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To Our Members:

Our September program, Online Research Strategies by Sandy Malitz, the genealogist at the Geauga County Library in Chardon, was very informative. She had many good ideas about using the computer, doing searches and provided websites that would be helpful for research. See page 5 of this newsletter for more information on the websites and tips that Sandy provided.

The First Settlers luncheon was a great success. For more information on that event see pages 3 and 4.

Announcing the Winner of the Free One Year Membership in the "Most Memorable Genealogy Experience" contest

In the May-June 2008 issue I published the only two entries I received for the contest. The votes are in and the winner is **Diane Miller**.

Congratulations Diane, your membership for 2009 is free. Thanks to all the voters, too.

Your President,
Barb Petroski

REMINDER: Your 2009 Chapter Dues are Now Due. We want to keep you as a valued member. We have more contests planned and hope you will remain with us in this tougher economic time. See page 12 for membership form.

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

November 15 — Program will be announced in local paper and on web page at http://history.portage.oh.us/genealogy_society.html

December-No meeting—Have a safe Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chapter News:

Our chapter has lost many members over the last few months and the members of the Chapter send condolences to the families of **Donald Thomas MacLearie** who passed away 8 May 2008, **Marvin Allen Roepke** who died 7 June 2008, **Ruth E. Kingsbury** who died 11 June 2008 and **Ruth A. Engelhardt**, who passed away 1 September 2008,

MacLearie was active in our chapter, the Portage County Historical Society and helped get the Shalersville Historical Society started. He was a member of VFW Post #1055 and American Legion Post #193. He was involved with the Special Olympics for many years. Memorials may be made to the Special Olympics, 1133 19th Street N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036-3604

Roepke was born in Ravenna, lived in Ashland, Ohio since 1946. Marvin was involved in a family business, the Ashland Jaycee's, Masonic Lodge #151, OGS, PCCOGS, a member of First Settler's, and did woodworking. Memorials can be made to the Ashland County Cancer Association, 1200 East Main St. Ashland, OH 44805; Ashland County Habitat for Humanity, 19 West Main St, Suite 4, Ashland OH 44805; Hospice of North Central Ohio, 1050 Dauch Dr. Ashland OH 44805

Kingsbury was born in Mantua and lived in Kent since 1957. She had been a long time member of the chapter and had served as Vice President a few years ago.

Engelhardt was born in Brimfield and was living in Ravenna. She was a charter member of our genealogy chapter in 1971 but had not been an active member for some time. She was a member of the Ohio Genealogy Society and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Rootstown.



Welcome New Member:

0195--Ethel **Moyers**, 371 Killdeer Court Amherst OH 44001
Surname: **Morris** (William, Edward & Richard) of Paris Township Portage County

Special Thanks to Members:

Michael Dean for donation to chapter
Tom & Ellen Monroe for donation to honor daughter, Shirley.



CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS, QUERIES, & RESEARCH INFORMATION

If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to pccogs@embarqmail.com
Queries for members are free; \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members who must mail in their request with payment.

If you are requesting research please use the chapter mailing address (P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266-0821) and *always* enclose a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) and an e-mail address if you have one. Please allow at least 4-6 weeks for a reply. If material is found you will be notified of charges. We only send items which are pre-paid.

First Settlers Luncheon October 18th 2008

The First Settlers of Portage County inducted five new members at the luncheon held at the Strickland House, Portage County Historical Society Campus, North Chestnut St., Ravenna, Ohio. Eighteen chapter members and guests enjoyed the food and our thanks to Jackie Jones, hostess of the Strickland House, for her helpful service.

The new inductees are **Michael Dean, Jack Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Ethel Moyers and Barbara Springston**. Jackie Woodring, Chairperson of First Settlers, presented each inductee a certificate listing their proven Portage County ancestors.

Beth Clark, from the Shalersville Historical Society, was the guest speaker. She presented a program about the early settlers of that area and was dressed in a costume of the time period. Beth showed photos, newspaper clippings and other artifacts from the Shalersville area.

The chapter also thanks Jackie Woodring for the outstanding job she did on putting this program together.

See Photos from the Luncheon on Page Four.

Jackie Woodring received calls and notes from many members of the chapter thanking her for the wonderful time they had at the luncheon. Below is an edited version of an e-mail from one of our new inductees.

Hi Jackie,

I so much enjoyed the luncheon Saturday and getting to meet other members and inductees. I feel honored to be part of the group. Pat [her guest] and I talked extensively with J.C. Jones, the husband of the lady who served the meal. He was a classmate of Pat all through Paris and Southeast. His parents rented my dad's childhood family farm house back in the late 40's and early 50's, and his mom gave me my first Toni Home Permanent.

After the luncheon we went back to Pat's home, and headed for the cemeteries. First we went to Hawley where our parents and my husband are buried. We found stones for several ancestors including many on my First Settlers list. Next we went to Old Welsh Cemetery and were easily able to locate the stones of Richard, Mary, and Edward. I wish I'd visited that cemetery in my youth. We drove back to Pat's house, ate dinner, and spent most of the evening looking over my FS papers and documentation. I had extra papers I'd copied of blank pages of the application, and we did a sketchy rough draft for her. She has one more generation to document than I do. (Pat's Great Grandmother, Maria, was born in 1860, and Maria's sister, my grandmother Dora, was born in 1877.) They were 17 years apart.

Sunday Pat and I attended Wayland Community Church and enjoyed visiting with old friends. It was such an enjoyable weekend. Listening to the speaker from Shalersville, it's difficult to imagine the hard lives our ancestors led. All of you did a great job in setting up the luncheon. I know the largest part of our correspondence is behind us because I'm now officially a member, but I hope we can keep in touch and celebrate the history of Portage County.

Take care,

Ethel

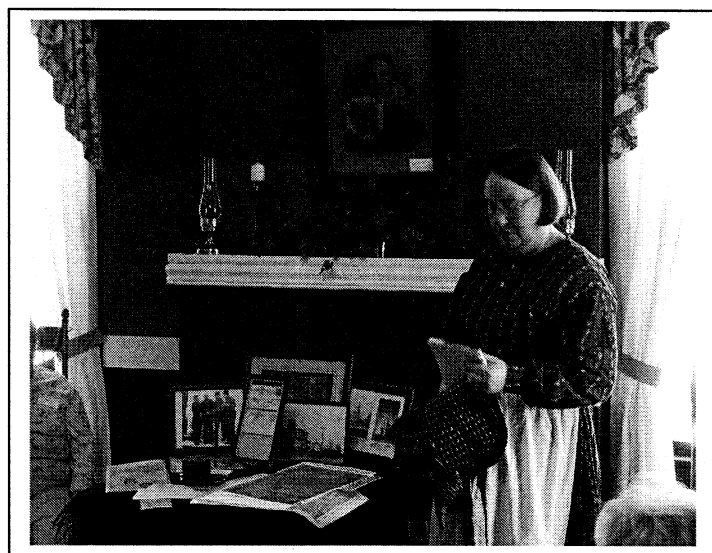
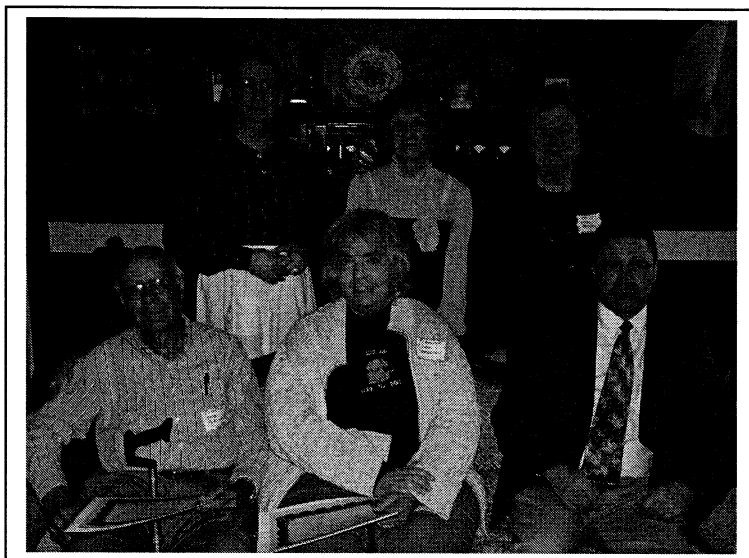
New Members Inducted into the First Settler's of Portage County

Seated: L to R:

Jack Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Michael Dean

Standing: L to R

Beth Clark, our speaker and inductees Barbara
Springston, Ethel Moyers



Our Speaker, Beth Clark, a resident of Shalersville Township, talked about the history of the township. She had many items, including photos, newspaper clippings and artifacts to share with the group.

Photo at Right: Jackie Woodring,, right, Chairman of the First Settler's of Portage County, presents a certificate to new member, Ethel Moyers. Mrs. Moyers proved her ancestors in Paris Township.



Edited Excerpts from Sandy Maltiz’s handout at our September meeting.

Using Search Engine research strategies: Put “double quotes” around the phrase for which you are searching. As a general rule a search engine will look only for those words in that order.

Use * to indicate that more letters can follow the root word, example manage* will find manages, management, manager, etc.

Required terms example: SMITH +Portage County “Methodist Church Archives” + Ohio

Leave a space before using the plus + sign or the minus –sign as in sample below.

If you research i.e. Mallard but don’t want listing to include duck put as Mallard –duck.

A few websites Sandy recommended were www.deadfred.com www.behindthename.com and www.timeanddate.com

Other sites: Records from around the country: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html>

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections

Interlibrary Loan St. Louis Library National Genealogical Society Collection www.slcl.org

If you wish more information contact Sandy Malitz at smalitz@rmrc.net

Below are websites with a variety of information:

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

A good source of Ohio information, with a vast amount of topics

<http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/libdir.html>

Has a list in an excel spreadsheet or Word file of libraries in Ohio—Name, address, contacts, etc.

Other links to different Libraries in the state as well.

<http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us/>

There are links to various sites under the “Librarian Favorites”, all kinds of interesting stuff.

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

For information on Copyright laws and a very helpful page on the meaning of “fair use”. All researchers should be aware of these laws.

<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, they provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public.

This website contains “old” Web stuff.

The following information is from the *Ravenna Republican* newspaper dated 12 August 1925.

Articles were copied and are on file at the Portage County Historical Society.

ROOTSTOWN

Rootstown, August 10—Mrs. Roy Palen and two daughters of Chicago are spending a couple of weeks in the home of Mrs. Jessie Palen.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church was entertained last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Henry Biltz at the home of the former in west Rootstown.

George Hall is home from his work in eastern Pennsylvania for a couple of weeks.

Miss Evelyn Smith is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Shadyside, Ohio and ponits in West Virginia.

Miss Bernice Warner of Ravenna, Robert Meacham of Randolph and Carl Baldwin of Atwater were dinner guests Sunday of Miss Virginia Smith.

The interior of our school house has just been painted.

Frank Gerren, Jr. has installed a new Moncrief furnace.

Mrs. F. P. Seymour is entertaining her sisters, Mrs. Suvacool and Mrs. Bliss of Peninsula.

Mrs. Suvacool was a Sunday guest in the home of W. V. Folger.

S. Alton Yarian had the misfortune to have one of hie cut open in two place by the falling of a chunk of ice.

Mark Merriam of Cleveland is spending a couple of weeks at Chauncey S. Seymour's.

Miss Emogene Dyson is also spending a part of her summer vacation in the same home.

8-12-1925 RANDOLPH

Mrs. Sam Derr and daughter, Helen, spent Monday at Brady Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Merriman entertained relatives for Sunday dinner in honor of Mr. Merriman's sister-in-law, Mrs. Lou Miller, of Oberlin, who has been visiting in the home for several weeks.

John Gebhardt is home from the hospital somewhat improved in health although still in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Holibaugh of Marlobro and Mrs. Harriet Werner of Cleveland were Sunday callers at the home of their cousin, Stella Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tubbs and daughter, Wanda, are spending their vacation with his parents in Dietrich, Ill., making the trip by auto. They expect to be gone three weeks.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license has been issued to Frank J. Mott, foreman, 73, and Mrs. Addie Chalker, 72, both of Ravenna. A license has also been issued to Baird Reed of Wheeling, W. Va., commercial salesman, 59, and Mayme E. DeLong of New Milford, 45, Dr. I. J. Swanson being named as officiant.

In only two years out of the last six has the dairy cow population of the United States increased in proportion to the increase in human population.

Farmers may acquire more minor ailments in the course of a lifetime than their city brothers, but somehow or other more farmers than urbanites reach the Biblical three score years and ten.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Joseph Sutcliffe, et al, Plaintiff, vs. Anton Seidet, et al, Defendant.
Court of Common Pleas, Portage County, Ohio. Case No. 10075.

In pursuance of an order of sale issued from said Court to me directed in the above entitled action, I will expose to sale, at public auction, at the door of the Court House in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, on Monday, the 17th day of August, 1925, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate, situate in the County of Portage, and State of Ohio, and in the Township of Deerfield, to-wit:

Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage, and State of Ohio, and known as being the East part of Lot No. seventy-two (72) in said Township, bounded on the East by the L. E. A. & M. Railroad; on the South by lands formerly owned by Samuel Mell; on the West by lands formerly owned by William Kean; on the North by the public highway; containing Eighty-six (86) acres of land, less the amount used by the one-half of the Right-of-Way of said Railroad.

Said Premises Appraised at \$4700.00.

Terms of Sale: Cash.
H. L. Beatty, attorney.
Joseph Jones, Sheriff Portage County, Ohio. 33-5W.

Aug 12 1925 SOCIAL EVENTS

MR AND MRS. W. H. MAHAN, Pratt street, have received word of the marriage of their son, Ralph, to Miss Dorothy Leopold of Los Angeles. The ceremony took place at San Diego Friday, July 31.

They will reside in Los Angeles, at 2415 Dunsuir avenue. Mr. Mahan is well known here, where he attended the local schools, and his many friends will be interested to hear of the marriage. He is an inspector of the state highways in California.

TEN guests were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Elizabeth Webb at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Webb, Walnut street. One o'clock luncheon was followed by bridge, with two tables placed for the game. Appointments and game accessories were attractive, in harmony with floral decorations.

At score counting, favors went to Misses Norma Thompson and Irma Knapp.

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm, I will sell at public auction at 1 1/2 miles north of Kent, and 2 miles south of Streetsboro improved road,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

at 12:30 P. M.

TWO COWS—Two good milking cows, milking good
TWO HORSES—Pair good work horses, wt. 3,500
9 years old.

FARM MACHINERY—2-horse wagon, 3-inch tire
2-horse wagon with hop box, rubber tired buggy, light wagon, good sleigh, Milwaukee mowing machine, lan spring tooth harrow, spike tooth harrow, 1-horse cultivator, Oliver Chilled plow, 2-horse cultivator, disc harrow, ha sheller, set bob-sleds, hay tedder, 10 Starr swing stand h. p. Fairbanks Morse gasoline engine, pump jack, 2 b 3-in., one 6-in.; 50-gal. steel oil drum, set work harness, set scales.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Beds, springs, mattresses, tables, chairs, organ and other articles not mentioned.
About 50 bu. Oats

TERMS—Sums of \$10 and under, Cash. Over months time on approved security at 7 per cent interest cent discount for cash.

W. R. KENNEDY

BURRITT B. ALLEN, Auct. E. E. GORDO

The following information is from the *Ravenna Republican* newspaper dated 12 August 1925. Articles were copied and are on file at the Portage County Historical Society.

EDINBURG

Edinburg, August 20—The death of Judge E. F. Robison cast a gloom over this community where he was well known and where he had many friends.

Mrs. Lye Bingham and Mrs. Nettie O'Hare heard Mrs. John Cooper give a very interesting talk on conditions in Europe at the First Epworth Memorial church in Youngstown Sunday, August 9. After services they ate Sunday dinner with Mrs. M. W. Sweet of Niles.

Mrs. Minnie Markley was brought home from the Alliance city hospital Sunday.

Charles Streater spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Adway Streater, in Garrettsville.

Miss Lorena Wilson spent last week in Kent with Mrs. Lee Barnaby.

Mrs. Francis Rudolph recently visited in the Lyle Bingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Walvoord and children and Mrs. M. A. Rogers spent from Saturday until Monday afternoon in Cleveland. Esther and Ruth Walvoord returned with them.

Misses Verla and Clara Bingham recently visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Goss, in Cuyahoga Falls.

Miss Hope Carson of Wilmington, North Carolina, visited her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Fenton, last week. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton were entertained in their home at a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Carson.

N. Eldred Bingham spent the week end with his friend, Sidney Earnes, of Talmadge.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kuntz, Mrs. Addie Spiers of Atwater and Mrs. Robert Hamilton of New York called on their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Weldy, Sunday afternoon.

F. R. Baldwin left Monday morning

to attend the Gladicius show.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bingham had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Goss in Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen of Kent spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in town.

The Misses Isabel and Alice Kennedy of Ravenna spent the week end of August 2 with Miss Verla Bingham. Miss Esther Walvoord was a guest in the same home Sunday afternoon.

Edward and Harold Jones spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. Mitchell in Rootstown.

John Watkins spent last week in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shively and children of Windham attend church services here Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Cook of Oberlin is visiting her sons, Floyd and Harold Cook.

Miss Clarissa Flowers and Mr. James Cook each underwent operations at the Portage county hospital Saturday. Mr. Cook is in a very serious condition and it is expected to take him to Cleveland today, Tuesday.

It is hoped that Mrs. Humphrey will soon be able to be removed from the hospital.

Mrs. Nettie O'Hare of Warren entertained six of her former schoolmates at a three course chicken dinner at Mac's tavern, Parkman road. The affair was in honor of Mrs. John G. Cooper of Youngstown, recently returned from Europe where she was sent as a delegate to the World's W. C. T. U. convention at Edinburg, Scotland. The other guests were Mrs. Myron W. Sweet of Niles, Mrs. A. A. McCorkle of Lordstown, and Mrs. Ina Griffin of Warren. Mrs. Dan O. Thomas, another schoolmate, was unable to be present on account of sickness. The color scheme at dinner was pink and white. Mrs. O'Hare presented Mrs. Cooper with the large table bouquet. Mrs. Cooper gave each of the party a handkerchief bought in London.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis and daughter of Chardon returned home Tuesday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Francis Davis. They also attended the funeral of Judge E. F. Robison Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gano, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hughes, Mrs. J. J. Fenton, Mrs. M. H. Clark, Thomas Shilliday, A. T. Stewart, and Miss Cora Byers attended the funeral of Judge E. F. Robison in Ravenna Monday afternoon. Our flag was placed at half mast.

FOUR CORNERS

Four Corners, August 10—Horatio and Daisy March and niece, Eleanor Taylor, were Sunday dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. E. A. Niman, and family in Aurora.

The Miller family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller Sunday.

W. P. Foster and family were in Hiram Sunday.

Harry Guyette and family of Aurora were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer.

The Haas families attended the reunion at Mantua Saturday. A nice program in the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. W. R. Foster and Daisy March with Mrs. E. A. Niman of Aurora attended the funeral of their cousin, C. M. Jones, at Cleveland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stutzman are entertaining an auto load of relatives from Pennsylvania this week.

H. G. March was in Kent Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haas entertained her brother, nephew and lady friend from Conneant Saturday evening.

George Murphy of Ravenna raised a sixty-eight foot flag pole on the W. P. Foster place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Trowbridge are entertaining their niece, Miss Grace Denton, of Toledo for a few days.

Arthur Guyette of Aurora was at the home of his grandparents here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Foster entertained friends from Cleveland Sunday.

Chester Miller spent the week end with friends on Sugar Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Trowbridge and niece, Miss Denton, were Sunday evening callers at the March home.

Herbert Foster and family of Cleveland spent Friday at the home of his brother, Will.

AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

S. E. Libis—General farm sale, one mile east and one mile north of Randolph. Perry E. Cuthbert, auctioneer.

Claude H. Monroe—Cattle, oats, hay, machinery, etc. Three miles north of Ravenna. Burritt B. Allen, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21.

Mrs. E. H. Dobbins—Beverly Gardens, ½ mile northwest of Ravenna on Cleveland road. Household goods. Burritt B. Allen, Auct.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Windham Township Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the School Routes for the year 1925-1926. The Routes are nearly all the same as last year. For particulars, see posters or inquire of the Clerk. All bids must be in the hands of the Clerk by 12 o'clock, noon, Saturday, August 15, 1925.

S. L. Bryant, Clerk.

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The following information is from a local Portage County newspaper, name unknown but date is 01 Dec 1927. Articles were copied and are on file at the Portage County Historical Society.

Marriage Licenses

Dec 1 1927

Adam Rothermel, 27, Randolph, farmer and Agnes A. Magargee, 17, Rootstown.

Phillip L. Cormiea, 57, Cleveland, millwright and Mary A. Zents, 44, Geauga Lake.

Norman G. Kelley, 53, Manon, Pa., sheet metal worker and Flora M. Ferguson, 46, Kent.

Edmund J. Kline, 23, Suffield, rubber worker and Frances M. Shupbach, 19, Kent.

Claire E. Wertenberger, 22, Atwater, laborer and Edna A. Manion, 21, Atwater.

Roy L. Benkhart, 21, Windham, draughtsman and Ruby G. Ashton, 18 Windham.

Charles L. Riggs, 27, Akron, barber and Alice H. Lewis, 39, Ravenna.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Estate of Frances Kleinhampl, Deceased. Frank Kleinhampl, Ravenna, O., Route No. 1, has been appointed and qualified as executor of the estate of Frances Kleinhampl late of Rootstown, Portage County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1927.
Henry J. Robison, Probate Judge of said County. Nov. 24, Dec 1-8

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Estate of Eliza Hutson, Deceased. Chas. W. Myers, North Benton, O., has been appointed and qualified as administrator, will annexed, of the estate of Eliza Hutson late of Deerfield, Portage County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 21st day of November, A. D. 1927.
Henry J. Robison, Probate Judge of said County. Nov. 24, Dec 1-8

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Estate of Harry Leslie Webb Deceased. A. H. Webb, Ravenna, O., has been appointed and qualified as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Harry Leslie Webb late of Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 18th day of November A. D. 1927.
Henry J. Robison, Probate Judge of said County. Nov. 24, Dec 1-8

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Estate of Forest Arehart Deceased. Oscar Knapp, New Milford, O., has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Forest Arehart, late of Suffield, Portage County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 15th day of November, A. D. 1927.
Henry J. Robison, Probate Judge of said County. Nov. 24, Dec. 1-8

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Estate of Rittie Noble, Deceased. Wm. M. Thorp has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Rittie Noble late of Shalersville, Portage County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 15th day of November A. D. 1927.
Henry J. Robison, Probate Judge of said County. Nov 17-24 Dec 1

LEGAL NOTICE
R. D. Harris whose last known place of residence was in care of the Eagle Club, Oil City, Pennsylvania, will take notice that on the 25th day of October 1927, Maida Harris filed her petition against him in Common Pleas Court of Portage County, Ohio, in case No. 11058 setting forth in substance that the defendant has not supported her since the summer of 1923 and that he has been guilty of gross neglect of duty thereby, and that he has caused considerable mental anguish and anxiety in utter disregard of his marital obligations.
Plaintiff asks that she may be divorced from the defendant and that she may be granted alimony and for such other and further relief as may be just and reasonable.
Said defendant is required to answer on or before the 10th day of December, 1927.
Maida Harris,
By her Attorney, Howard H. Knapp
Oct. 29, Nov. 3-10-17-24 Dec. 1

Below is from the *Kent Bulletin*
03 Mar 1880

TAKING THE CENSUS.—The census takers commence work on the first Monday in June. Each enumerator will be limited to a district not containing more than four thousand inhabitants. They will be allowed two cents for each inhabitant; two cents for each death reported; ten cents for each farm, and fifteen cents for every manufactory. No further compensation will be allowed.
Census takers in asking necessary questions are strongly supported by law, which bears on the matter thus: "All persons above the age of twenty one years, who shall refuse to furnish the information required by the supervisor or enumerator, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding \$100, to be recovered in an action of debt. Presidents, directors or other officials of private corporations who refuse to furnish information required of them are made liable to a penalty not to exceed \$10,000."

Just for Fun

Three friends die in a car accident and they go to an orientation in heaven.

They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say?"

The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say I was a great doctor and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a difference in the lives of children."

The last guy replies, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

The following is from a Portage County newspaper, dated 25 June 1925. Articles on file at the Portage County Historical Society.

KENT

Kent—J. T. Johnson, A. J. Trory, T. A. Wetmore and J. P. Matthews represented the Kent Automobile Club at the Ohio State Automobile Association convention held at Cedar Point last week.

Twenty-two members will be initiated in the third and fourth degree at a meeting of the Kent Grange to be held in the Franklin township school building Saturday evening, June 27.

Louis F. Fogg died Sunday night, last, at his home 144 Columbia st., after failing health of six months. He was about 50 years old and was born in Cleveland. He came to Kent with his family about eight years ago. He was a member of the Kent Rotary, of the Knights of Pythias, of Iris Lodge F. and A. M. of Cleveland. His funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, June 24, at 2 o'clock at the home. Interment was made in Lakeview cemetery in Cleveland.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Louis F. and Samuel R. Also by his mother, two brothers and three sisters, all of Cleveland.

A fish fry was given by Achilles Lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Wednesday evening.

Two play grounds will be opened on July for the children. One will be South school in charge of S. A. Schlup and one at the DePeyster school in charge of L. F. Felsted. The grounds will be open from 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, six days a the week and from 1 o'clock to 8:30 every evening except Saturday.

Miss Kate Leininger who recently arrived from China, after spending four years as nurse in a hospital in Kihsin, China, spoke in the Free Methodist church on Monday. She told of her experiences in China.

The Women's Relief Corps enjoyed a picnic dinner on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ella Ellison in Atwater.

Miss Lois M. Fenn and Mr. William C. Nichols were married Saturday afternoon, June 20 at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Brown at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Ruth McNeil and Miss Florence Griggy left last Saturday on a trip to Washington.

D. M. Mason and family have moved their household goods to Denver, Colo., where they will reside.

Harold Bechtle left on Sunday with the Grotto band of Akron for Atlantic city.

Two homes were robbed last Sunday evening. At the home of Coe Livingstone two suits of clothes were taken. At the home of Frank Donley, near the corner of Lincoln and Crain avenue, the thief took a small sum of money from a dime savings bank.

It is said a bus line will be operated between Canton and Cleveland by way of Brimfield, Kent, Twin Lakes, Streetsboro, Aurora and Geauga Lake.

FREEDOM

Freedom—Neil Peppard made a business trip to Kenmore Friday.

B. C. Rathbun and wife Mrs. Neil Peppard and Paul Rathbun and wife of Kenmore motored to Gallipolis Saturday where they visited Dorothy Rathbun, who is being treated in the sanitorium at that place.

George Reinhart and wife and son Archie are spending the week in Akron with their daughter, Mrs. Francis Hunsicker and family.

Lewis Webb and family spent Sunday with relatives in Stark county.

Frank House of Garrettsville was killed Saturday while at work in the lumber camp on Perry Steel's farm.

WINDHAM

Windham—Mrs. Emma Colton will soon move into the Mrs. Silvers residence on North Main street.

Mrs. Evans and son and Mr. Drumheller have moved from Mrs. Silver's residence to the Crowe residence on East Main street.

Forest Colton has made quite an improvement on the residence and lot he bought from Mrs. Chauncey Hunt a week ago.

Miss Marguerite Furgeson is at home from the Wesleyan M. E. College at Delaware. She graduated last week.

Mrs. Lucy Irons has returned from Ellsworth, Ohio, where she stayed a month and is now in Warren for a week.

Sunday the 21st was children's day at the Congregational church in the morning and in the Methodist church in the evening. Very fine programs were given at both churches.

Revival meetings commenced at the Silica church Wednesday evening. An evangelist from Warren is the speaker.

Newton Falls steel workers are purchasing homes in Windham to quite an extent.

SHALERSVILLE 1925

Shalersville—Mrs. Meacham of Ravenna township and daughter, Mrs. William Aschenhart of Rochester, Ind., and niece Miss Gertrude Carver were Saturday callers at Howard Cook's.

Mrs. Dora Bradley of Ravenna, Eunice Bradley of Lakewood; Mrs. Delos Fear and son Robert of Brady Lake, were at Lewis Cook's and James Roosa's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prokop, daughter Mary, and Lillian of Cleveland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fruhaus.

Mrs. Gilbert Kehner and little daughter Emma Jane spent last week with Mrs. George Gill.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Herbert to Thomas Gick of Freedom.

Mrs. Adah Lowrie and daughter, Bessie of Alliance are spending a week with Mrs. Chloe and Mrs. Sarah Lowrie.

Miss Madalene Halstead and Vivian Starr are attending school at Mt. Union college.

MILLER'S CORNERS

Miller's Corners—Mrs. Sivon's mother, Mrs. Edmunds of Perry, O., is visiting her at Hillcrest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shipley, who were recently married, are on a motor honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C. They will be at home to friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, on West Main street.

Miss Jean Lowrie of Akron visited the week end at Emra Hoover's.

Mrs. D. G. Rapp and children, Noel and Mary of Umatilla, Florida, are here for an extended stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ellett.

Well drillers secured a good well for Richard Simpson at a depth of 65 feet. They are now drilling on a lot on the New Milford road, belonging to Fred Allman of Grant street, Ravenna. Mr. Allman expects to build a dwelling house on the lot in the near future.

Raymond Fox has gone to West Virginia for an extended stay.

Mrs. Viola Wygant of Zanesville visited last week at Emory Simpson's. Will Wilson of Ravenna was a visitor at G. Baer's Sunday.

A brand new up to date electric washing machine and simplex ironer makes the washing problem very easy for Mrs. Baer.

The following items are all from Scrapbook # 132 located on the shelf at the Portage County Historical Society.

Page numbers from scrapbook are written next to each item.

p. 104 **Frank H. Furry.**

Another Ravena boy has died far from home and kindred, and now for the fifth time in the brief space of eight months this community mourns the loss of one early taken from earth's scenes away, to brighter, happier rest where cares, toils and sorrows come not, nor joys that perish.

Frank H. Furry, fourth child and third son of David N. Furry of Ravenna, died at Leadville, Colorado Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 26th, 1881 after an illness of six weeks of typhoid fever. We have before us a file of letters from Oct. 6th to 21st speaking of his condition, and the hopes and fears of friends. Frank was born at Ravenna, May 13th, 1861. Upon the 23rd of January last he bade adieu to his parents, brothers and sisters and many friends of his native town, and went to the far west, there to carve out for himself a career. Arriving there he entered the employ of Spaulding and Woodruff, and became clerk at their hotel, the Mansion House, and was at once a popular favorite. His employers speak of him with affectionate interest. Writing since his death Mr. Woodruff says: "I shall miss him as I do my own deceased brother." Writing at an earlier date, Mr. Spaulding says: "We have given Frank every attention that is in our power, and have spared no expense for his benefit; he has watchers night and day, and the best medical attendance to be had in the city. Everything has been done for him that could be and we watch his condition most closely." The almost daily letters from Frank's cousin, Geo. Furry, who was with him at Leadville, are of the same tenor.

Far from home, he was among friends, who cared for him tenderly, devotedly. There was no father near to receive the dying message of his son, no mother to soothe the fevered anguish of her boy; but in their stead were those who ministered in sorrow, dedicating their utmost endeavor to succor. But, alas, it was not to be, and the most faithful of brotherly ministrations were overruled.

For the present the remains will rest at Leadville. Upon Sunday morning memorial services were held at the Methodist church, a very large audience attending. Rev. R. F. Randolph and Mrs. Robinson gave most impressive addresses, which produced a profound effect upon the congregation.

The floral tributes were elegant. In the center of the pulpit was placed the portrait of the deceased, trimmed with vines. Upon each side of the portrait was a bouquet and beneath a white star. The pulpit and a table in front were covered with white cloth trimmed with smilax. Upon the table were baskets of flowers, wreaths, stars, crosses, &c. The effect of the whole was touching. These decorations were prepared by Misses Lizzie Woodruff, Mary Williams, M. J. Wing, Mrs. F. W. Coffin, Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. W. Strickland.

p. 62 **Died.**

KELSEY—In Ravenna, Saturday evening, August 13th, 1881, at the residence of her brother Lawrence Hartelrode, corner of Walnut and Van Buren Sts., of consumption of the liver, Mrs. E. A. Kelsey, aged 39 years.

Beautiful in heaven
Is God's bright golden bar
When at eight the music sounded,
The gates were set ajar.

Our lovely sister enters,
And waiting as God pleases,
When by all earth deserted,
She finds a friend in Jesus.

Mrs. Kelsey leaves three brothers and three sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth McManus, Ravenna; Mrs. Julia Maley, Dixon, Tenn.; Mrs. Josephine McNeil, Meadville, Pa.; Lawrence Hartelrode, Ravenna; Geo. and Frank Hartelrode, Meadville, Pa. She was also a sister of the late Jacob Hartelrode who bade us good bye on the 4th of April, to join his dear ones in the spirit land. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church of Cory, Pa., her former home. The funeral took place from the residence of her brother, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14th, at 4 o'clock, Rev. Andrew Willson officiating.

p. 87 **The Fall of Sorrow.** p. 89

The stars of those two gentle eyes
Will shine no more on earth.

Saturday morning, February 11th, 1882, at 4:30 o'clock, died Mrs. John Meharg, of cerebral hemorrhage. A swifter shock could scarce have befallen. In usual, vigorous health, Friday evening, Mrs. Meharg, in company with her husband mingled with the guests at the Masonic festival, returning home about ten o'clock, remarking at the time an unknown sensation in her head. About midnight a condition of severe nausea was added to the painful sensation of the head. Soon after one o'clock Dr. Waggoner reached her bedside; unconsciousness had seized upon her, and a spasmodic state was apparent; Dr. Leonard was summoned; the only avenue of relief was from the lance, and it mitigated the spasm; another spasm, and life fled. In the great struggle of the first spasm a blood vessel in the brain had broken. This is the sad story from health, to the grave.

Brief and sorrowing must be our tribute to this beloved friend; faithful and tender our measure of sympathy for him who mourns the irreparable loss of the most precious of his earthly friends. Into that shadowed home, with hushed steps, we enter; she is not there; though as she left it, wholly ordered with her tasteful care, fragrant with flowers, abounding with comfort; in place of the sunny-hearted woman, the dark pall of sorrow is supreme; but it was God's loving hand, and through it all how luminous is seen the heavenly beauty of her life and character. Great indeed was the blessing given, great indeed is the affliction now that it is withdrawn. Through the overwhelming sorrow there comes the most sweet and hallowed memories, the precious legacy of purity and brightness that made her whole life one psalm of love.

Clarice Laura Whittlesey was born at Ravenna, Nov. 19, 1844, the daughter of Elisha M. and Elizabeth Ann Whittlesey. Her father, the youngest son of the Hon. Elisha Whittlesey, died at Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1858, in the 37th year of his age. Her mother and an only brother, residing at Tower City, Dakota, mourn their great loss. In 1864 she graduated from the Ravenna High School. July 9, 1867, she married John Meharg. At an early period of her life, under the ministry of Rev. C. C. Foote, she united with the Ravenna Disciple church; was one of the first teachers of the Sunday School, and members of the choir. Children of her own were denied her, but so large was her motherly instinct that she adopted, with the approbation of her husband, a daughter now seven years of age, nearly, whom she loved with all her heart, and the care of that fond mother's home is forever secure to her.

p. 39 **Died.**

GILBERT—At the Crawford House, Colorado Springs, Col., August 12, 1880, of mountain fever, Lyman W. Gilbert of the Eng Corps, Denver and Rio Grand Railway; aged 22 years, 5 months.

Shalersville P. 17

DEATH.—Mr. Samuel Derr died at the residence of his son Jacob, Dec. 18th, 1877, at the advanced age of 93 years. Mr. Derr was born in Frederick Co., Md., Dec. 11th, 1784. When sixteen years of age he removed to Ontario Co., N. Y. In 1833 he removed to Solon, O., from thence, after a residence of twelve years to Shalersville where he has since lived. Mr. Derr was the father of four sons and four daughters all of whom are now living, the oldest is sixty-one; the youngest forty-four years of age. The last sickness attacked him in June 1877, since which time he has been a great sufferer. Mr. D. has been a professor of Christianity for over forty years. The funeral services [on Friday the 27th ult.] were conducted by Rev. H. N. Steadman, who took as his text the 7th and 8th verses of 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1877.—Feb. 5, Alexander Sterling, typhoid fever. Feb. 15, Isaac Kasson, cancer and old age. March 13, Catherine Wright, heart disease. June 2, Juliette Bell typhoid pneumonia, 52 years of age. June 4, Mrs. Jason Sreater, broken hip, 82 years of age. Sept. 3, Mrs. M. English, bronchial disease 61 years of age. Sept. 16, Freelove Hine, old age, 94 years. Sept. 22, Mrs. Francis Marvin. Oct. 30, James F. Rhodes typhoid fever and inflammation 70 years. Dec. 70, Laura Ledyard old age. Dec. 17, S. Derr, a child of Mr. Truair, age unknown.

Suddenly Killed. p. 39

Monday forenoon Capt. Geo. R. Williamson, of Ravenna, was suddenly killed at Orangeville, N. Y. Pa. & O. R. K. Capt. W. has for several years been a locomotive engineer on the above road. When approaching Orangeville he became aware that something was wrong with the engine, and putting his head out of the cab window was struck by a fragment of a broken connecting rod and instantly killed. Capt. Williamson was fifty-four years of age, resided at Meadville, Pa., and leaves a wife and five children. He ran the first locomotive on the C. & P. R. R. When the war broke out he was in Wisconsin, and he enlisted in the 22d Wis. Vols. After the war he accepted a position on the A. & G. W. R. R. (now N. Y. Pa. & O.) and has since been so employed. He was a fine man, a universal favorite and greatly prized by the railroad company. Mr. and Mrs. W. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson, Mrs. Eliza Ann Lowry, of Ravenna, went to Meadville on Tuesday.

p. 67 **Died.**

PATTON—In Kent, at the home of her father, Sept. 19, 1881, of malarial fever, Marian T., wife of James W. Patton and youngest daughter of Ruel and Clara Shirliff; aged 26 years, 8 months and 8 days.

PATTON—In Kent, Sept. 26, 1881, of malarial fever, Mabel, infant daughter of James W. and Marian T. Patton; aged 6 months and 14 days.
REED—At Olivers, Anderson Co., Tenn., Sept. 14, 1881, Sadie Julia, youngest daughter of Edwards A. and Mary Ann Reed; aged two years, nine months.

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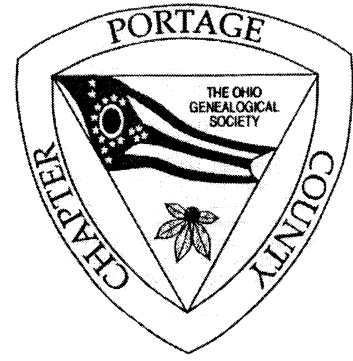
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A Reminder that your Chapter Dues are due for the 2009 membership year.

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The Chapter needs your support and your dues payment goes towards the newsletter, publication of books and rent of the Portage County Historical Society where we hold our meetings.

I have received positive feedback from members about the newsletter, but if there is something you would like to see more of or a certain topic, please let me know. Contact me at the e-mail address inside on page two.

Almost all of the material comes from sources at the Portage County Historical Society. There are so many files and books and I try to cover all areas of the county. Thank you for your continued support.

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