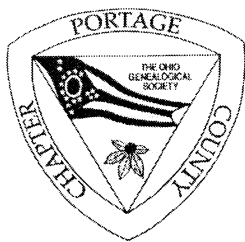


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## Message From Our President

Dear Members,

The First Settler's luncheon will be at Kentwood Restaurant, 1910 St. Rt. 59 in Kent on Saturday, October 20th at 12:00 p.m. The chapter has reserved the area until 3 pm so we will have plenty of time for a brief meeting and a speaker. We will be ordering directly from the menu and receiving separate checks. Be sure to contact Claudia if you are planning to attend by e-mail at [cjsam@config.com](mailto:cjsam@config.com) or call 330-274-8035 to leave a message. We need to let Kentwood know how many are attending.

We have one individual that will be inducted into the First Settler's this year, Robert H. Kime of Pennsylvania. He will be our 41<sup>st</sup> member to be added to the First Settler's of Portage County. Mr. Kime has proven nine ancestors. Please join us on October 20th, the luncheon is open to all members and their quest who wish to attend.

Your President,

Claudia Bissler

### Meeting Dates—3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

**Where:** Portage County Historical Society, 6549 N. Chestnut St., Ravenna (located next to the Ravenna High School Stadium and just south and across the street from Maple Grove Cemetery), unless otherwise noted.

**TIME: 10:00 a.m.** unless otherwise noted

**September 15**—Field trip to **Hudson Library**-see details of trip on page 2.

**October 20**—First Settlers Luncheon—details above in Claudia's letter to members

**November 17**—Election of officers and speaker to be announced

**December**-No meeting

**Chapter News:**

Welcome to our newest member:

**MARY SHANNON** 19 Blackwood Lane, St. Peters MO 63376-2035

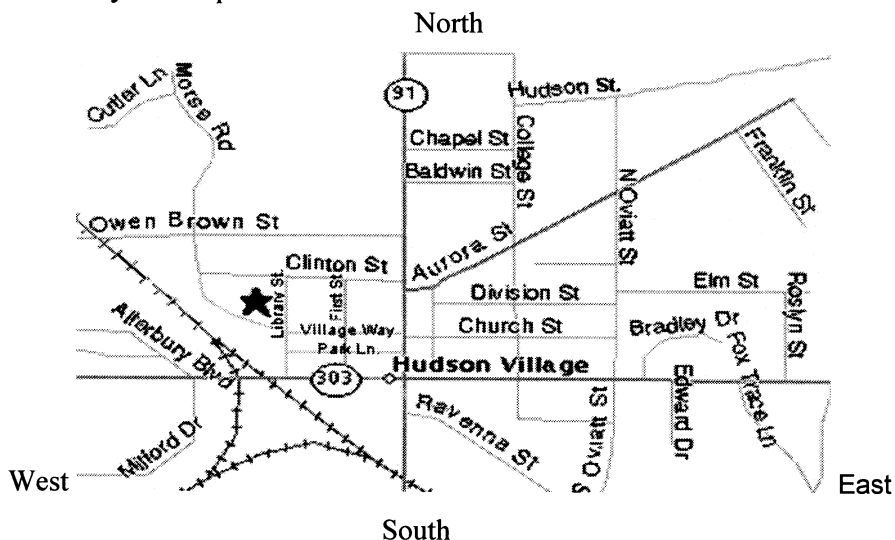
E-mail: [maryshannon745@centurytel.net](mailto:maryshannon745@centurytel.net)

**Special Thank You** goes out to **Fax Rector Jr.** and **Fax Rector III** of Chadbourn NC for their donation to the Portage County Genealogy Chapter OGS in memory of **Evelyn Patton** of Ravenna, who died May 23, 2007. Her parents owned the Rand Dairy in Garrettsville for over 50 years.

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The chapter meeting for **September 15<sup>th</sup>** is a field trip to the Hudson Library, located at 96 Library St. in Hudson Ohio. Gwen Mayer has scheduled Roger Marble to speak about tools a genealogist needs from 9:30 to 10:30 at the library's meeting room, located on the first floor of the library. If you are interested in hearing him please arrive before 9:30. Gwen will then give a short overview of the archive library on the second floor (there is an elevator) and we can begin our research. The Brewster Café is right in the library and you can also bring a brown bag if you choose. There is a patio outside for dining. The library is open until 5 p.m. Their phone is 330-653-6658 if you have any questions or visit their website at [www.hudsonlibrary.org](http://www.hudsonlibrary.org)

Directions: From Streetsboro take St Rt 303 west to Hudson, cross over St Rt 91 at the light and go one block to Library St. Turn right. Library takes up an entire block.



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If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to [pccogs@earthlink.net](mailto:pccogs@earthlink.net)

If you are requesting research please use the chapter mailing address (P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266) and *always* enclose a self addressed stamped envelope and an e-mail address if you have one. Please allow at least 4-6 weeks for a reply. Queries for members are free; \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members. If material is found you will be notified of charges.

**Websites of interest:**

For West Virginia vital records: <http://www.wvculture.org/vrr>

For Social Security Death Index: <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>

Bible records of 1142 bibles: <http://www.biblerecords.com>

Moravian Church Records: <http://moravianarchives.org>

**Ghosts of My Friends.** That is the title of a little book at the Portage County Historical Society. Inside are the signatures of the friends written in ink on a page that is pre-folded. The signer writes their name along the fold and before the ink sets presses the paper over the signature. What results is the "Ghost" of the signer's name. The patterns are quite amazing.

Date Sept. 2, 1913.



Name G. Edith Markham

Date Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Date Sept 2, 1913.



Name Edna G. Salisbury



Name Minnie E. Miller

Date May 13<sup>th</sup> 1914



Name Elizabeth Curtis

# READY REFERENCE CALENDAR

Source: H. F. M. Hedrick, Washington, D. C.

For ascertaining any Day of the Week for any given Date in the Gregorian Calendar, or New Style, 1850 to 2100 inclusive.

To ascertain any day of the week, first look in the table for the year required, and under the months are figures which refer to the corresponding figures at the head of the columns of days. For example: To know on what day of the week July 4, 1918, fell, look in the table of years for 1918, and in a parallel line under July is figure 1, which directs to column 1 in which it will be seen that July 4 fell on Thursday.

COMMON YEARS, NEW STYLE, 1850 to 2100												
Year	Jan. (31 d.)	Feb. (28 d.)	Mar. (31 d.)	Apr. (30 d.)	May (31 d.)	June (30 d.)	July (31 d.)	Aug. (31 d.)	Sept. (30 d.)	Oct. (31 d.)	Nov. (30 d.)	Dec. (31 d.)
1850	1878	1901	1929	1957	1985	2002	2030	2058	2086			
1861	1889	1907	1935	1963	1991	2013	2041	2069	2097	2025	2053	2081
1867	1895	1918	1946	1974	2002	2030	2058	2086	2094	2022	2050	2078
1851	1879	1902	1930	1958	1986	2003	2031	2059	2087			
1862	1890	1913	1941	1969	1997	2014	2042	2070	2098	2026	2054	2082
1873	1901	1919	1947	1975	2003	2031	2059	2087	2095	2023	2051	2079
1853	1881	1910	1938	1966	1994	2005	2033	2061	2089			
1859	1887	1921	1949	1977	2005	2033	2061	2089	2097	2025	2053	2081
1870	1898	1927	1955	1983	2011	2039	2067	2095	2103	2031	2059	2087
1854	1882	1905	1933	1961	1989	2006	2034	2062	2090			
1865	1893	1911	1939	1967	1995	2017	2045	2073	2101	2029	2057	2085
1871	1899	1922	1950	1978	2006	2034	2062	2090	2098	2026	2054	2082
1855	1883	1900	1923	1951	1979	2001	2029	2057	2085			
1866	1894	1906	1934	1962	1990	2007	2035	2063	2091	2027	2055	2083
1877	1905	1917	1945	1973	2001	2018	2046	2074	2102	2030	2058	2086
1857	1885	1903	1931	1959	1987	2009	2037	2065	2093			
1863	1891	1914	1942	1970	1998	2015	2043	2071	2099	2027	2055	2083
1874	1902	1925	1953	1981	2009	2037	2065	2093	2101	2029	2057	2085
1858	1886	1909	1937	1965	1993	2010	2038	2066	2094			
1869	1897	1915	1943	1971	1999	2021	2049	2077	2105	2033	2061	2089
1875	1903	1926	1954	1982	2010	2037	2065	2093	2101	2029	2057	2085

LEAP YEARS, NEW STYLE, 1852 to 2096 (February has 29 days)												
Year	Jan. (31 d.)	Feb. (29 d.)	Mar. (31 d.)	Apr. (30 d.)	May (31 d.)	June (30 d.)	July (31 d.)	Aug. (31 d.)	Sept. (30 d.)	Oct. (31 d.)	Nov. (30 d.)	Dec. (31 d.)
1852	1880	1904	1932	1960	1988	2016	2044	2072	2100	2028	2056	2084
1856	1884	1908	1936	1964	1992	2020	2048	2076	2104	2032	2060	2088
1860	1888	1912	1940	1968	1996	2024	2052	2080	2108	2036	2064	2092
1864	1892	1916	1944	1972	2000	2028	2056	2084	2112	2040	2068	2096
1868	1896	1920	1948	1976	2004	2032	2060	2088	2116	2044	2072	2100
1872	1900	1924	1952	1980	2008	2036	2064	2092	2120	2048	2076	2104
1876	1904	1928	1956	1984	2012	2040	2068	2096	2124	2052	2080	2108

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	SUNDAY
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13	Saturday	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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27	Saturday	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	SUNDAY
30	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	SUNDAY	Monday
31	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday

Courtesy of the World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1955.

The item below is a portion of an article from *The Ohio Conservation Bulletin* September 1938; pages 29, 30. The article is titled OHIO'S DOGS and DOG MEN.

RAVENNA WATER TRIALS

Several hundred people enjoyed the Water Trials held by the Ravenna Kennel Club, Inc., at Lake Stafford, Sunday, July 17.

Pache Belle of Maylou, Springer Spaniel, owned by J. T. Collins of Ravenna, won the Open All-Age Stake with a total of 48½ points out of a possible 50. (See picture No. 1 in group.)

Dee, Cocker Spaniel, owned by Cal Barry of Ravenna, was second with 48 points, and Jimmy, Black Cocker, also owned by Mr. Barry, was third with 46 points.

The Novice Stake was won by Ryedale Sunburst O'Day, Springer Spaniel, owned by Maxwell Riddle of Ravenna. Peggy of Portage Trail, Springer Spaniel, owned by Lester Nash, Kent, Ohio, was second, and Ryedale Skipper, Springer Spaniel, owned by Logan Case, Ravenna, was third.

The Speed Stake went to Apache Belle with a time of one minute, thirteen seconds. Ryedale Skipper was second, and Ryedale Flush, owned by Maxwell Riddle, was third.

The amateur event was won by Judge, Black Cocker Spaniel, owned by Paul Shafer of Ravenna. Second went to Major, Cocker Spaniel, owned by E. T. Geddes of Ravenna. Third went to Judy, Springer Spaniel, owned by M. C. Miller, Chesterland, Ohio.

Judges were W. (Ted) Cox of Canton, Ohio, and Miss Gertrude Shanks, noted Cocker fancier of Cleveland, O.



PICTURED ABOVE—No. 1, Apache Belle of Maylou, winner of open all-age Stake and Speed Stake at Ravenna Kennel Club, Inc., Water Trials, at the finish of her heat in Speed Stake; owner, J. T. Collins. (See article).

From: *Democratic Press*,  
Ravenna Ohio March 3, 1871

**DEATH OF IRA GARDNER.**—On Thursday morning last Mr. Ira Gardner died at his residence in Freedom, in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Gardner was born in Vernon, in the State of New York, May 26th 1803. He moved to Ohio in 1826, and has resided in the State most of the time since. He was twice married; first in 1828 to Miss Martha Norton, who died in 1838, and in December of the same year he was again married to Miss Olive A. Curtiss, of Charlestown, who survives him.

Mr. Gardner was an intelligent active citizen and much esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances. His funeral took place Saturday, at his late residence, the services being conducted by Rev. E. B. Mason of the Congregational Church of this village, and was attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the deceased.

From: *Democratic Press*,  
Ravenna Ohio March 30, 1871

On Tuesday evening little Nellie, daughter of Mr. A. T. Smith, and grand daughter of the Editor of this paper, aged about two and a half years, was playing about the sewing machine while her mother was absent from the room, when the needle descended piercing entirely through the middle finger of the left hand near the root of the nail, holding fast until the screams of the little sufferer brought her mother to her relief, and removed the needle by turning the wheel of the machine.

From *Ravenna Republican*  
Sept 6, 1906

**PALMYRA.**

Palmyra, Sept. 8:—Quite a number from here spent Saturday in Newton Falls at the home of O. R. Jones. It was the Jones reunion. All report a good time.

Mrs. R. D. Jenkins of Alliance and son are guests at the home of W. D. Jenkins.

The Jones boys of Youngstown are in town for the hunting season.

D. L. Evans and son of Alliance were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas over Sunday.

Mrs. Woodford was in Niles Saturday. Harriet Davis returned home with her after spending a few weeks in Sharon and Niles.

School opens Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Woodford entertained her niece and nephews of Warren Sunday.

The Fisher reunion was held Saturday.

Mrs. Lorin Bigelow was buried last Saturday. She leaves a husband, three sons, one daughter, a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters and a host of friends.

Mrs. Ann and Mattie Hughes go today to Ravenna to attend the Davis reunion at the home of A. L. Davis.

Mrs. Annie Davis and son Harry of Bridgeport returned home Saturday after spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

The articles below are from the *Ravenna Republican*  
February 24, 1922 [column 1 & 2]

Items below, newspaper unknown  
dates were on articles

## PERSONALS

Mrs. L. J. Goddard and Miss Hazel Clark of Cleveland attended the D. A. R. Luncheon Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Sheplin and daughter, Elsie, spent Wednesday with friends in Rootstown.

John Lowe, Ridle Block No. 1, expects to leave for Alabama the latter part of this week, to take up residence there.

Mrs. Julia Keck and Miss Sadie Keck of Warren spent last Sunday with their son and brother, Louis Keck, and family, N. Diamond St.

Mrs. Ella C. McPherson and son, Rex, of Cleveland, visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Lowrie of East Main street, Wednesday, the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lowrie.

A. D. Robinson, president of the Buckeye Press Association, and P. E. Kriebel and John Dietrich of The Republican force attended the annual meeting of the association in Columbus Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Webb and son went to East Liverpool Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mable Hemenway of Manchester, Vt., is a guest of Mrs. F. M. Paltzgroff.

Miss Manchester of Cleveland was the guest of Mrs. Egbert Wells Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Smith of Atwater was the guest of friends on Wednesday and attended the D. A. R. luncheon.

Alfred Langley returned to his home in Atlanta, Georgia, Tuesday, after spending several days in the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Proctor.

C. G. Kelsey of Denver, Colo., arrived in Ravenna last night to spend some time with relatives here and his sister, Mrs. K. E. Smith of Brady Lake, whom he has not seen for 39 years.

Mrs. Clara M. Davis is in Youngstown caring for her daughter, Mrs. Dale Dietrich who is confined to her home with flu.

Bert Smith of Grant St. was called to his brother in Wellington on Sunday afternoon and found him in a very critical condition, being injured by his herd bull. He is still living at the present writing.

Hear Cooke and Robeson—Kent,  
March 2.

## Rev. H. W. Courtney Conducting Revivals

Rev. H. W. Courtney, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Delaware, Ohio, is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Ravenna church, this week, the attendance at which has taxed the capacity of the church.

Mr. Courtney was formerly pastor of the church at Atwater where he became known as "Billy Sunday," through his revival campaigns, the first of which eventuated in receiving 125 new members into the church one Sunday morning. He is a strong, forceful, sympathetic and convincing speaker and has a message that rings with truth and persuasiveness. His last sermon here will be on Sunday evening.

## Christian and Miss. Alliance

Foresters Temple, S. Chestnut St. Two days convention, Saturday and Sunday. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. both days. Rev. H. M. Shuman, Supt. of the Central U. S. District of the C. and M. A., will be present and speak in each service. Come and hear him. You will also be much interested in the addresses given by Miss M. E. Patton, returned missionary from India. Public cordially invited to attend all services.

## COURT NEWS

D. G. Hartman, appointed special master commissioner for the purpose of making the sale, which is to be made at the office of the Franklin Hotel Company in Kent. The Union Trust Company as trustee under the second mortgage objects and excepts.

Margaret Rothermel against Henry M. Farrell and others. Ward Sager appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendant.

Mary E. Edge against John J. Edge. Divorce granted, with custody of minor children awarded to plaintiff. Defendant is to have the right to visit them at reasonable times.

Martin L. Hoffman against G. H. Miller. Dismissed. Costs paid, no record.

1-28 RAVENNA. 1893

The early sweet corn is a complete failure owing to our drouth.

The Black Horse school house is now in the hands of the carpenter and paper hangers. An improvement much needed.

Mr. Lewis Estey, of Ravenna, and Miss Fannie Swingler, of Cleveland, made a trip last week to Cuyahoga Falls and Silver Lake on their wheels, 26 miles, besides many stops, in five hours.

A great many familiar faces are now seen on our streets since the return home of our glass blowers, who have been employed in the gas belts. Would that they could have employment here in our vacant factories.

Old wheat is being marketed quite freely this week. Many loads from the southern part of the county have been sold at 66c. Farmers will do well to hold their wheat a while longer, as the prospects for corn, oats and potato crop are not very flattering just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williard, Miss Katie Williard and Miss Grace Ihmsen, of Kent, and Miss Bertha Haler, of Allegheny city, were huckleberrying Tuesday at Abe Eckert's swamp. They all together picked two quarts and paid 25c each for admission. Rather dear berries.

Road supervisors are not allowed by law to cut the brush and weeds by the road sides and pay out of road taxes as in former years; but each property owner will have to cut them at their own expense by the first of September, or pay for having it done.

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## PLUMBING BUSINESS

### CHANGES HANDS

7-17-1919

The old established plumbing business of T. D. Ruggles was sold this week by Mr. Ruggles to A. W. McCue. The new proprietor took charge Monday of this week and will continue the business at the old stand.

Mr. McCue has been in the employ of Mr. Ruggles for the past three years and is well known to all the patrons of the shop. Mr. Ruggles had been in the business in the same room in the Jacobs block, South Water street, for the past 15 years and had built up an excellent business. He still retains the pump department and will be found at 121 Columbus street.

We regret to see Mr. Ruggles retire, but extend best wishes to his successor.

Below is copied from *The Hudson Green*, June 2006. The Hudson Green is a newsletter put out by the Hudson Genealogy Study Group in Summit County, Ohio. Their meetings are held at the Hudson Library in Hudson, OH.

## Ten Commonly Mistaken Assumptions in Genealogy Research

When researching your family history, it is easy to get excited about new evidence and find yourself quickly led astray. While these common genealogical assumptions can provide the basis for a good working hypothesis, they can't be seriously taken as proof without further research.

### 1) A man's wife or widow was the mother of his children.

A man's children could have been fathered by his wife (or widow), a previous or later wife, or even another woman. Parentage is one of those genealogical facts which should never be assumed.

### 2) If no marriage record is found, the children are probably illegitimate.

Early marriages were not always documented. Marriage records may have also been lost due to fire, water damage or neglect. The marriage may have been misfiled, or the record kept in a repository which you have not yet checked. When you can't find a marriage record, look for alternative forms of proof - including newspaper announcements and church records.

### 3) Three men living in the same county, who are close in age with the same last name, are probably brothers.

While this is an understandable assumption, these men could actually be cousins, or even unrelated. Look for further corroborating evidence, including the proximity of their homes, common naming patterns among their children, and records in which they are listed as witnesses for each other.

### 4) That an ancestor named Jr. has a father with the same name.

The terms "Junior" and "Senior" as well as other family terms such as "aunt" and "cousin" were often used very loosely. A designation of Jr., for example, may have been used in official records to identify between two men of the same name, even if they were unrelated (the younger of the two being called "Jr.").

### 5) People followed common migration routes.

Just because most of your ancestors' North Carolina neighbors came from Virginia, it doesn't mean that your ancestors did. While many individuals did follow common migration routes, making this a good working hypothesis, you can't assume it is true without further research.

### 6) People usually died in their sixties.

While most people in a generation may have followed the average life-span, your ancestor may have died very young from illness or accident, or lived to a much older age than many of their contemporaries. Just because your ancestor doesn't appear in the census after their 60th birthday doesn't necessarily mean that they died. Likewise, when a 20-year-old female no longer appears with her parents, it doesn't necessarily indicate that she must have married.

### 7) An ancestor who was born and died in the same place never moved.

It wasn't that uncommon for people to end up back where they started after spending a big part of their life moving around. Family, jobs, or money may have caused your ancestors to move many times, but as these requirements lessened as they got older, they may well have returned home to live near their family. Create a timeline for your ancestor's life and research their life and activities at many points along the way.

### 8) A female with the same last name as her father must be unmarried.

A common assumption to make, this genealogy premise often proves to be true. However, you need to rule out that the female didn't marry a man with the same surname as her father - a more common occurrence than you may think, especially in areas with a large number of families with the same surname. Alternatively, the daughter may actually have married, and then took back her father's name after a divorce.

### 9) That an ancestor who disappeared from the records of a town or county must have moved.

People aren't the only things that move. Political and geographical boundaries move as well. The county where your ancestor lived may have been divided into new counties, and his records may be found in a different courthouse. Or he may have started traveling to a courthouse in a neighboring jurisdiction because a new road or other reason may have made that trip more convenient.

### 10) A male name indicates a male, and female name a female.

Names aren't always what they appear. Naming trends change often. The female first name Kimberly, for example, was originally a boy's name. Parents may also have chosen an unusual name to honor an ancestor, a famous individual, or just because they liked it. While assumptions are a necessary part of genealogical research, the trick is to recognize them as assumptions.

From the Archival Library located at the Portage County Historical Society: A single sheet of paper with the following information. I typed out the top of the page for it did not copy well and the first three signatures are very light. The rest of the signatures are all very readable directly from the photocopy of the page.

.....  
 We the undersigned do hereby agree to pay Jacob Stough the sums on \_\_\_\_\_ to our respective names for the purpose of paying him the same Jacob Stough for a piece of land which we have selected for a Burying ground to be deeded to the fifth School District in the township of Ravenna for that use. Ravenna \_\_\_\_\_ the 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

Names

Adam Poe paid 2.  
 Solmon Slaughter paid .50  
 Abram Eckert paid .50

*Jacob Eckert paid*  
*John B. Lull*  
*John Eckert*  
*Moses D. Smith*  
*John Stough paid*  
*Henry Stough paid*  
*Jacob Eiders 50*  
*Hanson Curtis*  
*S. S. Catinger paid 700*  
*Rebecca Eckert 1.00*  
*Daniel Doubt 50*  
*George Stough paid 50*  
*Jacob Stough 50*  
*John Harmon paid 50*  
*Joseph Deltolf paid 50*  
*Isaac Sweet paid 1.00*  
*D. H. Morgan paid 1.00*  
*Benjamin Wilson paid 50*



The following is from  
 Scrapbook #149 A page 6  
 Portage Co. Historical Society Library

**Fred W. Lowrie,  
 Former Ravenna  
 Mover Is Dead 47**



**FRED LOWRIE**

Fred W. Lowrie, 88, well-known former Ravenna carpenter and building mover, died at his home, 444 E. Buchtel ave., Akron, Wednesday after an illness of one month.

He was a brother of John Lowrie, of Ravenna, Portage county historian. He had lived in Ravenna until 1915 when he moved to Akron.

Widely known as a mover, he moved 114 buildings when a new railroad was laid through Ravenna a number of years ago. He retired from business 20 years ago.

Besides his brother, he leaves a half-sister, Gertrude Lightcap of Apco; step-sister, Mrs. Lena Frank of Ravenna; step-daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Matlak of Akron, and granddaughter, Mrs. Leonard Dobbin of Akron.

Funeral services will be held at Eckard's funeral home, 760 E. Market st., Akron, at 1:30 p. m. Friday. Brief services also will be held at Maple Grove chapel in Ravenna between 2:30 and 3. Burial will be in Maple Grove.





The following four pages (9-12) contain information written by an unknown female author. It is photocopied from ledger-sized loose pages located in the Archival Library at the Portage County Historical Society Museum. The earliest date is 1842 and goes up to 1859. There are many marriages and deaths recorded in her journal.

Quarterly meeting here April 17-1842 very rainy  
 Mr Canfield Mr J Hull swapped farms, moved thursday 21 April  
 Harvey left here friday 22 April. Lucretius & Flurry went to Austinburg  
 monday 4 of April Mrs Monyon died Monday 25 April  
 Appletrees in blossom 18 of April. wednesday 20 very cold, stormy  
 snowy, 21 snowy in the morning pleasant in afternoon  
 Mr Collins moved into his new house thursday 21 April  
 Friday 22 quite warm again. Mrs Loomis started for Conn  
 wednesday the 4 of may. Priswold Miller died the same day  
 Mrs Melissa McKay died monday the 9 of may  
 Sally Aull and Charles Howard were married wednesday  
 the 11 day of may. Elisha Brown and Conith Waters  
 were married wednesday the 18 of may. Mr Lansing Stedman  
 died monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of may. June 6-1842 quite a hard frost  
 it killed some corn, beans, and potatoes  
 Old Mrs Wilcox died friday the 12 of august 1842  
 Permelia Monyon died monday 22 august. Elder Marks preached  
 here august 19 1842. Baptist Quarterly meeting here 27 28 aug 1842  
 All our folks went to campmeeting sunday the 4 of sep to Paris 1842  
 Gloria's school out the 9 of Sep. Elizabeth school out 17 of Sep  
 Deborah Williams was married Thursday Sept 22-1842  
 My school was out Sep 28-1842 Sunday Oct 9 Mr Hill  
 from Freedom preached here at half past 4. Oct 12 wednesday 1842  
 Mrs Hall's and Pheliea Brown's case in court came on  
 lasted three days. Pheliea got her case. Mrs Hall was  
 to pay the cost, and a fine of 300 and 20 dollars  
 Oct 16 Sunday Mr Hill preached in the brick house all day  
 Oct 17 Academy school commences to day in the brick house  
 Oct 19 wednesday Mr J Catlin starts for connecticut

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Oct 18 Tuesday Henry G. Snapp and Fidelia Withrell were married - very rainy. Friday 28 went this evening to Literary Meeting the first time. Nov 18-19 very cold. wind blew hard. Nov 30 snows to day very hard. Sunday 27 Nov very cold snow <sup>etc</sup>  
 Dec 15 ~~Thursday 1842~~ James Withrell and Maria Stedman were married.  
 James Cutler arrived home Jun 13 1843

The first singing school was Monday evening Jan 2 1843

Harriet Purdee and Mr Baldwin married Jan 11 - 1843

Mr W. Full died Thursday March 1843. Schial Booth died Saturday March 11 1843. Harvey Loomis died Thursday March 23 - 1843. Donation party at Mr Millers Thursday April 13 - 1843. Donation party at Mr. Wilkins Friday April 28 - 1843. Charrissa Norton was married Thursday April 27 - 1843. Apple trees in blossom the 15 of May 1843. Mrs Lewis died Friday May 27 - 1843 - Harriet Loomis was married Tuesday May 31 - 1843 - Wednesday June 1 very cold <sup>west</sup>. Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June we had a quilting had a raining time the latter Sunday June 4 - 1843 had almost a flood, carried off the bridge between here and Mr Bishops, and a number of others - A Free Congregational church organized here Thursday May 26 1843. Marilla Baldwin was married Wednesday the 8 of June 1843. Moved over barn June 10<sup>th</sup> 1843 - Had a sort of donation party to Mr Collins Thursday June 15 1843. Miss Mary Burton died Thursday the 27 July - 1843. Valentine Bishop arrived home from Illinois - Saturday 26 of August 1843. Mr John Johnson preached here Sunday 27 of Aug. 1843 Mrs Amarella James died Thursday 31 Aug 1843. Campbellite meeting here ~~27 of Aug~~ <sup>3 of Sept</sup> 1843. Mr Pope lectured here Sunday evening 24 Sept on the Second Advent

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Mr Suttiff lectured on abolition 27 of sept 1843 — Sarah Coe was married wednesday 11 of Oct 1843 — Meth quarterly meeting Sunday 15 oct 1843 — ground covered with  saturday morning Oct 14 — Elder Marks preached on abolition tuesday evening Oct 24 1843 — Considerable snow on the ground friday morn 27 of oct — Lucretius and I went to Ravenna Sat 28 Oct 1843 and I got a black circassion dress Aunt Rhoda came to our house sat the 16 of Dec 1843 — Oliver Canfield died Sat Jan 6 1844 — Lucretius moved into his new house Friday 19 Jan 1844 — Aunt Rhoda went back to Oliver's friday 2 of Feb 1844 — Mr S. Spencer died Monday march 25 1844 — May Denison died monday July 29 1844 James C. and Cynthia were married wednesday eve Aug 28 1844

Harvey Curtis and Olive Rood were married Feb 17 1845.  
 Widow Lucy Curtis died 27 of March 1845. Old Mr Baldwin died April 8 1845. Mrs Fidelity Homage died April 14 1845.  
 Mrs Wordens Lake died June 18 1845. Mr William died Jan 26 1845.  
 Catharine Gilmore died July 7 1845 — Mrs Forum King died July 10 1845  
 Mr Warner died July 13 1845. Mrs Emma Austin died Nov 11 1845  
 Elizabeth Coe died, Dec 30 1845. Mr Myron Beach and A. Bice were married 19 Feb 1846. Martha Loomis was married in the fall 1847  
 Chancy Hall was married Jan 1848. Edwin Hall and Betty Andrews were married in the winter 1848. Lavinia Beach was married Feb 1848.  
 Mrs Worden died Jan 1848 — Mr Lewis Curtis died March 1848 —  
 Mr Carlton Canfield died wednesday 22 of March 1848. Rollin Dorman died Sep 1847. Charles Lynde died the winter of 1848 — Mrs Jacob Coe died May 1848. Jefferson Colton died June 1848. Mrs. Martha Steadman died August 1848. Mrs Pebbles died August 1848  
 Mr Hines Smith died August 1848. Old Mrs Baldwin died Sep 1848

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Grandfather Richardson died Sep 22, 1848

Ophelia Brown died Feb 1847, Old Mr L Brown died March 1847

Mrs Sarah Bishop died Oct 10 - 1848. Mr Ezra Knapp died Nov 15 1848. Harriet Dorman was married Nov 23, 1848

Mary Ann Worden died Dec 17 - 1848. Henry Loomis died Jan 21 1849

Temperance Hall died Feb 8, 1849, Mrs Louise Greenleaf Miles died Feb 17, 1849. Martha Garnham was married Feb 24, 1849

Charlotte Coe was married March 6 1849. Wily Bishop and

Mary Brown were married March 7 1849. Old Mrs Rood

died April 1849. Harriet Carrington died May 1849

Jacob Coe and Ann Jennett Knapp were married July 10, 1849

Fredric Loomis and Elizabeth Wilson were married Sep 1848

Orrissa Brown and Abraham Hawk were married Sep 1849

Philo Mills and Mrs Stidman were married August 1849.

Charles Holden and Orinda Coe were married Sep 1849

Mrs Miner and Mr Jennings were married Sep 27 - 1849

Andrew Mahan and Susan Parsons were married Oct 16 1849

Lavinia Ann Wetmore and John Worden were married 1849

Hellen Kellogg and Chauncy Harmon were married Nov 27, 1849

Dec 5 Sunday rainy Lucia and I staid home from meeting

Jan 1 1850

Loisa Baldwin and Mr Mills were married Jan 1

Alma Wilcox was married Jan 1

Charissa Jones and David Willard were married 1850

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1. **Abstract:** A summary of the important parts, or points of a document.
2. **Ahnentafel:** Pedigree, a table of ancestors
3. **Consanguinity:** State of being related by blood, or descended from a common Ancestor.
4. **Freeman:** One who was given civil or political liberty after taking an oath to a government or church.
5. **Freeman:** In tax or other records, unmarried men g 21 or over, free of family obligations, so taxed as single men. They were transferred to regular tax lists after marriage, thus a search of tax records year by year will show year of marriage.
6. **Indentured:** Agreement in writing between two or more parties, to place one in servitude or apprenticeship to one of the parties. Some time children were indentured by parents to a third party.
7. **Progenitor:** Ancestor in direct line; forefather.
8. **Redemptioner:** Person who sold his/her services for a period of time to pay ship's passage.