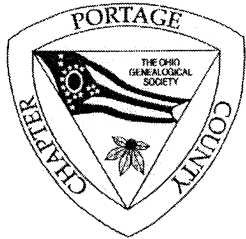


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#### To Our Members:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. As I write this, the weather is a bit too muggy for me, but at least it is not raining again.

Our May program about Whiskey in the U.S. and Portage County presented by our member Wayne Enders was enjoyable. He focused on how whiskey was used as money, started a rebellion because of taxes and he did not provide samples.

Please note that in November all the officer positions are up for election. If any member would like to fill a position please contact the chapter and your name will be passed along to the nominating committee.

*Important notice for members only!* If you would be interested in doing research on property located in the Ohio Army National Guard Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center (aka Ravenna Arsenal) you must follow the guide lines & directions on page three of this issue.

Your President, *Barb Petroski*

#### Meeting Dates—First Saturday of the Month

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

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted

**July August**—no meetings

#### **NOTICE: NEW DAYS FOR MEETINGS---FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH starting in September 2010**

**Time is still 10:00 a.m. Place is same: Portage County Historical Society**

**September 4-- Larry Fischer** will present his bag of Odd & Oddities for members to guess "What the heck is it?" This is a fun program plus we learn a lot about all the objects, most of which were used in the household or on the farm. Some are common and others-not so much!

**October 2--First Settler's Luncheon**-more information in next issue

**November 6--election of new officers** –program to be announced

**December** –no meeting

Don't forget that our regular meeting day will be changing starting **September 4, 2010** from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month to the **First Saturday of each month**. Time (10:00 a.m.) and Place (Portage County Historical Society) remain the same.

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**Chapter News:**

Chapter condolences go to Jackie **Woodring** and her family at the recent loss of her husband, Gail Woodring. Memorial donations may be made to the Animal Protective League, 8122 Infirmary Rd, Ravenna OH 44266

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**Welcome to new members**

**Patricia A. Drake (Fenton)** 8 Silver Fox Trail, Mayhill, NM 88339 [1pdrake@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:1pdrake@pvtnetworks.net)

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

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

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**QUERY:**

NAEGELI, Charles R. [cnaegeli@comcast.net](mailto:cnaegeli@comcast.net) 10829 Stanmore Dr Potomac, MD 20854

My GG Grandfather Jacob Siegfried b. date unknown in Germany probably Baden (Source death certificate of Adam below) probably arrived in 1830 with his son Adam (1900 census) His son Adam Siegfried Birth 26 Jul 1824 in Baden, Baden-Württemberg, Germany Death 20 Dec 1910 in Randolph Portage Co., OH Occupation : farmer His first wife Magdalena (Moon) Siegfried d. Jan 20, 1859 (Source one other ancestry.com public member tree by Allen Knapp) married 1849 Children of Adam and Magdalena: Unnamed Girl 1849 – 1850 Michael Siegfried 1850 – 1934 Adam Siegfried 1852 – 1855 Elizabeth Siegfried 1854 – 1937 **John C Siegfried 1857 – 1938 married Mary (Hoot) Siegfried** 1858-1945 (my Great Grandfather) Adam Siegfried 1859 – 1941

Children of John C and Mary:

**Clement A Siegfried** 1882 – 1958 (my grandfather)

Minnie Siegfried 1883 –

Mary E Siegfried 1883 – 1928

Verna E. Siegfried 1885 – 1921

Clarise Siegfried 1885 – before 1900

Herman Adam Siegfried 1891 – 1947

## Important Message for Members Only of Portage Co. Chapter OGS

Members of our chapter have been given permission to visit the Ohio Army National Guard Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center (know to most of us as the Ravenna Arsenal) on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The purpose of this visit is to have access to the historical documents relating to the homes and property located in the facility. **THIS IS NOT A TOUR OF THE ARSENAL.** We will be in one building only. The documents include photos of homes and maps showing property owners, etc.

Only fifteen (15) members can attend and the time allowed is from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. I have reserved August 12, 2010 for the same time just in case more time is needed to review the records.

The following information is from the Historical Office at the Center.

Only pencils will be permitted (no pens), you can bring notepads and cameras, and can bring up to 5 blank CDs for copying any electronic data. Any large bags or backpacks brought on site will not be allowed in the room with the historical documents. They can be left either in their vehicles or outside the room we will be in. All bags are also subject to search by our security guards at the gate.

All visitors must be U.S. citizens.

**If any member wishes to attend this research field trip I must have your reservation by July 31, 2010.** No names will be accepted after this date. **All requests received will be on the "first come first served" premise.**

Send your Name, address, phone and email address to: Barb Petroski 9737 Gilbert Rd Ravenna OH 44266 or e-mail the above information to [pccogs@embarqmail.com](mailto:pccogs@embarqmail.com) Please put the date on all correspondence .

Once you have been registered you will be notified by phone or email that your request is accepted. The research building is located at the National Guard Gate near the intersection of State Routes 5 and 534 in Trumbull County. The gate is located on SR 534 north of SR 5 just a few feet. You will be stopped at the gate and must show ID. You will then be directed on where to park and which building to proceed.

Come prepared! Know whom you are researching, which township your relative lived in, have any questions written out so you won't forget. Make the best of the short time available.

**YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED IN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR  
PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**

**Other Genealogy News****NEW -Ohio Genealogical Society Library**

The Samuel D. Isaly Library of the Ohio Genealogical Society Library will have the dedication and grand opening on Friday, July 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.. If you plan to attend arrive by 9:15 to park. OGS Volunteers will act as docents to lead groups of visitors on tours of the facility all day Friday and on Saturday as well. The new library is located at 611 SR 97 W, Bellville OH 44813. It is just off the freeway (I71), heading east on SR 97 and is on the south side of the road.

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Special Collections Div. Akron-Summit County Public Library & Summit Co. Chapter of OGS present

**Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors**

**Saturday, August 14, 2010, 9:30 am-4:30 pm**

**Main Library Auditorium, 60 South High Street, Akron, OH 44326 [www.akronlibrary.org](http://www.akronlibrary.org)**

*This daylong program is free and open to the public. To sign-up, contact the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). Parking is free in the High-Market Parking Deck.*

**Program Schedule: 9:30-10:30 am** How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestor Get Here?: Migration Trails Out of the Keystone State (Elissa Scalise Powell, CG) **10:30-10:45 am** Break **10:45-11:45 am** Finding Families in Penn's Woods (John Humphrey, CG) **11:45 am-1 pm** Lunch on your own **1-2 pm** What's a Prothonotary?: Pennsylvania Courthouse Records (Elissa Scalise Powell, CG) **2-2:15 pm** Break **2:15-3:15 pm** Finding Buried Treasure in the Published Pennsylvania Archives (Elissa Scalise Powell, CG) **3:15-3:30 pm** Break **3:30-4:30 pm** Pennsylvania's Church Registers (John Humphrey, CG)

**JOHN HUMPHREY, CG**, a Pennsylvania native, is past-president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS) and past vice president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (GSP). He is former director of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Learning Center and has authored numerous books and articles.

**ELISSA SCALISE POWELL, CG**, is a Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) trustee, the Professional Genealogy course coordinator at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), and an instructor in the Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate program (both on campus and online) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). Elissa is a western Pennsylvania researcher and lectures on methodology, Pennsylvania records and professional development.

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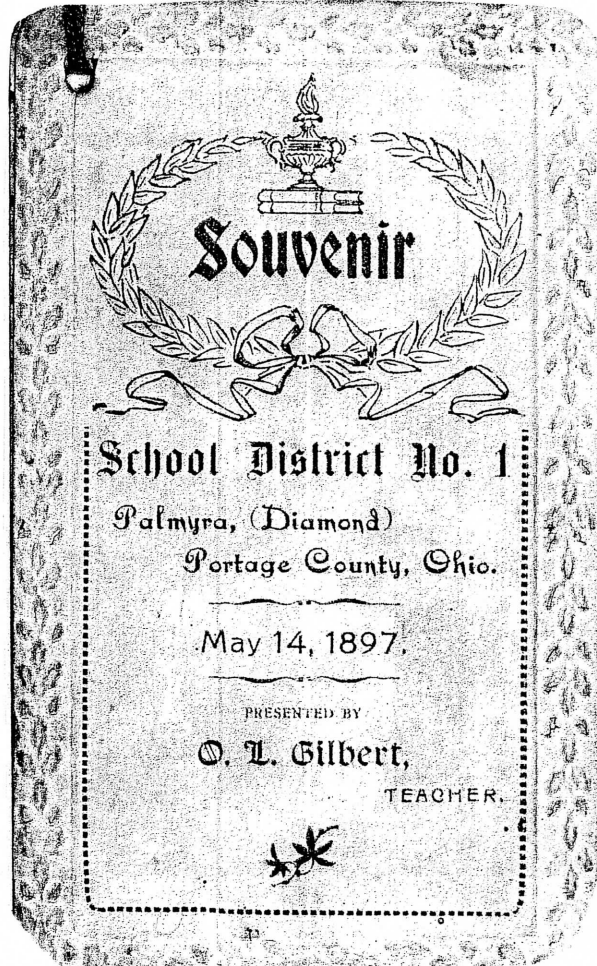
**North Hills Genealogists, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Fall Conference**

**Saturday, October 23, 2010 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Place: Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburg, PA (behind Northway Mall)

The speaker is Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG. The one day seminar includes topics covering genealogy problem solving, how to simplify citations & sources, jump starting your research and finding the truth about a family story. The costs range from \$35 for NHG members to \$55 for walk-ins. For more information and registration go to [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org) or email [conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org](mailto:conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org)

The following Souvenir for Palmyra School, dated May 14, 1897 –located at Portage County Historical Society.



### Pupils.

Cledwin Phillips	Floyd Allen
Roy Allen	Charles Allen
Roy Bickley	Fred McKenzie
Harry Davis	Arnold Bickley
Humphrey Jones	Albert Bickley
Eva Allen	Clinton Davis
Edith Thomas	Hawley Merwin
Nora Jones	Anson Smith
Cora Bingham	Clyde Hartzell
Georganna Hartzell	John Watkins
Mary Standley	Edna Lewis
	Annie Watkins
	Mary Merwin
	Annie Harris
	Olwen Jones
	Clara McKelvey
	Annie Brooks
	Ada Berger
	Hazel Gilbert
	Maude Wert
	Thomas Jenkins

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From collection of papers received from Ravenna Township, donated to Portage County Historical Society  
 Clerk's Office Ravenna Township Board of Education, Ravenna Ohio January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1932

Dear Mr. Byrne; [Superintendent H. D. Byrne]

The data regarding the salaries, training, and experience of teachers of the Ravenna Township School district for the year 1931-1932 is as follows.

Name of teacher.	Experience.	Training in half years	Monthly salary	Yearly salary
Calvin P Rausch	11	4½	300.00	2700.00
Jos H Snyder	1	4	177.77	1600.00
M L Hoyt	3	4½	155.00	1395.00
Elinor M Bayer	1	4	140.00	1260.00
Eva N Spencer	4	4½	150.00	1350.00
Grace Lodwick	3	4	150.00	1350.00
John M Murphy	5	3	80.00	720.00
Mildred Mozena	6	4	111.11	1000.00
Ensie MacDonald	4	2	115.00	1035.00
Eula Ball	24	1½	135.00	1215.00
Kathryn C Day	6	2¾	130.00	1170.00
Marguerite Walker	4	2¾	115.00	1035.00
Elizabeth Scharon	1	2	105.00	945.00
Carrie Anderson	9	2	125.00	1125.00
Nettie G Palmer	7	2	120.00	1080.00
Charlotte C Wahl	1	4	120.00	1080.00
Ada Rogers	14	2½	130.00	1170.00
Edward L Smith	--	--	25.00	225.00
<b>Total salaries</b>				<b>\$21,735.00</b>



1908 Atwater School. Front row, fourth from left, Lucy Whittlesey, Berle Siddle, tenth from left, Basil Strong. Second row, Miss Merri- man - teacher, sixth from left, ? Jackman. Third row, left to right, unknown, unknown, Bruce Spiers, Florian Meachan, Eva Douthitt, Harold Day, Ross Stewart. Back row, left to right, Larry Siddle, Ross Lytle, Ray Olin, Lamont Green, Paul Myers, Harry Whittlesey, Clarence Lytle. (Photo courtesy of Harry Whittlesey)

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 The following news items are from the *Garrettsville Journal* newspaper.

11/8/1906 **Public Sale**  
 The undersigned will offer at Public Sale 4 miles north of Garrettsville, on the Parkman and Garrettsville road, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1906, 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property: Ten good cows, three of them due in December; 1 mare coming four years old, weighing about 1000 lbs., partly broke; 6 shoats; 200 bu. corn in ear; 50 or more bu. oats; 8 tons hay; 400 bundles corn fodder.  
 Terms:—6 months' credit will be given with approved security, with interest at 6 per cent from date.  
 45 MARTIN HEWITT.  
 H. O. Allen, Clerk; H. A. Weasner, Auctioneer.

**TOOK BICYCLE.**  
 Archie Dutter, 18 years old, was brought before Mayor Loomis Tuesday evening for taking a bicycle, property of Miles Baxter, without leave. The wheel was found in the lad's possession at the schoolhouse in the Angerburg district. He was discharged on probation. 10-24-1907

**NICKEL HORSESHOE**  
 Thomas Jenkins, Sr., made a nickel plate horseshoe souvenir last week which he presented to Lawyer J. H. Dussel. It has a conspicuous place over one of the latter's office doors.  
 Nov 8, 1906

The following obituaries & interment notice are from Scrapbook # 132 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

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**Mrs. Huldah A. Kennedy.**

This lady died Sunday, June 4, 1882, at her residence on Lincoln avenue after a long illness of consumption, aged nearly 49 years.

Mrs. Kennedy was born at Charlestown, this county, Oct. 5, 1833, the fifth of the eight daughters of William A. and Julia C. Rood. She married with J. T. Kennedy, Nov. 20, 1851, and for a number of years resided at Twinsburg, Summit Co., and for the last five years the family had lived at Cleveland. About 4 years ago, after an attack of typhoid fever, the germ of Consumption developed, and with pauseless strides the malady absorbed its victim. In the hope of some relief, in October, 1881, Mrs. Kennedy went to Nottaway Co., Virginia, where her sister, Mrs. D. M. Somerville, resides. The new climate, did, for a time, offer some hope, but after a few months it was seen that saving power could not be gained, and after remaining there seven months she desired to be brought to Ravenna, and four weeks before her death arrived to pass the little space of life still hers, where she might enjoy the companionship of her sisters residing here. So a house was secured on Lincoln Av. and a home prepared, to which the wan and wasted sufferer came, where might occur the closing scene, and from whence the sleeper be borne to her last, her long repose amid the fragrant flowers and grateful foliage that sweetly deck our Maple Grove Cemetery.

Of the eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Rood, Mrs. Kennedy is the first of the eight sisters to be taken by death, two brothers having died several years since, one in infancy and one in the Union Army. The following are the survivors of the family: Mrs. H. W. Curtiss, Chagrin Falls; Mrs. L. W. Reed, Ravenna; Mrs. D. M. Somerville, Nottaway county, Va.; Mrs. Jay L. Smith, Canton, O.; Mrs. T. O. Poyer, Berlin Heights, Erie Co., O.; Mrs. T. R. Mason, Ravenna; Mrs. J. C. Long, Jr., New York city; A. P. Rood, Birmingham, Erie Co., O.

Mrs. Kennedy was a lovely, christian lady, a member of the Congregational Church, and in her life exemplified the graces of the sweetest womanhood. In her marriage relation she was greatly blessed; no wife could have a more devoted husband, no mother find greater comfort and satisfaction than did she in her four noble and devoted sons. To her husband and children, she was, as human affection may conceive, the ideal wife and parent. Her years of invalidism were solaced by their constant, devoted care, and though death has taken the one who was thus idolized, the precious memory remains, not only of the bright and joyful years of health and domestic happiness, but also, that in the period shaded by anxiety and fear there cannot come even a momentary regret for an omitted kindness or duty.

Save to her sisters residing here, Mrs. K. was a stranger to Ravenna, but the brief weeks of her residence among us are the witnesses of an outpouring for her of interest, sympathy and attention that are the token of human goodness and christian disposition. She became our neighbor, and could not be a stranger.

The funeral of Mrs. Kennedy took place Tuesday, June 6th, at 1 p. m., from the family residence, Lincoln Av. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Rev. R. F. Randolph, assisted by Rev. A. M. Hills conducted the memorial services. Appropriate hymns were sung by the quartet, Mrs. S. J. Post, Miss Effie Van Meter, Messrs. G. F. Reed, A. B. Seymour. The following gentlemen served as pall bearers: Harvey Waterman, H. R. W. Hall, J. E. Sharp, F. B. King, W. A. Jenkins, H. D. Burroughs.

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**Mrs. Elizabeth Jennings.**

This lady died June 6, 1882, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Wm. S. French, in the Beech Woods precinct, Ravenna township.

She was born October 25, 1801, in Somerset Co., Pa., the third of the ten children of Wm. Price and Barbara Boosinger. In 1805, Mr. Price came to Ravenna and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by R. J. Torpey, where himself and wife died. When he first came to Ravenna, not a bush, it is said had been cut upon the plat now the site of Ravenna village. March 13, 1823, the subject of this sketch was married with Daniel W. Jennings, who died at Ravenna, Sept. 17, 1874.

Of this marriage there were six children, three of whom are living, Mrs. E. A. Whittlesey, at Tower City, Dakota, Mrs. J. R. Newton at Cleveland, Adelbert Jennings of Chipewa Falls, Wis. Of Mrs. Jennings' ten brothers and sisters, one died in infancy, and nine lived to reach mature age. The first death among the nine occurred in 1876, at which time the youngest was over sixty years of age. Between May 15, 1881, and June 6, 1882, three of the number died. Now there are but four survivors, Wm. Price and Mrs. Wm. S. French of Ravenna, Mrs. Nancy Bosworth of Braceville, Nathan Price of Nevada, Iowa.

In 1831 Mrs. Jennings with her husband united with the Disciple church, and they together walked the lives of consistent christians. For the last three years Mrs. Jennings had been very feeble, and her death resulted from the natural exhaustion of physical force. She was a good woman and her memory is fragrant for the virtues of her life and her peaceful devotion to those within her domestic circle.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon, Rev. M. L. Streater officiating, with the following quartet of singers: Mrs. Carrie R. Griffin, Miss Clara Knapp, Messrs. G. P. Reed, A. B. Seymour.

**Mrs. Margaret D. Pryor.**

This lady, wife of Lewis R. Pryor, died at the family residence at noon Monday, Oct. 24, 1881, after a lingering illness of consumption, leaving her husband two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. She was born May 30, 1824, at Skaneateles, Opondaga Co., N. Y. When she was 6 years old, her parents settled at Middlebury, Summit Co., Ohio. May 25th, 1841 she was married with Lewis R. Pryor. Of their five children the two eldest have died, their second son in the army, a member of the 6th O. V. C. For many years this lady has been in frail health, but possessing a happy temperament she endured the ordeal with great patience, never making her infirmities a burden. She was a great reader and found unalloyed pleasure in that occupation of her time. For the last three years she has resided at Ravenna, though all her life, nearly, has been passed in this vicinity. The mourning family have the sincere sympathy of all their friends.

The funeral takes place at 1 P. M. to-day—Wednesday—from the family residence, corner West Main and Vine sts. Burial at Maple Grove Cemetery.

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**Interments in Ravenna Cemetery, 1877.**

## JANUARY.

7. Henry Reineck, scarlet fever, 6 mo.
10. Mrs. Mary A. Sperra, consumption, 48 years.
11. Maudie L. Miller, ——— 2 years, 2mo., 3 days.
23. Mrs. Maria Parsons, paralysis, 73 years.
27. Infant daughter R. B. and Lizzie L. Johnson.

## FEBRUARY.

11. Infant child G. F. Towns.
16. Mrs. Angeline Kingsbury, typhoid pneumonia, 59 years 2 mos.
18. John Walker, old age, 80 years 3 mos.
20. Chas. E. Henry, diphtheria, 1 year.
20. Mrs. Harriet D. Parmelee, typhoid fever, 77 years 11 mos.

## MARCH.

- 3 Ruth B. Rawson, congestive chill, 62 yrs.
- 4 Alden M. Pease, ——— 69 years, 6 mos., 13 days.
- 18 Mrs. Lois Bond Scripture, apoplexy, 68 years.
- 21 Wallie Jones, measles, 1 year 9 months.

## APRIL.

- 4 Rudolph Kernan, consumption, 28 years.
- 5 Mrs. Caroline Arnold, consumption 69 years.
- 29 Mrs. Desire Jones, inflammation bowels, 65 years.

## MAY.

- 5 Charles M. Beans, inflammation bowels, 15 years 5 months.
- 11 B. H. Jones, Pneumonia 57 years 5 mo.
- 27 Catherine Andrews, ——— 73 years.
- 27 Gracie, infant daughter John and Jennie Carlyon.

## JUNE.

- 15 Carrie A. Cox, brain fever, 17 years 2 mos.
- 15 Mrs. Emma I. Hopkins, consumption, 28 years.
- 19 L. W. Stephenson, consumption, 40 years.
- 20 Mrs. H. B. Lawrence, typhoid fever.

## JULY.

- 28 Manly M. Culver, dysentery, 1 year 7 mos.

## AUGUST.

- 3 Lavina L. Sharp, dropsy, 38 years.
- 4 Nellie Furry, cholera infantum, 1 year.
- 4 Freddie Koet, dysentery, 2 years 3 mos.
- 6 Mary Smith, old age, 92 years 23 days.
- 14 Freddie Cox, cholera infantum, 1 year 9 mos.
- 15 Artie Campbell, cancer, 6 weeks.
- 17 Otis B. Barrett, dropsy of brain, 3 years, 3 mos. 3 days.
- 20 George Peck, cholera infantum, 8 mos.
- 22 Anna T. Forney, typhoid fever, 16 years 2 months.
- 22 T. C. Sutherland, kidney disease, 72 years.

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SEPTEMBER.

- 4 Geo. Hilderhoof, paralysis, 60 years.
- 16 Amelia A. Robinson, heart disease, 66 years.
- 23 Ida May Gledhill, diptheria, 12 years 4 months.

OCTOBER.

- 3 Esther F. Bostwick, consumption, 28 yrs.
- 7 Cyrenius Jackson, kidney disease, 74 yrs.
- 15 Chalmer Van Meter, diptheria, 4 years.
- 19 H. Seaman, dropsy, 55 years.
- 29 Lucy Torrey, congestive chill, 73 years.

NOVEMBER.

- 1 Helen M. Hinman, stopage bowels, 51 yrs.
- 10 Claude Vernon Grove, diptheria, 2 years 11 months.
- 20 Simon Sapp, heart disease, 57 years.

DECEMBER.

- 30 Catherine Eatinger, bronchitis, 73 years.
- Total number of interments for 1877-48.

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**Albert Underwood's Sudden Death.**

About 3:30 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1881, Albert Underwood was discovered prostrate in the planing mill of D. L. Baldwin & Son, on Atlantic Street. When discovered by Mr. Baldwin he was unconscious. A messenger was dispatched with directions to bring back the first physician to be found. Dr. A. W. Alcorn was the first one reached, and he pronounced the case a fatal stroke of paralysis. Mr. Underwood was taken to his house on Lincoln Av., where he died at 6:30 a. m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, not having regained consciousness or shown signs of suffering from the first moment of the attack.

Mr. Underwood suffered great mental depression from the death of his youngest son, F. Sumner Underwood, in March last, and three or four months ago while in church suffered a slight touch of paralysis. For a few weeks his health had seemed excellent, and on Tuesday he was in the most cheerful spirits, ate a hearty dinner, and making an engagement with his wife for a social evening call upon Rev. M. L. Streator, he left home at 2 p. m. to be returned to it in less than two hours in a dying state.

Mr. Underwood was born at Munson, Hamden Co., Mass., Nov. 13, 1810. In the year 1817 his father, Alpheus Underwood, came to Ohio and settled in the township of Thorndike, now Brimfield. Thorndike (Brimfield) was then but one year old, the first settlement having been made there in 1816 by John Boosinger, Sr. A number of families settled in Brimfield in 1817, among them Harrison Moulton, who was the father of both the ladies with whom Albert Underwood was married. Alpheus Underwood died in 1836, his son Albert being then 16 years of age. Two years later young Albert came to Ravenna as an apprentice to the cabinet maker's trade with the late Gustavus Lane. In the year 1839 he had a narrow escape from what might have been a fatal accident. Lane's shop then stood upon the lot immediately east of the present Merts & Riddle Carriage Works. Upon Prospect St. where now is the dwelling house of N. D. Clark, Esq., stood the first jail of Portage Co., a building of hewn logs. The premises were then owned by the late Gen. Samuel D. Harris, who had purchased the old jail and moved it to his lot, a new jail having been provided a few years before. Captain Israel A. Thorndike, of Brimfield, had been moved to present Ravenna with a cast iron cannon. The gun had never been used, and was not mounted. Capt. Thorndike, Gen. Harris, and some other military men placed the cannon in the street in front of the log jail, to test it. Prospect St. then went no farther north than the point mentioned. The gun was loaded and when it was touched off burst into a dozen pieces, one of which struck Lane's shop, crashed through the side of the building at the exact spot where Underwood's work-bench was located in the second story and cut its way through the floor to the ground. Had Mr. Underwood been at work at his bench he would have been killed. As it was no one was hurt, but the cannon was a shapeless wreck.

After completing his trade Mr. Underwood worked for a time at Warren, and in 1833 returned to Brimfield and set up a cabinet shop on his own account, which he continued until 1842. January 14, 1834, he married Miss Susan Moulton, who died May 7, 1837, leaving two children, Ellen, afterward the wife of D. C. Hall, (she died in Kansas, Sept. 3, 1871.) and Dr. A. H. Underwood of London, Ohio. March 13, 1838, Mr. Underwood married Miss Maria Moulton, the sister of his first wife, who sur-

vived him, with three of their eight children, Dr. F. E. Underwood, of Meadville, Pa.; Mrs. W. M. Griswold, of Cuyahoga Falls, Mrs. L. L. Bodell, of Atchison, Kansas.

In 1842 Mr. Underwood went to Shalersville and occupied the farm of his brother-in-law, Frederick Williams. In 1844 D. W. Jennings, then Superintendent of the County Infirmary, was elected Sheriff and Mr. Underwood succeeded him as Superintendent, holding the position five and a half years. Next he purchased a farm in Shalersville which he operated until perhaps 1852, when he returned to Brimfield, purchased a farm there which he occupied until his removal to Ravenna some nine years ago.

In all things Mr. Underwood was public spirited and in the early militia days took an active part in the local military, and for seven years held the rank of Captain.

In the year 1833, during a revival conducted by Ebenezer Williams, one of the pioneers of the Disciple church, Mr. Underwood became a convert and was baptized at Sandy Lake, where in the month of May, 1828, Williams himself had been baptized. For several years, Mr. Underwood was influential in maintaining a church at Brimfield, but for a period of nearly forty years his church relation centered at Ravenna, and since his residence here he had held an official connection with the Ravenna church. Mr. Underwood's moral firmness was of the strongest type and he became one of the earliest and most faithful advocates of the anti-slavery cause, and a member of the grand, old Liberty Party when it cast but thirteen votes in Portage County. He was one of the two men who were the most instrumental in the formation of that organization in Portage Co., and, we believe at one election, there were but two Liberty Party votes cast, and his was one of the two. He was foremost in the Free Soil organization and freely gave of his time and means to the cause. He was all his life a constant student, chiefly of political and religious matters, and in his younger years acquired much local fame for success as a debater, for which his ready knowledge and clear thought rendered him apt and convincing. His generosity to those in need and affliction was limited only by his physical and pecuniary ability to assist those about him whose situation appealed to his free-heartedness.

Mr. Underwood was one of the most amiable of men, and kindly in all his relations with his fellow citizens. His many years were usefully spent, and his daily endeavor was to perform his duty to God and man with singleness of purpose and reliant faith. For these worthy traits he was universally respected, and he has passed away, ripe in years, ready for the Master's crown, well done, good and faithful servant.

The funeral of Mr. Underwood took place at 11 a. m. Friday, Nov. 18th, from the Disciple church, Rev. M. L. Streator officiating.

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**Died. 1858**

SEYMOUR.—In Rootstown, Aug. 20th, Henry Bridgman, son of James W. and Charlotte N. Seymour, aged seven months.

"No ill can reach it now—it rests above,  
Safe in the bosom of eternal love;  
Its short but yet tempestuous way is o'er,  
And tears shall trickle 'own its face no more."

LEET.—In Freedom, on the 18th of July, of consumption, Mrs. Elizabeth R., wife of Horace Leet, aged 40 years, 2 months and 22 days.

She leaves a large family, relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Farewell, husband; farewell, my beloved ones; farewell, mother; farewell, brother and sister, till we all shall meet on Canaan's happy land.

But she is lovely,  
Still in death's embrace,  
She smiles as in a gentle sleep,  
'Tho' cold as marble her lovely face.

Consigned to dust for angel hands to keep,  
From her heart stay, I learn that here  
Below no pleasure lasting,  
No possession sure

LEET.—In Freedom, on the 17th of August, of fits, Horace D. Leet, son of Horace and Elizabeth Leet, aged 30 days.

One of the number so soon is called,  
His smile no longer cheers,  
And borne by angel hands on high,  
To bloom more sweet in yonder sky.

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No Date

**Rootstown.**

FRIGHTFUL AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the 28th of Aug. the two little boys of J. Wells Seymour, six and eight years of age, in attempting to drive a span of horses attached to a wagon (one of them a colt,) the horses took fright and despite of the efforts of Mr. Seymour to stop them, they fled swiftly down to a ravine and bridge; overturned the wagon and dashed Louie so violently to the ground amid the wreck of wood-rack as to occasion his death, the skill of Drs. Price and Ferguson being unavailing, he died thirty hours afterward. The younger boy's bruises, though severe, were not very serious.



All the following marriage announcements are from Scrapbook # 64, (pages 17, 20, 23, 33, 35, & 44) located at the Portage County Historical Society.

### Married.

**KENT-DAVIS**—At the residence of the bride's father in Ravenna, O., Oct. 26, 1880, by Elder J. M. Van Horn, Mr. Wm. J. Kent, of Chicago, and Miss Hattie E. Davis of Ravenna.

**RUSSELL-CLARK**—In Cleveland at 20 Carroll street, November 3, 1880, by Rev. John Mitchell, pastor Lorain Street M. E. Church, Mr. Isaac Russell of Kent, O., and Mrs. Mary Clark of Cleveland.

**GINTZ-STOCKWELL**—In Cleveland on November 3, 1880, by Rev. A. R. Palmer, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Benjamin V. Gintz of Akron and Miss Addie J. Stockwell of Cleveland.

**DICKINSON-REED**—In Ravenna at the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 6, 1880, by Rev. A. M. Hills, Mr. Arthur F. Dickinson of Randolph and Miss Esther A. Reed.

### Married.

**KNAPP-ECK**—At Randolph, on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Kric, Mr. Joseph Knapp and Miss Emma Eck, both of Randolph.

**JENKINS-ROSS**—Nov. 28th, 1882, by Rev. P. P. Kennedy, at his residence, Streetsboro, O., Mr. C. M. Jenkins, of Streetsboro, and Miss Ella C. Ross, of Boston, Mass.

**HUGHES-HUGHES**—On Wednesday, Nov. 22, by Rev. M. G. McCaslin, Mr. C. M. Hughes, of Atwater, and Rosa A. Hughes, of Rootstown.

**ZIMMERMAN-STOUTY**—At the parsonage in Rootstown, Nov. 25, 1882, by Rev. L. F. Bickford, Mr. Samuel H. Zimmerman and Miss Mary Stouty, all of Ravenna.

### Married.

**SMYTH-RYAN**—December 13, 1882, by Rev. Andrew Willson, Mr. James R. Smyth and Miss W. Frances Ryan, all of Ravenna.

### Married.

Jan. 31, 1883, at the residence of the bride's father, Highland Home, by Rev. A. M. Hills, Mr. Wm. L. Poe and Miss Le Myra Clark, both of Ravenna.

**ELY-CHAPMAN**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec 31st, 1882, by Rev. J. W. Moore, Mr. Joshua S. Ely and Miss Ida M. Chapman, all of Rootstown.

January 31, 1883, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence, Mr. Wm. R. Finch and Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, all of Ravenna.

### MARRIED.

**FORD-FORD**—On the evening of April 18th, by Rev. A. M. Hills, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. A. M. Hinman, Ravenna, O., Mrs. Helen S. Ford, of Pittsburg, Pa., to S. D. Ford, Esq., of Washington, Conn.

**COLEMAN-TIBBLES**—April 25th, 1883, at the Congregational parsonage, Ravenna, by Rev. A. M. Hills, Mr. J. C. Coleman and Miss Minnie Tibbles, both of Ravenna.

### MARRIED.

**THOMAS-LEWIS**—June 21, 1883, by Rev. M. G. McCaslin, Mr. L. D. Thomas, of Cuyahoga Falls, O., and Miss Emma Lewis, of Palmyra.

**ALDRICH-THOMAS**—At the residence of the bride's mother in Brimfield, O., June 28, 1883, by Rev. J. M. Huston, Mr. L. J. Aldrich, of Oberlin, O., and Miss Jennie Thomas, of Brimfield.

**HUGHES-CHAPMAN**—At the parsonage in Rootstown, by Rev. L. F. Bickford, Sunday, July 1, 1883, Mr. Edward Hughes and Miss Mary A. Chapman, both of Edinburg.

**HAZELBAKER-HUBER**—June 28th, 1883, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence, Mr. Ellsworth Hazelbaker, and Miss Lizzie Huber, all of Ravenna.

### MARRIED.

**WHELOCK-ANDREWS**—July 4th, 1883, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence, Mr. M. R. Wheelock and Miss Frankie Andrews, both of Randolph.

**PATTERSON-BRADLEY**—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. N. Pulzgroff, on July 3, 1883, Mr. Michael S. Patterson, of Shalersville, and Miss Hattie A. Bradley, of Ravenna.

### MARRIED.

**SAPP-PHELPS**—At the M. E. Parsonage, December 5th, 1883, by Rev. R. M. Freshwater, Mr. Conrad Sapp, of Ravenna, O., and Mrs. Mollie L. Phelps, of Rootstown, O.

**HERST-WINFIELD**—At the M. E. Parsonage, Windham, December 6, 1883, by Rev. H. S. Jackson, Mr. Charles W. Herst, of Brackville, and Miss Alice Winfield, of Windham.

### MARRIED.

**DEMING-TERRY**—February 6, 1884, at the M. E. Parsonage, Ravenna, by Rev. R. M. Freshwater, Mr. L. A. Deming, of Austinburg, O. and Miss Florence A. Terry, of Rootstown, O.

**SHEEHAN-PAYNE**—At the Congregational parsonage in Atwater, Thursday evening, February 7th, 1884, by Rev. R. Chapin, Mr. H. B. Sheehan, of Rootstown, and Miss Alta M. Payne, of Edinburg.

### MARRIED.

**SMITH-REESE**—Married March 2d, 1884, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence, Mr. George H. Smith and Miss Eva Reese, all of Ravenna.

### MARRIED.

**NEWLIN-YORK**—At the residence of the bride's father in Randolph, O., June 30th, 1884, by Rev. S. Burt, D. D., Rev. A. W. Newlin, of Westmoreland county, Pa. and Miss Mary E. York, daughter of J. B. York.

**SEARS-REDFIELD**—On June 25th, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father, Henry K. Redfield of Randolph, O., by Rev. A. T. Copeland, Mr. Howard E. Sears, of Akron, O., and Miss Nettie M. Redfield.

**DAVIS-JONES**—At the residence of the bride's parents, on July 3d, 1884, by Rev. E. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church, Mr. W. A. Davis and Miss Charlotte E. Jones, all of Palmyra, O.

**GEISINGER-WHITE**—On July 5th, 1884, by the Rev. R. M. Freshwater, at the M. E. Parsonage, Mr. Isaac Geisinger and Miss Arcada White.

**RHINEHART-COIT**—At Ravenna, O., July 3d, 1884, by C. F. W. Cronmeyer, Mr. Melvin C. Rhinehart, of Ravenna, and Miss Verna Coit, of Shalersville.

### MARRIED.

**BLAKE-COIT**—In Shalersville, September 1, 1885, at the residence of the bride's father, N. W. Coit, by Rev. A. J. Hiatt, Mr. M. H. Blake, of Mantua, and Miss Jennie C. Coit, of Shalersville.

—Miss Isodene Fletcher and Daniel Stocker will be united in marriage tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fletcher. This is the first marriage to take place in the younger circle, and they are two of Ravenna's most estimable young people. The ceremony will take place at six o'clock.

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### MARRIED.

**PRICE-WILLIARD**—November 10, 1885, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence, Mr. Clinton E. Price and Miss Adelia Z. Williard, all of Ravenna.

**SCOVILLE-WEBB**—November 15, 1885, at the M. E. Parsonage in Charlestown, by Rev. W. N. Webster, Mr. A. H. Scoville of Freedom Station to Miss Emma M. Webb of Freedom.

**SCOVILLE-TUTTLE**—At the same time and place, by the same, Mr. H. A. Scoville of Freedom to Miss Ella A. Tuttle of Garrettsville.

**HARTZELL-EADS**—On Tuesday, November 10, 1885, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waite, of Flint River township, by Rev. T. S. Poole, Mr. R. M. Hartzell, of Peru, Kansas, and Mrs. Mary W. Eads.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

**SWAIN-FLETCHER**—At Ravenna, November 11th, 1885, by Rev. Chardon A. Stone, Mr. Walter E. Swain and Miss Jennie Fletcher, both of Ravenna.

**LEE-WILSON**—On November 11th, 1885, by Rev. W. H. Scott, Mr. W. DeHaven Lee and Miss Maggie Wilson.

### MARRIED.

**BRODE-AYLIFFE**—Married, January 26, 1888, by Rev. Andrew Willson at his residence Mr. Emmet Brode of Shalersville, and Miss Addie Aylife of Freedom.

### MARRIED.

**COE-DAVIS**—At the residence of Dr. H. C. Brainerd, Cleveland, Oct. 23, 1886, by Rev. L. W. Day, Charles P. Coe and Miss Ina Davis, both of Randolph.

**GIBSON-SLOAN**—By Rev. A. C. Welch, at the bride's home, October 26, 1886, Mr. Milton Gibson, of Norwalk, O., and Mrs. Cecelia Sloan, of Freedom Station, O.

**HIGLEY-HUDSON**—At the residence of the bride's parents, October 27, 1886, Mr. Arthur S. Higley to Miss Alta E. Hudson, all of Windham, O.

**MERRIMAN-WHITE**—On Wednesday evening, October 27, 1886, by Rev. W. H. Scott, Mr. Melvin E. Merriman and Miss Hattie E. White, both of Randolph.

**ROOD-ROBINSON**—At the residence of Mr. H. W. Riddle, on Sunday evening, October 31, 1886, by Rev. W. H. Scott, Mr. Charles L. Rood and Miss Alice M. Robinson.

**THOMAS-JONES**—November 1, 1886, in Cyclone, Portage County, by Rev. D. Davies, at the residence of Mr. J. B. Williams, the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Robert M. Thomas and Miss Sinia B. Jones, both of Paris township.

—Dr. C. H. Griffin and Miss Lizzie Wetzel were married on Wednesday last, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Laura Werner, in Marlboro. The newly married couple spent a brief honeymoon in Pittsburg and Cleveland, returning home on Monday. **NO DATE**

### Wedding Bells at Highland Home.

The most prominent society event of the new year was the marriage of Miss E. Le Myra Clark, daughter of Theodore Clark, Esq., and Mr. William L. Poe, one of Ravenna's grocers, which took place at the residence of the bride's father in Edinburg, on Wednesday afternoon last at half past 3 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. M. Hills. The presents were numerous and beautiful, and the bright winter's day lent additional joy to the happy occasion. The bride and groom left for Chicago on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railway at 6 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Poe will be at home, 23 North Meridian street, after January 15th.

No Year





**Drakesburg: Cliff Moore House --no date**

The two photos are from the photograph collection located at the Portage County Historical Society.



The photo at left is  
**1947 Carnival in Ravenna, on  
Main St.**

None of the people are identified.

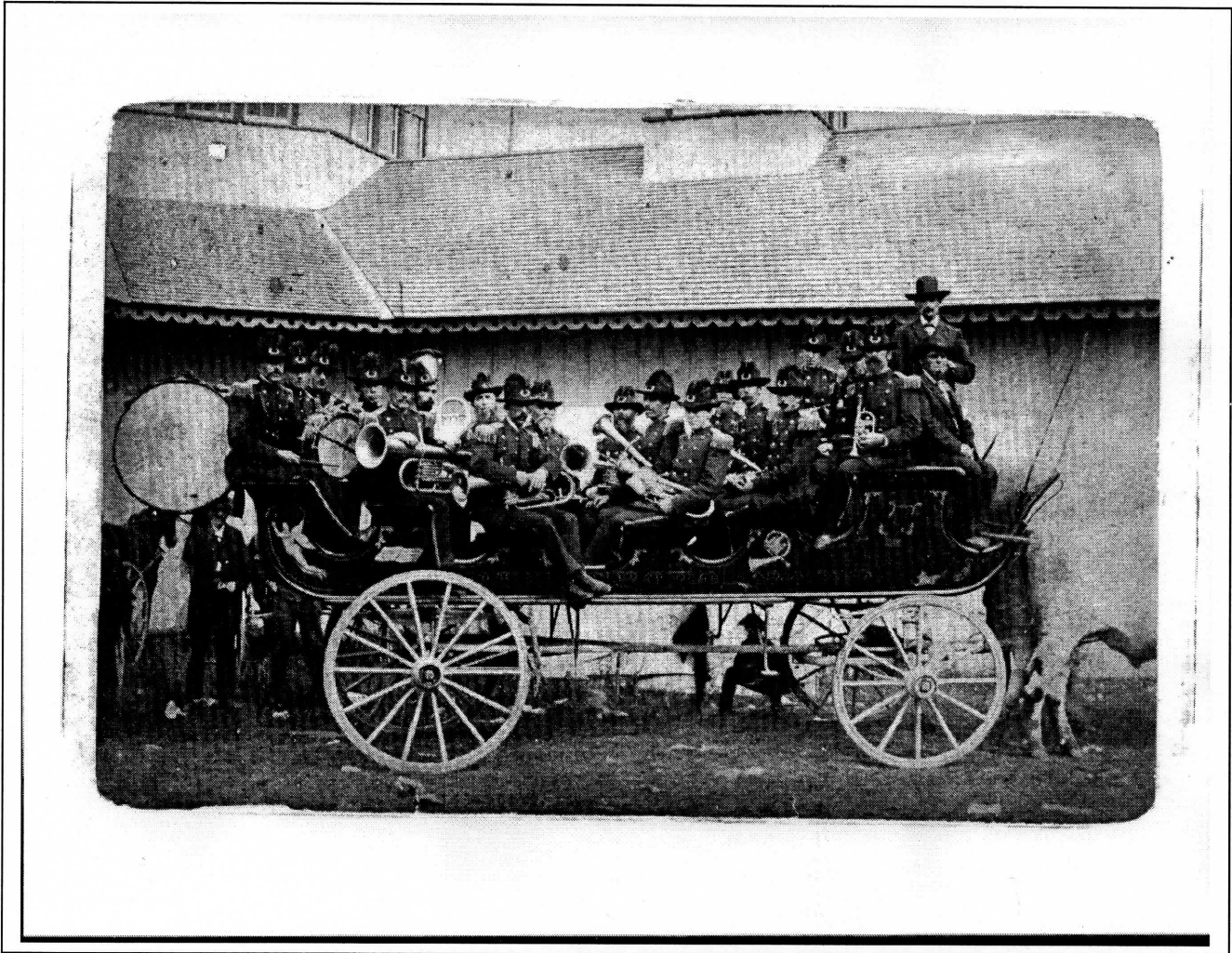
New Publication from Portage County Historical Society: **1918 Diary of Robert Heighton**

Members for our chapter discovered a daily calendar diary dated 1918 by Robert I. Heighton. It is part of the Heighton family collection that was donated to the Portage County Historical Society.

Heighton was a Portage County resident, the son of Marcus and Ida Heighton who owned the Pippin Fruit Farm in Franklin Township. Heighton was drafted into the military and left for Camp Gordon in May 1918 and went to France to fight the Germans. The diary chronicles his day-to-day work, the weather, and his friends. The diary was transcribed by Arthur Hall and compiled and edited by Barbara Petroski.

Addition information included in the book is some family background, letters homes, and his untimely death. The 60+-page soft cover book with three color photos sells for \$20.00 + shipping. (Ohio residents add tax )

If you would be interested in this publication please contact the Historical Society at 6549 North Chestnut St Ravenna OH 44266, or visit their web page [history.portage.oh.us](http://history.portage.oh.us) and check under Publications for Sale. Do not order the book from this chapter.



**The Streetsboro Band**  
Photograph from collection located at Portage County Historical Society

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From *Record Courier* papers-dates on the items.

### Woman Figures She Rates As Own Aunt

11-1-1929

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 1— Here's a woman who is her own aunt and is a sister-in-law to her mother.

George Van Deusen, jr., son of George Van Deusen of West Stockbridge married Mrs. Lucy Daniel, of Torrington, Conn., eight years ago. Mrs. Daniel was a widow. She had a daughter Amelia. Charles Van Deusen, visiting his brother, George, jr., fell in love with and married Amelia.

So today she figures she is her own aunt. Charles Van Deusen is her husband and he is her uncle. George Van Deusen is her step-father and also her brother-in-law. Her own mother is her sister-in-law. George Van Deusen, sr., is her father-in-law on one side and her grandfather on the other.

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#### HOBBY

Numerous times I have been twitted for saving stamps, but the other day I received a letter from a gent whose hobby was making up a scrap book entirely of directories and phone books, old and new, which listed the names of Joneses or Smiths.

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#### RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

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