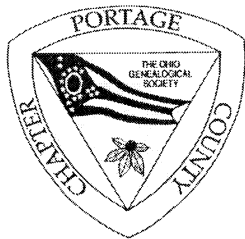


# Portage Path to Genealogy



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## Message From Our President

Greetings Everyone,

We have had great meetings during September and October. In September we visited the Hudson Public Library and especially their genealogy room. We were presented with a very informative talk on software by Roger Marble to enhance our use of computers for genealogy followed by a tour of the genealogy room. We were invited to spend as much time as we wanted browsing their research materials and searching for our relatives.

In October we had our annual First Settler's Luncheon at the Kentwood Restaurant in Kent. We had one new inductee, Robert Keim. Our speakers for the afternoon were Frank and Virginia Goodell of Shalersville Twp. Frank's ancestor settled in Portage county around 1827 and the farm has been in the family continuously. They told us that the house they live in now is the third home to be built on the land. The original log cabin disintegrated years ago, however, the second home, a frame building is still standing. Their current home was built circa 1902 and still has the fixtures for the gaslights throughout the house. We had a great time and good food.

This will be my last president's message because November is election of new officers and I am stepping down as President and also Chairman of First Settler's. It has been very difficult to fulfill my duties since the death of my son. I need time to focus on settling his affairs and just to deal with our loss. It has been a pleasure to get to know those of you who attend the meetings and to serve our organization. I will keep up my membership and attend the meetings when able. Best wishes to all and happy ancestor hunting.

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

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

**December**—No meeting—Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

**Chapter News:**

The Portage County Chapter OGS First Settlers and chapter members met at the Kentwood Restaurant in Kent for the induction of our newest member, Robert Kime. Robert and his wife attended to accept his certificate. His ancestors are **John Baldwin, Lois Esther Baldwin, Siley Hitchcock, Esther Lois Hamilton, Abraham Reed, Mary Wallace Reed Goodrich, Horace Reed, Melissa Reed and Edward E. Chapman.** Congratulations, Robert.



Chapter members will be electing new officers for 2008-2009. The slate of officers at this time is Barb Petroski for president, Evelyn Burgess for vice-president, Jackie Woodring for secretary and Tom Monroe as treasurer. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone wishing to be considered for an office or an appointed position within the chapter please come to the meeting or send a note to the chapter with the position you would be interested in.



**Memorials:**

Two of our members have passed away recently. **James J. Swartout** of Stow died October 26<sup>th</sup> and **F. Elizabeth "Betty" Gombert** died October 27<sup>th</sup>. Our sincere sympathy goes to their family and friends.

Mr. Swartout was a member of the First Settler's of Portage County, having been raised in Brimfield, Ohio. He belonged to various carnival glass clubs and was a member of the Brimfield Memorial House Association. Memorials may be made to the Brimfield Memorial House Association, earmarked for the School Arch Project, P. O. Box 1231 Kent OH 44240-0024

Mrs. Gombert, from Cuyahoga Falls had been a long time member of the chapter and volunteered at the Portage County Historical Society, Mobile Meals and Stow Glen over the last few years. Memorials may be made to the Akron Zoo Development Office 550 Edgewood Ave. Akron OH 44307 or to Mobile Meals 1063 S. Broadway St Akron OH 44311-2340



Please add the following to you Surname list found in the March-April issue of this newsletter:

0188-- Mary **Shannon** 19 Blackwood Lane, St. Peters, MO 63376

**BOOSINGER, GREENWALT, PRICE, STOUGH**



**NOTICE: NEW CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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

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.

Our latest Chapter Publication: See pages 4 & 5 for copies of a page from each section of this book.

Portage County Probate Court Records
Wills, Estates and Guardianships
1813-1943
Located at the
Portage County Historical Society
Ravenna, Ohio

This publication is an index to Probate Court records of Wills, Estates and Guardianships, which are located at the Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna Ohio. The Probate Court records were given to the Historical Society in 1960 to store after they were microfilmed and the Portage County Court House was being demolished to make way for a new Courthouse.

This index contains only the Probate Court records that are located at the Portage County Historical Society. This is not a complete index to all Portage County Probate Court Wills and Estates and Guardianship records.

The Historical Society does not have the entire set of court records. There are many missing numbers and dates in the sequence of the Probate Court cases.

The Wills and Estates Index includes the first and last name of the deceased and the first date the case was recorded in Probate Court if the date is listed. If the file date was unavailable than the earliest date found on the probate record was used. The last known residence is included in the index if known. The reference of the x in the columns of Will or Estate refers to the papers included in the court packet. If no x appears in the Will column there is no will, only papers regarding the estate of the deceased. There had to be a will in the packet to be marked as such. In some instances the will is the only paper in the packet and the date is taken from the will, which would be before the date of death of the individual.

All names are spelled as they appear on the court records. There may be more than one spelling of a name within the record and the spelling used most often is the one that was used in the index.

Guardianships list the last name and the first name[s] of the individuals listed in the Probate Court case, and the date the case was filed in Court or the earliest date listed on the enclosed papers within the packet. A single case can cover years and individuals may have appeared in court numerous times with many different case numbers.

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## Wills and Estates

PCHSFILE	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	DATE	YEAR	LAST RESIDENCE	ESTATE	WILL
2932	GILBERT	TIRZAK	AUG 5	1879	PALMYRA	X	
3429	GILBERT	LYDIA	JUL 23	1884	MANTUA	X	X
3496	GILBERT	DAVID D	MAR 10	1885	DEERFIELD	X	X
3509	GILBERT	THEODORE M	SEPT 12	1885	EDINBURG	X	X
3836	GILBERT	ISAAC	JAN 13	1888	MANTUA	X	
3964	GILBERT	WARNER	JAN 4	1889	PALMYRA	X	X
4261	GILBERT	CLARK	AUG 3	1891	STREETSBORO	X	
4401	GILBERT	JOEL B	OCT 29	1892	MANTUA	X	
4469	GILBERT	SARAH	JUN 15	1893	PALMYRA	X	
4524	GILBERT	L W	JAN 4	1894	PALMYRA	X	
4863	GILBERT	IRA	JUL 27	1896	DEERFIELD	X	
5223	GILBERT	THERON	MAY 11	1899	DEERFIELD	X	
5723	GILBERT	MARY J	JAN 29	1903	----	X	
5954	GILBERT	BURTON W	DEC 2	1904	EDINBURG		X
1366	GILBREATH	JOSEPH	JUN 11	1856	SHALERSVILLE	X	
6193	GILBREATH	URBAN K	SEPT 20	1906	----	X	
5134	GILBRIDE	BERNARD	NOV 2	1898	----	X	
4264	GILDEA	HENRY	JUL 3	1891	BIG FLATS, NEW YORK	X	
2122	GILE	WILLIAM	SEPT 7	1868	FRANKLIN	X	
5103	GILE	ELEANOR	AUG 5	1898	KENT	X	
3870	GILL	AMELIA	MAR 19	1888	RAVENNA	X	
335	GILLET	JOHN M	MAY 22	1832	FRANKLIN	X	
396	GILLETT	JOHN	MAY 30	1826	FARMINGTON, CT		X
654	GILLETT	ALVAN	JUL 31	1841	ROOTSTOWN	X	X
1466	GILLETT	HENRY	MAR 25	1858	FREEDOM	X	
2004	GILLETT	TRUMAN	OCT 11	1866	ATWATER	X	X
2878	GILLIS	JOHN	JAN 10	1879	RAVENNA	X	X
3356	GILLIS	LUCIA A	OCT 4	1883	RAVENNA	X	
2822	GILMAN	THOMAS P	MAR 29	1878	RANDOLPH	X	X
3236	GILMAN	SOLOMON	SEPT 28	1882	CHARLESTOWN	X	X
3696	GILMAN	DEXTER D	JAN 13	1887	CHARLESTOWN	X	
5066	GILMAN	EDWARD E	APR 16	1898	CHARLESTOWN	X	
5736	GILMORE	MICHAEL	MAR 10	1903	----	X	
4246	GILMOUR	RICHARD	MAY 25	1891	CLEVELAND, OHIO	X	X
2681	GILSON	WILLARD B	JUN 29	1876	MANTUA	X	
3984	GILSON	W H	FEB 28	1889	GARRETTSVILLE	X	X
6070	GINNEFF	ANNA	SEPT 25	1905	----	X	
5296	GINTHER	JACOB,	NOV 21	1899	SUFFIELD	X	
5738	GINTHER	GEORGE	MAR 14	1903	----	X	
5848	GINTHER	MARTHA	MAR 5	1904	----	X	
3868	GIPSON	JOHN	MAR 14	1888	PALMYRA	X	
5847	GIPSON	JOHN	MAR 5	1904	DEERFIELD	X	
2655	GLASS	FANNY	FEB 25	1876	BRIMFIELD	X	X
3079	GLASS	JACOB	FEB 26	1881	BRIMFIELD	X	X
3845	GLASS	JOHN	FEB 7	1888	BRIMFIELD	X	
4272	GLASS	CLAYTON O	OCT 21	1891	FRANKLIN	X	
4396	GLASS	JACOB	OCT 3	1892	SUFFIELD	Coroner	inquest
4664	GLASS	HANNAH R	JAN 15	1895	RANDOLPH	X	X
4861	GLASS	JOHN H	JUL 16	1896	RAVENNA	X	X
4913	GLASS	HEYDEN	FEB 11	1897	FRANKLIN	X	
5131	GLASS	LOIS L	OCT 24	1898	BRIMFIELD	X	X
2807	GLEDHILL	JOHN	FEB 20	1878	RAVENNA	X	X
2936	GLESS	MATHIAS	AUG 22	1879	SUFFIELD	X	X
2977	GLESS	JOSEPH	MAR 8	1880	RANDOLPH	X	
1370	GODDARD	CURTIS	JUN 16	1856	EDINBURG	X	
4366	GODDARD	EDWARD	JUL 1	1892	MANTUA	X	
165	GOE	THOMAS	SEPT 10	1827	WINDHAM	X	
5261	GOEPPINGER	C F	AUG 7	1899	RAVENNA	X	X
4506	GOETZ	CHRISTINA	OCT 9	1893	KENT	X	

Below is a copy of page 45 from the Guardianship Records section of the publication listed on page 3 of this newsletter

## Guardianships

NO	LAST NAME	FIRST NAMES	DATE
1945	TURNER	Arthur B., Harry, George, Hattie and Frank	1888
2002	TURNER	Arthur	1890
2548	TURNER	Fred	1909
3020	TURNER	Adell	1921
3033	TURNER	Adell	1921
415	TUTTLE	Calvin and Seth	1839
665	TUTTLE	Marcus and Elijah	1850
729	TUTTLE	Hiram	1852
808	TUTTLE	Elijah and Marcus	1857
937	TUTTLE	Philena	1864
1788	TUTTLE	Madge	1883
1977	TUTTLE	Emeline	1888
2148	TUTTLE	Plimmond	1894
2255	TUTTLE	Plymon C. / Plimmond	1899
2573	TUTTLE	Harriet	1909
2124	TWITT	William J.	1894
2125	TWITT	Frank S.	1894
898	TYLER	Dwight W.	1856
1203	UDALL	Fred and Ida	1865
1787	UDALL	John	1883
1130	ULM	Joseph	1864
1131	ULM	Teresa	1864
1134	ULM	Wendel	1864
498	UNDERWOOD	Martia	1844
638	UNDERWOOD	Maria	1851
1629	UNDERWOOD	Millie	1877
2659	UNDERWOOD	Harmon	1912
833	UPSON	Margaret and Nicholas	1855
1254	UPSON	Margarett and Nicholas	1866
3018	UPSON	Maggie	1921
2874	URBAN	Katharine (no papers)	1918
2933	UTTERDYKE	Sophia, Thomas and Elizabeth	1919
1953	VAIR	Sidney, Robert, James and Tina	1888
475	VAN	Otis	1843
998	VAN ALLEN	Frances	1859
1415	VAN ALLEN	Frances	1871
1078	VAN AUKEN	Daniel and Eva Nettie	1862
2232	VAN VOORHIS	T. L., W. E., and Elizabeth	1897
374	VAUGH	William	1838
273	VAUGHAN	William	1834
1477	VAUGHN	May A.	1873
1622	VAUGHN	Elbert	1877
1903	VAUGHN	Perdell	1886
2331	VAUGHN	William	1901
3030	VIERS	Charles and Luola	1921
1366	VIETS	Clarissa	1869
1398	VIETS	Norah	1870
1989	VINALL	Olive I.	1889
2454	VOSBURG	Viola	1906
442	WADSWORTH	Elmer, John, Julia Ann, Isabel, Edwin and Emily	1841
454	WADSWORTH	Stanley, Elizabeth and Elmira	1841
1046	WADSWORTH	E. W., Charles, Francelia, Edward and Cora	1861
1209	WAGNER	Margarett	1865
1633	WAGNER	Marie / Marla	1878
2841	WAGONER	Lawrence, Ethel and Thelma	1917
1495	WAIT	Edwin H.	1873
1028	WALDON	James	1860

The following information is from the Geauga County Genealogical Society publication "Raconteur Vol. 29 No. 2 April/June 2007"

## GOOGLING GRANDMA

The following are some search strategies which can be used in Google to help find information about your ancestors.

### Word Variations

When appropriate, Google will search not only for your search terms, but also for words that are similar to some or all of those terms. If you search for pet lemur dietary needs, Google will also search for pet lemur diet needs, and other related variations of your terms. Any variants of your terms that were searched for will be highlighted in the snippet of text accompanying each result.

### Word for Word

Choose keywords which are likely to appear on the web page you want.

Precise keywords.

No -- free genealogy website

Yes -- Delaware death records

Don't phrase your query as a question.

No -- Where is York County in Pennsylvania?

Yes - York County Pennsylvania map

Don't phrase your query as a command.

No -- find census or look for census

Will eliminate all census sites that also don't happen to have the work FIND or LOOK somewhere on the page.

Yes -- New York 1910 census  
Precise words.

### Wildcard Searches

A wildcard in a Google search query can be indicated by an \* and will match one or more entire words of text so that the query matches a contiguous sequence of words.

Google doesn't support searches in which an \* indicates a fraction or extension of a word.

Example cooking \* classes will match the phrases "cooking school classes" and "cooking and wine tasting classes."

Example the parachute was invented by \*

Also, more than one asterisk can be used -- vitamin \* is good for \*

### Put Your Name in Quotes

Enclose words in quotes so that Google will search for that exact phrase.

Example "John Smith"

Put words in quotes and add a wildcard.

Example "John \* Smith"

Will find John A. Smith, John Allen, Smith, John Bertram Smith, etc. but not John Smith.

### Watch Those Abbreviations

Avoid using abbreviations for location names.

Example Pennsylvania and PA are not the same to Google.

Using abbreviated states name to search for a current address is okay. If it doesn't give you the results you want, try using the whole state name.

Don't use abbreviations for descriptive keywords.

Example regt or reg't will not find sites which include regiment

Or you can try regt OR reg't OR regiment

### Don't Know the Exact Year ?

You can search a range of years.

Examples obituary 1920...1925

ship passenger list 1850...1860

John Smith Pennsylvania 1901...1980

### Synonym

Use the tilde ~ in front of a word for the search to include synonyms.

Example ~genealogy will find

webpages which include words like family history, family tree, ancestry, bloodline, lineage, parentage, pedigree.

### Allintitle

Will search for the word in the title of a webpage. May capture some additional genealogy webpages about the surname usually buried deep in the search results.

Example allintitle: fox genealogy

### If Your Surname is Also a Common Word

If you are searching for a surname that is also a noun such as Church, Street, Park, Fox, try using some of the techniques below.

Add a keyword that will likely appear on a genealogy webpage.

Example Church family church surname

Add specifics to your query by adding another surname and location.

Example John Church married Ethel Quackenbush in Kalamazoo

Try church quackenbush kalamazoo

### Plus + and Minus -

Use a plus sign + before words you want to appear in your search results exactly

Example If you put in the surname Powers, you will get hits for Powers, power, and powered.

If you only want an exact keyword match for Powers, you need to put a + before the word.

+Powers No space between +and word

Use a minus sign - before words that you do NOT want to appear in your search results.

Example +powers -austin  
Space between 1st word an minus

+powers -persuasion -emergency -attorney

## OCCUPATIONS OF THE 1800'S

Accomptant - Accountant  
 Almoner - Giver of charity to the needy  
 Amanuensis - Secretary or Stenographer  
 Artificer - A soldier mechanic who does repairs

Bailie - Bailiff  
 Baxter - Baker  
 Bluestocking - Female Writer  
 Boniface - Keeper of an inn  
 Brazier - One who works with brass  
 Brewster - Beer manufacturer  
 Brightsmith - Metal Worker  
 Burgonmaster - Mayor

Caulker - One who filled up cracks  
 Chaisemaker - Carriage maker  
 Chandler - Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles; retailer of groceries  
 Chiffonnier - Wig maker  
 Clark - clerk  
 Clergyman - cleric  
 Clicker - The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked  
 Cohen - Priest  
 Collier - Coal Miner  
 Colporteur - Peddler of books  
 Cooper - One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves & hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.

Cordwainer - Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba, Spain  
 Costermonger - Peddler of fruits and vegetables  
 Crocker - Potter  
 Crowner - Coroner  
 Currier - One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease

Docker - Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo  
 Dowser - One who finds water using a rod or witching stick  
 Draper - A dealer in dry goods  
 Drayman - One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads  
 Dresser - A surgeon's assistant in a hospital  
 Drover - One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle  
 Duffer - Peddler

Factor - Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate  
 Farrier - A blacksmith, one who shoes horses  
 Faulkner, Falconer, Fell Monger - One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making  
 Fletcher - One who makes bows and arrows  
 Fuller - One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth

Gaoler - A keep of the goal, a jailer  
 Glazier - Window glassman

Hacker - Maker of hoes  
 Hatcheler - One who combed out or carded flax  
 Haymonger - Dealer in hay  
 Hayward - Keeper of fences  
 Higgler - Itinerant peddler  
 Hillier - Roof tiler  
 Hind - a farm laborer  
 Holster - Reaper  
 Hooper - One who made hoops for casks and barrels  
 Huckster - Sells small wares  
 Husbandman - A farmer who cultivated the land  
 Jagger - Fish peddler  
 Journeyman - One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day  
 Joynor/Joiner - A skilled carpenter

Keeler - Bargeman  
 Kempster - Wool comber

Lardner - Keeper of the cupboard  
 Lavender - Washer woman  
 Lederer - Leather maker  
 Leech - Physician  
 Longshoreman - Stevedore  
 Lormer - Maker of horsegear

Malender - Farmer  
 Maltster - Brewer  
 Manciple - a steward  
 Mason - Bricklayer  
 Mintmaster - One who issued local currency  
 Monger - Seller of goods (ale, fish)  
 Muleskinner - Teamster

Neatherder - Herd cows

Ordinary Keeper - Innkeeper with fixed prices

Pattern Maker - A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog with a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end  
 Peregrinator - Itinerant wanderer  
 Peruker - a wig maker  
 Pettifogger - a shyster lawyer  
 Pigman - Crockery dealer  
 Plumber - One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows  
 Porter - Door keeper  
 Puddler - Wrought iron worker

Quarrier - Quarry worker

Rigger - Hoist tackle worker  
 Ripper - Seller of fish  
 Roper - Maker of rope or nets

Saddler - One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses  
 Sawbones - Physician

Sawyer - One who saws; carpenter  
 Schumacker - Shoemaker  
 Scribler - a minor or worthless author  
 Scrivener - Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public  
 Scrutiner - Election judge  
 Shrieve - Sheriff  
 Slater - Roofer  
 Slopseller - Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop  
 Snobscat/Snob - One who repaired shoes  
 Sorter - Tailor  
 Spinster - A woman who spins or an unmarried woman  
 Spurrer - Maker of spurs  
 Squire - Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace  
 Stuff gown - Junior barrister  
 Supercargo - Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship

Tanner - One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather  
 Tapley - One who puts the tap in an ale cask  
 Tasker - Reaper  
 Teamster - One who drives a team for hauling  
 Thatcher - Roofer  
 Tide Waiter - Customs inspector  
 Tinker - An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman  
 Tipstaff - Policeman  
 Travers - Toll bridge collection  
 Tucker - Cleaner of cloth goods  
 Turner - a person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles

Victualer - A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food  
 Vulcan - Blacksmith

Wagoner - Teamster not for hire  
 Wainwright - Wagon maker  
 Waiter - Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in  
 Waterman - Boatman who plies for hire  
 Webster - Operator of looms  
 Wharfinger - Owner of a wharf  
 Wheelwright - One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.  
 Whitesmith - Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work  
 Whitewing - Street sweeper  
 Whitster - Bleach of cloth  
 Wright Workman - a construction worker  
 Yeoman - Farmer who owns his own land

This list can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~washington/occupations.html>

The following news items are from Scrapbook # 51 located in the Portage County Historical Society library. The newspaper that the items were from is not known.

Sept. 20, 1907.

**HIRAM.**

**OBITUARY.**

The death of Thomas Young removes from our midst one of the oldest residents and perhaps the oldest native resident of the township of Hiram. He was born March 11, 1822, on the farm where his entire life was spent. The log house in which he first saw the light stood very near where now stands the house in which he died. He was the eldest of two sons born to Thomas Fitch and Lydia Tilden Young. In 1849 he married Rachael L. Lamson, who died in 1878. Of their three children the oldest, Clarence, died in 1874, at the age of twenty-three. The second child, Sheridan, died at the age of eighteen months. The youngest, Myrtle M. wife of L. R. Dunham, of Cleveland, O., was present to minister to him during his last illness. He has not been in robust health for several years but he was able to be about the home and the village until within two days of his death. He died on Aug. 31, 1907, aged 85 years, 5 months and 20 days. Besides his daughter, Myrtle, his only brother, Clinton, survives him. Brief funeral services were held at the old home, after which the remains were borne on the funeral car to Glenville, and cremated according to the wish of the deceased. Mr. Young was a man of honest and decided convictions. He loved the truth but he felt very strongly that he must be permitted to determine for himself what is true. He was blunt and outspoken in expressing his convictions. No one was left in doubt as to his real opinions upon

**FREEDOM.**

Herman Berg and Ina Scovill were married Monday, June 10, at the Methodist parsonage in Garrettsville by Rev. Hollett. Martin Davis and Miss Dilly Scovill accompanied the bride and groom.

JUNE 20, 1912

THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 1888

**FREEDOM.**

The funeral of Mr. A. C. Larkcom, whose death was recently noticed, was held on Sunday in the M. E. church, Rev. J. K. Nutting officiating. The church was full, many of the large circle of relatives from this and adjoining towns being present; also Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lewis, the two latter daughters of Mr. Larkcom, from Kansas. Lyman Larkcom, the only son living, occupies the homestead. Mr. Arvillas C. Larkcom was born in Otis, Berkshire county, Mass., in 1805.

Before the adjournment of the meeting a telegram was received from Mr. N. A. Curtis, at Columbus, saying he would arrive here the 12th with the body of his wife. It was a shock to all their friends, for although Mrs. Curtis had not enjoyed good health for some time, she had much improved since going to Columbus. Mr. Curtis was accompanied by Mr. Dyer Matthews, also a guard at the Ohio Penitentiary. The funeral was held at the residence of Mr. E. P. Thayer, on Friday, Jan. 13th. Mrs. Curtis' death was very sudden. She was at Mt. Carmel Hospital, at Columbus, where a tumor was very successfully removed and every hope given for a speedy and entire recovery. In less than twenty-four hours after the operation she passed away, saying to those caring for her, when informed of her condition, "I am ready to go whenever it is the Lord's will."

Mrs. Harriet D. Curtis was born in Sheffield, Mass., in 1831, only daughter of Jesse and Delia Shepard. She came to Freedom with her parents in 1835, and was married to Newton A. Curtis in 1853. She left one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Duna, of Garrettsville. For many years she was a consistent member of the Congregational church, and until her health failed a faithful and hard working teacher in Sunday School, and in fact was active in every good work. Mr. Curtis has the sympathy of his many friends here in his deep affliction.

Several weeks ago Mr. S. L. Hart was called to Cleveland to the sick bed of his mother, Mrs. Southwick. On Friday last her remains were brought to this place and laid beside her former husband, Milo Hart.

OCT. 16, 1913.

**MANTUA**

W. J. Dinsmore died at his home east of this village on Saturday morning after a protracted illness of kidney trouble.

JULY 4, 1912.

**GARRETTSVILLE**

The funeral of Winfield Dinsmore was held at Drakesburgh Saturday, interment in the East cemetery.

DECEMBER 19, 1912

**Drakesburg**

Drakesburgh, December 16:—The sad news of the death of Miss Carrie House of Hiram fell like a pall on her many friends here who were hopeful of a speedy recovery from her recent illness. Her bright cheerful smile and words of advice will be missed by all who knew her.

MARCH 28, 1912

**MANTUA**

Mantua—After an illness of nearly three weeks, Mrs. Ella Densmore died at her home in East Mantua Sunday evening at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Densmore died from a shock caused by uremic poisoning. She was a great sufferer during her illness. A trained nurse was in attendance and everything possible was done to save this faithful wife and mother, but all efforts were in vain. Mrs. Densmore leaves a husband and four children, all boys, the youngest eight years old, the others grown to manhood. This is a severely afflicted family for at the present writing the oldest son is quite ill with an attack of grip and the second son, Fred, is lying at the point of death with typhoid pneumonia.

LATER—The son Fred died later

From Scrapbook #132 located at the Portage County Historical Society:



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JULY 3, 1890.

#### Obituary.

CURTIS HESCOCK.

Death always surprises. Though observed in his silent approach, yet unexpectedly the death messenger enters the home and carries away from the family circle the helpless victim. Yet there are circumstances under which persons may be removed making the removal startling and its announcement shocking. This may be said concerning the sudden death of Mr. Curtis Hescok, which occurred February 20th, 1890. On that cold day he left his pleasant home in Hiram and came to Garrettsville. After the transaction of business he started for home. He decided to go on the railway, and after walking a short distance west of the station he was overtaken by the express train and instantly killed.

Curtis Hescok was born in Bristol, Ohio, March 9th, 1820. In 1844 he moved to Nelson, and the same year was united in marriage to Miss Wilmina Gross, of the same place. Later on he located in Freedom, where in 1875 his wife was removed from his side by death. In 1880 he settled on a pleasant farm in Hiram. In 1885 he married Mrs. L. A. Osmer, of that place. The first union of wedded life was blessed with one child, Miss Mary, who still survives to cherish on earth the blessed memory of precious parents.

As a citizen and neighbor Mr. Hescok was faultless. Although of a retiring disposition, yet he was a man of decided convictions, and invariably pursued the right as he understood it.

Although unpretentious in his manners, yet no better neighbor and friend ever graced a community. In all his business relations he was upright and in all his dealings with men the sterling characteristic of integrity conspicuously appeared.

Mr. Hescok was a devout Christian. When he had reached the years of his majority he wisely gave himself to Christ and a religious life. Having been converted he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he continued a faithful and honored member to the last. Though unobtrusive in his religious life, yet in his daily walk he was a mighty power, and by his deeds more successfully convinced the world of the

reality of the Christ life in the human heart than by words he possibly could have done. When he fell before the irresistible blow and was prostrate in the presence of the inevitable, it is not surprising that the neighborhood wept bitterly, while his own household mourned and refused to be comforted. He was a true man, a faultless citizen, an affectionate husband and father, and a noble Christian gentleman.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. church at Garrettsville, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Henry D. Stauffer.  
H. D. S.

1906.

### GARRETTSVILLE, OHIO,

#### George J. Dunn.

George J. Dunn was born in Garrettsville, May 6, 1866, where he resided until the spring of 1890, when he and his wife removed to Ashtabula Harbor. He was employed as fireman for nine years on the Pennsylvania road, running between Ashtabula and New Castle, Pa. In April, 1899, at the earnest request of his father, he returned to the Dunn farm and lived there until the fall of 1904, since which time he has been in Cleveland.

He was a graduate of the Garrettsville schools in the year 1884, his class being at that time the largest ever graduated, numbering thirteen members, three of whom have died. He always took great interest in the schools and alumni, ever willing to do his share, and when the School Reunion was first organized he was a member of the executive committee and took much pleasure in the success of the meeting. He was a member of the city Council at the time of his removal to Cleveland.

In the fall of 1904, while at work in the field, he was stricken with apoplexy and his life despaired of for several days, but with his vigorous constitution he rallied and continued to improve until seemingly as well as usual, but he was not to be spared, and on the 12th of February, 1906, while on duty as engineer at the American House, Cleveland, he was found unconscious in his chair in the engine room at 2:30 P. M., and never rallied, passing peacefully away at 9:15 that evening.

His body was taken to his residence in the city Tuesday evening, where there were short services held, conducted by



GEORGE J. DUNN.

Rev. Grover, and attended by a large number of the members of Cleveland Council Craftsmen of Engineers, employees of the American House and many sorrowing friends. Wednesday morning his family accompanied the body to his father's residence in Garrettsville, the interment taking place in Park Cemetery, Thursday, Feb. 15. In his death we have lost a devoted husband, kind and loving father and dutiful son and brother. He leaves a wife, one daughter, an aged father and two sisters, besides a host of friends to mourn his untimely death.

The deceased was a Past Master of Garrettsville Lodge F. & A. M., and a member of Silver Creek Chapter R. A. M., Warren Commandery Knights Templar and Al Koran Temple Mystic Shrine, and the Craftsmen Council of Engineers, which he joined in December, 1904.

#### Card of Thanks.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude we thank our many friends for the sympathy and loving service bestowed upon us in the bereavement occasioned by the loss of our husband and father. We are especially grateful to the Masonic Fraternity, the quartette, to Rev. D. C. Grover and to all who so kindly ministered to us in our grief.

Mrs. George J. Dunn.  
Mona Dunn.

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FEB. 23, 1911.

HIRAM

CHARLES F. HANKEE.

Charles Frederick Hankee was born May 28, 1828; died February 1 1911; aged 82 years, 8 months and 3 days. He was the youngest of four children, born in the little village of Roggen, Regenwalde, Prussia, where the first twenty-six years of his life were spent on the farm which had been owned by the family for several generations.

He came to America in 1854. Nine years were spent in the pine forests of Michigan, on Lake Erie and in the lumber yards of Chicago. In 1864, after a visit to the old home in the fatherland, he settled on the farm on the edge of Freedom where he continued to live to the day of his death.

On April 27, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Marie F. Klegin who, like himself, was born in Prussia and came to America in 1854, and who departed this life April 30, 1906. To this union were born three children: Emma, Will and Arthur, all of whom still live in the old home. There on Monday, February 6, the funeral services were conducted by his nephew, Rev. Frederick Gacks of Philadelphia, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. L. J. Luethi of Chardon, Ohio. The interment was in the West Cemetery, Freedom, beside the faithful companion who had gone before.



Mr. Hankee was a man of sterling qualities, industrious, energetic, faithful — one who put his character into all he ever did. But he was of so retiring a disposition that his true worth could be appreciated by only the few most intimately associated with him in life. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and his whole life was lived in full assurance of the faith it taught him.

“His life was gentle; and the elements  
So mixed in him that Nature might  
stand up  
And say to all the world, This was a  
man!”

CHARLESTOWN



MR. AND MRS. D. R. KING.

JANUARY 30, 1913

RAVENNA, OHIO,

Well Known People Wed.

The marriage of Homer Curtiss of Ravenna and Mrs. Ellen King, widow of Dan King, of Charlestown occurred at the home of Mr. Curtiss, 245 South Walnut street, Thursday at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Dowds in the presence of a few friends after which a supper was served. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dowds, Mrs. Anna Curtiss, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beery and Mrs. Anna Jewell, all of Ravenna.

Mr. Curtiss' first wife died a little over a year ago and Mrs. King's husband two years ago.

OCTOBER 26, 1911.

SHALERSVILLE.

—The remains of Mrs. Derr, formerly of Shalersville, will arrive in Ravenna at 4:50 this evening from Rockford, Ill., accompanied by F. A. Crooks, a former resident of Ravenna and Shalersville. Interment will be made in Shalersville.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Derr, whose body was brought here from Illinois,

SEPTEMBER 12, 1912

SHALERSVILLE

MR. DERR

Mr. Derr died at the infirmary as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Wharton, minister of the Church of Christ, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of his son Frank, corner Central avenue and Clinton street. Burial was made in Maple Grove.

Emerson Derr, who has been at the infirmary for some time, passed away as a result of a stroke of paralysis. He was over 70 years of age. Funeral services were held at the home of his son Frank, corner Clinton street and Central avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. A. Wharton, minister of the Church of Christ. Mr. Derr formerly lived here and at Campbellsport.

Card of Thanks

For the kindness of friends, neighbors, minister and singers at the death of our father we express our heartfelt thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Derr, Edward Derr and wife, Ella Wayne.†

The following poem is for fun. It was typed on letterhead from the Elks Club. The original is located in the "Elks" file at the Portage County Historical Society under *Organizations*. No author!

A Soldier received a letter from his girl friend and he wanted to show it to his buddy but she signed it "Mother". He wrote and asked her why, and this is her reply.

M—is for the many times you made me

O—is for the many times you tried

T—is for the tourist camps we stayed in

H—is for the hell-light in your eyes

E—is for the everlasting parties

R—is for the rat you made of me

Put them all together and it spells "Mother" And, brother, that's what I'm about to be.

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Items below are newspaper clippings that are in various "Business" files located at the Portage County Historical Society library.

### C. P. PATCHIN BUYS HOTEL FRANKLIN 8-1 — 1922

In the number of its reported sales the Hotel Franklin is becoming almost as famous as the renowned Chicago Masonic Temple. But after all the trials and tribulations of the last year Hotel Franklin yesterday passed into the hands of its new proprietors. The deal this time has been actually completed, and the hotel turned over at six o'clock last night to C. P. Patchin.

The new corporation will be known as The Franklin Kent Company. The officers and directors are C. P. Patchin, Pres. and Gen. Manager; Vice Pres., Orrin C. Clement, of the legal department of the Mason Tire and Rubber Co.; Secretary and Treasurer, Ivan C. Patchin. Other directors are Mrs. Elizabeth Patchin and Lenn L. Bash.

In an interview with Mr. Patchin this morning he said "The people of Kent have put their money into this hotel and in a sense I feel that it is theirs. I want them to come in and make themselves at home there. They are welcome to use the lobby and rest room and meet their friends there. I shall be glad to arrange with them to hold their public meetings there as formerly and will do what I can to cater to their wants."

Mr. Patchin assures us that a first-class place to eat will be provided in the near future and as soon as conditions warrant that the dining room will be re-opened.

We wish Mr. Patchin the best of success in his new venture and feel sure that all Kent citizens will be glad to co-operate with him in making it a place to which we may point with pride.

### Quick Service Home is Moved 9-27 — 1928

Quick Service Welding Co. proprietors and employes were busy this week moving into the concern's fine new building on East Summit st. and completing work on the new quarters.

The new buildings is 40x120 feet with main entrance on East Summit and extending through to Day st. It is a brick and steel building with concrete floor and well lighted throughout. Office room is provided by setting off the entire front of the building. All the old equipment has been moved from the old location on College Ave. and new machinery added.

The Quick Service Co. has been in business for fourteen years and does electric and acetylene welding not only in Kent but in outlying territory. It is the only concern of its kind in the county. A body and fender repair department is being added to the concern's business.

The firm is made up of C. F. Bowen and A. F. Dussell who have worked hard to make the business a success and how well they have succeeded is shown by the good results achieved.

The public is invited to call at the new plant and look it over.

### 6-14-1938 Begin Remodeling For New Drug Store

Workmen today had begun to remodel the empty store room in the France block on the northwest corner of Kent's public square preparatory to the opening of a Standard drug company store there.

Negotiations for the rental of the room were completed several weeks ago. Opening date of the new store has not been officially announced. The store, however, is expected to be open by July 1.

### NEW INDUSTRY

FOR KENT-CLEVELAND COMPANY TO LOCATE HERE.

11-1 — 1901

Local business men have secured the chair factory property on River street from C. A. Williams and will put the north building in shape for occupancy by Silber & Gross, of Cleveland, who will manufacture shirt waists, wrappers etc. They expect to start about Nov. 25th and will employ at the start 50 women and girls. It is expected that the force will soon be increased to 75.

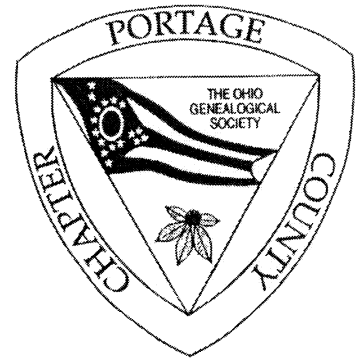
### Recognition for Kent. 8-15-1919

The Portage Monumental Works has bought the business and good will of The Keith Monumental Works, formerly operating in the retail trade at Kent, Ohio. J. A. Fiocca, head of the concern, says:

"Kent is rapidly approaching the 10,000 mark in population, and bids fair to become a large industrial city, and we look forward to a prosperous and progressive business in our line. The Mason Cotton Products Co., of this city, operates the only mill in the state for the manufacture of fabric for automobile tires, and is building up a vast industry here. Our plant is located at 912 North Mantua street, and we have an Akron office at 230 Medford Building. We have had long, practical experience in the monument line, and consider that no other location in the state of Ohio is superior to the busy little city of Kent."

(Reprinted from The American Stone Trade, published at Chicago, Ill.)

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The **Ohio Bicentennial Bell** has finally made its way to its permanent home in the Memorial Garden at the Portage County Historical Society. It arrived May 29, and was put in place by Dave Roberts, Donald Roberts and John Barber, with assistance from Barb Petroski. The bell was cast in 2003 at the Randolph Fair, Randolph Ohio.

The stand that the bell is hanging from was designed and fabricated by the students at Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna in 2004. The stand mimics the shape of the bell and it was powdered coated by A+Plus Powder Coatings in Columbiana, Ohio. If you are in the area please stop by to see it.



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