relative in England. It would seem that Emily did not make the trip with him at that time.



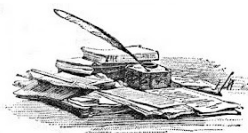
(Did she change her mind a year later? I have wondered how she and her son would have handled the emotions of traveling across the sea again, 9 years after the tragic experience they encountered in 1912.)

The 1930 and 1940 census shows Emily and her husband, Harry, still living on Vermont Avenue, but in 1930, Frank Jr. and his wife, Victoria, and their son, James R (age 2) were living

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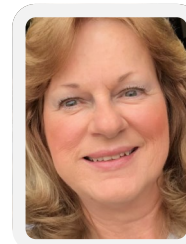
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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

From your ACCOGS President, Charlotte ELSON



Hello Chapter Members,

Happy Winter, Spring or Summer, the weather is crazy this time of year.

I am so excited to start Hybrid meetings. I'm a people person and love talking!!! I hope that we can do some fabulous things together this year. And with that in mind, I need your opinions on what you'd like to do and not do.

I'd like to tour some places, have some get-togethers to discuss how each of us do our research and how we collect and save it.

We need snacks as well - all calorie free of course!

It would be fun as well to see who in the Chapter we are related too! On Becky's husband side he is related to my Mother in Law. It is a small world and we all know this with the families who we connect to.

Please reach out to me with any ideas or thoughts on what you like to do. I'm looking forward to a great year; and with everyone's help we can do it!

Thanks Always, Charlotte



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(From Terry HAUN, Your Newsletter Editor)

Thank you Ashland Co ACCOGS members for being patient with me as I struggled to complete the current newsletter during my recent illness. This is the latest I have ever been in getting it to you members and I do apologize even though I had no control over it. This is where one of my favorite sayings comes to mind.

**Sometimes GENEALOGY get is the way of LIFE;
and sometimes LIFE gets in the way of GENEALOGY!.**

(Cont'd from page 17)-Titanic Survivors-GOLDSMITH

with them. The 1950 Census shows Emily and her husband, Harry, living in Ashland, Ashland Co, Ohio having moved there within the previous year from Michigan.

Emily Alice ILLMAN died on Sep 22, 1955 Her obituary from the Mansfield News Journal, 23 Sep 1955, page 2, col. 4-5 reads:

“Mrs. Emily Alice ILLMAN, 75, a survivor of the sinking of the ship Titanic in the North Atlantic in 1912, died aboard a train while between Toledo and Detroit Thursday afternoon. Her first husband, Frank J. GOLDSMITH, was lost when the ship went down.

Born in England on Aug. 26, 1880, Mrs. ILLMAN came to Ashland in 1949 with her husband, Harry ILLMAN, who survives her. She is also survived by a son, Frank, who operates a camera shop in Mansfield. Mrs. ILLMAN was a member of the redeemer Presbyterian Church in Detroit and was active in church affairs there. She was also a member of the Red Cross,

being active in that group during World War II, when she donated 5,000 hours work during that time.

It is believed that Mrs. ILLMAN was returning from a visit to her four brothers and four sisters who live in Detroit, when she died. Other survivors include three grand-children and two great-grandchildren. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Heyl Funeral Home with the Rev. Samuel J.J. PEARD, pastor of Trinity Episcopalian Church in Mansfield officiating. Burial will be in Ashland Cemetery. Friends may call at the Heyl Funeral Home Sunday afternoon and evening.”



Harry ILLMAN died Jan 25, 1963 and is buried in Ashland Cemetery beside of Emily. They are in Section 5, Lot 417; she in Grave #1 and he in Grave #2)

Frank John William “Frankie” GOLDSMITH, Jr., son of Frank John GOLDSMITH and Emily Alice BROWN was born 19 Dec 1902 in Strood, Medway Unitary Authority, Kent, England. And, along with his mother, survived the 1912 Titanic sinking. From there he moved with his mother to Detroit, and tried to begin a new life. As a 9 year old survivor, he had many traumas to overcome, some he may never have been able to be free of.

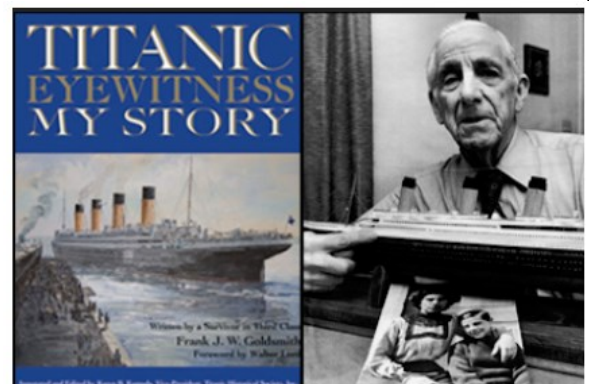
Young Frank still held the hope that his father somehow survived. It took him months to understand that his father was really dead, and for years afterward, he used to tell himself, "I think another ship must have picked him up and one day he will come walking right through that door and say, 'Hello, Frankie.'" It's also been noted that one of their homes was near the newly opened Navin Field, home of the Detroit Tigers. He stated that when the crowd cheered during a home run, the sound reminded him of the screams of the dying passengers and crew in the water just after the ship sank; as a result, he never took his children to baseball games.

On Sep 11, 1926 Frank GOLDSMITH married Victoria Agnes (nee LAWRENCE/) in Detroit, Michigan. In 1930 he is living with his mother and step-father as well as his wife and one son, James R (aged 2). By the 1940 Census he is still living in Detroit, but now has three children, James R (aged 12), Charles B (aged 6), and Frank J (aged 4). During World War II, Frank served as a civilian photographer for the U.S. Army Air Corps. In the mid 1940s, Frank moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he ran a photographic supplies store and authored manuals on aerial photography. (Please note that Victoria's parents were from the Ashland, Ohio area and whether they came to Ashland area to be with family or not, is speculation.) On the 1950 census, Frank and his family is living in Ashland, Ashland Co, Ohio and his profession is in the photograph business. In the 1951 Ashland City directory he and his wife are listed as living at 1048 Smith Road. According to his obituary he opened a photography supply store in Mansfield; Mansfield Photo Supplies at 20 S. Park St. until he retired in May 1972. Throughout this time, he made numerous speaking engagements throughout the local area telling about his vivid recollections of the sinking of the Titanic. In 1979 Frank and his wife moved to Florida..

Frank J GOLDSMITH, survivor of the Titanic sinking, died in his home January 27, 1982, in Orlando, Florida, at the age of 79. He was survived by his wife, Victoria, and their three sons James Richard (1927-2009), Charles B. (b. 1934), and Frank John (b. 1936). The first two sons would stay in Ohio, but it seems his youngest son, Frank, would also move to Florida.

His memories of the Titanic sinking and his early life without a father were too painful to express in words, but he left behind a diary that he'd written throughout his life. In 1981, his youngest son set about to have them published under his name as “*Echoes In the Night: Memories of a Titanic Survivor*”. Frank GOLDSMITH's is the only book written of the sinking by a third-class passenger.

According to his wishes, Frank was cremated; and on April 15 1982 (the



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anniversary of the sinking), his ashes were scattered over the area where the Titanic had sank. With his mother and step-father being buried in Ashland Cemetery, a memorial stone is also located in Ashland Cemetery for Frank beside his mother. (See right).

His wife, Victoria LAWRENCE GOLDSMITH died Sep 30, 1993 is buried in Strickland Cemetery, Hayesville, Ashland County, Ohio; and his one deceased son, James Richard GOLDSMITH, is buried in Fairview Cemetery, West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio.

From Frank John William "Frankie" GOLDSMITH's three boys and their descendants, the legacy of his own father, who's life was tragically ended at the age of 33 aboard the Titanic, would live on.



Some Added Reading:

<https://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/titanic-survivors/>
www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/titanic-survivor/frankie-goldsmith.htm

(My Thanks to Barb HART for helping me with material for this article)

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 11, 2025 (US & Canada)

By Kate Penney Howard - www.katepenneyhoward.com

Ann Reeves JARVIS was an Appalachian homemaker and Sunday School teacher. She was an activist, and her concern about the high infant mortality rate led her to organize "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach parenting skills to mothers. She also organized "Mothers' Friendship Day" to promote reconciliation between Union and Confederate families after the Civil War.

When her mother died in 1905, Ann sought to honor all mothers for their sacrifice and service. The first official Mother's Day celebration took place through a service of worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. The observation quickly gained attention: in 1914, President Woodrow WILSON signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, and Canada followed suit in 1915.

Mother's Day can also trace some of its inspiration to poet and activist Julia WARD HOWE, who wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Around 1870, HOWE called for a "Mother's Day for Peace" dedicated to celebrating peace and eradicating war. Her vision emphasized mothers' unique position to understand the tragic costs of conflict.

Anna JARVIS initially conceived of Mother's Day as a simple observation between mothers and families, but shopkeepers began filling their storefronts with cards, candies, flowers, and other gifts for Mother's Day. By 1920, JARVIS had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards, and candies. She even launched lawsuits against businesses using "Mother's Day" in their advertising, spending much of her fortune on legal battles and lobbying efforts.

More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than on any other day of the year. Modern celebrations increasingly recognize diverse forms of motherhood, honoring all women who take on nurturing roles.

Mother's Day can be a difficult day for those of us who are grieving the death of a mother or grandmother. No family is perfect, and no mother is perfect; Mother's Day can be complicated for those whose families struggled with dysfunction. For those of us who are mothers, it can be difficult if a child has died or is separated by distance or disagreement.

I find it healing to take the afternoon to plant my garden and write a reflection about my mother, my grandmothers, my great-grandmothers, and my great-great-grandmother.

POEM: To My Mother

Edgar Allan POE (1809–1849)

Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,
 The angels, whispering to one another,
 Can find, among their burning terms of love,
 None so devotional as that of "Mother,"

For You, Mother

"When A House Becomes A Happy Home"

When a house becomes a happy home
 Where love grows day by day
 Then it's a cheerful place to live,
 Not just a place to stay.

When those who live there understand,
 And care about each other,
 And try to be a special kind,
 Of friend to one another...

And when a home is filled with warmth,
 With joy and laughter, too,
 Then it's a happy home like ours is,
 Mother, thanks to you,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
 WITH WARMEST LOVE

ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR MUSTER AND DESCRIPTIVE ROLLS - Illinois Veterans Index 1775-1995

William BUTTERFIELD, Pvt 4th Illinois Cavalry, Co. I

Height: 5'10"

Hair: Dark

Eyes: Blue

Complexion: Fair

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Farmer

Date of Birth: Abt. 1829

Birth Place: Ashland Co, Ohio

War: Civil War

Service Entry Age: 32

Service Entry Date: 14 Oct 1861

Service Entry Place: Earl, Illinois

Joined By Whom: B.F. HYDE

Period: 3 Years

Muster In Date: 17 Oct 1861

Remarks: Discharged Aug 5, 1862 by Go. Gen. HALLECK

Residence Place: Earl, LaSalle Co, Illinois

www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/home.html

Thanks to Marleen and Deanna APPLGATE for sharing with the Newsletter

LOCAL MUSEUMS IN THE ASHLAND COUNTY SURROUNDINGS

Ashland County and the surrounding area has lots of resources to help research and preserve the history of the region. I am listing only a few of them. Please check them out to see what they have available and don't forget that many of them are local and funds only come from local sources. Remember to support your local Societies and Museums.

Ashland County Historical Society: - "At the Ashland County Historical Society, we're passionate about bringing history to life in fun and exciting ways for all ages!" www.ashlandhistory.org Can be reached at (419) 289-3111

Cleo Fisher Museum, Loudonville, Ohio: - "The CRF Museum serves the Mohican area as a source for research, learning, and historical discussion by connecting the community with the history and traditions of the area." They are a subsidiary of the Mohican Historical Society. <https://crfmuseum.com> Contact (419) 994-4050 or info@crfmuseum.com

Jeromesville Historical Museum: - "We preserve the past so future generations can see the history of our small town." Located at 26 E. South Street, Jeromesville, OH. The Jeromesville Historical Committee can be reached at (419) 368-8283. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057175131533

West Salem Historical Society,

99 E. Buckeye St West Salem, OH 44287 West Salem Historical Society at 419-853-4872.

County Line Historical Society of Wayne/Holmes Counties: - "formed in 1996-97 to promote interest in past and present history of the communities of Big Prairie, Centerville, Lakeville, Millbrook, Moreland, Nashville, the Village of Shreve, and the townships of Clinton, Franklin, Lake, Plain, Ripley and Washington in Wayne, Holmes and Ashland counties; and also, to promote greater appreciation of our heritage and broaden the education and participation in the communities of this area. The Society hopes to preserve as much historical and genealogical material as possible and has both permanent exhibits and feature collections." Located at 281 N. Market St. Shreve, OH 44676 Contact at countylinehistoricalsociety@gmail.com or 330-567-2344

Killbuck Valley Museum: - Holmes County's Only Natural History Museum. Located Front Street, Killbuck, Ohio. Summer Hours: open Sat and Sun 1-4 pm. Can be reached at killbuckmuseum@yahoo.com www.facebook.com/KillbuckValleyMuseum. Members enjoy periodic newsletters.

Wayne County Historical Society: - <https://waynehistoricalohio.org>. Their constitution states basically to provide for the collection, preservation, and display of historical relics, papers, books, records, museum materials, old church records, private papers, etc. of historic interest; to provide for the marking and preservation of historical sites and buildings; to carry on all activities appropriate for a historical society and for cultural advancement in Wayne County, Ohio. Located at 546 East Bowman Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691. General questions, contact them at (330) 264-8856 or host@waynehistoricalohio.org

Mansfield Museum: - Established in 1889, located in Mansfield, Ohio. Regretfully this museum, rich in artifacts, has been closed due to the owners death.

Knox County Historical Museum: - Contains documents and artifacts which hold significant historical importance to the county. Also conducts various events to celebrate the history of the Knox county. Possession of many genealogical records of those who lived in Knox County. Located at 875 Harcourt Rd, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 Can be reached at (740) 393-5247 or info@knoxhistory.org. Website: www.knoxhistory.org.



GENEALOGY IS LIKE AN EASTER EGG HUNT

You know they're out there, you just don't know where !



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

Ezra BRANDEBERRY Surprise Birthday Party

Ashland, OH Press (8 Sep 1881)



From the New London Record: A birthday surprise party in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our esteemed neighbor and friend, Ezra BRANDEBERRY, who with his family are about to make for themselves a new home and new friends in Kansas, occurred at Troy Center on Saturday, August 27th. The surprise party was a complete success, which was followed by more substantial surprises. The presentation speech was made by John PHILLIPS. First a suit of clothes was given Mr. BRANDEBERRY, valued at thirty dollars, by M.J. CUMRINE, D. DOTY, D.C. STENTZ, C.E. PARKER, Dr. RICHARDS, D. MUSSER, E. CULBERSON, J. CRESSON, Able BAILEY, L. BAILEY, Joel BRUCE, Mrs. P.C. RICHARDS, John PHILIPS, Alvin CRITTENDEN, W.E. DONLEY, N.C. PARKER, I. HARVUOT, L. FORD, J.R. BAILEY, John SMITH, E.F. BRYTE, Jessie SIMMONS, J.W. BISHOP, George TRAUGER, A. MISOR, J. PHELPS, A.J. ARNDT, G. WEEKS, E.Z. CLARK, D. POLLOCK, Willis PARKER. A silk handkerchief by W. STRAUS. Dress for Mrs. BRANDEBERRY, from Mrs. Julia BRUCE, Pattie RICHARDS, Sarah FORD, Aletha PARKER, Estella CULBERTSON, Emma BAILEY. Pebble spectacles and counterpane by David POLLOCK and wife, Crawford county, Ohio. Scarf by father and mother BAILEY. Necktie by Mrs. ARNDT. Ten dollar bill by John BAILEY and wife, Williams county, Ohio. Pair pillow cases, Mrs. CULBERTSON. Two pairs of stockings by Mrs. CARLEY. Handkerchief for the girls by Mrs. CUMRINE. Pair of slippers by Mrs. BRANDEBERRY. Pipe and tobacco pouch by Elias BRANDEBERRY. The presents received by the family amounted to about eighty-seven dollars. After a brief response from Mrs. BRANDEBERRY, the family and friends were invited to tables laden with good things. Mr. MUSSER invoked the blessing of our Heavenly Father.

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STORK WAS GENEROUS AND LEFT TWO INSTEAD OF ONE AT THE BURNS HOME.

Twin girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred BURNS in South Ashland Tuesday morning. The Stork's generosity on this occasion was greater than expected and there were great doin's among the ladies in the BURNS' neighborhood Tuesday during which a "shower" for the twins was planned.

Congratulations from President ROOSEVELT are in order

but as he is hid away at Oyster Bay, he will probably not hear of this auspicious event, therefore, the Press extends congratulations in his stead. *Ashland, OH Press (26 Jul 1905)*

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Adabell KANE Dies Yesterday At The Hospital
(Ashland Times Gazette; Sat, Sep 27, 1924)

Adabell KANE, young daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Dewey Kane died at Samaritan Hospital yesterday at 11 a.m. She had been ill for more than two weeks. Adabell was born in Mansfield January 26, 1924 and died at the age of 8 months and seven days. She is survived by her father and mother and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Gilberts Chapel. Captain STARK of Salvation army is to be in charge of the services and internment will be made in Ashland cemetery.

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John ASCHLEMAN
(Ashland Press, 11 Feb, 1897)

Another one of the old pioneers is gone. John ASCHLEMAN died Feb. 5, 1897, aged 75 yers and 22 days; was interred in the Synagogue cemetery Feb 4th, Rev. KUNKEL conducting the funeral services.

The subject of our sketch was born in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 11, 1834. He emigrated to American in 1849, was married to Lydia STAUFFER in 1853. From this union was born seven children, five of whom have gone before.

The deceased leaves a wife, two daughters and four grandchildren. In his youth he united with the Reformed church, of his native land, by confirmation. Well can it be said that the deceased was one of our most honored and respected citizens. He came to this country a poor boy, without money or friends to whom he could look for help in time of need, but with a determination to succeed he went to work and by the sweat of his brow his efforts were crowned with success, being the possessor of two good farms at the time of his death. Many a good lesson could be drawn by the young men of today from the life of Father ASCHLEMAN. Peace be to his ashes.

Mrs. ASCHLEMAN and daughters wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted them in the death and burial of their dear husband and father.

The Ohio Channel has created a short 8-minute video of Ashland's Court House called "Seats of Justice: Ashland County" which give a nice overview of the history of our court house and some historical events surrounding it. Check out the website and enjoy this short, but informative, video. www.courtnewsOhio.gov/happening/2025/AshlandJustice_052225.asp

OLD TIME LEASE BETWEEN JOHN CHAPMAN AND JOHN OLIVER*Ashland, OH Press (7 Sep 1910, Sec.2; pg 2)*

AN OLD TIME LEASE - Not long ago former county recorder, B.F. PAULLIN had an occasion to go to Mansfield to look up some records dating back to the time when Ashland county was a part of Richland county. It will be remembered that Ashland county was formed in 1846. Prior to that time part of its present territory belonged to Richland county and part to Wayne county. While going over the records, Mr. PAULLIN found the copy of a lease dated April 22, 1826. That was the beginning of the second year of John Quincy ADAMS's administration.....

The lease was filed August 8, 1829, and was given by John OLIVER, landlord, to John CHAPMAN, tenant. It is set forth in the lease that Oliver was to lease to CHAPMAN one-half

acre of fruit land for the period of 40 years for the consideration of 20 apple trees.

The lease reads in part: 'And the said John OLIVER obligates himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, in peaceable possession and enjoyment of the said premises for the aforesaid term of time, and the said John CHAPMAN for his heirs, obligates himself, his heirs, administrators or executors, by these presents that he will pay or cause to be paid to the said John OLIVER, his heirs, administrators or executors, for the above names consideration'.

The lease was drawn by Abel STRONG, Justice of the Peace.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

D G E N E A L O G Y B X
 S E S N I S U O C V A K
 R Y S M W N U B M N Z Y
 E M Y C M O V S C Y R G
 E A Y Z E N T E N T R S
 T G X R L N S N S E E V
 N O Y T E T D E O C C W
 U D M B O T C A R I X N
 L N R R G N E U N R N Q
 O E S Y A M O M N T D U
 V N B G B S T P E X S Y
 X W N P V T K T M C J P

- 1) Our "Hobby" that draws us all together.
- 2) Family members who you are descended from.
- 3) A very popular on-line website to record family/documents.
- 4) If most everyone in the same area are related.
- 5) Persons who have the same Grandparents.
- 6) Your offspring and their families.
- 7) Records which backup your research or proof.
- 8) Backbone of our Society.
- 9) Name first given to town which is now Ashland, Ohio
- 10) Where our loved ones are usually buried.
- 11) Every 10 years; next one available for research will be 2032.

**GENEALOGY IS LIKE A PUZZLE -
 BREAK IT DOWN ONE STEP AT A TIME!**

*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.

(Spelling is usually left as was in the original newspaper article).

CARPENTER FAMILY REUNION - *(Ashland, OH Press 13 Sep 1905)*

The twenty-third annual reunion of the CARPENTER family will be held at the old home of Grandma CARPENTER on the first Saturday of October. Grandma CARPENTER is still in good health and does her own housework at the advanced age of 91 years.

CARPENTER FAMILY REUNION - *(Ashland, OH Press 4 Sep 1912)*

CARPENTER REUNION LARGELY ATTENDED—The thirty-first annual reunion of the CARPENTER family was held in S.L. CARPENTER's grove, one-half mile west of Hayesville, Saturday, August 24, 1912, and was largely attended, there being about 250 relatives, neighbors and friends present. A delightful day was enjoyed visiting with friends, many of whom had not been together for many years. At the noon hour the table was spread under the trees of the grove and loaded with many good things to which the company did ample justice.

After dinner the president, S.L. CARPENTER, called the meeting to order. Rev. A.W. MANNING invoked the divine blessing afterwhich [sic] a program was carried out consisting of songs, recitations and instrumental music rendered by members and friends of the family. Miss Lena JENNINGS gave a very interesting talk which was appreciated by all. Rev. MANNING addressed the crowd in a pleasing manner. This concluded the exercises for the afternoon. It was decided to hold the next reunion at the same place the last Saturday in August, 1913, to which everybody has a welcome invitation.

CHIDESTER FAMILY REUNION - *(Ashland, OH Press 11 Nov 1874)*

A HAPPY REUNION - The occasion was the reunion of the CHIDESTER family at the residence of their sister, Mrs. Gilbert MILLER, of your city, on Thursday, Nov. 5th. The original design was a meeting of CHIDESTERs, but they could not all come, and the MILLERs out-numbered them. There were, however, A. (B. or R.) CHIDESTER and wife, Dr. E. CHIDESTER and wife, Miss Jennie CHIDESTER, and John KELLY and wife. The MILLERs numbered nine or ten, and there were of those who did not belong to either house of CHIDESTERs or the house of MILLERs, to the number of seven. Prior to the dinner call the time was spent pleasantly, discussing the weather, grasshoppers in the west, etc. At two o'clock dinner was announced and all seemed pleased. We surrounded a well filled table, or rather tables, and after some little formality, all went to work. Before coming to the table, the turkeys and chickens seemed well disposed creatures, but upon being separated, the way they flew around was truly surprising. Never have I beheld a more earnest band of workers than the one present on this occasion. They set an example worthy of imitation. Ed. MILLER worked like a good fellow. He entered into the work with his whole heart and soul and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. In fact, a person would judge him to be an old hand at the business.—After dinner letters were read from absent ones who were wont to meet with us in times past, and the missing link in the chain of happiness, was their absence on this occasion; but from their letters we felt assured they were with us in spirit. It was truly a success, and we congratulate our sister, Caroline, and feel thankful she is so nicely fixed in her new home. May she live long to enjoy it. After spending a day or so among our friends in your really beautiful little city, we returned to our several homes. Yours respectfully, One of Them.

CHIDESTER FAMILY REUNION - *(Ashland, OH Press 21 Aug, 1879)*

A very pleasant time was had on Tuesday the 12th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert MILLER, West Washington street. The occasion being the meeting of the CHIDESTERs. There were present; Dr. and Mrs. CHIDESTER, Massilon, O.; A.B. CHIDESTER and wife, Chippewa, O.; Mrs. A.C. SCOTT, Kossuth, Iowa; Miss Hettie CHIDESTER, J.W. KELLY, Bryan and about twenty of the more intimate friends of the family, among who were Rev. Dr. Jno. ROBINSON and wife. At 12 o'clock the "Bashful Four" appeared, (they are noted for their promptness about meal time) and entertained the assembled guests for an hour with some of their best music. At one o'clock dinner was announced and all partook of a beautiful repast, prepared by Mrs. MILLER, who knows how to set the good things before her friends. All went to work with a will and seemed to enjoy "putting away" the ample supply prepared for them. It was a good time and one long to be remembered by all present. Regrets were read from Rev. Dr. JENNINGS and wife, of Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. S.W. CHIDESTER, Milwaukee, Wis., E.D. CHIDESTER and family, of Toledo, O.; and Jno. KELLY and wife of Bryan, O.

ASHLAND TIDBITS !!

The First Mayor in the city of Ashland, Ohio was Charles DEMMING in 1844.

DID YOU KNOW ???

THAT - The Ashland County Recorder's Office has implemented a "Preservation Surcharge" effective March 1 of this year. At that time any documents filed in the Ashland County Recorder's office after March 1 will be subject to a \$5 fee, said newly elected recorder Erin BEEBE. The so-called preservation surcharge will help the office (located in the Ashland County Courthouse building) cover costs associated with digitizing documents dating back to 1846. Ashland County is now the 48th in Ohio with this fee, which by law cannot exceed \$5.

THAT - Do you have troubles keeping your genealogy correspondence separate from your day to day correspondence? If so, you might consider setting up a dedicated email address for your genealogy. This would allow you to respond to DNA connections, family cousins, queries for information and yet allow you to keep your home email for other day to day things. Just something to think about.

THAT - In the U.S. Census Records before 1830 the Federal government provided no authorized standard form to fill out. The enumerators were on their own to collect the information and write it down. Therefore, there is not standard appearance to the enumerations forms. Though some locations did create a standard for their area, that left many forms up to the individual enumerator to develop.

IS YOUR FAMILY STILL IN THE ROOM?

I have previously mentioned how important it is to write down your stories of your families for the future generations. When I've mentioned about writing these stories, I've stated that Life itself is the "good, bad, and ugly". Meaning that all stories have an impact on our lives to us and our ancestors.

Recently I watched a webinar regarding family stories being remembered which was hosted by Sunny MORTON and found one of her comments to be very inspiring. Within her program was this phrase. - "**Act like they're still in the room**". This was profound. Think about that six-word sentence for a minute and take it all in.

What you decide to write these stories about your family, remember this will be read by future generations. So by using that six-word sentence in your thoughts, you might take on a little different view of how to write those "good, bad, and ugly" remembrances. View them trying to understand that we are all human and no one is perfect. This is when the adage of "Don't judge a man until you walked a mile in his shoes" comes to mind.

We want to be accurate - but from a responsible view!

BLOGGING ABOUT AI and other GENEALOGY

(<https://familylocket.com/index/post-index/>)

Contributed by Diana R. NELSON

Diana ELDER, AG, and Nicole DYER, mother-daughter professional genealogists, are the co-authors of "*Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*" and hosts of the "Research Like a Pro Genealogy Podcast". With Robin WIRTHLIN, they co-authored "*Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*". Read more about them and their team of researchers at their website. <https://familylocket.com/about-us>

More uses for AI: Diana ELDER of *Family Locket* is continuing to blog about new uses for AI. Check out her blog.

Ancestry is gradually rolling out an update to the sorting of DNA shared matches. If you have the ProTools subscription and have been frustrated that you may have to scroll through several pages to find the close relatives of your match, you will soon be able to sort those shared matches by how closely they are related to your match. Yay!

This month's NGS Magazine has 7 articles on taxes. The first, by Carol COOKE DARROW, discusses the importance of tax records for genealogists. They not only establish residence in a given time and place, but they can provide details on land ownership, real property ownership and the number of people in the household. They pre-date census records in many eastern states. There is a short article on early Ohio Tax records by Dana PALMER. Early tax records for Greene County are held at the Archives and Record Center. And don't forget to look for tax delinquency lists in the newspaper.

AI and FamilySearch Full-Text Search: Working Together to Make Discoveries - Posted March 9, 2025 by Diana ELDER.

Check out at <https://familylocket.com/ai-and-familysearch-full-text-search-working-together-to-make-discoveries/>

Words of Wisdom

There are five things in life you can't recover -

A *STONE* - after it is thrown.

A *WORD* - after it is said.

An *OCCASION* - after it is missed.

The *TIME* - after it is gone.

A *PERSON* - after they die.

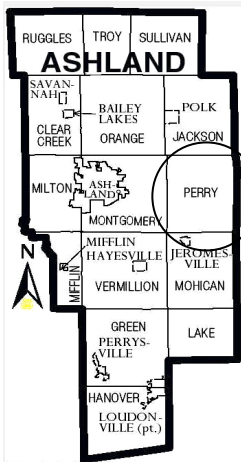
LIFE IS SHORT; break the Rules; Forgive

Quickly, Kiss Slowly; Love Truly;

Laugh Uncontrollably.

Never regret anything that made you smile.

Enjoy Life!



Ashland County has 15 townships of which I am focusing on Perry township this time. I am working my way up from South to North of the county. If you want to know more than “just the facts” about your ancestors, you’ll want to understand about where and when they lived.

Our Chapter has published 14 Research Aid books and is working on our final one for Montgomery Township. If you are interested in reviewing one of our Research Aid books, check our library or our website for the Order Form. The Perry Township Research Aid #5 includes early County/Township Land Ownership Maps, Deed References, Tax Records, 1820-1860 Census records, Cemetery Records, etc. The book is Indexed and a total of 199 pages). The following is only a sample of our township history.

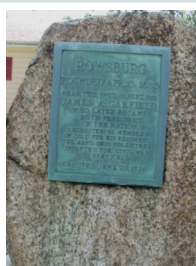
The area of present day Perry township was first surveyed by Jonathan COX in 1807. It was one of the four original townships of Wayne County declared on 11 April 1812. In 1812 the commissioners of Wayne Co divided that county into four townships; the western part (what is now Jackson, Lake, Perry, and Mohican), and parts of Holmes and Wayne County, became known as Mohican Township, Wayne Co. This township would be the first of present day Ashland County to be settled. By Sep 14, 1814, the township of Perry was organized and contained parts of what is now Jackson township until 1819. Some of the early pioneers of Perry township are believed to have been Jonathan COX, John and Jacob CARR, John EWING Joseph CHANDLER, Aaron and John CORY, John RAVER, Benjamin EMMONS, James SCOTT, Richard SMALLEY, Henry WORST, Arthur CAMPBELL, Cornelius DORLAND, and John JACKSON (the first justice of the peace.)

Population of the township, based on the U.S. Census, was 1820-558; 1830-1,242; 1840-2,100; 1850-1,788; and in 1860-1,911. In 1825, when the township held its first elections, Daniel WILLIAMS and Daniel SMITH were elected trustees and William SPENCER became the township clerk. When Ashland County became a county in 1846 and had its first elections, Asa S. REED of Perry township, became the county Recorder. At this time the county was divided into three districts for levying tax purposes, with Perry township being in the First District at which time, John ALLISON was appointed Assessor for this district.

There are two communities within the limits of Perry township: (The Aid Book lists many deed references to these areas.)

ROWSBURG: Located near the center of the township, Rowsburg is the only town and was laid out April 15, 1835, by Michael D. ROW. At that point in time, there was no inhabitants within the limits of the present town. A public sale of lots was held in May, 1835, and the first lot was sold to Jacob CARR for thirty-four dollars, which was later owned by Garrett DORLAND. The second lot was sold to David DORLAND for \$21 and later occupied by C. C. COULTER as a grocery store. Catharine LONG also purchased one of the lots for \$18. By 1860 the population of Rowsburg was 200. (Rowsburg has been listed as Rowesburg, Rowsburg, and even Rowsburgh). There is information to suggest that Michael ROW pronounced the name as “Rau” (as in cow).

There are two historic markers within Rowsburg. One is the Historical Brick Section of the Lincoln Highway, the other is the Memorial that marks the spot in 1861 when James GARFIELD



(later President of the U.S.) recruited 50 members of Co. C of the 42nd Ohio volunteer Infantry for Civil War service. (See insert)

RED HAW: The other community is Red Haw, an unincorporated community located in the northern part of township. Originally this was established as Lafayette, laid out in the spring 1835, with its original proprietors being William HAMILTON and John ZIMMERMAN. A post office called Red Haw was established in 1867, and remained in operation until 1904.

Around 1815 John RAVER attempted to establish a village on the Wooster Road between Rowsburg and the Muddy Fork called Elizabethtown and some lots were sold at a public sale; but alas, the future of the proposed town never came to being.

The first grist and sawmill in Perry township was erected in 1818 by John RAVER, just north of Rowsburg, on what is known as Raver's Run. This mill, when built, was not only the first in the township, but also the first within what is now the limits of Ashland county. John NAFTSINGER also established a Grist Mill around 1820. There was an abundance of ginseng root in the forest and was worth twenty-five cents per pound. However, Michael ROW, Sr., decided to transport a load to Philadelphia, in a one-horse wagon, and found it a very profitable trip as he sold it for much more.

Perry township claims the late Senator William B. ALLISON as one of its prominent sons. He was born in Perry township in 1829. Received his common school and other preparatory training here, then entered Western Reserve College, and after graduation commenced the study of law. In 1857 he removed to the state of Iowa. He soon was elected to congress and after serving a term or two in the House of Representatives, he was elected to the United States Senate in 1873, where he served for over thirty years and until his death.

Several cemeteries within the township are Trinity Cemetery, Rowsburg Cemetery, Red Haw Cemetery (also known as Evangelical Church Graveyard), Brandt Cemetery, Meng Cemetery, and Old Rowsburg Cemetery (known as Smalley Cemetery). The first person who died in the township was James CAMPBELL; however, his body was removed to Wooster for interment.

Churches within the township have been: Trinity United Methodist Church, Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church (previously known as Muddy Fork Church), Rowsburg Lutheran Church, Red Haw United Methodist Church, and The United Brethren of Lafayette.

There are at least six Rev. War/War of 1812 veterans buried in Perry township; they are, Peter BENINGER, James HARRIS, Russell P. HARMAN, Jacob GARDNER, Peter LASH and Henry ZIMMERMAN.

Even though the communities of Perrysville and Perrysburg are within the Ashland County boundaries, they are not in Perry Township. The township population in the 2020 census was 2,024. Perry Township in Ashland County is one of twenty-six Perry Townships throughout the state.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY - WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF IT?

This holiday, also known as Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, or Jubilee Day, is a federal holiday that was recognized in 2021 and has been nationally celebrated on June 19 since then. Before that time, many Black and African-Americans have been celebrating this occasion since the late 1860's, varying the day based on the location in the U.S.

This date commemorates the total abolition of slavery in the U.S. that took place on June 19, 1865. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by then President Abraham LINCOLN in 1863, it was the 13th Amendment to the Constitution that actually brought it about. Many enslaved people of the south were never made aware of this and were kept enslaved. In fact, many slave owners moved the slaves and plantations to Texas because they felt this would be a safe area to continue their plantations using slave labor for their operations.

On June 19, 1865 General Gordon GRANDER rode into Galveston, Texas with a force of almost 2000 Union troops and publicly announced that the enslaved people were no longer legally allowed to be kept as property of their owners. His speech proclaimed that all slaves are free and have rights. He advised the freedmen to remain quietly at their present home and work for wages. (It's been said that at that time, more than 250,000 Black people were still being held as slaves in Texas alone.)

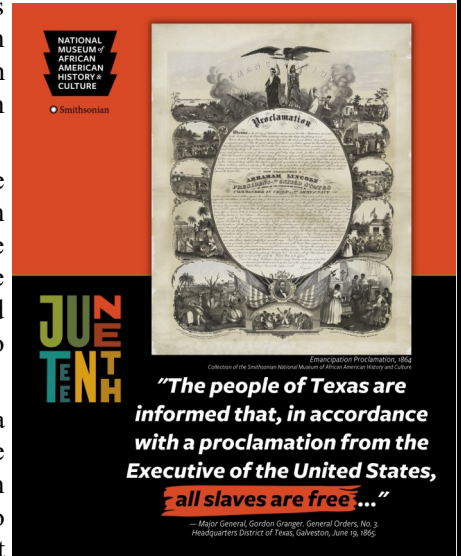
Thus Juneteenth became a cause for celebration for Black Americans. However, it was not without opposition; and as our history shows, these previous slaves and their descendants have fought a long, hard road to be able to celebrate this occasion with pride. In 1872, because many blacks were banned from celebrating in public places, these previous slaves came together and bought 10 acres of land in Houston and named it Emancipation Park to hold their celebrations. As part of a donation, the City of Houston received the park in 1916, and after some financial struggles, it still thrives as a public park today. They hold many activities and events for Juneteenth, including a fun run, a music celebration, and a family fun day.

In 1979, Texas became the first state to establish Juneteenth as a state holiday although many other states celebrated Emancipation Day on various other days.

Today many regard the holiday as a joyful anniversary of independence and celebrate it with festivals, parades, and other cultural events; others observe the day revolving around family and community connections.

In 2022 during an interview with Opal LEE (a retired teacher and activist for the federal holiday) stated:

“People think it’s a Black thing, when it’s not. It’s not a Texas thing. It’s not that.....
Juneteenth means freedom, and I mean for EVERYONE!”



UPDATES FROM GENEALOGY CONFERENCE KEEPERS

NY RECORDS UPDATE - Thanks to public input at the urging of groups like the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and others, the proposed section in NY state's budget legislation that would have essentially banned public access to all vital records and indexes has been removed. A new bill, S.7782, is in the works to direct the New York State Department of Health to work with a private partner to finish digitizing all of the state's historical birth, marriage, and death records and put them online with searchable public indexes.

FREE DNA KITS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS - Earlier this year the Center for Jewish History announced a partnership with Ancestry.com, which provides free DNA kits for Holocaust survivors and their descendants, as well as other resources.

To register for the free DNA kit, visit <https://cjh.org/ancestrydna>.



*Is your Genealogy Search
a Maze of Dead Ends - or a Jigsaw
Puzzle working one piece at a time?*

ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS



Welcome To Our NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS -

We invite you to submit queries to the newsletter. You may be surprised who else is researching your same family. We hope you enjoyed our Welcome Packet of information that might help in your research.

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

- New Member from Minnesota
- William KOON from Jeromesville
- New Member from Iowa
- Christopher SCHAFER from Michigan is researching surnames of HARMON, HOOVER, METZ, LEDICH, and RICKENBROD. If you are researching these same names, contact him at SchaferChristopher@live.com

WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER !

ACCOGS CHAPTER LIBRARY

Located 2nd Floor of Ashland Public Library, 224 Claremont Ave, Ashland, Ohio



Shown above: Ginny FEIBER and Linda FULK

Our Chapter maintains a Genealogy and Local History research room on the mezzanine level at the Ashland Public Library that is open during normal Library hours. This room is maintained jointly by the chapter and the APL Adult Services Department.

It contains Family Histories (over 600 Family Surname books, binders, or pamphlets on the shelves, local history (including church and school resources) as well as Obituary files, Chapter Lineage files, and local newspapers on microfilm from 1852 to Dec 2018. Our Chapter Library also contains several rows of other research materials pertaining to other Ohio county and other States. We also have two computers which are each connected to microfilm readers that can capture images of a specific newspaper article and able to save to a USB Thumb Drive or print them out. Our ATG OBIT INDEX file is updated yearly adding the previous years obits from the Ashland Times Gazette (ATG).

(Most materials in this collection are not cataloged in the Ashland Public Library System as they are owned by the Chapter.)

The Chapter Library Reports Recent Donations to the Library

- ♦ Donated by Barb QUEER - The STEIGERWALT Family 1615-2000
- ♦ Donated by Nancy DUPRE - Mansfield City Schools Alumni Directory 1998
- ♦ Donated by Muskingum County Chapter OGS (Deb DEAL) - Various books from several different counties.
- ♦ Nancy Carole SWINEFORD MILLER passed away in 2023; and her husband, Charles William "Bill" MILLER in 2021. The family has donated Nancy's family research to the ACCOGS' Genealogy Library. Four SWINEFORD Family books and one HARPER Family book have been added to our Library's Family History books. Nancy's mother was a HARPER. There are also various HARPER obituary clippings from newspapers. Available are four three-inch binders containing: Death Certificates; Wills/Deeds; Marriage Certificates; Obituaries; Family Group Sheets; Census Records; Misc. Articles

This is a wealth of information for anyone researching the SWINEFORD family. They can be available at the Ashland Public Library (Genealogy Section); or, if you are out of town, they can be shipped to you at your expense.

There are assistants at the library Tuesday and Thursday mornings (9 AM - 12PM).

To make other arrangements contact Ginny Feiber @ vfeiber@zoominternet.net

NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR 2026

(From Terry HAUN, Your Current Newsletter Editor)

I am still looking for someone who would want to take over publishing the Chapter Newsletter on a permanent basis by next year.

We have a local member who is very interested in taking over the newsletter for me. However, because we have both had some "Health" and "Life" issues, we have not been able to get together yet.

It is my hope that by next newsletter we'll be able to confirm who will take on this position. I do, however, hope to continue to share articles at various times with their lead.

Our members are the bloodlines of our chapter and we are here for you, but we need your involvement to keep it actively pertinent to our Chapter goal.

Thank you all for your help in keeping our chapter in the forefront of Ashland County, Ohio Genealogy.

ASHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER LINEAGE SOCIETIES?

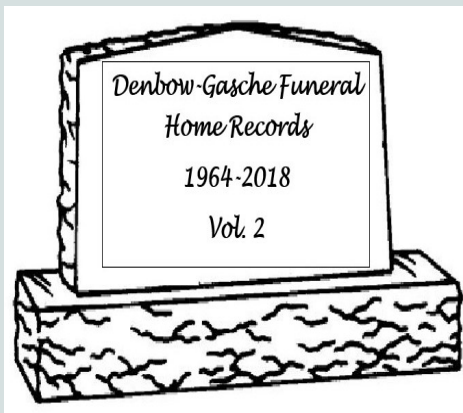
Those interested in applying to one of the Ashland County Lineage Societies should complete the application by **August 31, 2025** which are available at the Chapter Library in the Ashland Public Library or at the Ashland County Genealogical Society website. You need not be a member to apply. Application fee of \$15 for all applicants. If you want a copy of the form or have questions or need help, contact our Lineage Chairperson,

Marleen APPLGATE (ACCOGSLineage@gmail.com).

Requirement for Lineage Societies 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 1925*) Must be a direct line from ancestor to applicant.

ANNOUNCING - OUR CHAPTERS MOST RECENT PUBLICATION



Debow-Gasche Funeral Home Records 1964-2018, Vol. 2

Our most recent publication, contains information on those who had their funeral services at Denbow-Gasche. It includes the names, burial information, both birth & death information, parents information, & their occupation, if available. This is a 423-page soft bound publication and is a companion to Vol. I previously published.

Please see page 31 to print the order form, or go to our website to order directly from there.

<https://ashlandccogs.org/store-2/>

NEWS UPDATE FROM OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The Ohio Genealogical Society will be raising their dues effective June 1 of this year due to rising expenses, energy costs, and inflation. Individual membership will change from \$40 to \$60 a year. While it seems a big increase, OGS has always given a lot of service for its membership fee. If you have doubts, go to their website and see what they have available to it's members, including the "OGS News & OGS Quarterly" subscriptions, many online databases (including webinars and digital books), access to their Genealogical Library in Bellville, Ohio, and numerous other discounts to members. This increase will apply to renewals as well as new memberships.

See their website for all they have available.

<https://www.ogs.org>

2025 ACCOGS CHAPTER PROGRAMS



(Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.. Unless noted below, Jan-Feb-Mar meetings are Virtual Meetings using “Zoom” as our platform. April-Oct will be Hybrid (which means Virtual and “in person”) at the FREER Home, 1260 Center St, except the July Picnic. Check our Facebook Page and Website for any changes.)

JUN 17 - (In-Person Only) **Tour Ashland Historical Society New Library on 420 Center Street.** - (Note different location)

JUL 15 - **Chapter Picnic** at 5:30 p.m. (dinner 6:00) at Freer Field Visitor Center (1301 Park St). Bring a dish and your own table service and drinks. Hope to see you there!

AUG 19 - (Hybrid) **Veterans Presentation, Various Branches of Service;** with Jeff DRUSHEL and Dave BROCKWAY

SEP 16 - (Virtual Only) **Mormon Church Records Available to Genealogists;** with Larry JOHNSON

OCT 21 - (Hybrid) **Preservation of Genealogical Materials, Things we should and shouldn't do;** with Eric HONNEFER. This is a “hands-on” presentation so please bring something you want to preserve and learn how to protect your items.

NOV 18 - (Hybrid) **Chapter Lineage Banquet;** program is “LIFE WITH ALICE”. By Reservation Only, \$25.00 per person. (Social at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, program at 7:00 pm)

December - No Meeting (Happy Holidays !)



OTHER 2025 PROGRAMS / CONFERENCES

Always check their websites before making final plans.

Jun 15: The 45th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is approaching and early bird pricing end on June 15. Join us to explore "And We Settled Here... The Jewish Journey" in Fort Wayne. <https://iajgs2025.org>

Jun 26: Polk, The First 100 Years Presented by the Ashland Historical Society at 6:30 p.m. See their site for details www.ashlandhistory.org/events

Jul 27– Aug 1: GHR 2025 Virtual Institute (Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research c/o Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc . 13 different virtual classroom courses to choose from using Zoom; includes digital syllabus. More info to come; check website. <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/ighr-2025/>

Aug 10-14: IAJGS 45th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy held in Fort Wayne, IN. see www.iajgs2025.org.

Sep 12 - 14: (ECGGC) East Coast Genetic Genealogy Conference, Fourth Annual - Presented by mitoYDNA.org (Virtual \$\$) 7:00pm ET. Learn how different DNA methodologies will help you with your genealogical research. Sessions will be presented for genealogists of all levels of DNA experience from experts genealogists in a wide variety of topics and from DNA companies. (Early Bird pricing through Jul 20). For details, see ecggc.org/

Sep 21: Ashland Cemetery Tour hosted by The Ashland Historical Society. Tours begin at 2:00 p.m. See website for more details. www.ashlandhistory.org/events

Sept 26-27: 2025 OGS Fall Retreat held at the OGS Library. Speakers to be are Kelli BERGHEIMER, Christina DRAIN, Eric JOHNSON, & Peggy LAURITZEN. Put it on your calendar now; more information to come later.

** Check conferencekeeper.org, Their website states “the most complete collection of Genealogy events online”. If you’re interested in a program that isn’t mentioned, check their site. They list Conferences, Virtual Events, Podcasts, Genealogy YouTube Channels, and MORE.

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, our 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)

**PLEASE NOTE - As of January 1, 2025 prices have been updated due to postage increases.
To order any of our publications, you can mail us your order or go to our website
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Ashland Cemetery Burial Records		\$46.00	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol I (1867-1879) (All 3 for \$50.00)		\$22.00	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol II (1879-1886) (All 3 for \$50.00)		\$22.00	
Ashland County Birth Records, Vol III (1887-1908) (All 3 for \$50.00)		\$22.00	
Ashland County Church Records Vol. 1		\$25.00	
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Ashland County Death Records Vol. 2, Part 2, 1895-1908		\$21.00	
Ashland County Genealogical Abstracts of Will Book 1 (1846-1857)		\$15.00	
Ashland County Marriage Records Probate Court Vol. 4 & 5, 1870-1886		\$23.00	
Ashland County, Ohio Veteran Burial Records Index 1812-June 2020 (178 pages)		\$27.00	
Ashland: The City of Progress and Prosperity 1815-1915		\$23.00	
Ashland Women 1815-2015 (notable Ashland, Ohio women); with index, 60 pages		\$19.00	
Denbow-Gasche Funeral Home Records Index Vol. 1 1908-1963		\$25.00	
Denbow-Gasche Funeral Home Records Index Vol. 2 1964-2018		\$46.00	
Greentown: A Story of 1812 in Contemporary Documents		\$17.00	
Heyl Funeral Home Records Index 1923-1956 (147 pages)		\$20.00	
History of the Ashland Pioneer Historical Society - by Samuel Riddle		\$26.00	
Loudonville Newspaper Death Index 1903-1986		\$33.00	
1915-1920 Farm Journal Illustrated Ashland County Directory (CD Map to be purchased separately)		\$26.00	
Ashland County, Hanover Twp., research aid #1		\$33.00	
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Send to Linda FULK, Treasurer
P.O. Box 681, Ashland, Ohio 44805
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See our website for an Application Form
[https://ashlandccogs.org/membership/
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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.

Chapter Library

*Located 2nd Floor Ashland Public Library
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Volunteers

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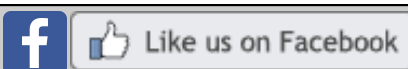
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Meeting Cancellations

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