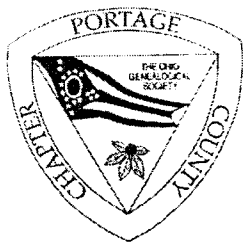


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## Message From Our President

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Season's Greetings to All!

Many important projects were accomplished at our November meeting. First of all, our By-Laws committee chairperson, Jackie Woodring, read the changes in the by-laws. Discussion was held and a vote taken to accept the revised by-laws. I wish to thank this committee Chairperson, Jackie Woodring, Barb Petroski and Don MacLearie.

We then voted on giving monetary gifts to the following: To show our appreciation, we present the Portage County Historical Society \$100.00 a year. Being so close to the year 2005 we voted to present them with \$200.00 for the years 2004-5.

The OGS 2005 Conference held at Quaker Square of Crowne Plaza Hotel has asked for a donation of \$100.00 for their hospitality room. Chapter voted in favor of their request.

Each year we donate to OGS and this year we are sending \$150.00 for the building fund and \$150.00 for the library.

We are giving to the Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna City \$2000.00 to go towards a reader-printer for their new Genealogy Room. Our members are very anxious to see this new room. Ravenna being the County seat, it will be nice to have a separate genealogy room for local researchers and ones from far away. Our Genealogy Society is very grateful we have the funds to donate to these different groups.

The OGS Conference is April 14, 15, 16, and 17 at the Crowne Plaza, Akron Oh. This falls on our meeting date therefore we are canceling our meeting in April to give our members a chance to attend the conference. They need volunteers for different committees for the conference, if interested call me at 330-673-8002.

Our program in November by Ann Marie Phillips on scrap booking was very interesting and she gave us many ideas on how to preserve our family history and keepsakes. I wish to thank Barb Petroski for refreshments for November. Sylvia Kennedy is doing refreshments for January 15, 2005. Lets hope there is no SNOW or ICE.

Your President

Eloise Clark

### Meeting Dates—3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

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

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**Please see page 2 for meeting and program information for the upcoming year.**

**Chapter News:****Reminder:**

**Please remember to send in your Chapter Dues. (See form on page 3) You must be a paid member in order to stay on the mailing list, to receive newsletters and be included in the Surname issue (March-April). We appreciate the many members, old and new, who continue to support the Portage County Genealogical Chapter.**

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**Meeting dates and programs for 2005**

**January 15—Program will be announced in Record Courier newspaper before meeting date.**

**February 19—Wally Huskeneon, from Cleveland, a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, will speak on genealogy related topic.**

**March 19—Roger Marble, a board member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, will speak on how to use computers for your genealogy.**

**April 16—No meeting—The OGS conference is in Akron this weekend.**

**May 21—Field trip to the Akron Library. Time and place to meet will be in the next newsletter.**

**June-July -August—No Meetings-Summer vacation!!!**

**September 17-will announce in future newsletter**

**October 15-First Settler's Luncheon**

**November 19-Jana Broglin, professional genealogist, lecturer and writer will be our guest speaker. Jana is from Swanton, Ohio and is a trustee on the board at Ohio Genealogical Society. Her topic will be announced in a future newsletter. Our annual election will be held.**

**December- No meeting**

Portage County Chapter OGS

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TOTAL ENCLOSED---\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PORTAGE COUNTY CHAPTER, OGS**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR SURNAME LIST BELOW. THERE IS A LIMIT OF 12 NAMES.

The Ohio Genealogical Society will hold their 2005 Conference in Akron, Ohio. The theme for the 2005 Conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society, scheduled for April 14-16 in Akron, Ohio, is "From Farmland to City Streets: Our Ancestors' Changing Environment."

In the last issue of this newsletter was the basic information about the speakers, classes, and lineage societies for the conference.

Below is a copy of hotel and general conference information from The OGS 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Registration Booklet. You do not have to be a member of OGS to attend the Conference. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact OGS for a copy of the entire Registration Booklet. A complete listing of all the classes, times and other information is included in the Booklet. Hope to see you there!

## Conference Information

### Conference Site

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 135 South Broadway in Akron, is the site of the conference and exhibit hall.

### Hotel Information

#### *Crowne Plaza Hotel*

A block of rooms is being held for OGS at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The rate is \$99 for single or double occupancy. Each additional person is \$10. Suites are available for \$225. Hotel guests park free. For reservations, call 330-253-5970. Be sure to let the hotel know that you are registering for rooms under the OGS contract. Prices listed do not include tax. Please remember that conference hotels frequently fill quickly.

### Conference Parking

Attendees staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel may park for free in the hotel lot. Other meeting attendees will be assessed a \$5 per day fee to park in the hotel lot.

### Directions to Hotel

**From Cleveland (Eastern Suburbs) Erie & Buffalo:** I-271 South to I-77 South/Akron. Exit #22A Main/Broadway. Left on Broadway. 1.2 miles. Hotel on right.

**From Cleveland Hopkins Airport & Western Suburbs Via I-77 South:** Exit airport, turn left at traffic light to 480 East. Follow 480 East (approximately 10 miles) to I-77 South. Follow I-77 south to Exit #22A Main/Broadway. Left on Broadway. 1.2 miles. Hotel on right.

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**From Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Ohio & PA Turnpikes, West Bound and I-80:** Take 76 West to I-77 North to Downtown Akron, Exit #22A Main/Downtown, right on S. Broadway 1.2 miles. Hotel on right.

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**From Columbus:** Take I-71 North to 224 East to I-76 East/Akron. Exit #22A Main/Broadway. Left on Broadway 1.2 miles. Hotel on right

### Airline & Ground Shuttle Service

Airline service is available to the Cleveland and Akron-Canton airports. To arrange shuttle bus service from either airport to the hotel, contact Hopkins Transportation Services at 1-800-543-9912.

### Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received at OGS by 28 March 2005. Prior to this date, registrants will receive a full refund on all meal functions and on their registration fee less a \$15.00 administration charge. For cancellations postmarked after 28 March 2005, or for nonattendance, registrants will receive a copy of the syllabus, but no monetary refund.

### Special Requirements

Registrants with special needs requirements as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must notify OGS in writing of these special needs no later than 28 March 2005.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in any of the OGS conference areas, lecture rooms, exhibit areas, or dining areas.

### Meals

Meals (Banquets, Luncheons, Breakfast at the Trackside Grill, etc.) are not included in the price of registration. Registrants can select meals and meal choices on the Registration Form. Special Meal Requests need to be made by 28 March 2005.

### Registration

All registration for the conference (prepaid and walk-in) will be held at the pre-function bar in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Questions regarding registration can be sent via email to: [conference@ogs.org](mailto:conference@ogs.org). Registration hours:

Thursday	1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	6:00am – 9:00 am
Saturday	7:00 am – 9:30 am

### Exhibit Hours

Chapters and vendors will have genealogical displays and products to view and purchase. For vendor information, contact E. Paul Morehouse, exhibit chair, at [epm1812@neo.rr.com](mailto:epm1812@neo.rr.com). Space is limited.

Thursday	6 pm – 9 pm
Friday	8 am – 5 pm
Saturday	8 am – 4 pm

NOTE: Friday hours are subject to change.

### OGS Membership

Become a member of OGS, enjoy the discounted rate for members, and take advantage of all the OGS membership benefits: the bimonthly magazine, *OGS Genealogy News* with free queries, the quarterly publication, *The Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, free use of the OGS library, discounts on the annual conference, workshops and publications, membership access to First Families of Ohio, Society of Civil War Families of Ohio, and Settlers and Builders of Ohio.

### Information

For more information, contact:  
Ohio Genealogical Society office,  
Phone: 419-756-7294  
Email: [ogs@ogs.org](mailto:ogs@ogs.org)

Ted Minier, Conference Chair  
Phone: 330-655-5547  
Email: [tmm@gwis.com](mailto:tmm@gwis.com)

Below is an article from the front page of the *Portage Sentinel*, dated July 26, 1854.

#### What Fashion Does

Fashion rules the world, and a most tyrannical mistress she is, compelling people to submit to the most inconvenient things imaginable, for fashion sake.

She pinches our feet with tight shoes, or chokes us with a tight handkerchief, or squeezes the breath out of our bodies by tight lacing.

She makes people sit up at night when they ought to be in bed, and keeps them in bed in the morning when they ought to be up and doing.

She makes it vulgar to wait upon ourselves, and genteel to live idle and useless.

She makes people visit when they would rather stay home, eat when they are not hungry and drink when they are not thirsty.

She invades our pleasure, and causes people to dress gaily, whether upon their property or that of others, whether agreeable to the word of God or the dictates of pride.

She ruins health and produces sickness, destroys life and occasions death.

She makes foolish parents, invalids of children, and servants of all.

She is a tormentor of conscience, despoiler of morality, an enemy of religion, and no one can be her companion and enjoy either.

She is a despot of the highest grade, full of intrigue and cunning; and yet husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, and servants, black and white, voluntarily have become her obedient servants and slaves, and vie with one another to see who shall be the most obsequious.

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#### Just for Fun!

##### Rum Cake

1 to 2 Quarts of Rum

1 Cup Butter

1 Tablespoon Sugar

2 Large Eggs

1 Cup Dried Fruit

1 Teaspoon Baking Powder

1 Teaspoon Baking Soda

1 Cup Orange Juice

Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar

1 Cup Chopped Nuts

Before you start, sample the rum to check quality. Good, isn't it?

Now go ahead and select a large mixing bowl and measuring cup, etc.

Check rum again, it must be just right. To be sure rum is of highest quality, pour one level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With an electric mixer beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 seaspoon of thugar and beat agin. Meanwhile make sure that the rum is of the finest quality. Try another cup, and open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit and beat til high. If druit gets stuck in beaters, just pry it loose with a drewseriver. Sample the rum again, checking for tonscisticity. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (it really doesn't matter). Sample the rum again. Sift ½ pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever color you can find. Wix mel. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 grefees. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and ake. Check the rum again, and go to bed

*From the files at the Portage County Historical Society*

The following newspaper clippings are from Scrapbook # 42 located in the Portage County Historical Society Library. Most of the articles came from the Mantua News.

## 42 YEARS AGO

Sept 26 - 1940

The Mantua town picnic was a success. Prize winners were as follows: tub race, Glenn Hoskins; swimming, Fred McIntosh; bicycle race, A. C. Ripley 1st and G. R. Crandall, 2nd; 100-yard dash, Don Hoffman 1st and Will Loveland 2nd; girls' potato race, Blance Stockberger 1st, and Merie Hutson 2nd; three legged race, Fred Kitselman and Fred McIntosh 1st and John Higgins and A. L. Liebenauer 2nd; pie eating contest, John Lindfors 1st and Frank Lally 2nd; obstacle race, John Higgins 1st and Fred Kitselman 2nd; bicycle slow race George Scanlon 1st and Ray Brown 2nd; apple eating contest, John Lindfors 1st and Don Hoffman; girls' running race, Daisy Merrian 1st, and Cora Turner 2nd; half mile race, Will Loveland 1st and Arthur Kuchenbecker 2nd.

Mrs. Emma Gill, who was mentioned in this column last week as returning home after visiting in Colorado, died suddenly. At the time she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Darling on W. Prospect St. The funeral was held in the Methodist church with Rev. R. F. Keeler officiating assisted by Rev. Amzi Atwater.

Pallbearers were: H. W. Brainerd, Howard A. Carlton, Fred Kitselman and G. G. Ball.

Around the town... John Herbert and son were building a porch on Erwin Wayne's house... Will Steinfurth was home from Cleveland... Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Derthick were visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Plum... Frank Dillow of Cleveland, Miss Ella Dillow of Brecksville and Mrs. M. Stebbins of Aurora were in town visiting... Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wespeker and Louis Wespeker attended the funeral of Mr. Wespeker's brother Henry in So. Euclid... Mrs. Laura Beckwith and Henry Bancroft of Nelson were married... C. M. Lee of Cleveland spent a few days in town... F. M. Rudgers started work for Woodward and Green in Hiram... Charles Green and little son of Elyria were visiting his nephew, E. E. Pratt and family... Benjamin Kasson of Thoyington, Conn., was calling on his cousin, Miss Lucy Kasson... A fast freight struck the local standing at the Hiram Station, demolishing the caboose, and tore up the track. No one was injured.

Forty-two years ago, as now, reunions at this time of year were being held. 125 persons were present at the Fox and Osburn reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hinman. Mrs. Lena Fox read a brief history of the family. Officers elected for the following year were: John Hugel, president; Mrs. Fox, secretary, and D. R. Moore, treasurer. The next reunion was to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hinman in Shalersville.

It was the ninth reunion of the Harmon and Loomis families on Aug. 24, 1898, held at Maple Dell park. Guests were present from Kansas, Michigan and Ohio. C. C. White was elected president for the next year with W. T. Sprotberry as vice president; Eleanor Kent, secretary; T. A. Sprotberry, treasurer; Mrs. Hattie Carlton, Harmon historian; Etta Sprotberry, Loomis historian, and H. A. Harmon, C. M. Harmon and George White on the executive committee.

Attending the musical institute at Garrettsville were the Misses Ruth Carlton, Donni Crane, Thalia Plum, Lucy Carlton, Florence Bidlake, Margie Jones, Jennie and Cora Blair, the Messrs Frank Plum and Arthur Seeley. Misses Ruth Carlton and Donni Crane sang at the grand concert.

Around the town 42 years ago Jack Scanlon of Cleveland visited his parents --- Miss Agnes Moran was in Cleveland --- Mrs. Ella Hutson moved her restaurant from the Coit building to the ground floor rooms of the Mantua House where she served lunches --- Joseph Merrian resigned his position at the Herald and accepted a position in Cleveland --- Mrs. Frank L. Douglass and George Kneebush and their children of Cleveland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Moore --- Verne Cooke accidentally shot himself in the left hand as he was handling a new revolver --- delegates selected at the Republican caucus were the Messrs. C. H. Bowen, C. W. Brainerd, M. B. Sanford, W. H. Crafts, F. W. Fitz, H. L. Hine, H. Lee Carlton, F. A. Derthick, Z. A. Kent and L. L. Bliss --- Mr. and Mrs. Mafor Jay of Cleveland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scoville

Lucius Smith of Solon and Imo Treach of Michigan were visiting relatives --- Mrs. A. Ladd and Mrs. Abigail Ladd were in Rootstown visiting friends --- Mrs. Addie White went to Cleveland to teach --- Miss Eleanor Kent was visiting her brother, Z. A. Kent --- A marriage license was issued to Plymon C. Hoskin and Zell G. Daniels of Garrettsville --- Clate Hill and George Folger of Garrettsville were in town --- Miss Lena Spink of North Mantua was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hayes --- Mrs. H. S. Crafts and children, Bessie and Howard, were in Thompson visiting her mother. Sept 5 1940

## FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO

Mrs. William H. Pierce, nee Mary L. Root, died July 21, 1898, at the age of 61. She was one of the first students at Hiram college and for 20 years was a teacher. She was a member of the Disciple church at Mantua Center. She had one son, Gilman R.

A Grange picnic was held at Maple Dell. The Hon. F. A. Derthick delivered the welcoming address. Music was furnished by the Mantua band.

On August 4, 1898 Mrs. R. O. Halstead celebrated her 59th birthday anniversary.

Jennie Pettibone returned from Warren and is at home with her grandmother, Mrs. Jane Loudenberg.

Former Postmaster A. P. Carlton is on duty at the post office while Postmaster Brainard is in New York.

Mrs. Amanda G. Baughman of Toledo is making her home with her daughter Mrs. D. W. McGlenen.

John Phelps, E. M. Simpson, C. H. Bowen, Wallie Cochran, E. D. Smith, and S. H. Eldridge attended the races in Warren Thursday.

Miss Tena Spathe was honored on her birthday anniversary Thursday evening in the J. B. Frost home.

Mrs. Bion Goodell was in Freedom Sunday visiting relatives.

Cale Hotchkiss, en route to the Philippine Islands, wrote a letter to his mother telling of his soldier experiences on board ship. He wrote her that they got only two meals a day, one at 7 and the other at 4 in the afternoon, both of which consisted of coffee, meat, potatoes and rice soup. The ship traveled at the rate of 12 knots per hour. Eight hundred forty-three men were on board and each had his own bunk.

They had to drill the manual of arms every day and one fire drill per day. Cale expressed the idea that the war in Cuba would be practically over by the time their boat got to the Philippines, but that they had plenty of powder and ammunition to give to Dewey.

Mantua boasted of a bakery in those days, 42 years ago.

Marriage licenses were issued to Thaddeus S. Boone and Theronia Coburn of Hiram and to H. W. Bristol and Nellie B. Smith of Windham.

Mrs. Addie White and the Misses Retta Bissell and Clara Carlton have returned to their homes in Mantua Center after a trip to the east.

Mrs. Newton Rice entertained the U. D. M. S. on Wednesday.

In the cast of "A Delicate Question," a play presented at Maple Dell, were Bert Crane, Mrs. Florence Barber, P. C. Merryfield, Mrs. Mae Crane, Miss Hattie Carlton, Clayton Crane, Lee Carlton, Claud Blair, Verne Cook and Ed Caldwell. April 15 1898

The following newspaper clippings are from Scrapbook # 64, located in the Portage County Historical Society Library. The articles appear to be from the local Ravenna-Kent newspaper, dated in the 1880's.

**Death of Mrs. Caroline M. Jennings.**

"Life is a mystery as deep as ever death can be. Yet, Oh! how sweet it is to us, this life we live and see!"

Caroline M. Jennings, wife of S. F. Jennings and daughter of J. F. and Henrietta (Selby) Barker, was born in Ravenna, Ohio, October 10, 1837. Died March 4th, 1885, aged 47 years, 4 months and 24 days. December 25th, 1858, she married S. F. Jennings, by whom she was the mother of two children. Theson, Harry B., now employed by a railroad company in Central America, was born May 16, 1863. An unnamed daughter died when but four days old. At the death of Mrs. Wm. B. Hopkins, her sister, Mrs. Jennings adopted her motherless little daughter Bertha J., born February 10th, 1873, but three days old at her mother's death. Mrs. Jennings leaves a devoted husband, an only son far away, the adopted daughter, a sister, Mrs. John Brigham, a brother, and an aged father to lament her death.

Mrs. Jennings was a long time invalid, and at times a great sufferer, which she endured uncomplainingly. Having a firm belief in a higher and better life beyond the grave, she ever expressed a readiness and willingness to go hence when the summons should come.

It is seldom we are called upon to speak of the departure to the better land, of one in whom centered so many graces, which give to woman the position she now occupies. Our sister was endowed by nature with more than an average of those graces. Without an enemy in the wide world, her ever cheerful, sunny smile was as though an angel was speaking, and her words fell on the listening ears of her companions and friends like the soft breathing zephyrs at eventide.

'Tis sweet to believe there is no death, and it is sweet down in the habitations of men, to meet those but little lower than the angels in whom there is no guile. How sweet and consoling the thought that the loved ones gone before live and can be our companions still.

"Carrie's" beautiful casket has been laid tenderly away by loving hands, and her liberated spirit has passed on to join the immortals, on the evergreen shore.

The funeral services of Mrs. Jennings were held at the Universalist church, March 7th, 1885, and were largely attended by sorrowing neighbors and friends, conducted by Rev. Andrew Willson.

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**TRUST.**

BY ELLA COLBY ECKERT.

Be strong, be true, be kind;  
These are the cords that bind  
Our names with honor fair:  
That all men's sight shall dare.

Earth's skies shine seldom bright,  
But through the gloom of night:  
Through fear, and doubt, and bond,  
We see the way beyond.

Though dear life's roses sweet,  
They bloom beneath our feet;  
And dark the stormy sky,  
It calls an upward eye.

**Death of Mrs. H. C. Bedell.**

Mrs. H. C. Bedell, whose illness at her home in Cleveland was briefly noted in last week's REPUBLICAN, died on Monday morning, about 9 o'clock, after an illness of less than two weeks' duration. The primary cause of death was typhoid fever. The funeral will take place at the family residence, 1360 Wilson avenue, Cleveland, at 12:30 to-day (Wednesday), after which the remains will be brought to Ravenna, on the afternoon express, and conveyed direct to Maple Grove Cemetery and placed in the vault. No funeral services will be held here.

Mrs. Bedell's maiden name was Sarah L. Horr. She was the only daughter of the late Abner Horr, of Shalersville, at which place she was born. Her age was 39. She was married to Mr. H. C. Bedell in November, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Bedell moved to Ravenna in 1872 and resided here until about three years ago, when they moved to Cleveland.

Mrs. Bedell was a most estimable lady. She won all hearts by her sweet, kindly disposition, and no woman ever enjoyed to a greater degree the love and esteem of all who knew her. Her sudden death spreads a pall of sorrow over a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and is a great affliction to her bereaved husband and children, while an aged mother mourns the loss of a beloved daughter whose home she had shared in her declining years. Her children are—Fannie, aged 15, and Abner, aged 11. She was the sister of our esteemed townsman, Mr. L. G. Horr; and a half brother, Warren, resides at Sterling, Kansas.

**Card of Thanks.**

We take this public opportunity of expressing our sincere and heartfelt thanks to those of our friends and neighbors, far and near, who so nobly and willingly assisted us in our sad bereavement, the illness and death of our wife and mother, and especially do we feel thankful to Rev. Freshwater for his able and appropriate address, and to H. C. Coe of Shalersville, for the beautiful and appropriate songs furnished by him for the occasion. May your lives all be crowned with blessings is the wish of your sadly bereaved friends.

J. W. McCOMBS AND RAY McCOMBS.  
Ravenna, March 16, 1885.

**DEERFIELD.**

**Death's Victims—Sugar vs. Wheat.**

Death has again entered our midst, and without respect to age or sex, has taken three of our citizens to their long home. February 27th the grim monster entered the home of J. Preston and snatched from the embrace of a tender father and loving mother their little baby girl, and bright angels bore her little spirit to Him, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Her parents may well say with one of old, "We can go to her, but she cannot return to us."

March 2d Mrs. Isaac Mott, a mother in Israel, was called by her Saviour, whom she had long served, to a better home. She had been a sufferer for a long time, but she is at rest now.

On the 4th of March John Regal, father of Mrs. Dr. Waggoner, of Ravenna, was called at a moment's warning. But at that moment he could say with Paul, "To live is Christ, but to die is gain." He is gone. The town has lost a good citizen, and the church a faithful member.

**JUNE 15, 1922.**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Fred R. Bendel 26, Ravenna blacksmith and Lillian E. Rigenbath 25 Ravenna.

Neal E. Blanchard, 26 Kent rubber worker, and Evelyn H. Shepard, 18, Kent.

Albertus. Gombert, 21, Kent teacher and Margaret G. Moore 17 Kent.

Joseph H. Gould, 19 Mantua, farmer and Luella B. Rudloff, 17, Mantua.

James H. LaPree, 26, Akron rubber worker and Iva B. Bartlett, 18, Suffield.

John L. Haas, 29, Kent carpenter and Agnes Haar 27, Kent.

J. Oliver Fox 24, Ravenna teacher and Elizabeth M. Norton 21 Garrettsville.

**NOVEMBER 8, 1917.**

**Marriage Licenses**

Lee M. Oblinger, 32, Akron, clerk, and Marion D. Parkinson, 25, Kent.

Edwin Sanford, 20, Charlestown, lineman, and Martha Elmore, 25, Charlestown.

E. H. Dillon, 30, Warren, brick layer, and Dorothy M. Swager, 22, Ravenna.

Calvin Bryant, 23, Ravenna, chafeur, and Hazel Johnston, 18, Ravenna.

C. H. Steed, 45, Akron, rubber worker, and Jennie Carey, 44, Kent.

Archie B. Moore, 23, Akron, foreman, and Effie C. Youmpman, 19, Freedom Station.

The following is from the files at the Portage County Historical Society. Under *Remarks* is a list of women and how many children they had who filed for Relief of Soldiers' Families. There are 25 families listed.

Report of the Trustees of Rayman Township, Portage County, Ohio, of the Receipts and Disbursements of Funds for the RELIEF OF SOLDIERS' FAMILIES, as required by the 7th section of the "Act for the relief of the families of Soldiers and Marines in the United States service, and of those who have died or been disabled in such service," passed February 25th, 1864.

The Trustees are required to render this account on the first Tuesday of April and October of each year.

Amount levied by the Commissioners	From last settlement	\$ 14.98
Amount received from County Treasury		62.49
Amount received from other Townships	none	
No. of Families Relieved	25	25
Whole number of persons relieved	71	71
Amount paid out		599.50
Balance remaining in Treasury	\$40.50	\$40.39

REMARKS.

[Include in this item the full name of parent, and number of children entitled to relief in each family.]

Adelaide Jenell + 3 children - Susannah Chamberlin, two children  
 C. Davidson, 3 children Mary Coon 3 children, A.B. Schroeder  
 no children - Mary Ryan, 1 child - Mrs. Wier 2 children, Mary D. Ellis  
 1 child, Hulda Munn, 2 children - Amitt Stovins, 1 child, Estia  
 Stota, 2 children, Caroline Chamberlin 3 children, Mary Enders  
 no children - Lois Darrow, 3 children, N.L. Chow, 3 children  
 Margaret Gill, 2 children, Mrs. A.J. Wright, 2 children, Lydia  
 Millard 2 children, Mrs. McShaw 4 children, Eliza Millard,  
 4 child - Juliet Collins no children, Mrs. Goddard 1 child  
 Anna Wilbur no child, Mrs. Bishop no child, Julia Hayes, 4  
 child, Betsey Cline no child - Lemott Champney, 1 child - Mrs. Robt  
 Hannah 3 children

We certify that the above is correct.

P. B. Couant

B. J. Hopkins

TRUSTEES

Dated April 4, 1865



The following newspaper clippings are from *The Ravenna Graphic*, January 7, 1897.

#### List of Interments in Maple Grove Cemetery During 1896.

The following is the list of interments made in Maple Grove Cemetery, from Jan. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897:

- Jan. 12, Herbert L. Mills, aged 8 years, croup.  
 Feb. 1, Sarah M. Marvin, aged 58 years, cancer.  
 Feb. 4, Cora E. Barton, aged 32 years, child-birth.  
 Feb. 7, Otto Sontum, aged 51 years, cancer.  
 March 7, Mary J. Bisseil, aged 70 years, consumption.  
 March 15, Jacob Schnitz, aged 47 years, killed by cars.  
 March 24, Mary A. Tribby, aged 73 years, heart failure.  
 March 24, Phebe H. Crooks, aged 68 years, la grippe.  
 March 25, Elizabeth Anrand, aged 55 years, consumption.  
 April 18, Solomon Slaughter, aged 90 years, old age.  
 April 18, Chauncey L. Bartlett, aged 69 years, spinal injury.  
 April 18, Caroline W. Miller, aged 81 years, old age.  
 April 25, George W. Gentholtz, aged 46 years, accident.  
 April 30, Louisa Balsler, aged 1 year, brain trouble.  
 April 27, Lucy Abel, aged 87 years, old age.  
 April 30, David A. Geiger, aged 53 years, rheumatism.  
 May 8, Helena Sontum, aged 76 years, heart trouble.  
 May 13, John Harry, aged 57 years, pleurisy.  
 May 29, Della M. Phillips, aged 75 years, congestion of the lungs.  
 May 30, Austin P. Rood, aged 52 years, apoplexy.  
 July 8, Rhoda R. Stockwell, aged 59 years, general debility.  
 July 8, Newell D. Clark, old age.  
 July 17, George Hessert, aged 50 years, dropsy.  
 July 27, Cora Pearl Root, aged 14 years, diphtheria.  
 July 30, F. W. Rumbaugh, aged 46 years, Bright's disease.  
 Aug. 5, Lucy M. Doty, aged 80 years, spinal and liver trouble.  
 Aug. 8, Clinton E. Price, aged 31 years, typhoid fever.

- Aug. 28, Mary O. White, aged 37 years, meningitis.  
 Aug. 13, George W. Root.  
 Sept. 4, Dorliska E. Moody, aged 61 years, heart disease.  
 Sept. 26, Lewis D. Booth, aged 66 years.  
 Sept. 26, Mary Jenkins, aged 77 years, apoplexy.  
 Sept. 27, Mrs. J. T. Catlin.  
 Sept. 28, Mary L. Wright, aged 16 years, tuberculosis.  
 Oct. 1, Reuben Milton, aged 83 years, killed by cars.  
 Oct. 3, Anna Geary, aged 63 years.  
 Oct. 12, P. A. Pitkin, aged 68 years, consumption.  
 Oct. 16, Roger E. Luff, aged 2 days, convulsions.  
 Oct. 17, Philo Bierce, aged 59 years, heart trouble.  
 Oct. 23, Anna M. Lewis, aged 54 years, heart failure.  
 Oct. 29, Frank E. Cork, aged 1 day, heart failure.  
 Oct. 31, Elizabeth Stumy, aged 84 years, paralysis.  
 Nov. 19, Marie E. Edwards, aged 32 years, pneumonia.  
 Nov. 24, Julia Scott, aged 65 years, lung trouble.  
 Nov. 29, W. F. Kellar, aged 49 years, Bright's disease.  
 Dec. 5, Ruth J. McClintock, aged 51 years, tumor.  
 Dec. 11, Anthony Humelbaugh, aged 90 years, old age.  
 Dec. 13, Thos. H. Towns, aged 55 years, pneumonia.  
 Dec. 20, William Ward, aged 58 years, heart trouble.  
 May 15, Cornelia M. Clark, aged 75 years, old age.  
 P. L. KING, Superintendent.

#### An Enjoyable Leap Year Party.

The S. A. W. Club gave a leap year party New Year's Eve, at the home of Miss Anah Goss, on Bowery street. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and foliage in pink and green—the colors of the club. The ushers were Misses May Holloway and Zula and Ruth Brigham; and the guests, Misses Perlina Marvin, Winifred Greene, Mabel Weber, Hattie Goss, Jennie Holloway, Ollie Oimstead, Mrs. Botsford, Messrs. McDowell, Clinton Goss, Will Goss, H. Hanley, Ray Case, Dr. I. H. Stevens, Rollin Sanford, Ray Jones, Clayton Weber, Albert Eldridge.

## COMMON PLEAS COURT.

The Opening of the January Term—  
Latest News From the County  
Capitol.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury reported Wednesday noon. They were in session three days, considering fifteen cases, and returned two indictments—one against John Davis, of Palmyra, for assault and battery, and one against V. Shuckup, of Cleveland, for assault and battery committed in Freedom. They visited the jail and recommended that it be whitewashed.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday. The bond of L. M. Long, sheriff, in the sum of \$5000, with Lewis Frank, Robert Calliban, Isaac Swabough, H. W. Layman, L. A. Shanafelt and B. F. Rhodes, as sureties, was approved, as was the bond of S. W. Burt, infirmary director, in the sum of \$2000, with C. C. Cackler and E. D. Davis as sureties. The regular monthly claims were passed.

#### RECORDER'S OFFICE.

John L. Hughes to J. T. and Ella M. Griffith, Paris,  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest; 118.31 acres, lot 34 \$300.  
 Garrettsville Saving and Loan Association to L. V. Miller, Garrettsville, lot 12, \$1000.  
 Susan and David Funalman to Byron J. Sanford, Ravenna, 2.70 acres, lots 7, 8, \$2000.  
 B. J. Sanford to David S. Funalman, Ravenna Village, lot 19, \$1.  
 Frank J. Lovett to John D. Thomas, Windham,  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest, lots 86, 87, \$1.

#### PROBATE COURT.

Mary Agne, administratrix, vs Nelson Agne et al; premises sold to Eliza Weary for \$900.  
 A. S. Cole, administrator, vs Laura H. Olin; premises appraised subject to homestead for \$1000, and ordered sold at private sale; sold to Laura H. Olin for \$1000.  
 Caroline D. Davis et al, administrators, vs Henry Miller et al, executors; petition to compel distribution filed.  
 Application made to probate wills of Mary Murphy and Benjamin Hutton.  
 Daniel E. Jones, administrator, vs Thomas Davis et al; petition to sell lands filed.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

H. S. Hart and Emma H. Stone, Suffolk.

#### Death of Paul S. Goodsell.

The many friends of County Auditor and Mrs. C. W. Goodsell deeply sympathize with them in the death of their only son, Paul S. Goodsell, which occurred in this city, on Wednesday, from consumption. The deceased was born in Garrettsville, March 2, 1873, and was a young man of much promise. He was preparing himself for the study of medicine, when his health failed. The funeral services will be held from the family residence, on Spruce street, on Saturday, at 1 o'clock p.m.

The following artwork is from the Davis family surname file at the Portage County Historical Society. It seemed appropriate for this time of year.

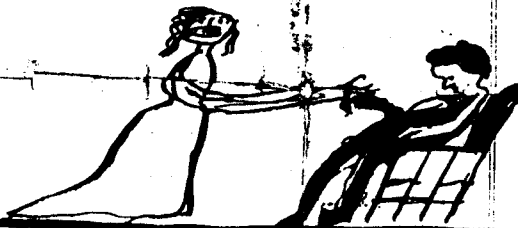
Sleigh Riding Party as it  
appeared in Troy Ohio  
on the Morn of Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Taken by our special Artist on the spot

Scene 1<sup>st</sup>



Mr Davis takes a tumble.

Scene 2<sup>d</sup>



The following  
Scene takes  
Place

Mr Davis falls asleep. Young Lady approaches and

Scene 3<sup>d</sup>



Mr Davis thinks he hears an Earthquake

DAVIS artwork, continued:

Scene 4 \*

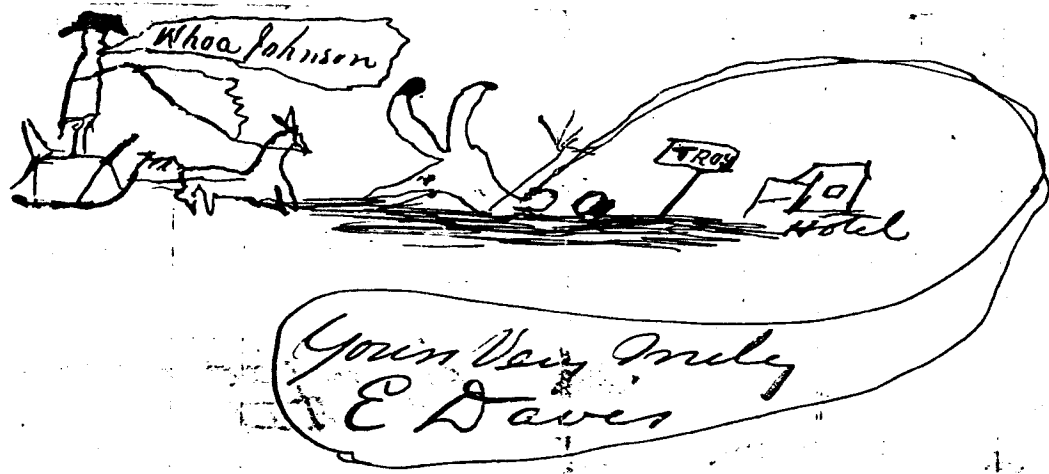


This scene was the most important of any. Mr Davis takes a sleigh ride and the sleigh having tipped over sends him gently on his head in a peddle while his friend Sam is in a snow bank opposite bravely engaged in keeping Johnson quiet. While a young lady rushes to Mr Davis' rescue and with sisterly care offers her services anxious to know if her dear boy is hurt.

Other scenes occurred on the road. These will come out in our next issue.

~~Mr Davis thinks he fears an Eskimo makes~~

Davis artwork, continued:



The following items are from the *Democratic Press*, November 10, 1870.

THE new brick building of Messrs. Furry & King on Prospect street is fast approaching completion. The walls are up and roof on, and it will soon be ready for occupation. It is a very neat and substantial structure, twenty-eight feet front, forty-eight feet deep and two stories high, and covered with an iron roof. The lower room is to be used as a blacksmith shop and the upper as a paint shop in connection with their carriage works.

IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. M. S. Clark is making some very decided improvements on his residence on Main street. It has been thoroughly repainted, and new windows are being put in with large lights of glass in place of the ancient 7 x 9's, and the place will wear a more modern and much improved appearance.

THE number of scholars attending the Hiram College during the present term has been about 150, and the term soon to close is said to have been the most successful in the history of that institution.

MR. N. CONVERSE, of No. 1, Etna Block, who has been seriously ill of bilious fever for over two weeks past, we are glad to see again able to be about.

LYMAN HINE, an aged and esteemed citizen of Shalersville, has been lying dangerously ill at his residence in that township for several days past. At last advices he was somewhat better, but not regarded as out of danger yet.

PROLIFIC.—Mr. A. G. Wilson, of Hiram, raised the past season from a single bean planted in the spring, 1518 beans.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. S. Brigham received serious injuries by falling from a scaffold in Merts & Riddle's new Repository building on Tuesday. He was engaged in plastering one of the rooms, and stepped upon a loose board on the staging which tipping, precipitated him to the floor, though his injuries are severe, we understand no bones were broken.

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The items below are from *The Portage Republican* March 30, 1875:

A physician being asked by a patient if he thought a little spirits now and then would hurt him much, replied "I do not know that a little occasionally would hurt you much; but if you don't take any, it won't hurt you at all."

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Ralph Keeler, says: It is still doubtful in my mind whether it is not better to devote half of one's energies in learning to live on a very small income, than to devote all of one's energies in struggling and waiting miserably for a very large income."

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A needle, it is said, if thrust into the tissues of a living being, will remain bright, while if made to penetrate those of a corpse, it will be speedily corroded; and thus in this way seeming from real death may be distinguished.

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A person who advertised in a morning paper for a clerk holds out this inducement: "A small salary will be given, but he will have enough *overwork* to make up the deficiency"

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