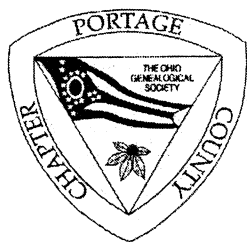


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To Our Members:

In May the chapter members went on a guided tour of Maple Grove Cemetery in Ravenna, lead by Jackie Woodring. She gave a brief history of prominent members of the community that are buried there. The group managed to finish the tour just before the rain fell.

The price of everything has changed—as in increased --and we have come to the realization that we are no longer making a profit on our cemetery books. Therefore we voted at the May meeting to raise the price of each book or set by \$5.00. The price of our books has not changed since at least 1999. We should have made increases in smaller amounts over the years instead of one big jump, but we find it necessary for the chapter at this point in time. There was discussion about putting the material on CD's to sell. The books would have to be scanned as the original text was done on word processing machines and was deleted. We could also do a CD of the entire index of all thirteen volumes. If you have any thoughts about this idea please send them to me at the e-mail in the box at left, I would like membership input on this matter.

Enjoy your summer!!

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

2009-June-July-August—no meetings—Have a fantastic summer and hopefully find one more missing link in the family chain.

September 19—Tom Neel from the Ohio Genealogical Society-subject to be announced.

October 17—First Settler's Luncheon

November—to be announced

December-no meeting

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January—

February—Roger Marble

Chapter News:

Welcome to our new members:

Mike COX 4360 Spencer Rd SE, Kalkaska MI 49646 mikecox@wildblue.net

T198--**Judy THORNTON** 9764 Nichols Rd Windham Oh 44288 threeponys@verizon.net

Surnames: **BENNETT, CORBETT, HERITAGE, MOORE, STEINFURTH, and VAUGHN**

Please Notice that the prices have changed on all our publications.

See page 13 for publications list.

Volume I Franklin Township Cemeteries will be published in a new format soon. The separate every name index book will be included in the current two volume set. A price for this new format has yet to be announced. It will be approximately 725 pages.

Don't Forget To Send In A Copy Of A Tombstone Photo!!

CONTEST—Win a One -Year Membership to the Chapter -- Send or bring to a meeting 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.

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.

Entries should be received by September 15, 2009.

Photos can be returned to you if requested and please send a self addressed stamped envelope.

RESEARCH POLICY: Our chapter has a charge for research time. All research money, after volunteer expenses goes to the chapter as a donation. Our all-volunteer researchers can rack up a lot of traveling to get the information requested, which takes up their time and costs them for travel We do not have a full time researcher or a certified genealogist in our chapter. If the research requested is out of Portage County you will have to contact that county's chapter or check online for a researcher who covers that area.

The research form is available to download at http://history.portage.oh.us/genealogy_society.html

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

Please limit your query to only two surnames. Queries, which are posted in this newsletter, are free for members. There is a \$1.00 fee for queries from non-members who must mail in their payment with the request. Mail to: PCCOGS, P. O. Box 821, Ravenna OH 44266-0821

The **Ohio Genealogical Society** broke ground for their new library on May 29, 2009. It will be called the Samuel D. Isaly Ohio Genealogy Library. Mr. Isaly is from the Isaly Dairy family in Mansfield and made the lead contribution to OGS for the new library. OGS has donor opportunities for library furniture in the Family Room. Donors will receive a nameplate mounted on the sponsored item, such as a chair, table or shelf. For more information see their web site at www.ogs.org

More Chapter News:

NOT TOO LATE FOR FIRST SETTLERS!

This year at the First Settlers October luncheon we will have three new members to welcome. For those who may not know, the First Settlers is a group within the Genealogical Society that honors the early pioneers and settlers of Portage County. To become a member of First Settlers you must be a member of the Portage County Chapter OGS, be able to document your direct line from your ancestor and prove that he or she was a resident of Portage County before December 31, 1840. The deadline for applications for this year is August 1, 2009. If you are interested you may email me for further information at jlwoodring34@aol.com. If you have direct ancestors who settled here it would be a great way to honor their memory and accomplishments. It's not too late.

Jackie Woodring
Chairperson First Settler's



Member **Paul Hoot** of Selinsgrove, Penn., has donated a book –*Hoot and Huth Families of Portage County, Ohio* to the Portage County Chapter OGS and we have put it on the library shelf at the Portage County Historical Society. Paul writes that this publication represents 25 years of research by him and contributing members of the family. Thanks to Paul for the donation of his hard work.



The latest publication of the Portage County Historical Society:

“The 1861-1864 Civil War Letters of General Erastus Barnard Tyler” **

Compiled and edited by Jacqueline Woodring

In early 2006 about 120 letters were discovered in the bottom of an old box at the Historical Society. E. B. Tyler, a resident of Ravenna, wrote the letters during the Civil War years to his brother-in-law, Newell D. Clark. When the war broke out in 1861 Tyler was a partner of the American Fur Company working in Western Virginia, and also a General of Ohio Militia. He went off to War as a Colonel commanding the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and later became a Brigadier General. Through his letters Tyler brings to life the news and happenings of the war, eyewitness accounts and the inside working of the military. He also instructed Newell on business decisions, bought and sold property, ran his farm, invested money and arranged for care of his two children. He was able to obtain positions in the military for friends and family, and demonstrated the power of politics in military affairs. Much research on Tyler's life, family and military career has been done, and his life was followed as closely as possible after the war until his death.

There are approximately 150 pages in the book; price is \$35.00 plus tax for Ohio residents. An extra \$4.00 will be charged for mailing and handling.

**** If you plan to order this publication please make check payable to:
Portage County Historical Society**

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DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THE GENEALOGY CHAPTER

The following information was found in *Ancestry Trails* 33-6 page 40, the Trumbull County Chapter OGS newsletter, July-August 2008.

CEMETERY SYMBOLS on tombstones

- Lamb**—most common on a child's grave. In Christian art it is a symbol of Christ. The use of the lamb pre-dates Christianity. First used by the Egyptians and signifies purity and innocence.
- Clasped Hands**—sign of leaving, shows the right hand overlapping the other while the left hand is open. It could be the depiction of a man holding a woman's hand and indicates marriage or a close bond between individuals, unit and affection after death. Clasped hands are also a symbol of a farewell or last good-bye.
- Cross**—to Christians, the greatest symbolic message is in the crucifix and an emblem of faith. The Celtic cross is a circle around the crosspiece symbolic of eternity.
- The Eye of God**—if surrounded by a triangle and circle, it symbolized eternity of the Holy Trinity.
- Angels**—the agent of God, guardians of the dead and spirituality. Michael bears a sword and Gabriel bears a horn. Angels are also shown carrying the departed.
- Angel Flying or Trumpeting**—Means rebirth, resurrection.
- Bible**—Symbolizes a religious lay person or a cleric. Cherubs can also be on the graves of children.
- Butterfly**—Passing this life to the next
- Coffin**—A sarcophagus denotes mortality.
- Columns**—Denotes heavenly entrance.
- Drapery**—Means sorrow and mourning.
- Flame**—Means eternity.
- Scroll**—A symbol of life and time; both ends rolled up indicate a life that is unfolding.
- Urn**—A Greek symbol of mourning, the body as a vessel of the soul.
- Draped urn**—Connotes death, often of an older person.
- Winged skull**—A flight of the soul from mortal man.
- Flowers**—these convey love, grief and happiness.
1. Acanthus—oldest cemetery motif
 2. Calla lily—symbolizes marriage
 3. Dogwood—Christianity, divine sacrifice, resurrection
 4. Ivy—memory, immortality, friendship, persistence of life in the midst of life
 5. Lily—majesty, innocence, purity, the Virgin's flower, the beginning of life
 6. Morning glory—resurrection, mourning, farewell
 7. Rose—love, beauty, hope; depicted somewhere between a bud (early death) or flower indicating the age at death
- Weeping Willow**—This is nature's lament, a symbol of sorrow and perpetual mourning.
- Wheat**—The resurrection, bread and wine. Sheaves indicate the divine harvest, the aged.
- Wreath or Garland**—An ancient Greek symbol of the victory of the redemption.
- Oak, Oak Leaves and Acorn**—These stand for power, authority or victory.
- Dove**—Means innocence or peace.
- Grim Reaper**—Means death personified.
- Scythe**—An instrument of the harvest, death cuts us down.
- Chalice**—Usually used to represent the Sacraments.
- Praying Hands**—Asking God for eternal life.
- Hands Pointing Up**—Means a pathway to heaven.
- Heart**—A symbol of love, two hearts joined on a stone mark a marriage.
- Broken Column**—Represents the decay or loss of the family head.
- Palm Branch**—Signifies victory and rejoicing.
- Rod or Staff**—Comfort for the bereaved.
- Lions**—Guards the tomb and stands for courage.

Victorian Mourning Customs presented by Charen Fink at the Annual Dinner in June.

It really did burn!
May 27, 1910

November 1, 1895
Flower Show-List of winners
and contributors

A letter to the editor of the *Ohio Star*, Ravenna from AMZI
ATWATER June 5, 1843

RAVENNA COURT HOUSE IN FLAMES

Ravenna, O., May 27.—(SpE)—Firemen at noon today got control of a fire which broke out in third story of the Portage-co. court house this morning. The fire had gained a heavy headway before being discovered, and the fire department had a hard fight. Many old county records stored on the third floor were destroyed. The loss was over \$2000.

November 12, 1884
Paris Township News

11-12 PARIS. 1884

Thefts—Improvements in and Around Newport.
John James left a load of corn in the field over night. The next morning the corn was missing. A number of our farmers have missed some of their fat sheep.
John Calkins has arrived home from New York with his young bride. We wish them a long and happy life.
Our little town tries to be up with her neighbors in improvements. Alfonso Patterson, north of the Center, is building a new barn. David Davis, west of the Center, is putting up a horse barn. Thomas Thomas, at the Center, has put a coat of paint on his barn, which adds very much to its looks. David S. Davis has been repairing his house, which adds very much to its appearance.
Newport, our flourishing little town, has added one more building to its number, in the shape of a blacksmith shop. Mr. Bruce, of Garrettsville, will take charge of it. Our little town will do well to support three blacksmiths.
A saloon has been started at Newport.
MAX.

Flower Show.

There was a good attendance at the "flower show" Friday night. A good lecture was given by Mr. Davey and the following prizes were awarded in the writing contest. We give names of contributors, followed by those of the winners:

- 1ST CLASS.
1. Gold stick pin, P. W. Eigner. Allie E Roberts
 2. 1 plush manicure, Mitchell & Co. Mae Nease
 3. Silk handkerchief, Mark Davis. Georgiana Marshall
 4. Lady's belt, E. E. France. Edna Olin
 5. Gent's neck tie, F. H. Merrell. Edith Dithridge
 6. "Barriers Burned Away," (E. P. Roe) F. W. Trory. Sophia Wurster
 7. Pair cuff buttons, H. H. Line. Elsie Woy
 8. Box best chocolate candy, Will Donaghy. Flora Parker
- 2ND CLASS
1. Gold collar button, Davis & Ewing. Fannie Covell
 2. Silk handkerchief, J. E. Richards. Minnie Hargraves
 3. China cup and saucer, I. L. Herriff. Hattie Clark
 4. Celery holder, Foote & Reed. Fred Peck
 5. Sert tea spoons, Sawyer & Kneifel. Ada Kelso
 6. Box fine toilet soap, J. L. Long. Catharine Buell
 7. Pad fine stationery and envelopes to match, N. B. Rynard. Philip Herwig
 8. 1 lb. fine candy, L. C. Eckert. Iva McBroom
- 3RD CLASS.
1. Silver vase, R. A. Thompson. Tellie Gellis
 2. Silk handkerchief, F. W. Cone. Willie Jacobs
 3. Pen knife, Getz Bros. Joe Fitzpatrick
 4. Pen knife, Fiedler & Co. Bessie Roth
 5. Pen knife, S. Spencer. Willie Kinney
 6. Basket grapes, Felger & Elgin. Harry Storch
 7. Bottle perfumery, Dr. Davis. Maud Taylor
 8. Box candy, Thos. May. (Name not furnished)

The names of two ladies from each church were mentioned as a committee to consider the advisability of having six flower shows in '96. Names: Mrs. S. V. Smith, Mrs. Fred Sawyer, Mrs. J. L. Long, Mrs. G. L. Stauffer, Mrs. A. L. McClelland, Mrs. L. C. Merrell, Mrs. M. V. Green, Mrs. M. M. Zellers, Mrs. B. Harding, Mrs. Dr. Case, Mrs. J. R. Hallock, Mrs. Fred Hagaman, Mrs. Mary J. Thomas, Mrs. Geo. Nivhan, Miss Rose Green, Mrs. Nora Collins.

THE OHIO STAR,

PUBLISHED BY
DEWEY & WADSWORTH.

For the *Ohio Star*.

Mr. EDITOR:—Much of late has been said of the Locust year. Please to permit me to tell a few facts.

When I was a boy and living with my parents at Hamden, near New Haven in Connecticut, the year 1792 had been foretold as a "Locust year." My father had seen several, and my grand-father and some of the neighbors remembered many more, and all agreed that was the 17th year from their last appearance. My father told me they would come up thick in a rye field, which had been cleared within the last 17 years. I anxiously waited and watched for the appearance of Locusts. About the 1st of May or first of June, they began to appear in that rye field and all about the dry lands in the woods, coming out of the ground, having a round, smooth, perpendicular pole about big as a large musket ball.— They immediately climbed a little distance from the ground if they could, and then split or burst their shell on the back, and rept out, took to their wings and flew away, leaving their shells attached to such substance as they had fixed their claws upon for the purpose of disenrobing themselves of their grave clothes. I then supposed it was Locust year all over the world, and I should see no more of them for 17 years. In 1798 I was at Chatauqua, N. Y. in June; it was Locust year there. In 1801 I was at Ononaga, N. Y., it was Locust year there. Some few years after, it was Locust year near the Cuyahoga river in Summit and Cuyahoga counties. In June 1815, I went to Pittsburgh. It was Locust year there, and a large portion of the way, as far as Ellsworth, Trumbull counties some years after that, it was Locust year at Franklin in this county, and its vicinity. I have not seen them in Mantua, although I have resided here upwards of 42 years, and should think much of our soil and timber very similar to where I've seen Locusts in abundance.

It is certainly a curiosity to see them rise out of the ground, shed their skin or shell, and in a few weeks sting and deposit their eggs in the heart of a solid twig of the size of a turkey quill, which would appear to require a tool of the consistency of an awl to perforate. The eggs soon hatch and all disappear.
AMZI ATWATER.
Mantua, June 5, 1843.

The following list of all male names was part of a pile of news clippings located at the Portage County Historical Society. There was no indication of what the list was for. It is from the *Ohio Star* Newspaper dated May 22, 1842. Asahel H. Lewis was the editor of the paper in Ravenna.

May 22-1842

J O'Neil	Asher Belding.	W W Hinman.	J W Goodenough.	Chapman Smith.	Harvey D Cogswell.
Laurin Dewey	Abraham Olmstead,	Joseph Delong, jr	Daniel Cogswell.	Josiah N West,	John S Harris,
Thomas M. Smith	Asher Gurley,	Asaph Wales,	Eli Case,	A S Beagle,	David Sears.
A C H Boorn	Wm A Holcomb,	Oliver Alford,	Fra Mansfield,	W W Hinman.	J W Goodenough.
Daniel R Tilden,	Beach Sanford,	W B Brigham,	John Cleverly,	Joseph Delong, jr	Daniel Cogswell.
A H Lewis,	Job Snell,	Sam'l Lyman,	Henry L Meriurs,	Asaph Wales,	Eli Case,
Wm Wadsworth,	S Henrison,	Jonathan Foote,	Job L Carrington,	Oliver Alford,	Fra Mansfield,
H L Tilden,	Titus Belding,	Lucian Foote,	James Stall,	W B Brigham,	John Cleverly,
J S Leffingwell,	G B Belding.	Mils Banks,	Harris Sherman,	Sam'l Lyman.	Henry L Meriurs,
E P Bassett,	E A Belding,	Austin Odell,	Erasmus Needham,	Jonathan Foote,	Job L Carrington,
Wm Frazer,	Nathan Shaw,	Harvey Brigham,	L M Sherman,	Lucian Foote,	James Stall,
Wm Stinaff,	Gideon D Seymour.	John Streator,	Joseph G Chapman.	Mils Banks,	Harris Sherman,
Francis W Tappan,	Geo W Tucker,	H E Canfield,	Edwin Barber,	Austin Odell,	Erasmus Needham,
J H Leffingwell,	J T Catlin.	Geo E Conant,	Seely Hart.	Harvey Brigham,	L M Sherman,
John Whittlesey,	Sam'l B Huggins.	L R Chapman,	Amos Benedict.	John Streator,	Joseph G Chapman.
F W Seymour,	Caleb Brown,	Amos T King,	Nathaniel Warner,	H E Canfield,	Edwin Barber,
Wallace Williamson,	Geo Sanford,	Abiram King,	Reuben Hart,	Geo E Conant,	Seely Hart.
K Hamilton,	A H Barlow,	Luther Bullard.	B Stilwell,		
Geo B DePeyster,	R B Campbell,	Carlton S Canfield,	Anson Morton.		
Geo B DePeyster, Jr	David Haun,	Elisha Wetmore,	John W Thomas.		
H C Frazer,	S R Freeman,	Lansing Kellogg.	S Springer,		
Wm Carnahan,	T B Dougal,	H J Hall,	James F Davidson,		
A E Olds,	M Rowell,	C G Austin,	Caleb Sherman,		
Job Clark,	Ransom Cowell,	R S Richards,	John Leonard,		
Jacob Rineheart,	Mahlon Allison,	John W Baldwin.	David Dean, jr		
Dan'l Collins, jr	Ora O Lynde,	Rollin C Dorman,	Wm Dean.		
Cha's H Bostwick,	M Strong,	E Johnson,	David F Whitford,		
Geo Bostwick,	H B Thayer.	C B Curtiss,	Jonathan Pulsifer,		
Jesse Buel	Henry Miller,	A Austin,	Julius A Pulsifer,		
Sam'l S Buel,	Augustus Munyan.	R F Paine,	H Pulsifer,		
Sam'l C Thompson,	Cha's Newton,	A T Bates,	Levi Jacobs,		
Nelson Bostwick,	Quartus Witharell,	Edwin Atwood,	Benj Pulsifer.		
A B Griffin,	Jacob Fought,	John M Jones,	Elijah E Alford,		
Fred'k A Hudson,	J E Brown.	Henry Pifer,	Lorenzo D Orvis,		
Omar D Conger,	N M Green.	Evan Jones,	A G Carter,		
George Eckert,	Wm Barton.	Joseph Hazen,	Moses Jacobs,		
Cyrus Prentiss,	Jason Rider.	A Topping,	David Carson.		
E M Whittlesey,	Wm E Udall.	J W Williams,	John Jennings.		
Wm K Witter,	John Weaver, jr	H G Willson,	Harvey Holcomb,		
J W Mercer,	Joshua Maxson	Wm Jones,	John Codwell,		
J Gimperling,	Cha's Loomis,	Ferris Couch,	Amos Osborn,		
Geo G Russell,	Daniel B Ladd,	R B Payne,	Alvin Reeder,		
Sam'l Foljambe,	Cha's L Hendrick,	L D Brown,	Sam'l W Wood,		
Ashbel Bostwick,	Seth Hewins,	Henry White,	Daniel James,		
Doctor Bostwick,	Reuben W Hazen,	Pyler Williams,	John Williams,		
Ralph Bostwick,	John D Hazen.	Wm B Paine,	L H Merrill,		
Levi Sutliff,	F W Savage.	Havel Beckwith 2d,	John Shronts,		
Isaac Thompson,	Carnot Mason,	Mason B Tilden,	James Leonard,		
R J Thompson,	Ozias Allyn.	H A Higley,	J W Utley,		
Wm Turner,	Pelatiab Allyn, jr	James M Gridley.	David T Robbins.		
Zenas Kent,	John Mason.	Henry H Byrnes,	Wm Shronts,		
Isaac Brayton.	Hartwell Rider,	Alfred Talcot,	David Dean,		
Charles Smith,	Symonds Rider.	Wm Rounds,	Jeremiah Jones		
Eli Booth,	Miles T Norton.	John Haines,	Joseph Talcott		
Sam'l H Pardee,	Robert Matterson.	F A Miller,	Jared Scranton		
Joseph Delong,	Daniel Ellenwood.	Aaron Lane,	A Baldwin Jr		
Hiram S Chapman,	Richard W White,	Eliakim Foster,	J M Alden		
John Wait,	John W Tinker.	Jas P Vandusen,	N S Mix		
Gaius Smith,	Thomas Savage.	Richard Curtis.	Ambrose Culver		
Elijah Alford,	Nathaniel Bedell.	G C Van Wagner.	O Blakesley		
Barzillia L Alford,	Silas Raymond,	Geo E Haughten.	Henry Goodman		
Geo Lanis.	Fitch Raymond.	Joseph Southworth,	Miner Merrick		
		Caleb Carlton,	H E Brush		
		E D Carlton,	Ira R Day		
		Robert G Reynolds,	Henry E Mansfield		
		Stephen Baker,	Jason Moor,		

From: Scrapbook # 64
Pages 18 & 19 located
At PCHS library

Married.

- SMITH-GAYLORD—Jan. 24, 1833, at the residence of M. L. Streator, the officiating minister, Mr. Augustus Smith, of Edinburg, O., and Mrs. Sarah Gaylord, of Ravenna, O.
- BAUM-SHELLEY—January 25, 1833, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at his residence. Mr. John Baum, of Elyria, Ohio, and Miss Nellie E. Shelley, of Ravenna.
- SPENCER-COIT—January 28, 1833, by Rev. Andrew Willson, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Z. A. Spencer and Miss Lillie A. Coit, both of Shalersville.
- GLASS-SHREEDER—At the Congregational parsonage, Ravenna, O., Jan. 18, 1833, by Rev. A. M. Hills, Mr. Clayton Glass and Miss Rose Shreeder, both of Kent.

MARRIED.

- WARREN-BALDWIN.—In Aurora, January 16th, 1834, at the home of the bride's father, Harvey Baldwin, by Rev. B. N. Chamberlin, Mr. Frank H. Warren and Miss Minnie C. Baldwin.
- FISH-GOSS.—At the residence of the bride's parents in Edinburg, Thursday evening, January 24th, 1834, by Roswell Chapin, Mr. Charles Fish and Miss Hortense J. Goss, of Edinburg.

—On New Year's night Mrs. Elizabeth Benner and Henry M. Walk, of Goshen, Indiana, were married at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. L. H. Bean, in Ravenna, Rev. A. M. Hills performing the ceremony. Mrs. Benner had been visiting her sister here about a month. Mr. and Mrs. Walk go to Medinaopolis, Town, at which place Mr. Walk will engage in the drug business.

R. C. Bierce, a past resident of Nelson on April 20, 1882, wrote the following letter. While living out of the area for almost forty years he decided to subscribe to the *Garrettsville Journal*. His letter is his reflection on the growth of the area in his absence. The letter appeared in the *Journal* May 4, 1882.

Menomonie, Wis.

April 20th, 1882.

EDITOR JOURNAL—After an absence of almost forty years from the good old town of Nelson, I thought it would be pleasant to know a little of what is transpiring there in these later days, and so a few weeks ago I began to take the JOURNAL. Almost the first thing that attracted my attention was a notice of the death of Eben Sherwood, and soon after I saw that Mrs. Willard Knowlton had passed over the river. These persons I knew well in their younger days before they were married, while they were in the very morning of life—and both were more than three score and ten, when they “fell asleep.” When Eben Sherwood’s father died, the good old Deacon Sherwood of blessed memory, the Rev. Benjamin Fenn, so long the pastor of the Cong. church in Nelson, preached the funeral sermon, and his text was, “Your fathers, where are they, and the prophets, do they live forever?” Reading of the death of these two persons, the question came to me, “Your old friends and acquaintances, where are they? And I can only answer Alas! they do not, cannot, live forever, and they are passing away.

From what I see in the JOURNAL I conclude that Garrettsville has grown to fine proportions. In the days of my boyhood, I used to take grists to the mill there, and about all there was of the village was the dry goods store of old Father Hazen, the saw mill owned and run by a man named Booth, and the flouring mill owned by Capt. Ferry. Now you have streets and squares, banks churches and printing offices. I suppose that long before this the buz of the old saw mill ceased, the clatter of the flouring mill stopped, and new mills have taken their places, and the little Garrettsville that I first saw full fifty-five years ago is now a live, wide-awake, and full grown village.

THE JOURNAL

CHARLES B. WEBB,

Editor and Proprietor

Garrettsville, Ohio.

In the advertisements, and in the local correspondence that goes so far towards making the JOURNAL of especial value to me in this distant place I see many of the old familiar family names, but the christian names look strange to my eye, and have an unfamiliar sound to my ear. They must be a younger generation that have grown up and become the active men of the place since I left the old familiar haunts I shall await the coming of the JOURNAL weekly with much interest. I hope, however, that few and far between will be the numbers that bring me intelligence of the death of those I knew in the days agone.

Should this little scribble find favor in your sight, I may at some future time write again, and tell you about the Great West, as this region was called a few years ago. Now, the Great West and Northwest are far away from here, farther towards the setting sun; and we, who but a few years ago were looked on as occupying the very frontiers of civilization, are now considered as almost in the east. There is a continual d'n and rush here, and emigrants are hurrying past us at the rate of a thousand a day; but the immense plains of Minnesota, Dakota and the Territories still beyond, swallow them up as the mighty Ocean swallows the raindrops, and they may continue to come for years, and yet the land will not be full. R. C. BIERCE

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Newspaper clipping dated
Nov 12, 1884

11-12 Postmaster Folger of Mantua. 1884
Cleveland Herald, Nov. 6.

Mr. James M. Folger, the Postmaster at Mantua Station, who was arrested a short time ago on the charge of embezzling money from his postoffice, was fined yesterday by Judge Welker. There were two counts in the indictment against him. The first was for embezzling money order funds. This was nolle. The second count was embezzling postal revenue. On this count Folger was fined \$100 and costs, which he paid. The sentence was undoubtedly made light on account of the man's advanced age and the fact that the money had all been refunded. Mr. Folger has always been regarded as a thoroughly honest man, and his friends all believe that he had no intention of defrauding the Government in this case, although the law was broken. The light fine imposed will therefore meet with general approval.

Newspaper clipping from *Ravenna Republican* Jan 8, 1897

Ravenna wants a sewer system.
Hear the Gilberts this evening.
No more slot machines in this county.
Much sickness is reported at Atwater.
Counterfeit half dollars are circulating in Akron.

Children in the vicinity of Freedom Station have the whooping cough.

The Lutheran Sunday school will elect officers next Sunday morning.

Dr. H. R. Kelley died in Galion, Monday, after an illness of only six days.

Two saloons have been closed the past week—one in Ravenna and one in Kent. The abundance of cider is one of the reasons given for the poor business.—*Ravenna Republican*.

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Clipping dated: month-December
Year-circa 1913, it was with
papers from that time period.

NEW CASES

John Gilbert Miner wants to be divorced from Charity Ethel Miner to whom he was married on March 13, 1912 at Fremont, Mich. There are no children. He charges cruelty and says that she got to be a common scold; fought him and abused him by throwing knives, dishes and other things at him, ever since their marriage up to the time of their separation six months ago.

DEEDS RECORDED

L. M. and Ann Tracy to Joseph and Thomas McCauley, Kent Villiage, \$1.

R. O. and Laura Siddall to Warren A. Markley, 65 acres, lots 61-62, Atwater, \$1.

Henry C. and Lomo Lechlitner to Alice Smith, lot 31, Deerfield, \$10.

A MAN OF STRONG FRIENDSHIP

Large Charities and Strong Zeal for Temperance Was the Late F. J. Loudin—Simple but Impressive Funeral Services Held Sunday Afternoon.

Funeral services for the late F. J. Loudin, the distinguished artist and organizer of song, who passed into rest last Thursday Nov. 3, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at beautiful "Otila," the Ravenna home he loved so well and to reach which he endured a long ocean voyage and inland journey while battling with the Reaper even then at his side. "God be praised, I am home again," were words of glad and grateful utterance as the once stalwart form was borne within the walls of the loved abode on his return from Scotland in middle October of a year ago.

Rev. McInnes Neilson, pastor of First Congregational church of Ravenna, and Dr. E. E. Whittaker of the pulpit of the Ravenna Methodist Episcopal church, the officiating clergymen, conducted simple but impressive services in harmony with the life of quiet deeds and influence.

A quartet choir composed of Mrs. Celestia Lewis, Mrs. McInnes Neilson, Clarence Seymour and Dr. M. G. McBride, sang "Light After Darkness," with Dr. C. H. Griffin, organist, following which there was scriptural reading by Rev. McInnes Neilson and prayer by Dr. Whittaker.

Mr. Neilson then read a brief biography of the deceased, reserving for the next Sunday evening further words of appreciation of Mr. Loudin's unique ministry of song, when from his pulpit he will speak of his influence in Great Britain and Ireland with his troupe of singers.

Dr. Whittaker then rendered strong and beautiful words of tribute in which he took for his text:

Text, Luke 12:37—"Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching: Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve meat."

The following were the remarks in part made by the speaker:—It would be difficult, if not impossible, to conceive of greater tribute, or higher compliment to an individual than this scripture pronounces. The watching for His coming is in itself elevating. No man can wait, patiently wait and watch for the coming of his Lord without being the better in character.



THE LATE F. J. LOUDIN.

Our text is so overflowing, not only an ordinary blessing, but He who is our Lord and Christ announces that He will furnish and serve the banquet; and this overture of grace is to the one who is found watching for His coming. We have evidence that our Brother Loudin was so found in the words repeatedly spoken to his wife: "God is calling me, God is calling me home."

I am not able to depict the condition and delights into which he has entered, for I cannot imagine the greatness of, nor the glory surrounding such a feast and such fellowship. As I stood here the morning he died, I thought of the care he had taken in selecting material, and how he had watched that he might have what he desired, out of which to build this beautiful home; but this was not his chief concern, his ideals were far more than that; he was watching and selecting material for the character that would be fit for the presence of the King; and has moved out and on to the feast.

His voice has been heard around the world in the songs of inspiration and triumph. Many have been helped into the nobler life by his ministry of song. Over yonder in

Scotland is a company of jubilee singers who are Christian in character and minister in Christian song as a result of his influence while there. What a beautiful memorial to the man and his work. It seems to me that the only thing that is needed to make our services here today perfect, would be the presence of some of his old singers to sing the songs he loved so well; and yet I said to myself, if they were here, they could not sing; their voices would fail because of their great sorrow of heart.

I have been permitted, recently, to glance over the work written chiefly by him, of the work of "The Fisk," and then "Loudin Jubilee Singers," and have been impressed deeply with their history. Their work has served to inspire many to higher living, and to Christian character. Not many company managers find it convenient to conduct worship with their company in the morning, but I am told that this was Mr. Loudin's custom. Many of us here who are living a less public life than he know what it means to keep a time in the morning for prayer. He was not only a private citizen, for he was well and favorably known in the lands beyond the sea. His life was one of strong contrasts; he came from the narrow

From: *Ravenna Republican*, November 10, 1904 Obituary of Fredrick J. Loudin, continued:

limitations of poverty to the epulence indicated by the commodious and beautiful home in which we now are. He expressed to me a wish some time since that he might regain his health in order to do a work which he felt he had in a measure neglected; a broader work; a work in which would be less of self; but that was his modesty speaking and showed the man as unselfish; for you all know of the breadth of his plans and generosity. "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he cometh shall find watching, etc."

The quartet then sang, "The Christian's Good Night," a favorite with Mr. Loudin and one which he and his troupe often sang at the close of their concerts.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Neilson and the casket, preceded by the officiating clergymen, was borne to the funeral car by the active pallbearers, James H. Bond, John Pulpress, A. K. Neale of Pittsburg, Hon. H. Eubanks, Hon. H. C. Smith of Cleveland, and T. B. Byrd of Ravenna. Following then came the honorary bearers, Judge C. A. Reed, H. W. Riddle, W. H. Beebe, Homer Curtiss, N. C. Lawrence of this city and Mr. H. Anderson of Pittsburg, the latter a lifelong friend of Mr. Loudin.

At Maple Grove Dr. Whittaker read the scripture before committal and Mr. Neilson made the closing prayer and benediction.

The attendance was very large with many from abroad, among the latter being Mr. Tate of Pittsburg, Mrs. Eubanks, Mrs. Harmon of Cleveland, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Holliday and daughter of Akron, E. Moore and wife of Alliance, Mrs. Anna Curtiss of Lynn, Mass., and many from Charlestown, his native place.

Floral tributes were profuse and lovely. Flowers were received from Washington, D. C., Pittsburg, Toledo, Philadelphia and Cleveland and the Charlestown Chrysanthemum Association. Miss Cornelia Hall of Charlestown, former schoolmate of Mr. Loudin in that township, also sent choice chrysanthemums.

Frederick James Loudin was born in a log cabin in Charlestown, Portage county, O., June 27, 1842, son of Jeremiah and Sybil Loudin. There he was reared to the age of fifteen years, when he came to Ravenna with limited education and the disadvantages of a slender purse. He attended the public schools here for a brief period and afterwards learned the printer's trade under Abraham Pryme, publisher "The Reformer" at Ravenna. When about twenty-two years old, he went to Pittsburg where he remained until about 1874, when he went to Memphis, Tenn., and became a member of Fisk Jubilee Singers, with whom he remained until their disbandment and whom he accompanied throughout their European tour from May, 1875, to June, 1878. They sang in Great Britain and Ireland, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and were given audience by Queen Victoria and the crowned heads of Germany, Saxony and Holland.

In 1882, Mr. Loudin reorganized the troupe under the name of the Loudin Jubilee Singers, the history of which is completely and entertainingly told by Mr. Loudin in his supplement to "The Story of the Jubilee Singers," written by Mr. J. B. T. Marsh. Two very successful years were spent in this country and Canada, until a desire for new and greater achievements started him and his singers on a tour of circumnavigating the globe, "resolved to sing these sweet, tuneful melodies in lands where they had not yet been heard, and where we were entire strangers." With this end in view, they sailed from New York on April 3, 1884, bound for Great Britain. In 1886 they went to Melbourne, Australia, after signal triumphs in England and Ireland. "Three and a half years were spent among the warm hearted, go-ahead people of Australia with as great profit and pleasure to us as in any similar period of our history." They went to India via Ceylon and sang with great success at Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Agra, at which latter place they visited the wonderful tomb, the Taj Mahal, acknowledged the most beautiful monument the earth has yet possessed. Their next stop was at Rangoon, in Lower Burmah, whence they went to Penang, Singapore, Jehore and to Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, where they remained two weeks and then sailed for "beautiful Japan," where equal success and honors awaited them. On April 3, 1890, exactly six years from the date of leaving New York, they sailed for San Francisco, which they reached after a voyage of seventeen days. Mr. Loudin referred with pardonable pride to the marked financial success of the long and memorable tour of six years, in view of the predictions of failure so freely made. He says in part: "Some of the singers were enabled to buy for themselves comfortable homes, while I may refer, with, I trust pardonable pride, to the fact that I was able to become the largest stockholder in a shoe manufactory at my home, Ravenna, Ohio; that the stockholders did me the honor to name the company, 'The F. J. Loudin Shoe Manufacturing Company' and the shoes manufactured the 'F. J. Loudin shoe.'"

Ravenna gave him and his singers

royal welcome on his return and Reed's opera house would not hold the multitudes that crowded to hear them in the "Home Concert." The memory of that night will remain for aye with those whose good fortune it was to be here.

About this time Mr. Loudin built his beautiful Ravenna mansion for the finish and beautification of which he spared no money. The interior of the lovely abode contains woods from the world's rarest and most famous catalogues.

A third European tour was in progress when declining health forced his retirement two years ago. His niece, Miss Leota Henson of this city, pianist for the troupe, thereupon assumed its professional direction, until its final disbandment in May, 1903. Mr. Loudin was in Scotland at the time of his prostration, where he received the best medical treatment known to old world science, recovering sufficiently to return to his Ravenna home. He steadily declined after reaching home, although hope seemed brighter at times for his ultimate recovery. His ailment was pronounced to be rheumatism of the nerves, and his sufferings were prolonged and intense. He bore them with fine fortitude, sustained by the faith of the Christian. His death was comparatively sudden after all his sufferings, the end coming peacefully at 5:10 o'clock Thursday morning.

He was married to Miss Harriet Johnson of Philadelphia May 12, 1870, who accompanied him in his tours and who shared his labors and his triumphs. She, his sister, Mrs. A. F. Henson, and his niece, Miss Leota F. Henson (to whom he has been a father from tender years,) are left with the memory of an ever loving presence.

He and Mrs. Loudin were members of Grace Presbyterian church of Pittsburg, with which they have been connected for more than thirty years.

Mr. Loudin was a man of strong friendships, especially for those of his earlier associations, large charities, and of strong zeal for the cause of temperance. He never gave a concert on Sunday for remuneration, refusing \$1,000 at Sidney, Australia, in this behalf. Despite his lowly birth, he lived to mingle on terms of equality with many of the highest dignitaries in every country visited. He was twice invited to tea by Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone and to breakfast by Rt. Hon. John Bright and sang before many of the crowned heads of Europe.

Shortly before his death he said to his wife, "God is calling me; God is calling me home." Through all his life he remained an humble, devout follower of his Lord.

Mrs. Loudin received many letters of sympathy and beautiful tribute to her distinguished husband, whose qualities as man, Christian and friend were subjects of tender and appreciative testimonial.

"A life spent worthily should be measured by a nobler line,—by deeds, not years."

The photos below are from a flyer found in the Miscellaneous Women file located at the Portage County Historical Society. It was for the Commercial Car Parade. It lists the winners of the event with photos of the floats.

Presenting



Miss Portage County
(MARTHA LOUISE MILLER)
1928

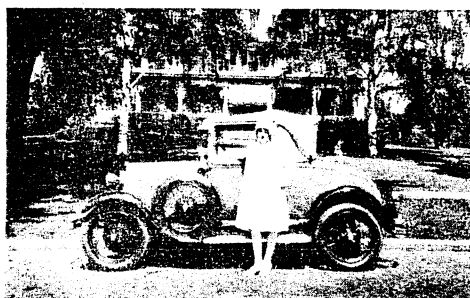
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HIGH HONORS



Miss Portage County
and her Guard of Honor

Miss Portage County (second from left) Miss Martha Louise Miller. Guard of Honor - extreme left, Miss Ruth Merriam, 3rd from left, Miss Martha Moore, extreme right, Miss Christine Bunker.



Miss Ford

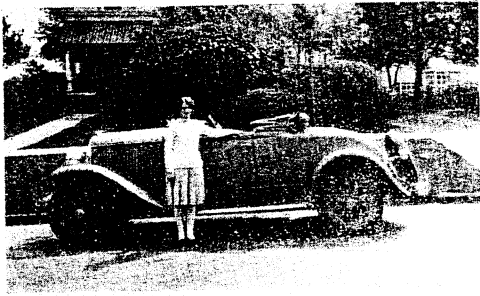
Miss Martha Louise Miller of 822 W. Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio Representing The McCombe Motors of Ravenna, O.

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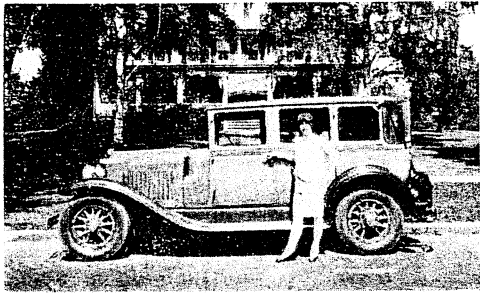
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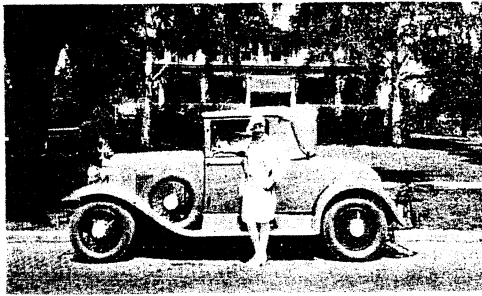
HONORABLE MENTION



MISS CHRYSLER
Miss Ruth Merriam
of Randolph Ohio Representing
Cole & Middleton of Ravenna, O.



MISS LA SALLE
Miss Christine Bunker
of 227 Beecher St. Ravenna, Ohio Representing
The Ravenna Motor Co. of Ravenna, Ohio



MISS OLDSMOBILE
Miss Martha Moore
of 210 South Diamond St. Ravenna, Ohio
Representing The Ravenna Motor Co. of Ravenna

Honored Juveniles In Commercial Car Parade



First Award

Top -- MISS MIRIAM WALTER
468 Beechwood Ave. Akron, Ohio

Honorable Mention

Bottom - MARY JANE JENKINS
445 Page Street Ravenna, Ohio

Left Side - DALE BOOTH
Edinburg, Ohio

Right Side - GLORIA HELEN WISSLER
613 W. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, Ohio

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From: Scrapbook # 132 p. 18 located at
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 OLD FOLKS PICNIC August 1879

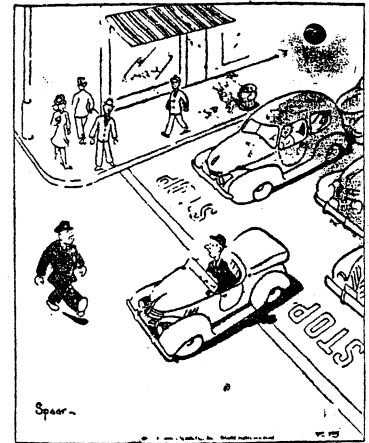
Cartoon from 1942

Old Folks Picnic.

Deacon and Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, of Hudson, last week paid a visit to their daughter Mrs. A. J. Jennings, and that lady made that the occasion to invite a party of friends to meet them and enjoy a social afternoon, on Wednesday August 27th. The event was quite notable as it was the opportunity of bringing together a group of friends whom the good Deacon and his worthy wife have not often met since they ceased to be citizens of Ravenna some years ago. The visit was most enjoyable to all, the picnic furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Jennings will be long remembered. The hours were passed in relating reminiscences of early times, and many and jolly were the anecdotes related. Of all the social gatherings for which this year is famous none have afforded more genuine pleasure, than this "Old Folks Picnic." One of the company—Judge Isaac Brayton—furnishes the REPUBLICAN-DEMOCRAT with the following record of the ages of the twenty-five who gathered at the Jennings farm. The total number of years is eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and the average age seventy-four. The oldest member of the party is Gen. McIntosh of Shalersville; the youngest Mrs. Peck of Hudson.

	Y'rs	MO'S	BORN
Daniel Trowbridge	83	6	" 1796
Frederick Williams	79	6	" 1799
Squire L. Jennings	70	8	" 1807
Wm. Peck (Hudson)	75	1	" 1803
Erastus Carter	69	11	Sept. 1808
Wm. Price	70	5	Mar. 1808
David McIntosh	84	1	July 1795
Howard Carter	78	8	Dec. 1799
Isaac Brayton	77	7	Jan'y 1801
Mrs. M. B. Skinner	71	8	Dec. 1806
Mrs. C. Judd	77	8	Dec. 1800
Mrs. E. Carter	62		Aug. 1816
Mrs. Stewart (Cleveland)	77	5	Mar. 1801
Mrs. F. Williams	73	4	April 1805
Mrs. C. Reed	83	5	Mar. 1795
Mrs. I. Swift	78	7	Jan'y 1800
Mrs. D. McIntosh	79		Aug. 1799
Mrs. S. R. Freeman	67	7	Jan'y 1811
Mrs. D. Trowbridge	81	7	Jan'y 1797
Mrs. S. W. Jennings	67	9	Nov. 1810
Mrs. D. W. Jennings	76	10	Oct. 1802
Mrs. David Jennings	69		Dec. 1808
Mrs. Ashley Ely	78	7	Jan'y 1811
Mrs. Hawkins (Cleveland)	72		Aug. 1806
Mrs. Peck (Hudson)	55	4	Nov. 1823
Total years 1913. Average age 76 y'rs 13 mos.			

LAFF-A-DAY



"But, Officer, if I back up, I won't have quite enough gas to get home!"



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