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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another year comes to a close I can't help but take a look back over the past year in our society. As genealogists we all know that our time on this earth is short. So it is with sadness that we bid any fellow genealogist farewell as we have had to do recently. But we continue to look forward to coming generations and hope to leave a legacy that we and they can be proud of. I believe that we are, for the most part, doing a good job.

I want to take a minute to thank the staff of the Marysville Public Library for all that they do for us. Specifically, Director **Randy Matlow**—he has, more than once, assisted us in setting up for our meetings and has always been available if needed. **Patty O'Connor**, Head of Adult Services, reserves the meeting room for us each month and helps anytime she is asked. **Sue Kienbaum**, also in Adult Services, provides your editor with many of the historic news items seen here. **Denise Birkhoff**, Head of Patron Services, sees to it that our meetings are announced in the library newsletter each month. I can't imagine what we would do without the continued help and support of all of the library staff. So the next time you speak to any of the library staff, take just a few seconds to thank them for the great job they do and the wonderful support they give our organization in addition to the great services they provide the whole community.

I hope that you are looking forward to the coming year and that you will scale all your brick walls and locate all the maiden names that you are missing.

Leona Gustafson — llgbug@genealogybug.net

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. _ Hamilton Wright Mabie

The sole purpose of the *Union Echoes* is to publish items that will assist, educate, and preserve records for Union County family historians.



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Coming Events:

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 10:00 A. M. in the lower level, meeting room “A” at the Marysville Public Library, 231 S. Plum Street, Marysville. (Elevator located inside back door.)

MEETING CANCELED in the event of a Level 1 Snow Emergency in Union County. If in doubt check your Email and/or our Website www.uccogs.org/calendar.html

***** No meeting in December *****

2015:

January 17: Internet Roundtable—Group participation—Moderator: **Kevin Longberry**. (See page 71)

February 21: Bouic Index Goes Online—Speaker: **Robert Bremer**. This meeting will be held in lower level meeting room “B.”

March 21: Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on Chronicling America—Speaker: **Jenni Salamon**, Project Coordinator, NDNP-OH (See: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/about/>)

April 18: Ohio Home of the Wright Brothers—Speaker: **Louis Chmiel**, Author (See <http://wrightbrothersancestry.jimdo.com/>)

May 19: 2015 Banquet—Location and entertainment to be announced.

June 20: To be announced.

No meeting in July.

August 15: To be announced.

September 19: To be announced.

October 17: Introduction to DNA in Genealogy—Speaker: **Dana Nowell**.

November 21: Topic to be announced—Speakers: **Robert Parrott & Stephen Badenhop**

No meeting in December.

News & Announcements

Welcome! Our newest members:

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No surnames listed.

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No Union County surnames



On Sunday, 28 September 2014, Calvin Wood was sustained (appointed) as the Ward Historian for his church here in the Marysville Area.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has always been a record keeping people. Therefore, it stands to reason that the basic requirement of the Ward Historian is that of "Keeper of the Records."

The main responsibility of this calling is to prepare and submit the Annual Ward History. This begins by receiving the annual histories from each of the organizational secretaries (High Priest Group, Elders Quorum, Relief Society, etc.) which would include, but not be limited to, their challenges, achievements and important events. Information for these items would be gleaned from member's notes, reports and remembrances, Priesthood and Auxiliary reports, photographs and newspaper clippings.

After compiling these organizational contributions and adding significant inputs by and/or about the ward, the Ward Historian creates a Narrative Summary which is then forwarded to the Stake Historian.

The Narrative Summary does not just consist of notes, minutes and statistics, but also the spiritual essence, goals and manner of life of its members. This would be such things as presenting ideas, furthering achievements, presenting special programs and being involved in service projects exhibiting how their influence can affect the community in a positive way. Some community efforts in which the Marysville ward members have participated are: The Annual Ohio Food Drive, Volunteers at the Hope Center, being involved in county work projects and city clean-up days, just to mention a few.

Calvin is also a prime example of the areas he endorses. In addition to being actively involved in his Church, he is also the Vice President of the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Union County Veterans Remembrance Committee Historian, Librarian for the Union County 9-12 Organization, Board Member and Book Distributer for the Marysville Friends of the Library and a member in good stand-

ing of the Union County Military Family Support Group.



It's that time again—time for renewing your membership (we accept renewals anytime). Membership is paid for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.



The 2015 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio April 9-11. Attendees will get more than one chance to hear the award winning speaker, **Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**. For up-to-date conference information see:

www.ogs.org/conference2015/index.php

January Roundtable Discussion

Kevin Longberry grew up in Marion. He started researching his family when he was about 12 or 13. So he has been researching off and on for about 37 years. When he started he spent a lot of time at the library looking at census microfilm and visiting courthouses looking through the big ledgers. These days Courthouses are out but he does get to libraries to do research. He gets to the state archives a couple times a year and usually manages to get to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN once a year. Like most of us, he prefers to do as much online as possible now-a-days. Working full time doesn't leave much time for road trips!

Kevin tells us, "The **Longberrys** came to Ohio around 1800 and to Union County some time shortly before 1850 and my great-grandmother's family, the **Tonguets** came here about 1824. They were some of the first settlers in Claibourne Township. My grandmother's family, the **LaRues** came to Union County between 1850 and 1860."

Kevin will moderate a discussion about some of our favorite Websites and why they are helpful for those researching their family history. What are your favorite websites? Do you use Family Search or Ancestry? Have you found some additional neat websites that you use that may not be well known? Do you follow any blogs? We would like to have your contribution for a round table discussion at the meeting on January 17th about this very subject. In the meantime, send me your favorite websites and I'll put them together and print copies to reference during our discussion. If you think of more, bring them to the meeting and we can still talk about them! Email them to:

klongberry1@frontier.com.

If you have any questions you can call Kevin at **740-360-7865**.

Book Review

By Leona Gustafson

Two Came Back: The Story of Four Brothers in the Civil War

By Rev. John R. Gray (Ret.), BS, BA, MDIV

This book is the fourteenth that Rev. Gray has authored and donated to the Marysville Public Library. As with the earlier works it is well researched and well documented. All of the usual sources (census, wills, vital records, etc.) were searched and used to verify each individual's place in history. Illustrated with family photographs from the Civil War era to contemporary and with copies of documents and letters this is more than just a story of the young men who joined in the war to keep their country whole. It is more than the story of a family torn apart by that war; it is a story of that family's journey into the present. It is also a history of how that family came from nineteenth century Virginia and Connecticut and helped establish their portion of Union County and its history. The index includes some of the most familiar names in the county.

The book will be on the shelf at the Marysville Public Library very soon. Additional copies are available at the Ohio Genealogical Society's Samuel D. Islay Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH, online at www.ogs.org/ogs_library/index.php; The Union County Historical Society, 246 W. 6th Street, online at www.historyohio.com/; the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main, 96 S. Grant Avenue, online at www.columbuslibrary.org; and the Ohio Historical Connection Archives Library, 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus (for addition information go to www.ohiohistory.org/collections--archives/archives-library).

Though including a bibliography of a book being reviewed is unusual (to say the least) I felt that some of the sources used by Rev. Gray would prove interesting and useful to Civil War buffs and those interested in their own Civil War ancestry. I have listed only part of the pictorial and printed references used; for additional titles contact Rev. John Gray, 3660 Brinkman Dr, Grove City, OH 43123 or revjgray@wowway.com.

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Union County Ohio Veterans Graves Registration Project 1938-1939

By Robert W. Parrott

Records produced by the Union County Ohio Veterans Graves Registration Project can be useful to genealogist researching family members who served in the military. It is important to know what Graves Registration records exist, where they are located, what the project was and where the information came from that is contained in the records.

things: 1) prepare a comprehensive record of graves in the county of deceased honorably discharged veterans, including those who served in the Confederate army in the Civil War; 2) inspect all burial grounds; 3) prepare cemetery plot maps in uniform style and 4) prepare a card record for each veteran.

The first step in the project was to locate all the burial grounds in the county. Initially, only 14 were known. By December 1938, 61 cemeteries had been located in Union County. A list of those cemeteries was published in the newspaper and the public was requested to notify Mr. Cody if they were aware of any additional county cemeteries. When the project was completed, 68 cemeteries were found. This was the first time that a master list of cemeteries was compiled for the county.

Once a cemetery was located, surveyors were sent to measure the grounds and map the cemetery. Charles A. Burns was assigned to make plats of all the cemeteries, assisted by Ray Wood and Pearl Thorpe. Maps were completed for 66 of the county

cemeteries.

Next, a field crew was sent to check the graves at the cemeteries. At the beginning of the project, information from every tombstone and any sexton's records were to be recorded. As the project developed, however, only the names of males who died over the age of 17 were taken down for each cemetery. (Unfortunately, these preliminary notes made by the workers do not seem to have survived.) Burial information from Sexton's records were difficult to find as most of those records only contained the names of who purchased the burial lots.

After the lists of names were completed, those names were crosschecked against war records from 31 wars, local military rosters and any other historical data to determine if the individual had served the United States in the army, navy, marine, air corps or nursing service, either in peace times or war. If the names matched, the individual was added to the Graves Registration records. The name was then included on a Graves Registration Card and entered in the Veterans Graves Registration book.

Each record was supposed to include the veteran's name, date of birth, death, parent's name, location of burial, type of marker on their grave, service record in detail and the name of their next of kin. The location of the veteran's grave was also added to the

GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD			
Name <u>Bonnette John Nelson</u>			
Address			
Date of Death <u>12-31-1862</u>	Place <u>Stone River Tenn.</u>		
Cause <u>K.I.A.</u>	Date of Burial		
Date of Birth <u>2-3-1834</u>	Place		
Name of Cemetery <u>Mt. Herman</u>	Location <u>Dover Twp. Union Co.</u>		
Lot No. <u>ROW 9</u>	Section No.	Block No.	Grave No. <u>37</u>
Marker: Flat	Upright <u>Headstone</u>	None	
Next of Kin: (Name)		(Address)	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">SERVICE RECORD</div> Headstone verifies service.			
War Served In: <u>Civil War</u>			
<u>K.I.A.</u>			
Date Enlisted <u>6-5-1861</u>	Date Discharged <u>12-31-1862</u>	Serial No.	
Branch of Service <u>ARMY</u>	Rank <u>Private</u>		
Company, Outfit or Ship <u>Co. F. 13 Regt O.V.I.</u>			

Veterans Graves Registration Card

The Veterans Graves Registration Project was first proposed by the American Legion after WWI. The purpose was to identify and document the burial location of every American who served their country in the military. In 1933, the American Legion adopted a National Graves Registration Plan and three years later, passed a resolution that funding and labor should be provided by the Works Progress Administration. Those states wishing to participate in the project had to make application to the WPA for assistance. In 1938, the Ohio American Legion and the Ohio Adjutant General applied and obtained approval for funding through the WPA to conduct a state-wide Veterans Graves Registration Project.

In Union County, the Veterans Graves Registration Project began in August of 1938. As a WPA activity, the project had to provide local jobs. **Richard Cody** of Marysville was hired as the supervisor. The other five employed were **Ray Wood** and **Howard C. Wood** of Richwood; **Charles A. Burns** of Plain City; **Pearl Thorpe** of Marysville and **Herman A. Williams** of Allen Township. Later, **George Gregg** of Richwood replaced Howard C. Wood. The project was scheduled to be completed in 6 months. A temporary office was set up in the Board of Elections rooms located in the basement of the courthouse.

The goal of the project was to complete four

cemetery plot map.

In 1939, the Union County Graves Registration Project was combined with Marion County. **Paul D. Reynolds** of Marion was named as supervisor. **Nowall Foreman** was hired as a tracer and **J. A. Burnside** as a draftsman. George Gregg was assigned to oversee the Union County work.

The project was completed in the spring of 1939. Approximately \$1,700 in salaries and expenses were paid by the WPA on the project in Union County. When completed, 942 veteran's graves were located in 67 cemeteries. Three complete files of veteran burials in the county were prepared. One of those was placed at the county recorder's office along with a set of cemetery plot maps.

Today, the Veterans Graves Registration cards are still located at the Union County Recorder's Office. All of the original cards have been scanned by County Archivist, **Stephen W. Badenhop** and can be accessed at the Records Center. The Veterans Graves Registration book, which duplicates the information on the cards, are at the County Recorder's Office. Also at the Recorder's Office is a roster of the names of veteran's burials by cemetery and township which was prepared by the WPA to use at Memorial Day to decorate or place flags on military graves. The Graves Registration Plot Maps were transferred years ago from the Recorder's Office to the County Engineer. Those maps were scanned at the request of the County Archivist and are now available at the Engineer's Office, Records Center and Marysville Public Library [online at:

www.uccogs.org/cemeteries.html].

As with any secondary source, the information contained in the Graves Registration records should be verified with primary sources.

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Mar 30 1939, 1-1 plus & 3-7/8 & 2-3 Graves Registration.

Apr 3 1939, 3-6 Graves Registration.

Apr 6 1939, 4-5 plus Graves Registration.

Apr 24 1939, Graves Registration.

Apr 25 1939, 2-3 Graves Registration.

Apr 27 1939, 1-3 Graves Registration.

In Memoriam

Since you received your last newsletter three of our members were taken from us. On October 5th **Dianna Hearl** lost her battle with cancer. Any of you who have used Dianna's book, *Union County Ohio Probate Court Marriage Records 1820-1900*, have benefited from her research. For a complete obituary simply Google her name, or go to:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?pid=172707793.

A month later, on November 5th **Richard Henry "Dick" Seslar** died. Dick was an early member of the Union County Chapter OGS and, along with his wife, Mary Elizabeth Altman Seslar (1921 - 2004), volunteered for many jobs that we later members have benefited from. Dick assisted in recording the names on gravestones in several cemeteries and in 1996, compiled *Index Union County, Ohio Cemetery Books*. Dick also served as the Queries chairman for eleven years from 1993-2004. There is a Find A Grave Memorial for him online and you can find his obituary at:

www.ingramfuneralservice.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2794910&fh_id=13443.

Charter member, **David R. Markley, Sr.**, passed away on November 7th. David and his wife, **Margaret E. McFadden Markley** (1927- 2008), did a lot of volunteer work over the years. David served as the chapter's treasurer from 1992-1999. You can find his obituary recorded on his Find A Grave Memorial: www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=138518269

or at:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/thebellevuegazette/obituary.aspx?pid=173113472

A True Union County Christmas Story

Contributed by **Nancy Katzenbach**
Transcribed from the **Willella Shearer Kennedy** book
Our Heritage, being Little Stories of Union County

The early pioneer days of Union County were rugged. Of necessity its people had to be courageous in spirit, mind and action. Problems of survival were often coupled with ingenuity. The following true story is set in the early wilderness of what is not Dover Township. And since it had its beginning on Dec. 25, 1815, we think this is a good time to tell it.

On this particular Christmas day young **Johnathan Burroughs**, age 21, married **Mercy Bell**, age 17. The young people left the semi-wilderness of their parents settlement near the present site of Watkins and traveled north to Mill Creek in what is now Dover Township. There Johnathan had leased a large tract of land and in the solitude of its forest had erected a small cabin.

The cabin was made of round unhewed logs daubed with mud. At one end of the cabin was a fireplace made of split sticks plastered with clay mortar; the fireplace not only heated the little cabin but provided their only means of cooking. At the other end of the cabin was their bed which consisted of two poles extending from holes bored in the log walls and supported by a single corner post. Poles laid across this frame for slats and on this was a straw mattress. For covers they had two featherbeds. For their table and chairs Johnathan had split and smoothed slabs of wood and mounted them on four legs. Mercy's only cooking utensils were an iron skillet and an iron boiling pot which she had brought from home. She had also brought one plate, one knife with a broken handle, one two-pronged fork. Johnathan contrived some wooden plates, fashioned some wooden forks and spoons and used his own pocket knife to eat with.

Since the surrounding forest was abundant with sugar maples, the young people decided that their first effort must be to manufacture all the sugar possible. This they could sell and buy much needed supplies. Having no sugar-making equipment Johnathan bargained with a neighbor 10 miles away for the use of three large kettles. To obtain these kettles he made three separate trips on foot. He sawed and whittled out a large quantity of wooden sugar troughs. Then together Johnathan and Mercy tapped 200 sugar trees. Day and night, as long as the sap ran, they worked, gathering sugar water, boiling it down and making sugar.

When the sugar season was over they had a fair accumulation of sugar and they made eager plans to market it. The nearest store was that of **James Ewing**, near Plain City, about twelve miles distant. Having no horse, Johnathan and Mercy packed all the sugar they could carry and



walked the entire distance. There was no road, only a bridle path marked by blazed trees. But James Ewing welcomed the young folds and bought their sugar. In exchange they purchased one-half dozen plates, one-half dozen cups, and saucers, one-half dozen knives, forks and spoons, one tin tea-pot, one quarter pound of tea and one bread pan.

On arriving home, Johnathan made haste to split a large thin slab of wood with his ax. This he dressed as smoothly as possible and then fitted it to the wall with wooden pins as a shelf for their new dishes. Mercy watched all this excitedly, and placed her new dishes and cups carefully one the new shelf. Then they young couple gazed gratefully and delightedly upon that small array of dishes, for them it was a bountiful and beautiful outfit, and the result of their first united effort toward obtaining a home and a future. When Mercy brewed Johnathan a cup of their newly purchased precious tea, he lifted his cup affectionately to Mercy and say, "We'll make it yet!"

And they did. In Dover Township history the Johnathan Burroughs family attained a respected record of industrial progress and financial success. Johnathan lived to be 99 years old but he always said the proudest moment of his life was the one when he lifted his cup to Mercy and said, "We'll make it yet."

Editor's note: *Our Heritage, being the Little Stories of Union County* was sponsored by the Union County Historical Society for the building fund. The above story appears on pages 93-94. It is in the Local History & Genealogy section at the Marysville Public Library.

RECENT LIBRARY VISITORS

NOTE: As always, only visitors who give permission and a complete address or Email for their information to be published appear here.

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Death of a Soldier

Extracted from
News of Our Civil War Veterans. . .
Compiled by **Virginia M. Smith**

From the *Marysville Tribune*
August 6, 1862:

DEATH OF A SOLDIER

In the midst of our sorrows, we make known to the friends of Liberty and Union, the loss of another defender of our Government and Constitution. Among the many dear and noble ones of our land who have been take away by the hand of death during this struggle for the Union and institutions of our nation, is numbered **William M. Snedeker**. A young man of Claibourne Tp., who through ardent attachment to right and justice, enlisted in the service of his country last September, in Company F, of the 31st

Ohio Regiment. He abandoned the family circle and took the parting hand of his friends for the last time, entered with fortitude upon the duties of a soldier, and served his country with fidelity until overcome by the vicissitudes that accompany a soldier's life, his physical powers failed; and on the 8th of July, he sank in the cold embrace of death in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee—Peaceful be his rest.

He was a pious member of the church of Christ, and a follower of One that said, —He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live. The grave is made by God's appointment; the antechamber to a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens and end of our pathway to joys unalloyed.

Editor's Note: Private William M. Snedeker is buried at Nashville National Cemetery, Section A Number 4162.

October Minutes

Submitted by
Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary



The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held its meeting on October 18 at the Marysville Public Library Meeting Room "A" at 10:00 a.m. President Leona Gustafson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She announced that the secretary's and treasurer's report were on the table if anyone wished to look at them.

Nancy Katzenbach, librarian, announced there will be a National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 28, 29 & 30, 2014 at

www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/

The three day Lecture Schedule and Handouts can be found on the website and live video stream on YouTube. Nancy is also available to help anyone with their research on Tuesday's from 10 am until 4 pm. Recently she has helped someone with out of the state research.

One application has been received for Civil War Families of Union County. Dave Gustafson, membership chair has received a few renewals and 2015 are due now.

Leona ask everyone to invite your family and friends to hear local singer and songwriter, **Vanessa Prentice** for the November meeting on the 15th with Live Acoustic Music.

The January 17, 2015 meeting will be a group participation meeting with **Kevin Longberry** presiding of favorite genealogy websites, blogs, tips and whatever else come ups for discussion.

Leona also announced the Voices from the Stone program has changed dates and will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 2 pm on the Courthouse Lawn, Fifth & Court Streets. The Union County Historical Society will be open on the 3rd Saturday, May – November from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Leona then turned the meeting over to **Marie Bouic**, recording secretary, who presented a program on Ghost Towns & Settlements of Union County. Marie gave a little background how Union County was formed by a act of state legislature on February 25, 1820. The county was formed from lands of Delaware, Franklin, Madison and Logan Counties. It was first formed into 3 townships, Darby, Millcreek and Union and later divided in the present 14 townships. Union County is situated entirely in what is known as the Virginia Military District in which lands were set apart by the state of Virginia for the land grants to Officers and soldiers of the



Marie Bouic

Revolutionary War.

She divided the 55 places into 4 categories of types of Ghost Towns and had colored dots on a Union County map to show where they were located and talked about each township and their towns or settlements.

- ▶ The blue dots represented True Ghost Towns that once existed but are not now.
- ▶ Red dots were the Semi-Ghost towns that once existed but have less than 10% of their original inhabitants or businesses.
- ▶ Green dots were Old Towns that have existed for at least 100 years and have moved or changed their names from what they were at their beginning.
- ▶ Yellow dots represented Paper Ghost Towns that were plotted and recorded but never existed.

Much of her material came from the books, *Ohio Ghost Towns No. 42 Union County* by Richard N. Helwig and Virginia G. Helwig and *1877 Union County Atlas*. Marie gave a PowerPoint presentation taking each township by the year they were formed and gave information of the places located within each one on a map with the colored dots and pictures of places within some of the townships. The map and handouts are on display in the genealogy section of the library.

Those enjoying the presentation were: **Dave & Leona Gustafson, Marie Bouic, Nina Lee Hampton, Joan Griffin, Avanelle Oberlin, Nancy Katzenbach, LeRoy & Pat Holt, Andrew Mackey, Steve Barker, Sara Halley, Vi Hill, Walter & Robyn Fisher, Lois Dale, John & Patria Hoskins and Paul Fish.**

November Minutes

Submitted by
Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary



The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their meeting on November 15 at the Marysville Public Library Meeting Room "A" at 10:00 a.m. President Leona Gustafson, called the meeting

to order and welcomed everyone. She announced that the secretary's and treasurer's report were on the table if anyone wished to look at them.

Corresponding Secretary Dave Gustafson has sold 5 books, received 8 renewals and \$138 in donations received since the October meeting. Dues are now due for 2015.

Librarian Nancy Katzenbach announced that we have Birth & Death Records 1908-1912 of Millcreek Township donated by Rev. John Gray. He has also donated the book, "Two Came Back" about four brothers who went to fight in the Civil War. The books will soon be on the shelf.

Lynn Baldwin, Lineage Society committee, announced that one Civil War Family application has been approved.

Leona requested submissions for the newsletter by Monday, November 24.

Leona then introduced **Vanessa Prentice** who has been performing around Central Ohio for about 20 years. She is the "Acoustic Soul Mama Original, Soul, Folk, and Alternative Music." She is a wife, mom, artist and musician and lives in the area with her family. She got her inspiration from her mother who taught her how to play the guitar and sang to her family. Vanessa performed several songs on her guitar by Joan Baez, Joan Mitchell, Helen Reddy, Joan Osborne, Fiona Apple and Gotye and gave a little background on the performers. She also performed two of her original songs she wrote herself.

The January 17, 2015 meeting will be an Internet Roundtable led by **Kevin Longberry**. Participants are asked to send their favorite genealogy websites, blogs,



Vanessa Prentice

tips to klongberry@frontier.com or 740-360-7865 so he can have an information sheet for everyone at the meeting. There will be no meeting in December.

Those enjoying the presentation were: **Dave & Leona Gustafson, Marie Bouic, Nancy Katzenbach, Sara Halley, Vi Hill, John & Patria Hoskins, Deb Jeffers** our OGS Trustee, **Calvin Wood, Marianne Senecal, Jean Jerew, Virginia Smith, Dale Neill, Sharon Wade, Eva F. Schooley, Vanesa Prentice, Nina Boerger, and Robert & Phyllis Hamilton.**

From the Tribune

Marysville, Ohio, Wednesday,
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PERSONAL MENTIONS.

Miss **Ella Otte** returned Saturday from a visit with friends at Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. **E. Galleher**, of Delaware is the guest of her son, **Frank Galleher** and family.

Miss **Lizzie March**, of Milford, spent last Friday with her niece, Mrs. **A. H. Morey**.

Otto M. Forry, of Chillicothe, spent the Sabbath here with his parents and friends.

Miss **May Andrews** spent a few days last week with her friend, Miss **Bertha Moore**.

Mr. **Tom Kerr**, of Columbus, spent the Sabbath here with his mother and brother.

Mrs. **Dyer Reed** and daughter Miss **Clara** have left for a two weeks' visit at Warsaw, Ind.

Miss **Emma Pearse** and Miss **Alice Pearse** leave today for a trip to Cleveland and Detroit.

Mrs **Charlie Gamble**, of London, spent last Friday with **A. H. Morey's** West Sixth street.

Dana, Harry and Eddie Bennett returned Tuesday from a two months visit in the country.

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Amerine Cemetery; database of History, Genealogy, Obituaries, Tombstone Photos			\$20.00	\$1.35
Excerpts from Marysville Tribune: Volume 1: 1850-1890 by Margaret Main Bouic	\$20.00	\$1.35	\$10.00	\$0.68
Excerpts from Marysville Tribune: Volume 2: 1891-1903 by Margaret Main Bouic	\$20.00	\$1.35	\$10.00	\$0.68
Excerpts from Marysville Tribune: Volume 3: 1904-1910 by Margaret Main Bouic	\$20.00	\$1.35	\$10.00	\$0.68
Excerpts from Marysville Tribune: Volumes 1-3 [shipping \$5.00 – CD shipping \$3.00]	\$55.00	\$3.72	\$27.50	\$1.86
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History of Union County, Ohio - Beers, (reprint, 2 vol. in 3) - Paperback—was \$65 [shipping \$7]	\$45.50	\$3.19		
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Records of Affidavits, Book One, Probate Court, Union County, Ohio by Ila L. Larue	\$17.00	\$1.15	\$8.50	\$0.57
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