



# NEWSLETTER

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We are pleased to report that the Morrow County Genealogical Society is "back in business!" Our group was formed in 1976 and we became a chartered chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society in 1977 (one of 32 chapters). After those first few years it seemed as though we lost a bit of our enthusiasm, and our level of activity greatly declined. But a revival took place in 1983, with new members bringing fresh ideas to the society. The half-dozen general meetings in the Summer and Fall of 1983 were well-attended, with a good variety of program topics delivered by well-informed speakers. (As for the OGS, there continues to be a steady rate of growth. There are now 73 chapters, and over 5,200 members.)

Our program schedule has been set for the first part of 1984:

- Sat. January 28. Mrs. Barb Veley [of Marion, O.] "The LDS (Mormon) Branch Library in Reynoldsburg, Ohio".
- Sat. February 25. Mr. Dale Kellogg [Elyria, O.] "Getting Ready to Publish".
- Sat. March 24. Mrs. Danja Schaefer [Mansfield, O.] "Experiences with German Research".
- Mon. April 23. Mr. William Fetters [Mt. Vernon, O.] "What Goes On at an OGS State Convention".

The Saturday meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. From April to November we meet on the Fourth Monday of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be no meetings in June and July. All meetings are held in the Community Room of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead.

#### OFFICERS OF THE MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

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ATLAS REPRINT. The MCGS is currently investigating the reprinting of 3 historical maps of Morrow County: 1857, 1871 & 1901, to be combined into one volume. All 3 show land ownership, and indexes are being compiled for each one. It is thought that a publisher will be selected sometime this spring.

The Columbus Jewish Historical Society has been in existence since June of 1981. Their interest is the history of Jews in Columbus and Central Ohio, in which they also include Morrow County. It is their desire to gather as much information and historical data as possible about Jewish institutions and families from the use of records, photographs, documents, etc. You may write to the C.J.H.S. at 1175 College Ave., Columbus, OH 43209

A quarterly publication, ELY Heritage, covering all branches of the Ely family is available for \$12 a year. The newsletter includes such items as abstracts of wills & deeds, tombstone inscriptions, ancestral charts, and a query column. For more info:

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Our thanks goes to MARY JANE HENNEY, of Mansfield, OH, for donating 27 issues of the Genealogical Helper magazine. The issues are from the years 1972, '73, '74, '75, and '78. Mrs. Henney is a trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society, and has been helpful in the renewal of our group.

With the approval of the clerks of the Probate Court, a "guestbook" has been placed in that office of the county court house in Mt. Gilead. Since that register of researchers was begun in July of 1983, 16 persons representing 6 states have signed their names, listing a total of 57 different surnames. It is hoped that this will match up people who are working on the same families, and will avoid too much duplication of efforts.

From the inception of the MCGS, it has been the policy not to attempt to maintain a library of our own. Instead, whatever resource materials we accumulate for the use and benefit of the public are to be placed in the Mt. Gilead Free Public Library. The facility is located at 35 East High st., and is open Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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The Morrow County Historical Society is a separate and distinct organization. It was organized in 1970, and has its own by-laws, officers, dues and activities. For the most part, there is no duplication of efforts between that group and our Genealogical Society. There never were any efforts made to cause a merger between the two disparate societies.

Great progress was made in 1983 in the copying of tombstone inscriptions. A partial list of cemeteries completed: IBERIA, SHAUCK, KENNY, Mosher, North Fork, North Canaan, South Canaan, Mt. Tabor, Worden, Rice, Ebenezer Meth., North Bloomfield U. Presbyterian. These will eventually be published & sold on a narrow scale, with 1 or 2 townships per book, rather than the entire county (which has over 120 cemeteries) in one volume.