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To Our Members:

Summer is coming to an end; the kids will be back in school and my garden is not slowing down yet.

A number of researchers passed through the Portage County Historical Society Library this summer, and some found just what they wanted and others found nothing. Such is the lot of all genealogy research. But the search is always fun and I found a few items for myself, even when I wasn't really looking!

Chapter members are still at work cutting up newspapers, transcribing records, and proofing material for future books. A really big thank you goes out to them for their dedication to this work, in the end it will be a huge benefit to so many researchers.

Our annual First Settler's Luncheon will be in October and a reminder that this is a time for our chapter members to get together to celebrate adding someone who has worked to prove that a family member was in the county before 1840. See page 2 for the details from Jackie Woodring about this year's event.

Your President, *Barb Petroski*

Meeting Dates—First 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

2011

September 3—Portage Co. School Records & Photos from the Portage County Historical Society collection will be highlighted. Records in this collection date back to the mid 1800's for only a few schools but the photos cover a larger portion of the county. Barb Petroski, librarian at PCHS, will present the program.

October 1-- First Settlers Luncheon—See page 2 for details!

November 5--Bruce Dzeda will be speaking about the Erie Railroad in Kent.

December 3-- New Meeting Date—Wayne Enders will be the speaker.

January 7, 2012 --NO Meetings in January. We now have meetings in December instead.

Special Thanks to the following for their donations to the chapter:

Mary Marvin LETTS



First Settler's Luncheon

The First Settler's of Portage County will hold their annual luncheon at Belleria's Italian Restaurant on **October 1, 2011, at 12:30**. All chapter members are invited to attend. Guests are welcome.

The restaurant is located at 1879 St. Rt. 59 just east of Kent on the north side of the road. We had our luncheon there last year and it seemed a central location, I have also met with the scheduler and I believe the service will be better this year. Each person will get their choice off the menu and their own bill. We hope to have two inductees this year but that has not been confirmed.

If you have any questions please call Carolyn Kale at 33-296-4412 or email her at momkale@aol.com. Hope to see everyone there.

Jackie Woodring
Chairperson, First Settler's



Web Site of Interest

Free Genealogy Search Engine **Mocavo.com**

It provides billions of names, dates and places worldwide, seeking an index to all free online genealogy information. *[I personally tried some of the sites and the links did not work but others did. Since this is rather new it may take a while to get the kinks out]* It only searches genealogy sites which eliminates common words or corporate names, according to Dick Eastman .

Information from Raconteur, *Geauga County Genealogical Society Newsletter-July-Sept 2011 Vol 33 No.3*



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Information below from newsletter:

Ancestry Trails, Trumbull County Genealogical Society
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Better Late Than Never: Delayed Birth Certificates

By Mary Penner 16 February 2010

Ask any woman who has given birth and she'll tell you that delays in that process are downright unacceptable. Delays getting to the hospital, for example, are a real nuisance; having a baby in the car or on the sidewalk can be particularly annoying. Babies are also prone to delays when it comes to making their earthly appearance. Being overdue or dragging out the labor experience are two delays most mothers would rather do without.

In the genealogy world you will encounter "delayed birth certificates." These certificates don't result from the exasperating delays that may have been associated with the birth; instead these records simply mean that the birth certificate was delayed.

Previous generations in America were routinely casual about recording births. Each state had its own set of rules. Connecticut was a forerunner in the birth registration race requiring town clerks to record births as early as 1650. Many states, however, didn't begin recording births until the late 1800s, and some states didn't jump on the birth certificate bandwagon until the early 20th century.

Birth certificates are dandy finds for genealogists, yet family historians often neglect to look for delayed birth certificates. Many of our recent ancestors didn't have birth certificates, but if they lived beyond 1936 they may have collected Social Security benefits. In order to collect those benefits, they often needed to produce a birth certificate. While most 20th century delayed birth certificates were created in response to Social Security requirements, there were other reasons a delayed birth record might be needed—obtaining a passport, for example.

The applicants didn't have to prove they were born. That was obvious to even the most cynical government bureaucrat. They did, however, have to offer proof about the who, where, and when of their births. Consequently, delayed birth certificates produce a double windfall for genealogists.

The typical birth certificate information is all there—date and place of birth, as well as names, ages, and birthplaces of parents including the mother's maiden name. The birth certificates also often include the applicant's race and the name of the attendant physician or midwife.

The bonus information with delayed birth certificates lies in the proof offered for the date of birth. Applicants usually had to provide three documents that attested to their age. These documents might be affidavits written by family members or long-time friends or neighbors who had personal knowledge about the applicant's age or birth. The documents could be an insurance policy, marriage license, family Bible, military papers, voting records, or census records.

While the clerk didn't retain these supporting pieces of evidence, the list of documents usually provides valuable clues for researchers. On a New Mexico delayed birth certificate issued in 1966 for a woman born in 1926, I found the name and place of the church where she had been baptized as an infant. That's a handy clue. Another delayed birth certificate noted the date and place of the applicant's marriage as a piece of evidence. Look for delayed birth records at both the county and state level where you believe the birth occurred. Some delayed birth records are at state archives, and some have been microfilmed. The Oregon State Archives has an online index of delayed birth certificates.

Be sure to look specifically for delayed birth certificates because they may be filed separately from regular birth certificates. Also, don't overlook the possibility that you might find applications for delayed birth certificates within another set of records.

Ancestry.com has a large collection of applications for delayed birth certificates for the state of South Carolina. I noticed an application that listed the date and place of death for the applicant's father.

States have become more guarded about releasing birth certificate information even for deceased people. Check the National Center for Health Statistics Web site to find links to each state's vital records office.

We all have relatives who were born before their state mandated birth certificates, and many of us have relatives who should have had birth certificates, but for some maddening reason one was never created. Look for a delayed birth certificate and you might find some vital family history nuggets.

Genealogist and writer Mary Penner can be reached through her website at www.marypenner.com.



From: *Record Courier*, Friday November 3, 1961-- in the files at the Portage County Historical Society

WOMAN BUYS ANTIQUE TABLE, FINDS OLD PALMYRA RECORDS

By J. B. HOLM

Century-old documents have come to light which convey considerable information about life in the early days of Palmyra Township.

The papers were discovered by Mrs. Herbert T. Young of Twin Lakes. Mrs. Young had purchased an old small table from an antique dealer on Route 14. When the table was brought home she examined it and was surprised to find the papers stuffed in the rear of a drawer. Realizing their historical value, Mrs. Young gave them to J. B. Holm, historian of the Portage County Historical Society, for use by the society.

The papers, yellowed and discolored by time, are about 30 in number and date from 1847 to 1879 and are more or less official in character. Most of them are poll or tally sheets used in connection with local elections then held in April of each year.

The lists show the predominating number of Welsh residents of the township. In 1847 the tide of Welsh miners coming from the old country was in full swing and many of them came to Palmyra to help operate the coal mines there. This is shown by such names on the voting lists as Jones, Thomas, Williams, Evans, Rees, Davis, Morgan, Griffiths, Phillips, Richards, Lewis, Stevens, Johns, Robison, Hughes and others.

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THE township poll book for 1847 shows that voters were Gibson Daniels, George Grate, Edward Price, George Fisher, William Fisher, Richard D. Jones, Simon Thomas, Thomas Ford, Loren Bigelow, Harvey W. Daniels, Isaac McDavid, Evan Rees, George Herter, Almon Chittenden Jr., Ebenezer Olmstead, Hugh P. Hughes, Thomas B. Carter, Vespasian Daniels, Thomas R. Morgan, David W. Evans, John Hawk, Nicholas Simons, Abel Merwin, Daniel Thomas, John D. Thomas.

William D. Durham, James Ober, Tibalds Baldwin, James Jewel, Evan T. Jones, Stephen Edwards, Isaac Coles, Morgan Rees, Thomas Herbert, John Lewis, Isaac Tuttle, James McGill, John D. Jones, Castle Gilbert, Nathaniel R. Merwin, William Garrison, Abijah Corbit, John A. Wilcox.

DeWit C. Church, Gustavus Bacon, James A. Church, Albert Edwards, Gibson Fisher, John T. Black, Havel R. Powel, David D. Jenkins, Daniel D. Thomas, Leonard Corbet, Thebus H. Gilbert, Stephen Calvin, John Jewel, Lewis Lawton, Benjamin Wilcox, William Jewel, Evan Davis, James Gary, Job Johns, John Davis, Alexander Shoemaker, Richard Hughes, Abel W. Steward, John C. Caldwell, Ira Jewel, Merrit Gary, Alvin G. Streater, George Waller, John Breeze, Silvester R. Canfield, Charles R. Canfield, William Williams and John D. Davis.

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SIGNING the poll book were Ebenezer Olmstead, Almon Chittenden and Loren Bigelow as trustees; and Richard D. Jones and Simon D. Thomas, clerks.

The poll book for 1849 carries 154 names of voters. Signing it are H. Williams and John Wilcox, clerks; and H. H. Willard, Alan Baldwin, Gideon Ladd and John Breeze, judges.

In 1858 the poll sheets had 227 names. J. A. Wilcox and J. C. Giddings signed as clerks while David Thomas, Wheeler Gilbert and Charles Goldie were judges.

In this list the name of John Williams was followed by the word "shoemaker" and Thomas Williams by "waggonmaker." This was done in order to distinguish them from others bearing identical names.

An undated tally sheet shows voters casting ballots for Reuben Wood for governor; Darius Lym-

an for state senator; Luther Day for congress and James Woodard for sheriff.

An 1877 report shows a hot race for the office of sexton, then elective, with John Hiser getting 101 votes and W. D. Jenkins landing 102.

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IN 1879 either 208 or 213 votes were cast. Two reports are found showing these variations:

Apparently the county election board did not figure so importantly in the conduct of local elections.

One paper reports the township school enumeration in District No. 1 in 1851 to be 95. An 1871 report for District No. 5 reveals 39 youths of school age.

A road tax list for one district in 1858 showed 27 names, with the tax ranging from three cents to \$1.59 per property owner.

A report of the township board of education for 1866 discloses that the year's budget was \$1,951. Teachers in the eight districts were paid a total of \$1,119.84 for their services. Average pay was \$27.60 monthly for men and \$16.90 per month for women teachers.

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IN ONE district the teacher still "boarded around." Text-book purchases leaned heavily to McGuffey. Fifteen teachers were used that year in the eight districts. This was due to the custom of hiring teachers by the term which resulted in a high turnover. Average attendance for the entire township was 275.

Among the papers is a teacher's certificate issued to Lucy Merwin in 1873, good for 12 months and signed by W. W. Patton, examiner, then superintendent of Kent schools whose home was later to become Patton Memorial Home. There is also a certificate issued in 1874 to E. S. Wilson, but good for only six months. This is signed by Patton and S. Puckett, then Ravenna school superintendent.

A marriage certificate was found dated Dec. 28, 1887. On that date Cyrus L. Slack and Orpha O. McKelvey were married by Justice D. E. Wilson.

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THERE is also a paper certifying that John A. Wilcox is entitled to \$3 in payment for 200 feet of planking for a bridge in District No. 4. It was signed by Aaron Gilbert, supervisor.

Many of the documents were in connection with the election of justices of the peace in the years 1857, 1860, 1878 and 1880. In 1860, S. O. Calvin was elected and in 1879 William D. Davis was chosen for the office.

How the documents happened to be in the old table is uncertain but it is conjectured that they had been in custody of a township clerk or other officer, put away and then forgotten. When the table changed owners the papers were still in the drawer unknown to the seller.

The following is from the Portage County Historical Society collection of old court records. It is a List of Jurors returned from October 1834. Each township had males that would be assigned to appear on a jury when called. Note that townships now in Summit County are on the list.

Attwater

Austin Loomis

Aurora

Amos H. Treat

Zeno Kent -

J. D. Kelley -

Boston

Alto Henry Post

Daniel Tilden

Brimfield none

Charlestown

Oliver Wilcox

Giles Hall

Ezra Knapp

Coventry

John Smith

Henry Williard

Deerfield

Peter Lazarus

John Hertsy

Raeph Day

Edinburgh

Sylvester Gilbert Jr

Franklin

Timothy Wallace

Frederick Haymaker

Puel Shirliff

Freedom

William H. Wells

Hiram

Jason Rider

Alvah Udall

Henry Canfield

Hudson

William W. Thompson

Norman Rogers

Daniel C. Gaylord

Oliver C. Brown

Mantua

Jeremiah Root

Hezron Taylor

Nelson

Phineas^m Tinker

William Herrick

Northampton

Walter Wait

Northfield - none

Palmyra

Francis Lewis

Portage

Amos Mallison

Justin Gale

Paris

Stephen Bingham Jr

Pravema

Adam Poe
Daniel W. Jinnings
Lyman Hotchkiss

Prootstown none

Randolph

William Rogers
Hiram Hart
Stephen Moreland
Robert M. Hamilton
Calvin Rawson

Stow

Reuben Tonsley
Orin Burdick

Springfield

John Fulkerson
Caleb Smith
Solomon Purdy
John Spade
Francis Weston

Shalersville

Benoni Peck
William Lacie
Edwin B. Babcock
Hermon Crane

Suffield none

Streetsborough

James Baird
Ezra S. Gable
Orren Judd

Swinsburgh none

Tallmadge

George A. Peckham
Israel Isbel
Cassander Sackett
Theodore Noble
Roswell Kent
Amos Avery
Andrew Treat
Lucius D. Dimick

Windham

Samuel H. Pardy
William Milican
David B. Kingsley

The following obituaries are from a notebook of obits on the shelf at the Portage County Historical Society. The book is dated from 1887 to 1974 but most obituaries are the more recent ones. The ones here are the oldest. If date was readable it is recorded. (Newspapers are not known for certain.)

2 Dec 1890

See 2 Mysterious Suicide. 1890
Monday Miss May Woods, a young lady dressmaker aged 19 years, residing here called at Morris Bros.' drugstore and purchased 20 grains of morphine in powdered form. The druggist cautioned her about using it. She boarded herself, her room being in the house of Mr. D. C. Beardsley, on Main street. Tuesday morning, about 5:30 o'clock Mrs. Beardsley heard her breathing heavily and went to her room, but could not arouse her, and immediately called a physician, who could do nothing for her, and she died about 8 o'clock. It seems she went to her room early in the evening, took off her shoes and without undressing lay down upon the lounge, threw a shawl about her form and deliberately took the deadly drug. Why she committed the rash act may never be known. Miss Woods was a handsome girl, the picture of health, of a joyous disposition, and highly respected by her acquaintances. She was a member of the Methodist church and in good standing. Her parents, who reside in Ravenna, came here Tuesday and cared for her remains.

1893

Death of Henry Odell. 93

Henry Odell died of consumption, Tuesday, May 16th, at his home in Warren, where he went with his family to reside last Fall. He was born in Nelson, May 18th, 1850, and had he lived until the day of his funeral would have been 34 years of age. He was the son of Horace Odell, and had always lived in this vicinity until a few months ago, where he was well and favorably known. He had one brother, Andrew R. Odell, a lawyer at Chagrin Falls, and leaves a wife and one little son and parents, also many relatives to mourn his untimely death. His remains were brought here, his former home, for interment, the funeral being held at the residence of his step-brother, Mayor Barber, Thursday, at 11 a. m. By request of the deceased, Rev. T. C. Probert conducted the services. The singing was by a quartet composed of Miss Jessie Davidson, Mrs. E. O. Orcutt and Messrs. A. D. Torrey and G. D. Smith. The body was taken to Park Cemetery.

1894

1894
Death of Horace Odell.

Last Sunday evening, Mr. Horace Odell met with an accident which resulted in his death Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. He had been calling at the residence of his neighbor, M. B. Tilden, and when about to return to his home, opened the wrong door and fell headlong down the cellar stairway, receiving such a severe shock that he never regained consciousness. He had been a life long resident of this section, and was in the 75th year of his age. His funeral will be held at his late residence Friday, at 11 a. m., conducted by P. W. Andrew Willson and Portage Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a worthy member.

Obituary.

JESSIE LEE NICHOLSON,

daughter of L. S. and Frances D. Nicholson, of Nelson, was born July 11th, 1872, and died December 6th, 1887, after an illness of only two days. She had attended school until only a week before she died, being absent that week on account of a sore hand, but no alarm was felt for until Monday morning, when she complained of not feeling very well, and a physician was summoned, but in vain; for at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, she passed quietly away. She suffered only a few hours of intense pain Monday night, and from that time was unconscious until she died. Jessie, by her quiet, gentle ways, had won many warm friends who mourn her loss, and those who knew her best loved her most. The funeral was held at the M. E. church, Rev. St. Johns preaching the funeral sermon. As the mourners entered the church, the low, sad strains of "Nearer my God to Thee" fell upon the ear, and it seemed, for a few moments, to the grief-stricken family, as if Jessie's own voice mingled with the voices of the singers, for the hymn was a favorite one of hers, the first she ever learned to sing.

Lent, for only fifteen years;
But God's time is not ours;
And what we lay
In the casket away
Is garnered in Eden's bowers;
And darling Jessie in earthly guise
Was an angel loaned from Paradise.

Death of Mrs. P. C. Nichols.

Mrs. P. C. Nichols, who has been a great sufferer from paralysis during the past two years, died at her late residence west of this village, last Monday, aged 72 years. She was a member of the Methodist church, this place. Her funeral will be held Thursday, 1 p. m., at home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. H. D. Stauffer, of Ravenna, assisted by Rev. J. R. Jacob, of Garrettsville. Mrs. Nichols was a most excellent woman, a kind mother and neighbor, whose many good deeds and kind acts will live long after her. She leaves four children, Mr. Merrill Nichols, of this place, Mrs. B. H. French, of Nelson, Mrs. L. V. Miller, of Freedom, Mrs. B. W. Jackson, of Cleveland, and an invalid husband to mourn her death.

Martin Hewins.

E. M. Hewins died at the Soldiers Home at Dayton, O., Aug. 3, 1894. He was born Mar. 8, 1834, in Massachusetts. His parents, Seth Hewins and wife, moved to Garrettsville in 1837. He had lived in Dayton before the war, and married his wife there, Miss Mary A. Washington, of that city, in 1862. He entered the army soon after marriage. Being unwell after he quit the army, he went to the Soldiers' Home for treatment. He then accepted the position of organist in the church connected with the Home, and so remained in that position until within a few weeks of his death. His remains were brought to Rootstown and were buried beside his parents in that town. There was a funeral service at the Home, also at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hallock, in Rootstown. He was a soldier, and in the army contracted the disease which swept him away. It is said that a larger and more extended funeral service was never held at the Home than that of Martin Hewins, showing his popularity in that institution. The early life of Martin Hewins was passed in Garrettsville, and here his school days were spent.

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1886

Obituary.

MRS. ELEANOR CARTER STILES.

The death of Mrs. Stiles occurred Jan. 27, 1886, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. L. G. Hewins, in Freedom township, near Garrettsville. The deceased was born in Lee Tp., Carroll Co., Ohio, Aug. 3, 1812; was married Feb. 14, 1839. She lived happily with her husband until Nov. 4, 1855, when Mr. Stiles passed away peacefully to the better land, leaving his lonely wife six children, all girls, to instruct and provide for. Most courageously did she undertake to bear the heavy burden laid upon her. With Divine help, upon which she implicitly relied, she was able not only to lift an incumbrance from her little farm of seventy-five acres, but to erect a new and comfortable home instead of the old log house in which all her children had been born.

Those who knew Grandma Stiles will recall her unswerving Christian integrity. Converted at fourteen years of age, she had been a loyal and earnest member of the church for nearly sixty years. She was one of the charter members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newton Falls, Ohio, where she held her membership for forty-four years, and from which she was buried. The throng that crowded the church to overflowing the day of the funeral services, attests the high esteem in which Mrs. Stiles was held by her old neighbors and friends. After a separation of thirty years, she has gone to be forever with her sainted husband, and her remains are lying to-day under the snow by the side of the companion of her youth.

Only three years ago this dear old lady disposed of her property, and came to live in our neighborhood. Her acquaintance with the people here was, therefore, somewhat limited, but all who knew her will remember her sweet, amiable manners, and how her chief delight was in doing good to others. At the homes of her children she was always a welcomed and honored guest, and a blessed benediction to the grand children. The world is languishing for more noble women like Mrs. Stiles. As the shades of death gathered around her, and the music of her voice was nearly hushed, she whispered to her children, "I shall awake with Jesus"—and was gone.

One of the daughters, Mrs. Libbie Starr, resides in Missouri; another lives near Palmyra, Mrs. Mary Hall; the rest are in our midst, well and favorably known to all; Mrs. O. W. Hogue, Mrs. Smith Wadsworth, Mrs. L. G. Hewins, and Miss Clara Stiles. The whole community extend generous and sincere sympathy to the stricken family. The funeral discourse was preached by the writer, from a text chosen by the deceased. Words which had been her motto during life and brought her a wealth of joy and peace in the hour of death: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

CHARLES EDWARD LOCKE.

1887

Death of Carle Truesdall.

Our village experienced one of the saddest losses it has known in many years in the death of Carle C. Truesdall, who breathed his last at 2 o'clock on Thursday morning, October 20th, aged 15 years 4 months and 26 days, having been born on the 24th of May, 1872. Since Wednesday morning, September 28th, he had been suffering from an attack of acute diphtheria.

A bright, frank, noble boy, he was a general favorite. The wide interest taken in every phase of his illness was remarkable. Wherever persons met in town, and far out on country roads, the first question was, "How is Carle?" There are few, even of those advanced in life, whose death would have caused more general sadness. He had been one of the first to manifest a religious interest in the revival of two winters ago, and the impressions then received gave him a wonderful patience and trust throughout his sickness. On the Sunday morning before his death he inquired of his mother, "Am I dangerously sick?" and when she told him that he was, asked her to pray with him, and responded to the prayer with a fervent "Amen!" and said, trustfully, "God will take care of me." He was conscious, calm and brave to the last, asking the hour, and being told it was 13 minutes to 2 o'clock, quietly answering, "Before 2 o'clock I shall be through with this world." But in those last sad hours he found comfort in the hope of soon being in that better world of the redeemed in heaven. Faithful and diligent in his studies, active, efficient and trusty in his father's business, loving and tender to his mother, just at the age of promise, he will be mourned with no common sorrow. The great concourse of people that filled the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at his funeral service showed the general public sympathy. The sermon was from the words in Psalms xxi, 4th: "He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days forever and ever."

The following letter of condolence from Carle's former teacher, Prof. J. E. Morris, now of Greenville, Pa., has been received by his afflicted parents:

GREENVILLE, Pa., Oct. 21, 1887.

MR. AND MRS. TRUESDALL,
Garrettsville O.

DEAR FRIENDS—I have just heard of your severe affliction and I write to assure you of my sincerest sympathy as well as my deep sorrow at the news of Carle's death. I had watched the papers anxiously since the announcement of his illness, and was hoping to hear favorable results, but alas, I, as well as hosts of friends, was doomed to disappointment.

1894

Death of O. W. Hogue.

Orr W. Hogue died at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. L. G. Hewins, last Friday morning, February 23d, after a lingering illness of nearly two years with consumption of the lungs, aged 38 years. He was born December 31st, 1855, at New Vernon, Mercer county, Pa., and came to Garrettsville in 1880, where he was employed for several years with S. M. Luther, druggist, and married Miss Sarah Stiles in 1883. He afterwards engaged in the grocery and drug business here for some time. He went to Ashtabula Harbor in 1888, where he held a position as clerk in the postoffice for several years. His health began to fail, and struggling against hope he was at last obliged to succumb to disease and gave up the active pursuits of life nearly two years ago. Last Fall he came here his former home and after a short stay with Mr. Smith Wadsworth, also his brother-in-law, he retired to the country home of Mr. Hewins, on the Freedom road, where he had the best of care, to spend the remainder of his days. Mr. Hogue was a young man of more than ordinary ability, but ill health blasted his hopes and clouded his prospects in life. He was a member of Portage Lodge, No. 456, I. O. O. F., also the Foresters, at the Harbor, in each of which he was an honored member. Both Orders have been unceasing in devotion to their brother, rendering him much pecuniary aid all through his last illness. A wife and a little daughter three years old are left to mourn their loss. His funeral was held Sunday at the Methodist church, conducted by the Odd Fellows, with sermon by Rev. J. R. Jacob. The attendance was large. The burial service of the Order was held at the church on account of the cold weather, after which a long procession of his brothers followed his remains to Park Cemetery.

I need not speak of Carle's good qualities, you know them better than any one.

If he had bad qualities, I never knew them. I know that I always liked the boy for his frank, open and honest way of talking and acting. When I first went to Garrettsville, his cheerful salutations on meeting me afforded me a great deal of pleasure; and I have no doubt that at present he is offering his salutations in the same cheerful, hearty manner to the Great Teacher above, only the salutations are changed to praises evermore. Then, do not weep; he is risen; it is only a few years until you shall meet again; you will find him holier, purer and in better company than if he had remained on earth where there is so much wickedness.

With heartfelt sympathy, I am

JOHN E. MORRIS.


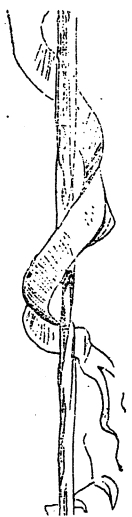
The information below is from a Bible donated to the Portage County Historical society by Henry Schraeder & Thomas Andrie. The title page of the bible has no date of printing. The information is photocopied as written.

Title Page: Potter's Standard Edition



The Holy Bible, Containing the Old And New Testaments Translated Out of the Original Tongues, and With the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised

The Text conformable to the Standard of the American Bible Society Philadelphia: John E. Potter and Company 614 and 617 Sansom Street


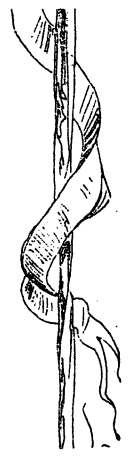
Marriges:

	To John J. Schraeder } Charlotte E. Heeter }	July 4, 1866	
	To Albert Schraeder } Annette Plum }	July 3, 1894.	
	To Henry Schraeder } Elizabeth Batsch }	Feb. 23, 1899.	

Births:

	John Jacob Schraeder	July 19, 1840	
	Charlotte Eliza Heeter	Oct. 18, 1842	
	Charles Schraeder	Apr. 24, 1867.	
	Albert Schraeder	Apr. 15, 1869.	
	Henry Schraeder	Feb. 22, 1872.	
	Alice Schraeder	June 11, 1880.	

Deaths:

	Charles Schraeder	Mar. 5, 1868.	
	Alice Schraeder.	July. 17. 1908.	
	Charlotte E. Schraeder	March. 15 - 1916.	
	John J. Schraeder.	Sep - 21 - 1930	
	Albert J. Schraeder.	Feb - 10 - 1943	
Henry G. Schraeder	July - 11 - 1959		

The following list is from the *Incomplete Records of the Portage County Coroner's Office 1891-1964* Vol. I. The notebook is located at the Portage County Historical Society Library.

Date	Last	First	Date of Death	Manner of Death	Coroner
1891	Bryan	David	8/4/91 Acc	R.R. Accident	Sherman
1891	Cassidy	Dennis	8/4/91 Acc	R.R. Accident	Sherman
1891	Cayle	John	8/4/91 Acc	R.R. Accident	Sherman
1891	Deewair	John	8/4/91 Acc	R.R. Accident	Sherman
1891	Dewey	Jennette	8/13/91 Acc	R.R. Accident	Sherman
1891	Gilday	Henry	8/4/91 Acc	R. R. accident	Sherman
1891	Greathouse	Albert	8/4/91 Acc	R. R. Accident	Sherman
1892	Fenton	Grover	5/11/92 Sui	Suicide	Stoffie
1892	Fessenger	May	3/23/92 Sui	Suicide	Sherman
1897	Alburger	Henry	3/26/97 Sui	Suicide	Sherman
1899	Grifiths	John	1/6/99 Acc	Stove Falling	Koffman, JP
1901	Brown	Cora	3/19/01 Sui	Suicide	Waggoner
1901	Clay	Charles	7/5/01 Acc	Accident	Waggoner
1901	Davis	Frank h.	2/9/01 Acc	Mine Accident	Waggoner
1901	Doe	John	7/19/01 ?	Gunshot Wound	Waggoner
1901	Gibbs	Edward	3/25/01 Nat	Natural Causes	G. Waggoner
1902	Calhoun	Martha	4/13/02 ?	Gunshot Wound	Waggoner
1902	Doe	John	6/17/02 Acc	Moving Train	Rick Morris
1903	Genia	John	10/24/03 Acc	R. R. Accident	L.A. Woolf
1905	Bills	Eliza	11/3/05 ? A	Wound in Back of Neck	Waggoner
1906	Ashman	Alfred	10/25/06 Acc	Electrocution by Accident	Waggoner
1906	Conner	Michael	5/28/06 Acc	Struck by Train	Waggoner
1907	Bentley	Alonzo	3/18/07 Sui	Suicide by Morphine	Waggoner
1907	Deli	Condito	8/6/07 ?	Gunshot wound at the hands of one juvenil	Waggoner
1908	Domenico	Demesio	10/2/08 Hom	Murder	Waggoner
1909	Dominico	?	10/1/09 Hom	A gunshot wound at the hand of a party unk	Waggoner
1909	Dunbar	A.	6/21/09 Nat	Presumably Apoplexy	Waggoner
1910	Barr	S.P	5/30/10 Acc	Auto Vs Erie RR Passenger Train, Chestnu	Maxson
1910	Barr	Mary	5/30/10 Acc	Auto Vs Erie RR Passenger Train, Chestnu	Maxson
1910	Bermis	Ethel	5/12/10 Sui	Suicide by Shooting	Gould,JP
1910	Cushman	Bert	8/31/10 Sui	Suicide - Throat Cut	Woolf
1910	Daner	J.	8/13/10 Acc	Struck by a train	Waggoner
1910	Doe	John	8/31/10 Hom	Violence	Waggoner
1910	Gridley	L. A.	12/31/10 Nat	Pneumonia	L.A. Woolf
1911	Boone	Robert	11/21/11 Nat	Natural Causes	Woolf
1911	Byers	Abigal	3/3/11 Nat	Blue Baby	Woolf
1911	Clark	Perry	8/13/11 ?	Burned to Death	Woolf
1911	Colby	Ben	7/2/11 Sui	Sui-Unreadable Cause	Woolf
1911	Douthitt	George F.	3/13/11 Acc	Burned to death	L.A. Woolf
1911	Grabenan	Joe	10/29/11 Acc?	Rabies	L.A. Woolf
1911	Grille	John	4/29/11 Nat	Heart Trouble	L.A. Woolf

The following letter was written by Ohio Governor, David Tod in 1863 to Mr. Samuel Harris, Alphonso Hart, S.E.M. Neeland, Gen. David McIntosh, Col. H. L. Carter--- Military Committee of Portage County. Letter located in the Civil War files of the Portage County Historical Society Library.

The State of Ohio,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Columbus, June 3^d 1863.

To Messrs Samuel Harris, (Sec), Alphonso Hart, S.E.M. Neeland,
Gen. David McIntosh (Chm), Col. H.L. Carter
Military Committee,
of Portage County.

Gentlemen.

I cannot too strongly impress upon you the importance of an immediate organization of the Volunteer Militia forces of this State, under the recent Law. In my opinion, Bragg's army will soon be largely re-inforced, and if so, he will be able by a flank movement to pass Roseman's army and move directly northward - We should at least be prepared to meet such a contingency - Let me urge you then, to promptly organize all the Volunteer Infantry force you can, in your county - Instructions have been sent you by the Adjt General.

Yours,

WILLIAM T. GILL
Gov.

Private

From Scrapbook # 42 & 149 at Portage County Historical society . No newspaper listed.

Dec 12, 1940

48 YEARS AGO

Dec 12 - 1940

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 pastime and athletics the objects.

Rapids News: Mrs. Sam White of Mantua Station is quite ill at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Day. Prof. Dell Skinner is home from Canada.

Mrs. Elza Pinney who has been spending several weeks with her brother W. O. Proctor, will return to her home in Painesville this week.

Mrs. Sylvia Stanton and Mrs. Emma Bowen were guests of Mrs. Bell Skinner, this past week.

Will Reed of Farmington was a guest at S. T. Reed's over Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Jones spent the past week at the Grove, the guest of her grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wells.

Mrs. Mary Reed of Auburn is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Jones.

W. L. Carlton of Akron visited his sister Mrs. A. E. Wilson recently.

School opened recently with Miss Mary Derthick in charge.

Mrs. Horace Crafts and children are visiting in Trumbull county.

Miss Ada Abbott is attending the school at Hiram.

Miss Clara Boswell is attending the Parkman school.

Mrs. Olive Wilcox is visiting in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hunt of Cleveland visitor at Henry Vaughn's last week.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Oct. 5, Miss Clara Bagley to Mr. E. P. Botham of Freedom, O.

Streetsboro News: The wedding of Miss Anna Porter and Allen Brewster, took place on Wednesday, at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. D. Frazier of Conneaut who has been visiting friends in Streetsboro and Kent for the past few weeks returned to her home on Friday last.

Miss Lettie Moore of Franklin was the guest of her friend Elsie Hirt on Friday.

Mrs. Way of Suffield was visiting her daughter Mrs. John Royer last week.

O. R. Doolittle and wife took in the Olin excursion to Bennington, Vermont, which left Kent Tuesday morning, October 4.

S. A. Barker is making extensive repairs on his barn.

Miss Luella Bierce returned on Monday from a two weeks visit with friends in Mantua.

Shalersville News: Mrs. B. F. Crane has been very sick for several weeks, but is now some better.

W. A. Streeter is at home from the west after an absence of several months. He is looking hearty.

The question of a local option election is agitating the minds of some people, and let it agitate.

Miss Olla Streeter has returned after an extended trip down the Mahoning Valley.

Allen A. Barber is courting in the city of Cleveland, he being a juror in the U. S. Court.

March 27, 1941

48 yrs ago

Born, Wednesday, Nov. 23, at George Force's, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cale Ketting, a girl, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

D. Santoro was in town the other day.

Mr. Frank Stanford of Brady Lake was in town last week.

Charlie and Harry Brainerd are to be at home to spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Mary Franklin is spending a few days with friends in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carlton returned Monday from a three days' visit in Akron.

Chas. Bingham made a flying trip to Orwell this week. Ditto, Fred White to Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hancock of New York surprised Chas. Duncan by calling in for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Hancock is a sister of Charlie's.

F. W. Blake, wife and daughter are visiting in town. Fred is for the present employed in this office.

W. S. Kitzelman tells us that he is going to take charge of the grist mill at Punderson's pond.

Ye Editor Brown will eat Thanksgiving dinner under the shadow of the paternal roof tree in Jefferson.

Mr. Wilson Berge of Brimfield has moved to Mantua and accepted the position as night watchman at the basket factory.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Daly of Spring Green, Wis., are in town. Mrs. Daly is a sister of Mrs. Chas. Baker and her arrival brought a reunion of four sisters for the first time in 37 years.

Chas. Loomis, who has had charge of the building of the chimneys on H. L. Hine's new house has finished his work and returned to Ravenna. No other chimneys can be found on any residence in Portage county.

Tuesday night some miscreant broke open the tool chests of W. R. Brewer and Gene Lanning, who are employed on Frank Hoskins' new house, and stole a large quantity of carpenter's tools. Mr. Brewer being the heavier loser. The culprits were tracked some distance but were lost in the snow storm prevailing. No clue satisfactory thus far.

#149—April 10, 1919

April 10, 1919 Death of Ferdinand Lord

The death of Ferdinand Lord occurred at Ravenna hospital Friday morning where he was taken for treatment for paralysis, with which he was stricken Tuesday afternoon of last week while at Central Drugstore. He regained the use of his faculties and Thursday evening before his death he knew and understood his friends, but had become unable to talk. Chas. Paul of this place attended him Thursday night. He had been in failing health for some time, having been in the hospital at the Sandusky Soldier Home two months before coming to Mantua for his last visit.

Mr. Lord was born in Cuyahoga Falls March 9, 1848, and enlisted in the 60th O. V. at the age of 17, in '61, and six weeks later took part in the Battle of the Wilderness. He saw 17 months service and was engaged in 18 battles. He came to Mantua in 1886 to make his home, being employed in railroad bridge construction and other building. He remained here until 1914, when, feeling the decrepitude of age, he went to the Sandusky Soldiers Home, but was never contented there, making lengthy and frequent visits here. He liked Mantua, he said, and would spend his time here unless he could be more comfortable elsewhere.

He was taken to Cuyahoga Falls Friday, where he is survived by a sister and nephew and where burial was made Monday.

#149—Feb 4, 1926

2/4/26 MRS. GOTLEIBA SPATH

Mrs. Gotleiba Spath wife of Joseph Spath was born in Germany October 3, 1853 and departed this earthly life at her home in the north western part of Mantua Township on January 26, 1926. Aged 72 years 3 months and 21 days.

She was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Joseph Spath, in 1886, and to this union five children were born, all five of whom are now living, three sons and two daughters: John, William, Frank, Katie and Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Spath moved to their present home in 1915, where they took up the occupation of farming and dairying. She was a hard working devoted companion. She was a great home body seldom ever leaving the home. Her household and the interest of the family was always uppermost in her mind and thoughts. She worked and planned for the comfort and welfare of those around her. She will be greatly missed, her earthly labors are ended—she has entered into her rest. No one can take her place. We believe the Great father in his wise purpose has called her to come up higher. May the memory of her devoted life linger in our thoughts.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. B. H. Lewis, Friday Jan. 29 at 1 p. m.

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