

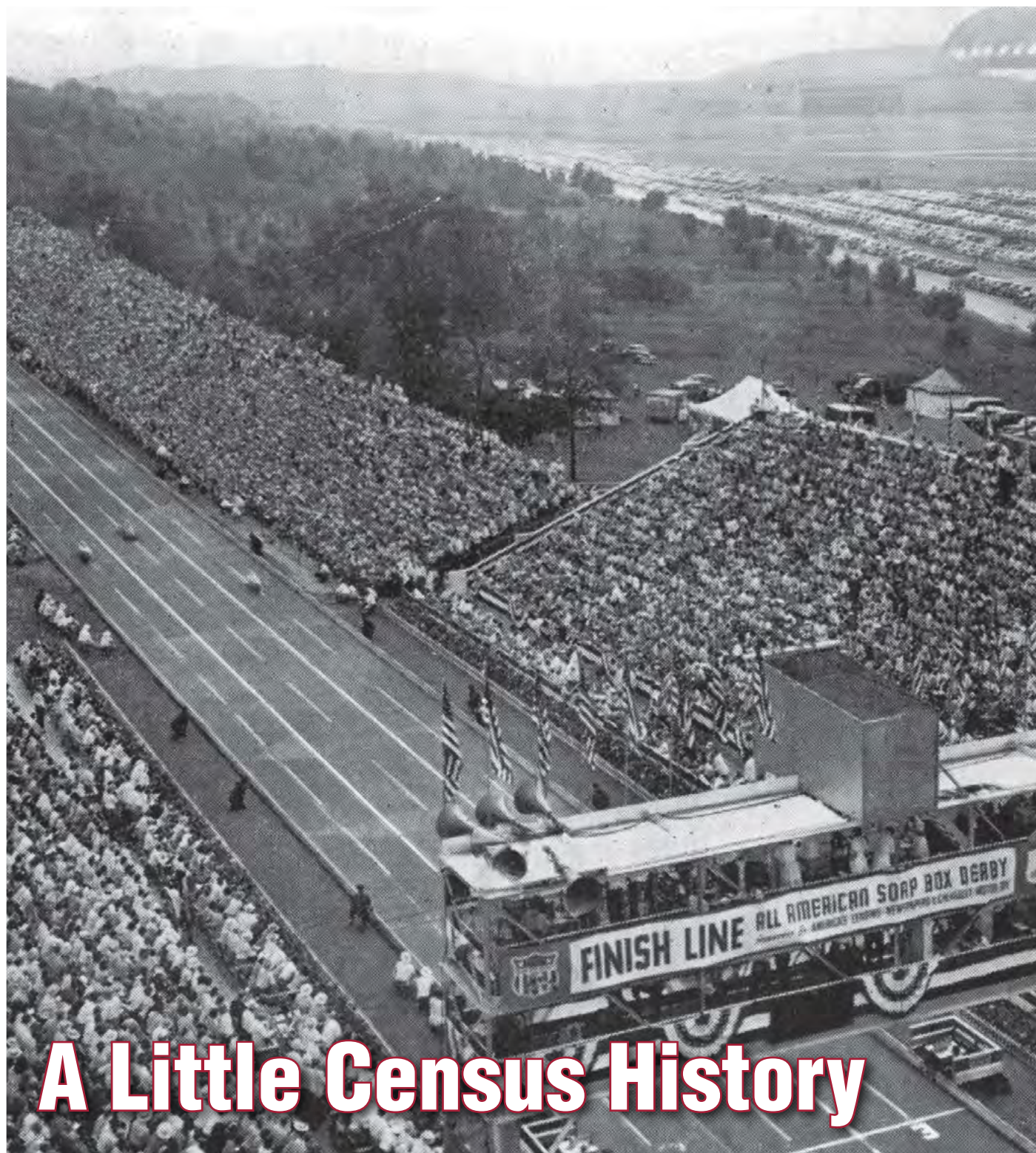
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EDITOR'S DESK

Some of the best genealogy news I've gotten recently is, literally, old news. Old Ohio news. Actually, it's such old news that it's actually *Northwest Territory* news. This news has to do with Eric E. Johnson's

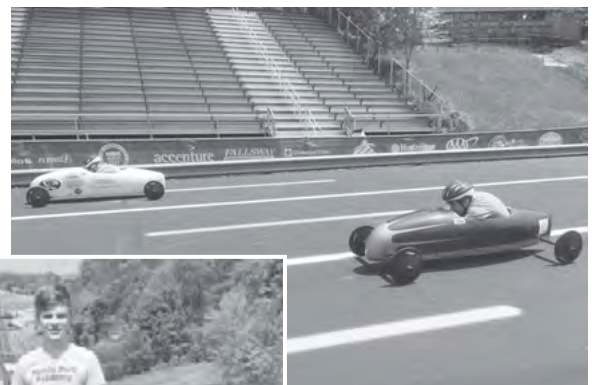
rediscovery of Northwest Territory census returns for 1790 and further exploration of 1800 census schedules for this region. You can learn more about where he found them in an article in this issue. Enjoy also a related article by Joe Hardesty on historical backstories of the U.S. census, from slavery to the Soundex.



Sunny Morton

But wait, there's more waiting for you in this issue! Like Stephen Wendt's 2nd-place winning entry in the OGS Writing Contest (2018), in which he makes a surprise discovery through YDNA and a trip to an Ohio grave-marker. And Barb LaFara's short but fun introduction to genealogy blogging. (Does it inspire you to start your own, or to pick up a blog you've let lapse? Let me know!)

Finally, a comment on the cover image. Derby Downs may have drawn larger crowds in the past, as the postcard shows, but my first sunburn of the 2019 season came from watching my own young son drive a soapbox car at Derby Downs. Some history lives on! Enjoy your summer, both in sunshine and research journeys. ●



Editor Sunny Morton's son Alex at Derby Downs, spring 2019. Shown, above, with fellow racer from Menlo Park Academy, at the top of the track, and in the car on the right mid-race. Photos by Jeremy Morton.

summer 2019



Margaret Cheney

Besides being the current president of OGS, Margaret is chair of the lineage society, First Families of Ohio and was the creator of Century Families of Ohio.

The Summer Sessions are in full swing! There is truly something for everyone in these free sessions held at the Samuel D. Isaly library in Bellville, Ohio. Check the calendar of sessions at the OGS website: <https://www.ogs.org/events/summersessions.php>.

Our first Fall Retreat will be held at Mohican Lodge the last weekend in September. This promises to be an interesting retreat with featured speakers Peggy Lauritzen, Lauren Kuntzman, Kelli Bergheimer, and Russ Pollitt. For more information on this retreat, see the ad on page 31, and visit <https://conta.cc/2HMwidT>.

One conference ends and the next begins.... The process of choosing speakers for 2020 is underway. There were over 100 speakers that submitted over 550 sessions. That has to be narrowed down to between 50 and 60 speakers and 112 sessions! It is so hard to make the right choices! We have made choices we hope you will enjoy. Remember, the 2020 Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

The torrential rains and flooding in Ohio this spring have been devastating in many areas. I hope you have all survived and did not lose any of your genealogical research. It reinforces the fact that we need back up plans for the work that we do.

Happy Summer! ●



Learning at the OGS Library, 2019.

reader response

HOLMES COUNTY SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Holmes County school photos in the [Spring 2019 issue of *Ohio Genealogy News*] got me thinking of an old photo in my family archive. I've attached the photo for your consideration to include in some future edition; perhaps someone will recognize their ancestor.



This photo is undated and has no names except that of my great aunt Roxanne (Roxie) King, 1895-1911. Roxie was born in Jennings Township, Van Wert County on 11 Feb 1895. Her parents, my great grandparents, were tenant farmers and moved quite a bit, but I am fairly certain this school picture was taken in Dublin Township, Mercer County.

My great grandparents both had family who owned farms between Rockford and Willshire, Ohio at the time of this photo and I know they spent a lot of time farming in that area. One last possible hint about this school is that it may be a German speaking school. I know the family spoke mostly German at home until WWI (even though our German ancestors immigrated here before the American Revolution...).

Roxie is the tallest girl in the back row in the middle with the lace collared blouse. Comparing to the few other images I have, with dates, I am guessing this photo was taken between 1907 and 1909. Roxie died from complications of rheumatic fever when she was just 16. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Rockford. The few photos of Roxie became precious heirlooms to her mother and sister, and now to me. Perhaps one of your readers will recognize their ancestor among the other students. The teacher appears to be standing to the left side of the group and I think the child in front of her may be the lone boy in the photo.

Barb LaFara

queries

WELCH, William Edward "Ed" b. 1859 in Ironton, Ohio married Isabella Snodgrass d. of Henry and Elizabeth Phillips Snodgrass in 1881 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Isabella was born in 1862 in Martins Ferry. Ed and Isabella lived the majority of their adult lives in Steubenville but also resided in Ironton during the 1880's and early 1890's. They had the following children: Julia (Harry HADSELL) b. 1882; William Edward b. ca 1884 died young; Henry (Harry) Snodgrass b. 1887 Ironton m. Margaret CULP YOCUM; Edward "Tadder" William b. 1889 m. Elizabeth Falls; Albert Stewart b. 1891 m. Margaret Attinger; Robert Leland b. 1894 in Steubenville m. Margaret Davidson Douglas; Isabel b. 1898 m. James McKee; Ralph b. 1905 m. Ruth Taylor , please contact: Christine WELCH Long, 1215 Wynnridge Ave NE, North Canton, OH 44720, cwelch@neo.rr.com.

SNODGRASS, Henry "Iron Ore Puddler" b. 1816 possibly in NE panhandle of (W)Va. or Md., d. 1895 in Belmont Ct., Ohio. Henry's parentage is unknown. Henry married #1 in 1837 Elizabeth PHILLIPS (1818-1869) b. Allegheny Co. Md. She was likely the daughter of Jacob Phillips, also in Monongalia Co. Henry worked at Iron Ore sites on Cheat River and Wheeling Steel. Children of Henry and Elizabeth: Margaret Ellen (VANCE); John Nelson b. Monongalia Ct., WVa.; William Perry; George Thomas, Theo b. Wheeling 1849; the remaining children were born in Belmont Co., Ohio: Cornelia (Jas.PHILLIPS); Sarah (John DAVIDSON); Jane Kelley (GASAWAY/ BENLINE); Isabella (William WELCH). Henry married 2. Bethsheba FRANCIS. Additional (7) children. Christine Welch Long 1215 Wynnridge Ave NE, North Canton, OH 44720, cwelch@neo.rr.com.



The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America presents its 2019 German Genealogy Fall Seminar with Speaker James M. Beidler Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



There will be Four Sessions:

- Digging Pennsylvania Roots from your Desktop
- German Immigration Waves: Contrasts and Sources
- Mining the "Über-Sites" for German Ancestors
- Pennsylvania German Church Records

Seminar Location: Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 S. Jefferson Avenue, Plain City, Ohio 43064

Advanced Registration

Member: \$45 each • Non-Member: \$55 each

After September 28, 2019

Cost is \$55 for Members • \$65 for Non-Members

No refunds for cancellation after October 5, 2019

Register online at our website: www.oh-palam.org
or send a check and registration to:

**Joe Stamm, 3930 Lander Road,
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-1329**

If traveling from out of the area, we have rooms blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn, Dublin, Ohio.

For other workshops/seminars follow us on Facebook at: Ohio Chapter - Palatines to America German Genealogy Society

HELP US FIND OUR LOGO: OGS 2021

Long before the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference takes place, work is already underway putting things together for at least the next two conferences.

Everything from selecting a venue, choosing meals and coming up with a slogan is on the table. It is an aspect of that last item that we find ourselves turning to our chapters, societies, members and the general public for a little help for 2021. For the first time, we are reaching out to YOU to come up with our logo.

The theme for 2021 is “Bringin’ it Home.” We are looking for someone to design a logo that speaks to that concept. It should incorporate at least one, or all, of the following themes; Genealogy, Family, Home, Ohio. The winning entry will be used on all things conference; bags, publicity, publications, social media, etc. The entry must be camera-ready and submitted in color. The winning entry becomes the property of the Ohio Genealogical Society and its Conference.

All entries should be mailed to: 2021 Conference LOGO CONTEST, Ohio Genealogical Society, 611 State Route 97W, Bellville, Ohio 44813 and be

received before midnight, Saturday August 17, 2019.

Entries can also be submitted via : ogsconference@gmail.com. Please include the following information: your full name, contact information and a brief one page description of your work on one sheet of paper, while your camera ready image should be on a separate sheet, with no identifying marks. The winner will be notified before the end of September 2019.

There is a prize package which includes, but is not limited to; A FULL 2021 FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, A FREE MEAL AT BOTH THE 2020 AND 2021 BUSINESS MEETINGS, A WRITE UP IN THE OGN AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER BENEFITS TO BE ANNOUNCED. It will be the winner’s responsibility to get to the conference venues in both 2020 and 2021.

The Conference Co-chairs decided to solicit help with the logo design as a way of giving non-committee members a chance to become an active participant in the conference process. They would love to have chapter and society members participate because they are a major reason the conference is held annually.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY EXPANDS DAILY SCHEDULE

The free Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has extended its Monday hours. Beginning in June, the library is now open for full-service research from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Monday – Saturday (previously the library closed at 5:00 pm on Monday). In addition, the library now offers limited access on Sundays from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm to the main floor of the library. This is where the interactive Discovery Experiences are (a popular stop for the general public and families, ie, non-researchers). Main floor resources on Sunday also include and 68 computers with free access to premium family history websites and digital collections. Guest support on Sundays will be limited to a research specialist and local consultants (other days the library is fully staffed with more experts on all floors).



OHIO WWI SERVICE CARDS ON FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch has also added a new collection, Ohio World War I Statement of Service Cards, 1914-1919, which launched recently with about 30,000 indexed records. This is one of those collections that isn't fully available to online users — you need to take an extra step to see the record images. For example, if you search for Foster Hiram Johnson in this collection, you'll find this indexed record, along with this notice that images are available at FamilySearch-affiliated family history centers and libraries:

Foster Hiram Johnson
 Ohio, World War I Statement of Service Cards, 1914-1919

Tools

Review and Attach Record

Name:	Foster Hiram Johnson
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	14 May 1918
Event Place:	Parkersburg, Wood, West Virginia, United States
Event Place:	Parkersburg, W.VA., United States
Residence Place:	Lyndon, Ohio
Age:	21
Birth Date:	11 Feb 1897

Images Available
 To view these images you must do one of the following:

- Access the site at a family history center
- Access the site at a FamilySearch affiliate library

Record Collection:
 Ohio, World War I Statement of Service Cards, 1914-1919

Document Information:

Why might it be worth a trip to an affiliated library or center near you? Here's what the original record image looks like, as seen when logged in at my nearest family history center:

Name JOHNSON FOSTER HIRAM		Service Number 154-68-15	
Recruited at NAVY RECRUITING STATION PARKERSBURG W. VA.		Race White	
Age at Entrance 21 YRS 3 MOS	Rate FIREMAN 3 CLASS	U.S.N.R.F. XXXXXX	
Home Address ---	Bourneville, O. Feb 11/97	Town LYNDON	State OHIO
County ROSS		Served as	No. Days
RECEIVING SHIP NORFOLK	5-14-18	5-21-18	FIREMAN 3 CLASS 181
NAVAL OPERATING BASE NORFOLK VA.	5-21-18	9-6-18	
USS INDIANA	9-6-18	11-11-18	
Remarks: Active duty date May 14/18.		CLAIM NO. 32106 PAID 2-15-19 VOUCHER No. 250 WARRANT No. 19770 AMOUNT \$ 175.00 AUDITED 1937 47	
Date XXXXXX 10-29-19	Released. Disch Sent 30/21 Lack of funds. Honorable.		
Place Inactive Duty	4TH NAVAL DISTRICT PHILADELPHIA PA. Rating at Discharge FIREMAN 3 CLASS		

As you can see, there's a lot more detail about Johnson's military service, including a more detailed age, his service rate, the ships he served on (and when), and more.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAPTER HAS A NEW HOME

From the Jefferson County Chapter: "The Jefferson County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society has found a new home. The building that we've been in for the past 10 years has been sold and we have been offered a deal that we can't refuse! We met with the Mayor of Stratton and he informed us that he purchased a Nazarene Church several months ago and it is sitting empty and the village would love it if we could call it our new home. It is a large empty church which will allow us more floor space to set up a more user friendly facility for our chapter and patrons. We plan to move June 1st, 2019 and

open to the public on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. The new location is 501 Fifth Street, Stratton, Ohio 43961. Do not Google driving directions to this location. It may direct you to Wellsville, Columbiana County! Driving directions: Turn at the yellow blinking lights on State Route 7 (heading north turn left or heading south turn right) at Abdalla's



Grill and Bar. At the stop sign, turn right. Go past the first stop sign and at the second stop sign, turn left. Our office (former Nazarene Church) will be located on the right. Parking is available curbside in front of the building. We will have our sign in the front yard and also a sign on the front of the building with business hours posted." Contact them at their website (www.jeffcochapter.com) or by phone at 740-346-2820. Their mailing address remains the same (JCC OGS, Post Office Box 2367, Wintersville, OH 43953).



CHANGES IN LAWS FOR TOWNSHIP CEMETERY LOTS

Recent revisions to the Ohio Revised code, sections 517.07 and 517.073, "require a township to offer compensation to responsive owners of certain unused cemetery lots and rights." Changes are outlined in HB 454, effective 20 March 2019. Find the full text and other background on this legislation at <https://tinyurl.com/HB454-OH>.

MORE THAN 2M NEW OHIO TAX RECORDS ON FAMILYSEARCH

The free genealogy mega-site FamilySearch.org, which recently celebrated 20 years online, continues to publish more Ohio records! In March, the site added 2.4 million indexed records to its popular collection of Ohio Tax Records (1800-1850). OGN was able to find out exactly what those additions entailed; a list is included in the box below.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO FAMILYSEARCH COLLECTION OF OHIO TAX RECORDS

- Ohio, Auditor of State Duplicate of land tax, v. 21, 1812 (Adams - Hamilton)
- Allen County: Auditor 1839
- Adams County: Auditor Tax duplicates 1824-1829, 1830-1832
- Allen County: Auditor 1832-1833, 1836, 1840,
- Athens County: Auditor Tax duplicates 1827-1830, 1831-1834
- Brown County: Auditor 1819-1824, 1838
- Champaign County: Auditor v. 185-187 1824-1826 (film copy)
- Clark County: Auditor 1830-1832, 1833-1835
- Clermont County: Auditor 1833-1834
- Darke County: Auditor Tax records 1818-1831
- Delaware County: Auditor Tax records, 1827-1829
- Erie County: Auditor Tax duplicates 1840-1841 Tax duplicates 1849
- Erie County: Auditor Tax duplicates 1850-1851
- Fairfield County: Auditor's tax records/duplicates, 1812, 1827, 1835-1836, 1837-1838
- Fayette County: Auditor 1833-1838
- Franklin County: Auditor Tax records, 1816-1825, 1829-1830, 1831-1832, 1833-1834
- Gallia County: Auditor Tax records 1816-1826, 1832-1835
- Greene County: Auditor Real estate tax lists 1806-1820 and v. 1-4 1839-1842, Auditor 1836-1838
- Hamilton County: Auditor 1830, 1833, 1834
- Holmes County: Auditor Tax records, 1825-1829
- Knox County: Auditor Tax records, 1829-1830
- Lake County: County Auditor Record of lists of taxable property in the several townships 1843-1846, 1852-1853. Also Auditor Tax duplicates 1843, 1846
- Licking County: Auditor Tax records, 1823-1826
- Lorain County: Auditor Tax records 798-803, 1824-1829
- Lucas County: Auditor Tax record, 813-815, 1836-1838
- Madison County: Auditor Tax records, 1816-1830
- Meigs County: Auditor Tax duplicates 1837-1838
- Miami County: Auditor v. 912-917 (1822-1827), v. 924-927 (1834-1837)
- Montgomery County: Auditor Tax duplicates, 1837-1838, 1844-1845
- Morgan County: Auditor Tax records 975-984, 1820-1829
- Muskingum County: Auditor Tax records, v. 1013-1014 1835-1836
- Richland County: Auditor Tax records 1129-1140 (1816-1826), 1143-1144 (1829-1830)
- Sandusky County: Auditor Tax records 1188-1193, 1833-1838
- Seneca County: Auditor Tax records 1225-1229, 1834-1838
- Stark County: Auditor Tax records, 1816-1825, 1830-1831, 1834
- Warren County: Auditor 1829-1830

Accessing Books at the FamilySearch Digital Library

by Kip Sperry



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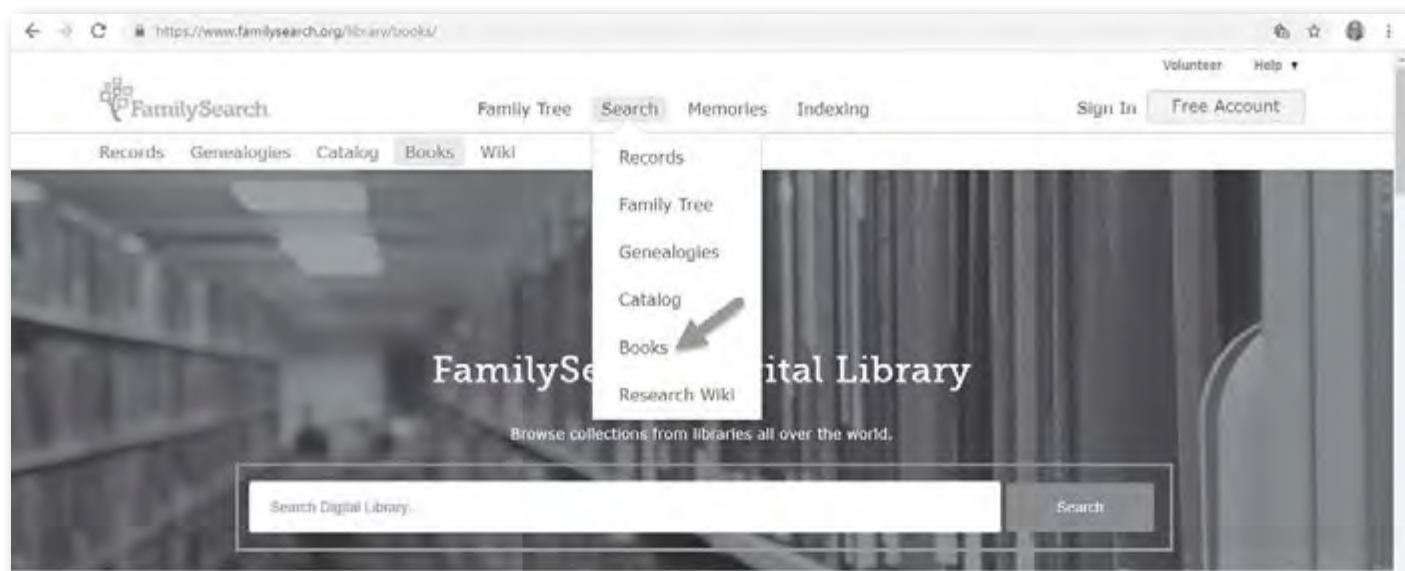
Editor's note: This article is continued from Ohio Genealogy News (Vol. 50, No. 1, Spring 2019), page 14. At the time of its publication, a substantial number of search results in FamilySearch's Digital Library were restricted. Since then, a FamilySearch representative provided this explanation to OGN: "We are checking the copyright status of every book we have scanned. We have been overly cautious in determining copyright, and many books we have tagged as copyright may actually be in the public domain." As copyright status clears for each title, access restrictions are immediately removed. Author Kip Sperry provides these additional tips for finding and accessing content in the free FamilySearch Digital Library.

Always sign in when using FamilySearch.org (www.familysearch.org). Search FamilySearch.org>Search>Books or go directly to www.familysearch.org/library/books. In the new search and navigation interface, researchers can search online digitized publications for personal names, places, maps, titles, dates or a combination of search terms.

FamilySearch works with multiple partner libraries to identify and digitize books and other publications relevant to genealogy. In some cases, the copyright holder has given FamilySearch permission to digitize the book and make it available online. Also, as of 1 January 2019, every book published during and before 1923 is considered in the public domain and can be digitized, whether or not it was originally under copyright protection. FamilySearch continues to check the copyright status of copyright books that have been digitized. FamilySearch uses a program known as "Durationator" (durationator.com) to determine if a copyright title is in the public domain and determine its copyright status. Other databases are also checked for copyright status.

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There are several options if you are not able to view a copyright book online in the FamilySearch Digital Library:

- Search WorldCat (www.worldcat.org) to determine if the title is available at a nearby library.
- Contact a local public or university library to see if the title is available through Interlibrary Loan. (The Family History Library in Salt Lake City does not circulate printed books or participate in Interlibrary Loan.)
- Search for the title online to see whether another organization may have digitized it, such as Internet Archive (<https://archive.org>), a non-profit online library of millions of free books, HathiTrust Digital Library (<https://www.hathitrust.org/>) and other resources.
- Use your favorite web browser or library catalog to search for another publication that covers the same subject of interest.



Mid-Year Yearbook Update

by **Aaron Turner, M.Ed., M.L.I.S.,**
OGS Yearbook Librarian

As of July 10, 2019 a record-setting total of 1,956 yearbooks have been accessioned to the Ohio Genealogical Society Yearbook Collection since January 1 — with over 1,000 books in queue to be cataloged. These books have come from schools, local libraries, and historical groups. I would also like to thank Jen Burns and Randy Maxwell, representatives of the yearbook publisher Herff-Jones, for their donation of over 200 books from the last ten years. Additionally I would like to extend sincere thanks to the following individuals who have done the pickups from schools, libraries, and historical societies: Troy Bailey; Kenny Burck; Sid & Patti Drumheiser; John Earley; Barbara Farrell; Bonnie Fruhauf; Mindy Hanson; Richard Juergens; Lori Martensen; Cheryl Brown Abernathy; and Steve Bloir. This group of volunteers has worked tirelessly to coordinate pickups from schools and store them until transportation to OGS became available. This summer I will be focusing on soliciting donations from historical societies.

Pick-up volunteers are still needed for the 2019-2020 school year for the following counties: Adams, Allen, Athens, Belmont [western], Brown, Champaign, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga [Cleveland and east side], Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lake, Lawrence, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Perry, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Scioto, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Van Wert, Washington, Wood, Wyandot.

If you or someone you know would be willing to go to schools, libraries, and historical societies to pick up yearbooks and hold them until you or someone can transport them to OGS, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please email aaronturner@neo.rr.com with your name and contact information and list of counties that you would be willing to help with. Most of the 1,956 yearbooks we have accessioned this year have not come from any of the above listed counties, so if you would like to have your county be more represented within the collection, your help is needed to get the books to OGS. Thank you!!



Berlin Township School graduated its first class in 1916. The class of 1924 had just 13 students, 7 of whom are shown here. The school was closed in 1973 after having been absorbed into the Olentangy district in the mid-1950s. The 2018-2019 school year marked the opening of a brand new Berlin High School — the fourth high school of the Olentangy district. Its first graduating class will be in 2020 with far more than 13 students. *The DelCoAn*. Delaware County Schools, Delaware County, Ohio. 1924, p. 42. Donated to OGS 16 Apr 2014 by the Sunbury Community Library, Sunbury, Ohio; in memory of John L. Bricker.

IN MEMORIAM



Former OGS Trustee **Ruth Stage Emmons** died on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Brethren Care Village in Ashland. She was age 82, born on July 12, 1936 in a log cabin on Jackson Ridge in Monroe County near Woodsfield. Ruth was a past officer in the Ashland County Chapter OGS and got involved at the state level and led the fundraising campaign for the Endowment Fund when it was initiated in the mid-1990s. She secured OGS' first \$100,000 donor and started the brick campaign memorializing ancestors and honoring members that graces the left side of the OGS library entrance today. She was always interested in Monroe County families that followed the migration path north into Ashland County and once published a newsletter on that subject. Ruth and her husband of 64 years, Carlton Emmons, restored the brick schoolhouse on SR 42 at the south edge of Ashland and operated the Thymes Past flower and gift shop there for many years. Ruth is survived by her

husband and three children, Constance, Douglas, and Dean.

Richard A. Baer, Knox County Genealogical Society and Library volunteer for 15 years, died on May 12, 2019 at the Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He was 81, born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio in 1959 after serving 4 years in the U.S. Army, and worked at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company before being sworn in as Mayor of Gambier, Ohio in 1966 (as one of the youngest mayors in the state). He resigned in 1989, only to be appointed Village Administrator, where he served until retiring in 2000. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary "Frankie" Baer, his son Bill, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, siblings Daniel, John, Art and Joan Bunsey and Molly Baer.



James M. Freed, a life member of OGS and member of the OGS Speaker's Bureau, passed away on April 13, 2019. A resident of Delaware, Ohio, he was born in Oklahoma, the son of B. Leon and Ada Myrtle (Moyers) Freed. He married Judith V. Miley in 1969. After receiving his MS and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois, he taught in the Department of Zoology for 32 years at Ohio Wesleyan University. Jim and Judi were dedicated to family history research. With the help of 60 editors across the country, Jim edited a completely-indexed, 1000-page book on his Mason-White family. He became a pioneer in genetic genealogy and lectured on the topic around the United States (including at the National Genealogical Society), in Ireland and on a Baltic Sea cruise ship. He was the president of the Delaware County Genealogical Society for three years.

MEET THE OGS STAFF

by Tom Neel, OGS Library Director

Sometimes a good ancestral story can be found right at home! We are going to step outside of our bounds in this regular column on OGS volunteers and reintroduce the three staff members who are employed by the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Tom Neel, a resident of New London, Huron Co OH, serves as Library Director and has worked for OGS since 1984 and has been a member since 1976. He was employed previously at three other libraries: Bigelow-Rice Sciences Library at Ohio Wesleyan University (work-study), the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne IN (page), and the New London Public Library (newspaper indexer). His Bachelor's in Liberal Arts degree was secured at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware and his Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University.

Tom's paternal line goes to one Henry O'Neal, who acquired 50 acres (Oneal's Chance) on Deer Creek in what is now Harford Co MD on May 1, 1742, part of a tract warranted to Thomas White. A blacksmith, Henry may have been brought over from Ireland by John Digges or Thomas Shea, affiliated with the Jesuits at Priest's Ford (Mission of St. Joseph), who were importing "Irish Papists" to what was then Baltimore Co MD. O'Neal didn't live long, making a will on 19 Dec 1748. He likely died the next day, giving his assets to "Saragh Henesy and Mary Henesy daughters of Saragh ONail alies Henesy". This can be explained in a 1746 bastardy case, "Lord Proprietor against Sarah Annissee", where O'Neal isn't named as the father, but his friend Thomas Shea acts as security, and the vestry minutes at St. George's Spesutia Episcopal Parish note that O'Neal was guilty of "putting away Sarah Hannessey." He later made good with a marriage return entered in the same parish on 20 Apr 1747 by Rev. Hugh Carlile. So, how did Tom Neel get to be a descendant? It turns out that another child, Barnet O'Neal was born to Sarah after her husband's death, and this son, as the first born male, got everything, the will



From left: Sherri Dulin, Tom Neel and Linda Reed

then being disregarded by the court. Barnet O'Neal, through the administrator Thomas Shea and Sarah's second husband, James Seal, began deeding land when he was just five years old! This goes to show that life is complex, wills aren't always acted on, and entries in the official state church don't necessarily mean that the party is of that religion.

Sherri (Belmer) Dulin, a resident of Mansfield, Richland Co OH, is actually also a New London native. She has been the Administrative Assistance at the Ohio Genealogical Society since 2002 and handles membership services. Sherri was formerly employed at Kemper Insurance Company in Mansfield for twelve years.

Sherri's grandfather, Essic Belmer, Sr., (1887-1974) migrated north from Kentucky about 1910 to work for the Biglow Tile Company in New London which was advertising for laborers. His 1915 marriage record lists his parents as Alex Belmer and Ann Robinson of

Breckinridge Co KY. The marriage filed there in the “colored” register on 4 May 1872 gives their names as Alexander Belmer and Mary A. Robertson. The marriage location is “at Wm. J. Robertson’s” in Breckinridge County. The surname Belmer doesn’t show up in local census records, but there is an Ann Robertson there in 1870, age 22, Black, born Kentucky, a corn work hand, in the household of Satra Robertson, a 20-year old female, born Kentucky, cooks and washes. Underneath Ann’s name is a 1-year old black male, John Robertson. The 1870 census is the first to list all African Americans by name. In 1880, this John Robertson, age 11, is identified as a “stepson” of “Ellick” and “Any” Belmer, then living at Lanes in Hancock Co KY. Back in 1870 Breckinridge County, William J. Robertson, age 56, a farmer, born in Virginia, with \$4000 real estate and \$8000 in personal estate is living just two doors away with his family, but he is white. The location is actually called Wheatley’s District. Could Ann have once been enslaved to this William J. Robertson, the site for her wedding in 1872? Of additional interest are several African Americans with the surname Robertson living in the household of R.G. Robertson on the same page in 1870 (a son of the white Wm. J. Robertson). Among them is Eleck Robertson 22 KY corn laborer. Elsewhere on the page, right next to Ann Robertson, is another “Elexander” Robertson 24 Black KY farmer, with Alice 23 Mulatto KY. Since this first name is unusual, one wonders if Ellick Belmer might have once been enslaved by the same person as his future wife, Ann Robertson? A quick review of the 1855 tax list for Breckinridge County shows that Wm. J. “Robison” owned 600 acres on the Black Lick and held 7 enslaved people over the age of 18 — 19 in total — valued at \$9,200. In the 1860 slave schedule, S.L., Jos., and J.H. Robertson held a combined 30 slaves in Breckinridge County. Of even greater interest is the 1884 probate record for William J. Robertson — filed nearly decades after the end of the Civil War. In his will, his son James R. Robertson gets “one Negro girl Belle \$500 [and] one Negro boy Alfred \$400” and his daughter, Mrs. Amanda M. Moorman, gets “one Negro girl Keturiah \$1000 [and] one Negro girl Maria \$500.” One wonders if the county clerk noted anywhere that these individuals had been free

for nearly twenty years, or if this is a scenario more common than one would think in the South in the years after the “War of Northern Aggression.”

Linda (Shick) Reed has been the Secretary at the Ohio Genealogical Society since 2003. She assists Tom with library work and Sherri with the mail. Her position was expanded to full-time about a year ago and she now spends ten hours each week digitizing library items for the OGS web site. Linda had worked as a receptionist for Charles Hoffman Plumbing & Heating for a number of years before coming to OGS.

Linda was stalled in research with her grandfather Raymond Clifton Shick for a number of years because no death certificate had surfaced. But Laurel Tope, formerly at the Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, found a newspaper article about him dropping dead on the street at the corner of Wayne and Newman streets in Mansfield, and that opened up some research avenues. The OGS Archives holds his original coroner’s inquest, which shows that he died of a coronary embolism on 14 Sep 1946. Once his parents were determined from these sources, the Shick line was found to extend back to nearby Dickey Church Cemetery in Ashland County where beautiful tombstones still exist for Raymond’s grandparents, Joseph D. Shick and his wife Susannah Laubach. The former is a son of Christian Shick who served in the Revolutionary War in the Northampton Co, PA Militia and he, in turn, is the son of an older Christian Shick who participated in an Evangelical Lutheran settlement called “Heidelberg” in Davie Co (formerly Rowan Co), NC, where he died in 1798. The immigration date is debatable, but this Christian, likely the son of a Valentine Shick, immigrated to Philadelphia in the early 1750s from Germany. (Look for alternate sources to get past your brick wall and an entirely new established line might just pop up!)

Our OGS staff as descendants of these pioneer families hails from Maryland, Kentucky, and North Carolina, all taking different routes to Bellville, Ohio. Like our readers, we find that genealogy offers some surprises but can teach one a lot about American history. ●

Federal Census Records: An Untold Story



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Over the past 24 years of assisting genealogy library patrons, I continue to feel great excitement whenever an elusive ancestor has been found. This is particularly true when researching U.S. census records.

Whether it was searching frame after frame of microfilm ‘back in the day’ or carefully keyboarding away on *Ancestry.com* or *HeritageQuest*, the researcher would always light up as a result of her persistence. You know the feeling!

In most cases, the newly discovered ancestor may turn out to be key to settling many unanswered questions once and for all. Names, place, and date of birth are just a few of the many valuable pieces of information that federal census records reveal about our families. In addition to these wonderful facts, however, federal census records themselves have a life of their own. I believe hearing of their “untold story” can add value to your family history.

POLITICS AND THE EARLIEST CENSUSES

Some would argue that early 19th century federal census records are of limited value for the family historian. From the first census of 1790 to 1840 these records would reveal only the name of the head of household and the number and age ranges of free white males and free white females. As early as the 1820 census, enumerators were asked to count free black males and free black females as well. The difference in this one enumeration reflects, I believe, the growing concerns in our emerging nation as a whole and Congress in particular over slavery. Even earlier, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention meeting in Philadelphia in 1787 hotly debated for weeks the concerns over the representation of African Americans who were free versus those who were enslaved. But how did this debate play out?

With the surrender by Cornwallis at Yorktown followed soon thereafter by rapid western expansion, larger southern states saw a marked increase in free white males. Since slavery made these states the agricultural powerhouse of our fledgling nation’s economy, they would be a political force to be reckoned with. In many sound counterintuitive for us today but in actuality, geographically smaller “non-slave” northern states threatened non-ratification of the Constitution if persons of color were counted in the census! Failure to ratify the Constitution was a significant fear of southern states for their economy depended heavily on interstate commerce and access to ports and



Enslaved African Americans were not enumerated by name in U.S. censuses, but only tallied to increase the power of Southern states in Congress. Image from *History of the Twenty-fourth Michigan of the Iron brigade, known as the Detroit and Wayne county regiment* by O.B. Curtis (Detroit: Winn & Hammond, 1891), p. 19. Image shared by Internet Archive Book Images on Flickr, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/internetarchivebookimages/14576112898>.

textile mills located in the North. For their part, southern states wanted very much for their enslaved population to be counted in the census for this would translate into more representation (and power) in Congress. One can only wonder if our newborn nation would have survived infancy had it not been for persevering delegates who came to the now-famous 3/5th compromise of 1787! Article 1, section 2 paragraph 3 of the US Constitution stipulates who can or should be counted in the Census and who cannot – namely “3/5th all other persons” (i.e., non-white). (For a more in-depth description of the issues and players of this debate, read David Stewart’s *The Summer of 1787: The Men who invented the Constitution* (Simon and Schuster, 2007)).

As many genealogists know, the 1850 Federal Census was the first to name all free members of a household, provide their age, sex and color as well as their places of birth, occupation and whether or not they attended school. The increasing number and variety of questions asked by the enumerators in this and future censuses not only reflects Congress’ interest with a “head count” of voters and future voters in a given district, but also the needs within the district.

Lawmakers on both the federal and state level needed (and continue to require) accurate demographic data to

determine which states and counties were most in need of funding to build roads and schools and train teachers with the goal of better meeting the needs of constituents, many of whom are foreign born, physically impaired (1830 Census) or mentally impaired (question #13, 1860 Census).

Common sense would lead us to ask, “Who would knowingly build a railroad to a town that may not be around in 10 years?” The practice of gerrymandering – the altering of congressional district boundaries to suit the political party in power, could be more precise when demographers and cartographers could determine with relative accuracy the political affiliation of those residing within a given enumeration district. Throughout our nation’s history, party affiliation was strongly tied to ethnicity. If a census enumeration indicates that a state population increased by “x” (a number that changed over time), then a committee consisting of members of the political parties for that state are permitted to submit new congressional district boundary maps to the federal government for approval. We have Elbridge Gerry, (Governor of Massachusetts, 1810 – 1812), to thank for instituting this political ‘monstrosity’.

MORE (OR LESS) GENEALOGICAL VALUE

Later, the 1900 census provided much helpful genealogical information, such as question #10, the number of years of present marriage for those married. It’s also important to note that this was the first census to note the month and year of a person’s birth (more on this later). Earlier census records (1850-1880) just gave the age as of last birthday.

Another rather fascinating question asked on the 1930 census was whether or not your ancestors owned a radio set (question #9). While having little genealogical value, this question underscores the growing trend of mutual interests of the federal government — which cared how people received communications such as Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “Fireside Chats” — and the private sector, which manufactured radios and promoted radio advertising.

One last thought regarding the ‘radio set’ question is this. Let’s say that your great grandparents were the only family on the block that owned a radio, as determined by a quick review of a census page. Can you imagine how popular this family would be? Could having a radio be one reason why a young man living across the street calls on the young lady whose family owns a radio? Just wondering.

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Atwater Kent, standing by radio, and seven other people listening to the radio, in the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., 1909. Herbert E. French, photographer. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, <https://lccn.loc.gov/94501550>.

THE SOUNDINDEX AND THE CENSUS

Before US census records were available online, genealogists used Soundex indexes to research late 19th and early 20th century federal census records. Locating the correct reel of 16mm Soundex microfilm and then the right ancestor entry on that reel was a daunting but rewarding experience. As you see, a typical Soundex entry provides researchers with an abstract of the most salient information on original census record (researchers then could look up the microfilmed census reel to see what else might be learned from the original).

Though Soundex entries benefited genealogists, they were originally created to answer the needs of thousands of Civil War veterans. They were required by the Service and Age Act of 1907 to provide proof of their age to

apply for well-deserved pension benefits. (Researchers interested in the legislation leading up to this act

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NAME	RELATION	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
<i>Shover, Joseph</i>	<i>H.</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>
<i>Ellen</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>
<i>Lilac</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>
<i>Bennie</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>
<i>Brown, Anderson</i>	<i>H.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>

should consult William H. Glasson's work *Federal Military Pensions in the United States* (Oxford University Press, 1918, online via Internet Archive.org).) The question arose, "How does one provide an age when prior to 1900 many states had no if any extant birth records?" The census office created an Age Search service that harvested proof of age and identity from U.S. census records.

Acting on the increasing number of requests from pension applicants, Pittsburgh, PA., resident Robert Russell applied for and received a patent on December 5, 1916 from the US Patents Office for an innovative method to index surnames based on the way they sound. This patent and the licensing of later modifications were later purchased by the Remington Rand Company in 1927, which then applied the trademark name familiar to us "old timers:" *Soundex*.

Only a few years later, the Great Depression had the United States economy in a chokehold. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act of 1935 and created the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Those who applied for Social Security benefits needed to prove their birthdates — and millions of U.S. residents needed jobs. A win-win answer was to have WPA workers use the Soundex technology to index the 1880 and 1920 censuses, under the direct supervision and training of the Census Bureau. Eventually, U.S. participation in World War II brought this project to a standstill. Soundexing of the 1910 census resumed Soundexing the 1910 census and began work on 1930, which was never completed.

MODERN ACCESS TO U.S. CENSUSES

Today, indexed images of federal censuses up to 1940 are widely available online: for free on FamilySearch.org and on subscription genealogy websites such as Ancestry.com, Findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com. More recent censuses aren't available due to privacy laws protecting our relatives (and ourselves!). But here's an interesting fact. Public Law 95 – 416, the administrative regulation that addressed the 72-year rule regarding the confidentiality of census records, wasn't enacted until October 5, 1978. Theoretically speaking, you could have visited the National Archives in Washington prior to this date and researched the 1950, 1960 and 1970 federal censuses.

Here's one more fact for us hungry researchers: the 1950 census will be released to the public on April 2, 2022. Everyone, mark your calendars!! ●

NOTED DATES AND EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE US FEDERAL CENSUS

1790

The First Census of the United States

1907

Passage of the Service and Age Pension Act (requiring proof of age to apply for Federal pension benefits).

1916

Robert Russell receives first of six patents of an indexing system to federal census records

1921

Major fire on Jan. 10 at the Department of Commerce building in Washington damages many census records. The 1890 population schedule is a near-total loss.

1927

The Remington Rand Corp. purchases the licensing rights to Russell's indexing system and calls it "Soundex".

1929

Stock Market Crashes

1935

Creation of the Social Security Administration and the Works Progress Administration.

POST 1935

Soundex indexing of the 1900 federal census by the WPA under Census Bureau supervision – the most critical enumeration at the time. This was followed by indexing of the 1880, 1920, and then 1910 federal census.

1941

United States enters World War II. The indexing of the 1910 slows to a trickle.

1961

Events leading up to the passage of the Medicare Act of 1965 brings about renewed efforts to complete the Soundex indexing of the 1910 census followed by the 1930 census.

1978

Enactment of the Public Law 95 – 416 requiring 72 year confidentiality of census records

2022

Release of the 1950 federal census.

Searching for the 1790 Census of the Northwest Territory

A CENSUS WAS TAKEN OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY IN 1790. LEARN WHERE MILITARY HISTORIAN AND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHER ERIC JOHNSON FOUND IT.



Eric E. Johnson

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I have been told, and have seen in print, that the United States Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, commonly called the Northwest Territory, was not enumerated during the 1790 Federal Census. This all changed when I recently found proof that a census had taken place, and that parts of this census still exist.

A Century of Population Growth from the First Census of the United States to the Twelfth 1790-1900,¹ a government publication, states:

The first census law omitted to make provisions for an enumeration of the inhabitants in the Northwest and Southwest territories. There is no record of any enumeration of the Northwest Territory in 1790. At that time, the governor was actively engaged in Indian warfare, and doubtless, it was impossible for him to undertake a census. At any rate, so far as is known, there was no correspondence between Secretary [of State Thomas] Jefferson and [Territorial] Governor [Arthur] St. Clair relative to the subject.

1. *A Century of Population Growth from the First Census of the United States to the Twelfth 1790-1900* (hereinafter *A Century of Population Growth*), originally published in 1909 by the Government Printing Office, Washington, DC (Genealogical Publishing Company: Baltimore, MD 1989), chapter 3, The First Census of the United States, page 45.





It's true that there was no directive to count the inhabitants of the Northwest Territory and the United States Territory southwest of the River Ohio (the future state of Tennessee) as part of the 1790 census²: Congress forgot about our first two territories when passing this legislation! But President George Washington and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson corrected this mistake by directing that the two territorial governors conduct the census, since the territories didn't have federal courts with marshals in each judicial district who could be in charge of hiring the census takers and accumulating the results, as was directed for the states.

CARRYING OUT THE TERRITORIAL CENSUSES

Each territorial governor handled the enumeration differently. Governor Arthur St. Clair of the Northwest Territory personally traveled to the populated areas of the territory to direct the counting of the inhabitants. Governor William Blount of the Southwest Territory directed his militia captains to conduct the enumeration. The Southwest Territory completed the census in 1791.

*The Territorial Papers of the United States*³ include correspondence between Thomas Jefferson and the two territorial governors. In *A Century of Population Growth*, Jefferson directed Blount on conducting a census in his

territory while in the *Territorial Papers*, St. Clair wrote an after-action report of the census to Jefferson.

Governor St. Clair's letter to Secretary Jefferson on 10 February 1791 outlined his trip across the Northwest Territory in order to conduct the census and to perform other businesses.⁴ He had been directed by U.S. President George Washington in a letter dated 6 October 1789 to make such a trip.

St. Clair left Fort Harmar (Marietta, Ohio) on 20 December 1789, and arrived at the village of Kaskaskia along the upper Mississippi River on 5 May 1790. He was delayed at the Falls of the Ohio (Louisville, Kentucky) for fifteen days due to ice on the river and damage to the vessel he was traveling on. His first order of business at Kaskaskia was to create the County of St. Clair in the western part of today's Illinois, with this village as the county seat.

He left Kaskaskia on 5 April 1790 to travel up the Mississippi River to the village of Cahokia. On the way he stopped at the village at Fort de Chartres and the village of Prairie du Rocher before arriving at Cahokia.

At each location, St. Clair directed that a list of heads of households be created, plus a list of landowners with the description of the locations of their properties. Land had been deeded to the inhabitants by either the French, the British, or the State of Virginia. These entities had ruled this area of Illinois prior to the formation of the Northwest Territory. The list of landowners would guarantee that the owners would have legal rights to their property under the laws of the Northwest Territory. St. Clair also appointed the county officials and created the militia regiment for this county.

Most of the letter to Jefferson contains a survey of the country along the Mississippi River with emphasis on the commerce of the inhabitants. On the west bank of the river was Spanish Louisiana with its major village, St. Louis. This was St. Clair County's major trading partner. The county also was trading with the British fur traders on the Upper Mississippi, and with New Orleans at the mouth of the river.

At the time of the enumeration, Governor St. Clair was not involved in Indian warfare. This would occur after the census was completed in the Northwest Territory. He would be commissioned a major general in the U.S. Army,

2. *Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America*, volume I, (Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1845), 1st Congress, 2nd Session, Chapter 2, pp. 101-103, 1 March 1790, "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

3. Carter, Clarence Edwin, *The Territorial Papers of the United States* (hereinafter *Territorial Papers*), Volumes II & IV, The Territory Northwest of the River Ohio 1787-1803, (Government Printing Office: Washington, DC 1934).

4. *Ibid.*, Volume II, Report of Governor St. Clair to the Secretary of State, 10 February 1791, pp. 323-337.

and he would lead the U.S. Army in its defeat with the Native Americans on 4 November 1791.

SURVIVING CENSUS DOCUMENTS

The statistical results of the census can be found in the *Thomas Jefferson Papers*⁵ at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Below are transcribed the actual tables and text, with my comments about the current location added in an additional column:

United States Census, 1790, for Territories West of Ohio River⁶

The number of souls in the Territory of the United States
North West of the River Ohio, A.D. 1790

Location	Population	Current Location
In the Seven Ranges of Townships	0	East Central Ohio
Ohio Company Purchase	1,000	Washington County, Ohio
The French Settlement opposite Kanawha River	0	Gallia County, Ohio
Symmes Settlements	1,300	Hamilton County, Ohio
Clarksville at the Rapids of Ohio	60	Clark County, Indiana
Vincennes on the Wabash	1,000	Knox County, Indiana
Kaskaskia	315	Randolph County, Illinois
Cahokia	365	St. Clair County, Illinois
At the Grand Rapids, village of St. Philippe, Prairie du Rocher	240	Monroe County/ Randolph County, Illinois
Total	4,280	

In the Town of Vincennes upon the Wabash are about 40 families and 31 enslaved people included in the above estimate. Upon the Mississippi also are 40 families and about 73 enslaved people, who are likewise included [refers to the above chart].

5. Library of Congress, Digital Collections, *Thomas Jefferson Collection 1606-1827*, Washington, D.C.

6. *United States Census, 1790 for Territories West of Ohio River*, The Thomas Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, https://www.loc.gov/resource/mtj1.013_0388_0388/.

Upon the Spanish side of the Mississippi above the confluence of the Ohio are:

At Genevieve & Sabine (half of which are Blacks)	850
St. Louis (120 are Blacks)	720
A settlement 12 miles west	100
A settlement 20 miles up the Mississippi River	150
Total	1,820

The original lists of head of households for some of the villages in the Northwest Territory can be found in the *Territorial Papers*. These census lists do not contain the number of inhabitants within each household, or the sex or race of the people. These details may have been left off the lists when they were published in the *Territorial Papers*. ●

NORTHWEST TERRITORY		259
CENSUS OF CAHOKIA		
[SD: N.W. Terr. Papers, 1-A: C 11]		
N° 22		
Recensement des habitants chef de familles des Cahokias. ¹⁷		
Jean B ¹⁸ Dubuque cap ¹⁹ de Milice	Jean B ²⁰ Bergeron	
Joseph Lapensee ²¹	Louis Bergeron.	
Philippe Gervais	Antonie Harmonie	
Francois Trotier ²²	Joseph Marie	
Mathi Saucier ²³	Clement Trotier	
Francois Saucier	Louis Le Comte	
La Bunier N ²⁴	Louis Gault ²⁵	
Baptiste Saucier	Pierre Durbois	
Xavier Lapensee	Louis Coste	
Pierre Lafleur	Francois Lonval.	
Charlie Le fevre ²⁶	Laveuve Gabriel Baron	
Thom Brady ²⁷	Le Nomme Campaun	
Leon Lepage	Jean Marie Dorion	
Paul Poupart ²⁸	Joseph Buteau	
Jean B ²⁹ Labecasse	Laveuve Turgeon	
Joseph Cecire ³⁰	Laveuve Michel Charly	
Laveuve Joseph Lepage	Laveuve Francheville	
Charles Cadron	Nicolas Boismenu	
Henry Biron	Antoine Boyer	
Pierre Laperche	Jean B ³¹ Deshays	
Laveuve Michel Baulieu ³²	Le Nomme Mulot	
Louis Le Brun	Charlie Ducharme	
Laveuve George Blain ³³	Dion	
Louis Chatel	B ³⁴ Mercier	
Louis Trotier	Louis Pilet	
Joseph Poupart		
¹⁷ Enclosed in St. Clair's report, Feb. 10, 1791, post, p. 335. ¹⁸ The following names may be identified with the aid of the works cited in the previous document. ¹⁹ Lapanol. ²⁰ Trottier. ²¹ Mathieu Saucier. ²² Unidentified. ²³ Lefevre. ²⁴ For sketch of Thomas Bredy, see Alvord (ed.), <i>Cahokia Race</i> . (IHC, II), 627. ²⁵ Alternative spellings: Pourpar; Pourpard. ²⁶ Or Cecire. ²⁷ Beaulieu. ²⁸ Blin. ²⁹ Gaud.		

Editor's Note: Watch for more on Northwest Territory census records in upcoming issues of *Ohio Genealogy News*.

MORE OBSERVATIONS ON THE 1790 CENSUS FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY

1. What is now Michigan and the Maumee River valley in Ohio were still under British control when the census was taken. Detroit and the other areas under British control would not be transferred to U.S. control until 29 February 1796 under the provisions of the Jay Treaty between Great Britain and the United States. The 1790 census was not conducted while this area was under British control.
2. There were approximately 104 enslaved people in what is now western Illinois in 1789. Slavery had been outlawed by the Land Ordinance of 1784 in the Northwest Territory but this area still operated under Virginia law until 1789. One of St. Clair's objectives in the Illinois Country was to enforce to provisions of the Ordinance of 1787. Slaveholders had to free enslaved people or move to areas of the nation where slavery was permitted. Most of the slaveholders were ex-Virginians who had moved to the Illinois Country during or after the American Revolution.
3. 1,820 Americans, of which approximately 545 were enslaved, had moved to Spanish Louisiana prior to the arrival of Governor St. Clair.
4. The Seven Ranges (east central Ohio) was in the process of being surveyed and land sales started in 1787, but sales were slow until the Treaty of Greenville of 1795 forced the Native Americans out of most of present-day Ohio. The squatters were not counted along the upper Ohio River and in the Muskingum River watershed.
5. It is doubtful that the members of the U.S. Army and their families, who were serving in the forts in the Northwest Territory, were enumerated in this census.
6. The French settlers at Gallipolis, in what is now Gallia County, Ohio, were not enumerated. In St. Clair's letter, he states that he stopped at Gallipolis on his way back to Marietta. At Gallipolis, he found 400 French immigrants waiting for the U.S. Government to grant them land near the Scioto River. St. Clair also said that there were another 100 French on the Muskingum River and 100 more French on the Buffalo Creek in Pennsylvania waiting for good weather in order to continue on to Gallipolis.

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7. There is no mention of St. Clair traveling to the village of Vincennes in order to conduct the census. It is not known who was in charge of the enumeration of Vincennes.
8. St. Clair probably organized the enumeration of the Symmes Settlements (future Cincinnati) and Clarksville on stops down the Ohio River.
9. The Territorial Papers only contains the list of heads of households for Kaskaskia, Cahokia and Prairie du Rocher. It is not known by the author where the census lists are for the remaining areas of the Northwest Territory.
10. This census greatly underestimated the number of inhabitants in the Northwest Territory in 1790. There may have been over 1,000 inhabitants in what is now northwestern Ohio and Michigan. There were at least 500 military personnel and their families serving in the forts within the Northwest Territory. Gallipolis had 400 new French settlers while 100 French settlers were north of Marietta. There were settlers in the Seven Ranges, total unknown, plus a large number of squatters in the territory.

How I Started Blogging — And How I Kept Going

FINDING A WEEKLY GENEALOGY PROMPT INSPIRED BARB TO BLOG MORE FREQUENTLY — AND LED HER TO NEW ANCESTRAL DISCOVERIES.



Barb LaFara

Barb LaFara has been interested in family history since childhood, when her grandmother shared her research with her. She wishes her grandmother could have lived to have access to all the materials available today on the internet, including her blogs, <https://barblafara.com> and another site where she blogs about travel and other subjects, <https://www.lafara.com/>.

I have been researching my ancestry for many years and have regularly shared interesting finds with friends and family. However, I have long wanted to do something more permanent with the information I have collected. Having read and followed many genealogy blogs over the years, I decided blogging would be a good way to capture my research and share family stories.

For those who aren't familiar with blogging, it's an informal, but regularly updated, topical web page featuring individual postings. When it comes to blogs, unless you are writing professionally, there are no rules. Your blog can be as short or long as you choose; style and design are up to the writer. Typically a blog highlights just one subject area, in my case my personal ancestry.

GETTING STARTED

It was intimidating to decide on a specific subject for my first post. I finally settled on recycling a biographical sketch of my great uncle I had written a few years ago. This seemed a good way to familiarize myself with constructing a blog without worrying too much about the content.

There are many online services that offer blogging accounts. Most are free unless you need a specific web address, special features or large amounts of storage. The most popular are Wordpress.com, Tumblr.com and Blogger.com (evaluating these various services is beyond the scope of this article). I first chose to post on a Wordpress.com hosted page, but eventually decided to develop my own web page using the Wordpress tools. (I have a background in website development, so this part was less intimidating than the blogging itself.)

FINDING INSPIRATION TO KEEP GOING

I did not start out strong with my blogging: I wrote 7 posts in two years. I needed some inspiration, and some discipline, if I was going to post more often.

That's when I discovered the "52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks" challenge (<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52ancestors52weeks/>), developed by certified genealogist Amy Johnson Crow. Amy provides a theme every week for the participants to blog about. Interpreting the theme is up to the blogger.





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Welcome to Family Finds

An Adventure in Genealogy

In addition to stories about my ancestors, I share tips for conducting online family history research. Genealogy is a great past time. Join me on my journey to uncover and document my ancestors lives.



My Experience with DNA

by Barb LaFara | DNA, Online Research Tips
52 Ancestors, in 52 Weeks - Week 15: DNA

Search

My Posts

Participants share links to their blog posts on the group Facebook page and Amy highlights a few each week in her newsletter.


I have not participated in every theme, and I am behind by six weeks, but my goal is to write more and I am. An unexpected side benefit are the weekly themes leading me to make new discoveries about my ancestors. For example, week 10 was “Bachelor Uncle” and I wrote about a 3rd great uncle, about whom I knew little beyond his basic vitals. Writing about this uncle led me to new information for my great, great-grandfather (the uncle’s brother), whom I thought I had already researched fairly well.

Amy has been hosting the “52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks” annual challenge since 2014, and more people participate every year. Anyone can join, even if they are not actively writing a blog. You can join anytime. You do not need to start from the first week, and you do not need to blog every week. This year’s themes are posted at <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52ancestors2019/> and they include such flexible topics as love, family photo, military, unusual name, large family, and “dear diary.”


Being a part of the “52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks” challenge has been a fun way for me to become more disciplined with blogging about my genealogy research. Use the search string “52 ancestors 2019” in your web browser and the results should be blog posts by some of this years participants. My genealogy blog, “Family Finds,” is at <https://barblafara.com>.

If you haven’t given genealogy blogging a try, I encourage you to do so — or go back to it, if you’ve

lapsed. It’s an easy, free way to share your family stories, photographs and research in bite-sized chunks. And I love the idea that my ancestors are “living forever” in the clouds — well, at least the internet’s cloud. ●

 COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

Family History Day



with Tony Burroughs

Author and Genealogist

Main Library
96 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215

Sat., Oct. 5
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Free all-day activities including four one-hour lectures by Tony Burroughs, author of *Black Roots*, plus Digital Lab tours, scanning demos and more.

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A Hungarian Butcher. A Surreal Connection. A Disquieting Discovery.



**Stephen Wendt,
MLIS**

Stephen Wendt holds a Master in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). He is also a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society and the Ohio Chapter of PAL-AM. He is the founder of Tree Tidings Genealogy. Many of his clients have Prussian-German roots. The public can access the Tree Tidings Genealogy website can be accessed at www.treetidingsgenealogy.com.

July 21, 1909 was not a dull news day. The Wright Brothers had made another milestone in aviation history.¹ The U.S. Congress acted on President Taft's call for changes to U.S. tariff policy.² Devastating winds and heavy rain associated with a strong hurricane along the Gulf of Mexico made landfall at Galveston, Texas, killing ten people and causing extensive property damage.³ For residents of Lorain County, though, it had been, relatively-speaking, a calm day; it was warm, cloudy and slightly breezy with just a trace of rain reported.⁴ The Szantay Family of the city of Lorain, Ohio, on the other hand, could not have known that a "storm" of a different kind would drastically change their family's life overnight.

Sandor "Alexander" Szantay was a grocer and a butcher.⁵ Born in Hungary, northeast of Budapest, Alexander had achieved the American dream. His sudden death at 44 years of age altered that dream for his wife and children. But the apex of my research adventure into his life was determining Alexander's cause of death. Here's how this serendipitous discovery unfolded.

I learned about my connection with Alexander through an unexpected DNA match. We are distantly connected (going back several centuries) via a DNA test that measured exclusively my paternal line via a Y-DNA test.⁶ In the genealogical community, I am known for my passion for and specialization in Prussian-German Genealogy. My Wendt ancestors lived in

1. "Wright Flights Near to Record," *The Plain Dealer*, 22 July 1909, p. 8; image copy, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 15 December 2018).

2. "The President to the Rescue," *The Plain Dealer*, 22 July 1909, p. 4; image copy, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 15 December 2018).

3. "Ten Lives Lost as Wall Saves City," *The Plain Dealer*, 22 July 1909, p. 4; image copy, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 15 December 2018).

4. "The Daily Weather," *The Plain Dealer*, 22 July 1909, p. 2; image copy, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 15 December 2018).

5. Lorain County, Ohio, death certificate no. 36332, 258, "Alex Szantay," 21 July 1909; image, State of Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics Certificate of Death (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 December 2018).

6. Family Tree DNA. "Y-DNA Ancestral Origins." Database. Family Tree DNA. <http://www.familytreedna.com> : 2018.



Map of Europe, after the Congress of Vienna, 1815, showing the relative locations of Prussia in the northeast and Hungary to the south. Map source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Map_congress_of_vienna.jpg.

what was the Kingdom of Prussia in a region which is now northeast Germany. It was with this particular ancestral background in mind that I submitted a saliva swab sample to Family Tree DNA and was amazed to discover the Hungarian connection.

MY MISSING HUNGARIAN ROOTS

How is it that a DNA test links me with a Hungarian man, but I do not have more recent Hungarian roots? It is important to distinguish between autosomal DNA tests and Y-DNA tests. Autosomal DNA tests approximate a given person's ethnic make-up from both the paternal and maternal side, and the period of time that it covers goes back about only four or five generations. Y-DNA tests, on the other hand, trace only the paternal line—with an associated surname—and for a much longer period of time.

In my case, a paternal-focused, Y-DNA test indicated that my line originated out of northern Eurasia and Siberia, where inhabitants were Uralic speakers. The Hungarian language is a part of the Uralic language family. My paternal line, consequently, predates my Prussian-German roots and my Wendt surname. It was not until centuries later that some of the descendants

from this paternal line migrated west into Hungary and into Prussia.⁷

A quick online search indicated that Alexander lived and is buried less than a 30 minute-drive from my house. The serendipity continued! He or I could have ended up in different parts of Ohio — or anywhere in the world. It is purely coincidental that our very distant DNA connection and our common physical association with Lorain County aligned together as it did.

FOLLOWING THE DNA TRAIL TO THE CEMETERY

After discovering Alexander's proximity to my home, I visited his burial place. His headstone is unique in that it lists (in Hungarian, of course), his original name, date of birth, and date of death; moreover, it also lists his exact village and county of origin in Hungary.⁸ Talk about hitting the genealogical jackpot!

This story, however, does not culminate with the rich cemetery information. Further online research led to his death certificate, which indicated that he

7. Family Tree DNA. "Y-DNA Ancestral Origins." Database. Family Tree DNA. <http://www.familytreedna.com> : 2018.

8. Elmwood Cemetery (Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio), Sandor Szantay marker, center section; personally read, 2018.

Form V. 5, No. 11—462M-9-3-08. **PLACE OF DEATH.** Registrar will not receive pay for this certificate until completed, as per the instructions enclosed. **STATE OF OHIO BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

County of Lorain Registration District No. 350 File No. 36332
 Township of _____ Primary Registration District No. 5041 Registered No. 258
 Village of _____ City of Lorain (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
 (If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.") FULL NAME Alex Santay

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>W.</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>7-21-1921</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH _____		M. THE CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Fracture of 6th cervical vertebrae from violence while wrestling</u>	
AGE <u>44</u> years			
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED _____			
BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) _____			
OCCUPATION _____			
NAME OF FATHER _____		BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Foreign Country) _____	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____		BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Foreign Country) _____	
THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF (Informant) <u>Mr. Alexander Szantay</u> (Address) <u>342-17 Ave. Lorain, O.</u>			
SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents. Former or Usual Residence <u>342-17</u> How long at Place of Death? <u>4</u> days Where was disease contracted? <u>On Hill & Springs</u> If not at place of death? _____		PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL <u>Elmwood Co.</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>7-22-1921</u> UNDERTAKER <u>The Lichow Co.</u> ADDRESS <u>Lorain O.</u>	
Filed <u>7/21-1921</u> <u>E. B. Hugg Deputy</u>			



died due to “violence while wrestling,” having fractured the C6 cervical vertebra of the spine (see image with enlarged “cause of death” section).⁹ His death

9. Lorain County, Ohio, death certificate no. 36332, 258, “Alex Szantay,” 21 July 1921; image, State of Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics Certificate of Death (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 December 2018).

certificate does not provide any additional clues about the exact circumstances.

However, an inscription next to Alexander’s headstone exemplifies poignantly the extent to which the family mourned over his death.¹⁰ Translated, it reads: “Foreign land closed my grave by accident hurting my dearests who cry on my death.”

My distant connection with Alexander Szantay is remarkable for many reasons. The surprise connection to him opened an intriguing window into my Pre-Prussian origins on my paternal line. The Y-DNA connection is thrilling in and of itself. Adding the unexpected geographic commonality of Lorain County, the genealogically-rich gravestone and the intriguing cause of death on the death certificate offer an extraordinarily rich and riveting Ohio ancestral connection. ●

10. Elmwood Cemetery (Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio), Szantay marker, center section; personally read, 2018.

RUSTIC PATHWAYS

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019

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~Migration Trails to the Ohio
~Faith of Our Fathers, Using
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~Using WorldCat ("THE
CATALOG" of Library
Catalogs) for Genealogy
~Using Ancestry.com for
Finding Your Ancestors*



LAUREN KUNTZMAN

*~Locating the Living:
Resources, Strategies, and Tips
~Seeking Truth: Researching
Confidence Artists, Cheats &
Liars
~Introduction to Online
Research in Alsace-Lorraine*

*OGS Member - \$120 per person
*OGS Non-Member - \$150 per
person
*Registration includes Saturday
Luncheon
*Lodge Rooms \$99 per room +
taxes
*Sessions Friday Afternoon and all
day Saturday.



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~I Have My DNA Results, Now
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education is an opportunity to be taken



Thomas Stephen Neel, MLIS

Thomas Stephen Neel, OGS Library Director, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University (BA) and Kent State University (MLIS), is an accomplished author, speaker, genealogist and historian.

Like many weekends this summer, the Ohio Genealogical Society offered free classes at the library. This time, Franklin County Chapter President Gayle Wilson gave instruction on beginning African American research, and Christina Drain, President of the Richland-Shelby Chapter OGS, gave a two-part session on a popular family history program, RootsMagic. Your Library Director skipped all these local activities and took some vacation days to travel to Chesterville in Morrow County for a cemetery restoration class at the old Owl Creek Church, now the North Fork Church of Christ. This was taught by Jonathan Appell of New Hartford CT, perhaps the foremost authority doing outreach in cemetery preservation today.

These educational opportunities are all around us, offered by our OGS chapters and by our local historical groups, public libraries, senior centers, Chautauqua groups, and universities. Many granting agencies steer their funds toward such activities. The cemetery workshop that I attended was totally funded by a local businessman who gives back to non-profits in his community. We must jump at the chance each time a topic sparks our interest and show up at the door to learn. It is indeed an opportunity to be taken.

How does one find out about classes in the genealogical arena? The “Events” tab on the OGS website — www.ogs.org — lists the activities of our chapters. Representatives from those groups can post future meeting announcements to events@ogs.org to get them on our list. OGS also has a Facebook group — www.facebook.com/OGSpage. Simply click on “Like” and we will send you announcements of Ohio and some national activities that have been shared with us. The Ohio History Connection, our state archives, offers a genealogical tract under their “Learn” tab at www.ohiohistory.org. Their bimonthly publication, *Echoes*, includes an extensive calendar of events from historical



Cemetery restoration class at North Fork Church of Christ, Chesterville, Morrow County

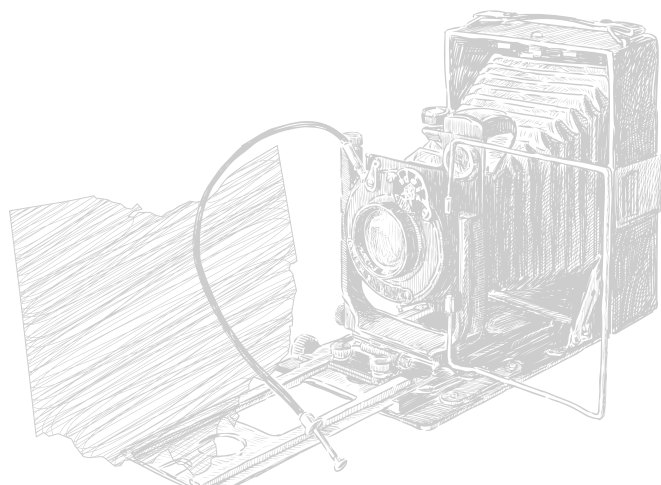
societies and museums under their care across the state. The Ohio Local History Alliance unites historically-minded groups of all types throughout Ohio and activities are promoted in their online newsletter, *The Local Historian* (www.ohiolha.org/what-we-do/the-local-historian/) and on their website (www.ohiolha.org).

How about joining the OGS chapter in the region where your ancestors settled? Most of our groups offer newsletters and have Facebook pages and websites. They advertise programming appropriate to that county and the group's interests.

For those who do not leave their computer, OGS currently offers 17 educational webinars on our member page. Our annual conference and fall retreat are multi-day educational events for those who can travel to Ohio.

Many national groups post their conference sessions online and often for free. RootsTech has perhaps the best offering: find free on-demand sessions at <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2019-rootstech-sessions>. Sign up to receive the monthly list of online classes offered by FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars). Many of these are basic but some are taught by experts on the most obscure genealogical topics.

Educational opportunities abound. We can only improve our research skills by attending chapter lectures and by taking online courses. You have to take that first step and make an effort to attend. So many groups are out there ready to fulfill your need to learn as part of their charitable mission to the community as a non-profit. ●



PHOTOS FROM AROUND OHIO,
TAKEN YESTERDAY AND
REDISCOVERED TODAY.



Aaron Turner, M.Ed., MLIS

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COSHOCTON COUNTY: St. John's Evangelical Church & Manse

From the estate of Vera Saleste Geib-Noll of Lexington, Ohio whose father was the pastor here. Church: 808 Orange Street. Cornerstone laid Nov 28, 1909. Dedicated Sept. 11, 1910. Closed July 27, 2014.





COSHOCTON COUNTY: St. John's Evangelical Church & Manse

From the estate of Vera Saleste Geib-Noll of Lexington, Ohio whose father was the pastor here. Manse: 810 Orange Street. Razed for church addition.

COSHOCTON COUNTY: Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Depot (1929–1930) From the Donald Brill Collection, MSS #102

Looking northeast as the depot construction begins. The Thomson Gas & Oil Company building at the top right and the others alongside it facing Hickory Street have all been razed along with the building on the corner of Main Street and Hickory Street. The building at the top left with the billboard for Supreme Gulf Motor Oil on the back is located at 509 Main Street. It is presently the home of the Railroad Restaurant and Saloon and was built in 1900 according to the Coshocton County auditor's website.



IMAGES OF OHIO

COSHOCTON COUNTY:

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Depot (1929–1930)

From the Donald Brill Collection, MSS #102

Nearly the same vantage point as the construction picture (page 39) after the depot was completed. The three-story J.F. Meek Company building at 136 Hickory Street still stands today. Completed in 1930, this was the third station at this site, as the prior PCC & Saint Louis wooden frame station was destroyed by fire in 1928.



North and west side of the depot facing the tracks. Although shuttered and long-since retired from its original purpose as a passenger depot, the building still stands today between Hickory Street and South Fifth Street between Main and Walnut Streets in downtown Coshocton. It is currently owned by the Ohio Central Railroad System.





Interior of the station showing the benches and ticket window.
Dated March 28, 1930.



Group of unidentified men taken on the platform at the depot. If you can identify anyone in this picture, please contact Aaron Turner at aaronturner@neo.rr.com.

BOOK REVIEWS



Anne Lowery, BA, MLIS

Anne Lowery, also known as the "Civil War Lady," has been researching the American Civil War and pursuing genealogical research for over thirty years. Anne is a retired police officer and currently is the director of the New London (Ohio) Public Library. She earned a BS in 1987 and a MLIS in 2002 from Kent State University.

In addition to American history and genealogy, Anne enjoys baseball, gardening, fishing, music, and public speaking. She is a member of the Ohio Library Council, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Genealogical Society, Civil War Trust, Ohio Society of Archivists, Wayne County Civil War Round Table and Rotary International.

Anne is an avid reader and is surrounded by books at home and at work. When OGS announced they were looking for a new book reviewer, she said, "What's a few more books?" and happily volunteered.



Dobson, David. *The People of the Windward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, and Curacao, 1620-1860*.

Genealogical Publishing Company, 2019, 188 pages, soft cover, \$25.00 plus shipping from www.genealogical.com or Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. #260, Baltimore, MD 21211.

The Lesser Antilles stretch from Puerto Rico to the fringes of Venezuela. The Windward Islands, including Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the

Grenadines, Carriacou, Dominica, and Grenada have attracted immigrants from Europe since the 17th Century. This volume covers 200 years of inhabitants of the Windward Islands as well as those of Curacao, Trinidad, and Tobago. Early settlers to the region included prisoners of war, Jews and Huguenots escaping persecution, and immigrants from Spain, the British Isles, France, The Netherlands, and Scandinavia. The economy of the West Indies depended on enslaved people brought involuntarily from Africa. Over time, some of the descendants of these various population groups moved on to North America or back to Europe.

David Dobson identified over 2,000 inhabitants of these islands between the years 1620 and 1860. Each entry includes a name, occupation, date and the source and, sometimes, the names of family members, marriage or death dates, vessels and other details. He gleaned the information from manuscripts and published sources, mainly in Great Britain, but also in the West Indies. A list of those sources is included.



Dobson, David. *The People of Moray, Banff, and Nairn, 1700-1799*. Genealogical Publishing Company, 2019, 100 pages, soft cover, \$28.00 plus shipping from www.genealogical.com or Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. #260, Baltimore, MD 21211.

In this volume, David Dobson identifies nearly 1,200 inhabitants of Moray – a fertile coastal plain which lies between the Moray Firth and Grampian mountains. The economy of the Moray's was based on agriculture, fishing and trade. The modern Moray district includes the former

counties of Banff and Nairn. Major families or clans in this area include Gordon, Grant, Innes, Dunbar, Rose, Leslie, Fordyce, Brodie, Geddes and Ogilvie.

Each entry of inhabitants includes the name, occupation, a date and source, as well as names of family members and other information when available.



Boyle, Joseph Lee. *"Smooth Tongued and Deceitful:" White New Jersey Runaways, 1767-1783*. Genealogical Publishing Company, 2019, 450 pages, soft cover, \$47.50 shipping from www.genealogical.com or Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. #260, Baltimore, MD 21211.

This is the second and concluding book for New Jersey by author Joseph Lee Boyle, who has written multiple volumes that identify colonial era runaway servants for Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The earlier New Jersey volume covered the period 1720-1766.

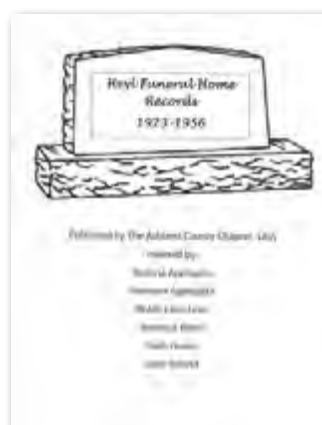
Whatever the motivation, runaway servants were not uncommon in the 18th century. One source estimates that 20-25% of indentured servants fled their masters. This creates problems for genealogists since it was in a runaway's best interest to conceal his/her identity. Disgruntled "owners" often placed detailed runaway ads in colonial newspapers and this is where the author researched in an attempt to identify the runaways for this work using over 40 different newspapers from New England south to Maryland. Although it is impossible to identify every runaway servant, Mr. Boyle has transcribed over 1,000 ads for missing persons and referenced over 3,000 persons with New Jersey connections.



Crowder, Jack Darrell. *Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events That Happened During the Revolutionary War*. Genealogical Publishing Company, 2019, 146 pages, soft cover, \$30.00 plus shipping from www.genealogical.com or Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper

Mill Rd. #260, Baltimore, MD 21211

This fascinating book is filled with little-known tidbits of facts and trivia for the American Revolution. Fill your conversations with intriguing and unusual aspects of the war!



Ashland County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. *Heyl Funeral Home Records 1923-1956*. Ashland County Chapter, OGS, 2019, 144 pages, softcover, \$15.00 plus \$1.05 sales tax for Ohio residents and \$4.00 shipping for the first book, \$2.00 each additional book.

The Heyl Funeral Home in Ashland, Ohio was started in 1923 by Herbert L. Heyl. It is still in operation. The business graciously cooperated with Ashland County Chapter OGS members Deanna Applegate, Marleen Applegate, Bobbi Kerchner, Rebecca Plank, Barb Queer and Jane Roland to allow this index of their funeral records to be indexed. The researchers also used the *Ashland Times-Gazette*, online sources and actual Ohio death certificates when needed to verify or add missing or questionable entries.

Each entry is alphabetical by last name of the deceased and includes last name, first name, middle name if known, death date and location, burial location, birth date and location, parents names, occupation and the citation from the funeral home record book containing the information.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Send your chapter events to events@ogs.org.

July

16 - Ashland County - Picnic at Brookside West, 6:00 pm. 1140 Claremont Ave, Ashland.

17 - Cuyahoga West Chapter. RESCHEDULED from April. Resources and Services in the Special Collections Division, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Jane Gramlich, Special Collections Librarian, 6:30-8:30 p.m, Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake.

18 - Fairfield County Chapter – Annual Homecoming Picnic, 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share; meat, drinks, and table service provided. RSVP to 740-653-2573. 503 Lenwood Dr, Lancaster.

20 - Lucas County - Summer Social, possibly at Black Pearl. 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd, Holland.

August

03 - Marion County - How a Land Deed is Created and Read (by a surveyor), Steve Fox, 10:00 am. 169 East Church St, Marion.

05 - East Cuyahoga - The History of Travel in America – Mark Holbrook, executive director for the Marion Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 7:00 pm. Presented as part of the Ohio Humanities Speakers Bureau. Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. 500 SOM Center Rd, Mayfield Heights.

10 - Montgomery County - Organizing Your Genealogy, Kelli Bergheimer, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Event is free and open to the public. Dayton Metro Library, Community Room 2-B, 215 E Third St, Dayton.

13 - Shelby County - Funeral Home Records, Eric Edwards, Cromes-Edwards Funeral Home & Crematory, 7:00 pm. Eric will discuss how to get death information, birth information, names of parents, and information not found on death certificates. Public is welcome. 201 N Main St, Sidney.

15 - Fairfield County – Program by Jarrod Burks of Ohio Valley Archaeology. Refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 p.m., followed by the program. All are welcome. 503 Lenwood Dr, Lancaster.

17 - Lucas County - Research at Fort Wayne, Bill Priest, Connie Ayres, and others. 2:00 pm. A bus trip to Ft Wayne Allen County Library is planned for late September or early October. 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd, Holland.

17 - Summit County – Ethics in Genealogy with Judy G. Russell. All-day seminar starting at 9:30 am. A free program. Pre-registration required. For more information contact the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org. 60 South High Street, Akron.

20 - Hancock County - Hancock Historical Museum Presentation, 6:30 pm. 206 Broadway, Findlay.

20 - Ashland County - Genealogical Research in the Firelands, Thomas S. Neel, Director OGS Library, 6:30 pm, Methodist United Church of Christ. 1140 Claremont Ave, Ashland.

September

07 - Marion County - TBD, 10:00 am. 169 East Church St, Marion.

08 - Mercer County - Mercer County Courthouse, Angie King, Mercer County Recorder, 2:00 pm. Meet at the Richardson-Bretz Memorial Building. We will then walk to the courthouse. 119 W Fulton St, Celina.

9 - East Cuyahoga - Ladies of the Club: Your Ancestors and their Social Groups, Tom Neel, OGS Library Director, 7:00 pm. Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. 500 SOM Center Rd, Mayfield Heights.

10 - Shelby County - Introduction to Wright State Special Collections & Archives Virtual Tour by Bill Stolz, Archivist for Reference & Outreach, 7:00 pm. Public is welcome. 201 N Main St, Sidney.

14 - Montgomery County - Finding Catholic Church Records, Sarah Patterson Ater, 12:30-3:30 pm. Event is free and open to the public. Dayton Metro Library, Community Room 2-B. 215 E Third St, Dayton.

17 - Hancock County - Pioneer Banquet, 6:30 pm. 206 Broadway, Findlay.

19 - Fairfield County – German Research, Dr. Richard Hartle, 6:30 pm. 503 Lenwood Dr, Lancaster.

19 - Crawford County Chapter - Peg Ballou portraying Pioneering Aviator Lauretta Schemmoler (Pending), 7:00 pm, Bucyrus Library, Bucyrus.

21 - Lucas County - Obtaining Military Service records from the St. Louis Personnel Records Center, Don Hengen, 2:00 pm. 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd, Holland.

October

7 - East Cuyahoga - Monumental Makeover: Caring for Tombstones, Cheryl McClellan, Genealogy Specialist, Geauga County Public Library, 7:00 pm. Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. 500 SOM Center Rd, Mayfield Heights.

8 - Shelby County - Secrets and Clues Hidden in the 1790-1840 U.S. Censuses, Amie Bowser Tennant, 7:00 pm. Public is welcome. 201 N Main St, Sidney.

12 - Montgomery County - Annual Genealogy Seminar featuring Dana Palmer: Collecting Dead Relatives: Finding Burial Locations, Beginning Military Research Using Fold3, Busting Through Brick Walls by Understanding County Boundaries, and I found Them! Using Residences to Find Elusive Ancestors. 9 am -4 pm. Registration opens May 1. For information contact montgomeryogs@gmail.com. 215 E Third St, Dayton,.

15 - Hancock County – Library Update, Justin Crawfis, 6:30 pm. 206 Broadway, Findlay.

17 - Fairfield County – Treasurer in the Attic with local auctioneers, Mike Lemay and George Barnes, who will appraise items you bring from home. 7:00 pm. All are welcome. 503 Lenwood Dr, Lancaster.

17 - Crawford County - Photo Restoration & Preservation, Mike Hocker, 7:00 pm. Peace Lutheran Church, Galion, OH.

19 - Lucas County - Tom Neel, Library Director at Ohio Genealogical Society. 2:00 pm. 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd, Holland.

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