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#### President's Message

Sandy Malitz, Genealogist at the Chardon Library in Geauga County had to cancel her speaking engagement for March but she plans to reschedule. In her place Larry Fischer of Cortland treated the members to a program. He brought a travel bag of old, unusual items and gave one to each member. Everyone had to explain the use of the item they were given, even if they didn't know what it was. Some of the explanations were very original!

Our thanks to Gary & Claudia Bissler for the refreshments.

Our field trip to the Portage County Records & Archives Dept was a great success. Nineteen members and guests were there and we listened to Frank Whitney give us the insight into the records storage of Portage County and the best way to obtain genealogy and historical county information.

Your President,  
Barb Petroski

Carolyn Kale will provide refreshments for May.

#### 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

**May 17**—guest speaker will be **Iva Walker** from Garrettsville. Topic to be announced.

**June-July-August**—No meetings

**September 20**—**Sandy Malitz** is scheduled to be the speaker. She will discuss doing genealogy research online.

**October 18**—**First Settlers Luncheon**-place to be announced

**November 15** —

**December**-No meeting

**Chapter News:**

The members of the Chapter wish to send their condolences to the family of **Jane KROPP** of Mantua who passed away February 14, 2008. Jane had been a member of the chapter for many years.

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Special thanks to the following members for their generous donations to the Chapter:

**Alison Douglas, Einor Kropp** in memory of **Jane Kropp**

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**Please make the following corrections to your membership or surname lists in the last issue of the newsletter:**

**E-mail--Lois RAGAN** –[loisragan@neo.rr.com](mailto:loisragan@neo.rr.com).

**Name change- 0194--L. Elizabeth Howe** ULROP Surnames to add: **COE, CURTISS, HALL, HEYD, HOWE, LITTLE, SPONSLER**

**Welcome New Members:**

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**CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS, QUERIES, & RESEARCH INFORMATION**

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

Queries for members are free; \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members who must mail in their request with payment.

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

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A few hardy members of the Genealogy Chapter are still working at the Portage County Historical Society on Wednesday's to file and index, and transcribe material in the museum's library. One of our projects in the works is the abstraction of Naturalization records. This is proving to be a long and involved process. Other items are employee rosters, diaries and newspaper clipping. If anyone is every interested in helping out please contact Barb at [pccogs@embarqmail.com](mailto:pccogs@embarqmail.com) or call [330-296-3523] or stop by the museum located at 6549 N. Chestnut St., Ravenna on Wednesday mornings 9 –11 a.m. or Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

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**Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History & Genealogy Conference** –will be in Indianapolis, IN. August 15 & 16, 2008. It is held at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Shadeland Ave. For more information the web site is [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots)  
Registration deadline is July 25, 2008.

I only received the following two stories for the "Most Memorable Genealogy Experience Contest. Please vote for your favorite story by e-mail [[pccogs@embarqmail.com](mailto:pccogs@embarqmail.com)], when you renew your dues or at one of the meetings before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. The author with the most votes will get a one-year membership to the Chapter. Thank you.

### Submitted by Edward Chittenden

#### My Most Memorable Genealogy Experience

My great great (gg) aunt Mary M. Chittenden (1822 Atwater, OH - 1906 Bedford, OH) married Dr. Theodatus Garlick (1805VT-1884OH), an eminent general surgeon best known for his restorative expertise in facial and other deformity cases as well as his development of new surgical procedures, anatomical models and medical tools, but whom also had many other interests and masterful skills. He produced the first daguerreotype in Ohio, in Cleveland in 1841, and the first such portraits without sunlight. Shortly following medical school he sculpted acclaimed bas-relief busts of noted people including Pres. Andrew Jackson whom sat for him while in the White House, Henry Clay, and John Marshall. Garlick was an avid fisherman, developed the first fish hatchery in America, and is credited as being the father of American pisciculture.

My genealogy linkage to Mary M. and her husband Dr. T. was proven in an Aug. 2001 visit to Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, which had interment records on them that have solely confirmed for me Mary's birth in Atwater and parentage as Almon and Gertrude Chittenden, my gg grandparents. A further research visit to the Western Reserve Historical Society Library and Museum produced a wealth of archived material on Dr. Garlick, a founding member of that society, including his autobiography manuscript, sculpted busts named above, and probably my most memorable item, a Childs & Lehman, Phila., lithograph of a S. S. Osgood portrait painting on stone of the famed frontiersman and two-time U.S. Congressman David Crockett, donated to the WRHS by "T. Garlick." Crockett had penned in long hand on the lithograph: "I David Crockett present this picture to T. Garlick of Ohio. I am happy to acknowledge this to be the only correct likeness that has been taken of me. David Crockett." It is thought that Dr. T. likely met Crockett (1786-1836) during his sculpting endeavors in Wash., D.C., in summer 1834. I now proudly hang in my heritage room a (framed) copy of the personally signed lithograph of my boyhood hero, provided to me by the WRHS, in awe that my gg uncle was bestowed its original.

### Submitted by Diane Miller

Dear Fellow Genealogist:

I would like to share one of the happiest moments of my genealogy research with everyone. In 1966, I was visiting my Grandfather Fred Munn, who was living in Kent with his lady friend. She was an artist and sculptor. She painted a portrait of my grandfather. She also did a bust of Grandpa Munn, which was an exact likeness of him.

My grandfather died in February 1967. I lost touch with Mrs. Grove and did not see her again. I went by the house in Kent several years later but no one answered the door.

In April of 2007, I used Ancestry to see if I could find out when Mrs. Grove passed away. I found her as living in Rootstown

I was in Ravenna, Ohio and stopped at Reed Library to get a copy of the obituary. Listed as survivor was her son who lives in Rootstown.

I asked for a telephone book and called her son. After explaining who I was he told me he had several of his mother's paintings in the barn and would go and look for the portrait of my grandfather.

I gave him my cell phone and within 20 minutes he called to tell me he was holding the portrait of my grandfather Fred Munn, in his hand. I asked if I might come and take a picture of it. His response was, "You can have it, I would be happy if it had a good home."

I can't tell you the joy I felt when I saw "Grandpa" Spudie Munn's portrait. Mrs. Grove was an excellent artist and captured his likeness on canvas. She painted him exactly as I remember him. Unfortunately they do not remember what happen to the bust. I can only hope it has a good home as well.

In honor of Memorial Day I always like to do a section on the soldiers of the past. The following pages are a direct copy of a two-page supplement that was in the *Portage County Democrat*, Ravenna O., Wednesday, March 2, 1870. It is the account of John Harmon and his recollections of the War of 1812. The entire article is included in this issue of the newsletter.

### LOCAL WAR HISTORY.

JOHN HARMON, Esq., an octogenarian, for more than fifty years a prominent and well-known citizen of Ravenna, and Portage County, has laid us under obligation, by furnishing for the columns of the PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT his recollections of the war of 1812. In so doing he has rendered the present and the future a great service by rescuing from oblivion, and placing on record important transactions connected with a very interesting period of our National History. More especially are these gathered and recorded reminiscences of great local value to PORTAGE COUNTY, and this section of country.

We have deemed this historic sketch of sufficient importance to be given to our readers in a connected form, in a SUPPLEMENT to the DEMOCRAT. We trust our subscribers will appreciate this, as our regular columns are thus spared for their customary use, and the history is presented in a convenient form for perusal and preservation.

But few of the actors in the scenes of the war of 1812 remain to tell the story of their struggles and their hardships, and fewer still retain the remarkable vigor, and mental capability of our esteemed correspondent, Mr. HARMON.

Last week we published on the first page of the DEMOCRAT an article on the war of 1812 from the pen of another Soldier of this war, which was published in the Ohio Star in 1852. This article will have additional interest by being placed as we here give it, in connection with the sketch contained in this Supplement, as it embodies additional details subsequent to the events narrated by Mr. HARMON.—[EDS. DEM.]

## RECOLLECTIONS

— OF THE —

## War of 1812.

In compliance with the expressed wishes of some valued friends, and more particularly at the recent solicitation of the officers of the Western Reserve Historical Society, I will endeavor to write for publication, some account of the campaign of Captain Campbell's Volunteer Company of 1812, of which I was a humble member. To aid me in this task, I have a brief Diary Journal, kept at that time, and a brief record of our organization, in the Book of Regimental Records, of the Regiment from which our company was raised. But for much that I have to record, I have to rely on memory, and I fear my task, performed at my time of life, and after a lapse of more than fifty-seven years from the time the events occurred of which I write, will not be acceptably recorded. But, as few of the actors of those days now remain to tell their tales, and fewer still are disposed to transmit our history to the present young, and the coming generations, I have been induced to commence the task, and present the record first to the people of the locality where our company was best known, and through the medium of the local press of Portage County.

### SECOND REGIMENT OHIO MILITIA.

In 1812 the able-bodied white male inhabitants, between the ages of 18 and 45, residing on the three eastern tiers of townships of the present county of Portage, and subject to military duty, constituted the second regiment of the fourth brigade, and fourth division, Ohio militia, and were commanded by Col. John Campbell, then residing on the corners of the four townships of Ravenna, Rootstown, Charlestown and Edinburgh, a place since called Campbellsport. This Regiment consisted of two Battalions, of four Militia Companies each.

Those residing in Mantua constituted the first Company, first Battalion.

Nelson, Hiram and Windham, constituted the second Company, first Battalion.

Ravenna and Charlestown, constituted the third Company, first Battalion.

Shalersville, constituted the fourth Company, first Battalion.

Deerfield and Atwater, constituted the first Company, second Battalion.

Rootstown, constituted the second Company, second Battalion.

Palmyra and Paris, constituted the third Company, second Battalion.

Randolph, constituted the fourth Company, second Battalion.

It appears that about the middle of May, 1812, Colonel Campbell received orders from Governor Meigs, to raise soldiers from his regiment for the defence of the frontiers; but the number to be raised does not appear on record; but, on the Military Record Book, page 28, we find the following:

"At a special meeting of the officers of the Second Regiment, Fourth Brigade, Fourth Division, of Ohio Militia, holden at Ravenna, the 19th day of May, 1812, for raising soldiers.

OFFICERS PRESENT.—Col. John Campbell, Major Stephen Mason, Major Thaddeus Andrews.

CAPTAINS.—Alva Day, Joshua Woodward, Asa K. Burroughs.

Lieut. Isaac Merriman, for Captain Timothy Culver's Company.

Lieut. John Redden, for Captain Delaun Mills Company.

COMMANDANTS OF COMPANIES.—Lieutenant Oliver Snow, Lieutenant John Caris, Lieutenant Charles Gilbert.

Ordered—That the Regiment meet at Ravenna on the 23d inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Orders given to Majors Mason and Andrews.

Then follows on the record, several pages of "Class Rolls" of the Regiment, with the name and class, as it purports, of every man of the regiment subject to military duty, comprising all able-bodied white males between the ages of 18 and 45, residing in the bounds of the regiment, which we omit at present.

At this time, and previous, Robert Campbell was Clerk of the Regiment, but much of the records appear to be in the hand-writing of the late Colonel Stephen Mason.

On page 30, is recorded the appointment of Charles Curtis, of Charlestown, as Quartermaster of the Regiment, and Frederick Wadsworth, Clerk of the Regiment, dated 26th of May, 1812.

I find no record of the mustering of the regiment "to raise soldiers," and here have to tax my memory.

### REGIMENTAL MEETING AT RAVENNA.

According to orders the regiment met at Ravenna, May 23d, and on being paraded in line, the Colonel informed us that he had orders from the Governor to raise soldiers from this regiment for the defence of the frontiers, and that unless a company of fifty would volunteer, a draft must be made; that if fifty men would volunteer, they could by law elect their own company's officers; but if a draft had to be made, they would be commanded probably by strangers. He advised us to volunteer, and urged in a short speech, and Charles Shaler, then a young lawyer, since Judge Shaler, of Pittsburgh, a son of Nathaniel Shaler, of Middletown, Conn., the proprietor of Shalersville, being present, entertained us with a patriotic speech.

### VOLUNTEERING.

It was then announced, as the music stepped out before the regiment, that all who would volunteer should step forward and follow the music. Immediately volunteers began to show themselves, stepping to the front, to the music of the drum and fife. Among the first were Col. Campbell, Capt. Alva Day, Lieut. John Caris and Samuel Redfield. The latter was, I believe, the first to follow the music. The little squad thus formed, continued passing to and fro before the regiment, its members constantly accumulating, until it was announced that the fifty were on hand, and one more. During the suspense before the required number were on hand, some one announced that he saw a star in our horizon, a star of promise, may be, on which George Grant Redden, of Hiram, declared if he could see the star, he too would volunteer, and on it being shown him, he immediately volunteered. As it was a clear day, numbers of us saw the bright star.

We were then marched to the south side of the Court House, and our names were taken by one of our number, Ralph Buckland—father of Hon. Ralph P. Buckland, late a member of Congress from the 9th (Fremont) District, Ohio. This done, we were fully engaged, and it was debated when and where we would elect our company officers—and determined to proceed immediately—same evening, at the house of William Tappan, which we accordingly did. That house, one of the first frame built in Ravenna, was burned a few years ago. It stood on the ground now occupied by the Phenix Block, northeast of the Court House square. The same room where the votes were taken, was afterwards used as a printing office, from which in 1834-35, "The Western Courier and Portage County Democrat" paper issued.

The following "roll of volunteers," and list of officers elected, is copied from Regimental Records, page 30, the record found in the hand-writing of the late Frederick Wadsworth, Esq. I add only their respective residences:

### ROLL OF VOLUNTEERS.

#### OFFICERS.

John Campbell, Captain; Alva Day, Lieutenant, Deerfield.

John Caris, 2d Lieutenant, Rootstown.

Aaron Weston, Ensign, Ravenna; Lewis Day, Jr., 1st Sergeant, Deerfield.

John Wright, 2d Sergeant, Rootstown.

Ralph Buckland, 3d Sergeant, Ravenna.

Lewis Ely, Jr., 4th Sergeant, Deerfield.

Charles Chittenden, 1st Corporal, Atwater.

John Harmon, 2d Corporal, Mantua.

Daniel Burroughs, Jr., 3d Corporal, Shalersville.

John Turner, 4th Corporal, Rootstown.

David Jones, Drummer, Randolph.

James Magill, Fifer, Palmyra.

#### PRIVATEs.

William Tappan, Ravenna.

Samuel Redfield, Randolph.

David Moor, Ravenna.

Samuel C. Thompson, Ravenna.

Benjamin Bradley, Shalersville.

William Thornton, Randolph.

John McManus, Ravenna.

William Ward, Ravenna.

Harry O. Pettibone, Mantua.

Enos Harmon, Mantua.

Chauncey Newberry, Rootstown.

Robert Campbell, Ravenna.

John Sabia, Randolph.

Samuel Bartlett, Rootstown.

Samuel Tuthill, Rootstown.

John Shaler, Charlestown.

Ebenezer Tibballs, Deerfield.

John Smith, Mantua.

Peter Tyrrel, Ravenna.

Philip Willyard, Rootstown.

Zacheas Harmon, Mantua.

Ebenezer Buckley, Palmyra.

Abiram Amidon, Rootstown.

James Ray, Jr., Mantua.

Mark Moor, Mantua.

George G. Redden, Hiram.

Job Thompson, Jr., Shalersville.

William Coolman, Jr., Shalersville.

Henry Root, Rootstown.

Samuel Hartle, Rootstown.

Oliver Newberry, Rootstown.

Recollections of John Harmon, March 2, 1870 on War of 1812 continued:

Joseph Fisher, Palmyra.  
Charles Carter, Ravenna.  
Enoch Judson, Mantua.  
Nathan Chapman, Rootstown.  
Joel Underwood, Palmyra.  
Charles Reed, Deerfield.  
Seth Day, Deerfield.

Seth Day did not at first volunteer, but joined us at the rendezvous, and acted as clerk for the officers until taken sick.

#### SUBSTITUTES.

Of the foregoing roll, Charles Reed, William Tappan, John Sabin, John Shaler, Nathan Chapman, Enoch Judson, Joseph Fisher, Oliver Newberry, Benjamin Bradley, and Samuel Bartlet, and, I think also, Ebenezer Tibbals, failed to march to the frontier, but several furnished substitutes, to-wit: Miles Allen took the place of John Sabin; William Maxfield took the place of Nathan Chapman; Nathan Cross that of Joseph Fisher; John Jacobs that of Enoch Judson; John Williams that of Charles Reed; Richard Redden that of Benjamin Bradley. Thomas Rowley substituted for some one, and several shirked the service. Joseph DeWolf and David Thompson, of Ravenna, I believe, both volunteered, but their names do not appear on the record. It was said that DeWolf being the only physician in Ravenna, could not be spared from the place, and D. Thompson was detained by the condition of his family.

Our company being thus organized, we were permitted to return to our homes, with the injunction to meet again on short notice, and to bring with us arms and equipments for a war campaign; and we were urged to provide ourselves with rifles, if possible.

On the 18th of June following, Congress passed a formal declaration of war against Great Britain, and soon thereafter, we were severally summoned to meet on the first day of July, at the residence of Captain Campbell.

#### CAMP ON BARREL RUN.

The company accordingly met at the time and place appointed, established some temporary camps, on the bottom lands of the Mahoning, (west branch) and Barrel Run, near to Captain Campbell's residence, in a pleasant natural bower. All I believe, came provided with arms and equipments, and most of us brought rifles. We there found, besides our officers, a committee appointed to appraise our equipments, as by law provided, that if lost we could claim and obtain their value from government.

On July 2d our arms were appraised; and I find on record a detailed statement of each article furnished by each person, set to their respective names, and signed by the appraisers, Charles Curtis, Erastus Carter and Stephen Mason. The details we omit—the whole amount of the appraisement as stated, is nine hundred and twelve dollars and sixty-six cents.

We had to wait some days for supplies, to be collected by our Captain, who had been authorized, as he said, by the Governor, for that purpose. On July 4th, our Captain gave the company an Independence dinner, which was well relished and appreciated; and in the evening we enjoyed ourselves at our camps, and some patriotic songs were sung, one of which, sung by my fellow-townsmen, private John Smith, was so appropriate, and so much applauded, that it was copied and preserved; and I am tempted to reproduce it on this occasion. Although it may not be thought to exhibit a high order of poetic talent, it was well relished by the audience, and as it was made and first sung as we were told, in New Haven county, Connecticut, on the 4th of July, 1807, may be venerated for its antiquity:

#### FOURTH OF JULY.

##### INDEPENDENCE SONG.

Come, Brethren all, make known your joys,  
And set the bells a-ringing;  
Strike up some merry time my boys,  
And let us all be singing.

CHORUS—To-day you know is freedom's day,  
And all must have a hand in it,  
The bond be free, the slave be gay,  
And paupers Independent.

Though we may quarrel here at home,  
Old Europe need not worry,  
If French or British choose to come,  
They'll scamper in a hurry.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Our Congress keeps an eye at France,  
We stomp the French to cheat them,  
If British come they have to dance,  
They tried it once, we beat them.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

We've been for thirty years and one  
An independent nation;  
We do not wish to fire a gun,  
But to maintain our station.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

But if invaded we have guns,  
And then our foes shall hear them,  
They'll find a snarl of freedom's sons,  
Who neither love nor fear them.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Our Government Republican,  
Rulers of our own choosing,  
What we support with heart and hand,  
We have no fear of losing.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

A happy people, healthful land,  
And peace in all our borders,  
Our Constitution firm doth stand,  
In spite of all marauders.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Our streams majestic flow from lakes,  
Our brooks from smaller fountains,  
Our forests wave with ancient oaks,  
And verdure clothes our mountains.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Here yellow Ceres waves her corn,  
The farmers' eyes delighting,  
Here plenty cheers the humble born,  
With all that seems inviting.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Columbia rears a noble race,  
Boys brave as Bonaparte,  
And girls adorned with sense and grace,  
Fair, happy, sweet and hearty.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

Here doubly blest we'll join the throng,  
Our friendship waxing stronger,  
Till Sol forgets to rise again,  
And time shall be no longer.

To-day you know is freedom's day, &c.

That "John Smith, of Mantua," as he was designated on the record, to distinguish him from other John Smiths, was one of the best of fellows, as we found out afterwards when almost all others of the company got sick. But his home was not in Mantua. He was only working there that season for Judge Atwater, to pay for land his parents resided on, in Euclid, Cuyahoga county.

That song was afterwards sung, with perhaps a few variations, at an independence celebration in Mantua, I think it was on July 4th, 1813, when the late Judge Atwater delivered a patriotic poetic oration, which too, was much applauded by his hearers—the more so perhaps for the universal esteem in which the Judge was held by all of his neighbors. That oration was printed in pamphlet, and is no doubt preserved by his family.

#### SABBATH IN CAMP—MARCH COMMENCED.

On July 5th, which was Sunday, there was something of an assemblage of people, from the neighboring townships, at our rendezvous, in the bower, and the two old Congregational pioneer preachers, Rev. John Seward, then of Aurora—now a venerable resident of Tallmadge, and Rev. Harvey Coe, of Trumbull county—I believe Hartford—and I believe since deceased, addressed us, and the people, in the grove, very appropriately, and prayed with us. On the next day, July 6th, in the afternoon, the company commenced their march for the frontier—camped the first night at Roundy's Inn, near the south-west corner of

Ravenna, on the old State road from Youngstown to the Portage. That road is said to be the first road laid out on the Western Reserve. The second day's march was only to Hudson, and camped near the residence of David Hudson, Esq. At the end of the third day's march, they encamped at the crossing of Tinker's caek, near the west line of Bedford. The tavern kept there was, I believe, kept by Noble. On the fourth day from our rendezvous, July 9th, the company arrived at "the City," as the site of the present City of Cleveland was then called, to distinguish it from "the settlement" part of Cleveland township, which then included what is now Newburgh. Those of us whose homes were in Mantua had by permission passed that way to Cleveland, and were there in waiting when the company arrived, having made quicker time, not being impeded by the slow progress of the baggage wagons.

#### CLEVELAND IN 1812.

Cleveland City was then but a small place. I had been somewhat familiar there, and can recollect of scarce a dozen families resident there at that time. There were two taverns—Carter's and Wallace's, and I believe three stores—Perry's, Murray's, and Hanchett's, which last mentioned, Hanchett's, was nearly sold out. The company encamped on the north side of Superior street, among the bushes, east of Perry's store.

#### EMBARKATION FOR LOWER SANDUSKY.

The next day, July 10th, afternoon, we embarked on board of two open boats for Lower Sandusky, as the stockade was then called, where is now the flourishing little city of Fremont. One of our boats was known as Babcock's, the other as Smith's. The first day we only made seven miles, to the mouth of Rocky river.

#### ARRIVAL AT SANDUSKY BAY.

July 11th.—From our encampment on the beach, east side of the mouth of Rocky river, we embarked early, and arrived at the mouth of Black river about noon, and the lake being rough, we encamped with our boats in a safe harbor, on the west side, in the mouth of Black river, near the residence of John J. Reid, whom I had known, when a few years previous, he had resided some three or four miles from Cleveland City, on the Newburgh road.

July 12th.—Embarked early, and arrived about the middle of the day at Sandusky Bay, and stopped at a blockhouse on the north side of the Bay—on the Peninsula of Danbury—I understood it was called Major Parsons' blockhouse, and I think it was nearly opposite to where I have since found Sandusky City. We saw no settlement here and saw no settler that I remember but one—Captain Charles Parker, who came from the south side of the Bay, where I understood he resided. He was the same who was a pioneer in Geauga, now Lake county, in Mentor. I had known him there when he was acting Sheriff of Geauga county in 1806 and after. We had met and passed a sail boat at a distance, just before entering the bay, which was I think the only craft we had seen on our way. Those of us on Babcock's boat spent the night in the blockhouse; Smith's boat anchored out in the bay.

#### A VENERABLE INDIAN.

July 13th.—Both boats proceeded up the bay, and up the Sandusky river, slowly, passing some prairies, but no white settlement, and moving so slowly that some of us walked along shore part of the way. While walking we passed over the stubble of Indian corn patches, of the previous years, and while walking we fell in with a venerable and good-looking old Indian, known to some of our comrades as Sagamau, an old chief who had in previous years, had his camps in Portage county, and had been a good, kind neighbor to the first settlers of Mantua, in the winter of 1799-1800, and helped them to meat, at fair rates of exchange, for pumpkins, and other small articles. He was still friendly, while Wilson and other Indians had left us and gone to the British. We arrived at Widow Whittaker's, on the west side, where we found an improved farm, surrounded by timber land. This was said to be three miles by water from our destination, the fort or stockade of Lower Sandusky, as it was called.

Recollections of John Harmon, March 2, 1870  
on War of 1812 continued:

## ARRIVAL AT THE FORT AT LOWER SANDUSKY.

July 14th.—We proceeded up the river, and landed on the west side below the rapids, about a half a mile from the fort—marched up, and were admitted into the garrison, where we found Captain Norton, with his company of about fifty volunteer riflemen, from Delaware County, Ohio. The fort was a stockade of log pickets, cut about 12 feet, and set upright, with a shallow ditch, enclosing about an acre. Within was one or two small houses, in one of which was kept the U. S. store and Indian agency. The Indian agent, Mr. Varnum, was said to be a son of Hon. Joseph B. Varnum, of Mass., late Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, from 1807 to 1811. We found him a very pleasant, gentlemanly young man. The fort was some thirty rods west of the river, at the rapids, and on the nearest high land is an open country with a few scattering oak trees about it on the north, and oak woods at the west, a large cornfield on the east side of the river on the bottom land, and a log house on the first rise of land east of the cornfield. That was all the farming or farm houses I saw in that region.

## SOLDIERS' BARRACKS.

The barracks, or soldiers' quarters, we found not very commodious, but sufficient for summer quarters. They consisted of bark or puncheon, laid up with two sides seven or eight feet long, and five or six feet wide, backed against the pickets and open in front, where we built our cooking fires, having to go in the woods and back the little fuel we used. We had only the ground to lie on till we peeled some oak bark for a floor; and for our beds, we stripped foliage from the hazel bushes, as straw was not to be had.

## INDIAN HORSE THIEF.

We saw very few persons here, white or colored, except soldiers. Our business was, besides our daily parade, to dig a well, and build blockhouses. We had got a well dug about twenty feet deep, when an Indian was brought there charged with horse-stealing, stole, I believe, from Mrs. Whitaker. He was confined some days in our dry well, until a council was held with the Indians of Seneca town, an Indian village several miles up the river, at which they agreed to furnish a good dressed beef for the garrison, and our prisoner was released, and a fine, fat, well-dressed heifer was furnished for the garrison, and the horse was restored. The fresh beef was well relished indeed, after we had been kept on salt pork and bread so long, but so many of the garrison were soon taken sick, that we suspected the Indians of poisoning the beef.

## ORDERS TO MARCH.

We had not finished our well or our blockhouse, until, on July 21st, orders were received from General Hull, at Detroit, to our Captain, to march there with his and Rowland's companies to join the main army. With these orders, sent by a Captain Curtis, came also some money to our Captain, to pay for the supplies he had obtained for us—but no money came to pay soldiers.

On July 23d, Captain Campbell started for Portage county, to pay those from whom he had obtained our supplies—leaving orders to make all ready while he should be absent.

## SICKNESS.

On July 29th, Captain Campbell returned, accompanied by Captain Rowland, of Columbiana county volunteers, who came in advance of his company. About the same time, nearly all the garrison were taken sick with diarrhea and fever. Some were entirely disabled, others were just able to walk about. Captain Rowland's company arrived at the fort by water, August 2d, and on the 4th, both companies started by water down the river—halted at Mrs. Whitaker's, staid over night, and staid next day to attend to the sick, of whom Captain Campbell and Seth Day were very sick.

On the 6th, Rowland's company started by land up the lake toward Detroit, and with them Lieut. Caris, who was detailed with a squad of eleven men, to guard the post and stores at Maumee. Of that squad I only remember the names of Sergeant Ely, Samuel Hartle, Henry Root and John Jacobs, the latter—Jacobs, died there some time after. The

same day Captain Campbell, with the remainder of our company, went by boat down the river and bay from Mrs. Whitaker's to the Parsons' blockhouse, on Danbury Peninsula. Next day, Aug. 7th, Captain Campbell and Seth Day being sick—worse than others of the company, were aided on board John Wallace's boat, and started down the lake for Cleveland, with one attendant, Philip Willard; and Lieutenant Day and the balance of the company, started west for the river Raisin, on Babcock's boat, the same boat we came up the lake on near a month before. In my first part I spoke of our boats as open boats, which was I think a mistake. I think those small crafts were decked.

## RIVER RAISIN—FLAG OF TRUCE—HULL'S SURRENDER.

From Sandusky Bay we sailed day and night, till we arrived near the mouth of the river Raisin, on the forenoon of Aug. 7th, where we were hindered some hours among the bulrushes and flags hunting the channel, which we finally found, and proceeded up the river a mile or two, and arrived at the settlement of Freuchtown about noon. Stopped at Godfrey's unfinished frame house, on our right bank, about noon. There we staid over night, and next day on an alarm of "Indians coming," we moved on to the garrison, about a half mile up the river, on same side. Next day, August 10th, we moved to other quarters, some of the sick to a vacant log house on the south side of the river, others to Captain Downing's, a kind, good family, near a mile above the garrison. There Lieutenant Day, Sergeant Day, Sergeant Wright and John McManus, who were our sickest, with Ensign Weston and John Smith, to attend them, were located with that kind family. The log house where the most of us were located, stood alone, had a good spring and timber near, and not far from the river, and I think it was there, some forty years after, I found the flourishing city of Monroe, Mich. We remained at those places, nearly all sick, but most of us able to walk about, until an alarm of Indians coming to attack us, on August 14th, when, though the alarm proved a false one, we, all who occupied the log house, went to the garrison, where we staid till Monday, the 17th, when Captain Elliott, British officer, and a few attendants, white and red, with a flag of truce, came to the garrison, demanding its surrender, bringing also the Articles of Capitulation of Detroit, and the army under Gen. Hull, including also all who were on the way to join his army, which included our garrison. This, so unexpected, was indeed a damper on us all, as the last we had heard of Hull's army, was by a hand-bill announcing his successful invasion of Canada. The flag party were placed under guard, and a council of officers met in a marquee of the Chillicothe cavalry company, a company just arrived, escorting a drove of beef cattle for Detroit, said to be about one hundred head, for the army. The marquee was outside the front gate of the garrison, and I was enabled to observe the discussions of the officers, of whom Captain Brush, of the Chillicothe cavalry, was assumed to be the senior officer, and of the others, I only knew Lieutenant Creighton, of the same company. Major Anderson, of the local militia of the territory, was near by on horseback, a good-looking officer, but I understood, was not admitted in council, because of suspicions that the local militia were not loyal to our side.

## THE SURRENDER DOUBTED.

The genuineness of the articles of capitulation, brought by Elliott, were questioned, and, as I understood, declared to be a forgery and a trick to trap us. Finally the officer and attendants were imprisoned in the blockhouse, near the front gate of the garrison, where, from when we retired, for the night, we slept in a mill, just above the garrison, and the next morning we found that the Chillicothe cavalry and their drove of beaves were gone, and a number of our company also had gone homeward. I had left my rifle standing in the corner of the mill that night, but in the morning it was gone also, and some of my comrades suggested that it was taken by one who would carry it back to Portage, and keep it from the British. That same night, Sergeant John Wright died at Captain Downing's, and was buried by his friends before morning. Our company was

thus reduced to twenty-six men. The policy of leaving for home that night had been discussed, and those who felt able and were so disposed, had gone; but some were not able to go, and some who went were scarcely able to endure such a journey. For my part, I thought there was more danger in running away than in quietly submitting to be prisoners of war. Besides I was feeble, and had two older brothers along not as able as myself—one of them very feeble. We, therefore, submitted to the yoke, and stayed where we were, till August 25th. Meantime the Indians circled freely among us, but offered no violence to any that I heard of. One, however, meeting our comrade, John Smith, on the road, demanded his watch, which he was obliged to give up. The watch belonged to Lieutenant Day, whom Smith was attending in his sickness, at Captain Downing's. One Indian also stopped at Downing's, where our sickest friends were, and demanded of Lieutenant Day, his nice castor hat, and took it, leaving one that had been a poorer fur hat, but now, being wet with rain, was slouched down like a rag.

## START FOR MALDEN.

August 25th, a British officer, whom we understood to be Captain Elliott, and a squad of soldiers, came and took twenty-one of us in a small open row boat, to Malden, and, at the same time, gave permission and a pass to five others, who had made arrangements to go by boat to Cleveland. Those five were Job Thompson, Jr., Daniel Burroughs, Jr., Wm. Coolman, Jr., William Maxfield and Ebenezer Buckley, who, with a Mr. Lewis, and another man and their families, had prepared a boat, and all started down the river and lake the same day we went to fort Malden. Of their journey down the lake to Cleveland, friend William Coolman, not long before his death, gave me a brief narrative, which will be referred to hereafter. Since his death, which occurred Dec. 15th, 1869, there are, as we believe, but two of our company left, Samuel Redfield and the writer of this.

## ARRIVAL AT MALDEN.

Our small company of twenty-one, under our British conductors, arrived at Malden, from Raisin, the same day, August 25th, and were quartered at a large and long building, on a beautiful open plain and lawn, just above, and near the fort and town. This was the Indian Council House, and there appeared to be thousands of Indians, swarming in the open plain back of the town and fort, and in plain sight of the Council House; and with us were quartered fifty-one other prisoners, mostly sick and wounded of Hull's army. There our beloved orderly sergeant, Lewis Day, Jr., breathed his last, on the morning after our arrival, Aug. 26th. August 27th, our little company, now reduced to twenty, were permitted to remove from the crowded Council House and occupied a small house in town, back of the fort, where we spent the few remaining days of our captivity in Canada. While there, we were guarded by a British sentinel at the door, as we had been also at the Council House, but one day the sentinel permitted an Indian to enter among us, who drew his knife and dashed about, apparently to frighten us, jabbering his Indian in threatening tone, striking some, but not extremely hard. Zacheus Harmon who was so feeble as to be hardly able to walk, Mr. Indian struck in the breast, and knocked down with his right hand, in which he held his knife, but with the hilt of the knife. He was soon induced by the sentinel to leave. We saw there several Indians well known in Portage county. I saw two in town I had known in Mantua, one of them was well known through that county—George Vincent, alias Wilson.

Recollections of John Harmon, March 2, 1870 on War of 1812 continued:

PRISONERS PAROLED.

August 29, about sunset, we were embarked on board a small vessel, to be paroled and sent home, in company with about thirty other prisoners, the most of whom were sick. On the dock, as we were going on board, were some officers, apparently superintending our departure, among whom was one large and noble looking man, apparently fifty years old, whom we were told was General Brock. Another, a short, thick-set fellow, of not a very prepossessing appearance, and apparently past sixty, was said to be Simon Girty, noted in Indian war annals. We were rejoiced to be thus starting for home—dropped down to the mouth of the Detroit river the same night, about 2½ miles. The next day we sailed slowly with light wind, and after midnight, anchored just west of Put-in-Bay Islands. Next day, August 31st, a light wind wafted us on to near the mouth of Black river before day on the 1st of September, and landed in Cleveland about sunset of the same day.

NAMES OF THE PAROLED.

The following are the names of those twenty paroled prisoners of our company, according to my recollection, who landed at Cleveland September 1st, from the cartel sloop:

Lieutenant Alva Day.  
Ensign Aaron Weston.  
Sergeant Ralph Buckland.  
Corporal Charles Chittenden.  
Corporal John Turner.  
John Smith.  
Samuel Redfield.  
George G Redden.  
Richard Redden.  
James Ray, Jr.  
Harry O Pettibone.  
Zachaeus Harmon.  
Enos Harmon.  
John Harmon.  
Mark Moor.  
Samuel C Thompson.  
Samuel Tuthill.  
James Magill.  
David Jones.  
John McManus.

INCIDENTS OF THE RETURN HOME.

Of the five comrades we parted with August 25th, at Frenchtown, on river Raisin, as we started for Malden, friend Coolman informed me, the last conversation I had with him, which was December 4th, that they started the same day, in a boat provided by a Mr. Lewis, and another man, whose name I forget, who were going down with their families to escape from the British and Indians; that Job Thompson, Jr., who was the only well one of the Shalersville boys, engaged a passage with them for the three Shalersville boys, and Job helped get the boat out of the mud, where it had been left abandoned, helped to cork and otherwise repair it; that as they were about to start, Ebenezer Buckley and William Maxfield joined them; that they were much hindered by adverse winds on their passage down the lake; and, finally, at some place near Black river, out of patience with waiting for weather, they left the boat and endeavored to walk, but made poor headway, when Mr. Mygatt, of Canfield, on horseback, overtook them, and took a message to friends at Cleveland, who, with wagons, met and helped them into Cleveland, where they arrived, he believed, September 2d. Of the journey home of Lieutenant Caris and his squad, from Maumee, where they were stationed, and of those who left Frenchtown on foot, I have but little information, except that in going through the Maumee Swamp, as that part of Wood and Sandusky counties, between Fort Meigs and Sandusky river, was then called, they, at times, nearly gave out, and one, I think it was William Ward, sat down at one time and gave up, till a comrade came along and cheered him up and helped him along. Many of us then had chills of ague. We were from thirty to fifty-five miles from our homes, but, arrived in Cleveland, we found friends, a very convenient circumstance, as we found for those who had no money, as was the case with all or nearly all of us, except Lieutenant Day, and, I think, he had not much. Landlord Carter entertained all free, who called there. Cousin Hiram Hanchett and his kind wife—since Mrs. Andrew Johnson, of Boston—entertained the Harmons, W. W. Williams entertained the Reddens, and Samuel S. Baldwin fed some of us; but all got started home soon except Lieutenant A. Day, Seth Day and John McManus, who were very dangerously sick,

and, I have understood, were kindly nursed and cared for at Judge Kingsbury's, till they were able to be conveyed home. John Turner, too, was very sick, and died on the way, perhaps at Judge Kingsbury's, but, I believe I heard it said he died at Noble's, at the crossing of Tinker's creek. Of the fifty or fifty-one who went out so cheerily together, eleven or twelve died within the year; among whom, besides those before mentioned, were I believe, Ensign Weston, Sergeant Buckland, Corporal Chittenden, Mark Moor, Robert Campbell, Davin Jones, and Samuel Tuthill.

ALARM CAUSED BY HULL'S SURRENDER.

Of the rest, as far as we know, but one is left now, besides the writer of this. That one, Mr. Redfield, aids me with some information for this communication, and though about 76 years of age, appears likely to endure yet many years, though he has lately lost the partner of his youth, and of more than half a century.

Although we were so unfortunate as to contract sickness, and did little towards the defence of the frontier, it was because we had no opportunity, having been captured before we saw the enemy. We at least showed a willingness to do our duty in defence of our homes. We had a very good and pleasant set of officers, and there formed friendships for each other which have been pleasant and enduring.

For our services and our arms, we were paid after years of waiting.

REGIMENTAL RECORD.

Having brought to a close our narrative of the volunteering, organizing, adventures, glorious capture, parole and return home of our company—the first military company ever raised in this part of Ohio—I propose now to refer to subsequent events, in which the people of Portage and adjoining counties were concerned. The capture of the army under General Hull, caused much alarm, as might be expected, in all this region, as our population was then very sparse, and all the region west of the Cuyahoga river and the Portage path, was then almost wholly unsettled. Not an organized township or military company in Medina county, which then extended west to Huron county and was attached to Portage for civil purposes, the whole region 68½ miles in length from east to west, and 20 to 25 in breadth, contained in 1810 less than three thousand people, and had not increased very much in two short years. All that region west of the eighth range was then a single battalion, commanded by Major, afterward Colonel Geo. Darrow. The townships of Streetsboro, Brimfield, Freedom and Edinburg, were then unsettled. Franklin and Suffield had but very few settlers. So that the thinly settled county of Portage, and also Cuyahoga, were then the frontier, and it is not strange that the people of this region were much alarmed on learning the news of the capture of all the army raised for our defence, all between us and the victorious British and their savage allies.

The record I copy from our Regimental Record book will show something of the alarm felt by our home friends on the first news of the disastrous capture of our army.

Copy of Records of the 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Division, Ohio Militia. [Began on page 33.]

"Orders were received from Brigadier-General Paine, dated July 6th, 1812, requiring thirty men to be drafted, including one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal and one Fifer, to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, and orders were issued by the Major Commanding, to the commissioned officers, to meet at Ravenna, the 14th of July, 1812, and on said 14th day of July, the following officers met at the Court House in Ravenna:"

STEPHEN MASON, Major-Commandant.

Major Thaddeus Andrews, Captains Delaun Mills, Joshua Woodward, Asa K. Burroughs and Timothy Culver, Lieutenants Oliver Snow, John Redden, Linus Carter, Hezekiah Fine, Charles Gilbert, Ira Morse and Isaac Merriman. Ensigns: Asa Truesdale, Hezekiah Nooney, Anson Beaman, Frederick Caris, Jr., and agreeable to said officers' request, the Major commanding ordered that there be drafted from the 1st company, 1st battalion, 3 men; from the 2d company, 1st battalion, 1 Lieutenant and 3 men; from the 3d company, 1st battalion, 4 men; from the 4th company, 1st battalion, 1 man; from the 1st company, 2d battalion, 1 Fifer and 6 men; from the 2d company, 2d battalion, 1

Sergeant and 3 men; from the 3d company, 2d battalion, 1 Corporal and 4 men; from the 4th company, 2d battalion, 2 men, with orders to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, armed and equipped as the law directs."

Then follows the dates of several commissions, to-wit: Hezekiah Nooney's commission as Captain; Ella Willmot's commission as Ensign of 1st company, 1st bat., both dated June 18th, 1812. Also, Linus Curtis' commission of 2d company, 1st battalion, dated Aug. 28th, 1812.

An express from General Paine, dated Painesville, August 22d, 1812, was received the same day, and orders were immediately issued by Thaddeus Andrews, as Major commanding, to have the regiment meet at Ravenna forthwith.

An express from Major General Wadsworth, dated August 23d, was received by Major Andrews, to have the regiment under his command meet at Ravenna immediately and await there until further orders were received from him.

At 9 o'clock p. m., the 23d, Major General Wadsworth delivered verbal orders to Major Andrews, to have the regiment, as soon as embodied at Ravenna, march for Cleveland. The regiment was embodied at 11 o'clock, a. m., the 24th, and marched at 3 p. m. the same day, and encamped at Mr. Roundy's. The next day, the 25th, marched from Mr. Roundy's and encamped at the center of Hudson. The next day, marched from Hudson, and arrived and encamped at Tinker's creek, and the next day, the 27th, marched from Tinker's creek, arrived at Cleveland, and reported the regiment to Major General Wadsworth, who ordered the regiment to encamp in Cleveland, and await further orders.

The 30th, the following order was received, which was read to the regiment on the 31st:

"CLEVELAND, HEADQUARTERS,  
August 30th, 1812."

MAJOR STEPHEN MASON—You will dismiss the Regiment under your command for the present, but under the express conditions that they hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning.  
JOEL PAINE,  
General Brigade."

After the foregoing, copied from page 33 of the Record, follows several pages of names of those who thus marched to Cleveland, with their several charges for services thus performed. The charges were mostly for nine days services for each private, except Captain T. Culver's company from Randolph, and Lieutenant Morse's company from Deerfield and Atwater, both of which companies had charged ten days service for each private, all at the rate of five dollars per month, carried out, the one at \$1 50 and the other at \$1 60.

I know not whether the men were ever paid, but I know that many of them got their land warrants, for I helped obtain them, and those men who have not obtained warrants, or their widows, can have them. I would like to help them to warrants.

That it may be known who were the pioneer men of those days—but few of whom now remain—I will here insert the names of those who thus responded to the call of their country, to defend it against the British and their savage allies, who were then daily expected on our frontier, after the news arrived of Hull's surrender, when many were so alarmed as to prepare to flee the country, and some, I believe, did flee. I copy the companies, in the order as I find them on the Record, each company Record separate, and all charged as in actual service from the 24th of August to September 1st, 1812, inclusive, and each signed by its Captain, or Lieutenant commanding.

RETURN OF FIRST COMPANY

1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Division, Ohio Militia.  
Captain—Hezekiah Nooney.  
Lieutenant—Oliver Snow.  
Ensign—Ella Willmot.  
Sergeants—Seth Harmon, Gersham Judson, Horace Ladd, Ariel Walden.  
Corporals—Henry Blair, Phineas Pond, Moses McIntosh, Bazel Windsor, Jr.  
Fifer—Joseph Skinner.  
Drummer—Virgil Moor.  
Privates—Jotham Atwater, Thomas Bright, Peter Carlton, Henry R. Ferris, Samuel Judson, Eleazer Ladd, Ezekiel Ladd, Lymyan Leland, Samuel Moor, Jr., Moses Pond, David Pond, Franklin Snow, John Gardner, Elisha J. Willmot, Patrick Ray, Wm. Russell.

Recollections of John Harmon, March 2, 1870 on War of 1812 continued:

## RETURN OF SECOND COMPANY

1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, &c.

Lieutenant—John Redding.  
 Ensign—Asa Truesdale.  
 Sergeants—Chester Adams, Oliver Mills, George Young, Benj. Higley.  
 Corporals—David Bancroft, Elisha Hutchinson, Caleb Stow, Hiram Messenger.  
 Fifer—Freeman Conant.  
 Privates—Oliver Alford, Levi Alford, Artemus Baker, Rodolphus Bancroft, Asahel Blair, Simon Babcock, Abraham Dyson, Hezekiah Higley, Ephraim Hackett, Thomas Johnston, Orrin Pitkin, Joseph Southard, Ephraim H. Seeley, John Streator.

## RETURN OF THIRD COMPANY

1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Division, Ohio Militia.

Captain—Joshua Woodward.  
 Lieutenant—Linus Curtis.  
 Ensign—Anson Beeman.  
 Sergeants—Almon Babcock, Elijah Smith.  
 Privates—Alanson Baldwin, Razzman Loomis, John King, John Smith, Peter Wolford, Abel Forsha, Abel Thompson, James Knowlton, George Barnes, Quartus Noble, Ebenezer Broadway, David Crosby, Jesse Miller, Jas. Cook, Silas Owen.

## RETURN OF FOURTH COMPANY

1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Division, Ohio Militia.

Captain—Asa K. Burroughs.  
 Lieutenant—Hezekiah Hine.  
 Ensign—Richard E. Gay.  
 Sergeant—Samuel Munson.  
 Privates—Joel Baker, Abel Hine, Lyman Hine, Ephraim Brown.

## RETURN OF FIRST COMPANY

2d Battalion, &c.

Lieutenant—Ira Morse.  
 Sergeants—Hamlet Coc, Jeremiah Jones, Alexander K. Hubbard.  
 Corporal—Caleb Mattoon.  
 Privates—William Hartzel, Robert Taylor, Jr., Moses Baldwin, Allen C. Baldwin, Elijah Mott, John H. Whittlesey, Asahel Blakesley, Jesse Sutliff, James Laughlin, Almon Chittenden, Abraham Hartzel, Ami Baldwin, Ralph Granger, Wm. A. Strong, Joseph Carter, John Quier, Horatio Day, Ezekiel Mott, Ira Mansfield, Peter Hartzel, Peter Mason, John Hartzel, Jr., Ephraim B. Hubbard, Amos Morse, Garrett Packard.

## RETURN OF SECOND COMPANY

2d Battalion, &c.

Captain—Frederick Caris, Jr.  
 Sergeants—David Collins, Titus Belding, Samuel Coc, Gersham Norris.  
 Corporals—Samuel B. Spellman, Ariel Case, Lemuel Chapman.  
 Fifer—Asahel Gurley.  
 Drummer—Alpheus Andrews.  
 Privates—Abraham Reed, Timothy Reed, Robert McKnight, Jr., John Willyard, Mason Richardson, Ephraim Chapman, Chester Chapman, Beeman Chapman, Daniel Collins, Joseph R. Bostwick, Calvin Ellsworth, Charles H. Bostwick.

## RETURN OF THIRD COMPANY

2d Battalion, &c.

Lieutenant—Charles Gilbert.  
 Sergeants—Hugh McDaniell, Lyman P. Gilbert, Truman Gilbert.  
 Corporals—Gaius Smith, Zebulon Walker.  
 Privates—Amasa Preston, Chauncey Lowry, Adna H. Bostwick, John Shaw, John Fisher, James Tuttle, James Hazzard, Gabriel Cane, Wm. Jewel, Marvin Gilbert, Dalton Trowbridge, John McKelvy, Roswell Smith, David Gano, Nicholas Shank, Joseph Lewis.

## RETURN OF FOURTH COMPANY

2d Battalion, &c.

Captain—Timothy Culver.  
 Lieutenant—Isaac Merriman.  
 Sergeants—Walter Dickinson, William Rogers.  
 Corporals—Oliver L. Dickinson, Ephraim Sabin.  
 Privates—Arad Upson, Freeman Upson, Elisha Sears, John Goss, Theophilus Cross, Josiah Ward, Henry P. Mosier, Jehiel Savage, Joseph Harris.

After the eight companies I find a list of regimental officers, including Regimental Staff, as follows:

Major Commandant—Stephen Mason.  
 Major—Thaddeus Andrews.  
 Adjutant—Erastus Skinner.  
 Quartermaster—Charles Curtis.  
 Fifer—Hiram Roundy.  
 Clerk—Fred. Wadsworth.  
 Assistant Quartermaster—Arthur Anderson.  
 Quartermaster Sergeant—Wm. Kennedy,  
 Surgeon—Joseph DeWolf.  
 Fife Major—Philo Hall.  
 Privates—Horace Burroughs, Greenwood Burroughs, Daniel Ward, Ashur Gurley.

With the wagon transportation, Robert Eaton and John Sabin are named, and the United States is charged with their services with teams—Sabin's \$13.75, and Eaton's \$16.33. Total charged for the regiment, \$546.60.

These Muster or Pay Rolls are probably copies of those sent to the War Department, on which the money was expected to be drawn. In copying, I have abbreviated and omitted some formalities of the pay roll. As far as I know, nearly all the adult male population were included in the rolls, as not more than one man in ten were past 45.

On page 39, is the record of the draft made. Agreeable to orders of July 14th, 1812, to-wit: 1st company, 1st battalion, David Pond, Ezra Chaffee and Eleazer Ladd. 2d company, 1st battalion, Lieutenant John Redding, Hezekiah Higley as a substitute for Seth Cole, George Young and David Wood. 3d company, 1st battalion, David Thompson, David Grier, Wm. Jones, John Baldwin. 4th company, 1st battalion, Abel Hine.

For the 1st company, 2d battalion, David Abbott, David Baldwin, Lelon Landon, Merrick Ely, Robert Taylor, Jr., William Hartzell, Joseph Hartzell, fifer. For 2d company, 2d battalion, Sergeant Gersham Norris, Ariel Case, Robert McKnight, Jr., Timothy Reed. For 3d company, 2d battalion, Corporal Zebulon Walker, Adna H. Bostwick, John Shaw, Gabriel Cane, John Fisher. For 4th company, 2d battalion, Levi Seeley, Jr., Geo. Burr.

## ORDER TO MARCH.

The following order was received from General Paine:

PAINESVILLE, Sept. 18th, 1812.

COL. JOHN CAMPBELL—Sir: You are hereby ordered to draft out of the regiment under your command, thirty men—including one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals, and one Fifer, to be in readiness to march at a moment's warning; and you are to march twenty-two men to join Captain Lusk, at the Portage—of the former draft. They are to furnish themselves with knapsacks and blankets, and they are to be furnished with arms and equipments by the public. JOEL PAINE, General Brigadier.

In compliance with the above order, orders were issued to the Commandants of Companies, to furnish their respective quotas; and the following persons were returned by the Commandants of Companies, as persons legally notified to march on said tour of duty, viz: David Pond, Eleazer Ladd, Seth Cole, Ebenezer O. Messenger, Harvey Messenger, David Thompson, Zenas Carter, Norval Carter, Abel Hine, David Abbott, William Hartzell, David Baldwin, Robert Taylor, Jr., Benjamin Marshall, Robert McKnight, Jr., Timothy Reed, Gabriel Cane, John Fisher, Adna H. Bostwick, John Shaw, Levi Seeley, Jr., and George Burr.

And also to comply with the said order of the 18th of September, the following persons were notified to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, viz: From the 1st company, 1st battalion, Jotham Atwater, Jacob W. Pettibone, William Russell, Sergeant Gersham Judson, Corporals Moses, McIntosh, Bazel Windsor, Jr. From 2d company, 1st battalion, Asahel Blair, Joseph Southard, Thomas Johnston. From the 3d company, 1st batt<sup>n</sup> John Baldwin, John Shaler, Alanson Baldwin, Isaac P. Skinner.

From the 1st company, 2d battalion, Moses Baldwin, Allen C. Baldwin, Elijah Mott, John H. Whittlesey, Asahel Whittlesey. From the 2d company, 2d battalion, Robert Collins, Jr., Abram Reed, Mason Richardson. From the 3d company, 2d battalion, Jabez Gilbert, William Jewel, David Gano, David Calvin. From the 4th company, 2d battalion, Alpheus Dickinson, Arad Upson.

Verbal orders were given by Major General Wadsworth, at the Portage, to Stephen Mason, Major Commandant of the 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Division, on the 28th of September, 1812, to march all the mounted men, who could be immediately raised in said regiment, to General Wadsworth's headquarters at the Portage. And agreeably to said orders the following persons mustered at Ravenna, 1st of October, marched to Portage, and reported to Major General Wadsworth, viz: Stephen Mason, Major Commandant; Joseph DeWolf, Surgeon; Rufus Edwards, Quartermaster; De-lawn Mills, Captain; John Caris, Lieutenant; Asa Truesdale, Ensign; Titus Belding, Gersham Norris, Samuel Coe and Chester Adams,

Sergeants; David A. Rumsay, Henry Blair, Caleb Stow and Moses McIntosh, Corporals; Daniel Ward, Drummer; Joseph Skinner, Abraham Dyson, Bazel Windsor, Jr., Gersham Judson, Henry R. Ferris, Horatio Taylor, John Willard, John Redding, John Gardner, John Shaler, Jos. R. Bostwick, Orrin Pitkin, Quartus Noble, Rodolphus Bancroft, Simon Babcock, Samuel Judson, Samuel Moor, Jr., Titon Rudolph, Wm. Kennedy, Jr., Wareham Loomis, Ezekiel Ladd, Charles Bostwick, John Smith and Ephraim Hackett, Privates.

The following order was issued:

HEADQUARTERS, PORTAGE,  
 October 2d, 1812.

MAJOR MASON—Sir: You will march all the mounted men of Colonel Campbell's regiment to Huron, with all possible despatch. Furnish them with three days' provisions. Report yourself to General Perkins. ELLIAH WADSWORTH, Major General.

And in compliance with said orders, marched to Huron and reported to Brigadier General Simon Perkins, who on the 10th of October, issued the following order:

MAJOR STEPHEN MASON—Sir: You will march the officers and privates named in the annexed list, to Headquarters, at Portage, and report yourself to the commanding officer.

SIMON PERKINS,  
 Brigadier General.

Camp Avery, Oct. 10, 1812.

## SOLDIERS DISCHARGED.

It further appears by the record, that on the arrival of Major Mason, Captain Mills and their mounted men at Portage, that General Wadsworth gave orders for their discharge, but it does not appear how many or who were discharged, as the "list annexed," mentioned in the order of General Perkins, is not recorded.

## ANOTHER CALL FOR TROOPS.

It further appears, that General Paine, on Feb. 2d, 1813, by an order dated at Painesville, called for one Lieutenant, one 2d Sergeant, one 3d Sergeant, one 2d Corporal, and eighteen privates from the 2d regiment, "to march to Lower Sandusky, as soon as possible, to relieve the men now in service," to comply with which order the following persons were returned by Commandants of Companies on Feb. 16, 1813, as legally notified to perform said tour of duty, viz: Virgil Moor, as a substitute for Jotham Atwater, John Gardner as a substitute for Jacob W. Pettibone, Asahel Blair, Joseph Southard, and as said Blair and Southard both absconded, Thomas Johnston, Phineas Pond as a substitute for Orrin Pitkin, Charles Carter as a substitute for David Grier, William Jones, John Shaler, George Wilber, Merrick Ely, Moses Baldwin, Allen C. Baldwin, Robert McKnight, Jr., Sergeant Lyman P. Gilbert, John Fisher, Austin Purdy, Sergeant Walter Dickinson, Corporal Oliver C. Dickinson, William Jewel, Richard Rogers, Jr., Alpheus Dickinson and Arad Upson; and on Feb. 15th, Lieutenant John Redding, Corporal O. C. Dickinson, Richard Rogers, Jr., Robert McKnight, Jr., Alpheus Dickinson, Virgil Moor, John Gardner, John Shaler, William Jones, and Moses Baldwin, appeared according to orders at Ravenna, had their equipments appraised by Charles Curtis, Linus Curtis, and John Campbell, appraisers, which is the last record says of the services of those so drafted.

## ORDER TO MEET AT RAVENNA.

On page 42, however, is the following record:

"The Major Commandant issued orders to the Major of the 2d Battalion, and to the Commandants of each Company in the Regiment, to meet at the Court House, in Ravenna, on the 29th of March, 1813, for the purpose of assessing fines upon persons who refused to perform tours of duty, when legally called on, and the Commandants of Companies ordered to notify the delinquents in their respective Companies." And this is the last of our war record, as then follows some thirteen large blank pages, left apparently to record the assessment of fines for non-performance of "tours of duty."

After those blank leaves, follows the regular record of ordinary regimental boards, for ordinary business, but no more drafting orders.



Recollections of John Harmon, March 2, 1870 on War of 1812 continued:

I think, however, but few of our drafted men evaded the draft. I knew of the services of many of them. Several I knew to be posted at Camp Avery, which, I understand, was near the present village of Milan, Erie county.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

After our return from the service, September, 1812, I knew little of the war movements, except what was found in the papers, and papers were then scarce. I can give little information of the times subsequent to those records than I have given in these communications, that would be valuable to the Historical Society. I spent some time in Cleveland, in December, 1812, and there became acquainted with Major Jessup, Quartermaster Biddle, and his assistant, Mr. Downing—son of Capt. Downing, of Frenchtown, River Raisin, and was informed of the then recent raising and organization of a volunteer company in Cuyahoga and Geauga counties, with Clark Parker, Captain, and Harvey Murray, Lieutenant. I think it was then out at one of the posts of the west.

I was in Harperfield in the summer of 1813, when Captain James Harper was recruiting, and was offered a position by him, but being still a prisoner on parole, would not forfeit my parole. We were not informed of our exchange for about two years after our return. But several of our company did again enter the service, before we were informed of our exchange, I believe. Samuel C. Thompson, Charles Carter and John Smith, and perhaps some others were, out in the service some time in 1813 and 1814.

Though we were not specially successful, we had much cause to rejoice, and be proud at the prowess and progress of our armies thereafter, and of the final success of our arms, and especially that that war finally broke up the baneful influence of the British over the Western Indians, on our territory.

With this I close my communication on the subject of the War of 1812.

JOHN HARMON,

Ravenna, February, 1870.

In the "Ohio Star," of June 23rd, 1852, the following interesting historical reminiscence was published. It was from the pen of another soldier of the war of 1812, and in this connection, will be read with additional interest.

From the Ohio Star, June 23, 1852.

#### Recollections of the War of 1812

There was a circumstance happened, in carrying on the war with Great Britain, in 1812, that I never have seen mentioned in any history, which, at this time, may be interesting to some of your readers, who can witness to the fact, and to others.

Hull's surrender, which took place in August, 1812, left a large frontier entirely unprotected, including a considerable share of the State of Ohio, and a part of Pennsylvania. As soon as arrangements could be made, after that event took place, General Simon Perkins was ordered from Cleveland up the Lake, with about three hundred men, and encamped on the east side of the river Huron, four miles from its mouth. He was soon after re-onforced with about 100 men, under the command of Capt. McArthur and Col. Darrow. It was now the fore part of October, in the same year. News came into camp that the Indians were driving away the cattle from about Sandusky, which were left by the inhabitants, in their haste to get away, after Hull's surrender, for fear of the Indians. General Perkins immediately ordered Major Shannon, with 100 men, to go to Sandusky, and bring into camp, what cattle they could find. On their way up the lake,

against the Peninsula, they discovered two British vessels, lying a short distance from the northern extremity of the Peninsula. Major Shannon, concluding there was something alarming on foot, immediately ordered his men to march down three miles towards where the vessels lay. A considerable part of the distance was in plain view from those vessels, and when he had got as near to them as he could, he was hidden from them by a sand-bank and the woods. As soon as he had accomplished this, his first march, he ordered his men to take off their coats, and to appear as differently as they could from what they were when first marched down, and marched them immediately back by a way where they were unseen from the vessels, and marched down again over the same ground as the first, and maneuvered several times in the same manner, and at last ambushed his men as near the vessel as he could and be undiscovered, and set out his sentry. He did not remain in that position long, before there were two cannon discharged from the vessels, and immediately they were answered from the main land in their rear, by the firing of small arms and blowing of horns. The suspicion was, with Shannon and his men, that the firing was a signal to a land force, to strike upon his rear, and cut off his retreat. An immediate retreat was therefore ordered, and they made their escape as quick as possible, back to the main land, where they felt more safe. Their retreat was so hasty, that they forgot to relieve their sentry. News was conveyed to camp as quick as possible, that the British were effecting a landing at the Peninsula. Gen. Perkins immediately ordered his whole force to march to the place, and prevent if possible, their landing.

Our way was through a dark forest in a very dark night. We were ordered not to speak above our breath. Of course our march was slow. On our way we were ordered to halt. We had met some of our own men, who belonged to that unrelieved sentry, who did not learn of Shannon's retreat until some hours afterwards. They informed us that the two vessels had hoisted sail and steered toward Malden and had disappeared. They told us that two boats filled with armed men, left the two vessels and came close under the bank where they supposed Shannon lay, but contrary to their expectations, there was not a gun fired. Shannon and his men had left, as before stated. The boats sailed back to the vessels, and the men went aboard and steered for Malden. But the true statement of facts, as we afterwards learned, were these:

The British forces, lying at Malden, under the command of Generals Brock & Procter, with their legions, together with all the assembled tribes of Indians, commanded by that terror-striking man, Tecumseh, had learned the weak condition of General Perkins, and had fitted out a force amply sufficient to cut him off at once. A part of his army were to go by water, and carry supplies, and a part by land, and were to co-operate at a certain time and place, to accomplish their object. While on their way, they discovered Shannon, and with the help of glasses, counted his men, as near as they could, and made out that he was five hundred strong; and from that fact, concluded to give up the expedition and return to Malden; and the firing, instead of being a signal to a land force to cut off Shannon's retreat, was a signal to

their land force, that they had given up the expedition, and for them to return to Malden. It would seem that they were not perfectly satisfied, after they had fired their signal, by their sending out those two boats with armed men, but by these making no discoveries, and hearing and seeing nothing, were alarmed still more. Their conclusion was, that Shannon lay in ambush with his five hundred men, to light upon them the moment they landed; although Shannon, at that moment, was several miles from them with his hundred men, he obtained a complete victory over that formidable foe, without one broken bone, or the loss of one drop of blood.

We were marched back to camp, and rested quietly through the night, without hearing a groan from the wounded and dying; probably for which mercy we were not sufficiently grateful.

Now, had not news come to General Perkins that the Indians were driving off the cattle at the time it did, or had not Major Shannon maneuvered just as he did, or had he not retreated just as he did, in all probability the British would have effected a landing; and had they succeeded, it is not hard to imagine what would have been our troubles. Perkins's men were no better than what is now termed raw Militia, without fortifications and without artillery, and in all probability would have had to yield the only defence for this extensive frontier, which was at that time mostly a howling wilderness. Previous to the declaration of war with Great Britain in 1812, the Indians were very numerous and were better acquainted with the scattering localities of the whites, than were the whites themselves. Immediately after the declaration of war, they were all missing. All joined the British. The Indians, previous to this, in 1811, had manifested a disposition which excited considerable alarm among the scattering settlers, which disposition was made more manifest, not long after, by that shocking massacre at the River Raisin, which caused Kentucky to mourn the loss of so many of her worthy heroes. Had Perkins, with his handful of men been cut off, it would have placed all this newly settled country in a most perilous condition; and looking at the circumstances that transpired at that time, our deliverance seemed most providential. No doubt but ardent prayers from fathers, mothers and wives, reached that source from whence help alone could come; and in answer to those petitions, deliverance did come. God delivered us from the power of the enemy, until we were placed in better circumstances.

Before the enemy were prepared to make another trial, Gen. Harrison and other efficient officers had arrived with reinforcements, which placed us out of danger. I will here remark, that the good order and regularity that were maintained in the army under the command of General Perkins, might shame places blest with much better privileges in later times. On Sabbath days, when the weather would permit, at the proper hour for public worship, the soldiers were formed in a hollow square with two or three wagons in the center, one of which was used for the preacher's desk, the other for the General and suite. Mr. Badger was the Chaplain; a man extensively known by the early settlers of this country. More appropriate public exerci-

Recollections March 2, 1870 on  
War of 1812 continued:



Last news items in *Portage Co. Democrat*



## ATTRACTIVE RESIDENCE FOR SALE!



The handsome property, owned and occupied by Halsey R. W. Hall, corner of Oak and Prospect Sts., is for sale. This property is considered one of the most

### Delightful and Desirable Residences in Ravenna.

The lot is large, and lies handsomely, affording an ample and very productive garden spot. Upon it is a choice variety of Fruit, (Apples, Pears, Peaches, Cherries, Grapes, &c.,) abundant for family supply.

A great charm of the premises is the number of noble Elms and majestic Maples that provide the most grateful shade from summer suns, and render the premises a retreat for rural felicity. In this feature the premises are without a rival.

The house is a convenient cottage, with eleven rooms and numerous closets, superb cellar, cistern and well water pumps in the kitchen. A large Barn and Carriage House are upon the premises, and everything provided that ensures the most perfect comforts of Home, and renders it really the

### Most Attractive and Desirable Property for Sale in Ravenna.

The premises may be inspected any time by persons desiring to purchase, and possession will be given immediately, if desired.

Apply to **HALSEY R. W. HALL,**  
at the Ravenna Book Store.  
Ravenna, January 19, 1870.

### Nest Eggs! Nest Eggs!!

Last Saturday a new and abundant invoice of those nice and beautiful Porcelain Nest Eggs was received at the Ravenna Book Store. All in need of the article can now be supplied. These are just the things for hen's nests, at all seasons of the year—saving nest eggs from freezing in the winter and enabling all the eggs to be gathered fresh in the summer.

Price 6 cents a piece, or 10 cents for two.  
Call and get them at the Ravenna Book Store.  
Feb. 2, 1870.

### Notice.

All persons wanting to buy or sell Real Estate of any kind, should get the "Pittsburgh Real Estate Register," published monthly by CROFT & PHILLIPS, Real Estate Agents, No. 139, Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sent free to any address.  
Feb. 9. 4w

ses in the worship of God, or better singing, I do not know that I have since heard. One circumstance I will mention. While at public worship, there was a little noise in a tent a short distance from the speaker. He directed an officer to go and take the inmates of that tent to the guard house. The officer went alone, and without another word being spoken; immediately they were silently on their way to the guard house. This is named simply to show the order that prevailed in camp. Much credit is due to that departed General, as well as his Chaplain, for the order maintained through their influence in the army, while at Huron. The worthy man, Mr. Badger, by some means procured boards, and with hand-saw, hammer and nails, with his own hands, made beds, prepared with straw, for all the sick; for which he is now reaping his reward. A log house on the ground was used for a hospital. Others of us had the pleasure of comforting the sick, with grapes and other spontaneous fruit from those luxuriant bottoms.

Much honor is justly due to Major Shannon, for the wisdom, generalship, caution, and prudence manifested by him in that important transaction

With pleasurable emotions, I look back to that day, when God's protection appeared so visibly manifest—who has ever since blessed us with peace and plenty; for which this poor worm still feels to adore and praise his great and holy name.

A SOLDIER OF 1812.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths

ANNOUNCEMENTS under above heading  
charged One Shilling each, prepaid.

### BIRTHS.

- CLARKE**—November 25, at 1, Buncrana, Ormeau Road, Belfast, the wife of William Clarke, jun., of a daughter.  
**SHAW**—October 6, at Newchwang, Manchuria, the wife of the Rev. Wilfred W. Shaw, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

- BEATTIE**—ROSS—December 3, in the Presbyterian Church, Benvarden, by the father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. H. McIntyre Butler, Magilligan, and the Rev. James Boyle, Bushmills, the Rev. R. Beattie, Convoy, to Lizzie Georgina, eldest daughter of the Rev. John Ross, Ballyboggey House, Dervock.  
**BREEZE**—MACINTOSH—November 28, at Fortwilliam Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. John Waddell, B.A., Thomas G. Breeze, eldest son of William Breeze, Ballymacromwell, Killyleagh, to Ellie, second daughter of the late Robert MacIntosh, Belfast.  
**CURRIE**—HURST—November 27, at Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. Henry Montgomery, M.A., Thomas H. Currie, Belfast, to Jeannie, eldest daughter of John Hurst, Esq., Lisdoirt, Ballygawley.  
**DAVISON**—M'ILWRATH—December 1, in the First Presbyterian Church, Carrickfergus, by the Rev. J. L. Donaghy, Larne, Alexander Davison, Larne, to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. Andrew M'Ilwrath, Mount Pleasant, Portglenone.  
**M'CULLOUGH**—WELLWOOD—November 26, by special license, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. Dr. Hanna, James M'Cullough, Newtownards, to Mary Wellwood, Belfast.

### DEATHS.

- HUTCHESON**—December 2, at his father's residence, Killycarron, Markethill, James Henry, second son of Thomas Hutcheson.  
**HARRISON**—December 2, at 48, Mount Street, Mountpottinger, Belfast, Sarah, relict of the late George Harrison, Esq., late of Newtownards.  
**LAIRD**—November 29, at Seaview House, Kerrykeel, County Donegal, Samuel Laird, aged 98 years.  
"A happy man—though on life's shoals  
His barque was roughly driven,  
Yet still he braved the surge, because  
His anchorage was in Heaven."  
**LAMB**—On Sunday, November 30, at Perry Street, Dungannon, Agnes, the wife of Thomas Lamb.  
**RICE**—Nov. 29, at Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, suddenly from accident, Richard Gailey, aged 4 years and 7 months, youngest surviving son of T. M. Rice.

## TOMBSTONES.

**I**N GRANITE, MARBLE, AND STONE, from £5. All kinds of Building and Street work. Granite quarries—Goraghowood, and Kelavey, Newry; Monumental Works—68, York Street, Belfast, and Ballybot Bridge, Newry.

A. M' BAIN,  
PROPRIETOR.

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**Notice.**

To PATRONS OF THE GARRETTSVILLE UNION SCHOOL—Owing to the crowded condition of the primary school, it has been decided to conduct it on during the remainder of the spring term on the half-day plan; that is, a part of the pupils will be in attendance only during the forenoon, the remainder only during the afternoon. This plan will not diminish the amount of work required, nor of instruction imparted. It will only make work more closely consecutive, and therefore less tiresome. It is believed that better results can be obtained as are now obtained, as the teacher will be enabled to give closer attention to each exercise. All pupils will be expected to be present for music the first half hour of each Monday afternoon. This plan will go into operation next Monday, April 17th.

By order of the Board.

A. J. SMITH,  
C. M. CRANE,  
W. PEIRCE,  
Committee.

H. L. PECK, Supt.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

- Chester Wiard to Carrie Armstrong.
- Chas E Hawley to Clarinda B French.
- Robert Ashley to Gerty Burton.
- Edwin L Brockett to Celestia E Warner.
- A S Myers to Lottie M. Ishbell.
- Fioravante Walter to Martha Sontum.
- George Bosely to Nellie Smith.
- W B Jones to Ida E. Ferguson.
- H C Fessenden to Nellie Goddard.
- C E Benedict to Alice A Bair.
- John Scourfield to Elinor Thomas.
- Dallas Breckenridge to Addie Cadwallader.
- Jake M. Ruedi to Jennie A Wells.
- E H Mahan to May A Collins.
- P B Case to Isabella G az er.

**Card of Thanks.**

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Cong. church wish to return thanks to R. H. Ober for the free use of his rooms on the occasion of their public supper, last Friday.

MRS. J. N. DANIELS, Pres.

**Public Sale.**

On Saturday, Apri. 22d, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m., the old Baptist Church in Garrettsville will be sold to the highest bidder.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.

**Legal Notice.**

Sarah M. Thayer, who is supposed to reside in the city of New Haven, State of Connecticut, is notified that on the 8th day of March, A. D., 1882, Eugene R. Thayer filed his petition in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Portage, State of Ohio, charging the said Sarah M. Thayer with adultery with one William Orr, and asking that he may be divorced from said Sarah M. Thayer, which petition will stand for hearing at the next term of said Court.

Dated this 9th day of March, A. D., 1882.

EUGENE R. THAYER.

By O. S. FERRIS, Attorney. 6w

**People's Column.**

NOTICES of "Wants," "For Sale," "Lost," "Found," &c., will be inserted in this column once for 25 cents; twice for 40 cents, and three times for 50 cents. Notices not to exceed 5 lines

LOOK HERE—I want several salesmen to sell my Improved Carpet Fastener. You can make Five to Ten Dollars per day. No trouble to put down or take up carpets. A. C. ASHALD, Garrettsville, O.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Full set of carpenter's tools, good as new, with tool chests, work-bench, ect Also a good violin, with strings, box, etc. Anyone in need of the above articles can get a good bargain by calling at or addressing JOURNAL Office, Garrettsville, Ohio.

POTATOES FOR SALE—Snowflake, Burbank, and Peerless Potatoes, at \$1 15 pr bushel. L. A. GRIDLEY, Hiram, O.

FOR RENT, HOUSE—The undersigned offers for rent his House and three of four acres of land on Windham St. For particulars enquire of James Norton. J. W. ELDEN.

FOR SALE—A small place of 7 acres with buildings, in the north part of Windham, owned by A D Clark, for sale on reasonable terms if sold in thirty days. Enquire of F D Snow, Windham O

FOR SALE, SHOATS AND CORN—I have for sale 7 Berkshire Shosts, also some good Seed Corn. Inquire at my farm 1 mile south of G. rrettsville. JOHN CRAIGER.

FARM FOR SALE—A valuable farm for sale. Enquire of F. D. SNOW, Windham, O

FARM FOR SALE—A farm of 105 acres 4 miles from Garrettsville, in Nelson, known as the "Kincaid farm." Has good house, two good barns, two apple orchards, one peach orchard 300 young trees, living water, good timber &c., &c. For terms enquire at JOURNAL office or of CHAS. W. FORCE.

CLOTHES WRINGERS REPAIRED at the Hardware establishment of H. C FRAZER, Ravenna, O.

FOR RENT—In the village of Garrettsville a very desirable house and lot on Main street. O. S. FERRIS, Atty.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT—Having removed from town, I offer for sale my residence at Nelson Center. It is one of the most desirable locations in the place, with new barn, a never failing well of soft water, 1 acre of land. House is nearly new, and has 7 rooms. Plenty of fruit. Will be sold cheap, if sold at once. For price and terms enquire of David Morton, Nelson Center, Ohio. P. S. HOPKINS.

GARRETTSVILLE  
**Real Estate Agency**

E. W. MAXSON.

Possessing superior facilities for the sale of Real Estate, I invite the attention of all who desire to sell or trade any property of this description. Especial attention is given to conveyancing, which is done at the lowest rates. Where sales are made through this Agency no charge is made for conveyancing. Those having any Real Estate for sale will do well to place it in my hands. No charge is made unless a sale is effected.

14 LOTS IN WOLCOTT'S ADDITION. The subscriber would invite the attention of the public to a valuable tract of land in the village of Garrettsville, recently placed in my hands for sale, consisting of Fourteen Village Lots, large and of unusual depth, and pleasantly located on and near South St in what is known as "Wolcott's Addition." Anyone desiring a pleasant location to erect a dwelling house would do well to examine these lots and call upon me for terms.

100 acres of land with good timber and water, situated near Monroe, Michigan; in a good neighborhood. Will sell for cash or trade for real estate in this vicinity.

House and large lot on Water street, Garrettsville, near schools, churches, and business part of town.

Farm of 80 acres in Freedom, Portage county. Has good timber, buildings, fruit, &c., and land is suitable for dairying or grain-raising. Price \$4,000.

A fine new dwelling house and lot situated on South street, a short distance south of the railroad. There is a good well, and a cistern upon the premises. The rooms in the house are high. This house is situated in the pleasantest part of Garrettsville. It is a desirable bargain.

A desirable place with a large commodious house, large yard and an abundance of fruit trees. This place is pleasantly situated on the Westside of South street, Garrettsville, about an equal distance between the Depot and Post Office. On easy terms.

**MARRIED.**

MAHAN.—COLLINS—In Garrettsville, on Sunday, April 9th, 1882, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. R. A. Torrey, Mr. Elbert H. Mahan and Miss May A. Collins; both of Charlestown, Ohio.

BOSLEY.—SMITH.—In Youngstown, April 8th, 1882, by Rev. C. V. Wilson, Mr. George M. Bosley and Miss Nellie Smith; both of Garrettsville, Ohio.

**DIED.**

Death notices free. Obituary 5c per line.

THORP—In Parkman, March 29th, 1882, John Thorp; aged 44 years.

COIT—In Shalersville, March 18th, 1882, Ida May Coit; aged 13 years

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### Local and Miscellaneous.

Plant trees.

Have you moved.

Garden plowing is in order

Lent ended last Saturday.

Farmers and Spring poets are busy.

Dandelions and daffodils are in bloom.

Scotch potatoes are sold in the market.

Business at the station here is booming

How many eggs did you eat, last Sunday.

Decoration Day is the next legal holiday.

Burglars are working up the rural regions.

There is to be a free Fair at Deerfield April 22d.

Attend the school social Friday evening.

The circus agent will soon be prowling around.

Mrs. D. C. Stockwell has built a new house on Center street.

The jaw bone is really the only real bone of contention in the world.

Ravenna will be desolate this Summer—it will have no band concerts.

C. M. Horton has much improved his store-room by painting, papering, &c.

The small boys now begin to look with contempt on shoes and stockings.

Wheat in most places looks well, although some pieces are badly winter killed.

The good citizen will shortly make garden and begin fighting his neighbor's chickens.

Hawk scalps are worth 50 cents, at least the State of Ohio pays that much for them.

The N Y P & O Ry Company contemplate building a depot at Geauga Lake this summer.

There is a man in Ravenna township who has never seen a train of cars in motion. He is blind

The old Baptist church which was blown up a number of months since is to be sold April 22d.

Ground was broken last Monday preparatory to commence the work of building the new Baptist church.

The bounty paid for hawks is 50 cents each. Boys you had better shoot them instead of the little birds, as some of you are doing.

The United States Express Company do the express business on the Niles & New Lisbon Ry, formerly done by the Adams Express Co.

Orson Collins has the foundation commenced for a new house on Hewitt ave. The house will be about 24x30 feet on the ground, and two stories high.

Spring seems to be a little bashful about unvailing her face and letting the light and warmth of her countenance cheer us up.

C. V. Francis has a new and very fine walk laid in front of his residence on North street. The walk is of artificial stone, and the work was done by A. N. Pierce.

Diamond, in Palmyra township, this county, is having a building boom this Spring. A hotel, two business blocks, and many dwelling houses are being erected.

The schools will give a Social in the High School room Friday evening of this week. A short program of literary and musical exercises will be rendered by pupils chosen from the different schools. Admission 10 cents.

Women who disappeared from public sight in the chaos of moving a week ago are beginning to appear on the surface again, looking somewhat under the weather, it is true, but ready again to make home pleasant in the new location.

The lemonade season is coming, and those who make this pleasant beverage must be careful not to use squeezers plated with zinc. The acid of the lemon combining with the zinc, produces citrate of zinc, which is a deadly poison. Use nothing but wood or porcelain.

Fuller & Hatch shipped another car of wheat to Youngstown last week. Why can't we find men in our town that will put up a first class flouring mill and thus save sending our grain to other towns to be ground and returned here for use?

Robert McDowell, a candidate on the Republican ticket in Ravenna, for Constable, was elected to that office on Monday. He is the first colored man elected to office in this town, and had the honor to be the first to set on a jury in this county.—Ravenna Press.

### Ravenna Department.

The honor of a Democratic Mayor in Ravenna is owing to the vote and recommendation of the Republican Central Ring, they wishing to have matters entirely their own way, or to select a Democrat in full accord with all the rogues of the party, the liquor element included.

A brickman by the name of George Jackson, was killed at the N. Y. P. & O Depot last Friday evening. He belonged in Greenville, Pa.

Mr. C. S. Curtis, stove and tin dealer, moves to Garrettsville.

Miss McEaton, who takes the position of teacher in the High School, arrived last Saturday, and entered upon her work Monday. She comes from Rome, N. Y. CITIZEN.

### Freedom Department.

On the evening of April 3d, a company of nearly 60 persons, friends, and neighbors, met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harmon. The party was a surprise to celebrate the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon. After an hour spent in receiving and providing for the comfort of the unexpected guests, the bride and groom were called into the parlor, where a dining table was loaded with tinware, which was formally presented as a token of friendship and good wishes. A watch and chain from the well known establishment of Wm Wilcox & Son, made Charlie happy. His wife also shone in chain, bracelets and rings all of pure tin. The quantity and variety of tinware would stock a good sized pedlar's wagon. (Query: What will they do with the rattle boxes?) A liberal supply of pie and cake showed that the guests were not unmindful of their own entertainment. Music, conversation, a general good time, and the company departed for their homes, wishing long life and much happiness to the bride and groom.

The following township officers were elected April 3d: Trustees, Atwell Bryant, Henry S. Gotham, Charles Leet, Assessor, W. D. Thayer; Treasurer, J. B. Harrison; Clerk, T. M. Robinson; Constables, L. B. Niles, E. R. Kneeland.

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**Monday, June 9, 2008**--There will be a parade in Ravenna, with transportation as the theme, special presentations on the courthouse lawn and fireworks. Please see the following web page for more details.

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