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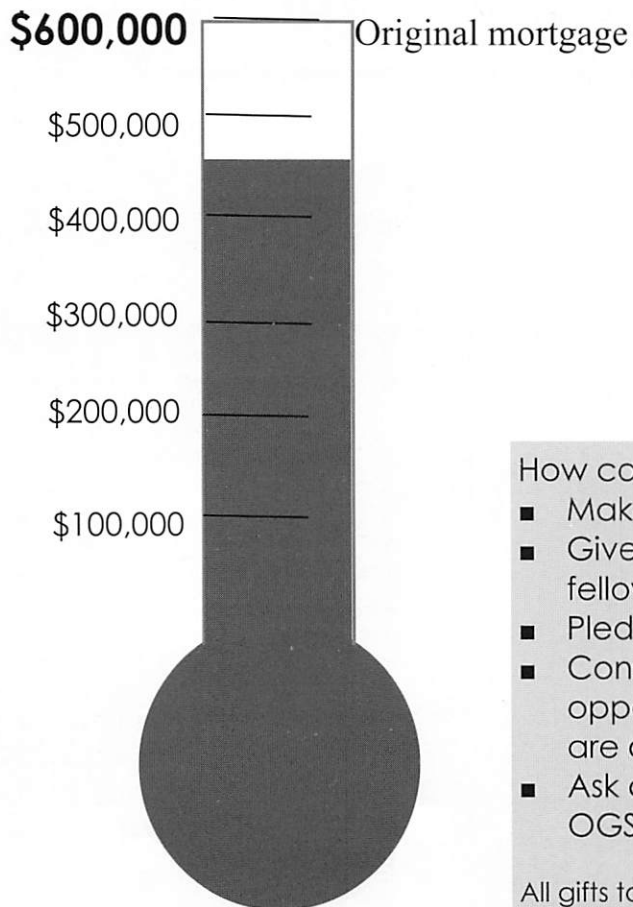


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In 2015, each issue of OGN will feature a different quadrant of Ohio. Each issue still will offer something for everyone, like research success stories and how-tos. I hope you enjoy 2015's attention to each part of this great state!



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President's Message

MARGARET CHENEY

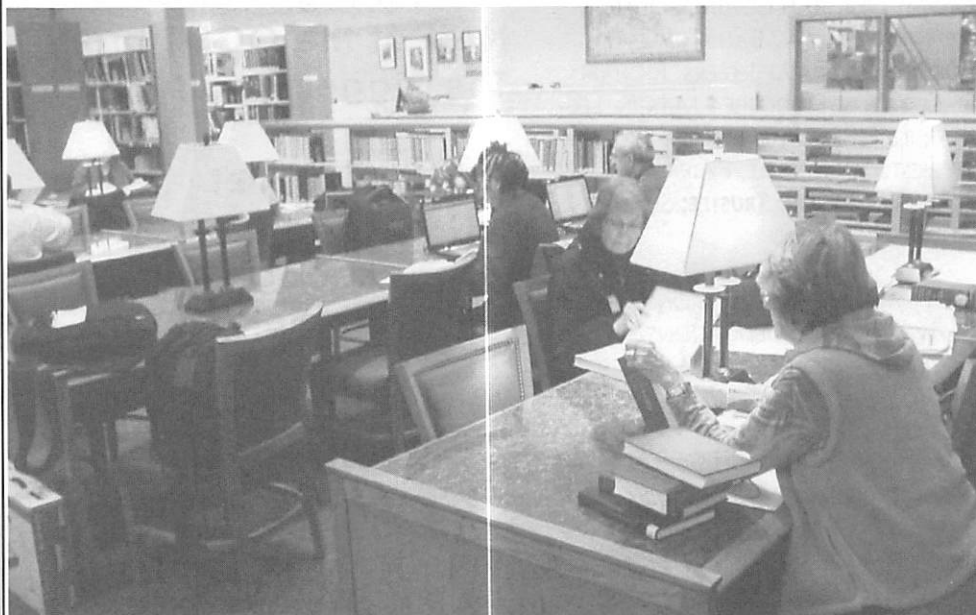
I certainly hope that by the time this reaches you, the brutal cold of northeast Ohio has let go of its firm grip and allows a hint of spring to come our way. We are all ready for that.

Winter travel is not always predictable. With better weather ahead, we can start to make our plans to visit different places that our research will benefit from. This issue focuses on counties in northeast Ohio, particularly Lorain, Ashtabula, and Portage (along with some new resources for Cuyahoga). All have unique resources to help you that you will not find on the internet. I have found that some of the historical societies have a wealth of information hidden within their walls. I have found some true gems of information at historical societies.

Keep the hot chocolate handy and lay out your roadmap of research for the better days ahead.

Conference is also right around the corner, and the conference chairs and planners have been hard at work to make it a wonderful conference – as always.

The library will be open, as long as the weather allows us to be. Between the frigid temperatures and the snow levels, it has been a challenging winter. We hope you are able to visit the library to see this great treasure the society has. Normal hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ♦



News & People

NEW! OGS Photo Collection and OGN Column

There's a new collection at the OGS Library: The Ohio Photograph Collection! This collection was proposed over 10 years ago by Diane Gagel, former OGS Trustee and chair of the archives committee. With thousands of photographs spread throughout hundreds of manuscript collections in the OGS archives, there was no way to search for pictures from a certain town or family name without going through each collection individually. Though Diane got the project started, it was sidelined shortly thereafter.

In 2013, OGS intern and Kent State student Aaron Turner resumed the project, bringing it to its current status of over 2000 photographs filling 35 manuscript boxes. The collection is split into two parts:

- PLACES is housed in 13 manuscript boxes and is organized alphabetically by city. It contains photographs from Ohio town buildings, structures, local groups of people, and unidentified people with a named town/photographer's studio. It contains photographs from towns in Ohio including buildings such as houses, schools, churches, and factories; structures such as bridges and railroads; groups of people including school classes, sports teams, employees, and community organizations; and unidentified people with a named town/photographer's studio. The largest portion of this collection is from Mansfield followed by the "3-C" cities and then an assortment of smaller towns throughout the state.
- FAMILIES is organized by surname and is housed in 22 manuscript boxes. It contains identified pictures of people from Ohio. Many surnames have only one photo while others, including Ketteringham and Houston, have entire boxes to themselves.

All pictures were photocopied and the copy was placed back with the original collection with a note indicating it had been moved to the Ohio Photograph Collection.

In a column debuting in this issue of OGN, OGS Yearbook Librarian Aaron Turner, M.Ed, MLIS, draws on the Ohio Photograph Collection. See pages 26-27.

OGS Runs Shelving Fundraiser

Acquisitions received by the new OGS library in the last five years have led to a dire need for additional shelving. The estimated cost is \$5,000 to \$6,000 dollars. There is space to place additional shelving without compromising the integrity of the library.

An online funding campaign runs through the end of April. At press time, OGS has already raised approximately 20% of the goal. Please help by donating at <http://www.gofundme.com/n0dn6s>.

GRIP To Run 2 Summer Sessions

The Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) will be held two different weeks this

summer with six courses in each at La Roche College in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is a unique opportunity for our region as the only other institutes similar to this are held at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and in Salt Lake City. Sessions run from 28 June-3 July 2015 and 19-24 July 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA. Learn more at www.GRIPitt.org.

FamilySearch App Gallery Launches

A new app gallery at FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/apps/>) aims to gather genealogy apps into one searchable space. It doesn't claim to be comprehensive, but to be a showcase for apps that are compatible with FamilySearch and/or created by FamilySearch partners. Browse apps by

the type of job they do (find ancestors, family tree software, photos and stories, charts and tree view, tree analyzing) and filter by platform, price, language and FamilySearch compatibility.

RootsTech Sessions Viewable Online

Selected sessions of RootsTech, the largest family history conference in the world, are now available for free viewing at <https://rootstech.org> (click on Watch 2015 Sessions). Keynote presentations and lectures by Josh Taylor, Diahn Southard, Valerie Elkins, Crista Cowan, Juliana Szucs and others are among those available.

Indiana State Library Genealogy Division Threatened with Cuts

Indiana Governor Mike Pence recently proposed \$2 million in budget cuts that would eliminate funding from the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library. Reann Poray, Manager of the Indiana Room at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library in Plainfield, Indiana, sent the news to OGS along with the comment that this, "(in my opinion) would effectively close the doors on one of the state's richest resources for genealogy and history."

A March 5 email from Curt Witcher of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center describes public response. "The Indiana Library Federation, the Indiana Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Records Preservation and Access Committee, the Hoosier Press Association, and members of dozens of other groups from the DAR and SAR to educators and children's advocates flooded the Indiana House when the governor's budget with all the cuts to the state library was proposed.

"I have been told that the communiques received by the chair of the Ways and Means Committee opposing the proposed budget reached into the five-figure range. As of last week, we have prevailed on the Indiana House to restore most of the cuts,

and even provide very small/modest increases in some areas." Final news was not available to OGN before press time.



Geauga Co Invests in Genealogy

The Geauga County Public Library has invested significantly in its genealogy resources. The newly remodeled Anderson Allyn Room (shown above) at the Chardon Library now has four workstations and two ScanPro microfilm readers with a book scanner for newspaper digitizing. GCPL subscribes to four genealogy databases. Geauga cemetery and estate indexes are now on the GCPL website, with links to other Geauga records. The Allyn Room participates in the R.B. Hayes Ohio Obituary Index. Inspired by Pickaway County, the Library is partnering with the Geauga County Genealogical Society to re-create the 1890 Geauga County Census.

2015 Chapter Management Seminar

The 30th annual OGS Chapter Management Seminar will be sponsored by the Muskingum Chapter of OGS on Saturday, August 15, 2015, at the Zanesville Public Library. The program is from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m and is free to OGS members AND members of OGS Chapters. See the full-page announcement on page 11 of this issue.

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OGS Membership Report

	Jan 2015	Jan 2014
Total Members	5312	5520
Joint Memberships	809	836
Magazines/Quarterlies Mailed/ Sent Electronically	3597/906	3991/693
Total Life Members (incl Joint Life Membership)	386	379
Complimentary Memberships	91	91

In Recognition

◆ **Winton and Doloris Arnold.** Former OGS Trustee Winton Arnold and his wife Doloris of Caledonia, Ohio, are to be congratulated on the occasion of their 80th wedding anniversary. That number isn't an error! They were married by Rev. W. H. Muncy, a Methodist Episcopal pastor, in Greenup, Kentucky, on February 1, 1935. Winton is age 101 and his wife is age 96. You'll recall that Winton was our first centurion admitted to Century Families of Ohio. I am told that they faithfully attended our Morrow County Chapter OGS meeting in January. Again, Happy 80th!

Queries

◆ **SNIFF/BOWERS/STUMP:** Searching for info on Maud Leonora Sniff, b. 1875 of Hocking County. She married first Elmer Bowers in 1893 and had sons Bernard and Raymond. She married

Got queries?

Send them to ogn@ogs.org.

second Daniel S. Stump of Greene County in 1899 and they divorced in 1914. There were multiple men named Elmer Bowers in the area, but I believe she married the one who was accidentally shot by the sheriff-elect in 1897. After 1914 I lose all info on her. She was my paternal great-grandmother. Her two sons and some of her siblings lived in Columbus but I cannot find any records on her. She had siblings Mary, Viola and Blanche and William. Contact: frogstitchit@yahoo.com.

◆ **ALLEN, MOSES.** Seeking maiden name, other vitals for Lucinda Allen, who appeared in 1900 Census in Palmyra, Portage, OH, age 68; 1880 Census in Palmyra, Portage, OH, age 46; 1870 Census in Hubbard, Trumbull, OH, age 37. She was the widow of Alexander Moses and of James Allen (Sr.) Her children's death certificates gave her maiden name as Tophouse or Duffy. Contact Janice Patterson, 401 Bounty Way #162, Avon Lake, OH 44012. jlpatrick@juno.com.

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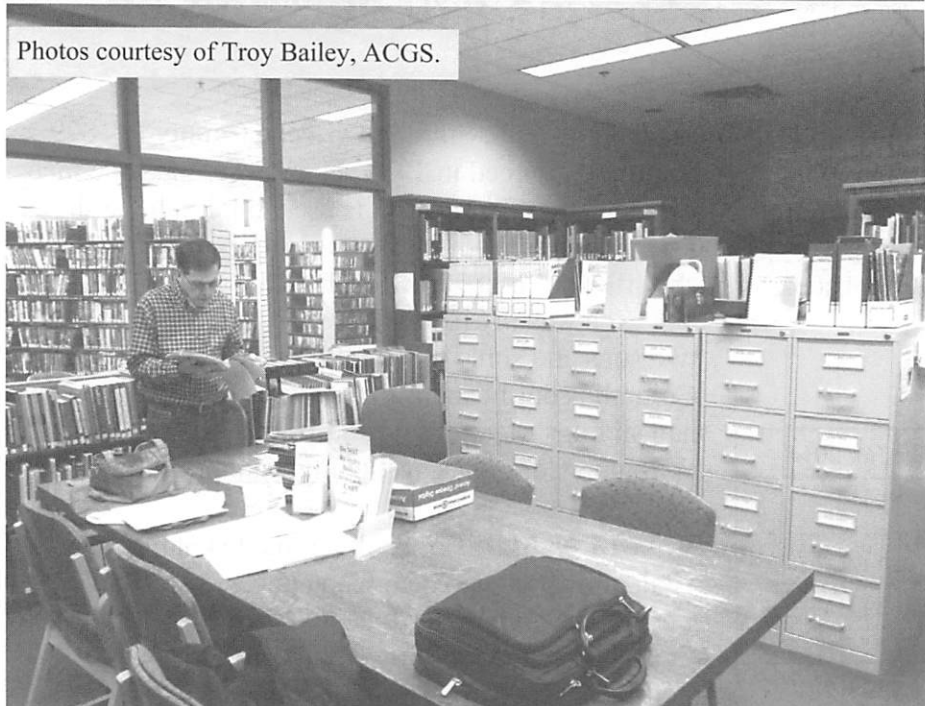
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OGS Chapter Profile: Ashtabula County



Photos courtesy of Troy Bailey, ACGS.



formed. In two more months, 455 copies of the Williams Bros. reprint had already been sold. Our first microfilm camera was purchased at auction for \$25.00.

About this time, the cemetery project began, and an accurate record of all county cemeteries was compiled. Cemetery headstone reading projects were completed over many summers. In the summer of 1974, authority was obtained to check, sort, re-file and microfilm the neglected records in the county courthouse basement. By October, the first order was placed for the basic reference works for the library. Microfilming of the earliest

On October 25, 1973, forty-one people attended a genealogy workshop in the Community Room of the Ashtabula County Savings and Loan in Ashtabula. The open discussion centered on the formation of a genealogical society for the county, based on intense interest and dire need, as there was much concern about the proper care and housing of paper vital records in the county, and need for freer access to these records by the public.

estate records began. In 1985 the society undertook the huge task of creating an updated History of Ashtabula County, which sold out.

By the mid-1990s the society had outgrown its home and moved its collection to the Geneva Public Library in Geneva. This library soon built a brand-new facility and included a separate research room and a specific space for the genealogy collection.

The ACGS charter meeting was November 27, 1973 when a constitution, by-laws and charter were adopted. A search for an easily accessible place to house the society's collection was begun.

A current project of digitally photographing each grave marker in the

Henderson Memorial Library in the county seat of Jefferson offered a small corner of their facility.

In just four months, the society embarked on the task of indexing and reprinting the Williams Bros 1878 *History of Ashtabula County*. A Courthouse Records committee was

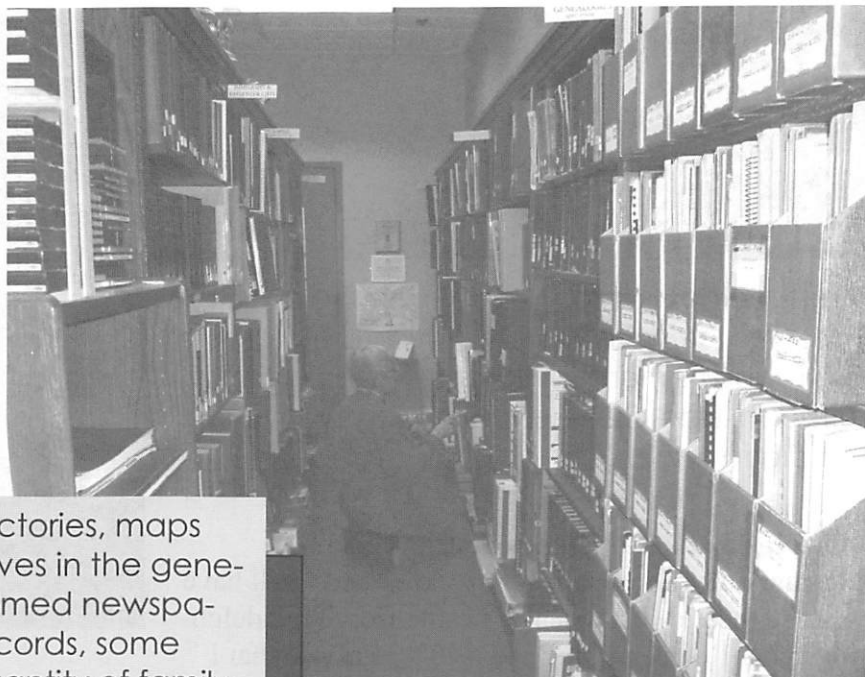
The Ashtabula County Genealogical Society is located in the Geneva Public Library, 860 Sherman St, Geneva, Ohio 44041. The research room is manned and open during regular library hours. For specific information or help, call us at 440-466-4521 or email us at acgs@ashtabulagen.org.



county's 100-plus cemeteries and posting them on our website is about 1/3 complete. Our quarterly publication, *Ancestor Hunt*, is popular with members.

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A longtime member of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America (PalAm), Nancy has been researching for over twenty years and has presented at various genealogy organizations and societies across Ohio. She will present two lectures, "Beginning German Genealogy" and "The 19th Century German Traveler." Please register by contacting the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

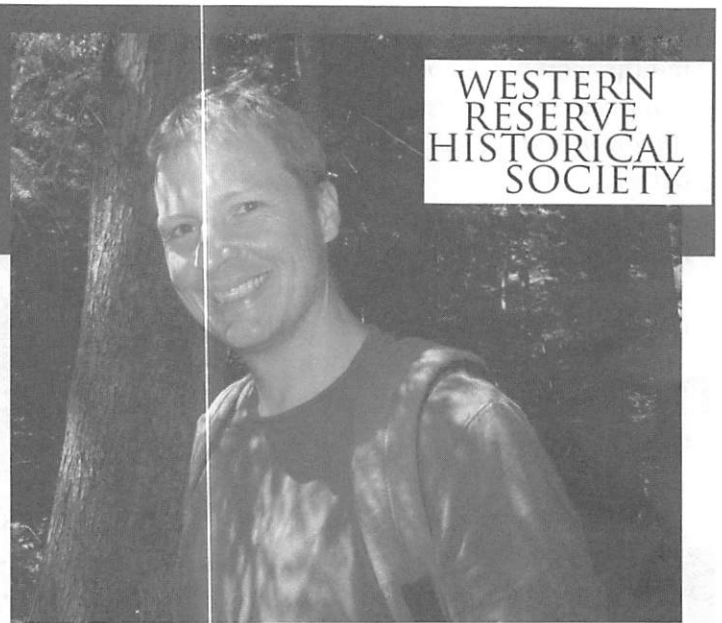


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OGN Interview

Richard Shrake



Meet the new Library Director at the Western Reserve Historical Society. With a background in IT management for libraries, he's perfectly suited to lead Cleveland's major archive into the digital era.

OGN: What drew you here to Cleveland?

Richard: I'm originally from Akron and I still have family there. Most recently I came from Philadelphia where I'd been living since 2004. Prior to that I resided in Middlebury, Vermont and Milwaukee.

I made the decision to relocate back to northern Ohio so my son could be closer to relatives he only infrequently spent time with previously. It was pure luck that the Director position opened when it did. I had been working at the American Philosophical Society, which is similar in size to WRHS, so it was relatively smooth transition for me.

OGN: What are you loving about life at WRHS?

Richard: There is an undeniable passion for history shared by our researchers and various committees committed to the Library. It's tremendously satisfying to know that people care about and are appreciative of the work my staff and I do to make all of our research materials available and easy to find.

OGN: What's the most fascinating piece of Ohio history you've learned at WRHS so far?

Richard: I've been most interested to see the interplay of the different immigrant groups and the dynamics of ethnic migration through different neighborhoods in Cleveland throughout its history. WRHS has established several ethnic archives committed to documenting specific groups, but our voluminous photo collections paint rich profiles of seemingly every group of people who have made Cleveland home.

OGN: How would you describe the family history research traffic at WRHS Research Library?

Richard: It's growing. In just the past few months

we've noticed an uptick in the number of first time researchers in the Library. I think the recent popularity of genealogy-based television shows has encouraged a lot of people to take the plunge.

OGN: How does the WRHS Research Library currently serve family historians?

Richard: With the help of volunteers, we've provided a lot of indexing tools to our materials (funeral home records, voter registration records, death and marriage notices, etc.) and we offer access to the big subscription services. (*Editor's note: See this issue's report on the free, updated Genealogy Index on the WRHS website.*)

These tools are great, but there's really no substitute for receiving assistance from a skilled researcher, and that's where WRHS is most exceptional. Between our reference staff and the volunteers from our Genealogical Committee who are here every week, we provide unparalleled assistance in locating and interpreting records that depict all facets of family history.

OGN: What else do you hope to offer family historians in the future?

Richard: We'll want to start incorporating digital images of records with the search and index features we already offer. We're already in the process of making our photographic resources available online; textual resources won't be far behind. ♦

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Research: The Muskingum County Genealogical Society collection on the 2nd floor of the McIntire Public Library will be open Friday, 14 August (10 am—5 p.m.) and Saturday (9 am—4 pm). The phone number is 740-453-0391. There is no cost to visit the Library.

Location: **From Interstate 70 Eastbound** exit at 5th Street (exit #154). 5th Street is one way so get in the left lane. Turn left onto Shinnick St. You may turn left into a parking lot. Or go to the traffic light and turn left onto 6th St. This is also one way so stay in the left lane and turn left into parking lot. **From Interstate 70 West bound**, exit at Underwood St (Exit #155). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left. Take the 2nd right onto Shinnick Street. Go two blocks, then turn right on 6th St. This is a one-way street so get in the left lane and make left turn into the library parking lot. **From Route 60 heading south**, take the ramp onto Interstate 70 East and follow above directions. **From route 60 headed north**, at the traffic light turn left onto Main Street. Go two blocks and turn right onto 6th St. 6th is a one-way street so stay in the left lane, After the second traffic light you can turn left into the library's back parking lot. **If the parking lots are full, there is additional parking in the county office building on 6th Street. You may enter the library from either front or rear doors. The Seminar will be held on the lower level and an elevator is available. .**

Accommodations: Ten non-smoking rooms are being held by Muskingum Genealogical Society on Friday, 14 August at the Baymont Inn, 230 Scenic Crest Dr., Zanesville, OH 43701. The rate is \$99 plus taxes. **Reservations must be made by 1 June 2015.** Call 740-454-9332 to make a reservation if needed. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and checkout is 11:00 a.m.

Directions from the motel to library: From parking lot, turn right on Eastman Street. At the bottom of the hill turn right and get in the left lane. At the 2nd traffic light, turn left (sign will say 70W). Take first left onto 7th St. At the stop sign, watch for traffic merging from the interstate. 7th Street is one way. Take the first right onto Shinnick St. At the traffic light, you may go straight and turn right into a parking lot or turn right onto 6th St., then left into a parking lot. The Genealogy Library on the 2nd floor.

For further details, contact ogs@ogs.org or kburck@juno.com

Collaboration

The Key to Great County Websites

The coordinators of Cuyahoga County's *GenWeb* site offer tips on contributing to your county's online genealogy web resources.

by Laura Hine and Cynthia Turk

When we took over as co-coordinators of the *Cuyahoga County US GenWeb* site in 2013, we knew where to start but had many ideas of where we wanted to go. We needed to cover the basic requirements of *GenWeb* sites, but we wanted more. We wanted this to be one-stop shopping for genealogy and local history for Cuyahoga County. There are many wonderful sites that have posted great information that would be useful to researchers. We wanted links to everything. We wanted to fill the gaps that others did not, such as complete lists of cemeteries and newspaper collections.

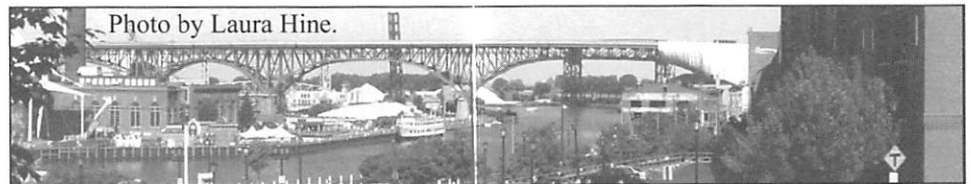
Of course, nothing is ever complete, and that is where the title "coordinator" comes in. We coordinate the site, and accept contributions from the community to make the site even better. You'll find the new site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcuyaho/>.

We also had a larger vision. We wanted to help people find the usual records like births and obituaries, but also the lesser used sources that most do not think about. These alternative records can be used to break through brick walls or to help "put some meat on the skeleton" of your family tree.

So often when we trace an ancestral line back to kingdom come, there is an empty feeling, having no further research to do. Did we truly do exhaustive research to get to know our ancestors' families, or did we just accept a birth, marriage, and death record as research complete? Do you know where your

ancestors went to church and school? Did they file for bankruptcy? Were they ever a part of a civil or criminal court case, (which are very interesting!)? Did they vote and pay their taxes? What was the history of their house? This site aims to help researchers answer these questions, to round out their family tree, and to get to know their ancestors.

Not everyone wants to run a website. But many of you probably have some ideas of things you would like to see on another site. Perhaps you have even



indexed some records of interest or could easily acquire something to contribute to an already existing site. There are many opportunities to share with the community this way.

How to collaborate on a website

First, when you are planning a project, find a site that is willing to post your data or photos. Not every *GenWeb* coordinator, for instance, has the same vision for his/her site. If they do not find it appropriate for their site, they may suggest one that is better suited for your purposes. They may suggest sites such as the *GenWeb Archives*, *FamilySearch Wiki*, or another *Rootsweb* project. Check with the webmaster for guidance on what format they might prefer for your contribution – a spreadsheet or a PDF file? Do they like JPEG files or TIFF files?

So, what can you contribute? Let's start with the relatively simple things. If you take a look at the pictures on the various pages of our site, especially the "Photos" page and then click on "Places," you'll see that we have some wonderful pictures put together for various areas in Cuyahoga County. Some people

have contributed images that they took for inclusion on the site.

Not everyone wants to run a website. How can you contribute to an existing web resource?

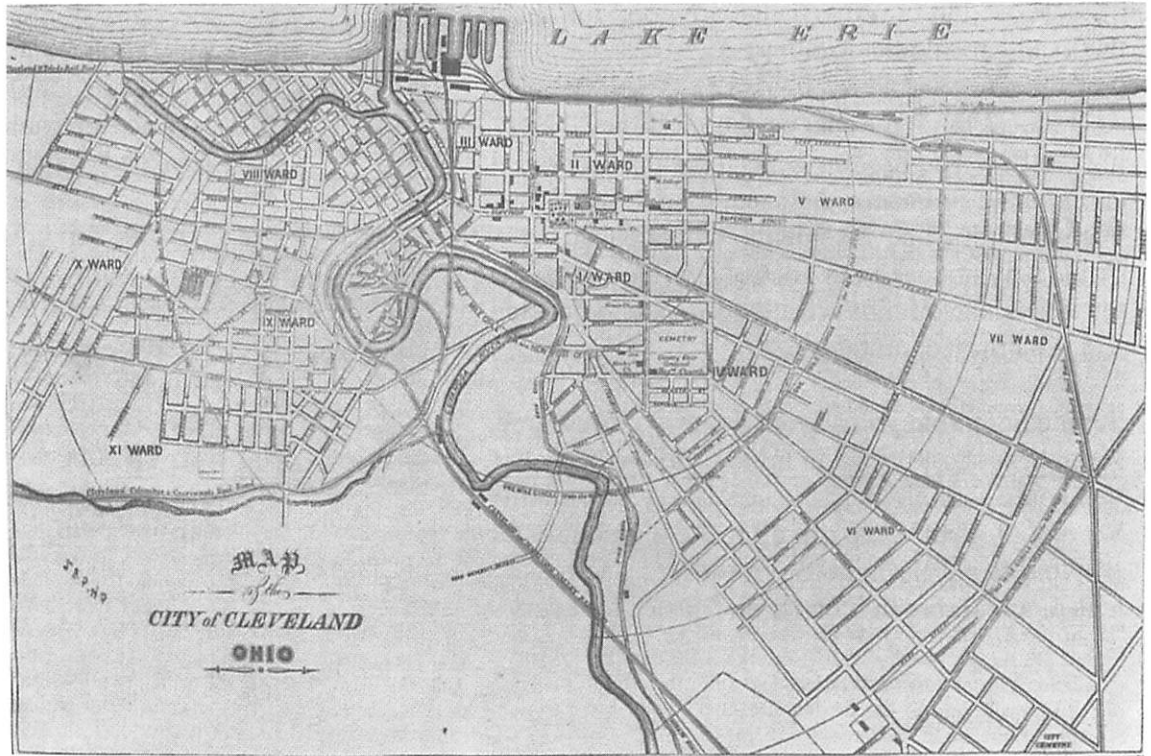
Imagine if everyone went out and took a few pictures of historical buildings close to them. You may have some great pictures to share already! What a fabulous way to preserve the views before these buildings are long gone and also help your county *GenWeb* site grow! Photos cause people to click around on our site, looking at all of the pages, possibly leading them to find new research resources

that they otherwise wouldn't find. Please, share your photos with the administrators of your *GenWeb* site!

Next, take a look at our "Maps & Atlases" page. There you'll find a large collection of links that are off-site, but another interesting and useful aspect is the collection of actual images of maps from the city directories. This is another area where collaboration can take place in building a great *GenWeb* site for your county.

It didn't take more than two hours to make copies of the city directory maps that appear on our site. (Posting them is another story!) If just one person went to the local library and made copies of the out-of-copyright maps in the city directories, scanned them, and shared those with their *GenWeb* site host, imagine what a useful resource that would be.

There is also a wealth of information in the back of the city directories: lists of churches, funeral homes,



1861 city directory map of Cleveland. Digital image available at Cuyahoga County OHGenWeb, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcuyaho/Maps/index.html>.

and schools, among other things. It's very quick and easy to make copies of those lists in five or ten year increments, take them home and type them up, and you have a wonderful collection of institutions for others to refer to.

So many people write to us with various questions such as: "My ancestor lived on such and such a street. Do you know what school they would have gone to?" We direct them to the "School Histories" link on the "Schools" page and they can view a list of schools with their addresses from 1814-1930.

We did the same thing under the "Funeral Homes" link. There you'll find a list of undertakers from 1861-1930, all from the back of the city directories. Also take a look at the first two links on the "Religions" page. This is the same concept but with churches, although this was a larger undertaking.

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Everything that we've mentioned so far is something that one individual can do in a short amount of time. We all see various things while doing our research that just cry out to be indexed or transcribed. Some of these are larger projects that are good for one of the local genealogical societies.

Ask a local funeral home or church if they'd be willing to allow you or your genealogical society to do an indexing project of their records. For those societies which don't have someone with website creation skills, why not ask your county *GenWeb* coordinator if he/she would be willing to include your transcription project on the site?

So, the next time you are out doing your research, keep these suggestions in mind. Look to see what you could share to help the genealogy community. Working together, we can all make our county *GenWeb* pages a clearinghouse of resources to make genealogical research better and easier for everyone! ♦



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Lorain County

Quick Reference Guide for Genealogy/Local History



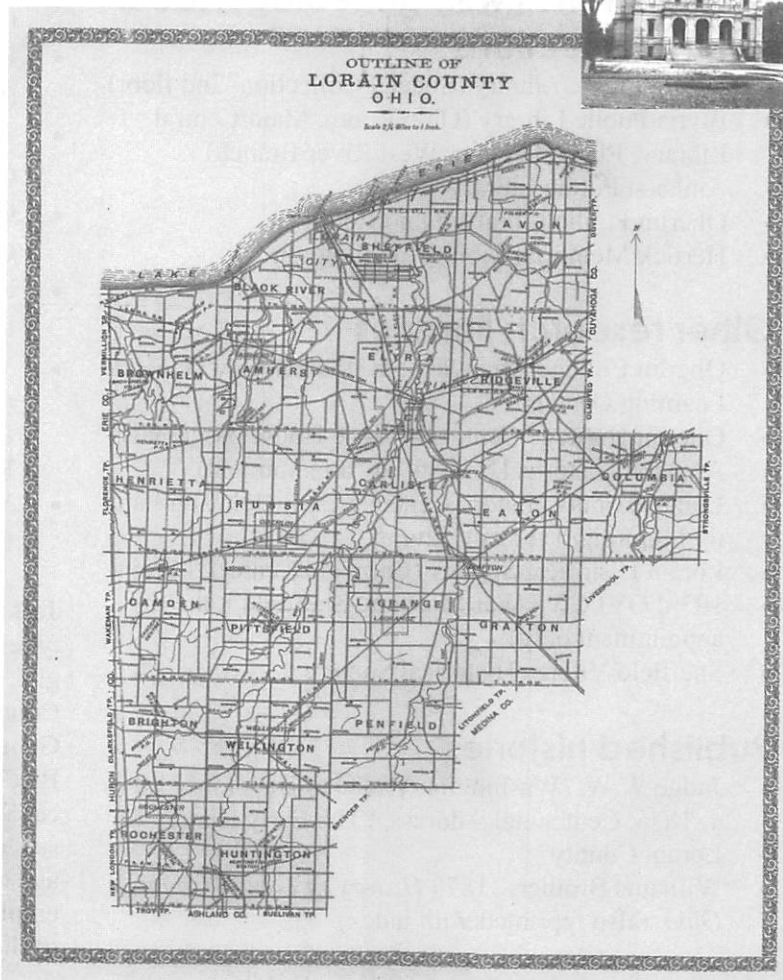
Folks outside Ohio may just know Lorain County as the home of Oberlin College, the first U.S. college to regularly admit both female and black students along with its white male student body. Whether your ancestor attended Oberlin or had other reasons for calling this area home, this quick reference guide can help you find and learn more about your Lorain County forebears.

A Quick History of Lorain County

Lorain County, just west of Cleveland, was first settled in 1807, created in 1822, and legally organized in January of 1824. Elyria was named the county seat. The county is comprised of territory formerly belonging to Cuyahoga, Huron, and Medina Counties. Records prior to 1824 may be found in the county seats of those three counties.

Eventually, Lorain County was comprised of 21 “original” townships: Amherst, Avon, Black River, Brighton, Brownhelm, Camden, Carlisle, Columbia, Eaton, Elyria, Grafton, Henrietta, Huntington, LaGrange, Penfield, Pittsfield, Ridgeville, Rochester, Russia, Sheffield, and Wellington. But you should note:

- At one time it also included 4 1/2 adjacent townships (1820s to 1840s), before the county boundaries were finalized. Spencer and Homer Townships are now in Medina County, Troy and Sullivan Townships are now in Ashland County and the western half of Olmsted Township is now in Cuyahoga County.
- Because these townships were “attached” to Lorain County for a time (9-19 years), their records for those years may be found in the Lorain County Courthouse buildings.
- Three of the 21 original Lorain County townships have “disappeared” due to annexation (Black River, Ridgeville, and Avon), and several are almost to that point (such as Brownhelm, Amherst, Elyria, and Sheffield).



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OGS Chapter website (loraincoogs.org)

- Cemetery records: from all but the largest cemeteries, which maintain their own records offices
- Churches of Lorain County: a complete listing
- Death records & obituaries: a large collection, randomly contributed
- Lineage societies: applicants & their ancestors

Government research facilities

- Lorain County Administration Building: Recorder's Office, Clerk of Courts, Auditor's Office and County Engineer. 226 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035, 440-329-5000
- Lorain County Justice Center: Probate Court
225 Court St., Elyria, OH 44035, 440-329-5000
- Lorain County Records Retention Center, 320 Gateway Blvd., N. Elyria, OH 44035, 440-326-4868
- Lorain County General Health District, 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035, 440-322-6367.
Birth & death records since 1908 for ALL of Lorain County, except the city of Lorain
- Lorain City Health Department, 1144 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052, 440-204-2300. *Lorain births & deaths since 1908; Elyria births since 1908.*

Public libraries with genealogy/local history collections

- Lorain Public Library (Special Collection, 2nd floor)
- Elyria Public Library (Ohio Room, Main/Central Library; Ely Collection, West River Branch)
- Amherst Public Library
- Oberlin Public Library (Ohio Room)
- Herrick Memorial Library, Wellington

Other research libraries

- Oberlin College Archives (5th floor, Seeley G. Mudd Learning Center)
- Oberlin Heritage Center (Monroe House basement)
- Amherst Historical Society (by appointment)
- Lorain County History Center, LCHS (Johnson Family Memorial Library), Elyria
- Lorain Historical Society (Carnegie Center), Lorain
- 103rd OVI Civil War Museum, Sheffield Lake (by appointment only)
- Sheffield Village Historical Society

Published histories

- Judge W.W. (Washington Wallace) Boynton's July 4, 1876, Centennial Address, "The Early History of Lorain County"
- Williams Brothers' 1879 *History of Lorain County, Ohio* (also reprinted with index)

- Beers' 1894 *Commemorative Biographical Record of Huron & Lorain County* (also reprinted in 2 separate volumes, with indexes)
- *Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve* (1896, Wickham)
- G.F. Wright's 1916 *Standard History of Lorain County, Ohio* (separate index also)

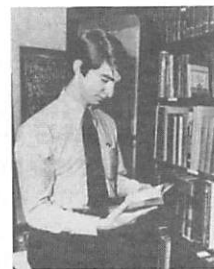
Property ownership map resources

- 1851 LC Township plat maps – showing property owners & acreage [*not houses*]
- 1857 LC Wall map – owners, acreage & houses (also reprinted by OGS in book form)
- 1874 LC Atlas – owners, acreage, houses (also LC Genealogical Workshop reprint)
- 1896 LC Atlas – owners, acreage, houses
- 1912 LC Atlas – owners, acreage [*not houses*]
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (1884-1959) – Elyria, Lorain, Amherst, Grafton, Oberlin, Wellington

Other published resources

- City directories: Elyria, Lorain (since about 1900); Lorain Co. (1859, 1915-20, 1948, 1954)
- Cemetery records: 1980 LC Cemetery Inscriptions (GW/OGS; also available online)
- Probate Court: Births, 1867-78 / Deaths, 1867-1889 (OGS Chapter)
- Abstracts of Wills from Probate Court, 1824-1865 (DAR)
- Common Pleas Journals, 1824-1845 (DAR, Mary Gray)
- Marriages, Lorain County, 1824-1865 (OGS Chapter, Dale Kellogg)
- Various published/reprinted local histories (Amherst, Avon, Brighton, Camden, Columbia, Eaton, Elyria, Grafton, LaGrange, Lorain, North Ridgeville, Wellington, etc.)
- Various compiled & published Indexes to the U.S. Census for Lorain County

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Finding “First Families” in Early Records

A Portage County Example

Unearthing biographical details on Ohio’s “First Families” often requires in-depth digging locally, regionally and even outside the state.

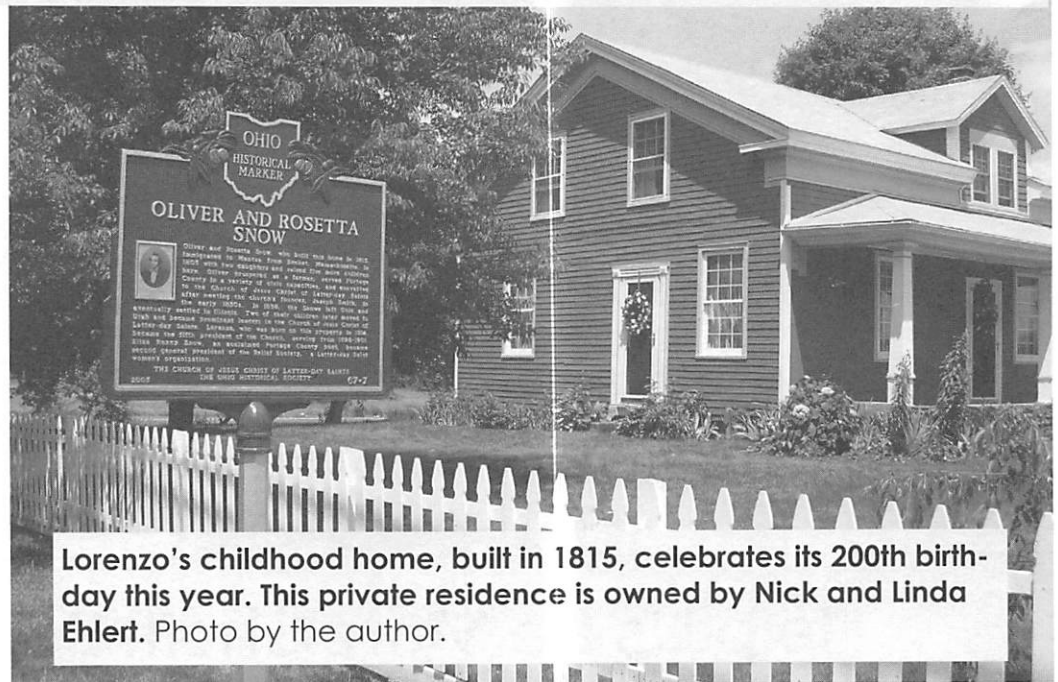
By Cheryl Felix
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Many years ago, I set out to reconstruct the early life of Lorenzo Snow, whose family was among early settlers of Portage County, Ohio. Lorenzo joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormons) as a young adult. He died as president of the Church in 1901 in Utah.

I wanted to know more about his family. Did the Snows have relatives around them in Mantua? Who were they? What were the family’s religions, education, livelin honor ofods and talents? What was pioneering life like for them?

As is typical of any “First Families of Ohio” research, finding details on the Portage County Snows in early 1800s is a challenge, but not impossible. The internet has made finding dates and places easier. But most records, maps and historical jottings for early Ohioans are still not internet-accessible.

Several strategies helped me flesh out a fuller portrait of the Snow family and Lorenzo himself. Collaboration with other researchers is key. Researching on-site in ancestral counties and in neighboring counties can unearth unique and little-known pieces of history. But limiting your search to within those counties can be short-sighted: sometimes the documents you need are in regional and even out-of-state repositories.



Lorenzo’s childhood home, built in 1815, celebrates its 200th birthday this year. This private residence is owned by Nick and Linda Ehlert. Photo by the author.

Collaborate

Early Ohio settlers are important to other descendants, local historians and others—you never know who until you look. Collaboration among families is now much easier because of Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org and other online sites where you can search others’ family trees. Watch for trees and individual profiles with source citations you can check yourself. Don’t be shy about contacting tree creators with questions and offers to compare notes.

Look for others’ research material on individuals or the family in published books and articles in WorldCat (www.worldcat.org) and the Periodical Source Index (searchable at <http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>). Look for unpublished research in a local society’s family files or back issues of newsletters. Check bibliographies of these for further research leads or contact the author, if possible.

Ohio “First Family” Produces Early Mormon Prophet

Lorenzo Snow was born in 1814 in Mantua, Portage County, Ohio. His parents, Oliver and Rosetta Pettibone Snow, arrived in 1805 with two small daughters from Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Lorenzo was their fifth child, first son and the last of their seven children to be born in a log cabin. They built a frame home in 1815 and carved a prosperous farm from the virgin forest.

Like his father, Lorenzo was as comfortable with classical poetry as he was with an ax and farming. Unlike most of his peers, he attended high school and a year at the new Oberlin College. He left Ohio at age 24 with his parents’ family and other Mormon converts. At the age of 85, he became the fifth and only Ohio-born president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon). In the three years before his death in Salt Lake City in 1901, he took the church from near bankruptcy to financial stability.

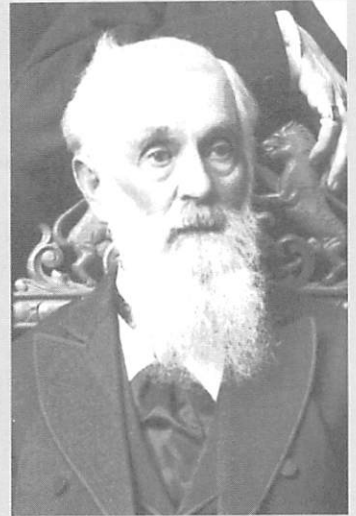


Photo: Lorenzo Snow, 1898. Detail from a photo by Charles Roscoe Savage, now in the public domain; Courtesy Church History Collections, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Intellectual Reserves, Inc. Image from Wikimedia Commons.

In my case, I was researching a prominent Mormon leader, so others were researching his family. I contacted a now-retired professor at Brigham Young University after reading one of her articles on the Snow family. She shared generously from her extensive collection. She also introduced me to the then-owner of the Snow home still standing in Mantua. The three of us walked the property together many times. I was also able to be of help to her, since I had access to local sources.

Visit ancestral counties

There is no substitute for researching onsite in an ancestral hometown or county. This is especially true when it comes to finding the early records and the little-known resources that can flesh out biographies of families and individuals. Visiting Portage County myself helped me to:

Track down records that are “buried” locally.

Church records are among the earliest Ohio records. They pinpoint religious affiliation and may contain vital records, transfers to other congregations, notes on church proceedings or other activities involving its members. However, extant church records may not be with the church anymore, and it might require some local legwork to find them.

In my case, I was fortunate to know that some of the Snows were affiliated with the early Mantua Disci-

ples of Christ church. The current local Disciples of Christ church was not built until the 1840s, after the Snow family left. But the minister referred me to the woman who owned the original record book, which included the years before 1840. The book contained a record of Lorenzo’s mother and two of his sisters. I could never have accessed this record online.

Dig through treasures at small societies. Small, volunteer historical or genealogical societies with limited hours are often staffed by local, dedicated historians who usually know the records and the neighborhoods. They may even be descended from early pioneers themselves.

At small societies, look for family files and family group sheets and/or manuscripts that may mention them. Ask them to check their holdings for any artifacts belonging to the family. Then look for any original or microfilmed newspapers, cemetery inscriptions and maps, veteran’s lists, township collections, atlases, school records, unpublished and published biographies, oral history projects and county and township histories. Look for Revolutionary War veterans in projects compiled by the D.A.R., books or files about those veterans and accounts in local histories.

For example, the Mantua Historical Society houses early Mantua artifacts and documents. There I bought two helpful, out-of print histories of Mantua,

Mantua Homecoming by Adelaide Ling and *Rediscovering Mantua* by Elmer Pfaff. Elmer Pfaff, now deceased, is the probable creator of an unsigned, incomplete map of Mantua with the names of original property owners, including Oliver Snow and his brother, Franklin. A Mantua Historical Society Trustee introduced me to the neighbor across the road from the present Snow home, where the Snow's original log home stood.

The Portage County Historical Society in Ravenna, Ohio had the *History of Portage County, Ohio, Illustrated, 1885* and school records which contained information on Lorenzo's family. A partial copy of an early manuscript of the *History of Mantua* by Orrin Harmon was an important find. The original, full manuscript is at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. (Keep reading for more on that.)

Explore county government repositories. Though some of the record types below are now coming online, not all of them are and some never will be. But county government records are essential to understanding a family's residence in that town.

- Land records, usually found at the county Recorder's Office, help establish a time period during which a family lived in Ohio. Land records may contain a woman's first name, mention a previous residence or be signed by family members as witnesses. They can provide descriptions and locations of what once surrounded the property, including natural features, buildings and

neighbors.

- Tax duplicates, often at the county Auditor's Office, can help establish a date that a home, barn, mill or other building was built (look for a big jump in assessed valuation from one year to the next).
- The courthouse or county archives may hold official county probate, criminal and other records. County historical and/or genealogical societies often have microfilms of court records.

Unfortunately, Portage County land records do not include the original deed to the lots where Oliver and Rosetta Snow settled in 1805. However, they do include an 1806 land transaction of the Snows donating a half acre to Mantua Township for what is now Pioneer Cemetery. The deed describes the half acre as being immediately east of Oliver's dwelling place, referring to the family's original log cabin.

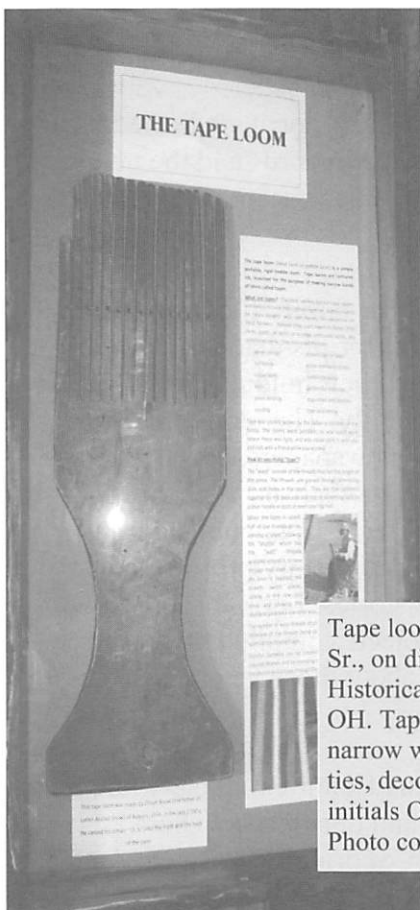
Visit Neighboring Counties

Searches for early families should include adjoining counties. Entire extended families often settled near each other on the Ohio frontier without regard to present county boundaries. The earliest records for a family may exist in a parent county. Extended family members may have settled in neighboring counties.

In fact, Lorenzo Snow grew up ten miles south of his grandfather and step-grandmother, Oliver Snow, Sr. and Roxeylana Taylor Snow, of Geauga County. Most of their aunts and uncles also lived in Geauga County. (Only one aunt and one uncle lived in Portage County!) Had I searched only Portage County, I would have missed important information on the Snow family because *none* of the Portage County documents mentioned the Snows of Geauga County.

Another Geauga County find was an unpublished history of Lorenzo's grandfather: "Oliver Snow: Soldier and Patriot of the American Revolution," compiled about 1973 by Jean Davis Fugman. This D.A.R. history is part of the Snow family file in the Anderson Allyn Room in the Chardon Public Library in Geauga County. The history names Oliver Sr.'s numerous children and grandchildren in Geauga and Portage Counties.

Another resource at the Chardon Library, *Raccoon Brigade: Revolutionary War Soldiers Bur-*



Tape loom belonging to Oliver Snow, Sr., on display at the Geauga County Historical Society (GCHS), Burton, OH. Tape looms were used to make narrow woven goods such as straps, ties, decorative trim and fringe. The initials O.S. are carved into the wood. Photo courtesy of GCHS.

ied in Geauga County by Jeanette Grosvenor, includes an entire chapter on Oliver Snow, Sr. Both the D.A.R. history and *Raccoon Brigade* include information on Oliver Snow, Jr., of Portage County. Both contained bibliographies that lead me to other documents, such as the 1880 *Pioneer and General History of Geauga County*, with anecdotes about Oliver, Sr., and his children.

Also in Geauga County are mentions of several Snow family members in Geauga newspapers, now on microfilm in the Anderson Allyn Room. The *Gauga Republican* carried a lengthy obituary on Lorenzo's sister Eliza, though she died in Utah. An obituary for their uncle Alvirus Snow (shown next page) described him as "the wealthiest man in Geauga County." A news item reported the impending visit of Lorenzo's son Leroi and his wife, who was from Geauga County. The Hayes Obituary Index (www.rbhayes.org) can help you locate Ohio obituaries and the repositories from which you should request them.

The Geauga County Historical Society in Burton, Ohio sponsors Century Village, a museum with many artifacts belonging to Oliver Snow, Sr. and his descendants. Items include a large wooden tape loom belonging to Oliver Snow, Sr., with "O.S." carved in the wood (shown on opposite page). There is also a gray taffeta wedding dress worn by Oliver Snow, Sr.'s great-granddaughter, Emeroy Snow, and a beaded purse belonging to another great-granddaughter.

Broaden Your Search

Collections in large historical societies located in major Ohio cities of-

Geauga Republican.

Auburn.

OBITUARY.

Another of the old pioneers of Auburn has passed away. Alvirus Snow died at his residence March 6th, at 11 o'clock p. m., aged 84 years, after a short illness.— Mr. Snow was undoubtedly the wealthiest man in Auburn, and one of the wealthiest in the County. He came to Auburn in 1821, and purchased a small piece of land, built a house on the same, and in 1823 married Mary G. Reed, daughter of William Reed, of Pierpont, Ohio. Mr. Snow had an eye to business, and by his industry and perseverance kept adding to his possessions until he was the owner of almost twelve hundred acres of land.— He had three large farms which he had rented for several years. He was very kind to his tenants, consequently was not troubled with many changes. One of his farms has been occupied sixteen years by one family. Mr. Snow stocked his own farms with cows, and rented "at halves," having adopted that plan when he first commenced renting, and never changed. He was formerly a breeder and dealer in nice cattle, and is well known by the farmers of the County, has frequently carried off the first premium on nice stock at our County Fairs.

Mr. Snow was loved and respected by all his neighbors, and his widow and family have the sympathy of the whole community in their great bereavement.

ten cover an entire region of Ohio, plus neighboring states or states from where first settlers came. Manuscript collections are especially rich in early Ohio documents. Some large repositories also sponsor regional indexing projects.

In the case of Lorenzo's family, their home in Portage County was originally part of the Western Reserve area of Ohio that belonged to Connecticut. The Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland (www.wrhs.org) includes Portage County documents. They house the original, 100-plus-pages, handwritten document, "Facts Appertaining to the History of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio" by Orrin Harmon (MSS 0104).

Harmon knew the Snow family personally. His manuscript provides the date Oliver and Rosetta Snow came to Mantua, which property they purchased, where the log cabin was located (which matches the description of the dwelling place mentioned in the deed to the cemetery) and that they built a frame home in 1815.

The WRHS also archives the earliest map I found of Portage County, which shows Oliver Snow's property, and an 1812 Garrettsville, Portage County, Baptist Church record, noting a contribution from Oliver Snow for \$9.00 (shown below). Also in the Garrettsville Baptist Church record book is a note that Oliver Snow represented his congregation at a Mahoning Baptist Association meeting in Warren,

This January 25, 1812 entry in the Garrettsville Baptist Church records notes a \$9.00 donation by Oliver Snow. MSS 2087, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Image used with permission.

Samuel Judson	X	8.00	Hebdan M... ..	3.00
Oliver Snow	X	9.00	Latty Blair	3.00
Rufus Edwards	X	10.00	Mathew Manley for the last year	2.00
John Rudolph	X	2.00	Mary Bradley but one year a member	
			Wm. Pownall but one year a member	
			Margaret Buddin	
total of these		86.00		

Ohio in 1821. The Baptist records for members from Mantua, Hiram and Nelson are found in the Garrettsville record.

Early Ohio settlers often moved on to other states. Check local and regional repositories in other states where they lived subsequently. Many obituaries have been indexed from local papers. For example, both Lorenzo Snow and his sister Eliza died in Utah. Their obituaries appeared in many of the state's newspapers. A couple of Lorenzo's journals written after he left Ohio in 1838 refer back to Ohio people and places and are housed in the LDS Church Archives in Salt Lake City. The Archives also has beautiful photos of Lorenzo, Eliza and their sister, Leonora Abigail.

While the lives of Ohio's first families seem lost in obscurity, a surprising amount of information does exist in private homes, small historical or genealogical societies, or in the collections of larger county and regional archives. Just as an archeologist reconstructs a broken pot from pieces dug patiently from

the ground, a researcher can reconstruct the lives of early Ohio pioneers from pieces of information "dug" out of various archives. ♦



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First Families Research Tips

- ✓ Collaborate
- ✓ Visit ancestral county
- ✓ Visit neighboring counties
- ✓ Broaden your search

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Grave Marking Ceremonies Planning and Conducting an Event

Eric E. Johnson and E. Paul Morehouse

Introduction

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of a hereditary society or a veteran's organization is participating in a grave marking of a veteran or patriot ancestor. There is no right way or wrong way in executing this ceremony but there are a few simple rules to follow when planning and conducting these events.

Grave markings can be as simple as installing a flag marker next to an existing tombstone or as complex as placing a monument on a gravesite. Ceremonies can have only a few people in attendance or might be very large affairs with hundreds of people plus news media. It can involve only your organization or include other hereditary societies, veterans' organizations and even the military. You can have a rifle salute, a cannon volley and a military fly-over, or simply a minister leading the group in prayer.

The golden rules for any grave marking are to plan, get permission and then ask for help.

Pre-Planning

Identifying the ancestor

The sole purpose of a grave marking is to honor an individual whether he or she was simply an ancestor, a veteran or a patriot. Gather accurate information for this individual. Research family information, census information, military records, church records, and courthouse records so you can be sure of all the facts necessary for written or carved items. People attending the ceremony will want to know more information about the person being honored so write a biography for this individual, either to be read during the ceremony or to be given out to those attending the ceremony.

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Find Northeast Ohioans in WRHS Genealogy Index

More free genealogy data online and a better search experience. That's the latest offering for family historians from the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

Northeast Ohio's premiere historical archive is a treasure trove of original historical Ohio documents, including many of interest to genealogists: Church and synagogue records. Employers' records. Family correspondence. Fraternal benefit society files. School records. Diaries. Military regimental papers. Poorhouse registers. Family bibles. Justice of the peace records. Tax and voter lists. Local censuses. General store account ledgers. There's even an original federal census book for Ashtabula County in 1870—with a mortality index that has never been imaged or filmed.

However, many researchers aren't aware that these records exist at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), let alone that their ancestors are mentioned in them. Well aware of the disconnect, members of WRHS' Genealogical Committee have worked over the years to identify and index some of the most genealogically important papers, files, ledgers, registers and lists.

A New Index

A new Genealogy Index interface developed by Library Director Richard Shrake now makes it easier for volunteers to post indexes and for the public to search them. Previously, indexes required submission through a third-party company for hosting on the WRHS website, and each index had to be searched separately.

Now there is a single Genealogy Index and WRHS staff can add new indexes as each is created. Furthermore, search results are also picked up by web browsers. So even if someone doesn't know about

Search the free Genealogy Index of WRHS manuscript resources at www.wrhs.org/research/library/genealogy/database/. Most entries are for Northeast Ohio residents but others may also be mentioned.

the WRHS Genealogy Index, a keyword search of that name for Ohio may bring up their results in the Index.

What's in the index now?

There are over 320,000 entries in the index now, with more being added every few months. Datasets you'll find there include:

- Biographical Sketch Name Index to over 26,000 articles from 28 publications (1886-1998) that mention Clevelanders.
- Bible records with over 35,000 entries from family Bibles owned or copied by the WRHS. Includes births, baptisms, marriages and deaths.
- Cleveland Servicemen Photos: northeast Ohio men and women who served in WWII and the Korean Conflict.
- 1907-8 voter registrations for Cleveland.
- Allen E Cole photograph collection (nearly 30,000 negatives and 6,000 prints) on African-American history in Cleveland.
- Jewish marriage and death notices (over 25,000) from Cleveland Jewish newspapers, 1889-1964.
- Cuyahoga County Cemetery Inscriptions from 39 published sources.
- Funeral home record book entries of Cleveland area businesses: Pease Funeral Home (Bay Village, N Olmsted, Westlake, 1917-1955); JD Deutsch Funeral Home (Jewish east side residents, 1909-1960); McGorray Funeral Home (Irish Catholic west side, 1910-1921); Chambers Funeral Home (Irish west side, 1935-1955); EF Boyd & Son Funeral Home (African-Americans in Cleveland, 1906-1950); Lindhorst Funeral Home (Germans in Cleveland, 1906-1945); and Saxton Funeral Home and predecessor business-

es (Lakewood and west side of Cleveland with many British, Scandinavian and German immigrants, 1882-1997).

By press time, you'll likely see some new contributions to the Genealogy Index. For example, the mortality schedule for Ashtabula County from the 1870 U.S. Census has been indexed (see image above). The original census volume is at WRHS and, to our knowledge, the mortality schedule has never been filmed or imaged.

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SCHEDULE 2.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1870, in *Ashtabula* County of *Ohio*, State of *Ohio*, enumerated by me, *A. H. Brown*.

1	2	3				7	8		10	11	12
		Age at Death	Sex	Race	Marital Status		Foreign-born	Month of Death			
1	9	John George	57	M	W	New Hampshire		Nov	Barmer	Old Age	
2	14	Brook Wether	91	M	W	Vermont		April	Barmer	Paralysis	
3	20	Borgan Daniel	91	M	W	Illinois		June	Barmer	Paralysis	
4	25	Warner Allen	4	M	W	Ohio		Aug	do	Convulsion	
5	50	Wilder Hannah	17	F	W	"		Oct	do	Convulsion	
6	48	Alderman Rachel	47	F	W	Canada		June	Keeping House	Consumption	
7	77	Wentworth Lucy J	1 1/2	F	W	Ohio		Sept	do	Convulsion	
8	136	Silk Robert	44	M	W	Ireland		Dec	Keeping House	Bilious Colic	
9	162	Garritabed James M	44	M	W	Ohio		April	Barmer	Consumption of Lungs	

Sample image of mortality schedule for 1870 U.S. Census for Ashtabula County (original at WRHS). There are columns for name, age at death, gender, race, marital status, place of birth, whether parents were foreign-born, month of death, profession and cause of death. The far left column associates the deceased individual with his or her household number from the population schedule.

Also underway is a project to index original church membership records. These are being added on a rolling basis. Watch for these soon:

- Methodist Episcopal, Charlestown (Portage), 1867-1902;
- First Congregational, Randolph (Portage), 1846-1899;
- The First Universalist, Brimfield (Portage), 1839-1922;
- First New Jerusalem Society, Chillicothe (Ross), 1838-1879;
- Woodland Avenue Methodist Episcopal, Cleveland (Cuyahoga), 1874-1866;
- First Congregational, Kent (Portage), 1838;
- Mt. Leigh Presbyterian (Adams), 1842-early 1900s;
- Presbytery of the Western Reserve (Erie), 1858-1870;
- Regular Baptist, Chardon (Geauga), 1831-1905;
- First Presbyterian, Lafayette, Chippewa Lake (Medina), 1838-1851;
- First Congregational, Parma (Cuyahoga);
- Garrettsville Baptist Church (Portage), 1839;

- United Presbyterian & Congregational Church, Farmington (Trumbull), 1817-1866;
- Brecksville Congregational Church (Cuyahoga), 1816-early 1900s.

Over 100 church records collections in all have been identified for possible indexing. Military, government and community welfare organizations are also "in line" for indexing by volunteers. ♦

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Household No.	Name of Member	Age	Sex	Race	Marital Status	Place of Birth	Date of Baptism	How Baptized	When Dismissed or Excluded	Where Relocated
1	James W. Allen	25	M	W	Single	Ohio	April 11, 47	By immersion		
2	Brook Wether	91	M	W	Single	Vermont	April 11, 47	By immersion		
3	Borgan Daniel	91	M	W	Single	Illinois	April 11, 47	By immersion		
4	Warner Allen	4	M	W	Single	Ohio	April 11, 47	By immersion		
5	Wilder Hannah	17	F	W	Single	Ohio	April 11, 47	By immersion		
6	Alderman Rachel	47	F	W	Single	Canada	April 11, 47	By immersion		
7	Wentworth Lucy J	1 1/2	F	W	Single	Ohio	April 11, 47	By immersion		
8	Silk Robert	44	M	W	Single	Ireland	April 11, 47	By immersion		
9	Garritabed James M	44	M	W	Single	Ohio	April 11, 47	By immersion		

Sample page from the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, MS 4140. Data includes member names, address, when and how admitted and from what church/town received, date dismissed or excluded (and to what church/town relocated).

Images of Ohio

by Aaron Turner



This new column contains great photographs from the OGS Photograph Collection, along with captions by OGS Yearbook Librarian Aaron Turner. Read more about The Ohio Photograph Collection on page 5.



First and second grade students with their teacher at West Salem School in Wayne County, Ohio. The boy marked with an “x” above his head in the back row is identified as William “Billy” Richey. With a 32:1 student to teacher ratio, this young teacher must have had her hands full with students ranging in age from 5-8.

Image citations: Above: OGS Photograph Collection, Donated by Leah Jean McGinty in 1989. Facing page, top: From the Martha Champion Lewis Collection, MSS 253. Donated by Esther Adkins & Debbie Douglas. Facing page, bottom: From the private collection of Aaron Turner.



This home at 413 State Street in Kipton, Lorain County was built around 1900 and originally served as the schoolmaster's home for the Kipton Public School which stood next door. The bell tower of the school can faintly be seen at the far left of this photograph, taken about 1909.



Seated on the porch step is Emory Jay Dwire (1874-1924), the principal at Kipton School. Standing on the porch is his wife Grayce Montella (Champion) Dwire (1881-1977). The Dwire sons, Corliss Edmund "Jerry" Dwire (1901-1976) and Reginald Burdell Dwire (1903-1985), stand with what was likely the family bicycle.

By 1920 the Dwire family had moved to Elyria where Emory served as the supervisor of the district (rural) schools. Mr. Dwire died just a few months shy of his 50th birthday in 1924 while his wife lived to the age of 95. They are both buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio. While both the 1904 Kipton School where Mr. Dwire taught and its 1923 successor have both been razed, the home still stands today on State Route 511 in Kipton. The current owners are Michael & Sarah Hill.

Just 10 years prior, bachelor E.J. Dwire was the teacher at Biddle School, a one-room schoolhouse located in Sandusky Township, Crawford County Ohio (see image, right).

During his tenure in education, Mr. Dwire went from teaching all grades in a one room schoolhouse to serving as the principal of a high school and finally to acting as a district supervisor. ♦

Souvenir of


Biddle School

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Winter Term

1898-99



E. J. Dwire, Teacher

SCHOLARS

Harvey Cole	Milton Cole	Bertha Cole
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Harold Cole	Harley Cole	Stella Cole
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"Remember that the learning of the few is despotism, the learning of the multitude is liberty."—HORACE MANN.

New at the OGS Library

By Thomas Stephen Neel, OGS Library Director



Do you ever sit down in the easy chair, prop up your legs, with a tasty beverage nearby, turn on the radio, and listen to the latest bit of information on Myceerah and the White Eagle, Mad Anne Bailey's Empty Grave, or the Golden Lamb of Lebanon? Probably not!

That's why the Ohio Genealogical Society has been working on the Ohio Story Scripts project since April – "Bringing Radio Back to Life" – so that you can revisit those 1947 to 1955 radio programs at your leisure and download them from our new website, www.ogsarchive.org



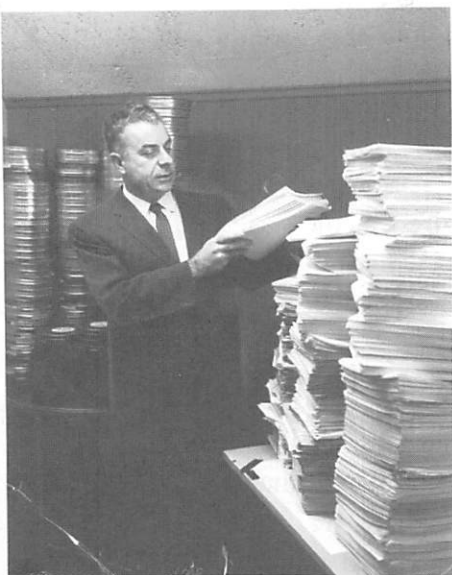
All the important blogs were aflitter (aflutter or even a twitter) back in early 2014 with the news that OGS had been awarded \$2000 to digitize the Ohio Story Scripts. Funding came from OHRAB (Ohio Records Advisory Board) through a SNAP grant (State and National Archival Partnership) funded by the NHPRC (National Historical Publications and Records Commission), an arm of the NARA (National Archives and Records Administration).

Developed by Strongsville native and historian, Frank Siedel, the radio shows aired three times per week from 1947 to 1967 (later years on television) in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Youngstown, and Zanesville. Ohio Bell Telephone Company was the sponsor. (Does anyone still dial?) These were short pieces

about Ohio communities, events, and personalities, generally ten minutes in length, and were used to fill air time after a 20-minute news block. They were conversational history, bringing in current events and a lot of humor.

Interns Aaron Turner, Deborah Phillips, and Nancy Strayer have spent several months scanning 940 individual scripts of 6-8 pages each, loading them into Omeka content management software, running them through OCR (optical character recognition, to make them searchable), and optimizing the file size for the website. Then they entered tons of tons of metadata – information on each story – the title, author, publisher, date, subject entries, citations and more!

At www.ogs.archive.org, you can now browse the items, search for specific topics in a search box or by reviewing the 29-page finding aid, learn more about Mr. Siedel, watch a video of one of the episodes about the Port of Toledo, or learn more about the project. We even have posted two entire books that were an outgrowth of the radio show – *The Ohio Story* (1950) and *Out of the Midwest* (1953).

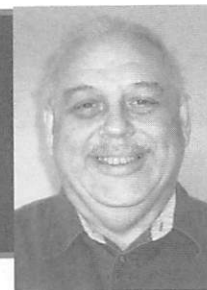


Frank Siedel next to a stack of scripts with television show tapes behind him. Image courtesy of OGS.

So, there was more to radio than President Roosevelt's fireside chats and an occasional Indians baseball game. Yes folks, we are in Ohio! Take a look at the result of this wonderful grant and the work of many fine OGS interns and volunteers. Think about how OGS (in the future) might be able to use this format for the placement of scanned Bible records, ancestor charts, court case packets, and more! ♦

The Bigger Picture

by Tim Bailey



DNA testing for genealogical purposes has become much more widespread and a valuable part of genealogy. But some people mistakenly view DNA testing as a be-all and end-all of genealogy, replacing traditional research. The truth is, *both* genetic and documentary research should be used (and are often required) to prove family relationships.

We can see this by looking at a famous family history debate: that of the paternity of the children of Sally Hemings, a woman held in slavery by Thomas Jefferson. During his lifetime, Jefferson was publicly charged with having fathered children by Hemings by one of his critics. To make a public accusation of this nature was considered in poor taste at the time, and Jefferson was not socially or legally obligated to defend himself. He never admitted the relationship in any surviving document. But the story persisted through the Hemings family that Jefferson was their biological father.

In 1997, Dr. Eugene Foster led a group of interested people in carrying out a genetic test to settle the question. A Y-chromosome study was done on nineteen people: five control subjects (nonrelatives whose negative results would help validate the test) and members of four families: Jefferson, Hemings, Woodson and Carr.

Carr descendants were tested because it was long suspected that one of two Carr brothers fathered Hemings's children. Woodsons were tested because of family lore that Jefferson had fathered their ancestors. The results clearly showed that neither family was involved.

For the Hemings family, descendants of Sally's son Eston were tested. The Jefferson family presented a dilemma, since Thomas had no sons who produced children. The Y chromosome is the male sex chromosome, and it has to be passed down through a line of males. In such a case a collateral relative can

be used, so descendants of Thomas's uncle, Field Jefferson, were tested.

The results were unequivocal: the descendants of Eston Hemings and Field Jefferson had the same Y chromosome. To add the icing to the cake, the Jefferson haplogroup (a sort of ancestral clan based on DNA mutations) is a rare one, so sharing it made a connection even more likely. Case closed?

Not exactly. Because the Y chromosome is carried by all male family members, it only showed that a biological Jefferson male was the father. Dr. Foster, who published the results in the science journal *Nature*, said the tests did not conclusively point to Thomas. There were other candidates like Thomas's bother, Randolph, and even Randolph's sons. Also, there were other male Jeffersons living in the area. Maybe one of them was the father.

To resolve the more specific question about Thomas' involvement, a much older and considerably more low-tech method was then used: traditional documentary research.

There is no smoking gun in this case, no document in which Jefferson admitted his fatherhood of slave children. He was a prolific writer, though, and one of the documents he paid close attention to was his Farm Book, a record of important events which took place on his property, Monticello. This was not a diary; it was a business record that included a great amount of detail about his slaves, including their birth dates and family groups. When recording births, the date and child's name was listed, then the father and mother, usually the father first; in family groups the father was also usually listed first. In the case of Hemings children and their family group, there is no father listed.

Students of Thomas Jefferson have been able to as-

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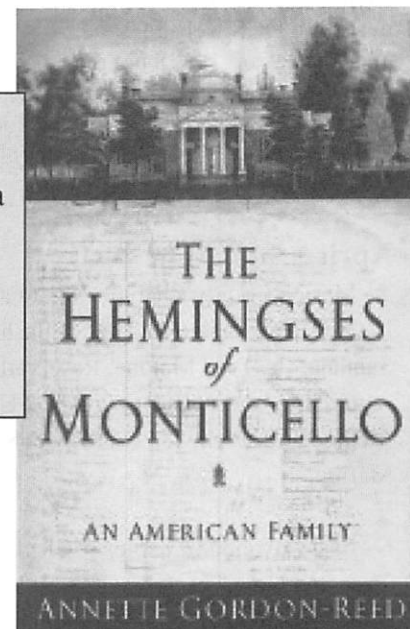


semble a detailed account of his movements throughout his life, and have reached the conclusion that Jefferson was available at the right times to participate in the conception of Sally Hemings' children, which cannot be said of any other Jefferson. Finally, all the slaves freed by Jefferson were members of the Hemings family.

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Tim Bailey runs Northeast Ohio Genealogy Services (www.northeastgenealogysvcs.com).

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April

4 - Marion County Chapter - First Family/Civil War Banquet; "The Steamship Santana," by Fred Malone. Reservations required for meal. 10 am, Prospect United Methodist Church, 185 S Prospect St., Marion.

6 - East Cuyahoga Chapter - "Cleveland: Then and Now," by John Grabowski, PhD. 7 pm, Ross DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd., Mayfield Heights.

12 - Licking County Chapter - Annual dinner (reservations required). "The Charles and Patricia Buser Collection of research materials on Native American cultures," by John Crissinger. 2 pm, Licking County Library, 101 West Main St., Newark.

14 - Fulton County Chapter - "Resources Available at the Library," by Donna Christian of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Delta.

14 - Geauga County Chapter - "Using Shutterfly for Short Family Stories," by Sarah Prueter. 7 pm, Chardon Library, 110 East Park St., Chardon.

15 - Warren County Chapter - "Transition from Hunting and Gathering to the Preserving Stage," by Marcia Murray Holstrom. Banquet and program. 7:30 pm. Campus Center, Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N SR 741, Lebanon.

15 - Cuyahoga West Chapter - "Genealogical Show and Tell," Bring photo, heirloom, etc. Social time 6:30, program at 7pm. Westlake Library.

16 - Crawford County Chapter - "New Washington Stories," by Joe Blum, St. John's Church, 7pm.

16 - Fairfield County Chapter - Refreshments at 6:30. Meeting at 7 pm, followed by a program. Fairfield County Genealogical Library, 503 Lenwood Dr., Lancaster.

18 - Union County Chapter - "Ohio Home of the Wright Brothers," by Louis Chmiel. 10 am, Marysville Public Library, 231 South Plum St., Marysville.

18 - Summit County Chapter - "Uncle Sam's Records," by Debbie Mayes. 1:30 pm, Tallmadge Branch Library, 90 Community Rd., Tallmadge.

18 - Hamilton County Chapter - Annual Seminar with Jerry Smith, CG. 8:30 am, to 4 pm, Mill Race Banquet Center, 1515 West Sharon Rd., Winton Woods Great Park, Cincinnati.

20 - Mahoning County Chapter - "Telling Your Ancestor's Stories," by Jocelyn Dabney. 7 pm, St Charles Ministry Center, 7345 West View Dr., Boardman.

20 - Pickaway County Chapter - "Coroner's Office," by Dr. John Ellis. 7:00 pm. 210 N Court St., Circleville.

23 - Richland County Chapter - "Probate Court Records," by Judge Philip A. Mayer. 7 pm Library, Bellville.

25 - Morrow County Chapter - "Brought in a Little Black Bag," by Joanne Fitzgerald. First Families Luncheon. Loca-

tion TBD. 12 noon. Mt Gilead.

May

2 - Marion County Chapter - "Lizzie of Marion," by Mary Kathleen Tripp. 10 am, Marion County Historical Society, 169 E Church St., Marion.

4 - Cuyahoga Valley Chapter - "Looking for Irish Ancestors," by Jane Gramwell. 7:30pm, Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence.

4 - Licking County Chapter - 6 pm, Annual field trip to Licking County Recorder's Office. Donations accepted for the Licking County food bank. No admittance after 6:15 pm, Licking County Recorder's Office, 20 South Second St., Newark.

4 - East Cuyahoga Chapter - "In Their Footsteps: A Journey to the Past of 2 Intertwined Families," by Sandra Beane Milton. 7 pm, Ross DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd., Mayfield Hts.

9 - Montgomery County Chapter - "Researching German Newspapers," by Jeffrey G. Herbert. 1 pm, Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 East Stroop Rd., Kettering.

12 - Fulton County Chapter - "Richly Dressed and Handsome Appearances: 1790's Clothing Styles of Native Americans," by Jen Christensen. 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Delta.

12 - Geauga County Chapter - "Two Cleveland Celebrities: Bob Hope and Chef Boyardee," by Deborah Abbott. 7 pm, Chardon Library, 110 East Park St., Chardon.

13 - Warren County Chapter - "Immigrant Ancestors," by Amie Tennant. 7:30 pm. Campus Center, Otterbein

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Retirement Community, 585 N SR 741, Lebanon.

18 - Mahoning County Chapter - "Daughters of the American Revolution," by Margie Diver. 7 pm, St Charles Ministry Center, 7345 West View Dr., Boardman.

18 - Pickaway County Chapter - "Recorder's Office," by Joyce Gifford. 7:00 pm. 210 N Court St., Circleville

20 - Cuyahoga West Chapter - "German Research is Like Strudel: It Unfolds a Layer at a Time," by Betty Franklin. Social time 6:30 pm, program at 7 pm. Westlake Library.

21 - Crawford County Chapter - "Portraying Mrs. Charles Hahn," by Gale Martin. Bucyrus Library, 7pm.

21 - Fairfield County Chapter - Presentation by Chris Hart. 6:30 pm, Fairfield County Genealogical Library, 503 Lenwood Dr., Lancaster.

23 - Morrow County Chapter - "Yesterday Schools," by Susan Dice. 2 pm, Mount Gilead Library Annex, Mount Gilead.

28 - Richland County Chapter - "The Urie Family, A Richland County Pioneer Family," by David Kowalka. 7 pm Library, Bellville.

29-31 - Ontario Genealogical Society Conference, Georgian College Campus, Barrie, Ontario. Theme is "Tracks Through Time." Info at <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference>.

June

1 - Cuyahoga Valley Chapter - Dinner and program, details TBA. Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr..

1 - Licking County Chapter - "German Microfiche Records and Migration to America," by Barb Bauer. 6:30 pm, Licking County Library, 101 West Main St., Newark.

1 - East Cuyahoga Chapter - "A Fun Look at Fashion from Victorian Times to the Present Day," by Stacie Murry. 7 pm, Ross DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd., Mayfield Hts.

6 - Marion County Chapter - "Sawyer Park and Sanitarium," by Randy Winland. 10 am, Marion County Historical Society, 169 E Church St., Marion.

8 - Mahoning County Chapter - "Tracing Family, The *Sultana* Tragedy," by Sue Bell. 7 pm, St Charles Ministry Center, 7345 West View Dr., Boardman.

9 - Fulton County Chapter - "WW I and II Records: Finding Them Online," by Marge Waterfield. Banquet. 6:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Delta.

9 - Geauga County Chapter - "Pre-1850 Researching," by Margaret Cheney. 7 pm, Chardon Library, 110 East Park St., Chardon.

13 - Montgomery County Chapter - "Black Sheep Ancestors," by Kathy Reed. 1 pm, Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 East Stroop Rd., Kettering.

15 - Pickaway County Chapter - "Heisey Glass," by Elaine Cook. 7:00 pm. 210 N Court St., Circleville.

16 - Crawford County Chapter - "Medley of Civil War Music on Banjo and Guitar," by Keith Metcalf, Peace Lutheran Church, 7pm.

17 - Cuyahoga West Chapter - "Culture and Lifestyle of Village People of Eastern Europe," by Dan Dmytrykiw. Social

6:30 pm, program 7:00 pm. Westlake Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd..

18 - Fairfield County Chapter - Presentation by Bill Boone. 6:30 pm, Fairfield County Genealogical Library, 503 Lenwood Dr., Lancaster.

19-21 - International Conference on Family History in Quebec, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. Details at www.qfhs.ca.

25 - Richland County Chapter - "Ohio's Role in the Choice of Lincoln," by Randall Buchman. 7 pm Library, Bellville.

July

6 - Licking County Chapter - "Welsh Society," by Rev. Stacy Evans. 6:30 pm, Licking County Library, 101 West Main St., Newark.

6 - East Cuyahoga Chapter - "The Red Cross Volunteer Services During WWII," by Eileen Giunta. Potluck. 7 pm, Ross DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd., Mayfield Heights.

11 - Marion County Chapter - "Records in the Marion County Recorder's Office," by Karen Douglas. Time available for research after meeting. 10 am, 222 W. Center St., Marion.

11 - Montgomery County Chapter, OGS - "Organizing Your Files and the Mess on Your Desk," by Kelli Bergheimer. 1 pm, Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering. ♦

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