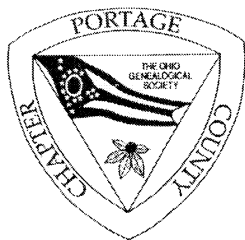


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Message From Our President

Greetings everyone.

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Claudia is on the mend and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Your editor, Barb Petroski

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NOTICE: We are now meeting at a new time,
10:00 a. m.
The day will remain the same.

**Reminder: IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP—
See page 13 for membership form.**

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.

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

January 20—Janet Espisito, Portage County auditor, will speak about the records that are open to the public and what we should know before going to the courthouse to research.

February 17—Iva Walker will be the guest speaker.

March 17-- to be announced

April 21- to be announced

May 19-- to be announced

June-July-August-No Meetings

September 15—Field trip to Hudson Library

October 20 —First Settlers Luncheon

November 17—Elections

December-No meeting

Chapter News:

We will now be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. The days are the same, only the time has changed.

Remember to pay your Chapter Dues by February 15th if you wish to remain on the newsletter mailing list. The March-April issue will contain the surnames that our members are researching. Only paid members will remain on the list, all unpaid members will be deleted so don't miss out on a possible family link!



We want to thank the following members for their continued support of the chapter with their generous donations. Thank you!!

Ed Chittenden, Dorothy Rood Jacobs, Nancy K. Lawson, James B. Lindsley, Tom and Ellen Monroe, and E. Susan Vine.



NOTICE: Our newest publication,

*Portage County Probate Court Records Wills, Estates and Guardianships 1813-1942
Located at the Portage County Historical Society Ravenna, Ohio*

\$38.50 includes shipping. See page 13 for chapter publications order form.



The *Portage County Historical Society* museum and library is still closed on Tuesday's. They are only open on **Thursday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p. m.** They will remain closed on Tuesday's until further notice.

See their website at www.history.portage.oh.us for more information.



If you wish to send a query for this newsletter please send it to pccogs@earthlink.net

If you are requesting research please use the mailing address and always enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. Please allow at least 4-6 weeks for a reply.



Web Sites of general interest:

Some free genealogy stuff----<http://www.kindredtrails.com>

Civil War Soldiers& Sailors System----<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

Old terms of genealogical interest---

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~randyj2222/gendict.html>

The chart below is from the Jackson County Chapter OGS newsletter. There was no date on the page.

An Easy Calculation Chart: Census-cited Birth Years

To find the approximate age of an individual recorded in census records, scan down to the age of the person in question and read across to the column of the census you are reviewing. For example, someone cited in the 1910 census as being 74 years of age, find age 74, column 1910, and the approximate year of birth is 1836. A handy chart to have when comparing census records from decade to decade.

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MANTUA ALUMNI BANQUET

Information Gleaned from its Program for May 21, 1927

CLASSMATES EVER

Tune: Love Divine, All Love Excelling
 Friends I'll meet as I grow older,
 But no better friends than these;
 Later years mean hearts grown colder,
 Lacking earlier memories.
 Later years mean hearts untruthful,
 Filled with thoughts of selfishness;
 Here, from souls as frank as youthful,
 Comes the love my life shall bless.

Here, between us, no concealment
 Lies within our outstretched hand;
 Here we give ourselves revelation;
 Firmly, truly, do we stand.
 Here's no wrong that needs correction;

Classmates, every one a friend
 In the bonds of firm affection
 Bound together to the end.

—Doris Wilmot Odell, '18

OFFICERS

President - Horace J. Brodbeck
 V. President Doris Wilmot Odell
 Secretary - Fred Gallagher
 Treasurer - Gertrude Ritter

MENU

Olives Radishes
 Fruit Cocktail
 Mashed Potatoes Chicken Patties
 Green Peas
 Salad
 Rolls Jelly
 Cake Pineapple Ice
 Coffee
 Nuts Mints

TOASTS

Horace J. Brodbeck, Toastmaster
 Welcome Grace Lacy, '09
 Response Carl Freeman, '27
 "Old Timers" Howard Carlton, '97
 "Personalities" Marian Williams, '14

MEMBERS

1890 Eva Beecher Sander
 Mabel Allen Merryfield
 *Clyde Goodell
 1891 Lilla Brainerd S. Wallace
 Nettie McIntosh Merrill
 Artamisia Shafer Saigen
 1893 Mildred Scanlon Vincent
 Ethel Crafts Wheeler
 Allie Chalker
 Solie Franklin
 Frances Frost Nye
 *Hattie Peck Poots
 *Sadie Bard Smith
 *Urban Gilbreath
 Bernie Franklin
 1895 Frances Ball Danforth
 Bell Crafts Elliott
 Harriet Carlton Hintz

Hattie Spencer Peck
 Donna Crane Dodge
 Edith Gilbreath Herst
 Belle Blair Nunamaker
 1897 Fred Kitzelman
 Howard Carlton
 George Deitz
 Ruth Carlton Hine
 Mae Turner Mason
 Dean Spray Deeds
 Ada Erwin Hull Hoskin
 Jane Harmon Davis
 Roland Davenport
 Margret Cook Kline
 *Carrie Wilson
 Grace Kyle Kitzelman
 Frances Scanlon Slaudaker
 1898 Will Dietz
 Ella Root Stacy
 Harry Blair
 Olive Cook VanNorsdall
 Clifford Franklin
 Demas Harmon
 Ada Sutherland Selzer
 *Roy Carlton
 Carl Thomas
 1899 Bertha Scanlon Kilroy
 Mary Hoskin Wahl
 Grace Carlton Konrad
 Eva Kitzelman Anderson
 Nellie Ryan Collins
 Ed Caldwell
 Fred McIntosh
 Minnie Merrian Passarelli
 Mattie Hayes Baughman
 Mabel Ferguson Rhodes
 Alice Franklin Merriam
 Charlotte Haas
 Olive Witherell Sprotbery
 1900 George Simpson
 Fred Price
 John Goodell
 1901 Maude Vaughn Sporer
 Lucretia Spray Reifsnider
 *Sadie Turner Hammel
 Lavern Cook
 1903 Bessie Coit Harmon
 Charlotte Ferguson
 Gertrude Spencer Houghton
 Grace Erwin Conger
 Robert Court
 Will Todd
 Floyd Bard
 1904 Mae Goodell Moniger
 Lucile Lacy VanTilberg
 Ernest McIntosh
 Harry Vaughn
 Grace Blair Hine
 Hattie Gregory Gigger
 *Agnes Wilson
 1905 Mae Vaughn Flaherty
 *Harry Goodell
 Will Bowen
 1906 Lena Spencer Maley
 Cora Turner
 Gertrude Quinn Stamm
 Nina Carlton Court
 Grace Coit Cable
 Jessie Vaughn Bowen
 1907 George Taif
 Maud Foote Duncan
 Teresa Darling
 Hazel Nichols Cant
 1908 Maud Spray Adams
 Lulu Curtiss Wagner
 Audrey Wilmot Parker
 Nettie Hurd Crafts
 Ray Price
 1909 Jessie Spray Crafts
 Grace Lacy
 Margaret Rogers Bower
 Leo Hine
 Ralph Allen
 Blanche Spink
 Elsie Ritter Hubbard

1910 Lewis C. Turner
 Fred Gallagher
 Lyman Lloyd
 Mabel Russell Woodward
 Charles Force
 Clara Fear Oberdorf
 Charlotte Ritter Noble
 1911 Olive Spencer Minco
 Alta Kellam Scanlon
 *Elizabeth Gallagher
 Hazel Spencer Green
 Gertrude Ritter
 Helen Dwyer
 1912 Beth Bradley
 Lucy Pellettiere Meese
 Mildred Russell Mumaw
 Hubert Squibbs
 Carl Hurd
 Virgil Kyle
 John Blanchfield
 1913 Bessie Stewart Goodell
 Lynn Wharfield
 Louie Crafts
 Henry Darling
 1914 Bernice Carlton Fisher
 Lila Williams
 Marion Williams
 Horace Brodbeck
 Charles Blanchfield
 Claude Vaughn
 Ada Gallagher Monroe
 Flossie Parker
 Michael Ryan
 Raymond Monroe
 Henry Robison
 1915 Virgil Rathburn
 Arthur Haas
 Horace Blanchfield
 1916 Lucy Jones Puck
 Rose Jones Sargent
 Forrest Winchell
 Edith Jenks
 1917 Earl Mizer
 Eva Parker Bingham
 Donna Parker Brown
 Doris Wilmot Odell
 1918 *Lawrence Ramage
 Esther Fear
 Lorenzo Stewart
 Carl Spink
 Roe Bradley
 1919 Lucile Hurd Vaughn
 Christell Davis Fram
 Mabel Drake Gent
 Clarence Baird
 Harry Hull
 Cecil Vaughn
 1920 Carl Blake
 George Heflick
 Harold Stimpert
 DeEtta Pfoh Keil
 Minnie Jones Rapp
 Anita Bancroft
 Rhoda Snow Wolf
 1922 Garner Spencer
 Gertrude Bailey Krohn
 Florence Hall
 Emily Ramage
 Elston Blair
 Thelma Darling
 Owen Blair
 Mildred Hoskin
 Hilda Hays Hart
 1923 Alfred Ramage
 Harold Short
 George Cooper
 Ralph Halstead
 Thurla Hull
 Ruth Morgan
 Ruth Etling
 Florence DeHaven Baird
 1924 Goldie Moore
 Helen Gallagher
 Edna Muster
 Forrest Snow

Lawrence Parker
 Harry Rathburn
 Charles Hammel
 Harold Blake
 Merwin Dean
 Karl Muster
 Herschel Muster
 1925 Richard Knowlton
 Marion Licht
 Ray Stimpert
 Herbert King
 Norine Weter
 John Bargar
 Albert Heritage
 Frances Mahan
 Evelyn Peters
 Geneva Baughman
 Helen Baird
 Jacob Worz
 Ruth Ross Wakeman
 1926 Anthony Anderla
 Frederick Blake
 John Bricker
 Henry Cowell
 William Crafts, Jr.
 William Etling
 Alnola Haylett
 John Howard
 Fern Lewis
 Rynald Short
 Norma Starr
 Helen Urban
 1927 Carl Freeman
 Helen Howard
 Ellen Jenkins
 Violet King
 Lois Moore
 Harold Mizer
 Howard Mizer
 Clyde Stimpert
 Lucile Stimpert

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42 YEARS AGO

The fall term of Hiram college began on Sept. 27, 1898. The commercial department was being advertised, the courses included bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, business correspondence, commercial law, commercial arithmetic, penmanship, spelling, business practice, and orthography. Charles G. Phillips was principal of the commercial department while E. V. Zollard was president of Hiram college.

A meeting was held at the bank to make plans for the town picnic to be held at Maple Dell on September 16. Officers were elected for the occasion with W. H. Crafts as president, D. W. McGlenen as vice president, U. R. Gilbreath as secretary and E. E. Hoskins as treasurer. A general committee was selected which consisted of Messrs. Claud Blair, Jesse Ling and Howard Carlton. Bert Crone, Fred Kitzelman and Lee Carlton were chosen as a committee to arrange sports and games.

At the end of February, 1898, the following letters at the post office were still unclaimed: Mrs. Frank Moore, Mrs. Bessie May, Mrs. Jennie Swartzburg, Miss Pansy Starrelt, Mr. Johnson, William Lewis, Antonio Salra and Antonio Stesta.

Teachers in the schools were Prof. D. W. McGlenen, in the high school; W. T. Isler in the grammar room; Miss E. Minnie Hickox, intermediate, and the Misses Eleanor Kent and Harriet Carlton in the primary departments.

In the district schools F. A. Turner had charge of the Township schools and taught at the Center with Miss Eva Bester as assistant, Miss Ada Erwin taught in the Frost district; Miss Grace Kyle in the William Hood district, Miss Daisy Stockberger in the Washburn district; A. C. Hanke in the Mudd Mill district; Miss Mildred Scanlon in the King district; Miss Edith Gilbreath in the Goodell district in Shalersville and Miss Donni Crane in the Kimes district in Shalersville. Miss Mattie Spencer taught in Troy and Miss Anna Wadsworth in the Infirmary district.

Teachers in the Freedom school were: District No. 1, Miss Gertrude

48 YEARS AGO

Oct 10 - 1840 Oct 10 - 1840

The following is a part of the review of the celebration of July 4, 1892:

"The national holiday so far as Mantua was concerned was a grand success. The day was all that could be desired. The parade of the Sunday schools and civic societies, was nicely done and the fine music of the Windham band added much to the pleasure of the occasion. On the grounds the exercises laid down in the published program were witnessed by fully 1,200 people from Mantua and surrounding towns. The address by Pres. Zollars was a notable feature of the day and was enjoyed by all. It is hoped that the valuable lessons therein contained, may long be remembered, and incite us all to a livelier patriotism and a deeper interest in our glorious free institutions. Let it be our highest ambition to preserve and improve all that our fathers sacrificed so much to secure for us. Dear was the price, and deep should be our gratitude to those who builded better than they knew, but we are not showing a proper spirit of appreciation when we tolerate in our midst anything that is inimical to the peace, and welfare of the community."

Mantua News... Lightning struck Dave Alger's house last week... Rev. Amzi Atwater is again in Mantua... Mrs. Hattie B. King and family spent the Fourth at Punderson Lake... The family of Sam Norton from Trumbull county spent the Fourth in Mantua... Cash Taylor was at Geauga Lake last week.

Freedom — Sunday, a severe wind-storm passed over this town doing considerable damage. Part of the roof was blown off Elam Tuttle's large barn. Most of the trees in A. C. Whitney's yard were either blown down or broken off. A barn was blown down at C. G. Gardner's, many other fences, trees, chimneys, etc., were blown down in the track of the storm... Last Sunday was an event in the Congregational church of Freedom; forty-one persons were received into membership, most of them upon confession of faith, largely the result of meetings recently conducted by Rev. Reed.

Shalersville — The work of excavating for the new M. E. church has been commenced... Adna Chapin is getting the foundation ready for a new residence... I. Tozer has been making extensive repairs on his residence... E. G. Cooley and W. A. Streeter of Cleveland spent the Fourth here... Potatoes have rotted badly in many places... Homer Goodell has had to plant in over 100 bushels, and C. Beardsley over twenty bushels... A great many potatoes were planted the last ten days of June and many farmers are not done planting yet. (July 8).

In the Nov. 16 issue of that year we note—"Potatoes are being delivered in large quantities. Buyers are plenty and prices are good. The farmer who has a crop is in it this year.

48 YEARS AGO

Jan 9, 1841 — 1841

Freedom—A short time since, some miscreant broke a window, and obtained an entrance into Charles Leet's cellar. The family were awakened, but did not suspect the cause until their tracks were found the next night. They were tracked into Shalersville.

Mr. Jerry Chalker, from York State, is spending the winter with his brother Enos.

J. F. Dudley now warms his house with a new furnace.

RAPIDS—Mr. Ed Fisher and family spent Christmas at Chagrin Falls.

Miss Clara Boswell of Parkman is at home in a vacation.

Miss Emma Thomas has completed her work at Mr. Raymond's.

F. W. Reed and wife, of Mantua, spent Christmas with Fred's father, S. T. Reed.

Horace Harmon keeps pecking away. He has recently decorated O. P. Hayes' farm with Page's mammoth wire fence.

Harrison Spink has a five year old grade Jersey cow. From the first of March to the first of December, he fattened two calves on new milk, and made 344 pounds of butter. Besides the milk, cream and butter used in the family, butter and calves were sold amounting to \$71.59. This cow was not fed any grain of any kind from the last of May until the 22nd of November. Harrison would like to hear from the full-bloods. Bring in your testimony.

MANTUA PERSONALS—Miss Nellie Turner spent Christmas with relatives in Bedford.

Miss Frankie Scanlin is spending a vacation with relatives in Cleveland.

Misses Ethel Crafts and Mildred Scanlin were visiting friends in Garrettsville last week.

Miss Donni Crane spent several days at Christmas time with her uncle, Henry Sanford.

Squire Hagt, of Shalersville, was in town Thursday.

Dell Thompson of Cleveland was in town this week, the guest of C. C. Stanton.

Mr. Henry A. Morey of Detroit, Mich. is calling on friends and relatives during the holidays.

C. T. Alexander and wife and Mrs. Wilson Birge made a Holiday trip to Randolph this week.

A. R. Paine of Euclid was in town Tuesday. He touched the Herald up for another year's subscription.

Harry Brainerd has contracted with Vaughn & Thompson and will be in their employ for the ensuing year.

Mrs. F. F. Dietz and son Will went to Lorain Thursday to visit relatives.

E. M. Kent was in town Thursday. He called and did like all the rest, renewed his subscription to the Herald. Come on, we're waiting.

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42 YEARS AGO

Aug 22 40

Mantua teachers attending the Teachers Institute in Ravenna were the Misses Ada Erwin, Harriet Carlton, Eleanor Kent, Eva Restor, Dean Spray, Minnie Hickox, Frances Scanlon, Mildred Scanlon, Anna Wadsworth, Grace Kyle, Edith Gilbreath, Prof. D. V. McGlenen, the Messrs. E. K. Hentz and W. T. Isler.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Coit entertained in honor of the Misses Georgia and Rita Thuener Saturday at which 18 little girls were present.

John B. King was appointed administrator of the estates of Annis and Newton Cobb.

Marriage licenses were issued to C. L. Proctor and Elida A. Dutter of Nelson; Christian J. Etter and Mrs. Hettie Schwartz of Suffield, and to John P. Sala and Grace Trescott of Randolph.

Crane's tinshop was moved to the west room of the rink building, where all kinds of work in sheet iron, copper, tin and repairing was promptly done.

Frank Hoskins sold his property on East High street to E. P. Williams who took possession at once.

Mrs. A. E. Goddard slipped and fell at her home and sustained painful injuries on the back of her head.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Spencer and family spent Sunday and Monday in Cleveland at Wade and Gordon park where they reported more than 20,000 people were present.

Contractor L. A. Hine finished the carpenter work on G. W. Franklin's new house. John B. King finished the interior woodwork in varnish.

Miss Eva Beecher of Cleveland was in town visiting relatives Wednesday. C. C. White returned Tuesday from a trip thru the west.

The Taylor reunion was held August 10 at the Charles Taylor home in Bainbridge.

Houseguests in the S. H. Norton home were Miss Mary Bundy of Warren and Miss Emma Parker of Canton.

Twenty-two relatives were present at the Mills reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills.

The locomotive of Train 25 blew out a cylinder near Garrettsville so the train limped into Mantua. After a delay a second engine was attached to the train and the train resumed its way to Cleveland an hour late.

On the same day a freight train was disabled by the breaking of a connecting rod and remained until late for repairs. However, it was finally coupled into a freight train and taken to Cleveland.

48 YEARS AGO

Nov 21 1890

Mantua had 25 vets in line in the grand (G. A. R.) parade in Washington. A merry party of some twenty, composed of the local G. A. R. left for Washington Saturday.

Many of our local sports are mourning over the results of the Sullivan-Corbett fight.

W. H. Crafts and family have gone to Duluth.

A. E. Trout left Friday for Lima, and some people claim that the odor of orange blossoms comes strongly from that direction.

School opened Sept. 12 with an attendance as follows: Virgil Mills, teacher, High school 18; Grammar school, Miss White, 28; Intermediate, Miss Smith, 28; Primary, Miss Kelly, 37. Everyone asks what ails the bell? The front wall has been repaired. A live school is the nucleus of every town.

A statement of \$307.95 was given of the cost of paving and graveling 41 rods of highway on the Atwater flats, for which \$136.68 in cash work and from road district funds had been paid.

Seven hundred sixty-one loads of material had already been used.

Subscription for completing the 16 rods remaining is made by the following persons: Eben Coe, Newton Goodell, Martin Goodell, W. Alger, A. Hinman, Geo. Fear, Geo. Eldridge, A. H. House, A. S. Beecher, C. H. Thompson, C. M. Streeter, Bina Coit, Fred Gray,

The following persons had already paid subscriptions to the road fund: H. L. Hine, C. Bowen, A. Spencer, Spencer and Sullivan, Chas. White, F. M. Barber, A. E. Frost, P. Vaughn, H. Pettibone, D. D. Tucker, Dr. Erwin, J. Gamble, P. H. Baldinger, James King, Dr. Proctor, Homer Goodell, Eben Coe, W. B. Isham, W. Beardsley, A. S. Beecher, F. M. Carlton, L. Hall, Geo. Allen, C. Pierce, Dell McIntosh, P. Blanchfield, C. Hotchkiss, W. Stacy, A. G. Woodard.

Assistance was asked from all interested that the work might be completed by October 1.

Wanted: Girls at the basket factory, to braid. Apply at factory. H. G. Crafts.

H. A. Harmon and Fred White brought in a car of Oxford-Down sheep this week. Some of the males weigh 408 pounds.

Miss Cora Hood who has been spending a two weeks vacation with her parents returned to New York last Saturday to resume her duties as a stenographer.

The Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Siamese, New Zealanders and the North American Indians are all beardless.

The oddities were continued by telling that a water moccasin six feet long was killed at Utica, Ill. When cut open sixteen frogs were found, some of them alive.

Four-fifths of the engines now working in the world have been constructed during the last 25 years.

48 YEARS AGO

Dec 5 1940

The following, written by a subscriber to the Mantua paper back in 1892 shows that "way back then" wishful thinking was rife in Mantua. Instead of bringing the desired "profitable industries" into the town, Mantua has even fewer industries than at that time.

"A subscriber wishes to make the following suggestions to the owners of the trotting park at Mantua, Ohio: Gentlemen: I have been informed that the old association is in the sweet gone by, and that you are left with an elephant on your hands. Now allow me to suggest that you sell the grand stand and band stand for manufacturing purposes, take a little trouble to attract hither some good manufacturing interests. Divide the land into suitable lots for manufacturing and place the price at actual cost and the thing is done. You have your money back and have aided in securing for the town, many profitable industries, to build up its wealth. Now you have my suggestions, will you act upon them?"

Mantua Personals

J. W. Wright of Windham was in town Tuesday night.

Landlord Brown (of the Cuyahoga House) has started his office fire.

J. D. Carlton has sold to John Cann, lot 2, Mantua, consideration \$1,025.

Editor Webb of Garrettsville, called at the Herald Tuesday.

Rev. H. B. Allen will live in Mrs. Frank Frost's house.

Carpenters are finishing M. B. Sanford's new house.

Martin Goodell is building a new house in what is known as "Canada."

H. L. Hine has sold part of lot 2 in Shalersville, to F. M. Carlton; consideration \$500.

(Query) What would the Devil do should he lose his tail? (Answer) He'd go to the saloon where they re-tail bad spirits.

J. B. Coit is enlarging his house.

H. E. Merritt of Duluth, Minn., was in town last week.

Misses Maggie and Agnes Blanchfield, Lizzie Kelly and Agnes Moran were in Cleveland Thursday.

H. E. Carlton will make Akron his future home, having secured a position there.

David Ruby is once more a resident of the Station having moved into rooms in Mrs. Quinn's block.

Mrs. Stanton is entertaining her sister Mrs. Krebs from Kalamazoo, Mich.

Horace Hine's new house begins to show its real proportions, and when finished will be a credit to the town and its builder. (This refers to the house now occupied by the Haylett family and called by them the Auction House.)

The Mantua Social club is an assured fact. J. B. King, T. W. Francis, E. M. Turner, A. A. Gilbreath and D. Cavanaugh are the incorporators, and social pastimes and athletics the object.

The following is from Scrapbook #42 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

48 YEARS AGO

George Dietz is limping about on a dislocated ankle, with which he was confined to his home some days last week.

Harvey Turner has been having a tough tussle with the Grip, but we are glad to see him able to be on the street again.

Geo. Stanton has moved to Claridon to engage in farming.

Mrs. H. B. King is in Cleveland caring for her sick daughter, Grace.

F. W. Blake moved his family from Ravenna and will make his home at the Station again.

C. E. Ryder was in town last week. He still has to use a cane and gets about with much difficulty.

H. G. Crafts has rented the home property of Hattie B. King and has taken possession with his family.

J. Libis of Shalersville, who recently fell from the new M. E. church, is so far improved as to be able to sit up a little while each day.

Miss Mabel Allen, who has been very sick with scarlet fever is considered out of danger.

Mertie Goodel, son of Homer Goodel is seriously sick and has been under the doctor's care for some time.

C. H. Bowen is at the store on duty again. He has been confined to the house, the past few days, the first trial in a lifetime at being sick.

Streetsboro—A social by the ladies of the M. E. church will be held at the home of H. H. Wilcox, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 7th.

The Mesdames Katie Nighman, and Aggie Wilcox were in Hudson on Saturday.

A very pleasant leap year party was enjoyed by the young people on Friday evening at the home of S. H. Green.

Mrs. James Judd is visiting her daughter Mrs. E. H. Elliman, in Hudson this week.

Mrs. Ella Cowley Sundayed with relatives in Hudson.

Rapids—Warren Davis has bought the village property of Jerry Crafts.

Walker Woods has rented his farm to Mr. Thompson of Charlestown.

Geo. Boswell has rented the farm of Will Woods for the coming year.

Most of the men in this vicinity attended the Ryder sale last Friday.

Merritt Dutton and son have returned from Colorado, where they spent the summer.

J. T. Craft and wife, of Garrettsville visited at Henry Vaughn's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Mantua Sundayed at Ed Fisher's.

Merritt Carlton has bought the milk route formerly managed by A. G. Woodward and will continue to furnish all patrons. F. S. Crane will do the delivering.

Harrison Spink has selected a fine home in the purchase of M. B. Sanford's old home farm. Martin will be homesick sometimes, even in his elegant new house nearer the village. We understand Mr. Spink paid \$3,000.

Andy Davidson is expected home this week from his hunting trip in Southern Ohio.

50 YEARS AGO

February 16, 1891. John Peck said Monday, he had sold his place in "Canada" ~~1891~~ 1941.

Now is the time we see the need of, and would appreciate good sidewalks in this village.

It is now papa Sile. An 11-lb. girl came Tuesday to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Eldridge.

Burt Segar came in early last Monday morning to tell us that a girl was born at his house Sunday night.

Ed Turner has sold his farm of 15 acres, where he now lives, to Jo Baird; you have made a wise choice, Jo; may success attend you.

The committee appointed by the Co. Commissioners to determine the boundaries of special voting precincts in Mantua, is: Frank Squires, Rapids; C. R. Doolittle, Streetsboro; E. L. Hine, Shalersville. They are to meet at Mantua Station, between 9 and 10 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 16.

Personals

C. H. Thompson has been on the sick list, but is able to be around again.

Miss Ona Ripley went to Bristol last Monday for a stay of two or three months.

Dell Skinner and wife were the guests of his brother Sylvan Skinner and wife last week.

Mr. John B. Egan of Lima, N. Y., returned to his home last Tuesday, accompanied by his cousin, Mr. P. D. O'Brien.

Johnnie O'Brien who has been very sick for the past two weeks is some better.

J. D. Creagh of Cleveland, was visiting his many friends in town Monday.

Twenty transient guests registered at Taylor House, Monday.

Mrs. R. Caris and daughter Clara started for Chicago Tuesday noon where they intend to make it their future home Mr. and Mrs. Caris have been residents of Mantua for many years; they leave a host of friends and relatives who wish them success and happiness in their new home.

The body of Mrs. Uzial Burnett, who died in Michigan last week, was bro't here Tuesday, and taken to South Newbury; the body of Mr. Burnett, who died at Cleveland several weeks ago, was taken to S. Newbury for interment at the same time.

Report for school for Jan., in Dist. No. 4 taught by Eleanor Kent:

Those neither absent nor tardy, Lella Bower, Frank and Golin Ketting. Those not tardy, Cora Moore, Lella Bower, Jessie Adams, Edith Parker, Harry Blair, Ray Golin, and Frank Kettering, Russle Hotchkiss, Clyde Davis and Hugh Kent.

50 YEARS AGO

George Eggleston has bought a nice team of horses, of Will Dudley, Freedom.

Mr. E. M. Frost has placed in the Disciple church at the Station, a very nice strong toned organ for the use of the Sunday school and church, which will be greatly appreciated by all interested.

George Eggleston is moving his goods to Geauga Lake this week, to get things in shape for the season, at the Kent grounds, where he will be ready to cater to the comfort and pleasure of pleasure seekers. Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston are sparing no pains or expense to make this resort more popular than ever.

We received a pleasant call last Friday from R. B. Coit, who is here for a few weeks visit, from his home in Loreds, Mo. He likes that country much better than this, and says he is perfectly contented on his farm of 600 acres, which is nicely located, all in one piece.

A. W. Spencer butchered a big calf for his market Monday. It's live weight was 550 lbs., dressed 312 pounds of meat.

Miss Ella McCormick of Freedom is visiting friends at Warren, this week.

Miss Bertha Taylor spent last Saturday and Sunday in Cleveland.

Mrs. Ryder came here last Saturday from her home in New York state, to assist in the care of her son, C. E. Ryder, who has been in a critical condition since he injured his knee a few weeks ago. Thursday morning he was reported to be resting easier, and improving slowly.

Mrs. Donavon spent last week in Cleveland with her daughter Mrs. Raleigh.

Miss Sallie Green went to Rock Creek Monday noon to attend the funeral of an intimate lady friend, who died in Virginia a few days ago.

A. G. Woodward who was reported sick last week, is better. His brother, who has been assisting the past week to take care of him for the Odd Fellows, returned to his home in Trumbull county Wednesday.

Angry Subscriber (to editor): "I'm mad all the way through, and I want my paper stopped!" "Yes sir; do you want to pay what you owe?" "No, I ain't mad enough for that."

Harry Kit says he is going to put a cupalo and a bay window on his hen house. He thinks the cellar is too dark but he gets there all the same.

Mrs. Eleanor Evans Borkenhagen of Huntington Beach CA sent the obituary below. She is a member of the Orange County CA Genealogical Society and many other societies. She clips obituaries from the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register. She then forwards them to the counties of greatest interest.

From *Garrettsville Journal*
May 5, 1927

CLELL EDICK DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Monday evening, May 2, saw the end of a valiant battle for life when Clell Edick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edick, passed away at 7:45 o'clock at the county hospital at Ravenna. For over a year he had pitted his will and strength against the ravages of sarcoma, but to no avail.

Clell was born September 6, 1907, in Garrettsville and his entire life has been spent here. He was a product of the Garrettsville schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1925. During his high school course he was active in many school activities, popular with his classmates, a loyal member of the school and class. He played football and basketball, and was for three years on the All-County Football Team, the last year the Captain of the team.

In the fall of 1925 he entered Hiram College, but on account of his illness he was forced to leave in the middle of the year.

Taken from them as he was about to step into the duties of life his relatives and friends will remember Clell as a clean thinking, honest and upright young man with high ideals for life. He had a fine sense of humor, was keen and witty, and unusually straight-forward in his thinking and conversation.

Besides his parents, Clell leaves an older brother, Gerald.

Funeral services were held at the home on State street Wednesday afternoon. Rev. P. L. Curtiss, assisted by Rev. M. W. McQueen and Rev. Mr. Henshaw, officiated. The Hiram College Male Quartette sang at the services. Services in Clell's memory were also held in College Chapel at Hiram Wednesday noon.

From *Portage County Democrat*
Mar 11, 1863

Letter from Cairo.

CAIRO, Ill., March 1st, 1863.

ED. DEM :

Captain H. D. Hutson, of Deerfield, Ohio, an officer in the Navy, is now lying very sick at Cairo, of typhoid fever. His friends will be glad to know, however, that he is some better this morning, and his father, wife and brother, who are now with him, entertain hopes of his recovery, though at first they thought their worst fears would be realized.

The Captain has never fully recovered from the effects of a sun stroke which he received last summer while with a reconnoitering party on the point opposite Vicksburgh, though he returned to the service soon after, and has continued on duty so long while physically unable, that he now is prostrated by exposure.— Feeling assured that his strength will not permit his return to service, should he even get well enough to return home, he has resigned his commission under the Government, much regretted by numerous friends, and will, as soon as able to ride, be brought to his home in Deerfield.

From the *Portage County Sentinel*
April 12, 1848

Marriages.

On the 30th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Rudolph, Mr. JOEL W. JAMES, of Garrettsville, to Miss LUCY TILDEN, of Hiram.

Deaths.

On the 29th ult., at the residence of Ransom Bradley, in Franklin, JAMES H. OVIATT, aged 19 years.

STOLEN.

FROM THE POCKET of the subscriber in the township of Mantua, on Tuesday night, March 21, a calf-skin Wallet, containing fourteen dollars in bank bills, three notes of hand, one against A. V. Horr, for \$17.00; one against E. Harrington, for the sum of \$10, and some cents; another for the sum of \$40.00 against L. Moore, together with some other writings. Any person who will leave the wallet with the contents at the office of the Sentinel shall receive the sum of \$8.00 as a reward for his trouble.

JAMES MAGILLON.

Ravenna, March 27, 1848. Sw 149

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SCHWARTZ, Jane Blair

Jane Blair Schwartz died on June 16th after a long, courageous battle with peritoneal cancer.

Jane was born in Mantua, Ohio in 1917. As a gifted young actress she played many roles with the Cleveland Playhouse and the Chautauqua Playhouse. Jane toured across the country as an ingenue with Gloria Swanson and also with Billie Burke. Joining the USO in 1946, she played the lead in Junior Miss for one year to many tens of thousands of US troops in the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. On Broadway she performed in the original cast of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*.

Her husband, David, was so fortunate to have been married to and loved by this intelligent, beautiful woman for fifty-five years, enjoying her boundless sense of humor and great wit, and constantly being amazed by her selfless generosity. Our son Blair and I will forever miss her love and devotion.

Jane is survived by her caring brother, William Blair, and a host of loving nieces and nephews and friends, many of whom considered her a surrogate mother.

Her favorite charities were The Bennett Schwartz Memorial Fund of Occidental College, 1600 Campus Rd., Eagle Rock, CA 90041 and The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, 60 Cutter Mill Rd., Great Neck, NY 11021.

At her request, her burial was private. A celebration of her life will be held at a future time.

The following is from Scrapbook #68 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

SID R. MERRITT DIES IN OREGON

1935

**Former Nelson Resident
was Employed at Ore-
gon State Farm**

Word has been received here of the death of Sidney R. Merritt, age 62, at Corvallis, Oregon. Mr. Merritt, a native of Parkman, and a former resident of Nelson, died on January 2, at 4 p. m., death being due to heart disease, a severe cold verging on bronchial pneumonia having contributed to the seriousness of his condition.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 5, with burial in the Masonic cemetery at Lebanon, Ore. Services were in charge of an old friend and neighbor, a Mr. Simons.

Mr. Merritt was the son of Harley J. and Emily Taylor Merritt and was born in Parkman in May 1872. He attended the Parkman schools and became a farmer, living in Nelson for eight years previous to moving to Corvallis 18 years ago. He was married to Pemaleia Hopkins on March 9, 1903. At the time of his death he was employed at the Oregon state experiment farm.

He is survived by his wife and one son, John, at Corvallis, a half-sister, Mildred Merritt, a student nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, and his step-mother, Mrs. Mabel Merritt, Garrettsville. A brother, Sanford, was killed in an elevator accident in Cleveland about twenty years ago.

Robert D. Telford Dies

News has been received here of the death at Putney, Vt., of Robert D. Telford, 56, at Putney, Vt. He had been in ill health for several years and had grown steadily worse in the last few months. Mrs. Telford, who survives him, was formerly Mrs. Charles H. Risley, and at one time lived on High Street, Garrettsville. She is a member of Crescent Chapter, No. 7, O. E. S. They had no children.

Mr. Telford was born in Portadown, Ireland, in May 1880. He was a 32nd degree Mason. 1935

MRS. BENJAMIN DIED MONDAY

1934

**Funeral Services Held on
Wednesday; Burial in
Garrettsville**

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 9, at two o'clock at the Mallory funeral home for Mrs. Inez Benjamin, age 69. Rev. O. E. Hannawalt officiated, with burial in Park cemetery.

Mrs. Benjamin, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Oliver Spies, on White street, had been in poor health all winter. She had been confined to her bed for a week with double pneumonia. She died on Monday, May 7, at 9 A. M.

She was the daughter of Goodwin E. and Hattie Parker Terrill and was born in Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, on May 19, 1865. For a number of years she was active in the work of the Salvation Army. She was married to George Abram Benjamin on October 9, 1889. She had resided in Garrettsville for sixteen years, having previously lived in Elyria.

Mrs. Benjamin is survived by five children: Mrs. Walter Thomas of Cleveland; Mrs. Sam Venice, Cleveland; Mrs. Harold Spies, Medina, Mrs. Oliver Spies and Harold Benjamin, Garrettsville. In addition there are twelve grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN DEAD

1935

**Mrs. Mary E. Sweet Died
Tuesday at Akron
Residence**

Mrs. Mary E. Sweet, wife of Thomas A. Sweet, president and general manager of the Kaase Co., Akron, O., died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1935, at their home, 180 N. Portage Path, Akron, after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon from First Universalist Church, Akron, with Dr. George Cross Baner officiating. Burial will be made in Park cemetery, Garrettsville, O.

Mrs. Sweet was a former Garrettsville girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Finch, who for many years resided on Maple avenue here. She was graduated from the Garrettsville public schools with the class of 1896. A brother, Dr. Frank Finch, of Cleveland, together with her husband, are the immediate members of the family who survive her. She was an active worker in the order of the Eastern Star.

L. E. TOMBOW DIES OF BURNS

**Garrettsville Man Looked
in Gasoline Tank with
Lighted Match**

Leslie E. Tombow, 32, died in the Bedford hospital on Saturday, May 5, after being fatally burned on Friday night. Mr. Tombow had gone to Cleveland with M. R. Fryer, Garrettsville. On the way home near Bedford their car stopped on the road. Mr. Tombow, believing the gas tank might be empty, lit a match to see. The fumes from the tank exploded and he was covered with flame from head to foot. He started to run with his companion after him. Mr. Fryer was badly burned about the hands but was unable to save his friend.

Funeral services were held at the Donald B. Johnson funeral home in Bedford on Monday at 2:30 p. m. with burial in the Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Tombow, whose former home was in Windham, had lived in Garrettsville for about four years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Tombow, and four children, Edward, Donald, Richard and Arlene.

DRAKESBURG WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Maude Frances Norris, 65, formerly of Drakesburg, died at the home of her son, Walter, 13 N. Mantua St., Kent, at 8 p. m., Saturday.

Funeral services were held at the Mallory funeral home in Garrettsville at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Burial was made in Drakesburg.

Mrs. Norris was born in Michigan, number of years at Drakesburg. For May 21, 1869, and spent quite a the last six months she had made her home with her son. 1935

Mrs. O. G. Cannon Dies at Home Here Sunday

1934

Mrs. Mary Gates Cannon, 84, widow of Galey Cannon, passed away at her home on Water street, Sunday.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Mallory funeral home, Rev. P. L. Curtiss officiating. Burial was made in Park cemetery, Garrettsville.

Mrs. Cannon was born in Burton, O., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gates. She was married in 1887 to O. G. Cannon, who passed away in 1924.

The following is from Scrapbook #68 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

MRS. WEBB, 88 DIED APRIL 18

1934

Funeral Services Will Be Held on Friday at Two O'clock

Funeral services for Mrs. Doris Leslie Webb, 88, will be held at Mallory's funeral home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock with burial in Park cemetery. Mrs. Webb died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leimbrock on North street, Wednesday, April 18, at 1:30 p. m., where she had made her home for the last month.

She was the daughter of James and Anna Hurlburt Leslie and was born at Mecca, Ohio, on June 20, 1846. She was married to Rev. Harvey Webb, at one time minister of the Garrettsville Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Webb is deceased. Mrs. Webb has made her home in Garrettsville since 1909.

She is survived by one son, Harvey Webb; a brother, Loren Leslie, of Sherwin, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. F. B. Norton, of Cleveland, and several nieces and nephews. A son, Harry Leslie Webb, died on Dec. 10, 1933.

Mrs. Webb was always active in the Methodist church and at one time did legislative work for the Ohio women's Christian Temperance Union.

After regaining his strength, his enforced idleness because of inability to obtain employment began to tell upon him. Always a man of fine purposes and ideals, he was held in high regard by those who knew him.

He was a member of Garrettsville Lodge No. 246, F. and A. M., Silver Creek Chapter, No. 144, R. A. M., the Consistory and Commandery at Knoxville.

In addition to Mrs. Spencer, who has managed Mrs. Bogrand's millinery shop for many years, he is survived by his mother, age 93, and his brother, Guy L. Spencer, Cleveland attorney, with whom she makes her home. There are also three nephews, Charles Bartholomew, Auburn; Louis Bartholomew, Hiram Rapids; Forrest Bartholomew, Bainbridge, and a niece, Mrs. Nellie Matthews.

CHAS. E. HURD DIES SUDDENLY

1934

Drops Dead at Home Here After Mowing Lawn on Friday A. M.

Charles E. Hurd, 64, a life-long resident of Nelson and Garrettsville, died suddenly on Friday morning, May 4, at 8:30 a. m. Mr. Hurd, who had been suffering with hardening of the arteries for some time, had just finished mowing the lawn of his home and was talking to a neighbor by the bridge near the basket factory when he was stricken. He was dead in a few minutes.

Funeral services were held at the Mallory funeral home on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with burial in the Harrington cemetery, Nelson. Rev. P. L. Curtiss officiated.

He was the son of Edward and Sarah Harner Hurd and was born near Kennedy Ledge, Nelson, on March 22, 1870. He was married to Miss Floy Cella Harrington on July 2, 1896. They had two children. One, Clayton Leland, died in infancy. The other son, Harland G. Hurd, of Nelson, had been the companion and pal of his father. They worked together, hunted together, lived and planned their work together. Mrs. Hurd died on November 21, 1914. About six years ago Mr. Hurd came to Garrettsville to live with his mother.

He was a stone mason and carpenter by trade, and had made the making of maple syrup and sugar a hobby. For a number of years C. E. Hurd & Son had won prizes for his product. For two years he has taken the Sweepstakes prize at the Chardon Sugar Festival. Last year he had a novelty display of an Indian sugar camp modeled from maple sugar.

In addition to his mother and son, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruth Haas, of Mantua.

MARK FERRIS KILLED

Mark Ferris, 22, of 294 E. 151st st., Cleveland, was one of two Miami university students killed last Sunday in an automobile accident on the Oxford-Hamilton road. Ferris, an outstanding amateur boxer, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ferris and grandson of O. S. Ferris, at one time an attorney of Garrettsville and editor of the Garrettsville Saturday Item.

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F. D. SPENCER LAID TO REST

1934

Despondency Causes Local Man to Take Own Life

Despondency induced by ill health and unemployment is believed to have caused Frank D. Spencer to take his own life on Saturday, April 21. Mr. Spencer had been dispirited for some time but appeared to be no more depressed than usual at breakfast with his wife and Mrs. Jennie Bogrand, with whom they made their home. He ate a hearty breakfast and shortly afterwards went to the bathroom where he shot himself through the temple with a 38 calibre revolver. He was dead when the two women reached his side.

Funeral services were held at the Mallory funeral home on Tuesday at two o'clock with burial in Park cemetery. Rev. P. L. Curtiss officiated at the service.

Frank Delos Spencer was the son of Almeron and Melissa Mumford Spencer and was born in Troy township, Geauga county, on June 30, 1873. He attended the local grade and high school and then Ohio Northern university at Ada, where he was graduated as a chemist and pharmacist. He was married to Zella Tew on November 4, 1906.

He had a varied business career. For many years he was a very successful salesman with the Sherwin Williams company of Cleveland. But desire to end the days on the road caused him to turn to pharmacy and he followed that profession by choice. In his earlier days he had worked in Cleveland, Conneaut, later in Knoxville, Tenn., and Charlotte, N. C., where he was located about ten years. About ten or twelve years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer came to Garrettsville and made their home with Mrs. Bogrand, in what had been Mrs. Spencer's girlhood home. He was employed in Cleveland in several drug houses until a few years ago he was forced to give up his position because of illness.

The following is from Scrapbook #132 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

Married.

[Insertion of Marriage Notices 25 cents.]

- DIX-FISHER**—In Paris, on the 14th day of March, 1876, by Brainerd Selby, Esq., at his residence, Mr. Waldin Dix and Miss Alice Fisher, daughter of Col. Gibson Fisher, both of Palmyra.
- QUINBY-MOORE**—At Jamestown, N. Y., March 4th, by Rev. P. B. Haugbawont, Mr. George H. Quinby and Miss Sopha S. Moore, both of Warren, Trumbull Co., O.

Died.

Notices of deaths inserted gratis. Obituaries ten cents a line.]

- COFFIN**—In Ravenna, March 8th, 1876, Mrs. Lydia Coffin, widow of Capt. Alexander Coffin, aged 84 years and 4 months.
- SEYMOUR**—In Rootstown, Tuesday morning, March 14, 1876, of typho-malarial fever, Mary L., youngest daughter of Gideon and Lucy J. Seymour.

"Yes, we must part, and parting weep—
What else has earth for us in store?
Our farewell pangs, how sharp, how deep!
Our farewell words, how sad, how sore!

Yet we shall meet again in peace
To sing the song of festal joy,
Where none shall bid our gladness cease,
And none our happiness destroy;

Where none shall beckon us away,
Nor bid our festival be done—
Our meeting time, the Eternal day,
Our meeting place, the Eternal throne.

There, hand in hand firm linked at last,
And heart to heart united all,
We'll smile upon our troubled past,
And wonder why we wept at all."

- PERKINS**—At Durand, Wisconsin, March 2, 1876, Mrs. Celia Perkins, wife of John Perkins, and daughter of the late Ripley Torrey, of Ravenna, aged 46 years.

- BUNTING**—In Ravenna, March 19, 1876, Mrs. Margaret Bunting, aged 75 years.

Married.

- HICKOX-BARNES**—In Ravenna, Oct. 13th, 1881, at the residence of Lucius Barnes, Cleveland Avenue, by Rev. G. Wood, O. F. Hickox of Aurora, and Miss Elsie Barnes, of Ravenna.
- MUNN-PARDEE**—At the residence of the bride's father in Windham, Oct. 22, 1881, by Rev. J. Tribby, Mr. Lee Mann, of Hiram, and Miss Phebe Pardee, of Windham, Ohio.
- BRAINERD-JONES**—In New Haven, Conn. Oct. 11th, 1881, by Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., at the residence of R. E. Rice, 125 High St., E. F. Brainerd, Esq. of Ravenna, O., and Miss Augusta L. Jones, of New Haven.

Died.

- BRYANT**—In Freedom, October 23, 1881, Mrs. Harriet Bryant, wife of Lyman Bryant; aged 79 years.
- KNOWLTON**—In Nelson, October 18th, 1881, Mr. William Knowlton; aged 84 years.
- CARR**—In Ravenna, Oct. 23, 1881, Sammy V., of cholera infantum, son of Charles A., and Cella A. Carr, age 2 years and 13 days.
- PIERSON**—At Hiram, Ohio, Oct. 30th, of dropsy of the heart, Roselle V., wife of Rev. A. C. Pier-son, aged 36 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Rogers-
Scott

Aug 28, 1928

The marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth Scott of Lafayette Ave., and Merton Rogers was an event of Tuesday morning at eleven, the ceremony taking place in the home of the officiant, Rev. Harry L. Ice, N. Prospect St.

The bride, who was attired in an attractive frock of gray crepe with accessories in harmony, was attended by Mrs. A. C. Utley, Mr. Utley serving as the groom's attendant.

After a luncheon at noon for the bridal party, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers left on a week's motor trip to Columbus, and on their return, they will make their home at 502 Lafayette Ave.

Death of Daniel Stocker.

About nine o'clock Wednesday morning, May 17, 1882, Mr. Stocker met his death at his own hand, the result of a derangement of mind which had for a year foreshadowed this result. The day of his death occurred on the anniversary of his first attempt upon his life, when he suddenly left his home, and after three days wandering was found. Soon after he was received as a patient at the Newburg Asylum. After a little time he came home again; later he became a second time an inmate of the Asylum, and in November last returned home again, his case being pronounced incurable. Since November last he had made two unsuccessful attempts upon his life. For a month previous to the fatal day he had seemed much improved, eat and slept well, read his papers and performed some light work, with seeming satisfaction. Last week Tuesday, W. H. H. Watkins, and Wednesday morning when he left for his own house he kissed his daughter, bade her farewell saying he should never visit her again. Arriving at home he read the newspaper, and finally said to his wife he would like to shave himself. His razor &c. were supplied him and he neatly shaved himself and made his toilet with much care, concluding with bestowing a kiss upon his wife. To her surprise he placed the razor in his pocket, and upon her remonstrating, said he would put it into the drawer of a bureau in an adjoining room. Proceeding to do this, at the doorway he suddenly whipped the razor from his pocket, drew it across the right side of his neck, cutting the jugular vein, and in five minutes was dead. As the razor was made to perform its fatal task, a bright smile, the token of satisfied accomplishment, lighted up his countenance, and remained to mark the end.

Mr. Stocker was sixty-seven years of age, and was born in New Hampshire in 1815. When quite young he became a resident of Maine, residing there many years, and marrying his wife there. In 1833 he came West, and for one year lived in Illinois. In 1854 he came to Ohio, and settled at Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co. In 1864 he came to Ravenna, and purchased a farm upon which he lived until the beginning of 1881, when he sold it, and during 1881 built a house on West Main-St., in which he died. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Watkins and his son A. W. Stocker. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Slaughter,

died October 3, 1879, and soon after that event it was seen that his mental force was impaired, and he rapidly lapsed into a condition of melancholy from which there was no restoration. Mr. Stocker was universally esteemed. He was one of the best of citizens, a successful farmer, active and public spirited. He was several years a Trustee of Ravenna township, and in 1880 Real Estate Assessor. Universal regret is felt that his days were to be ended so sorrowfully to his family and friends.

The funeral of Mr. Stocker took place Friday afternoon, Rev. Andrew Williamson officiating, N. D. Clark, E. F. Deming, J. C. Beatty, H. R. W. Hall, D. M. Clewell, David Lindsay, pall-bearers. His remains will rest in Maple Grove Cemetery beside the beloved daughter whose grave he has many times bedewed with his tears.

MARRIED.

- PHILLIPS**—WINTERSTEEN.—In Harts-grove, Sept. 7, by Alfred Walls, Howard H. Phillips, of Middlefield, and Miss Dora Wintersteen, of Hartsgrove.
- SWIRE-BROWN**—In Rock Creek, Sept. 7, Mr. John Swire and Miss Mary Brown, both of Rock Creek.
- WOOLSEY-PIERCE**—In Rock Creek, Sept. 7, Mr. Wesley Woolsey, of Akron, and Miss Minnie Pierce, of Madison.

DIED.

- PECK**—In Geneva, Sept. 10, Mrs. Tammy Peck, aged 76 years.
- BEEMAN**—In Geneva, Sept. 10, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Beeman, aged 6 months.

Died.

- WALTZ**—In Windham, Ohio, July 26th, 1881, Charles Frederic, only child of Albert H. and Mary S. Waltz; aged 6 weeks and 2 days.
- BISSELL**—In Alliance, July 31, 1881, at 10:55 p. m., of typhus fever, Mrs. Virginia F. Bissell, wife of O. A. Bissell; aged 26 years, 2 months, 21 days.
- GLADDING**—In Richwood, O., at the home of her mother, Aug. 1, 1881, of consumption, Lila, wife of A. E. Gladding, aged 24 years.
- ROCKWELL**—At Glendale, Ohio, August 5, 1881, Charles H., Jr., infant son of Cecelia M. and Lieutenant Charles H. Rockwell, 5th U. S. Cavalry.
- HUMELBAUGH**—In Meadville, Pa., July 29, 1881, Julia A., wife of W. E. Humelbaugh, aged 30 years; The remains were interred at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ravenna.

Married.

- SPRAGUE-MORLEY**—At the home of the bride's mother in Ravenna, Wednesday evening, Sept. 21st, 1881, by Rev. A. M. Hills, Mr. Wm. Sprague and Miss Anna Morley, both of Ravenna.
- WRIGHT-JOHNSON**—In Atwater at the residence of the bride's father, H. L. Johnson, on Thursday evening, Sept. 28, 1881, by Rev. Roswell Chapin, Miss Julia E. Johnson and Mr. Charles H. Wright; all of Atwater.
- WELDY-WOOLFE**—Sept. 22, 1881, by Rev. N. Palzgroff, Mr. Morris Weldy and Miss Hona Woolle, both of Portage Co., O.
- LIBIS-BALDWIN**—At the Congregational parsonage in Atwater, Saturday morning, Sept. 24th, 1881, by Rev. R. Chapin, Mr. John Libis of Randolph and Miss Emma Baldwin of Atwater.

Married.

- WALTER-GANO**—By L. Rogers, at his residence in Edinburg, Saturday eve, June 3, 1882, Mr. Cadmir B. Walter, of Blair, Indiana, and Miss Allie M. Gano, of Edinburg, Ohio.

Died.

- STEPHENSON**—In Ravenna, May 20, 1882, of scarlet fever, Charley, only son of Carl and Ella Stephenson, aged 2 years and 7 months.
- FRYER**—At the County Infirmary, June 2, 1882, of general debility and heart disease, Robert Fryer, aged 72 years.
- Mr. Fryer was a well known shoemaker, and went to the Infirmary Aug. 25, 1876, since which time he has done all the shoemaking and repairing for the institution.

PEELING BACK THE PEDALS (GENERATIONS) OF TIME

(Dale's Diggings)

The further back one goes in time, the fuzzier some events become. For instance, several places might be listed as a location on the Internet for an occasion so that each needs to be investigated for the correct locale. Obviously an event cannot occur simultaneously in two places at once. The original documentation can be the final answer and would be necessary to clear up any discrepancies regarding a location. Requesting the original document can be done through e-mail or snail mail. The process involves contacting each individual site and inquiring if the original documentation exists.

In using the Internet, a genealogist may get a "feel" for the person who has done the original research for the documentation, which is verified by references. Still, all the "facts" need to be checked and a copy of the documentation secured.

Worldconnect at: http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/ represents the sum total of all research that individuals have done on persons and placed their results on the Internet. Although Worldconnect is a part of Ancestry.com, the site is maintained by the individual's own contributions. Many researchers indicate that their work is in progress and would welcome additions and/or changes to their findings. The next step is each site needs to be checked for accuracy because of conflicting information and not every site will contain the same facts about a person. Worldconnect now contains over 460 million names for searching and is an excellent resource and a good place to begin research. The database has both basic and advanced search capabilities and dependent on the amount of information provided, the results will vary. The website also has several different methods of displaying the same information for descendants.

In attempting to determine the exact location of an event, genealogists should be aware that county and town names may actually be the same. County boundary lines may have been redrawn over the years. The town didn't move from one county to another, only the border lines changed due population growth. In Pennsylvania, for example, a town might be located in four different counties over the years. Also, in New England, a "town" is a political subdivision of a county, not merely a populated place.

Towns do not always keep the same name. In researching names, the settlement may have had a name change over the years. Examples are Old --- became New ---, South --- became just ---. The town may have changed its name completely from one word to another, having some particular significance. For example, Chicago Junction became Willard, Ohio in 1912 because of the railroad, which ran through town. A town might have also changed its name because federal rules prohibit two towns having the same name in a state. In Ohio, as in other states, there are "ghost towns" which no longer exist and these may be mentioned in the researched documentation.

For the New England states, it would be advisable to investigate the town's relationship with nearby urban areas to determine if the community is actually the same municipality due to mergers, annexations, etc. Some towns were actually a part of other towns years ago. A present day map should be consulted to determine the exact location for a town or county.

The question of where an event or happening took place is that probably never moved; it was just called by a different name.

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The following is from Scrapbook #129 located at the Portage County Historical Society.

RAVENNA, OHIO.
Wednesday Morning, April 10, 1861.

THE DEATH BED.

BY THOMAS HOOD.

We watched her breathing through the night,
Her breathing soft and low,
As in her breast the ware of life
Kept heaving to and fro.

So silently we seemed to speak,
So slowly moved about,
As we had lent her half our powers
To eke her living out.

Our very hopes belied our fears,
Our fears our hopes belied—
We thought her dying when she slept,
And sleeping when she died.

For when the morn came, dim and sad,
And chill with early showers,
Her quiet eyelids closed—she had
Another morn than ours.

TWO EMERGENCY RECIPES

When company drops in unexpectedly, "What shall we have for dessert," is generally the first thought that pops into the good housekeeper's head. Below are given two recipes that have proved very useful in our house many times:

CREAM PIE.—

Cream 1 cupful of granulated sugar and 1 cupful of butter together, add 3/4 cupful of sweet milk, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking-powder sifted into 2 cupfuls of sifted flour, 2 eggs.

Flavor with vanilla. A cupful of dried currants or raisins are very nice in the batter. Bake in two layers, and when cold, spread the following custard between, and powder the top with fine sugar:

SEPTEMBER 15, 1894.

A Kansas Lullaby.

Bye-a-baby-pittywits!
Papa by the cradle sits;
Mamma's gone to get an ax
To smash a rummie's bar to bits!
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The beauty of having a lot of troubles is that we can't worry about them all at once.—Chicago Record.

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

Now the question of the hour
Is a "burning" one you bet,
It is, "shall or shall we not
Let the furnace go out yet?"
—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

THE '99 INSTINCT.

"Why does a woman always buy her postage stamps three at a time?"
"So as to get pennies in change, of course."

"What does she want to get pennies for?"
"Well, that makes it seem more like a bargain."—Chicago Journal.

THE HORRID BRUTE.

She—I never expected to work like this when I married you.
He—I didn't suppose you cared. You worked hard enough to get me, didn't you?
—Indianapolis Journal.

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The following was found at the Portage County Historical Society in a stack of loose papers. It appears to have been from a newsletter. Sorry I can't give the proper credit.

Have you ever had problems with an attorney being dissatisfied with a title search? Here's one for you. A defense plant corporation making a routine investigation of the titles to a proposed site in Louisiana, received a title proof as far back as 1803. However, their legal advisor was not satisfied with this and wrote for evidence of a title prior to 1803. He received the following reply from a Louisiana attorney: "Gentlemen: I note your comment upon the fact that the record of title sent you as applying to the land under consideration dates only from the year 1803, and your request for an extension of the records prior to that date. Please be advised that the Government of the United States acquired the Territory from the Government of France in the year 1803. The Government of France acquired title by conquest from the Government of Spain. The Government of Spain acquired title by discovery of one Christopher Columbus, a resident of Genoa, Italy, traveler and explorer, under the sponsorship of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain. The Queen of Spain 'received sanction' of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and a representative of Jesus Christ, the Son and heir apparent of the Almighty God, and the Almighty God made Louisiana. I trust this complies with your request".....

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