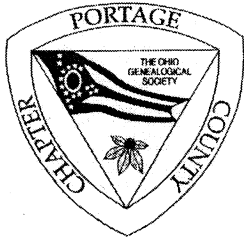


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To Our Members:

Our thanks to Tom Neel from the Ohio Genealogical Society who presented the program for our September meeting. He explained how Ohio land was measured and divided in the states early development.

The October First Settler's Luncheon had a total of 19 members and guests attend for the induction of four new members. For more information and photos see page three.

Our chapter is asking for input about a change in our meeting day. There is the possibility of changing it to the first Saturday of the month. The time and place would remain the same. A fellow member had suggested this some time ago and the reason behind the move is the Portage County Historical Society is open from 1-4 p.m. on the first Saturday. Our meetings would be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This would allow someone interested in doing local research the ability to stay at the library for an extended time period. The chapter has to get final approval from the PCHS board, but I do not foresee any problem with the request for the change. We already have a few programs scheduled for next year so the date of the change will not take place for a while. Let us know your thoughts on the idea.

E mail pccogs@embarqmail.com

Your President,
Barb Petroski

Meeting Dates—3rd Saturday of the month

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

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

November 21—Gerald Payne of Medina will speak as Abraham Lincoln. He dresses the part and becomes President Lincoln.

December-no meeting-Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!

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January 16—Ralph Pflingsten—author of a new book *History of the Ravenna Arsenal*. He will focus his program on the families affected by the arsenal buyout, and the research for his publication. For more information about his book see page 4.

February 20—Roger Marble—topic for his program to be announced

March 20-Gerald Payne will be the program speaker

April 17- to be announced

May 15-to be announced

Chapter News:

Welcome to our New Members:

Stayton & Joan ADDISON, 3734 Sedalia Brook Lane, Katy, TX 77494 hummingSDA@aol.com

CONTEST—Win a One -Year Membership to the Chapter – You have until the November meeting date, the 21st—to send or bring a copy of a photograph of the most interesting or unusual tombstone you have seen in your strolls through the cemeteries across the land. The tombstone does not have to be your ancestor. All photos will be on display and the one that receives the most votes will be our winner. The winner will be notified by e-mail or a phone call. If the winner has already paid their dues for 2010 they can request a refund or they will receive 2011 for free. Thanks to all who have sent in their photos so far. It looks like it will be a tough vote.

Rules: List the state, city and name of the cemetery and date photo taken if known. Also if you have a short story to go along with it please include it with your entry. Be sure to include your name on the photo. Only two (2) photos per person allowed. Photos can be returned to you if requested and please send a self addressed stamped envelope.

Web Sites of General Interest

<http://seekingmichigan.org/> A good source if seeking Michigan records

<http://www.mortalityschedules.com/> Just what it says but limited states and counties.

http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/download_data.html Populated Places – Named features with human habitation—cities, towns, villages, etc. Historical Features – Features that no longer exist on the landscape or no longer serve the original purpose. Concise Features – Large features that should be labeled on maps with a scale of 1:250,000. All Names – All names, both official and nonofficial (variant), for all features in the nation. Official short names, alphabetic, and numeric codes of States

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php> Family History Archives, books on line from their library. Easy to use site index.

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/records/censusabbreviations.html> Very good site if you need help understanding abbreviations in census records.

If you have not been on the Ellis Island Web page for a while, which I had not been, it is much easier to use and contains a wealth of information.

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

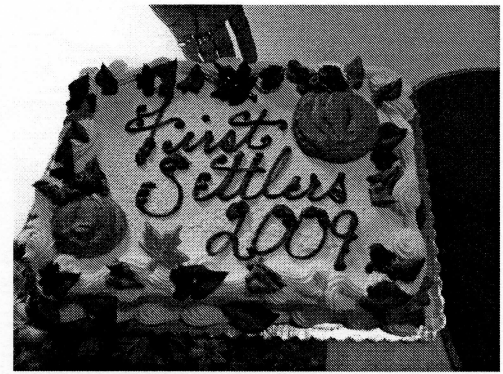
If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to pccogs@embarqmail.com

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Mail to: PCCOGS, P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266-0821

FIRST SETTLERS LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon meeting of the First Settlers of Portage County was held at the Strickland House, Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna on October 17, 2009. New member **Debora Rose** received her certificate of membership. Three others, **Charles Springston Jr**, **Gary Springston** and **Georgianne Bigam** were also inducted but were unable to attend as they reside out of state. A program by Roger Marble of the Ohio Genealogical Society followed an excellent luncheon on early Portage County history. First Settlers is a part of the Portage County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Visitors are welcome at any of our meetings. We meet on the third Saturday of September, November and January through May, at the Portage County Historical Society. If you are interested in this group please email Jackie Woodring at jwoodring@neo.rr.com.

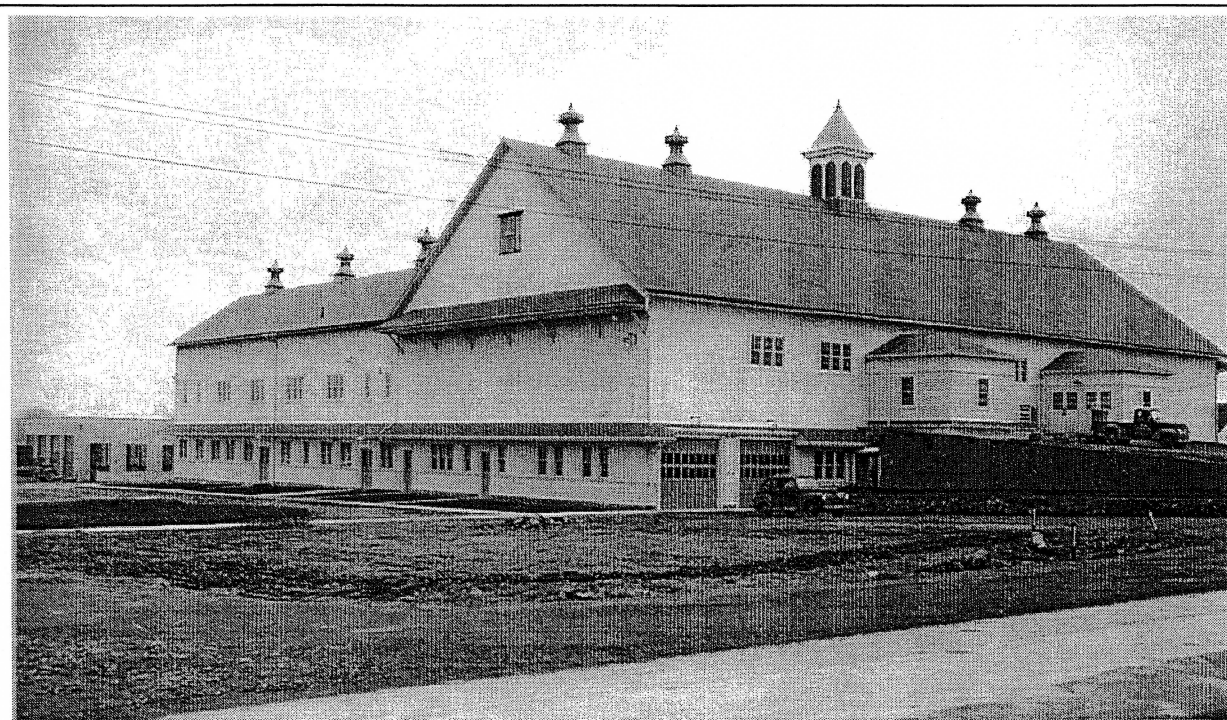


Above: The Cake

Left: Debora Rose, inductee; Roger Marble, speaker; and Jackie Woodring, chairperson of First Settlers.

Below: left, Madonna Duaso and Carolyn Kale, getting ready to enjoy the lunch.





March 15, 1942 --BOLTON BARN: Building No. EE 101

The barn above belonged to the Bolton family from Charlestown Township. In 1942 the US government bought the property for the use of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant or "the Arsenal" as it is known by local residents. The barn was used for the annual Children's Christmas party for the Arsenal employee's children in December 1952. More than 2500 children were expected to attend the party. Three performances were planned for the day. The barn is no longer standing.

Information from: *Ravenna Arsenal News* December 17, 1952 pg 4
Ravenna Arsenal file PCHS: Photos of buildings in Ravenna Arsenal

The History of the Ravenna Arsenal by Ralph Pflingsten

Mr. Pflingsten became familiar with the Ravenna Arsenal while doing biological surveys for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This allowed him access to restricted areas within the Arsenal and Plumbrook near Sandusky, which produced the TNT for the shells at the Ravenna facility. Ralph has published a 340 page hardbound book with over 900 photos and drawings (some rare and never seen before photographs). I had the pleasure of working with Ralph at the historical society when he was doing his research for this publication.

Ralph has written other history books and all proceeds of his works go to non-profit organizations. The benefactor of this publication is the Northern Ohio Railway Museum in Medina County. He has volunteered there for over 20 years. They are the publishers of this book.

If you are interested in the publication, to read more about it please contact the museum at www.northernohio.railway.museum
Northern Ohio Railway Museum, P.O. Box 458 Chippewa Lake OH 44215-0458
Ralph Pflingsten * 440-243-7568

On page 5 is a list of the chapters in Ralph's book from the press release from the web site.

NORTHERN OHIO RAILWAY MUSEUM POST OFFICE BOX 458, CHIPPEWA LAKE, OHIO 44215-0458

THE HISTORY OF THE RAVENNA ARSENAL, Press Release, 2009

BOOK CONTENTS

- Chapter 1. Pre-arsenal and land acquisition
How did the government acquire 250+ parcels of land in two months? Why was it built here?
- Chapter 2. Construction
Within nine months of acquiring the property, artillery shells were rolling off the first mile long "factory."
- Chapter 3. Housing Problems
What do you do with 16,000 people that showed up for work last week?
- Chapter 4. Ravenna Ordnance Plant
The Plant was the production side of the facility where shells and fuses were manufactured and loaded.
- Chapter 5. Portage Ordnance Depot
The Depot was the storage area where 600+ igloos/bunkers stored everything from small artillery shells to 2,000 pound bombs.
- Chapter 6. Production
How were explosives loaded into shells?
- Chapter 7. TNT Production –Plum Brook and Keystone
These two nearby facilities produced the TNT that was loaded into shells at Ravenna.
- Chapter 8. Transportation/Railroad Network
125 miles of track that was in constant use during WW II.
- Chapter 9. Infrastructure
Water, sewer, housing, telephone/telegraph, electricity, heat, roads, railroads, security, hospital/medical, food and food service, accounting, purchasing all needed NOW.
- Chapter 10. Non –War Activities
Munitions returned from war zones, inspections, storage, demolition, disposal, preparation for next crisis
- Chapter 11. Recreation
Baseball, softball, picnics, movies, fishing, golf, basketball, horseshoes, table tennis, volleyball, concerts, visits from Santa.
- Chapter 12. Natural Resources
Wells, ponds, streams, wetlands, rare plants and animals, quarries, timber.
- Chapter 13. The Military
Commanders, inspections, security, The National Guard
- Chapter 14. The Future: Clean Up and The National Guard
The cost of cleaning up and how it is done. Expansion as a training facility.

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The following three pages contain clippings from a single newspaper, *Ravenna Republican* June 27, 1888. The paper was in poor condition with only a couple of pages available to copy. Copies of this material are available at the Portage County Historical Society in the *Portage County* files.

COUNTY NEWS.

FREEDOM STATION.

JUNE 25.—On account of the sickness of Alvin Baker we have a new section boss.

Already we begin to feel the effects of city life although we have neither Mayor police or council. We are sorry to say that some of our citizens permit card playing at their homes and the use of something during the evening that makes the boys quite noisy along in the middle of the night, thus disturbing the neighbors.

What few sheep that are left are nearly shorn and soon the farmer will be looking for wool buyers, although the prospects for a good price for wool are not very bright just now.

Miss Mary Potter, of Lamar City, Mo., is visiting her cousin Mrs. Caroline Tuttle.

FREEDOM.

JUNE 25.—The M. E. Society held an ice cream festival Tuesday night with good results financially. The ladies of that church are entitled to a good deal of credit. Their numbers are few but they are in earnest. They have recently papered their church which adds much to its appearance.

Our fence man is so well pleased with Ohio and Freedom that he has brought his family here and is boarding with Mrs. Winans.

The race for Sheriff in this County is like the Presidential and as but one can get the place, I shall not suffer my name to go before the convention but wait my turn, as some thirty years ago I held a County office.

Geo. W. Phelps takes the veal calves of the farmers and also buys their surplus sheep and cattle. E. M. Fenton is also engaged in the cattle business.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Frank M. Mooney and Miss Carrie S. Richardson, Ravenna; Joseph Thomas and Mary Prosser, Palmyra; Frank L. Brown and Emma E. Merryfield, Hiram; John J. Evans and Ida S. Baldwin, Palmyra; Fred W. Carnell and Anna M. Guy, Franklin; Arthur D. Knapp and Miss Bertha Coolman, Ravenna.

GARRETTSVILLE.

JUNE 25.—The people of this burg are not aroused to the gravity of the work before us in regard to the Presidency. No bulletins at the holding of either convention; very different this from 1884. When the Cleveland and Thurman flag was strung across the street the morning after the Democratic Nomination, it was done by three men, one not a voter, and there was not the faintest attempt to shout. George Smith was walking along and mildly suggested that they had the white flag wrong side up. "Make it

the right side up," said one of the men, and in two minutes the flag fluttered in the breeze unnoticed. Then came the other convention and up to this writing people do not know nor do they even seem to care who is to be, or who is nominated. Now this is not right, Matt has the rheumatism, Arthur is out of town on a protracted visit, Will, and Roll, have been winning a big law-suit in the city, Cassius is not quite sure whether he will go into the political field this year or not, should the right seat be struck however, he will go in and go in strong. By the "right vote," I suppose he means his favorite for the Presidential chair. We all hope that whoever is nominated by the Republicans, will be selected because of fitness and not because of availability. But to sum it all up, there will have to be a great change, or 1888 will be a very tame Presidential year, not of sufficient account to disturb business in the least.

Mrs. Soverin, daughter of D. M. King, of this place, died Tuesday evening, June 19. Two little children are left to meet the ways of the world without a mother's care. It is a terrible thought, but because such events are not unusual, no single one is looked upon as gravely as it would be if it stood alone. We must face the fact that wherever life is, death reigneth.

It is said that a country boy once had an express package in the office. He called for it, and the agent said, "give us your signature here." The boy, as the story goes, began to feel around in his pockets, and said, "I declare I believe I have left it at home."

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

M. G. McBRIDE,
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
Office in Poe's Block, over Drug Store of E. A. Pan Ness. Residence in Durham's Block on Main street.

R. B. JOHNSON,
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
Ravenna, Ohio. Office and Residence, 4th door east of R. R. depot, Main street, where he may be found at all hours, except when professionally engaged.

ROOTSTOWN.

JUNE 25.—The repairs on the M. E. church have been completed, and it was again occupied last Sunday for Children's Day service. The pulpit was very tastefully decorated with flowers and the morning and evening were both devoted to the children. Recitations, declamations, essays and music constituted the order of services and the house was more than full especially in the evening.

Mr. Geo. W. Bow and wife, Mrs. H. A. Deming with her son and daughter, and Chauncey Seymour have gone to Oberlin to attend the commencement exercises.

L. R. Case and family, of Alliance, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. W. H. McCaris of Alliance has also been visiting her friends here.

H. O. Reed has just finished drilling a well between his house and barn and has purchased a windmill to force the water into the house and barn.

H. M. Deming who had the misfortune to break his arm last week is doing well.

The general opinion is that the hay crop this year will be light.

CHARLESTOWN.

JUNE 25.—The Ladies of the Congregational Church gave an entertainment of more than ordinary merit, at the church Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Sarah Bishop was called to Freedom Tuesday evening by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Colton.

Mrs. Miles, of Wisconsin, is visiting at A. S. Curtiss' and at other friends.

Several guests from Edinburg attended the festival Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ludwick, of Campbellsport, lectured in the Congregational church, Saturday night, and helped to organize a W. C. T. U. in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Holden and Mrs. R. D. Loomis, of Ravenna, were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hall of Hiram, spent a short time at W. A. Hall's, last week.

Miss Estella Bishop is home from Cleveland.

F. C. Hatfield raised the frame to his new barn Saturday.

Rev. S. W. Meek will give an address in the interest of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, Tuesday evening this week, on "Good Natured People."

Some of our young men met with an accident Saturday evening, near Ravenna, resulting in the wreck of a couple vehicles. Very happily their occupants escaped without serious injury.

Rev. Mr. Colton, of Rootstown, compared Universalism with Orthodoxy, or the Church as founded by Christ, Sunday evening, at the Congregational Church.

The following clippings from a single newspaper, *Ravenna Republican* June 27, 1888, continued from page 6

SHALERSVILLE.

JUNE 25.—Last Wednesday evening the barns, granary and other out buildings belonging to Noble Haven, situated in the southern part of the township near the Infirmary, were consumed by fire. Several tons of hay, a quantity of wheat, 1100 pounds of wool and a large number of farming tools were in the buildings. Loss reported at \$4000, fully insured. The origin of the fire seems to be a mystery. Incendiarism, sparks from a burning brush heap, tobacco pipe, and spontaneous combustion are all spoken of. All of Mr. Haven's people were absent at the time the fire was discovered.

A bulletin board at Barber's store tells the people how the fight at Chicago wages. Much interest is manifested. Every body seems suited with the platform. Parker & Gates are drilling wells in North Hampton, Summit Co. They expect to run their machinery day and night this week.

The Olive Branch had a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. After a full program of literary exercises and a vast amount of chin music from several organ agents and others a contract for the purchase of an organ was entered into and the Society adjourned at an early hour.

The Post Office will be closed on the afternoon of July 4th. As some considerable kicking has been done concerning holidays, we will quote without comment from 638 of the Postal Guide. "Post masters are justified in observing as holidays, January 1, July 4, December 25, and such other days as the President of the United States may designate as Fast and Thanksgiving days." The 30th of May will be observed by all Postmasters by closing their offices between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., except in the large cities.

The Assessor's report shows an increase in valuation of personal property of \$9116.

The Disciples' social of Mantua Station met at the residence of H. B. Coe, one afternoon last week. In these days the dwellers in the cities like to get out into the country away from the heat and turmoil. A goodly number attended the social.

The Agricultural College President "gently" disciplined one of his Italian students the other day.

Henry Davis who lives over the Freedom line, was thrown from a wagon loaded with sand one day last week. The forward wheel passed across his chest. He moved enough to escape the hind wheel. He is in a precarious condition.

PALMYRA.

JUNE 25.—Mrs. Doyce died on Tuesday morning and was taken by an early train Wednesday morning to Cortland for interment. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss.

There was no school on Monday and Tuesday owing to the teacher, Miss Perla Evans, being in Youngstown attending commencement exercises of high school.

The break at the Hutson mine has been repaired and work resumed.

The Ancient Order of Foresters held their Semi annual at last meeting. The officers for the ensuing term are, Frank Lovell, C. R.; W. W. Thomas, S. C. R.; W. G. Smith R. S.; Leroy Thomas F. S.

The Princetown Dramatic Club played Tuesday and Wednesday evening in the Town Hall. A fair audience greeted them.

On Thursday evening the "Companions of the Forest" served strawberries and ice cream to a hungry crowd. The only complaint heard of was: "What excellent ice cream and how large the dishes of berries."

When young men go to church to drink their whisky it is about time to invite them to take a trip to Ravenna.

Married on Wednesday evening the 20th at the residence of Squire Wilson, Mr. Job Thomas to Mrs. Mary Prosser. We join in wishing the young pair much joy.

Sam McKenzie was prostrated by a sun stroke while cultivating corn last Thursday.

The Hutson Coal Co. have put a new fan in their mine and now the "hair" will be better.

Mr. E. M. Evans having closed out his stock of Drugs to Mr. John W. Rose, our P. M. has moved the P. O. into the room lately occupied by drugs.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Mr John Evans, of Girard, and Miss Ida Baldwin.

KENT.

[From the Bulletin.]

193 members have been added to the Nypano Insurance Association during the past year.

A new culvert is being erected on Lake Brady road by the county commissioners.

The Ravenna base ball club came to Kent last Saturday and got beaten by a score of 11 to 5.

Mr. W. DeP. Knowlton has returned from Warren for a brief visit preparatory to spending the summer in Colorado.

Mr. Luther Butler, the veteran drummer, of Atwater, visited Kent Wednesday and sounded the reveille on the drum he has beaten for over a half century. The old drum he uses was made by his father over sixty years ago, and although Mr. Butler is now 87, he handles the sticks with a vim and dash that would do credit to to the best of younger drummers.

Horse races at Deerfield on July 4th.
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HIRAM.

JUNE 20.—Once more the Annual Commencement week has come and gone. The exercises of the week began on Sunday with a very fine Baccalaureate Sermon by Prof. C. Bancroft. On Wednesday evening the Olive Branch Literary Society gave a literary and musical entertainment in the tabernacle. The music was very excellent and the orations were highly complimentary to our method of delivery and their literary merit. The singing of Mrs. Frederick Britton, of Cleveland, was greatly enjoyed. Commencement day opened with lowering skies, a thing not unheard of before; however the attendance was good. The literary exercises of the morning were as follows:

Oration, Charles Jackson Atwater "The Puritan View of the Labor Question"
Oration, Frederick Augustus Henry "The Growth of Nationalism in American Politics."

Inaugural Address.
Conferring of Degrees.

2 P. M.—Annual Meeting of Alumni Association.

The orations were each about fifteen minutes long and were very excellent discussions of the important subjects treated. Pres. Zollars' address was well received and tended strongly to inspire the friends of the College with enthusiasm and hope for the future. The annual meeting of the Alumni association was held in the afternoon. The exercises were as follows:

Address of Welcome to the Class of '88 by President W. C. Spaulding, '84.

Response by C. J. Atwater, '88.
"Alumni Year Book." Helen B. Pettibone, '82.

Poem, "To the Alumni," F. W. Norton, '87.
Oration, C. W. Henry.

"Our Relation to Law."

A heavy thunder storm interfered somewhat with the presentation of the program but on the whole it was well received. Miss Pettibone's paper was especially commendable. The Hesperian Society presented a fine entertainment in the evening to a large audience. The outlook for the coming year is thought to be unusually favorable and a larger attendance than for many years past is confidently expected.

Mrs. R. Stanhope and C. L. Hall, of Lincoln, Neb., have been spending a few days in town.

RANDOLPH.

JUNE 25.—Mrs. John Bents died on Wednesday June 20, from injuries received by being thrown from a buggy the week before. She was about 60 years old. Funeral services were held at her home on Thursday afternoon last.

A. F. Dickinson raised his bank barn last Friday and will soon have it in readiness to store his hay and grain crops in.

Water in many wells is getting very low. Some are digging their wells deeper while others prefer to wait a while, and thereby suffer much inconvenience rather than expend a few dollars in cash and a little muscle.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Disciples' church held their regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. William Brockett last Friday afternoon.

J. P. Coe & Son make and burn a kiln of drain tile every week.

C. G. Bentley attended the commencement exercises at the Meadville College last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bettles visited relatives in Akron last week.

Mrs. Susan B. Redfield, of Lodi, Medina Co., is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mrs. W. E. Slabaugh, of Akron, is spending a few days with her parents Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bettles.

Henry Eberle sold to David Simison a few days ago four fat steers that weighed something over 5,600 pounds for which he received \$239.

H. O. Hutson bought a car of sheep in Chicago last week and shipped them home. He will fatten them for market.

Misses Cook and Ellet are visiting relatives and acquaintances in the vicinity of Salem for a few days.

The Junior Aid Society will hold a lawn party on Saturday evening June 30, in the school room at the Congregational Church. The Atwater Cornet Band will furnish the music.

Children's day was observed by the

EDINBURG.

JUNE 25.—Children's day was observed in the Methodist and Congregational churches June 11, and in the Disciples' church June 24. The churches were beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers and all present could not help but feel that it is beneficial to lay aside the cares of our daily labors and work with the little ones.

Rev. Joseph Gledhill, of Tallmadge, a former pastor here, preached in the M. E. church June 18. Mrs. Gledhill accompanied him and quite a number were favored with a call from them.

On Tuesday morning last week about 3 o'clock a fire was discovered at the late residence of R. M. Hart, east of the center, occupied by Miss M. A. Hoon. The fire ignited in the north-west corner of the wood house and leads to the suspicion that it was the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire near that point. Soon after the alarm was given a few of the neighbors responded and worked with a will until nearly everything in the house was removed.

A strawberry and ice cream festival was held last Friday evening on the lawn of the Congregational parsonage.

A strawberry and ice cream festival is announced for the Band boys at the Town Hall next Friday evening.

Our Board of Education at a recent meeting purchased some valuable supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Cleverly, recently from Haselton, Ohio, have moved into the Jesse Rogers house.

SONG OF 1840.

When this old hat was new, the people used to say,
 The best among the Democrats were Harrison and Clay;
 The Locos now assume the name, a title most untrue,
 And most unlike their party name when my old hat was new.

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 When my old hat was new, these worthies did oppose
 The cause, and friends of liberty, and stood among their foes;
 Not so with 'Granny' Harrison, for at Tippecanoe
 He bravely fought the savage foe, when my old hat was new.

When my old hat was new, the friends of Liberty
 Knew well the merits of old Tip, while fighting at Maumee;
 Come now, huzza for Harrison, just as we used to do,
 When first we heard of Proctor's fall, when my old hat was new.



SECRET SOCIETIES.

Ravenna Lodge No. 65, I. O. O. F. meets each Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.
 A. E. SEATON, N. G.
 J. H. DUSSELL, Sec'y.

Ravenna Encampment, No. 129, I. O. O. F., meets the second and fourth Friday evenings each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.
 A. D. KNAPP, C. P.
 W. H. BEEBE, Scribe.

Ravenna Council, No. 376, Royal Arcanum meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month at Arcanum Hall, Opera House Block.
 C. H. COOLMAN, Regent,
 C. H. GRIFFIN, Sec'y.

David McIntosh Post, No. 327, G. A. R., meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in their hall in the Phoenix Block, Ravenna.
 Commander, J. H. FURRY.
 Adjutant, T. R. MASON.

Cresset Lodge, No. 225, Knights of Pythias meets every Thursday evening at the G. A. R. Hall.
 J. W. FURRY, C. C.
 M. G. MCBRIDE, K. R. S.

Equitable Aid Union, No. 539, meets on the second Friday of each month in the G. A. R. Hall.
 J. LAW, Pres.
 W. M. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

Portage Council, 1,114, American Legion of Honor meets first and third Tuesdays of each month at the G. A. R. hall.
 ROBT SMITH, Commander,
 D. E. SHARP, Sec'y.

Ravenna Council No. 188, National Union meets the first Friday evening of each month in the G. A. R. Hall at 8 o'clock.
 W. T. JENKINS, Pres.
 T. R. MASON, Sec.

David McIntosh W. R. C. No. 99 meets the first and third Monday evening of each month, in G. A. R. hall. MRS. BELLE M. JONES, Pres.
 MRS. AUGUSTA N. COE, Sec.

Unity Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M. meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
 J. J. RICHARDSON, W. M.
 E. TWITT, Sec.

Tyrian Chapter, No. 91, Royal Arch. Masons meets on the third Monday of each month.
 I. T. SIDDALL, M. E. H. P.
 E. TWITT, Sec.

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I. H. PHELPS,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC,
 Office over Belding & Armstrong's Drug Store
 Main street. 1443

J. H. DUSSELL,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW.
 Counsel in English and German. Office over store of P. Flath, Ravenna O. 1446

A. S. COLE, H. M. WRIGHT
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 ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
 Office formerly occupied by W. B. Thomas,
 Ravenna, Ohio. NOTARIES PUBLIC AND
 ABSTRACTERS OF TITLE. 1698-tf

E. W. MAXSON,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW, PROSECUTOR-ELECT.
 Office in Prosecutor's Room in the Court House
 1709-tf

The item below is the last page in the ledger sized 1907 Tax Record for Ravenna. Each township and village had the property taxes recorded and any new structures to be added to the tax record were recorded on this page. There is also a page for structures that were destroyed in 1906-7 so they could be removed from the record. The book is from the collection of Records at the Portage County Historical Society. Only the 1907 tax books for the county are in the collection.

NEW STRUCTURES—To be added to the Duplicate.

OWNER'S NAME.	KIND OF BUILDING.	IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR ERECTED.	DESCRIPTION OF LOT ON WHICH IT IS SITUATED.				NO ACRES.	VALUE OF BUILDINGS.	REMARKS.
			R.	T.	S.	LOT.			
1 Ryherd H. J.	house	1907			S	26	60		
1 Cole J. J.	house & barn	1906			S	15	111.0		
1 Deidrick Louisa	house	1906			S	51	720		
1 Catinger Urwin	house	1906			S	43	90		
1 Hamlin D. R.	house & stall	1906			S	39	800	improved by Rd. E	
1 Hanna D. P.	house	1906			S	34	800		
" "	granary	1906			S	39	150		
1 Lane Warren	house & barn	1906			S	43	1000		
1 Mc Kenney Mrs. Cora B.	house	1906			S	57	450		
1 Middle R. H. Jr.	house	1906			S	37	600		
" "	leg house	1906			S	37	150		
1 Ottickley D. E.	house	1906			S	54	690	Bidwell	
1 Ogely H. A.	barn	1906			S	64	90		
1 Keeley J. A.	remodeled house	1906			S	64	90		
1 Fisher Ed. J.	barn	1906			N	7	300		
1 Nuttack Hyman	house	1906			S	24	525	S-9	
1 Coners John	house	1906			S	24	300		
								Total	
							8995		

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

As a member of the Portage County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society you are probably aware of the difficulty all organizations have of maintaining membership. Without your support we cannot publish a newsletter, rent the facility to have our programs, pay for speakers, or buy supplies that we use for our genealogy projects.

If you would, please take just a few moments to answer the following questions and please be honest. It's the only way to make improvements or changes to become a better chapter for all. Thank you.

1. Do you regularly attend our genealogy meetings Yes No
2. If No to above is it because of:
 Time of Meeting Programs not of interest
 Place of meeting Live too far away
 Day of meeting Work related
3. If Yes to above: Do you enjoy meetings? Yes No
Are meetings too long? Yes No
Would you come if refreshments were not offered? Yes No
Would you come more often if programs were only genealogy related? Yes No
4. Do you feel welcome at the meetings? Yes No
If no what can be done to improve: _____
5. Do programs of non-Portage County genealogy interest you Yes No
What topics for programs would you like _____
6. What type of genealogy related topics are you most interested in learning about?
Number your choices --1 being your most interested to 7 least interest.
How to use court records- ___ Probate ___ Land deeds ___ Tax records

___ How to get most from census records, other microfilm records

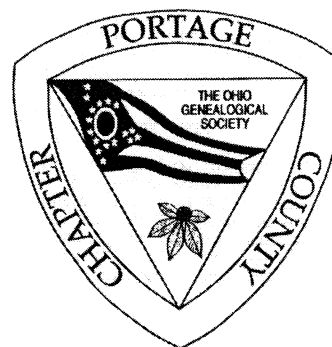
___ How to use an Index to passenger lists, or other document collections

___ How to access documents from websites

___ How to use shortcuts on a computer keyboard [not related to genealogy but necessary at times]
7. What changes would you like to see in the newsletter?
 Format change Content change Addition or reduction of total pages None
What would you like to see in newsletter _____

Additional Comments:

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PLEASE **PRINT** OR **TYPE** THE SURNAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING BELOW. THERE IS A LIMIT OF 12 NAMES.
Names will appear in the March-April Newsletter.

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PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**Portage County Cemeteries:**

Price-Ohio residents only add tax to price

Volume I-Franklin Twp. 1810-1990*	\$49.00
Every Name Index to Franklin Twp., companion to Volume I 1810 – 1990	\$25.00
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Volume XIII-Book I-Ravenna-St. Mary's, Grandview 1860-1996	\$34.00
Volume XIII-Books II & III, Ravenna-Maple Grove& 2 no-longer-existing cemeteries 1802-1996 [sold as set only]	\$55.00
Complete Every Name Index to Portage County Cemetery Books Volumes I – XIII [2 books, sold as set] includes the indexes only for all thirteen volumes	\$50.00
Portage Co. Chap. OGS Newsletters with Index 1979-1988	\$30.00
Undertaker's Records of Ira L. Herriff -Burials in Portage & Summit Co. Volume III is not available.	
Volume I-1869-1889	\$20.00
Volume II-1889-1896	\$20.00
Volume IV-1901-1907	\$20.00
Volume V-1907-1912	\$20.00
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Located at the Portage County Historical Society Ravenna OH 1813-1942

[index includes name, date and last known place of residence]

All volumes are softbound. Cemetery volumes include tombstone inscriptions, available sexton records, histories of the cemeteries and maps to help locate burial plots. *Volume I includes a surname index and Volumes II through XIII have an every-name index.

A separate publication for Volume I has an every name index. **Prices include shipping charges.**

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IS THIS A NEW ADDRESS OR E-MAIL? YES _____**NOTICE: If you wish a membership card please enclose a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) Thank you.**

Please attach a list of the surnames you are researching. There is a limit of 12 names for this listing! **Please PRINT Surnames-- must be received by February 15th** to be included in the March-April newsletter.

The followings recipes are from a collection of papers that were brought into the Portage County Historical Society. Copies were made and the originals were returned to the owner. There was no name of the original owner/author of these recipes. [Spelled as written]

Banana Pudding:

Put in a dish alternately layers of sponge cake and sliced bananas. Pour over soft custard made of 1 pint of milk, yolks of three eggs and about 4 tablespoonfuls of sugar, flavor with vanilla. Cover with the whites beaten to a stiff froth and sweetened. Brown in oven and eat cold with cream. *Mrs. Capt. McClure's Receipt, Aug. 28, 1893*

Graham Bread:

1 ½ [the ½ looks like a dot over a 2 so this is questionable] cup of sour milk and half cup sour cream, one half cup molasses, 1 teaspoon saleratus [baking soda] one half teaspoon of salt. One cup of flour and two cups of graham flour bake in a moderate oven. *Cousin Jane Oakley's Receipt, June 30, 1895*

Happy Thanksgiving!



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