

Portage Path to Genealogy

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Message From Our President

Dear Members,

Well, we've made it through another winter and finally, my favorite time of the year is upon us, RESEARCH SEASON!! I hope that your vacations will afford you the opportunity to check out a few of your brick walls, on there own home grounds. Gary and I are staying home this summer. However, I am traveling with my mother and grandson to eastern WV for my mother's family reunion over the July 1st. weekend, where I will meet two new cousins, before I even get to the reunion.

Otherwise, my research will be on the computer, speaking of which, I have made a discovery. There is a really good site for anyone whose ancestors were born, married or died in WV. It is the West Virginia Culture Center, Vital Research Records and it is a free website and completely searchable and indexed. I think I have told you of this site in the past; however, the good news is that they are adding more records in 2007. The death records are the most complete and actually include the death certificates for many years. All of the things that you may find on the site can be downloaded and printed out on you printer. Just this week I found my gr.gr. grandfather's death certificate and it confirmed his parents' names!! The web address is www.wvculture.org

I will be looking forward to the September meeting and hearing about your summer's efforts. We will be visiting the Hudson Library and then we have our First Settlers dinner in October, location to be announced later. Have a great summer and happy researching.

Claudia Bissler

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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

September 15—Field trip to **Hudson Library**-details on page 2.

October 20—First Settlers Luncheon-details will be in next newsletter

November 17—Election of officers and speaker to be announced

December-No meeting

Other News:

A recent addition to the Portage County Historical Society Library is *The Ancestry and Descendants of Harrison Summerell* by **Ruth Hanold Crane**. The following is her description of the material:

Harrison was born in Southampton County, Virginia, served in the War of 1812, and a few years later migrated to Stark County, Ohio where he married, his children were born. He died sometime after 1860, either in Kosciusko County, Indiana or Berrien County, Michigan. A death record has not been found. His second child, Elizabeth Summerell Hanold, was my great-great grandmother. Many of his descendants lived in southwest Michigan. This is a fairly straight-forward work. The main section is the Modified Register format of the Summerell family beginning with the earliest known ancestor in Scotland. Following that is a short section dealing with the ancestry of Mary Blazy. She was the wife of Harrison's youngest son James who died in the Civil War.

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Effectively Using the Periodical Source Index

From: *1998 OGS Conference Program & Syllabus* Session F-5 pages 34-35

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I. What is the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)?

The *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)*, published by the Allen County Public Library Foundation in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is an article index to more than 7,000 genealogy and local history periodical titles published in the U.S., Canada, and other countries.

A. History of PERSI 1. Created in 1985 at the Allen County Public Library. 2. Twofold project since its inception: the retrospective set and annual index. 3. Recently made available on compact disk by Ancestry, Inc.

B. How PERSI can help you with your research

1. Indexes nearly all English-language and French-Canadian genealogical periodicals, as well as some major foreign genealogical journals. 2. Provides subject access to over one million records

C. What PERSI does not index

1. Every name in every article
2. Queries, ancestor charts, family group sheets
3. Society officers, membership lists, meeting notices
4. Book and computer software reviews
5. Surname journals and newsletters
6. Page numbers

II. Researching PERSI: Five Categories

- A. Family surname
- B. U.S. location and record type
- C. Canadian location and record type
- D. Other foreign location and record type
- E. Methodology, or "how-to" articles

III. Where to Locate a Copy of the Indexed Article

In your Local Libraries, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Library of Congress, Cincinnati Public Library and many others.

Chapter member, **Nancy Mott Lawson**, submitted the following *History of Mottown*. This is an *edited, condensed version* of her story. The entire nine-page story and the photos she refers to in the article can be found at the Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna, Ohio in the MOTT surname file.

HISTORY OF MOTTOWN

By Nancy Mott Lawson

The first of many family pilgrimages to Ohio came about because of the following 56-word passage in the *History of Portage County, Ohio, Illustrated, 1885*, pages 626-27:

“...**EZEKIEL MOTT**, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was among the pilgrims of 1807 to Deerfield Township, where he cleared a farm and lived to the close of his life. **ELIJAH MOTT** [his son]... was born during the Revolutionary war, and was married to **MISS ANNIE ROSE**, who bore him ten children, of whom only **SYLVESTER** and **ISAAC** survive....”

This account of the early days in Deerfield was exciting to find. **EZEKIEL MOTT**¹ was my 5th great grandfather and his son and daughter-in-law **ELIJAH** and **ANNIE** were my 4th great grandparents. I descend from **ELIJAH** and **ANNIE**'s eldest child **JECHONIAS MOTT** who pioneered with his wife **REBECCA M. COX** and several of their nine children into the wilds of Barry County, MI in 1845. One hundred three years later, I was born and raised there. Without realizing it until I wrote this article, at age 26 I continued the family migration westward to Illinois where I live with my husband and son.

After discovering the 1885 *History*, the urge to return to my Ohio roots was strong. I had heard stories that my ancestors came from Pennsylvania, but I never heard a word about Ohio. Now I couldn't wait to see the place where my people had lived, raised their children, and most had been buried. After making contact with Betty O'Neill at the Portage County Historical Society and Larry Fischer of the Deerfield Historical Society, we packed up our Jeep and headed 450 miles east to Portage County on Thanksgiving Day, 1999. We kept moving in the direction of Deerfield and a little known area within the township called "Mottown". I was very curious about the history of Mottown. Was there a connection to my family?

- **Mottown the Area**

Mottown was a small area located about two miles northeast of Deerfield Center. It encompassed farmland, a cemetery, a church, a school, a road, and a train stop. Today only Mottown Cemetery and Mottown Road are recognizable features. The church and the school were remodeled into homes. I'm not certain of the status of the train stop. It still appears on some maps, but we were unable to find it.

- **Mottown the Name**

The place name of "Mottown" was most likely a way to refer to the area in Deerfield Township where a significant amount of acreage was owned by the Mott clan. My first real clues came from an 1874 *Lot Survey Map of Deerfield Township* obtained from the County Recorder's Office in Ravenna.

[**PHOTO # 2**] Lot Nos. [81], 66, 67, 71, 72, 74, and 75, all bordering / touching one another, were owned by my Mott family over a period of at least three generations, and perhaps more. I also found a 1924 *Deerfield Township Map* [**PHOTO ## 3, 4**], the significance of which was the handwritten notes on the back showing the chain of title for Lot No. 66 remained in the hands of our family for at least 114 years, if not longer, as follows:

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¹ In 1874, Lot No. 8 was owned by **WILLIAM** and **DEBRA SHEFFLETON**, but from 1807 to 1825, **EZEKIEL MOTT** and 2nd wife **JANE MCKELVEY** lived on 30 acres on Lot No. 8, which they had purchased from James and Bestsey Carter. **JANE** was probably the sister of **JAMES MCKELVEY**, a Deerfield Township Trustee in 1806.

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- In 1810, Lot 66 – sold to **ELIJAH MOTT**, father
- In 1844, Lot 66 – sold to **I. MOTT (ISAAC)**, son
- In 1874, Lot 66 – sold to **S. MOTT (SYLVESTER)**, son
- In 1900, Lot 66 – sold to **A. MOTT (ALEXANDER)**, grandson, son of **SYLVESTER**
- In 1924, Lot 66 – sold to **ADA M. STEVENS**, granddaughter, daughter of **SYLVESTER**.

The ownership of Lot No. 66 was significant because it appears to be at the epicenter of this little “burg”. Mottown Cemetery, discussed more fully below, was on the corner of adjacent Lot No. 67. The Will of **ELIJAH MOTT** indicated he and his wife owned Lots 66 and 67.

The more official Mottown name came about 50 years later. Reference to the name was found in an old *Notebook* donated to the Portage County Historical Society (author and donor unknown). In a section on Deerfield, page 12, it said:

“In the northeastern part of Deerfield Township was an area known as Mottown which derived its name from **ALEXANDER MOTT**, a farmer and a prominent citizen of the township.”

The *Notebook* reference linked the name of Mottown to our family because **ALEXANDER** (b. 18 Oct 1846 OH, d. 03 Jan 1919) was my second cousin three times removed, the eldest of four known children born to **SYLVESTER MOTT** and **NANCY SCOTT**. He married **LENA MCKENZIE** on 02 Jan 1914 in Portage County. It is not known if he had other wives or any children, but it appears he did not. His siblings were: **MARY MOTT**, b. abt 1850 OH, d. __; **FLORENCE MAY MOTT**, b. 12 Jul 1855 OH, d. 03 Aug 1921, m. **COMFORT WALLIS EKIS** 20 May 1873; and **ADA ADELIA MOTT**, b. abt. 1861 OH, d. 11 Nov 1913, m. **W.W. STEVENS**. Perhaps **BIRDIE STEVENS** interviewed about Mottown in the *Ravenna Record-Courier* article (cited above, the section “The Church and School”), is the child of **ADA** and **WILLIAM W. STEVENS**.

Ironically, **ALEXANDER** was not buried at Mottown Cemetery. For whatever reason, his parents were buried at Deerfield Cemetery and when **ALEXANDER** died, a common monument was commissioned for the three of them [PHOTO ## 5, 6]. The monument is quite handsome, certainly befitting “a prominent citizen of the township”, and can be found in Section D, near the fence line (not Section B as reported in the Deerfield Cemetery Index, page 39).

• Mottown Cemetery

The second phase of the formation of Mottown was likely the family burial ground located on the corner of Lot No. 67. It was *officially* recognized as a cemetery by the county in 1879 according to a *Cemetery Plans Map* at the Portage County Courthouse. However burials occurred there much earlier, as recorded in the cemetery tombstone index, *The Portage County Ohio Cemeteries*, Vol. VII, Deerfield Twp 1812-1992 /Atwater Twp. 1808-1993, pp. 128-134. It lists **JOHN T. STEEL** as having been buried in Mottown Cemetery in 1826. Since there are several illegible broken stones in the cemetery, particularly in the front row where the oldest burials appear to have occurred, it is possible that the first burial at Mottown was that of **EZEKIEL MOTT** in January 1825. Son **ELIJAH** and his wife owned the land at that time, and it is very likely **ELIJAH** was responsible for his father’s burial. His father lived just south of them on Lot No. 8.

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Several of my **MOTT** ancestors and their descendants are buried at Mottown Cemetery. The stones that are still readable are for: **Anna, Catharine, Cornelius, Curtis, Edwin, Elijah, Elizabeth, Emma, Ezekiel** (honorarium tombstone) **Hannah, Isaac, Katharine (Catharine), and Margaret**

With special thanks to the Mottown Cemetery Committee (particularly **LARRY FISCHER** and **JERRY SHILLING**) and the Veterans' Administration, a gray granite honorarium tombstone for **EZEKIEL MOTT** was erected in Mottown Cemetery in the fall of 2002. While no record of **EZEKIEL MOTT'S** burial has ever been found, record of his death in Portage County on January 8, 1825 was recorded in the *Report from the Secretary of War, 1835*, Vol. 3, "Ohio [Revolutionary War] Pension Roll", page [514] 86.

I found three sources that talked about the Mottown Church and two that mentioned the Mottown School. In the book *Portage Heritage, History of an Ohio County 1807-1957*, Editor **JAMES B. HOLM** and Assistant Editor **LUCILLE DUDLEY**, published by the Portage County Historical Society, Sesqui-Centennial Edition, 1957, Chapter XXIII by **TOM JAMES**, page 306, there was one paragraph that made mention of the church:

"A United Brethren church was also located at Mottown in the northeast part of the township to serve people in Mottown and nearby Grover. Ministers of nearby churches sometimes filled in to keep up activity. Later it became the Friends [Quaker] Church of Mottown. Revivals were held in winter with camp meetings in Green's Woods nearby in summer. Among the families most interested were those of **AARON BURKEY, JACOB CARRIER, JOHN GRIFFITHS, THOMAS SAMPSON** and **CHAS. BONAR**. A woman pastor, **MISS OAKLEY**, served here a number of years. Later **MRS. JACOBS**, wife of **REV. JACOBS**, took up the work for a time. After 25 years at Mottown, the Friends church bought the Disciple church at the Center in 1929. Among those serving there were the **REVS. POWELL, HADLEY, REFUS** and **GREEN**. **MRS. HADLEY** was also a preacher."

The second and more comprehensive source was found in the old *Notebook* (referred to above – see "The Name"). The *Notebook* has a section on Deerfield (pages 12-13) that talks about the church and mentions the school: "Being situated about half way between Deerfield and Grover, **Mottown** had the opportunity to attract large crowds of people who were employed in Deerfield and Grover to such an extent that a church and school were made available to the people in the area. A United Brethren Church provided the opportunity for worship and became a center for religious activities for the area."

After many years of ministering to the area, there was a gradual lessening of interest in the United Brethren Church, although the young people maintained a Sunday School and showed unusual interest in Church activities. Ministers of near by villages began to fill in and do what they could to nurture and keep alive this interest. Through the interest and efforts of **MRS. CHARLES BONAR**, the **REV. GEORGE MALSBURRY** was asked to share his efforts. He put forth the Quaker Church of Goshen together with this gathering at **Mottown**, the Goshen Church becoming the mother church for this little group. He did this for some time and under his guidance the **Mottown** Church began to take form and grow. Soon under the guidance of the **REV. MALSBURRY** and the Goshen Church, the United Brethren Church building was purchased. After some alterations and improvements, a rededication service was held and the Friends Church at **Mottown** became a reality.

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For the next 25 years or more, the Quaker Church of **Mottown** contributed greatly to the religious and spiritual life of the township. Crowds of people would overflow the Church building in the early days and be moved by the inspiration of the preachers and the power of spiritual singing. The revivals during the winter months and the camp meetings during the summer months were religious experiences that live down through these many years.

“Among those who gave devoted and fruitful service in those early years were **AARON BURKEY** and wife, **JACOB CARRIER** and wife, **JOHN GRIFFITHS** and wife, **THOMAS SAMPSON** and wife, **CHARLES BONAR** and wife. These people and many others were loyal, devoted and faithful to the Friends Church of **Mottown**. Through their efforts, sacrifices, and prayers the Church was a vital force in the spiritual life of Deerfield. Various ministers also served the Church at **Mottown**, and often the minister was a woman. Women preachers were introduced to Deerfield through the Friends Church at **Mottown**. A **MISS OAKLEY** served this Church for a number of years, and there may have been others in the early part of the Church’s life. During the last years of its service to the community, the **REV. AND MRS. JACOBS** served the Church at **Mottown**. Once again, the Church had a woman preacher in the person of **MRS. JACOBS** who was a very good speaker and able leader and served well along with her husband **REV. JACOBS**. It was during the pastorage of **REV. and MRS. JACOBS** that the Friends Church purchased the Disciple Church building in Deerfield and the organization moved to Deerfield Center.”

A complete biographical sketch of **EZEKIEL MOTT** and his descendants can be found at www.dewaltmechlindar.org. After you enter the web site, click on “Our Patriots”.

Happy adventuring on the back roads of Ohio.

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Following from *The Democrat* Ravenna Ohio, Sept 2, 1909

MAPLE CORNER

Maple Corner, Aug 20.—Miss Leora Luke starts today for Braceville where she will visit her sister Mrs Sarah Jewel for several days.

The Atwater Sundayschool picnic was held at Silver Lake on the 18th and was well attended. Several from here went also.

M Laura Shewell of Sebring and Miss Etta Crane of Indiana returned to Sebring today after visiting at the home of Jude Shewell for a week.

Albert Shewell spent a day in Sebring this week.

Mrs George Snyder is improving.

Mr Winkauf is entertaining company from Pittsburg this week.

Mrs Mary Gilbert and son Earl of Deerfield spent Sunday with her father W Featherby.

RANDOLPH

Randolph, Aug. 20.—Willie Moledev has been spending a few days visiting relatives in Cleveland.

The Ward reunion was held at Brady Lake last Thursday.

Mrs Joseph Breitenbach of Cleveland will spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives here.

The Baldwin reunion was held at Atwater last Thursday at the home of Frank Baldwin.

Mr Amos Slabaugh, while on his visit in Akron, died suddenly and was brought to his home here for burial. Burial services were held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He is survived by four sons and one daughter. His wife died a short time ago.

The C M B A picnic was held at the home of Frank Trares last Saturday, Aug 21.

MONUMENTS

GRAVE MARKERS AND
CORNER POSTS
Large Monuments a Specialty,
W. F. THEISS, Mgr.
Office over Democrat office.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

stops loss of flesh in babies
and children and in adults
in summer as well as winter.
Some people have gained a
pound a day while taking it.

Take it in a little cold water or milk.
Get a small bottle now. All Druggists

THE STANDARD OF THE WORLD

The Name & Death Date list below was found in the *Organizations File--I.O. O.F.* at the Portage County Historical Society. Names are spelled as they appeared on list. Place of burial was listed for some members but only out of state burial places were added by editor. Most are buried in Garrettsville, Windham or Nelson.

Portage Lodge Odd Fellows Members

Ahrens, L. W.	Nov. 18, 1931
Adams, T. H.	May 1921
Alderman, T. R.	1910
Allen, C. D.	Feb. 13, 1914
Barnard, J. B.	May 10, 1913
Bryant, Atwell	Mar 13, 1912
Buttles, S. J.	June 18, 1905
Bush, B. J.	May 6, 1913
Brown, C. S.	Dec. 5, 1917
Bishop, E. S.	Nov. 5, 1911
Baldwin, Geo. A.	Aug. 31, 1919
Beardsley, D.	Jan. 31, 1906
Bruce, Geo.	May 12, 1901
Bates, O. E.	Aug. 27, 1898
Byers, S.	Aug. 26, 1905
Bartholomew, M. D.	Feb. 9, 1906
Burke, Edw.	Feb. 12, 1922
Buell, Frederick	Aug. 7, 1902
Brokaw, Harold H.	Dec. 6, 1957
Bruce, S. H.	Nov. 9, 1936
Bost, C. G.	Dec. 13, 1917
Brossius, Homer H.	July 18, 1955
Chaffee, Wolcott	Dec. 6, 1902
Chamberlin, O. H.	June 4, 1904
Cole, Melton	May 11, 1898
Curtiss, N. A.	Nov. 9, 1922
Clark, M. D.	May 27, 1917
Crafts, C. H.	Mar. 3, 1915
Clapp, E. O.	Jan. 27, 1917
Coe, E. E.	Dec. 29, 1927
Crafts, J. L.	no date
Cooper, C. E.	Jan. 2, 1923
Clapp, A. E.	Mar. 1, 1940
Chaffee, A. G.	Aug. 9, 1937
Chalker, O. D.	Mar. 21, 1937
Camp, H. D.	Aug. 31, 1935
Cooper, Q. W.	June 12, 1929
Davis, E. S.	Mar. 31, 1922
Davis, W. C.	Dec. 29, 1900
Davis, Arthur	June 14, 1898
Dutter, T. E.	Dec. 18, 1926
Davis, Abner	Feb. 13, 1903
Durkee, W. H.	May 10, 1903
Dayton, S. A.	Oct. 20, 1947
Davis, J. H.	Aug. 10, 1942

Esty, Wm.	1905
Eisinhour, C. S.	Mar. 2, 1918
Everett, Lewis N.	Sept. 15, 1957
Ensign, I. H.	Aug. 21, 1910
Evans, J. H.	May 18, 1912
Ebert, P. Z.	Oct 21, 1919
Fobes, T. A.	May 29, 1926
Fuller, S. W.	June 7, 1908
Felt, J. C.	Mar. 3, 1934
Fenton, E. M.	Jan. 24, 1928
Fowler, E. B.	July 25, 1922
Freeman, P. C.	Dec. 29, 1926
Freeman, O. D.	Jan. 8, 1915
Frankhouse, J. B.	Apr. 23, 1916
Glover, H. Harry	May 6, 1942
Hopkins, I. V.	May 12, 1906
Hawley, C. P.	Mar. 24, 1903
Hoskin, A. D. Sr.	Feb. 6, 1919
Hoskin, A. J. Jr.	Feb. 15, 1953
Hopkins, Geo.	Mar.14, 1933
Howell, C. A.	May 12, 1923
Hewitt, D. S.	Oct. 2, 1900
Hannah, A. F.	Jan. 13, 1899
Horton, G. W.	Sept. 8, 1915
Holway, J. W.	Jan. 24, 1943
Hahn, Ward H.	Feb. 2, 1951
Hawkins, W. S.	Feb. 15, 1941
Hart, Fred	Sept. 19, 1958
Johnson, J. W.	Feb. 12, 1900
Judd, E. A.	May. 15, 1906
Jackson, J. J.	Aug. 11, 1932
Judd, Homer	Aug. 8, 1932
Keller, John H.	Mar. 28, 1919
Knowlton, J. B.	Sept. 7, 1907
Koontz, S. S.	July 31, 1914
Kibbee, H. B.	Feb. 1918
Kirkwood, H. C.	Jan. 1, 1919
Lane, A. D.	May 1942
Lawrence, C. W.	May 8, 1917
Layer, Frank	July 19, 1949
Moses, L. N.	Apr 5, 1915
Merwin, H. N.	July 19, 1905
Merwin, L. A.	July 12, 1910
Mills, A. W.	Jan 22, 1926
(buried in Boras Ferry, OR)	
Morrow, C. P.	May 10, 1937
Martin, S. K.	June 20, 1917
Mallory, C. E.	Apr 9, 1946
Monroe, Bernie	Jan 23, 1951
McBride, Geo.	Aug 30, 1922
McCorkle, J. C.	May 6, 1917

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McManigal, S.L.	July 6, 1935
McCullough, Ford	Feb 15, 1951
Nichols, A. M.	Oct 5, 1914
Nicholson, L.S.	Aug 1917
Nicholson, L. C.	Oct 24, 1933
Noftsinger, Geo.	Sept 1, 1942
Noftsinger, James A.	Feb 17, 1944
Olds, O. D.	Apr 12, 1904
Olds, S.C.	Oct 30, 1927
Ober, R. H.	Feb 11, 1931
Odler, Jacob	Apr 1920
Peggs, Henry	Mar 22, 1910
Paine, A. J.	June 29, 1935
Payne, R. K.	Jan 23, 1922
Payne, S. J.	Sept 28, 1934
(buried Mt. Pleasant, MI)	
Pike, James	Oct 11, 1917
Pardee, Clarence	May 18, 1930
Pierce, F. D.	May 23, 1935
Payne, K. B.	Feb 13, 1912
Payne, B. T.	Oct 27, 1927
Prentice, A. G.	May 26, 1926
[March is written in pencil above May]	
Roper, C. L.	Nov 4, 1914
Rudolph, J. K.	1921
Raymond, Edward	Mar 1920
Root, J. W.	June 3, 1931
Ritter, W. H.	Dec 13, 1947
Ryder, A. M.	Sept 1915
Ryder, T. M.	Oct 30, 1952
Rood, S. H.	Dec 1, 1932
Rossow, August	Mar 1922
Root, D. M.	Mar 21, 1935
Snow, J.E.	July 13, 1910
Snaderson, E. M.	Nov 20, 1910
Sweet, E. C.	Apr 26, 1926
Smith, E. C.	no date
Sanderson, E. L.	1919
Snow, L. V.	1938
Sperry, F. P.	Sept 1, 1915
Stauffer, H. D.	July 1914
Smith, E. N.	May 2, 1933
Shepard, A. D.	Jan 28, 1952
Schnelein, Karl	Feb 27, 1922
Stiles, John E.	Jan 4, 1954
Sole, Otas G.	June 1, 1959
Tilden, R. E.	Feb 26, 1901
Tremolin, Peter	Jan 28, 1915
Tabor, Geo.	May 1914
Taylor, M. E.	Dec 4, 1933

Truman, Edward	Jan 1921
Udall, J. E.	Feb 3, 1899
Udall, B. K.	Feb 28, 1898
Udall, L. B.	May 27, 1927
Wadsworth, S. F.	Apr 22, 1907
Webb, C. B.	July 27, 1906
Wiard, C. L.	Jan 28, 1938
Waters, r. B.	Mar 26, 1918
White, W. N.	Jan 9, 1930
Waters, r. B. Jr.	July 16, 1957
Wilson, H. M.	no date
Woodburn, W. T.	Oct 4, 1927

See page 10 for more information on The Odd Fellowship organization

From *The Democrat*, Ravenna Ohio September 2, 1909

FEEDER DAM

Feeder Dam, Aug. 31.—Mrs Fred Reese and daughter Nellie have gone to their Ravenna home after spending the summer on the farm here with her son Charles.

Chandis Bailey of Canton is spending a few weeks with his cousin, M C Price, and family.

Mrs Hanselman and two sons of Canton are visiting her husband's parents here.

Miss Schrumm of Akron is visiting at Ray Corbett's and with other relatives here this week.

Richard Wilcox has returned from Canton where he has spent the summer and will stay with his grandparents. Mr and Mrs J D Reed, this winter.

Mrs May Curtis of Ravenna is spending this week with her brother, M C Price.

C H Corbett has gone to Nelson where he teaches school this year.

The schools opened Monday morning.

Wm Warfield died at the home of his mother, Mrs Alma Warfield, Saturday morning of tuberculosis, aged 88 years. He leaves his mother and a son to mourn his loss.

Mrs Manley Webb has entertained her mother from Alliance and a sister from Cleveland the past few days.

Many people from here attended Ravenna Home Coming last week.

W O Corbett, wife and daughter visited at Charlie Donley's in Shaletsville Sunday.

Mrs Fred House and daughters of South Newbury spent Friday night and Saturday at Mrs James Roosa's.



WHAT IS ODD FELLOWSHIP?


ODD FELLOWSHIP IS NOT

- Merely a beneficial society.
- Just another secret organization.
- An institution without a future.

ODD FELLOWSHIP IS

- The strongest fraternal society on the continent.
- A great world wide united brotherhood.
- A fraternity founded on the basis of universal brotherhood.
- Based on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
- No longer an experiment.
- More than a century old as we know it on this continent.
- Endowed with the intellectual vigor, elasticity, adaptability and freshness of perpetual youth.
- The foe of selfishness and ignorance.
- Based upon the purest principles of equality.
- Non-political and non-sectarian.
- A source of comfort in times of trouble and adversity.
- A world wide force that stands for all that is noblest and highest.
- An everyday guide for conduct, a mantle that should be worn always.
- An organization that favors no man for his wealth and frowns on none for his poverty.

-An ideal that exists in the heart and mind of every genuine Odd Fellow.

-Fulfilling a mission in the world which no other institution has successfully attempted.

-A vitalizing, sympathetic and actuating influence in the lives of all its real members.

-A ministering spirit succoring the needy, cheering the despondent and protecting the helpless.

-The handmaid of virtue and religion.

-Founded on the inspired word of God as revealed to man in the Holy Bible.

ODD FELLOWSHIP TEACHES

-Wise and serious truths and opens up before its members opportunities for useful service.

-Belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

-The lesson of fraternity, that all are of one family and therefore brethren.

-The importance of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

-The privilege and duty of individual sympathy, mutual assistance and every day service to one's fellows.

-That humanity was intended to be one harmonious structure.

-That each individual is a unit in that God-made temple.

-Its members how to stand on their own feet, yet walk in step with their neighbors.

-The difference between right and wrong.

-That it is more blessed to give than to receive.

ODD FELLOWSHIP AIMS

-To impress upon its members a real sense of their obligations to others.

-To improve and exalt the character of man.

-To imbue him with a proper conception of his capabilities for good.

-To enlighten his mind.

-To enlarge the sphere of his affections.

-To promote the general good of man-kind.

-To spread abroad the light of morality and fraternalism.

-To eliminate false distinctions among men.

-To lead man to the cultivation and extension of true fraternity.

-To establish peace on earth and good will among men.

QUALIFICATIONS

All we ask is that you believe in the SUPREME BEING.

Be of good moral CHARACTER.

Though all of our DEGREES are taken from the BIBLE, the choice of your faith, belief or sect has no bearing in our ORDER. Neither does your choice of politics. Our ORDER will in no way conflict with your other groups such as, civic, fraternal, benevolent, etc. We do not know the requirements of all the CHURCHES, but there is nothing in our teachings that are contrary to the normal precepts of any CHURCH.

WHAT does ODD FELLOWSHIP do for you?

I have given you some of the facts about ODD FELLOWSHIP as to what this ORDER stands for, our aims, our accomplishments and our purpose. You will make everlasting FRIENDS and acquire a satisfaction which money cannot buy. Wouldn't you like to become a member of this GREAT FRATERNITY?

We need you and I am sure you need us. I am an ODD FELLOW, a member of this great organization, I want you to become one too.

EPIDEMICS

Cholera: 1832-34, 1848-50, 1854, 1865-66, 1871-73
Diphtheria: 1856-59, 1896, 1921
Influenza: 1807, 1826, 1879-80, 1918-19
Small Pox: 1868, 1882-83, 1898, 1901-03, 1905-13
Yellow Fever 1793 in Philadelphia
1853 in New Orleans
1878 in Memphis

Because of these illnesses many families moved. Remember to take this into consideration when doing your research.

Information from Diane VanSkiver Gagel

FGS Cincinnati Syllabus T-59, 1998

Following is from Portage County Democrat September 2, 1909

Notice of Appointment.

Estate of Lucy A. Collins, Deceased.
The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Lucy A. Collins, late of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, deceased.
Dated this 24th day of August, A. D. 1909.
SARAH J. WHEELER.
Attest: E. F. ROBISON, Probate Judge.

Notice of Appointment

Estate of Adam Conrad, Deceased.
The undersigned have been appointed and qualified as Executors of the estate of Adam Conrad, late of Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, deceased.
Dated this 20th day of August, A. D. 1909.
EMMA G. GEORGE,
ALBERT E. CONRAD.
Attest: E. F. ROBISON, Probate Judge.

Notice of Appointment.
Estate of Florence L. Sharp, deceased.
The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as Executor of the estate of Florence L. Sharp, late of Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, deceased.
Dated this 13th day of August, A. D. 1909.
aug. 1913 CHAS. R. SHARP.
Attest: E. F. ROBISON, Probate Judge.

Marriage Licenses.

H. L. Fenney, 22, florist, Kent, and Lillian B. Hassett, 18, Kent.
Presley P. King, 23, farmer, Ouyahoga Falls, and Grace E. Shope, 20, Charlestown.

Charlestown Boy Dead.

Charles Lynn Coe, aged 13 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coe, died at his home in Charlestown Tuesday night, the cause being tonsillitis. He had been sick but a short time, falling ill after coming home from the Home Coming last week. His death was very sudden and shocks the many friends of the family. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the home of the deceased at 2 o'clock, sun time.

Below is from Kent Tribune March 21, 1929

Police Court.

John Joiner of Atwater was fined the costs for disorderly conduct on August 25 by Mayor Loomis. The same day George Gotham of Freedom paid the costs for intoxication.
On August 26 Eugene Dalrymple was fined \$5 and costs on being brought before the mayor on a charge of intoxication. Dominick Carbaro was also brought before the mayor on the same day, being charged with disorderly conduct and was fined \$1 and costs.
These are the most cases that have been brought into court for a long time and were probably caused by the exhilaration of Home Week.

L. N. GROSS ITEMS

Well, Kent Folks, here's a few breezy items from the L. N. Gross Co. Since we moved into our brand new building you all made possible here, we have been ever so busy getting organized adding on new help and new machines. But never-the-less everybody is happy and after the flu everybody is back on the job again. Now we are going to have our big Spring-time dance on March 30, at the I. O. O. F. Hall and Kline's Royal Serenaders will be there for the big doings. And the girls are all going to be there too. So that's suf said. It's going to be the hit of the season. Manager Matthews and his committee are leaving nothing undone to make everybody happy. For that is the slogan of the Company, "keep the girls happy." Our daily production now averages over 500 dozen completed dresses per day. Mr. Gross says he is very proud of his Kent building and its girls. And his every interest is centered here along with that of Manager Matthews who has remained here faithful to his charge while the east and his friends call there. But they both state they are going to give their

best to Kent and its good people for their loyal support that was given to them. And they ask only in return the support and cooperation of the girls and parents and citizens in general. We hope to have a number of the Cleveland officials with us at this dance, among them Mr. Gross and his sons and Mr. M. E. Reed and others and also a number of Kent guests. And they are assured that we will leave nothing undone to make it a most pleasant evening for them. As Manager Matthews and his committee consisting of Arthur Muetzel, Verla Rainsberg, Jennie Williams, Ella Shanaberger, Elma Lower, Thelma Frame, and Gertrude Harmon are working hard for its success and declare if anyone doesn't have a good time it won't be their fault.

TAKES STOW TAVERN

Mrs. Cowden, who until the recent fire, operated Motor Inn at Stow, has taken over the Stow Tavern, on the Stow-Tallmadge Road and will operate that place, making chicken dinners a specialty as before.
Both old and new patrons will be welcome. 21-1

The following from *Ancestry Trails* 20-10, Trumbull County Chapter OGS Nov 1995, p. 71

GENEALOGICAL SHORTHAND

abt	about	gmo,gmor	grandmother
ae	(aetatis) aged	gp,gpar	grandparent(s)
aft	after	gr	great
aka	also known as	gs	grandson
anc	ancestor,ancestry	g.s.	gravestone
ans	answer	h.	husband
b	born	iden	identity
bapt,bap	baptized	info	information
bd, bdt	birthdate	int	intentions
bef	before	inv	inventory
bet	between	li, liv	lived, living
bp, bpl	birthplace	m,mar,md	married
bro	brother	mdt	marriage date
bd, bur	buried	mo, mor	mother
c, ca	(circa) about, approximately	mpl	place of marriage
cem	cemetery	mv, mov	moved
Cen	Census	p, par	parent(s), parentage
ch	child, children	pl	place
Ch	Church	poss	possibly
chris	christened	pro	probate(d), proved
CivW, CW	Civil War	prob	probably
Co	County	re	regarding
corr	correspondence	rec	record
crspd	correspondence	ref	reference
csn	cousin	rel	related, relatives
d	died	rem	removed
d, da	days	req	request(ed)
dau	daughter	res	resided, residence
ddt	deathdate	RevW, RW	Revolutionary War
desc	descendant	s	son
desr	desire	SASE	self-addressed stamped envelope
div	divorced	sett	settled
dpl	deathplace	sibs	siblings
d.s.p.	(decessit sine prole) died without issue	sis	sister
dt	date	sol	soldier
d.v.p.	(decessit vita patris) died in lifetime of father	srnm	surname
d.y.	died young	terr	territory
enl	enlisted	trad	tradition
exch, xch	exchange	twp	township
f, ftr	father	unk	unknown
fam	family	unmd	unmarried
fol, foll	following	vic	vicinity
fr	from	VR	Vital Records
g	great	w	wife
gch	grandchild(ren)	wid	widow
gdau	grandaughter	y, yr	year
gen	genealogy, generation		
gf	grandfather		
ggf	great grandfather		

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From: Akron Beacon Journal April 14, 1928

Only Four Men Killed For Murders In Portage County, Search Of Records Shows

Interesting Facts Recalled Following Slaying Of Woman With Axe—Indian Hung Without Being Given Trial

By OLIVER WOLCOTT

KENT, April 14.—In spite of the fact that Portage county has had many murders, only four men have been put to death for the crime in the history of the county, it was recalled this week, following the slaying of Mrs. Josephine Madison with an ax.

Whether or not William Madison, confessed Kent wife slayer, will be the fifth is a moot question throughout the community.

The last man to pay with his life for murder in Portage county was "Blinky" Morgan, a notorious Cuyahoga county criminal. He was convicted of the murder of Detective Hulligan, a Cleveland officer, at the Pennsylvania railroad station, Ravenna, in 1888.

The first murder recorded in Portage county was the shooting of Daniel Divers in 1806 by a Mohawk, a son of Chief Seneca. The citizens rose in arms to pursue and capture the Indian and demand his life for the one he had taken. At that time Kent was a small settlement, known as Franklin Mills.

Hung Without Trial

The next execution to be recorded was that of J. McKisson, who was hanged by a vigilance committee of Portage county settlers for killing a Pittsburg peddler.

Portage county citizens in both the cases of Mohawk and McKisson disregarded the customary proceedings, hanging the killers without dalliance with the devious processes of law.

Jack Cooper was the last man from Kent to be hanged and he was also the last man to be hanged by the county. He paid with his life on April 27, 1860. The event was staged in the rear of the courthouse and attracted the entire populace to Ravenna to witness it.

Rodenbaugh Murder

Cooper was tried and convicted for the murder of John Rodenbaugh in the January term of court in 1866. Court records show that he was condemned to die April 6, but was given a stay of execution by Gov. J. D. Cox until April 26. Cooper's pal, Joel Berra, was sentenced to the Ohio state penitentiary for life for his part in the killing.

The murder took place near Lake Brady, at a point known as "Red-brush," near the Heighton farm, after Rodenbaugh, an auctioneer from Lake Brady, had displayed a huge roll of bills during a card game in an establishment on Franklin av. The crime was committed Oct. 24, 1865. He was sentenced to die by Judge C. E. Glidden.

With the hanging of Cooper the county hanging passed.

Caught in Pittsburg

Morgan was arrested in Pittsburg by Capt. Haines and Detective Hulligan of Cleveland. The officers were returning to Cleveland with their man when Hulligan was killed with a coupling pin by Morgan at Ravenna. Morgan had been arrested for stealing furs from a Cleveland firm.

He was tried and convicted at Ravenna and sentenced to the Ohio state penitentiary for life. He was hanged at Ravenna at the same time as this section. Herb Sheldon, Akron constable, arrested Morgan while he was attempting to kill Haines after he had disposed of Hulligan.

In late years Kent has been the scene of numerous murders which have gone down in the records of crime unsolved.

One of the most baffling murders that has confronted local police and county authorities was the murder of James Carlyle, former sheriff of Portage county, at his home on S. Water st., a few years ago.

Clayton Apple, merchant policeman, was murdered on N. River st., in 1926. John Mollica was held for nearly a year as an alleged accomplice in the affair. He was released later.

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