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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We have something great to look forward to! The New Additions and Alterations to the Reed Memorial Library. At our January meeting, Library Director Phyllis Cettamti showed us extensive drawings of the complete plans, including furniture, on both levels of the library. The grounds and parking lots were also displayed. Yes, there will be a genealogy room furnished with needed equipment and research material. This new addition will be completed in 2005.

Roger Marble, speaker at our February meeting, informed us of the many military records available to researchers. Excellent information can be found on "Cyndi's List" on the internet (www.cyndislist.com). Akron-Summit County Public Library, a close location for many of us) has excellent information on military records.

I want to thank Lois Ragan for January's refreshments and Betty O'Neil for providing refreshments in February.

Essays were recently sent to the Genealogical Fellows & Awards Committee, recognizing Barbara Petroski and Jackie Woodring as outstanding volunteers from our Chapter. These ladies have worked very hard as volunteers and deserve to win. We will keep our fingers crossed for them. We also sent an essay about our Chapter activities to see if we might qualify for an Outstanding OGS Chapter Award. Winners will be announced at the OGS Convention April 22-24, 2004.

We have purchased a couple of new books. Ohio Marriages Recorded in the County Courts 1821 through 1830: An Index is on loan to the Portage County Historical Society Library. Ohio's Bicentennial Barns is being donated to the Historical Society Library.

The Chapter sent a monetary gift to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in memory of William Sullivan. We also had a calamity befall one of our members. Barbara Petroski fell on the ice and broke her wrist. We hope for a fast recovery for her.

Come join us for the next meeting! We have important business meetings, interesting programs and good refreshments! Hope to see you on March 20th and April 17th.

President,

Eloise Clark

MEETING DATES—3rd Saturday of the month

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

Time: 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted

March 20 – Jim Best will talk about better care of our books. He deals in antiquarian books and manuscripts. Refreshments will be provided by Eloise Clark.

April 17 – Topic to be determined. Refreshments will be provided by Jackie Woodring.

May 20 – Program to be announced. Refreshments will be provided by Sylvia Kennedy.

Chapter News

We wish to thank the following members for their extra support of our chapter:

Mary Lou Barry, Edward Chittenden, Alison K. Douglas, Edward Halbe, Nancy Mott Lawson, Judy Merians, Elizabeth Metz and Patricia Suber Petre.

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By-Laws Jackie Woodring

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Sunshine Eloise Clark – Report any illness, congratulations, etc. 330-673-8002

Queries:

WILLIAMS, AMES

I am researching the surname of WILLIAMS.

My great-great-grandfather was John WILLIAMS, b. 1791 in Portage County, Ohio.

Wife: Mary AMES

Moved to Vincennes, Indiana about 1840, d. 1856 in Vincennes

Children: Francis B., Eri, Theodore Ames, Rachel, Lucy, Christina, possibly three more children.

If you have any information regarding the above, would you be willing to share that information? I will pay for any copying and postage.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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SHURTLIFF / SHIRTLIFF, CHITTENDEN

Almon CHITTENDEN [Sr.], b. ca 1782 Durham, Connecticut, d. 25 Feb 1849 Palmyra, Ohio, son of Gideon CHITTENDEN and Esther CONE. He married before 1806 Gertrude SHURTLIFF / SHIRTLIFF b. ca 1781 probably Connecticut, d. ca 1826 Atwater, Ohio, where couple immigrated with Gideon and Almon's brothers Charles, William and Chauncey in 1806. Seeking birth and marriage dates and marriage place of Almon; and birth date, birthplace, death date, and *parents* of Gertrude. Mrs. Almon CHITTENDEN (Gertrude) is reported in county history sources as the first schoolteacher in Atwater, 1806-1807. All of the above named individuals except Chauncey, are thought to be buried in Atwater Cemetery, although no primary burial record source has been located to substantiate this.

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GARRETTSVILLE.

Sudden Death—Visit of Former Residents.

Thursday morning about 9 o'clock Mrs. David Horn, a woman in her seventieth year, died very suddenly. She was making arrangements to celebrate her husband's birthday by calling in to a repast she was to prepare, relatives and friends. She was sitting by the table scouring knives. Her husband, at her request, had brought out of the pantry a crock of preserves. As he set the crock upon the table and was removing the cover, his wife said she felt sick, and at once became unconscious. Dr. Lee was sent for, but the woman was dead some time before he could arrive. The probable cause of death was neuralgia of the heart, as Mrs. Horn had complained of pain in the region of the heart, and told her husband the night before that she did not think she would survive many more such painful spells which she had had. The funeral was held from the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Horn was a member, on Sunday. The day was very rainy and unpleasant, yet there was a good attendance. About nine years ago Mr. Horn came from Coshocton county and purchased a farm in Windham. Last spring he purchased a small farm adjoining Garrettsville for the purpose of being near the church of his choice; some of his sons occupying the Windham farm, and some being in the West. Mrs. Horn was born in Washington county, Pa., September 27th, 1814, but for half a century her home has been in Ohio. At the funeral were five stalwart sons and one daughter. Two of the surviving children could not be present. Four children had exchanged time for eternity before her. In all the relations of life Mrs. Horn was exemplary. Her piety was real, her prayers were earnest, and her affection was constant. Death came to her in a moment but the grim messenger did not find her unprepared. It is often remarked that sudden deaths are much more common than formerly. They shock the living, but who would not prefer to depart quickly rather than at the end of a lingering sickness?

Last week Joseph Mitchell and his sister Mrs. William Severance called at Garrettsville, remaining with old acquaintances for twenty-four hours. They were children of Van R. Mitchell, who lived in Freedom and then in Hiram many years ago. The family, consisting of the widow of Van R. Mitchell, two sons and three daughters, came to Garrettsville after the death of the husband and father. Subsequently all moved to Michigan and have had varied fortunes. Joseph went to Sterling, Kansas. He has been very fortunate in business. He wished to visit his old home after many years' absence. He came to Michigan and wanted his sister to come to Ohio with him. Mr. Severance is keeping hotel at Manchester, Michigan, and is prosperous. The brother and sister found a few acquaintances here, but there have been so many changes they said it did not seem to them they were in Garrettsville. Joseph had changed so much in looks that none of his old acquaintances recognized him. "Go west, young man," was a bonanza for him.

Roll of Honor.

Sub-district no 5 Edinburg Township: No. on Roll, 22; The number attending every day, 13. The following named pupils were present every day for the month ending Dec. 21st: Willie Cowell, Ira Cowell, Wendell Elliott, Cassius Foster, Daniel Jones, Zenous Pfile, Cory Pfile, Charles Stump, Hattie Cowell, Libby Jones, Katie Jones, Mattie Pfile, Irena Pfile. A large number of the school had the chicken-pox during the month, causing absence.

VINNIE M. MYERS, Teacher.

School Report.

School closed on Friday, December 21, for two weeks' vacation, in district No. 3. Number enrolled, 25; not absent during last month, 11; George Hawks, Jane Hawks, Roscoe McIntosh, Frank Reynolds, Frank Robinson, Rufus Sanford, Nellie Bradford, Jessie Carr, Alma Ely, Rena McIntosh, Tracie Smith.

ADA SADLER, Teacher.

PROBATE COURT.

D. M. Pardee, Executor of will of Daniel Pardee, files final account.

Wm. H. Hughes, Administrator of estate of Joanna Davis, files final account.

A. H. Loomis files bond as sole executor of estate of H. J. Loomis, deceased.

Sale bill in estate of H. J. Loomis filed.

Affidavit filed alleging insanity of V. L. Demow. Warrant to arrest issued.

J. H. Dussell, Administrator, vs. J. L. Carrier, Administrator: Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$373.90.

MARRIAGE LICENSES: F. B. Wadsworth and Gena Millikan; E. E. Bosworth and Lila Turpey; A. D. Alexander and Ella E. Slabaugh; E. P. Oyster and Maggie Watson; E. J. Ailing and Myrtle Brode; A. G. Stanley and Cora B. Williams; G. W. Ewell and Mary J. Ickert; Bion Boosinger and Queeney M. Ryan; Isaac Frick and Cora Stilwell.

EDINBURG.

Christmas Observances—Real Estate Transfers, Etc.

Mrs. Myrta Coe spent a couple of days last week with friends here.

Christmas was celebrated in various ways by our town's people. Several families united in holding a Christmas tree in Davis' Hall, from which many beautiful and costly gifts were distributed. Oysters, cake, turkey, &c., were served, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Relatives and friends of Rev. L. Rogers' family gave them a surprise, and an enjoyable time was reported.

Mr. J. Grenamyer has purchased the residence of Chester Fisher. Consideration, \$2,500. Mr. Fisher is in business in Toledo, and will remove there for the present.

Mr. L. E. Hughes recently lost a valuable horse.

Mrs. Hoskins, of Shalersville, has been visiting at her father's, Mr. Julius Day's.

Mr. Robt. Hinman sold his farm, south of the center, to Mr. Halleck. Consideration, \$50.00 per acre.

The Literary Entertainment given last Friday evening was a success. A repetition was given Saturday evening to a medium sized audience.

Rev. Elmer Bostwick has been visiting friends here for several days.

RANDOLPH.

Weddings—A Thumb Shot Off—Threshing Record—Holiday Notes.

On Thursday evening, December 20th, at the residence of John C. Bean, his daughter, Miss Minnie Bean, was married to Mr. Isaac W. Fox.

Sunday evening, December 23rd, at the residence of Mrs. Honeywell, the daughter, Miss Alvaretta Honeywell, was married to a gentleman from Tallmadge, whose name we have been unable to learn. Rev. O. C. Atwater was officiating clergyman at both above weddings.

A son of Ephraim Brumbaugh met with a slight accident last Saturday while he and a friend were hunting rabbits. In loading his gun he neglected to put a wad upon the shot and shortly after as he raised up his gun to shoot he discovered that some of the shot rolled out of the gun. Hastily setting the gun down to reload it, by some means it was discharged, and as the young man had the end of his thumb over the muzzle it was blown off to the great joint. Dr. Bettes was called to dress the wound and in a few days the young man will be able to go back to Ada, Ohio, where he is attending the Normal school which is located there. His holiday vacation is a sad one for him.

Christmas day was an unusually quiet one. There was a family gathering at the residence of A. L. Slabaugh, where a Christmas tree was one of the attractions, and there was a Christmas tree at the German Reformed church. On Christmas evening there was a surprise party at the residence of Sanford Ticknor, and no doubt there were other parties or family gatherings throughout the town.

Miss Hattie Merriman, of Hiram college, is spending the holiday vacation at home.

Mr. M. Collins was in his native town on Christmas day and remained until Thursday when he went to Michigan where he expected to remain for the next month or two.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, } *Supreme Court, vacation after*
 Portage County, ss. } *September term, A. D. 1831.*

THOMAS S. BIGELOW, }
 vs. } *Petition for Divorce.*

LYDIA A. BIGELOW,

THE petitioner, having filed his petition for a divorce, for reasons therein stated and set forth, and it appearing that the said Lydia A. Bigelow is not a resident of said county—

NOTICE is therefore hereby given to the said Lydia A. Bigelow, that she be and appear before our Supreme Court, next to be holden within and for the county of Portage, on the twenty-seventh day of August next, and answer the allegations of said petition as the same will then be heard and determined.

S. DAY, *Clerk.*

D. LYMAN, *Attorney.*
 Ravenna, April 3d, 1832.

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NOTICE.—The Portage County Sabbath School Depository is again replenished.

A. NASH, *Agent.*

Ravenna, June 27, 1832.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, } *Supreme Court, vacation of-*
 Portage County, ss. } *ter Sept. term, A. D. 1831.*

AMANTHA CURTISS, }
 vs. } *PETITION FOR DIVORCE.*

PHILO CURTISS.

THE petitioner having filed her petition for a divorce, for reasons therein alleged and set forth, and it appearing that the said Philo Curtiss is not a resident of the county aforesaid:—

NOTICE is therefore hereby given to the said Philo Curtiss, that he be and appear before our Supreme Court, next to be holden within and for said County of Portage, on the twenty-seventh day of August next, and answer the allegations of said petition, as the same will then be heard and determined.

S. DAY, *Clerk.*

HUMPHREY & TURNER, *Attorneys.*

Ravenna, April 30, 1832.

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WHITE BEANS.

J. C. FAIRCHILD will pay CASH for WHITE BEANS, delivered at his Store in Franklin.
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