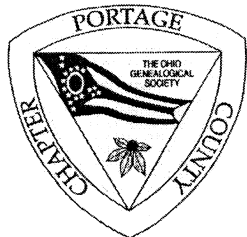


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## Please Remember to Pay Your 2011 Membership Dues

To Our Members:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be able to have our meeting in January. I'm sorry to report this, as I know we get cabin fever about that time and we always have good turnouts for our meetings. We will just have more to talk about in February!

The officers elected for the next term are the same as the last term. (See listing in box at left.) It appears that no one wanted to take over any of these positions. All the officers are doing this rather reluctantly; we have all held these positions for a few years now. We still need a new historian to replace Lois **Ragan**.

At the November meeting Wayne **Enders** read letters and filled in the background history behind what the writer was referring to in the letters. It was an interesting program. Evelyn **Burgess** provided refreshments for the meeting. Future program topics and speakers were discussed and a trip to the new OGS library will be planned for April or May. Jackie **Woodring** gave a report on the First Settler's luncheon and Molly **Everett** was at the meeting to receive her certificate for First Settler's of Portage County.

Your President, *Barb Petroski*

### Meeting Dates—First 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

*Have a safe and happy holiday season-  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone.*

### 2011—All programs to be announced

January 1--NO MEETING- CANCELED

February 5-

March 5-

April 2-

May 7-

Welcome new member:

Lynn **Harvey** 3851 Mennonite Rd, Mantua OH 44255.  
Her surnames are **HOWARD, PHELPS, ROOT, SOMERVILLE**

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The January meeting is canceled and Art & Jeannette **Hall** do not have to bring refreshments! But I want to thank them for signing up. Pat **Roberts** will have the refreshments in February.

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Please note that the Ohio Genealogical Society has a new address and phone. I was informed that many people still are using their old address and phone number.

The new address is 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813 Phone: (419) 886-0092

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**CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS, QUERIES** There is always space for your queries, just send them in.

If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to [pccogs@embarqmail.com](mailto:pccogs@embarqmail.com)  
**Please limit your query to only two surnames.** Queries, which are posted in this newsletter, are free for members. There is a \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members who must mail in their payment with the request. Mail to: PCCOGS, P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266-0821

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**The following publications are recent donations to the Portage County Historical Society Library**

**Donor:** Harry E. **Pontius** III of Burke, VA: The Nicholas Pontius Line 1540-2010 Family Genealogy

**Donor:** Mark V. **Pifocco** of Louisville, OH: Five WW I letters from Howard S. Weston to Mrs. F. S. Weston, Mogadore.

**Donor:** Howard J. **Hall** from Cheimsford MA-Hall Descendants of Francis Hall Also Identifying His Known Ancestors in England compiled by Howard J. Hall with Harlan R. Jessup 2010

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The following item is from a small newspaper clipping with no date or name of paper. It appears to have been glued to something and was found loose. (PCHS library)

Aurora House still stands. It's now the home of Mrs. Marguerite **Wolfe**. It was moved from its original site to a lot just across Rt 82 from the ruins of the present inn.

The core of Aurora Inn, Mrs. Wolfe recalls, was built in the late 1920s and additions made through the years

## DOCUMENTATION: WHY BOTHER?

by Amy Johnson Crow, CG, and seen in *Indiana Genealogist*, June 06

People become involved in genealogy for a variety of reasons. Some want to connect with the past and gain a sense of heritage. Others want to join a lineage society, such as Daughters of the American Revolution or Society of Civil War Families. A growing number of people want to discover what medical conditions may run in their families. However, I do not know of anyone who started doing genealogy because they love writing source citations.

Genealogy is supposed to be enjoyable. The fact that it is one of the most popular hobbies in the United States would bear that out. Poring over old records, tromping through cemeteries and visiting ancestral homelands are "fun" activities for a family historian. Citing sources is not.

There are several myths about documentation. Unfortunately, these myths have prevented many researchers from using this very important tool. Here are the three biggest myths:

- I don't need to bother with documentation since I'm not a professional genealogist.
- I'm not going to publish my genealogy, so I don't need to document anything.
- Documentation is too hard and too time consuming.

The majority of people who research family trees do so as a hobby, not as a way to earn a living. However, that does not mean their research is of any less importance. The goal of the hobbyist and the professional is the same: find the facts about a person's ancestry. Whether you are doing the research for yourself or for someone else, you still want to have accurate conclusions. Source citations can help with that.

Why bother with documentation if you never plan on publishing your research? What does it matter if your notes never see the light of day? The answer is this – your ancestry is important, regardless of what you do with your research.

Citing your sources does not need to be hard. In fact, it has never been easier. The major genealogical software programs all have an entry system for source citations. Many even have templates which prompt you for the information. In addition, there have been several guides published recently which discuss citations and how to construct them.

As for documentation being too time consuming, ask yourself this question. Do you have unlimited time, energy and resources to devote to your research? If the answer is "no", then you cannot afford not to cite your sources.

### Why Document?

Documentation provides us with a link back to the source of our information. That sounds rather pedestrian, but it is the foundation of why we need to cite our sources. The implications of having that link cannot be ignored.

Knowing where we got our information - or where others got their information - allows us to evaluate the accuracy of our research. How accurate is your statement that Matilda was born in Ohio in 1817? You have no way of gauging that without knowing where you got the information. Did the information come from her obituary or did it come from your third-cousin twice-removed who told you at last year's family reunion? (If it is from your cousin, the question begging to be answered is where she got her information.)

If you have been pursuing genealogy for any length of time - in other words, longer than one week - you have likely come across data which contradicts other pieces of data. Your charge as a genealogist is to

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resolve the contradiction and come to an accurate conclusion. You can flip a coin to decide which fact is more likely correct, or you can evaluate the data.

Dates can be in conflict. You might have two different birth dates for an ancestor. Source citations will help you resolve the conflict. When you see that one date is from his birth record at the probate court and the other date is from his obituary, you can evaluate the sources and decide which is more likely correct. (In this case, the date from the birth record is more likely to be accurate.)

Source citations also help us identify gaps in our research. Everyone likes to have family group sheets with all of the dates and places filled in. However, just having a "complete" family group sheet does not mean that the research has been extensive. If you look at your sources and see that the dates and places for a person's birth, marriage and death all came from his obituary, you quickly realize that you need to follow up with our records.

It has been said that finding something once is fun; finding it the second or third time is decidedly less so. Source citations will help keep you from looking for a marriage record a second or third - or fourth - time. With so many ancestors to research, there isn't enough time or energy to keep retracing your steps and finding the same records over and over again.

### **Documentation without Getting a Migraine**

Even with the advantages of documenting our research, many people are still averse to actually doing it. Perhaps it causes flashbacks to all-nighters spent finishing high school and college term papers. Documentation does not need to fill you with angst.

The basic tenet of documentation is "Cite what you see." If you obtained a date and place of marriage from a book of marriage record abstracts, you would cite the book rather than the marriage record in the courthouse. This lets you and anyone else who reads your notes know that you didn't view the actual marriage record; you only saw a published abstract.

Citing what you see is especially important when it comes time to resolve conflicting data. If you have 2 November 1866 as the marriage date and someone else lists 15 November 1866, take a look at your sources. If yours is from the published records and the other person's source is the actual marriage record, you can judge which of you is more likely correct.

Email and the Internet can be tricky, but always remember to cite what you see. If Cousin Cleo tells you in an email that she found George and Elizabeth's marriage record at the probate court, what do you cite? The email, since that is what you've actually seen. (However, you can note in your citation that Cousin Cleo referenced Jay County Marriage Book 3, page 17. This will help you evaluate Cleo's statement and gives you a quick reference later on where to look for the actual record.)

The reason we document our sources is so anyone (ourselves included) can retrace where we found the information. This means we need to be specific in what we cite. For example, "Marriage record" is not a sufficient source citation. Is it the marriage record from the probate court or the church? Is it from a certificate held in the family? Is it from a published abstract? "Marriage record" alone does not tell you.

There are six components of a good citation:

- Author, person or entity responsible for creating the record.
- Complete title
- Details of the publication (edition, volume, reprint, etc.)
- Place of publication, publisher and year of publication
- Location of data within the source
- Explanatory notes (if necessary)

Recording the author's name helps differentiate between books of the same title and it gives credit where credit is due. If there is no author, look for the name of an editor or compiler.

The complete title, along with the author's name, forms the most basic source citation. It is important to record the complete title from the title page and not from the book's cover or spine. Catalog entries are created from the title on the title page; if you ever want to find the book again, that's the title you will need to know. Include the subtitle. Not only will it help you differentiate between all the books name the *Johnson Family Tree*, it will help you evaluate the source later. A reference to *Clinton County, Iowa Deaths* might lead you to believe the material was taken from death records at the courthouse. When you record the full title – *Clinton County, Iowa Deaths: Pape Funeral Home Index, 1923-1999* – you immediately know the information is from the funeral home and not the courthouse.

It might not seem to add anything important to include the edition or indicate if it is a reprint. In fact, it is very important. Information changes in subsequent editions; what was in the first edition of a family history might have been retracted in the second edition. Reprints are not always identical to the original; material could have been added or deleted. Including this will save a lot of frustration later when trying to find the material again.

The publication information – place, publisher, and year – completes “giving credit where credit is due.” In addition, it aids in sorting out ambiguous places and offers clues for analysis. What if the complete title of a book is *Death Notices from the Gazette*? That alone doesn't tell you where the *Gazette* was located. However, if you include that the book was published in Middle-of-Nowhere, Texas, by the Stamper County, Texas, Genealogical Society, that gives a very good clue where the *Gazette* was located.

If you are dealing with an original record, the “publishing” information is the repository. For example: Jay County Probate Court, Portland, Indiana. If you are working from microfilm, include the microfilm number. For example, Family History Library microfilm 2168890.

The location of the information within the source lets you find the material again more quickly. This could be a page number, a certificate number, or a file number. (You definitely want to include the page number if the book is not indexed. You don't want to have to read the whole thing again!)

Sometimes you need to include information not part of the first five components which will help you evaluate the source. An example is that email from Cousin Cleo. If she mentioned the specific volume and page where the marriage record is located, your citation might read:

Email from Cleo Clemmens [lookingforancestors@gmail.com](mailto:lookingforancestors@gmail.com), subject “Found their marriage,”  
3 June 2005. [She references Jay County Marriage Book 3, page 17.]

You might want to make a note about the source itself, such as “The microfilm was very faint” or “The binding of the book was tight; difficult to read the left-hand side of the page.”

## Conclusion

Citing sources is an important step in genealogical research. It is an important tool in revealing gaps in our research and to help us evaluate our findings. It saves us time when we need to review a source again, because we know exactly where the information came from. It also helps prevent us from looking for a source repeatedly because we didn't know where the data came from the first time.

Our family history is important. You do not need to be a professional genealogist or the author of a published family history. Documentation is for everyone.

The following two pages contain additional information to add to the chapter cemetery books. Tom Monroe has been researching the names in each cemetery book that do not contain first names, only initials or Mrs. By each name he lists the original entry and page number in the book and then the change. He lists the documentation for each change. Included in this newsletter is Brimfield/Suffield Twp. Vol #2 and Randolph Twp. Vol #6

## CHANGES FOR BRIMFIELD/SUFFIELD CEMETERY BOOK VOL# 2

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PAGE #	CHANGE	AUTHORITY
AYLIFFE	Mrs	82	Catherine	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 115
BARD	R (Rev)	23	Rudolphus	Index to Wills & Estate book Page 5
BISSLER	Wanda	98	DOD Nov 1, 1962	Ohio Death Index - Ancestry.com
BLETZER		181	Hariet	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 132
BOORN	A C H	66	Alfred	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 115
BROWN	William J (Mrs)	122	Margaret	1920 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 86
BOSZOR	Mrs Martin	75	Magdalene	1870 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 18 / 238
BURNETT	Elisha (Mrs)	75	Lydia	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 410
BURT	A D	75	Abel	Index to Wills & Estate book Page 14
CHAPMAN	J G	68	Joseph	Index to Wills & Estate book Page 18
COGHILL	Nancy A	230	Location of marker is on page 48 not 489	
DEITHICH	Frank (Mrs)	70	Ethel	1948 Ravenna City Directory
EATINGER	S B	11	Sherman	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Franklin Twp. Page 54
ENGL	James (Mrs)	34	Patricia	1953 Portage County Directory Page 89
FENN	G B	70	George	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 410
FERGUSON	F died Dec 30, 1908	92	Frank	Ohio Death Index - Ancestry.com
HOCKENSMITH	William (Mrs)	62	Alice	1910 Census-OH, PortageCo, Aurora ED 89
JONES	Sylvester B (Mrs)	86	Mary	1920 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 86
LAMPHER	A	71	Almon	Portage Co Newspaper Abstracts of Obituaries Page 77
LAMPHER	A (Mrs)	71	Caroline	Portage Co Newspaper Abstracts of Obituaries Page 77
LAMPHER	A H	71	Henry	Portage Co Newspaper Abstracts of Obituaries Page 82
LEPPER	J A	176	John	1860 Census-OH, PortageCo, Suffield Page 104
LYNN	ED	17	Erskine	1860 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 150
MOOR (sic)	F A	17	More, Frederick	1840 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 305
MOULTON	EG	70	Elbridge	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 412
MOULTON	J J (Mrs)	111	Eliza	1900 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 72
NEWSOME	O J	46	Opal	Obituary fro Record Courier dated Nov 11, 1988
NOBLE	R G	115	Royal	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Freedom Page 162
PIKE	I W	61	Irving	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 407
PIKE	I W (Mrs)	61	Rebecca	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 407
PIKE	L W	116	Lyman	1870 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 231
RHODES	B F	185	Benjamin	1900 Census-OH, PortageCo, Suffield ED 93, Page 308A
SHUMAN	H M	103	Henry	1870 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 237
THORNDIKE	I A (Capt)	22	Israel	1820 Census-OH, PortageCo, Thorndike Twp (later Brimfield)
TWITCHELL	L (Rev)	109	Lambert	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 115, Page 224
UNDERWOOD	L	71	Llybia	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 441
UNDERWOOD	L (Mrs)	71	Ruth	1850 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield Page 441
WARNER	Hel'na	180	Helena	1880 Census-OH, PortageCo, Suffield ED 132, Page 434
WILLIAMS	J T	110	Julious	1900 Census-OH, PortageCo, Brimfield ED 72
WILLOUGHBY	J R	125	James	Ohio Death Index - Ancestry.com

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## CHANGES FOR RANDOLPH CEMETERY BOOK VOL# 6

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PAGE #	CHANGE	AUTHORITY
ALLEN	D C	99	Clinton	1920 Census OH, PC, Randolph, ED 104, Sheet 18, Page 120
AUSFALL	J C	99	John	Portage County Marriages Vol 2
AUSFALL	J F C	99	Joseph	Portage County Marriages Vol 1
AUSTIN	B	212	Bissell	Newspaper Obituary Abstracts 1825 to 1870
BETTS	G W	167	George	Index to Portage County Wills, etc 1813 to 1942
BETTS	W H	172	William	1900 Census, OH, PC, Randolph, ED 88, Sheet 4, Page 212
BRAINERD	C O	215	Chauncey	Democrat Press-Feb 15, 1873-Pages 2 & 3
CASE	G A	100	Gibbon	Portage County Marriages Vol 2
CHURCHILL	M A	99	Maria	1880 Census, OH, PC, Randolph, ED 126 Sheet 28 Page 339
CHURCHILL	S M	99	Stephen	1870 Census, OH, PC, Randolph Sheet 38 Page 413
COOPER	E	128	Ephraim	Newspaper Obituary Abstracts 1825, to 1870
DICKINSON	L	210	Louisa	Newspaper Obituary Abstracts 1825 to 1870
DICKINSON	O C	210	Oliver	Index to Portage County Wills, etc 1813 to 1942
DICKINSON	W H	208	Walter	Newspaper Obituary Abstracts 1825 to 1870
HANLINE	J	107	Jonas	Index to Portage County Wills, etc 1813 to 1942
MERIAM	T F	112	Theodore	1910 Census, OH, PC, Randolph ED 107 Sheet 3
MERRIMAN	ER	120	Eliphalet Russell	P C Marriages V-1 and Index to PC Wills 1813 to 1942
POOL	J L	108	Lawrence	Listed in the Cemetery Book
ROGERS	W R	108	William	1850 Census, OH, PC, Randolph Page 446
ROTHERMEL	M	66	Margaret	1880 Census, OH, PC, Randolph, ED 126 Sheet 14 Page 335 Rotharmel (sic)
STEDMAN	W W	213	William	Portage County Marriages Vol 2
WARD	S S	110	Solomen	Index to Portage County Wills, etc 1813 to 1942

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## Summons Comes to Mrs. Thomas May.

DIED AT HER HOME MONDAY  
EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK.

Was an Estimable Woman and One  
of Kent's Oldest Residents.

Mrs. Thomas May, one of the best known ladies in Kent, a woman respected and esteemed by a great circle of friends, passed away at her home on North Water street Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Her death was due to cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. May was a native of England, but had resided in Kent for thirty-three years. Her birthplace was Kingston-on-Thames, and the date August 16, 1830. Her maiden name was Esther Bayes Walter. She was married to Thomas May on February 9, 1851.

In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. May came from England to Canada. From there they came to Ravenna in 1862, from which place they moved to Kent five years later. Here they have ever since resided, rearing their family and making for themselves a comfortable home and a reputation as good citizens, loved and honored by friends and acquaintances. Last February they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. May, of whom seven survive to share the loss with their aged father. They are: Walter May, Covington, Ky.; Mrs. John Ravenscroft, Robert O. May, Mrs. W. J. Coffeen, Kent; Mrs. H. O. Dunbar, Meadville, Pa.; Frank May and Mrs. B. C. Stokes, Kent. There are nineteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. May was a faithful member of the Episcopal church since she was twelve years of age. She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and took a deep interest in the work of the organization. Her husband is a veteran of the Civil war and a Past Commander of A. H. Day Post, G. A. R.

The funeral was held at the Episcopal church yesterday at 2 p. m., Rev. Robt. Kell officiating. Interment at Standing Rock cemetery.

Many beautiful floral remembrances came from friends in Cleveland, Meadville and Covington, besides desigus from the K. O. T. M., L. O. T. M., W. R. C. and Ladies' Parish Guild.

The pall bearers were sons and sons-in-law of the deceased.

Among those in attendance were Walter May and John Ravenscroft, Covington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Eudicott, Warren; Lloyd Donith, Cleveland; H. O. Dunbar, Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ravenscroft, and

Kent Tribune February 23, 1922

## PUBLIC SALE.

We will sell at Public Sale on the Nick Wilhelm farm 2½ miles North-east of Mogadore and 2½ miles south of Brimfield Station

Friday, Feb. 24,

at 12 o'clock sharp the following property:

4 road horses: Bay horse 10 yrs. old, wt. 1350; Bay team 5 and 6 yrs. old well matched, wt. 2600; Grey mare 12 yrs. old, wt. 1500. 6 head cattle: 1 Holstein Cow 7 yrs. old, fresh by day of sale; 1 Durham cow 8 yrs. old, due in June; 1 black cow fresh five weeks, 1 red cow fresh by day of sale, 2 yearling heifers. 1 brood sow, 4 pigs 9 weeks old, 15 chickens, 2 tons mixed hay, 4 tons timothy, 1 stack timothy hay, 2 tons clover hay, 100 bushels corn, 50 bushels oats, a few hives of bees. Deering binder, in good running order. Deering mower, new, land roller, Oliver plow No. 40, 2 spike tooth harrows, one new, spring tooth harrow, new, 2 Kraus 2-horse cultivators, 1 2-horse cultivator, Superior grain drill, 1-horse cultivator, manure spreader, 2 sets double work harness, 1 set almost new, 2 two-horse wagons with top box, 1 truck wagon, 1 spring wagon, set dump boards, hay rack, 3 milk cans, Old Trusty Incubator 110 egg capacity, brooder, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms: 10 months time on sums over \$10.00. 4 per cent discount for cash.

REEVES & FULMER

Perry E. Cutbert, Auct., Phone 8023-J, Kent.

RAVENNA

OCTOBER 3, 1912

## DEATH OF JOHN FRANK

John P. Frank died at the home of his son, P. L. Frank of No. 724 East Main street, about eight o'clock Wednesday morning after an illness since May of the present year, aged 73 years. He was first taken ill at his home in Warren but later became temporarily much improved and about August 1 came to Ravenna to attend a family reunion. Shortly after his arrival in this city he became worse and was never able to return to Warren, spending the remainder of his life with his son. Funeral services will be held at the home at 12:30 o'clock Friday, at which Rev. Mr. Ball, pastor of the Deerfield Methodist Episcopal church, will be the officiating clergyman. Interment will be made in Drakesburgh. \* The deceased is survived by his wife, who was with him throughout his last illness and who will return to her home in Warren, and by four sons, Aaron Frank of Warren, P. L. Frank, Simon Frank and Levi Frank of Ravenna and by a daughter, Mrs. Lydia Dunlap of Warren. One son died in infancy. He is also survived by a brother, Levi S. Frank of Mill street, Ravenna and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Troup of Newton Falls and Mrs. Ann Broabst of Alliance, and by seven grandchildren.

Mr. Frank was born in Champion township, Trumbull county, Ohio, March 29, 1839 and spent most of his life in Trumbull county, having residences in Newton Falls and Warren and for a number of years in Charlestown and Freedom, Portage county. He was married to Miss Margaret Chryst of Milton, Mahoning county in February, 1863.

The deceased was a civil war veteran, being in the southwest at the beginning of the war and enlisting in Missouri. He afterward enlisted in the 6th Ohio Cavalry and served until the end of the war. He was a charter member of David McIntosh Post, Ravenna, and later became a member of the Warren Post. The pall bearers will be selected from McIntosh Post.

Mr. Frank was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Southington and was an honorable and respected citizen.

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January 1910 (no newspaper name)

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**MRS. PRUDENCE MOORE.**

Prudence Dunlap was born near Niles, O., May 8, 1812, and died in Hiram January 18, 1910, aged nearly ninety-eight years. She was the fourth of a family of three brothers and seven sisters and the last to pass away. At the age of twenty-six she was married to Francis Moore of Hiram and came at once to Hiram to bear her full share in the honorable work of home-making. Three children came to their home: Elizabeth, who died in early childhood; Nancy Jane, wife of W. F. Quilliams, of Cleveland Heights, and Cyrus W. Moore of Hiram. Some twenty-seven years ago Mr. Moore passed away, leaving her to finish the long journey alone; yet not alone, for never did a mother receive kindlier care than she in the home of her son, whose good wife was a true mother to the aged pilgrim to the end.

In early girlhood Mrs. Moore had committed her heart and life to the divine Master. On coming to Hiram she united with the congregation of the Disciples and was a most steadfast member and honored her Christian name with a daily life of rare loveliness. Her journey was long but the end was peaceful.

"Of no distemper, of no blast she died,  
But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,  
Even wondered at that she dropped no sooner."

Born in the presidency of James Madison, Mrs. Moore was a contemporary of every American president save George Washington. She was cradled amid the stirring events of the War of 1812; was a woman in early prime during the Mexican war and lingered half a century after Robert E. Lee laid down his sword at Appomattox. She was a girl of a dozen years at the time of the Missouri Compromise, that opening gun in the great anti-slavery conflict; a young lady when William Lloyd Garrison issued the first number of the Liberator and Daniel Webster delivered his immortal reply to Hayne in the United States Senate, and was a mature woman when Webster, Clay and Calhoun were playing their great parts in the political drama of the Compromise of 1850. She was born under a flag of thirteen stripes and seventeen stars and died under a flag of thirteen stripes and forty-six stars. She was born in the infancy of steam navigation, seventeen years before the first steam railroad and thirty years before Morse sent his first telegram. The last half of her life witnessed the inauguration of

the Atlantic Cable, electric motor, telephone and wireless telegraphy. In word, this life has been almost exactly coterminous with the century that has witnessed more labor-saving inventions than all the centuries that preceded it.

To suggest another line of comparison America wrested her independence from George III. Mrs. Moore was his stubborn Majesty's contemporary for eight years and lived through the entire reigns of George IV., William IV. and the sixty-four years of Victoria's reign (the longest in English history) and nine years of Edward VII's reign. She was born just as Napoleon was entering on his disastrous Russian campaign and was playing with her first dolls when he met his final overthrow at Waterloo.

Again: The Disciples have just celebrated their centennial, though not till she was a maiden of sixteen did they (reluctantly) assume a separate and distinct position in the religious world. She lived to see near a million and a half communicants gathered upon the simple New Testament basis without any old world constituency to draw upon by immigration.

Only by such comparisons can we realize to what a remarkable length this life has been prolonged and through what an epoch-making century it has been lived.

B. S. D.

Hiram, O.

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Nov 24, 1913

**SMALL BLAZE ON CHESTNUT STREET**

Ravenna—The fire Saturday morning about 6:30 o'clock was in the old Jenkins property on North Chestnut street. The blaze started in the attic and was extinguished before it made much headway.

**SMALL FIRE SUNDAY.**

Ravenna—There was a small fire on Elm street Sunday morning, which ignited from the chimney of the Kline home.

**REALTY TRANSFERS.**

Ravenna—W. M. and Barbara Schultz, sold to Mary Zebb, lot 4, Kent, \$1.

Henry P. Knapp sold to Maggie Jacobs, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Kent, \$1.

**Death of William E. Stephenson.**

Mr. Stephenson, who had attained the great age of 84 years, 11 months and 6 days, died on Friday, June 16th, 1892. He was born at Cummington, Hampshire Co., Mass., July 13, 1797, and was the eldest of five children, four sons and one daughter, of Obadiah Stephenson, a Revolutionary soldier, all of whom are now deceased. In October 1817 he came to Charlestown, where he has since lived, and has now died. March 10th, 1825, he married Milly King, Rev. Caleb Pitkin, the pastor of the Congregational Church, performing the ceremony. Eight children were given them, four sons and four daughters, and his wife, three sons and one daughter survive him. In the year 1831 he was baptized by Ebenezer Williams, a pioneer minister of the Disciple denomination. After encountering the tolls of the pioneer, enjoying the privileges of the rapid march of improvement and settled life, living to a green old age, he has passed away. The funeral took place on Sunday, Rev. M. L. Streator officiating.

—On Friday last the funeral services of Mrs. Wm. P. Loy, of Cleveland, were held in the Disciples' church here and conducted by Elder M. L. Streator. Mrs. Loy was well known here before her marriage as Miss Mary Almon, eldest daughter of Jacob Almon. She has resided in Cleveland several years and was married to Wm. P. Loy, of that city, nearly four years ago. Her death occurred August 1, of consumption, in the twenty-eighth year of her age; and her remains were interred in Maple Grove Cemetery, where those of her mother and sister Louisa were already resting.

**Death of Mrs. Mary L. Twitt.**

Mrs. Mary L. Twitt, wife of Edmund Twitt, died on Friday morning last, after a long and very painful illness of a complication of disorders. Mrs. Twitt was born in Aurora, this county, on February 10, 1832, and was therefore past 52 years of age. She was a devoted wife and mother, and her home and family were always her chief concern. Besides a sorrowing husband she leaves five children to mourn her loss. The oldest of the children, Albert, died three years ago, in the same month, on the same day of the month, and within about two hours of the same time as his mother.

The funeral of Mrs. Twitt took place on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended by sympathizing friends. Rev. R. M. Freshwater, of the M. E. church officiated.

From the *Garrettsville Journal* November 8, 1906

## The Local News

—Roosevelt at Panama, page six.

—Skating at Rood's Roller Rink Friday night. \*

—Second-hand sideboard cheap. Bost & Wygant. \*

—Don't forget the Garfield banquet, November 19th.

—Fresh ground buckwheat flour at The Mill, 10 lbs. for 25c.

—Large selection of those delicious candies at 10c. Rood Co. \*

—News from the County Seat, an account book of early times, page two.

—H. L. Heyd has been relaying the sidewalk in front of his property on Elm street.

—At an expense of seven million dollars, the harbor at Ashtabula, Ohio is being improved.

—W. C. T. U. social at Mrs. Ober's Friday, 2:30. Each member has the privilege of inviting one guest. \*

—The Erie Railroad has nearly completed the work of double tracking the line from Youngstown to Mansfield.

—Congressman W. Aubrey Thomas has returned from the Adirondack mountains and is much improved in health.

—Just received from New York: One dozen ladies' raincoats, \$5.00, and one dozen ladies' gray novelty coats, \$4.50. Crane Bros. \*

—The Woman's Home Missionary Society will meet at the M. E. parsonage Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. Subject, Frontier Work.

—The Methodist parsonage at Girard is to be sold, and another one purchased on a less prominent street than Liberty.

—Warren Chronicle.

—Dr. O. L. Olds has his house on South street nearly ready for occupancy, C. E. Cooper having finished the interior wood work Monday.

—Mr. B. A. Chappell, of Center street, is raising the back wing of his residence to the height of two stories so as to make more commodious quarters.

—Commence making payments now on a phonograph for Xmas, a most appreciative present for the whole family. See Rood Co. for easy terms. \*

—A fine granite monument now commemorates the memory of Gen. William H. Gibson, one of Ohio's favorite sons. It was unveiled at Tiffin recently.

—Buy your wife a Christmas present that she can use 365 days in the year. Save her hundreds of steps. It is The Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet. See Rood Co.

—The new St. Paul's Roman Catholic Cathedral at Pittsburgh, representing an outlay of \$3,500,000, is said to be the most beautiful church edifice in Pennsylvania.

—General news items of interest, rich have occurred in neighboring counties during the past week, and the scholars' examination questions, on page five.

—Among some of the improvements which have been made in Park cemetery recently are the cutting down of the old pine trees and the building of a new fence on the east side.

—The football game to be played by the Garrettsville and Conneaut High was canceled by Conneaut, but the management has arranged for a game with Akron High at Akron.

—The first number of our lecture course will be given Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 29, by the Whitney Brothers quartette. Booklets giving particulars will be circulated soon.

—To make room for other goods we are closing out our stock of clothing. Every piece must go regardless of cost. This is a rare opportunity to buy clothing at half price. Rood Co. \*

—The many friends of Miss Zell Tew gathered at her home on Maple Avenue, Thursday evening, and gave her a complete surprise in the form of a "shower." About forty guests were present.

—Mantua Review: It is claimed that when the work on the tanks, etc., which has been in progress for several months is completed, Mantua will be the greatest oil pumping station in the world.

—Last Thursday Clyde Ashman, aged twenty-one, a miner in the Hutson mine in Deerfield, was instantly killed by coming into contact with the electric current which operated an electric coal drill.

—We have a couple of tickets to the International Live Stock Exposition to be held at Chicago, December 1st to 8th, that we will give to any friend from Portage county who may wish to attend.

—George T. Bishop resigned as receiver of the Eastern Ohio Traction Co., Thursday, and Robert D. Beatty, general manager, was appointed by Judge Beacom of Cleveland in his place.—Chagrin Falls Exponent.

—The first number of the Y. M. C. A. lecture course of Hiram College will be given by Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Warren Auditorium, Friday

—Mrs. F. L. Tidball gave a six o'clock dinner last Friday evening. Her guests were Mrs. J. S. Reilly and daughter, of Bay City, Michigan, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Tidball, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Webb, Mrs. Carrie M. Wight, and Mrs. Ella M. Webb.

—The State University farm at Columbus harvested this year eighty-five tons of alfalfa hay from twenty acres. It cut three times. The first crop yielded two tons per acre, and the second, one and one-fourth tons per acre, and the third, one ton per acre.

—The annual meeting of the Ohio State Grange will be held in the city of Canton, December 11, 12, and 13, 1906. It is expected that this will be one of the largest meetings of the State Grange ever held. Business of the greatest importance to the order is to be transacted.

—A barn containing 1,000 bushels of potatoes, 300 bushels of oats and a horse and wagon on the Grouley farm at Seceder's Corners caught fire and was destroyed Tuesday morning. No insurance was carried on the contents by the lessee, Mr. Veach, a truck gardener.—Tribune.

—After the Torrey-Alexander mission closed in Philadelphia a number of Christian men and women banded themselves together to hold seven services a week. They go about in a gospel wagon, never take up a collection, sing the Torrey-Alexander hymns and are all personal workers.

—Last Saturday articles of incorporation were issued to the Griswold Co., (Racket Store) in the sum of \$50.00. The incorporators are: W. T. Griswold, Byron W. Strock, A. C. McElrath, A. W. McCleery, Charles S. Kooses, W. M. Kyser, W. E. Brown and O. D. Morgan.—Warren Chronicle.

—While repairing a parsonage barn at Palmyra, workmen discovered a large number of counterfeit nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars. The money was dated 1901 and was made of soft metal and plated with silver. The place has not been inhabited for some time and was recently presented to the church society for a parsonage.—Ex.

—The will of the late Junius Dana, which was made July 9, 1906, has been presented for probate, and names the son, Prof. W. H. Dana, the executor without bond. Prof. Dana is the main legatee under the terms of the will, and the Institute corner is left in trust for the grand and great-grandchildren, with W. H. Dana as trustee, although the latter has the life interest in the property.—Warren Chronicle.

—Good union services of the Congregational, Disciple and Baptist Churches are being held on Sunday evenings. At the last meeting in the Disciple Church the pastor of the Baptist Church preached the sermon. Next Sunday evening the union meeting of these three churches will be held in the Baptist Church. Rev. Tice will preach. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## Personal Mention

Lyle Wilcox is working in Cleveland. Glenn Conkling was at home over Sunday.

F. E. Dutter spent Sunday with his brother in Freedom.

Mrs. George R. Miller, Jr., left on Monday for Mexico.

R. S. Webb and wife were in Ravenna the first of the week.

Mrs. Electa Miller leaves today for an extended stay in Florida.

Mr. Wm. B. McConnell has been in poor health for several days.

Mr. E. J. Sanderson left Tuesday for a visit with friends in Warren.

Miss Clara Maurer, of Nelson, was a Sunday guest of Claire Horton.

Miss Alice MacAaron, of Cleveland, spent Sunday at N. J. Newell's.

Mrs. C. A. Crane, of Warren, was a guest at A. E. Crane's Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Wonders, of Warren, was a recent visitor of Eleanor Horton.

—The first annual banquet of the Garrettsville Business Association will be held next Tuesday evening.

—Mr. C. M. Iams, of Pittsburg, is moving onto the property on North street that he purchased of George Fowler not long ago.

—Election returns show that New York has gone Republican by about 40,000, Ohio Republican by 75,000. Cuyahoga county, with the exception of recorder, elected a Democratic ticket.

—Miss Arda Waters very pleasantly entertained the Endeavor Society of the South Street Christian Church at her home last Friday evening. About twenty were present, including Mr. W. B. Alexander and the pastor from Hiram. The newly elected officers of the society will be installed next Sunday evening.

—Little Donald, the two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Stowe, died last Thursday noon, after a short illness. The funeral was held at the home on Elm St., Saturday, at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. G. Walters. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents.

—Junius Dana, Warren financier and founder of Dana's Musical Institute of that place, died at Buckeye Lake, Newark, O., Oct. 31, 1906, where he had gone on a hunting expedition. The cause of his death is not known. The funeral was held Saturday at Warren. Mr. Dana was instrumental in getting the right of way for the Atlantic and Great Western railway and raised \$20,000 in order to get the railroad to pass through Warren. He was one of the first passenger conductors on the Cleveland and Mahoning railroad. He is survived by one son, Mr. W. H. Dana, of the Institute at Warren. He was eighty-six years of age.

Mrs. John Finch is spending a few days with her sister in Warren.

The Misses Nina and Lillian Hall, of Youngstown, were visiting Mrs. S. W. Fuller, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. E. Thayer and Mrs. C. A. Thayer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Church the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and daughter, Beatrice, spent Sunday in Canton, O. with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson.

For the first time in the history of our country, the President has gone to a foreign shore. He left for Panama, yesterday.

Miss Georgia Crane left Wednesday for Ravenna, where she expects to take a course in nursing at the White Hospital.

Lawyer and Mrs. E. W. Maxson, of Ravenna, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Smith Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. LaVerne Cook, of Cleveland, formerly a clerk in the National bank here, was calling on friends in town last Thursday.

Mrs. Ellen Warren returned home Monday from a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Croford, of Cleveland.

Miss Flossie Higley, of Windham, and Margaret Barber and Charles Dalrymple, of Ravenna, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Higley last Sunday.

Miss Amy Ritter, who is employed in a millinery store in Ravenna, is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ritter, of Center St.

Mrs. Earl Ford, of Chicago, who has been spending the past ten days with her sister, Mrs. D. G. Stowe, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Miss Huldah Mattern, who has been in Middlefield the past month in the interests of their millinery business, returned to her work here last Thursday.

Mr. L. M. Webb has resigned his work with the Lorain Times-Herald to accept a similar position on a flourishing paper in Elyria at a nice increase in salary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoffman visited their son, Don Hoffman, and wife, of Cleveland, Thursday and Friday of last week, and saw Kellar, the great magician, at the Lyceum.

A. R. Gates, of the firm of Wadsworth & Gates, is attending a special session of the Massachusetts College of Embalming which is being held in Cleveland from Nov. 6 to 17.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard returned last week Wednesday from a two weeks' vacation spent at Elyria, Conneaut, and Niagara Falls. Mrs. Shepard's mother, Mrs. Jackson, of Elyria, returned with them for a visit, but on Monday they were called back to Elyria by the death of Mrs. Shepard's grandmother. The funeral occurred Tuesday.

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A. C. Hurst, of Beaver, Pa., made a short call at G. W. Horton's on Sunday.

Miss Nena Schwab was the guest of Miss Rena Morey, of the Rapids, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Gates, of Cleveland, visited at the A. R. Gates home last Sunday.

Mrs. Willard Doud, of Charlestown, was calling on friends in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson, of Niles, were at H. O. Kitzelman's over Sunday.

G. E. Shackelford, of Pittsburgh, visited Dr. O. L. Olds and family over Sunday.

Mrs. D. G. Stowe and sister, Mrs. Ford, were guests of a cousin in Warren, Monday.

G. W. Horton is in Beaver, Pa., this week attending to some business matters there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Johnson, of Colorado Springs, were recent guests of relatives here.

Misses Nellie and Frances Millikan, of Braceville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Higby.

C. W. Fuller and wife, of Cleveland, were guests of A. M. Ryder and family over Sunday.

Elsor Clark, of Cleveland, spent several days the first of the week with his parents here.

Miss Ersilla Vanderslice spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Clara Patterson, at Newton Falls.

Mr. Roy King, of Cleveland, was a guest at the home of his father, Frank King, over Sunday.

Mr. O. C. Stocking and wife and Dr. A. F. Stocking and wife, of Hiram, left for Colorado, Tuesday.

Mr. Will Hoskins, of Cleveland, visited his parents, Dwight Hoskins and wife several days last week.

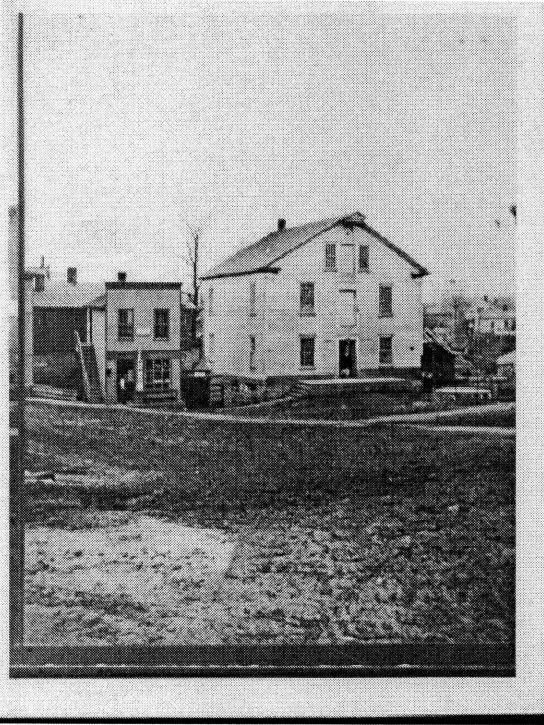
Z. B. Waters and forelady, Mrs. Davis, visited laundries at Warren, Niles, and Youngstown last Friday.

Mr. John McConnell and wife, of Southington, visited his brother, W. B. McConnell, last Saturday.

Harry Vest and lady friend, of Alliance, were guests of his mother on East Main street, over Sunday.

Mr. John Vanderslice and daughters, Ida and Elma, were guests last Sunday of his sister in Mesopotamia.

Photographs from the collection at the Portage County Historical Society Ravenna Ohio



Upper Left: Mill in Garretttsville, Ohio Circa 1880. Originally the Garretttsville Grist Mill built and owned by Edwin Atwood & Leman Ferry in 1837. Ferry sold his interest and Atwood had his interest until 1884. It was sold to former past owners, the Vanderslices.

Upper right: Vanderslice Milling Company, Garretttsville - circa 1930

Left: In October 1940 the mill was almost completely destroyed by fire

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**Meeting for January 1, 2011 has been cancelled  
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