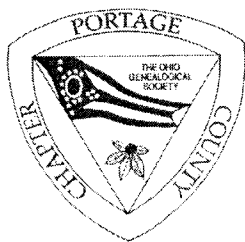


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Message From Our President

Dear Members,

Everyone had a delightful time at the First Settlers Luncheon on October 15th at Cal's in Garrettsville. First Settlers Chairman, Ellen Monroe, is to be congratulated on doing such a fine job on the arrangements for the luncheon. Ellen is giving up the job as chairman of First Settlers and we want to thank her of all her hard work. We are very fortunate to have Claudia Bissler volunteer to be chairman of this committee.

We had one new inductee, Russell Kinsey, who attended along with many friends. Russell is from Mansfield, Ohio. [See page 2]

November 19th is our annual meeting when election of officers will take place. Yearly reports will be given at this time from committee chairs.

November's meeting will be my last meeting as your President. I wish to thank all our members who have helped me these last two years. I have enjoyed being President and wish for the new Officers great success in their term of office. Lets support these new officers by attending our meetings each month. Large attendance makes the Officers feel their work is worthwhile.

Our program for November will be most interesting and I hope to see you there.

Eloise Clark
President

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: 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

November 19-Jana Broglin, professional genealogist, will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be "Early Kentucky Wills and Estates". See page 2 for more on Jana. Our annual election of officers will take place at this meeting.

December--No meeting. Have a great Holiday Season.

January 21-program to be announced

Chapter News:

Russell Franklin Kinsey Jr. from Mansfield, Ohio is our newest inductee into First Settler's of Portage County. He has proven the following ancestors were in Portage County before December 31, 1839, the first in 1804 and up to 1827.

Abraham Reed, Siley Hitchcock, Mary Wallace Reed, Horace Reed, Melissa Reed, Edward E. Chapman from Rootstown; Lois Baldwin, John Henry Baldwin, Esther Hamilton from Charlestown.

To help those members who are interested in becoming a member of First Settler's pages 3-6 contain a copy of the application to review and use as a work sheet. The Rules of Evidence are on page 5. You would still need to contact the Chapter or chairman of First Settler's, Claudia Bissler, for the official application. Deadline for next year is June 1, 2006.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Her topic will be "Early Kentucky Wills and Estates"



Jana Broglin will be our guest speaker November 19th. A native of northwestern Ohio, Jana has been a professional genealogist since 1980. She is Vice-President of Membership Services of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and a Trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Membership includes FGS, OGS, NGS, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and Indiana Genealogical Society. Jana is the query editor for the OGS News Magazine; and will be the society's conference chair in 2006 in Toledo, Ohio. Her publications include articles for OGS News Magazine; Indiana Genealogical Society Quarterly; and FGS FORUM plus two FGS Society Strategy Papers. Over 60 books have been published on Kentucky and Ohio.

PUBLICATION UPDATE

The chapter has finished proof reading the guardianship records and has completed proofing about one third of the wills and estates files for our new publication, Index to Portage County Wills & Estates and Guardianship Probate Court Records Located at the Portage County Historical Society, Ravenna Ohio 1815-1923. Back in April we announced this work and printed two sample pages in the newsletter. The material we are indexing is located at the Portage County Historical Society. These records are items that were placed in the care of the Society when the Portage County Court House was torn down about 1960. We are about on schedule for our target printing date.

If you wish to order this publication early please use the form on the last page.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT: Fill in blocks, B, D, E, and F on this page. List your main ancestral line on pages 2 and 3, beginning with yourself as #1. Type or handprint ALL information. A check for \$15.00 must accompany application.

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PROVED ANCESTORS:

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B FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

Name _____
 (type or print)

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First Settlers
 Of PCGS Number _____
 Date Application Received _____
 Acceptance Date _____
 Fee Received? _____

FIRST SETTLERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY

Applicant's Name D	Street Address	County	
Full Name of Husband or Wife	Town	State	Zip

ANCESTORS OF APPLICANT WHO WERE SETTLED IN PORTAGE COUNTY BY 1840.

E NAME OF ANCESTOR	Year First proved in PORTAGE CO.	Town or Twp. first proved in PORTAGE CO.	State or Country Ancestor came from

My PCGS Genealogical Society Dues are paid for the year _____ **E**

County Society verification **G**

APPROVED BY:

County Society First Settlers Of PCGS Committee Chairman _____ Date _____

PCGS Executive Board _____ Date _____

1. I _____ was born on _____
at _____
City County State

2. I am the child of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

3. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter
of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

4. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter
of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

5. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter
of _____
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
_____ his wife
born on _____ at _____
City County State
died on _____ at _____
City County State
married on _____ at _____
City County State

6. The said _____ was the _____
 Son or Daughter
 of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 _____ his wife
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 married on _____ at _____
 City County State

7. The said _____ was the _____
 Son or Daughter
 of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 _____ his wife
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 married on _____ at _____
 City County State

8. The said _____ was the _____
 Son or Daughter
 of _____
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 _____ his wife
 born on _____ at _____
 City County State
 died on _____ at _____
 City County State
 married on _____ at _____
 City County State

BASIC RULES OF EVIDENCE

THIS APPLICATION AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROVING DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADJUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

- PRIMARY OR COLLATERAL EVIDENCE FROM VITAL STATISTICS, COURT HOUSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT RECORDS, CHURCH AND SCHOOL RECORDS, ETC., IS CONSIDERED USUALLY TO BE BEYOND DOUBT, AND EXCELLENT PROOF
- SECONDARY EVIDENCE, SUCH AS CENSUS RECORDS, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, OLD LETTERS, BIBLE OR OTHER FAMILY RECORDS, CONTEMPORARY TO THE FACTS REPORTED, ARE CONSIDERED ALMOST AS AUTHENTIC
- CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, OR HEARSAY IS NOT CONSIDERED AS PROOF UNLESS BACKED UP BY PRIMARY OR SECONDARY EVIDENCE
- ORAL, WRITTEN, OR PUBLISHED FAMILY TRADITIONS ARE VERY OFTEN WRONG, AND ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF
- ALL PROOF DOCUMENTS MUST BY THEMSELVES OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS, ACTUALLY STATE THE FACT TO BE PROVED
- IMPLIED EVIDENCE IS NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF

This application, information, and all supporting documents and data become the property of the PCGS.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRST SETTLERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Any member of the Portage County Genealogical Society who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the Area now encompassed by Portage County by 1840, may become a member of THE FIRST SETTLERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY on the acceptance of an application with proof of such descent and the payment of an application fee. This application must first be accepted by THE FIRST SETTLERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY Committee and then by THE PORTAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Executive Board. If the applicant is an out-of-county resident, the application will go directly to the PORTAGE COUNTY FIRST SETTLERS Committee in care of THE PORTAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Ravenna, OH 44266.

Give volume and page for book references and include a copy machine, photo, or other facsimile copy of the pertinent pages, and for all published or unpublished records used for proof. Typed, handprinted, or written copies of documents, not certified as "True Copies", are not acceptable as proof. Published or manuscript material authored by the applicant or his family will not of themselves be accepted as proof. Information for additional ancestral lines may be included on blank pages, showing the tie-in to the lines on the basic application. If more than two lines are submitted, please include an ancestral chart to show the inter-connections.

Authorities as to settlement in Portage County by 1840, upon whom eligibility is claimed:

Four horizontal lines for listing authorities as to settlement in Portage County by 1840.

Authorities as to descent: (List and include facsimile copies as stated above)

Each step must be proved.

Seven numbered items (1-7) with horizontal lines for listing authorities as to descent.

I _____ do hereby swear that the statements set forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The next four pages contain the List of Aurora Township for 1825 Proprietors Names. It includes number of houses, their value, stud horses, rates, other horses and cattle. It is from the files at the Portage County Historical Society.

List of Aurora Township for 1825 Proprietors Names		Houses	Value	Stud Horses	Rates	Horses	Cattle
Austin John						5	51
Adams Moses						1	1 40
Amey Reuben						4	40
Bipell Justus	1	375			2	17	2 50
Bipell Ebenezer	1	475			1	12	1 50
Blair Isaac	1	450			1	17	2 10
Blackman John A	1	225			1	1	1 40
Blackman Chas	1	375				5	51
Blair Bohan	1	250			2	11	1 70
Bipell Rosibel	1	550			2	20	2 60
Bipell Enos						5	51
Bipell David					2	14	2 10
Baldwin Sanford					1	2	50
Benjamin Lemas						6	60
Baldwin Hansson	1	100			1	10	1 30
Black Charles						3	30
Baldwin Elisham						2	2
Baldwin Henry						6	60
Cannon Stephen	1	225			1	8	1 10
Cannon Eli					1	13	1 60
Crooks George D	1	375			1	8	1 20
Crawford Solomon					1	17	2 10
Crawford Alexander			1	250			50
Cupper Chester	1	175			1	2	25
Copman Peley Samuel	1	500			1	22	2 50
Credley Charles						2	20
Cookson William						1	10

White
which
are not
listed

Contributors Names	Acres	Value	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Egyptston Moses	2	4.50		2	27	2.50	
Egyptston Joseph	7	2.00		1	12	1.50	
Egyptston Benjamin				1	4	1.00	
Egyptston Martin	1	1.00		1	6	1.00	
Egyptston Chauncy	1	7.50		3	21	2.90	
Edwards John S.	1	3.75		7	14	1.70	
Emerson Samuel H.	1	4.00		1	12	1.50	
Fields Reuben					2	2.1	
Granger Julius					4	1.90	
Granger Horace	1	8.00		2	12	1.50	
Hannover Ebenezer	1	3.00		3	13	2.20	
Hatch William					1	1.00	
Hatch John	1	1.75		1	12	1.50	
Hend Hapson	1	4.00	3.50	2	2	2.30	
Hickox Josiah	1	6.00		1	14	1.70	
Hopkins Bradley	1	1.00		1	3	1.60	
Herrick James W.	1	3.25		2	16	2.20	
Herny James M.				2	6	1.40	
Holittor Hanning	1	1.00			6	1.60	
Jackson John E.				1	2	1.50	
Kennedy David					1	1.00	
Kent Gordon					11	1.10	
Kent Leno	1	10.00		2	37	4.00	
Kent Larcus	1	10.00		4	18	3.00	
Kennedy Justin	1	2.00			10	1.00	
Laveland Ephraim				1	5	1.40	
Lacey Isaac J.	1	2.00		3	2	1.40	

Proprietors Names	Shares	Value	Stand Shares	Butts	Shares	Butts
Lacey Stephen E	.	.	.	.	2	20
Lacey Jasper B	1	1.25	.	.	5	50
Lacey Jasper	.	.	.	2	6	120
Little Warner	.	.	.	1	13	168
Lacey Henry	.	.	.	1	.	30
Norton Seldon	.	.	.	1	6	90
Norton Simon	.	.	.	.	3	30
Owen Sally Administratrix on the estate of Ephson Owen Esq	1	3.00	.	.	.	.
Owen Sulphur	1	1.00	.	.	.	.
Pursons John	1	2.00	.	1	12	150
Phin Samuel	1	2.25	.	1	3	60
Purken Abel	1	2.75	.	2	10	160
Robins Abelster	.	.	.	1	6	90
Reese Abner	1	2.00	.	.	1	10
Reese John	.	.	.	1	2	30
Ream Frederick	.	.	.	.	4	40
Reed Lemuel	1	3.00	.	2	14	200
Russell Samuel	1	1.50	.	1	4	100
Richardson Michael	.	.	.	.	3	30
Riley Eppy	1	2.75	.	2	26	320
Riley Julius Jr	.	.	.	.	8	80
Risk Nathaniel Jr	1	2.75	.	.	5	50
Singletary John C	1	7.00	.	2	29	350
Sheldon Gershon	2	5.50	.	2	17	230
Sheldon Jettus	.	.	.	1	10	130

	Shovels	Shovels	Shovels	Shovels	Shovels	Shovels
<i>Proprietors Names</i>						
Sheldon Ebenezer Jr	1	7.50	.	2	11	1.70
Seward John	.	.	.	2	11	1.70
Smith Ernest	.	.	.	1	6	.60
Simpson Andrew J	.	.	.	2	2	.20
Simpson James	.	.	.	2	30	
Seward John Jr	1	3.75	.	1	3	.60
Seward Job Jr	1	1.00	.	2	14	2.10
Spencer Brunard	1	1.50	.	2	15	2.10
Stewart Michael	.	.	.	1		.30
Taylor Samuel	.	.	.	1	16	2.90
Taylor Worthy	.	.	.	1	14	2.10
Trest James H	1	1.50	.	5	17	3.20
White James	1	1.00	.	1	9	1.20
White Joseph	.	.	.	1	5	.80
White Oliver	.	.	.	.	11	1.40
Witham William	1	1.00	.	1	26	2.30
Wolf Frank	.	.	.	1	6	.90
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
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Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80
Witham Stephen	2	98	80	2	98	80

Dist No 5
 1st District
 5th Precinct

List of names of the
 5th Precinct
 Township
 11th Precinct
 12th Precinct

Simon J. Smith
 June 4th 1825

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

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

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JUST FOR FUN

The following was found at the Portage County Historical Society. True author unknown. Copied as written:

Submitted by CMA Pump

An old-fashioned lady, always quite delicate and elegant, especially in her language. She and her husband were planning a week's vacation in Florida, so she wrote to a particular campground and asked for a reservation.

She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped, but didn't quite know how to ask about the toilet facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old fashioned term "bathroom commode". But when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So she started all over again, rewrote the entire letter, and referred to the "bathroom commode" merely as the "B.C."

Does your campground have its own B.C.? (is what she actually wrote.) Well, the campground owner wasn't old fashioned at all. When he received the letter, he just couldn't figure out what the woman was talking about. The B.C. business really stumped him.

After worrying about it for a while, he showed the letter to several campers. But they couldn't image what the lady meant either. So the campground owner finally came to the conclusion that the lady must be asking about the location of the local Baptist Church and he sat down and wrote the following reply;

Dear Madam,

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take the pleasure of informing you that the B.C. is located nine miles north of the campgrounds on a beautiful hill overlooking the bay. The B.C. is capable of seating 250 people at one time quite comfortably. I admit it is quite a distance if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually go early and stay late.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago and it was so crowded that we had to stand up the entire time we were there. It may interest you to know the right now there is a supper being planned to raise money to buy more seats. They are going to hold it in the basement of the B.C. I would like to say that it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly, but it surely is no lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it becomes more of an effort to go, particularly in cold weather. If you decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks. Remember, this a friendly community.



The following was from a genealogy newsletter but the name of the Chapter and when published were missing. I wish I could give credit to the submitter.

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".....

PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Portage County Cemeteries:	Price-Ohio residents only add 7.25% tax
Volume I-Franklin Twp. 1810-1990* (see below)	\$44.00
Volume II-Brimfield & Suffield Twp. 1808-1991	\$28.00
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*Every Name Index to Franklin Twp., companion to Volume I 1810 – 1990	\$25.00
Complete Every Name Index to Portage County Cemetery Books Volumes I – XIII [2 books, sold as set] includes the indexes only for all thirteen volumes	\$50.00
Portage Co. Chap. OGS Newsletters with Index 1979-1988	\$25.00
Undertaker's Records of Ira L. Herriff -Burials in Portage & Summit Co. Volume III is not available.	
Volume I-1869-1889	\$19.50
Volume II-1889-1896	\$19.50
Volume IV-1901-1907	\$19.50
Volume V-1907-1912	\$19.50

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

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CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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The Portage County Genealogical Society Surname List is sent out in the March-April newsletter. Please attach a list of the surnames you are researching. There is a limit of 12 names for this listing! Please PRINT names. If we can't read it, it will not be listed. **Surnames must be received by February 15th** to be included in the newsletter. Surnames received after this date will appear in a later issue of the newsletter.

Pre-Publication Order Form

**Index to Portage County Wills & Estates and Guardianship Probate Court Records
Located at the Portage County Historical Society, Ravenna Ohio 1815-1923.**

Pre-Publication Sale Price \$30.00--- includes shipping and handling

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