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President's Message - by Virginia Smith

Genealogy affords us an opportunity for constant learning, and sometimes we stumble across a tidbit unexpectedly. April 7th, 2006 "Wheeling News Register" reports that Ben Rothlesberger, the quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers is going to Switzerland to trace the roots of his ancestors who lived in the Bernese Emmental. He has been using the [swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org) website to research his family. It's great to have a celebrity and especially a sports hero calling attention to our hobby.

One of my ancestors, Christian Kurt/Kourt, came to *Berne* Twp, Fairfield County, Ohio, from the Canton of *Berne*, Switzerland about 1833, so I did a little searching on www.swissroots.org. I found no revelations specific to my family, but it is an interesting website, with Swiss recipes, folk art, traditions, etc.—which impact our lives. I have Italian, German, and Swiss ancestors—each, many generations later, having an influence on family holiday traditions, food, and faith.

From the [swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org) website, I followed the "resources" link to <http://jeanmarc.vonailmen.ciub.fr> and found "emigration history". There I learned that my ancestor may have been paid to leave his homeland. As we all know, people left the old country for economic or religious reasons—mostly the former. Switzerland's agricultural production was insufficient to provide food for the population, leading to a 19th century economic recession. On the webpage it is reported that during this time, the local council gave citizens a financial incentive to leave. Emigrants were paid the equivalent of six months of a working man's wages. If they returned, they were required to pay the money back with 4% interest from the time of departure.

If you have Swiss ancestry, you may want to check out this interesting website. Meanwhile, Ben Rothlesberger is identifying his distant relatives. I imagine folks will "come out of the woodwork" to meet him and claim a relationship to the champion quarterback.

Ginny Smith

UCGS Annual June Church Picnic

June 20th 2006

Potluck picnic on the grounds

Come and see the beautiful stained glass and woodwork

Jerome Methodist Church, Jerome, Ohio

Eat at 6:00 P.M. Meeting and Tour at 7:00 P.M.

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QUERIES:

—Jody Gonda (jodygonda4@yahoo.com) is seeking info on Sylvanus Smith Chapman married to Nancy Amrine In Union County, 5/25/1837. Who are his parents?

—Don Keilhack, 13201 Jefferson Ct. Kansas City, Mo. 64145-1590, is seeking info on Mary Blaker married in Union Co. 1854 To J.D. (Jonathan Dixon) Hamilton. Is her last name really Blaker or could it be Blake or Baker? Don has been looking for this info for 20 years.

—Gary Dreier (gdreier@sbcglobal.net) 6854 Shadowcreek Drive Maumee, Ohio 43537, would like to know who the parents are of Mary Jane Sprague; born about 1824, married Jonathon Haines March 21, 1840, in Champaign County, Ohio. They lived in Union County. She died in 1856 at Byhalia, Ohio.

Library News from Nancy Katzenbach

Donations given to the Union County Genealogy Society:

- Jim & Lois Dale donated 4 Volumes of the Illinois Democracy, by Walter A. Townsend. A History of the Party and it's Representative Members-Past and Present
- Marian Cowgill donated the Domestic Relations Records, Champaign County, Ohio 1808-1939 Vol. 1 by Pat Stickley.

From Don DeGood, Our Program Chairman: REMAINING

PROGRAMS FOR 2006

JUNE 20, 2006

The annual picnic will be held at the Jerome Methodist Church. Our host will be Kathy McKittrick. Please bring a covered dish, plate, silverware, and drink. We will eat at 6:00pm, and then have a short business meeting. Kathy will show the church and give a short history of this old historic church.

JULY 18, 2006

This year, our annual field trip will be to the Columbus Metropolitan Library on **Saturday, July 15th**. Julie Callaghan, Reference Librarian, will introduce us to the electronic resources available through their website. Also, she will offer a brief introduction/orientation to the extensive collection covering Ohio Counties and to the technology room (major city newspapers on microfilm). Consider participating and let us know if you would like to join us--more information to follow.

AUGUST 15, 2006

Liz Plummer of the Ohio Historical Society
Genealogist Research with Newspapers.

OCTOBER 17, 2006

Phil Beltz will tell story of the flour mill
in North Lewisburg.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

(OPEN)

NOVEMBER 21, 2006

(OPEN)

- The Descendants of John **Fairfield** of Wenham Vol. 1 First Five Generations; by Wynn Cowan **Fairfield**
- **Farrington** and **Kirk** Family 1600-1983. Ancestors & Descendants of Abraham **Farrington** (1765-1845) of New Jersey & Ohio, and wife Deborah **Kirk** (1781-1829) of Chester County Pa.; by Herschel B. **Rochelle** (includes surnames - **Cope, Dunlap, Fowler, Reader, Taylor, Watkins**, and many more)
- The **Foley-Woodworth** Connection by Thomas William **Foley**
(other surnames - **Kelly, McGraw, Orr, Patrick, Riordan, Sheehan**, and any more)
- Related **Forbes, Whitman & Burwell** Families by Verna **Forbes Willson** (This is mostly a census report 1790-1910)
- **Fords, Bensons & Orrs** and some of their Descendants (James G. **Ford** 1804-1890) Elizabeth P. **Hannah** 1807-1855) **Benson** Family of Nancy **Benson Ford** 1848-1898)
- The Private **Franklin** The Man & His Family by; Claude-Anne **Lopez & Eugenia W. Herbert**. (Story of Benjamin **Franklin**)
- **Freshwater** Families Research & Genealogy by; Clara **Edelblute**, Ralph **Freshwater**, Harold **Freshwater** (other surnames---**Hanawalt, Loveless**, many others)
- The Forebears of Grace **Fullington**: Their Lives & Times by; Josephine **McVay Butler** (other surnames - **Greeley, Guy, Hennigan, Keller, Phellis, Slaughter**, many others)
- **Gase (Goers) Schalip (Schoenlib)** (other surnames - **Burns, Gunderman, Nicol, Scheiderer**)
- Our **Geyer** Family Record by Carrie **Dodds Geyer** (other surnames - **Halsey, Ohlinger, Priode, Wessar**)
- Our Children's Ancestry Genealogy of Delphos **Goff** Norma Jean **Kavanagh** by Del **Goff** (other surnames - **Bacon, Sewell, Wallace, Watson**)
- George **Graham** Family by Margaret **Main Bouic** (other surnames - **Bates, Bell, Tossey, Weaver**)
- **Gray-Bergandine & Allied Families** of Central Ohio by Rev. John **Gray**
(other surnames - **Amrine, Battees, Baughman, Bouic, Brown, Burroughs, Teter/Dodridge, Eaton, Epps, Goodman, Graham, Green, Hamilton, Henault, Holycross, Jordan, Newman, Orahood, Reed, Sego, Sherman, Spain, Thompson, Wells, Westlake**, and others)
- **Gray, Terrell, Vannausdle, Ell**, 14 generations 1929-ca 1500 by Edward **Bristle**
- The **Green** Tree by; Robert M. **Green** (other surnames - **Conklin, Webb, White, Willison**)
- Nancy **Hanks** The Destined Mother of a President by Adin **Baber** (Hanks Family Historical Series III)
- The Amazing Story of the **Hards** in America by Sharon **Taylor** (a directory of the Hard Households in U.S.)
- My Story Horse & Buggy to Space Age by Rebecca (Becky) **Romine Hardin** (most of the families are from Indiana)
- A Glimpse of the Past: The **Harness** Family History by Harold Duncan **Harness** (Starts with Michael **Harness** in Virginia)

Field Trip to Columbus Metropolitan Library

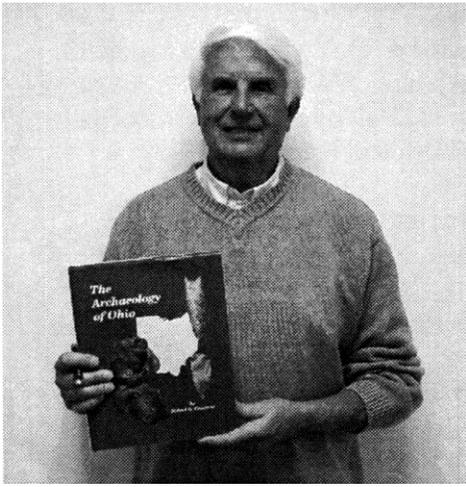
Our July Field Trip is to the Columbus Metropolitan Library at 96 South Grant Avenue.

We are departing from our usual 3rd Tuesday schedule to accommodate those who work. We will gather at the old Wal-Mart parking lot in Marysville at 9 A.M. on Saturday, July 15, to ride together and save gas. Some may prefer to meet us there. Julie Callahan will tell us about the electronic resources available through the CML website at 10 A.M. She will then give us a brief overview of the genealogy collection and technology room.

Departure from the library will be decided by each carload of participants. Food at the library is limited to a coffee, snack and pastry shop, so pack a lunch if you need to. Parking is in an adjacent parking garage. Driving directions and details about the library are posted on www.columbuslibrary.org. If you'd like to join us, let us know so we can plan for adequate transportation.

Call Virginia [Smith](mailto:vsmit8@columbus.rr.com) a 614-873-4937 or vsmit8@columbus.rr.com.

Minutes of the April 18, 2006 Meeting of the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society



President Virginia Smith welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Marie Bouic read the minutes of the March meeting, with one change on the subject of the July field trip. The transfer of genealogy materials from State Library will be at a later date. Marian Cowgill reported the balance at the end of February was \$4,688.72, with no expenses for March. Income was \$237.50, with a balance of \$4,926.22 at the end of March. She is moving money from the Preservation Fund to the checking account.

Nancy Katzebach, Librarian, reported that Jim & Lois Dale donated 4 volumes of the "Illinois Democracy" by Walter A. Townsend A History of the Party and its Representative Members — Past and Present". She is up to "C — Confide" in the vertical files, merging with Margaret Bouic's files.

Dale Neill, Newsletter Editor, reported the newsletter deadline will be May 29.

Don DeGood, Program & Membership Chair, reported that the Pioneer Banquet will be at Der Dutchman on May 16th, with Patsy Gaines as speaker, telling Early Ohio Stories. June 20th will be the Annual Church Picnic, this year held at the Jerome United Methodist Church. The July field trip will be Saturday, July 15, to the Metropolitan Library on Grant Avenue in Columbus. Don is still collecting money for the banquet. He also announced that Bob Anderson will be back with us after his Lewis & Clark commemoration in the winter of 2007.

Virginia announced the Vice President position is still open, if someone is interested.

Karen Gwilliams, Pioneer Chairperson, announced that the banquet is next month.

Don DeGood then introduced our speaker for the evening, Robert N. Converse of Plain City. He has been the editor of The Archaeological Society of Ohio for 30 years and has written 12 books. He said the Converse family has been traced to 1066 with Edward Converse being the first to come to America, landing at Massachusetts. In 1798, land was purchased in Ohio by Jeremiah Converse and the Converse settlement was then established on the Big Darby near Plain City in 1802.

He went on to tell that archaeologists believe that early man came to the New World 30 — 40,000 years ago. The first archeologist to discover evidence in America was George McJunkin, an African American cowboy from Arizona. He found arrowheads and bones in 1918 in a galley in New Mexico. He died in 1921 and had told someone of his find. When his findings were checked out, it proved that man had been in the New World 10,000 years ago. Mr. Converse showed slides of pictures and maps he has used in his research, and told some theories of how man came here. Ohio was covered with ice 12,000 years ago, and evidence of some of the pre-ice age animals found in Ohio are giant ground sloths, horses, saber tooth tigers. He said most archaeological finds are accidental, and Ohio has many Paleolithic era sites. He had a slide of the Kennewick man found in Kennewick, Washington. It was established that he was not an Indian, but a Caucasian. There was a projectile point buried in his hip, and it is believed to be from 10,000 years ago.

Flint Ridge, between Newark and Zanesville Ohio, has the best flint deposits in the world. Projectile points from Flint Ridge have been found in many places in America. Roundhead in Hardin County has had many archaeological finds, as well as the Ike View farm near Lakeview, in Logan County. Conc shells have been found at Ohio sites, and they would have had to come from the gulf area, around 2000 BC. Birdstones, made by the Glacial Kame Indians, as well as other artifacts from the Red Ocher Cultures, used hornstone found in Southern Indiana.

In 1892 a display at the World's Fair was shown of findings from Paint Creek in Ross County. Paint Creek is the largest site ever found of the Hopewell Indians, where 80 — 90 pieces of copper have been found. Copper at that time would have had to come from Lake Superior.

In about 500 AD, the Mound builders came to the Ohio area. Fort Ancient is one of the sites that have been preserved. They were corn growers and lived in stockade huts. They were the last people in Ohio before we came.

Mr. Converse said there are a lot of theories but little proof how ancient man really got here. He had some framed artifacts of arrowheads and early tools on display along with some of his books.

Jeanne Haynes and Virginia Smith provided the refreshments for the evening.

Those who were present: Jeanne A. Haynes, Julia R. Yoder, Joan Burns, Barbara Bouic, Pearle Evans, Ila LaRue, Marian Cowgill, Margaret Bouic, Don DeGood, Bill Overacker, Bob Converse, Marian Cowgill, Dale & Faye Neill, Karen Gwilliams, Arlene Perkins, Dorothy Robinson, Dick Seslar, Kermit & Ruth Anne Morse, Sargent Chamberlain, Nancy Katzenbach, Ruth Stewart, Marie Bouic, Jim & Lois Dale, Darlene Shull, Nina Boerger and Carol Mickley.

Respectively Submitted by Marie Bouic, Recording Secretary

The Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

Toledo, Ohio, April 27-29, 2006

By Jeanne A. Haynes, UCGS Corresponding Secretary

The annual meeting of OGS was held in the Seagate Convention Center, Toledo, Ohio. This is the third consecutive year my sister and I have attended the annual event.

Several of the sessions we attended dealt with Internet research possibilities, programs, etc. The last one we attended really opened some new possibilities of applying technology to genealogy. This presenter suggested the use of PDA's (personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer) as a way of downloading the basic information you have on your family lines and use when you are doing research in court houses and libraries. The device is light weight and much easier to carry than a note book style computer. It holds a tremendous amount of information. There is even the possibility of entering new data as you find it and taking it back to your computer.

The other really fantastic part of the annual meeting/conference is the time spent with the vendors. Some are the same from year to year, and then there are new ones each year. Many of the county chapters have booths where they offer their publications for sale. Items donated by chapters were used as door prizes. There is also the opportunity to meet new friends and make connections with someone who may be researching the same families.

Now some of the statistics: On Thursday there were six sessions scheduled that required extra payment to attend. On Friday there were 29 different sessions, plus the luncheon for Settlers and Builders of Ohio. On Saturday, 28 sessions were presented with the OGS Annual Meeting luncheon open to all attendees. On both evenings there are recognition banquets. On Friday night it was for the Society of Civil War Families of Ohio and on Saturday for the First Families of Ohio banquet. At the business luncheon, the organization reported Ohio as one of the nation's largest state organizations. There are other benefits of OGS membership in addition to our local chapter membership.

A Syllabus with the outlines from each of the presenters is given to each attendee. This year, I purchased an extra copy and donated it to our chapter so it will be available for anyone to use; it will be useful LONG after the meeting. The outlines are full of internet site addresses and information sources - a welcome resource, since there are a number of interesting topics being discussed simultaneously.

Next year, the Annual Meeting will be in Columbus (April 12-14). If you have not attended, this would be a great opportunity to do so. One of the other features I have not mentioned is the arrangements made with local libraries, museums, and other research facilities that would be of interest to genealogists to be made available before or after the meeting at unusual times.

I plan to attend more OGS annual meetings; they are worthy of my vacation time.

Thank you for this opportunity, Jeanne A. Haynes

NOTICE - Surname Database Now Available Online

We now have a surname database available on our website.

This is a list of surnames that our members have researched.

It can be reached by accessing our Internet Website: www.rootsweb.com/-ohuniogs

Choose the "OUR ORGANIZATION" option on the first page of the website.

Minutes from the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Pioneer Banquet, May 17th, 2006

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held their Annual Pioneer Banquet at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City.

President Virginia Smith welcomed everyone and Dale Neill gave the invocation before the family style meal which was enjoyed by all.

Karen Gwilliams, Pioneer Chairperson, announced the newest Pioneer member, Carol M. Snyder of Monroe, NC. Carol has verified two silver ancestors, Lory & Hesterann Miller Ford, who lived in Union County in 1850.

Virginia Smith thanked each of the board members: Marie Bouic, recording secretary; Marian Cowgill, treasurer; Dale Neill, newsletter editor; Jeanne Haynes, corresponding secretary; and Nancy Katzenbach, librarian, for all the good work they do.

Virginia then introduced Don DeGood, program and membership chairperson. He was honored with a Lifetime membership to the organization. Don was not aware that he was getting this award. Don is a veteran of the Korean War, has served as president and vice president of the UCGS, delivers Meals on Wheels, and is a member of the Veteran's Memorial Committee. He was very surprised and thanked everyone for this honor.

Don then introduced the program speaker for the evening. Patsy Gaines spoke about several Ohio pioneers who had a large influence on the history of Ohio.

The first was Mike Fink, king of the keel boatmen. Mike was born in 1770 at Old Fort Pitt, which is now Pittsburgh. He was known as a hunter, Indian fighter, and was well known for his practical jokes. Keelboats carried passengers and goods up and down the rivers. Davy Crockett said "Mike was half horse, and half alligator". He was a very good marksman. When steamboats finally took the place of keelboats on the rivers, Mike went West where he trapped and hunted. Whiskey ultimately took over his life and he died out West.

The second Ohio pioneer Patsy spoke about was Annie Oakley. Annie's family moved to Darke County in Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1860, and Annie was soon born. When her father died, her mother was left with 7 children under the age of 15. Annie was sent to live at the Poor House and lived with the superintendent's family until she was farmed out with a family. She was abused by that family for 2 years and left them to return to her own family. She found that her mother had remarried and her step father had died and left another baby for her mother to take care of. So, Annie took her father's gun to hunt for game for the family, and soon became an excellent shot. She was able to shoot a quail without being full of buckshot. She soon became well known as an excellent marksman. At sixteen she met Frank Butler who was also an excellent marksman and performed in Vaudeville. She soon found herself in a shooting contest with him and won by one point. Annie also won his heart, and they were married. They later joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and traveled around the world with their sharp shooting act. They were well respected in the in the entertainment world and spent 40 years in show business. In 1922, they were in a car accident and Annie died on November 3, 1922. Frank died on November 21st. Their home was in Greenville, Ohio.

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Next Ohio pioneer was Lottie Moon, who was the daughter of a doctor Their family moved to Oxford, Ohio. She had many beaux, and even jilted one at the altar. She eventually settled down and married Jim Clark, who later became a judge. Judge Clark was active in the Knights of the Golden Circle, an underground Confederate organization. Lottie volunteered to carry a message to a Confederate General in Kentucky. She disguised herself as an old lady and was successful in her mission. Thus began her career as a spy during the Civil War. Charges were eventually brought against Lottie, her mother, and her sister, Ginnie, for spying but nothing was ever proved. Lottie moved to New York where she became a correspondent. She was also a novelist, lecturer and fought for women's rights. Her sister moved to California and became an actress.

George Verity, founder of Armco Steel of Middletown, Ohio, had a very unhappy childhood. His mother died when he was young, and his father remarried. His stepmother was very strict, so when he graduated from school he quickly moved out. George went to Nelson's Business College in Cincinnati. He went to a summer camp held by the Methodist Church and met a girl named Standish, whose family ran a grocery store in Cincinnati. George went to work at the grocery store, and when Mr. Standish died, he was chosen to run the grocery store for the Standish family. He married their daughter in 1887 and moved to Norwood. He became interested in the steel business and founded the American Rolling Mill Company in 1899. He invented a manufacturing process that could roll out a continuous piece of steel. He was a very generous benefactor to the people of Middletown and built the Booker T. Washington School for African Americans. He also built housing for people employed at his steel mills.

Johnny Appleseed, aka, John Chapman, lived for 71 years. He was born in 1766 in Massachusetts. His father was a carpenter and his mother died of TB when he was two years old. He had a sister named Elizabeth. When his father came back from the Revolutionary War, he brought home a new wife and soon had many more children. Johnny was a smart man and left for Pennsylvania. He worked at cider mills along the way and started saving the apple seeds left over. He soon started planting the seeds along the way in his travels. Apples were very important because they contain vitamin C, they can be dried, cooked, make sweet cider, and make vinegar for preserving cabbage and pickles. If apples went bad they were can be fed to the livestock. He soon knew of many orchards, and on his travels he would generously sell young apple seedlings for pennies, or simply a promise to pay later. He was a Christian and would tell stories and read to families from the Bible or other religious materials he carried with him. He would leave materials for them to read and pick up the next time he was in the area, thus being the first lending library in the area. John never married and loved children, loved nature, and would not harm anything, not even a bug. He owned two properties in Mount Vernon, and had an orchard at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he died from winter fever in March of 1845. At his passing he had 140 acres in Allen County, Indiana, 1500 acres in Ohio, and 2000 apple seedlings.

Barney Kroger was born in 1860. When he was young he worked for a farmer for room and board and \$5 a month. That lasted for nine months, until he caught malaria. So he walked 30 miles back to his home. In 1883, he started the Great Western Tea Co., which later became the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company. He was a very skillful buyer and could sell at a lower price because he bought groceries in bulk. He moved to Hamilton, Ohio in 1902. His grocery was the first to have a bakery and a meat market in the store. He supported the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, helped the parks, gave to many groups and even bought Bengal tigers for the Cincinnati Zoo. For 45 years, he was in charge of his Kroger stores. Barney Kroger was 78 years old at the time of his death in 1930. The Kroger Food Store chain has been a large success throughout the eastern United States.

Patsy closed her program with an Edgar Guest poem. Our next meeting will be our Church Picnic at the Jerome United Methodist Church, starting at 6:00 pm.

Those who were in attendance were: Virginia Smith, James Edge, Rebekah & Madeline Headings, Kay Liggett, Marilyn Shearer, Peggy Henmon, Julia R. Yoder, Mary Carr, Marian Cowgill, Diane Cowgill, Pearle Evans, Ila LaRue, Dwight & Jean Kirk, Jim & Mary Shumaker, Jan & Mary Whitman, Bill & Norma Jean Overacker, Don & Rosalyn Degood, Patsy Gaines, Jeanne A. Haynes, Mary Ann, Josh & Micah Haynes, Alan & Arlene Perkins, Sara Petznick, Dorothy Robinson, Robert & Phyllis Hamilton, Carol Mickley, Dale & Faye Neill, Frank & Barbara Bouic, Karen Gwilliams, Darlene Shull, Walter & Marie Bouic, Margaret Bouic, Jim & Lois Dale, Mary Louise Metzger, Nancy Katzenbach, Ruth Stewart.

Researchers at the Marysville Library

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WE ARE THE CHOSEN

In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it.

It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep for us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist; so we love each one, as far back as we can reach; so that we might be born who we are; so that we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are.

So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory, and greet those whom we had never known before.

Unknown author, submitted by Nancy Katzenbach

Excerpts from the Union County Journal

December 20, 1894

PHARISBURG: Mrs. Stimmel and two daughters, Nellie and Belle, spent Sunday with Mrs. Romaine. Mrs. Rose Friend is on the sick list.

MAGNETIC SPRINGS: The proprietors of the Park hotel are busily engaged with several hands building a house to hoard away ice in this winter.

WATKINS: Rev. **Fisher** of Delaware, delivered a temperance sermon at the M. E. church Sunday of last week. Miss **Mabel Beck** of Highland County spent last week with her cousins, Misses **Flora** and **Martha Low**. Ms. **Ad. Mitchell**, of Plain City, is visiting per parent, **C. M. Graham** this week.

JEROME: **Dr. Richey**, of Warrensburg, O., has located in our village for the practice of his profession.

Within a few days we will be connected with Columbus by telephone; with Columbus by the way of Dublin and Plain City by the way of Kile Station. The company expects to continue the line to Delaware and Marysville by the way of New California and Watkins.

Selected excerpts from the Marysville Tribune, Volume 22, in 1872

(From the works of Margaret Bouic)

February 14, 1872 On January 6, at the residence of one of her daughters near Irville, from the effects of a fall, Mrs. Harriet Adams Beall died in the 83rd year of age. Mother Beall was born near Wheeling, Virginia on August 7, 1789. Harriet Adams Smith was joined in marriage to Ninian Beall November 23, 1809 and from that union had thirteen children. In 1835 her husband with her moved on their farm near Fairmount, Licking county, Ohio. Mr. Beall died April 5, 1848. For the last ten years she made her home with her daughter Harriet and son-in-law Rev. Hugh C. MacBride of Zanesville, Ohio.

February 21, 1872 p3c3 Fire. The kitchen portion of the building belonging to the residence of Mr. C. Houston, on West Center Street, took form from a defective flue. Mr. C. plans to replace the building in the summer.

March 6, 1872 *Biographical Sketch of Rev. W. H. Brinkerhoff.* The subject of this brief notice was born February 13, 1803 in Adams county, Pennsylvania and was the sixth of nine children of Henry and Eleanor Brinkerhoff (Houghtin was her maiden name) of Holland descent, and members of the German Reformed church. He received part of his education at the Gettysburg Academy under Professor Charles G. McLain, pastor of the Gettysburg and Hill independent church. He began studying for the ministry in his 24th year and was ordained at Gettysburg in 1832 by the Rev. C. G. McLain and others. For three years before moving to Ohio he taught school and preached in the adjacent school houses. October 27, 1835 he was married by the Rev. C. G. McLain to Maria Rowan, immigrated to Seneca County, Ohio and settled on a farm in November 1835, remaining one year. He then sold his farm and moved to McCutchinsville, then Crawford, near Wyandotte County. In 1836, he began his ministerial labor in Ohio by organizing a church in the different log school houses of that day. The membership was composed of members from the various denominations constituting the first settlers. His labors were attended with success by the addition of many little churches, while at the same time he taught school and numbered among his students Gen. W. H. Gibson of Tiffin, Ohio. In 1845 he purchased and moved on a farm near McCutchinsville and during his stay here he labored as a minister. In 1846, in connection with I. Campbell and H. F. Kearner, he laid out the village of Berwick in Seneca County. Having sold his farm in 1847, he moved to Cary, Wyandotte County, where he preached and taught school until 1848, when he moved to McCutchinsville and two churches of the German Reformed church, remaining one year. He then went to Lancaster, Ohio and took charge of the German Reformed church of that place with some churches in the country. In the fall of 1851, he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Worthington, Ohio and served it for two years, also an organization of twelve members at the Bovee school house in Delaware County. On December 16, 1853, he organized at Frankfort, Union county, the Jerome Presbyterian church of 10 members which has since become Congregational with its numbers greatly increased. A few of the original members are left to remember their first pastor with feelings of love and respect. Soon after coming to Frankfort he organized the Providence Presbyterian church which is now congregational. He served those churches faithfully until November 2, 1862, during which time there was a house of worship built for each congregation. Mr. Brinkerhoff labored with his own hands to erect them, whilst on the Sabbath in his own house or at the school house he would dispense the word of life to his little flock. During his pastorate here his membership was small and not able to give him much pecuniary support, which added to the small salary from the home missionary society, was insufficient to such an extent that he had to rely upon teaching school and other labor for the principal part of his support. In November 1862, he went to Westerville. From Westerville he went to Thompson in Geauga County and preached two years. After leaving Thompson he went to Waymouth in Medina County at which place he died December 11, 1871. His son Henry R. bore an honorable and distinguished part in the late rebellion and is now stationed at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. But one, a sister, Mrs. C. Durboraw, now 78 years old, survives the deceased, who is a cousin of Judge Brinkerhoff, of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

March 6, 1872 p3c4 The first newspaper printed in Union county made its appearance forty years ago. It was published by Robert McBratney and was printed in the northeast room of the court house. It was an 8 x 12 sheet. History of the paper.

March 6, 1872 p3c5 History of businesses in Marysville.

March 13, 1872 p2c2 The birthday anniversary of Father Wilkins was celebrated on the 20th of February by his children and grand children- twenty-one in all, at his home near Watkins. He has completed his seventy-sixth year. In 1835 he emigrated from the Holland Purchase near Niagara Falls, and settled near Watkins. He has been a consistent member of the Methodist church forty-eight years.