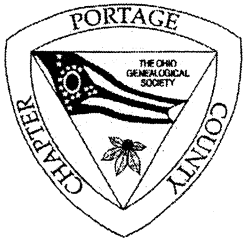


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To Our Members:

Twenty-six members and quests attended the March meeting, with guest speaker Wayne Enders. Enders presented a very lively program about the events going on in the country from 1812 to 1859 and how all this affected the settlers in Portage County.

In March the chapter voted to donate money to the Ohio Genealogical Society. The funds went into their library and building funds. We also paid rent to the Portage County Historical Society for the use of their facility for our meetings.

In April, speaker Rob Summerlin presented a slide show of the work the local mission groups do in New Orleans. It was a very interesting program; one of our chapter members has gone twice.

The new research request form is now on-line. See page 2 for the link. Also note that the chapter will soon be raising the price of our publications. The price has not changed in over 8 years. The price of paper and mailing costs are the reason behind this action.

Your President,

Barb Petroski

Meeting Dates—3rd 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

May 16—Jackie Woodring will lead the group on a historic trip through Maple Grove Cemetery. We will meet at the Historical Society first, and following a short business meeting will go to the cemetery, which is just across the street.

June-July-August—no meetings—Have a fantastic summer and hopefully find one more missing link in the family chain.

September 19—Tom Neel from the Ohio Genealogical Society-subject to be announced.

October 17—First Settler's Luncheon

November—to be announced

December-no meeting

2010

January—

February—Roger Marble

Chapter News:

Welcome to our new members:

Wayne ENDERS, 2900 Brady Lake Rd Ravenna OH 44266 wenders@neo.rr.com

Paula BRIGGS 5318 Newton Falls Rd, Ravenna OH 44266 Paulabriggs@att.net

Georgianne BIGAM, 3812 Stillmeadow, Bryan TX 77802 gwb@suddenlink.net

Add Surnames to last months List:

M163—Ruth R. McGrath— BUCHANAN, DOUGAN, ERICH, GALLAHER, GREEN, HUGHES, LUCEY, MALLISON, ROBINSON, SOUTHARD, SUTCLIFFE, SWEENEY

S1—Dottie Summerlin--BARR, BRATTON, CARTWRIGHT, CLAYTON, EVANS, GATES, McCORMICK, McINTIRE, RANKIN, RILEY, SWITZER

V 187— Susan Vine--CHAPLIN, CHAPPELL, COLLINS, COOPER, FOOTE, HEATH, NORTON, PALMER, VINE, VOLLMER

Special thanks to **James LINDSLEY, Ruth McGRATH, Judy MERIANS and Susan VINE** for their donations to the chapter.

NEW CONTEST—Win a One -Year Membership to the Chapter

Send or bring to a meeting a copy of a photograph of the most interesting or unusual tombstone you have seen in your strolls through the cemeteries across the land. The tombstone does not have to be your ancestor.

List the state, city and name of the cemetery and date photo taken if known. Also if you have a short story to go along with it please include it with your entry. Be sure to include your name on the photo.

Only two (2) photos per person allowed.

Entries should be received by September 15, 2009.

Photos can be returned to you if requested and please send a self addressed stamped envelope.

NEW POLICY for RESEARCH: Our chapter has elected to charge for research time. All research money, after volunteer expenses goes to the chapter as a donation. Our all-volunteer researchers can rack up a lot of traveling to get the information requested, which takes up their time and costs them for travel. We reviewed many other chapters' policies for research and we came up with the best solution for our area and the type of records we have access to. We do not have a full time researcher or a certified genealogist in our chapter. If the research requested is out of Portage County you will have to contact that county's chapter or check online for a researcher who covers that area.

The form is available to download at http://history.portage.oh.us/genealogy_society.html

CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS, QUERIES

If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to pccogs@embarqmail.com

Please limit your query to only two surnames. Queries, which are posted in this newsletter, are free for members. There is a \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members who must mail in their payment with the request. (PCCOGS, P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266-0821)

The following letter is from the Portage County Historical Society collection of Military papers located in the Archival Library of the museum. (Access to this section of the library is limited to members of the historical society only.) The letter is to Mr. John Tuttle of Deerfield from the War Department Pension office dated April 15, 1820.

War Department,
Pension Office,
April 15th 1820.

Sir,

Information having been received at this Office, that you are not in needy circumstances, I have to inform you, that your name will be stricken from the roll of pensioners, unless you exhibit to this Department, a schedule of all your property, real & personal, as well as of all the debts due you, under oath. The property must be appraised by two respectable freeholders of the county in which you reside, who must certify under oath to the appraisement, before a magistrate duly qualified to administer oaths, and whose official character & signature must be properly authenticated. When these documents shall have been transmitted, your claim will be investigated, and if you are intitled to a pension, your name will be continued on the roll.

I am, respectfully,
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
J. L. Edwards

Mr. John Tuttle,
Care of Alva Day, Esq.,
Deerfield, Portage Co. Ohio.

Partial List of Teachers for Portage County School System 1925---Item located in the *Portage County School File* at the Portage County Historical Society.

PORTAGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

RAVENNA, OHIO

October 1, 1925.

J. V. McDOWELL
SUPERINTENDENT
RIDDLE BLOCK NO. 9

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY A. M. AND P. M.
SATURDAY A. M.

C. A. Wertenberger, Clerk,
Ravenna Twp. Board of Education,
1st Savings and Trust Co.,
Ravenna, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office show that the teachers listed below hold certificates as described after each name, and are therefore entitled to teach in the schools of Portage County for the school year 1925-1926.

T. M. Frazier-----	H. S. County 3-yr.-----	1924-27
Mrs. Lucille Skilton-----	H. S. State Provisional-----	1924-28
George Damann-----	H. S. Special Life-----	1924-28
F. L. Barnum-----	H. S. County 3-yr.-----	1924-27
Mary T. Barnum-----	H. S. State Provisional-----	1924-28
Bernice Croll-----	H. S. State Provisional-----	1925-29
Mary Frank-----	H. S. State Provisional-----	1923-27
Mrs. Edith Taylor-----	Elem. County 3-yr.-----	1924-27
Catherine Trescott-----	Elem. State Provisional-----	1923-27
Bernita F. Gibson-----	Elem. State Provisional-----	1925-29
Mrs. Mildred Henry-----	Elem. County 3-yr.-----	1925-28
Mrs. Charles Young-----	Elem. State Provisional-----	1922-26
Ella Stephenson-----	Elem. County 3-yr.-----	1924-27
Kathryn C. Day-----	Elem. County 1-yr.-----	1925-26
Eula Gilbert-----	Elem. County 3-yr.-----	1923-26
F. C. Easton-----	H. S. County 1-yr.-----	1925-26

Very truly yours,

J. V. McDowell

Letter to School Board of Ravenna circa 1923 from Clarence O. Gerren of Kent. Photo was attached to letter. Item located in *Surname File* at the Portage County Historical Society.

Route One
Kent, Ohio.

Board of Education of
Ravenna Township School,
Ravenna Ohio.

Dear Sirs

Knowing your school as I do, I
feel a very keen interest in it, and would
be very pleased if you would consider me
as an applicant.

I can teach Biology, General Science,
Physiology, History and English.

Sincerely yours,
Clarence O. Gerren



ATWATER NEWS

Mrs. F. H. Stewart has returned to Cleveland after a week at her home in northwest Atwater.

Harry Stewart has returned to Alliance after a week in the home of his sister, Mrs. Noble E. Honeywell, of Rocky River. Mr. and Mrs. Honeywell are visiting relatives and friends in Atwater and Randolph, bringing her grandmother, Mrs. Susan White, with them to her home in the latter township. Mrs. White, who is nearly eight years old, spent the winter with her granddaughter.

The annual mite box opening of the M. E. Woman's Home Missionary Society will take place at the home of Mrs. L. B. Sanford on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. H. W. Courtney was in Kent Friday.

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting in the M. E. church parlors on Tuesday evening, May 1, at which time annual election of officers will be made. Dr. S. B. Salmon, superintendent of the M. E. church, will address the members on the subject, "As Others See Us." Dr. Salmon is a fine speaker and every member should be present to enjoy the treat. Refreshments will be served by the Social Committee. The club has a present membership of one hundred.

Communion service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning, May 6. This service will be preceded by an old fashioned love feast. In the evening the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture on "The Religious Life of the American Indian" showing 65 slides. This will be the first of a series of four stereopticon lectures to be given during the months of May and June.

Sunday, May 13 will be observed as "Mothers' Day" at the M. E. church. Mrs. W. L. Murphy of Sebring will talk to the mothers at this service.

Rev. H. W. Courtney, leader of group No. 2 of the Akron District, under the general direction of the commission on church finance, will attend a meeting of his group at Kent on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, May 8. Dr. H. W. Kellogg of "The First Church," Akron, and Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of the M. E. Board of Temperance and Reform, will be leading speakers.

Mrs. B. M. List of Wheeling, W. Va., is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Gordon. Mrs. E. M. Cotton, sister of Mrs. Gordon, also of Wheeling, returned early last week after three days in Atwater.

The Atwater base ball team will give a pie sociable at the town hall Friday evening, May 6.

John Shuman of Randolph has purchased the J. C. Carlisle residence property on West Main St.

H. F. Gordon has made some notable out door improvements at his residence property on West Main St.

The roof of the wagon shed at the home of T. J. Spires caught on fire from the steam saw mill near by Saturday morning. Neighbors extinguished the flames in a bucket brigade.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walton made an auto trip to Springfield Lake, Saturday, to dispose of their motor boat.

There is talk of a reception for Rev. Mr. Harrison on the new Congregational pastor on May 6. In the meantime, the parsonage is being made in readiness for him.

One of the new side entrance passenger cars was placed in commission Friday by the C. A. & M. V. Co. It is a beauty and is ten feet longer than the present ramshackles dignified by the name of coaches. The package car business at Atwater has more than doubled since January 1. It is to be hoped that all of the old cars will be replaced by new ones and then taken to the company's Gehenna and be burned to fine ashes.

The Jolly Sixteen will meet at the home of Mrs. C. E. Walton, tomorrow, Tuesday.

Atwater schools will finish their work of the year next week. The high school will give a play on Thursday night. There will be no graduates this year, the course having lengthened to four years. The three year students can in this way take their fourth year in Atwater instead of going out of town.

R. R. Roeder had an attack of neuralgia of the heart Friday afternoon. He is still in bed at this writing.

Armstrong's Atwater mill received a car of corn Wednesday and by Saturday it was all sold. Eight hundred dollars' worth was sold on Friday.

The Atwater garage has delivered Overland cars to Howard Webber and Godfrey Beutler, the latter of Deerfield and Frank Moff, and Ford touring cars to W. F. Heiser, William Strong and Andrew Strong, the latter of Deerfield, during the past week. The roads are full of machines at all hours, day and night, and more coming.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tewes and baby boy of Cuyahoga Falls, were in town Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henry of Alli-

ance were recent visitors in the home of their parents, Postmaster and Mrs. F. L. Henry.

Thomas Hillyer and wife, David Greenshield and wife and Ray Weldy of Alliance were in town last week. Mr. Weldy was negotiating for the purchase of a Buick automobile of his brother, Bayne Weldy, of Ravenna.

Glenn Monroe and wife have moved into the old brick house recently occupied by George Stewart and family.

P. J. Ellison was able to be on the street again Saturday.

Miss Ruth Hoover of Ambridge, Pa., who has been visiting in the home of her brother, W. D. Hoover, went to Wooster on Saturday morning.

Many Atwater people attended the Elks' fair at Alliance last week.

Mrs. Thomas Collage and daughter, Mildred, went to Pittsburgh, Saturday morning.

Miss Grace Myers of Akron legal stenographer for the Commercial Savings and Trust Company, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Myers.

The Farmers' Elevator Company is installing a large platform scales at its place of business.

The Farmers' Elevator Company will paint its buildings as soon as all of the material has arrived. The color will be gray with white trimmings.

Clair Newhouse, 24 years old, died at his home in Randolph, April 24, of blood poisoning.

Powell Whittlesey shipped two cars of live stock to Pittsburgh Saturday.

At the meeting of the Puritan Association held in Kent, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the Congregational church was represented by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Harrison, and by Mrs. Spengler, Mrs. Robert C. Mix and Miss Fannie Stratton, delegates.

There will be special services at the Congregational church on Sunday, May 6 in celebration of the opening of Mr. Harrison's pastorate. There will be Sunday school, followed by the usual preaching service. A program of music and addresses will be given. Dr. E. S. Rothrock, Superintendent of State work, and a representative from the Hough Avenue Church, Cleveland, are expected to be present on that occasion. All friends of the church are invited to be present.

The young ladies' class of the Congregational church gave a shower in honor of Mrs. Aleta Lang Haas at the home of their teacher, Mrs. M. B. Fuller, Saturday.

Articles are from the *Evening Record*, Ravenna, Ohio. On file at the Portage County Historical Society under Township Files-Misc. People.

August 12, 1925

HIRAM

Hiram, August 10—Mrs. O. A. Woodward and cousin, Miss Lily Brooks, are spending the week at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Mrs. E. H. Alden is visiting her son, D. R. Alden, and family in Kent.

Rev. E. H. Stafford and family of Keaton, are guests at A. G. Woodward's.

Mrs. Evaline Messinger returned home Sunday from a week's visit with her brother and family in Cleveland.

Miss Hazel and Leslie Beaman of Niles were guests last week of grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Beaman, and daughter, Carrie.

Misses Emily Alden, May Alden, accompanied by Miss Ida Saidefield of Akron and Mrs. A. H. Alden of North Lima are spending the week at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Mrs. Clara Dyson and son, Arthur, spent last week with Cleveland friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ryder and daughter, Lillian, left Saturday for Riverside, California where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Krueger entertained company from Youngstown over the week end.

G. A. Vincent and family spent the week end at Bloomdale. Miss Vincent, who had spent the week with her mother, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Green spent Saturday in Cleveland.

Carl Tinker of Cuayhoga Falls was a Sunday guest of his mother, Mrs. A. A. Tinker.

July 15, 1928

AURORA

AURORA STATION, July 14

Mrs. Marie F. Roberts and Orrel Fox of Garrettsville were Sunday guests in the E. E. Hansom home.

Miss Lois Riley, who has finished her private secretarial course at Dyke's Business college, Cleveland, is spending her vacation with friends in Akron.

Mrs. W. H. McDonald spent Saturday afternoon with her daughter in Niles. Thelma Hughes, who has been here for her vacation, returned home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Judd of Cleveland were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. F. Lowe and family.

Mrs. Bruce Giggar and Miss Leila Riley spent Tuesday in Kent visiting at Kent State college.

Ardis Marie Hanson is visiting in the home of her grandparents in New Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lowe were Tuesday evening callers at the C. F. Lowe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller and children from New Castle, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. William Shankland of Randall were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller.

Mrs. Herbert Aldrich and children of Pittsburgh, Pa. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aldrich.

Mrs. J. W. Davies returned home Sunday after visiting relatives in Cleveland for two weeks.

Mrs. George Waterhouse and her daughter, Edith of Cleveland, were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Piwonka and daughter.

Evelyn Davies and Marie Shepherd of Cleveland called Sunday evening at the J. W. Davies home.

Dr. and Mrs. George Miller of Hudson were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maw.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Anderson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reimenschneider and daughters, all of New Milford, and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Colton of Windham were Sunday guests at the E. E. Hanson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinkaid and children, Raymond and Edythe, of Cleveland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krause and family.

July 15, 1928

WAYLAND

WAYLAND, O., July 14. — Mrs. Harry Lang and daughter, Helen of Tulsa, Okla., have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stein.

Callers Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard were Miss Sarah Richard, Youngstown; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Workman and family of Edinburg, and Mrs. Hannah Richard.

Mrs. Elizabeth Philip, Wilber Philip and Miss Mary Roberts of Youngstown were Sunday callers in the J. G. Jones' home.

Charley Philip, Wilber Griffith and Wilber Evans were in Cleveland Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sphalinger and children of Canton called Wednesday on Mrs. F. C. Sphalinger. Rev. M. A. Malghen of Windham called Tuesday in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stein had business in Youngstown Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Mrs. R. E. Churchill and Mrs. Elizabeth George called Thursday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Valet of Diamond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden D. Williams and family of Charlesown; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Netting and three children of Ravenna called Sunday on Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Kropp.

J. T. Owen of Cleveland called Monday on his brother, Homer J. Owen.

Miss Mildred Angstead of Warren called Tuesday on friends.

Misses Frances Fairchild and Sophrona James spent Tuesday in Edinburg.

Rby Owen of Cleveland is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Williams. Mrs. Williams and son spent Monday in Warren.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carson of Kent spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palen called Sunday on Mr. and Mrs. Claud McManus and Mr. and Mrs. E. Liddle in Windham.

Children, grandchildren, brothers, nieces and nephews and families gathered Sunday afternoon at the T. T. Williams' home to remind him of his seventieth birthday anniversary. Cake, ice cream and lemonade were served by Mrs. Williams. There were sixty present.

Item from Scrapbook #40
Page 68 from PCHS library

**MAKES REPORT ON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Mch 28, 1914

KENT—Superintendent Walls, of the Kent Public Schools submits the following report for the month of March:

March Report.		
Teachers	Enrolled.	Daily Att.
Miss Smith	34	32
Miss Donaha	39	37
Miss Behr	31	29
Miss Needham	42	38
Miss Luff	44	40
Miss Beardsley	43	39
Totals Central	233	215
Miss Holden	45	43
Miss Ravenscroft	41	36
Miss McMahon	47	43

Miss Nina Olin	36	30
Miss Moore	39	36
Totals South	208	188
Miss Green	39	37
Mrs. Garrison	35	31
Miss Metta Olin	26	25
Totals De Peyster	100	93
Totals Grades	541	495
High School	136	130
Grand Totals	677	626
March 1913	690	638
Last Month	677	641

In the summer of 1936, the *Record-Courier Tribune* of Ravenna held a contest to find the oldest horse, dog and cat in Portage County. Below are two articles that appeared in the paper listing the entries up to August 7, 1936. The names of the owners and their pets are in the articles.

Announce Leaders In Portage County Oldest Horse, Dog and Cat Contest

Entries are coming in daily for the Record-Courier Tribune oldest horse, dog and cat contest. The contest closes Saturday so you had better hurry if you want to get your entry under the wire.

Here are the leaders in the search for the oldest horse, dog and cat in Portage county.

Horses! Horses! Horses

To date, three 30-year-old horses have been entered in the contest. "King," owned by T. G. Timblin, of Mayland, O., is probably the oldest of the three. Although "King" is old he does good work, says Timblin.

"May," a black Morgan mare owned by R. DeGarrno and a dobbie owned by Dorothy Vale, of New Milford, both celebrated their 30th birthday in May.

I. Harmon, R. D. 3, Mantua, with a team of horses that

are 24 and 25 years old.

"Buddy" Ruggles entered "Dan" in the contest. "Dan" is 23 years old and is owned by Ralph M. Brigham, of Brady Lake.

Helping R. J. Crane, of Shalersville, with the chores every night is a team of 22-year-old dobbins.

French Poodle Leads

Mrs. Harry Schrade, 551 Cherry st. Ravenna, owns a French poodle that is leading the aged dogs in Portage county. It is 18 years old.

"Sport," a coon hound owned by Joe Vetasek, of New Milford, and "Mack" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Quirk of Garrettsville, are tied for second place at present. Both dogs passed their 16th birthday.

"Shep", Timblin's 15-year-old dog, is in fourth position and "Bean," a 14-year-old submitted by Elmer Kerr, of Whippoorwill, is fifth.

Here Kitty, Kitty

The oldest feline to be submitted in the oldest cat contest is either Mrs. Thalia Johnson's "Pusseyfoot," or Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baight's aged "Teddy." Both cats are 16 years old. Both are Ravenna entries.

"Bobbie," owned by Mrs. S. L. McManigal of Garrettsville is 14 years old. "Bobbie" is a Manx cat.

"Granny" and "Calvin Coolidge" owned by Mrs. William G. Wissman, jr., R. D. No. 1, Shalersville township and Albert Mitchell, 2789 Bailey road, respectively, are both 13 years old.

Pictures will be taken of the winners of the three divisions, and special mention will be given all entries, so help us find the oldest horse, dog and cat in Portage county. Mail your information to County Editor, Record-Courier Tribune, Ravenna.

36-Year-Old Horse Takes Contest Lead

Two leaders were tied and one overthrown as entries continue to pour in for the Record-Courier Tribune's oldest horse, dog and cat contest.

"Prince," a 36-year-old horse owned by J. A. Cooper, Hudson road, Kent, has taken first place by three years over two 33-year-olds owned by Mert DeGroff, of Atwater, and B. F. Swartz, of Brimfield.

Despite his age, "Prince" is sound and does quite a bit of work around the farm, according to Cooper. Although she is getting slower, "Bess," 33, owned by DeGroff, still works and is in good health. "Bess" was entered in the contest by one of DeGroff's neighbors. "King" was born May 24, 1903, which makes him 33 years, Swartz telephoned today.

E. E. Tschumy, of New Milford, has entered "Dan," a horse he purchased over 20 years ago in the contest. "Dan" was 12 years old when Tschumy bought him.

Herbert Corlett, R. D. No. 4,

Ravenna, is proud of his "Molly." She is 30 years old and has never been sick a day or missed a feed. "Molly" drew the Ravenna township school bus four terms.

"Dottie" and "Dollie," are two 29-year-old entries made by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ruggles, of Diamond, and E. A. Lilley, of Deerfield, respectively. "Dottie" is neither deaf nor blind, and at the time of writing was working in the field. "Dollie" celebrated her 29th birthday May 23 and can do as good a days work as a horse one-third her age.

Probably the oldest working team in the county is owned by I. W. Spade, of Brimfield. Two sorrels, "Fly," 24 and "Belle," 26, do all the work on Spades 100 acre farm.

"Nigger," a feline owned by Mrs. Minnie Breon, of Freedom Station, was 16 years old four months ago. "Nigger" shares first place honors with "Pusseyfoot," Mrs. Thalia Johnson's entry, and "Teddy," owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baight. The latter two entries are from Ravenna.

"Frisky the Fourth," 15 years old last February, is owned by Julia M. Moulton, of Kent.

A fox terrier submitted by Mrs. Nettie Anderson, R. F. D. No. 2, Newton Falls, and Mrs. Harry Schrade's French poodle, of 551 Cherry st., Kent, will have to fight it out for the title of the oldest dog in Portage county. Both are 18 years old. John J. Thomas, of Diamond, has entered "Dad," a 17-year-old Shepherd dog in the contest. "Toots," owned by Miss Edna Sapp, North Freedom st., Ravenna, is the latest entry in the 16-year-old division.

Two days remain before the Record-Courier Tribune search to find the oldest horse, dog and cat in Portage county comes to a close. It would be downright tragic if after the contest closed and the pictures of the winners appeared in the paper that it was discovered that there was an older horse, dog or cat in the county. So, if you own an unusually old animal in one of these three families be sure to send in his name.

Mail your entries to the County Editor, Record-Courier Tribune, Ravenna. The contest closes Saturday, August 8.

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Items below are from Scrapbook #40 pages 6, 7, & 11—Scrapbook is located at the Portage County Historical Society. The articles appear to be from the *Akron Beacon Journal* and most are dated circa 1913-1917.

GERTRUDE FRANCE IS FEVER VICTIM

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
H. J. France Dies at
Rootstown.

Ravenna—Miss Gertrude France, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. France of Rootstown, died of typhoid fever at the White hospital Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock. She was brought to the institution September 22. It was thought the first week that she had passed through the crisis and would recover.

She was 19 years of age last June. She was a member of the Rootstown Congregational Sunday school, librarian of the Sunday school and a member of the Christian Endeavor society. It had always been her ambition to teach school. Toward this she at all times worked. Last Fall she began teaching at New Milford, but had only taught two weeks, when she was compelled to quit on account of the fever. It grieved her that she had to give up her work. She was an only child.

ACCIDENT VICTIM STILL UNKNOWN

Remains of Two Tramps
Interred at Ravenna
on Monday.

Kent—The two Finns who were killed at Moran station, Friday evening were buried Monday afternoon. The name of one of them was not known. This makes two unknown persons buried in Standing Rock cemetery within the last few days. But why were they unknown? The Finn, according to report, was intoxicated and sat on the railroad track until the train struck him; the other it is believed was riding on a B. & O. freight train; whether he fell off or was killed and thrown off is not known.

WAS LIEUTENANT IN THE CIVIL WAR

Late Winfield S. Krake
Long Prominent Resi-
dent of Ravenna.

Ravenna — Winfield Scott Krake was born in La Fargeville, Jefferson county, New York, September 19, 1840. Died in Ravenna Friday morning, October 10, 1913. He was married to Amelia U. Mitchell July 8, 1861, at Copenhagen, New York. Shortly after the close of the Civil war Mr. and Mrs. Krake moved to Ravenna and lived here continuously. In Ravenna he was first employed by H. L. Day; then by Flath and Reed, clothiers; became deputy post master, serving for four years; at the completion of his services as deputy he was appointed postmaster, which position he held for 13 years. After this he entered the grocery business for himself.

At the time of his death he was director of the Second National bank, treasurer of the Buckeye chair company and director in the Kent Chain works. He also has been president of the Byers Machine company as well as the gas and electric company. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner and a Knights Templar. Also Mr. Krake was a Civil war veteran. He enlisted August 13, 1862, as a private in Company K, Fifth New York, heavy artillery, resigned and was discharged November 23, 1864, as Second Lieutenant of the company just named; joined the David McIntosh Post, June 14, 1883, and was an active member up to the time of his death.

The only child, Mrs. B. P. Converse, and three grandchildren, Mrs. S. J. Winters, James and Winfred Converse, all live in San Antonio, Texas.

VICTIM OF BOLT MOURNED BY ALL

Funeral of Marie Green
Held on Sunday—Many
Attend Services.

Ravenna—The funeral of Miss Marie Green, daughter of John and Sarah Green, was held in the Edinburg M. E. church Sunday, at 11 A. M. Burial in the Edinburg cemetery, Mr. Thompson funeral director. Surviving her are her father, mother, two brothers and two sisters.

The lightning struck on the top of the head and in its passage downward came to the surface on the right cheek, the breast, the left hip and both ankles. In its exit from her body it tore a hole of surprising dimensions in the ground.

The Greens came to Edinburg from Mogadore about six years ago and are natives of West Virginia. They are industrious, honorable people with exceptionally strong family ties, and have the universal sympathy of the community.

This is one of the most tragic events in the history of Edinburg and was a great shock to the family.

KENT RESIDENT RAVENNA DIES SUDDENLY

W. S. Krake Expires After
Overexerting Himself
Mowing Lawn.

Ravenna—About 9 o'clock Friday morning, while mowing his lawn, W. S. Krake ruptured a blood vessel. He immediately went into the house and laid down. Dr. White was called and gave medical assistance, but he suffered great pain, soon became unconscious and died. His health had not been so good since his attack of typhoid fever a couple of years ago, and lately he had complained of heart weakness.

Mr. Krake was a prominent Mason, being a Knights Templar. Also, he was a member of the G. A. R., and ex-postmaster of Ravenna.

Funeral services will probably be in charge of the Masonic lodge and the Grand Army of the Republic.

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ACCIDENT VICTIM + IS UNIDENTIFIED

Initials "J. J. W." on
Right Arm is Only Clue
to Work Upon.

Kent—About 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning Conductor Adams of Westbound B. & O. freight train No. 95, discovered the body of a dead man lying along the B. & O. track near Standing Rock cemetery. Immediately a report was made and within a few minutes from the time the body had been discovered it had been procured by City Marshal Crites and Undertaker Carlin, and deposited in the Carlin morgue.

Coroner Woolf of Ravenna was called and the man's death investigated. Whether he had fallen or was thrown from the train could not be told. A portion of his forehead was crushed. There was a small hole in the rear of his skull and his right cheek was crushed. He was well dressed and did not appear to be a "bum." He appeared about five feet, eight inches in height, to weigh about 165 pounds and to be about 35 years of age. He wore a stiff hat, a suit of black clothes and two blue working shirts. On his right arm were tattooed the letters, J. J. W. Where he came from and what his name was, could not be ascertained. Only a small pocket comb and a notebook could be found. The notebook contained neither his name or other writing. The authorities would gladly welcome any information concerning him.

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INCENDIARY BURNS BARN OF BROTHER

"Dick" Campbell Then Surrenders to a Deputy Sheriff.

RELATIVE REFUSED DEMAND FOR MONEY

Would-be Borrower Then Applies Match For Revenge.

Ravenna—A barn belonging to Robert Campbell, Rootstown, burned Saturday forenoon about 8:30 o'clock. The barn was set on fire by "Dick" Campbell, brother of the owner. After setting it afire Campbell went to a nearby hill and watched the barn burn. When the building had burned, he gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Carlile at Ravenna.

He is an epileptic and has a mania for travel. Frequently he made demands on his brother for money. Wanting to start on a trip next Tuesday but not getting the money he set fire to the barn for revenge. He had recently returned from a trip to California.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR FOUND INSANE

Ravenna Man Harbors Delusion That Neighbors Are Enemies.

2/21 1914
RAVENNA—Henry Spangler of Randolph was given a hearing in probate court Monday afternoon on the charge of insanity. He was adjudged insane and committed to the Massillon state hospital.

Spangler has been deaf for 50 years and interprets what is said to him by watching the movements of the speaker's lips. During this half century he has to a considerable degree lost his power to speak words distinctly.

Among other things he imagined he owned stock, cows, horses and hogs and that these were poisoned by his neighbors. He now owns a horse and soon after feeding it would remove the feed from the manger saying that the hay had poison on it. Also he had threatened violence to several Randolph people.

In his days of health he was a strong man physically, and the sheriff and his assistants experienced considerable trouble in taking him into custody. He was a Civil war veteran.

Kent—Mrs. Earl Cline and children returned Sunday evening from a three weeks' visit with relatives at Belleville.

Excavation of the Mill street sewer running from Franklin avenue to Water street, is completed almost to Water street. The depth of the sewer at Franklin avenue, is 26 feet and at Water street 16 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith of Cleveland, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith Sunday.

The household goods of Mr. Benson were moved from the Wheeling and Lake Erie depot to Chestnut street Saturday forenoon.

D. H. Green moved Saturday from the corner of Mill street and Franklin avenue to his new home on Chestnut street. The house which Mr. Green vacated will be occupied by John Harrington.

W. N. Apple, wife and son Charles of Cleveland, came to Kent Saturday evening. Mr. Apple returned Sunday evening but Mrs. Apple and son remained for a week's visit.

The six months-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Semploski was buried from St. Patrick's church Saturday afternoon.

KENT BRIEFS

RAVENNA MAN KILLS HIMSELF IN GRIEF OVER WIFE'S DEATH

Lee Rhodes Takes Deadly
Poison After Telling

His Friends. 1914

RAVENNA--Fulfilling his threats of suicide Lee Rhodes, on the Dawley farm, killed himself Saturday morning by taking poison. About 5 o'clock Saturday morning Rhodes called the hired man and returned to bed. When Rhodes did not make his appearance the hired man went to his room about 7 o'clock and found him in a dying condition. Rhodes went down stairs between 6 and 7 for a drink and it is thought he took the drug then. He left two small children.

Early in the week Rhodes was in Dr. Woolf's office and told of his intention of suicide. Dr. Woolf endeavored to dissuade him from the act. As to where he procured the poison could not be ascertained.

Causes that promoted him to do the deed are said to be grief for his wife who died a few months ago and the connection of his name with the Henry Rinehart suicide last week.

ONLINE INDEXES & GENEALOGY HELP SITES

Ohio Death Certificate Index <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/death//index.cfm>

Good source for information about censuses records, government records, early maps and downloadable free forms

<http://familyhistory101.com/index.html>

http://www.myohiogenealogy.com/oh_resource.htm#2

The above site is part of the familyhistory101

Search for census, death and birth records. Download whole pages of census records for different states and death certificates for Ohio and others.

<http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html>

Site offers lots of census links to Ohio counties, Soundex converter, calendars, forms, loads of links for all states.

<http://www.census-online.com/links/OH/Portage/>

This site has information on many topics and new images are added each month.

<http://www.footnote.com/documents/>

Offers free surname search, historical maps, ABC's of genealogy, lots of miscellaneous information

<http://www.genealogysearch.org/>

Cyndi's List is still a good source for all things genealogy

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Funeral home directory for all of Ohio and cemetery locator (found link on Cyndi's List)

<http://www.imortuary.com/funeral-homes/ohio/>

There are so many genealogy web pages, index pages, forums, and membership sites where you pay a fee to access records and databases. Not all information on these sites is 100% correct so use caution when adding to your genealogy family.

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LEAVES FOR HOME.

Ravenna—After a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dowds, B. F. Lutz left for his home in Tiffin Thursday morning. Mr. Lutz stopped off in Ravenna on his return trip from a two months' visit in New England.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

Ravenna — Changes in Ravenna real estate:

Martha F. Crail and others to Henry and Celia Kearney, lot 21, Ravenna, \$1.

Lewis E. Hughes to Nancy M. Hughes, lot 31, Ravenna, \$1.

Julia M. Ward and others to A. C. Williams, lot 61, Ravenna, \$10.

NINA WILEMAN STARTS ACTION

Ravenna—Nina Wileman, a stockholder in the Portage Savings and Loan company, on behalf of herself and all other stockholders of said company, has brought suit against defendants, D. M. Clewell, O. P. Sperra, W. S. Krake, M. G. Garrison, H. W. Riddle, R. B. Carnahan and A. W. Stocker. Action is for accounting and equitable relief.

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Ravenna—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spring, 419 South Sycamore street, Thursday, a daughter, Jennie. Mrs. Spring was Miss Bertha Ostranger of Akron.

J. P. Garghill sold to J. B. Kohl lot 14 in Ravenna for \$1,650.

Dr. Prichard was numbered with the sick the last of the week, being confined to his bed Saturday, and part of Sunday.

PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Portage County Cemeteries:	Price-Ohio residents only add tax to price
Volume I-Franklin Twp. 1810-1990* (see below)	\$44.00
Every Name Index to Franklin Twp., companion to Volume I 1810 – 1990	\$25.00
Volume II-Brimfield & Suffield Twp. 1808-1991	\$28.00
Volume III-Mantua Twp., Village & Station 1807-1992	\$28.00
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Volume XIII-Books II & III, Ravenna-Maple Grove & 2 no-longer-existing cemeteries 1802-1996 [sold as set only]	\$50.00
Complete Every Name Index to Portage County Cemetery Books Volumes I – XIII [2 books, sold as set] includes the indexes only for all thirteen volumes	\$50.00
Portage Co. Chap. OGS Newsletters with Index 1979-1988	\$25.00
Undertaker's Records of Ira L. Herriff -Burials in Portage & Summit Co. Volume III is not available.	
Volume I-1869-1889	\$19.50
Volume II-1889-1896	\$19.50
Volume IV-1901-1907	\$19.50
Volume V-1907-1912	\$19.50
Portage County Wills, Estates & Guardianship Probate Court Records	\$38.50
Located at the Portage County Historical Society Ravenna OH 1813-1942	
[index includes name, date and last known place of residence]	

All volumes are softbound. Cemetery volumes include tombstone inscriptions, available sexton records, histories of the cemeteries and maps to help locate burial plots. *Volume I includes a surname index and Volumes II through XIII have an every-name index. A separate publication for Volume I has an every name index. Prices include shipping charges.

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Please attach a list of the surnames you are researching. There is a limit of 12 names for this listing! **Please PRINT Surnames-- must be received by February 15th** to be included in the March-April newsletter.

The following news clipping is from the *Republican-Democrat* newspaper and the only date is Wednesday August. It is after the 12th of the month per an item in the clipping. It appears to be from the 1890's or earlier.

REPUBLICAN-DEMOCRAT,

Quite a number were at the Fair grounds Friday afternoon to witness the trot between J. T. Riddle's Mattie W. and Dave Thomas' "Mistleto." The track was very heavy and the best time was 2:39. "Mistleto" won three heats out of the four trotted, with ease.

Luther B. Dickinson, a well known citizen of Randolph was on the 12th inst appointed to a first class clerkship in the Surgeon General's office at Washington, D. C. Mr. Dickinson has had much experience in the government employ and his friends will be pleased to learn of his new position.

Last Friday morning Eva, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leisure formerly of Aurora, was thrown from a wagon by the running away of the horse, on Woodland Hills Avenue Cleveland, and died at 12 o'clock Saturday night of injuries received. The remains were taken to Aurora for interment. Mrs. Leisure and her mother Mrs. Michel were also thrown out, and considerably injured.

Early last Spring a party of young men formed a Turner's society and proceeded to fit up the old flax mill as a gymnasium and during the summer have derived much benefit therefrom. The society give a picnic at the Fair grounds, Saturday, August 30. A platform dance will be one of the attractions. A handsome set of glassware will be given away to the lady holding the lucky number.

John Nash, who has succeeded in building up such a reputation as to make further mention unnecessary, was released from jail a few days ago. He went to Lowrie Bro's Meat Market and offered to pay fifty cents for what raw meat he could eat. The obliging clerk cut off three pounds of steak which he soon devoured and called for more. Sausage and pieces of meat were given him and he finally ended up by eating a quantity of mutton tallow.



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