



The Monument



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MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 401
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

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MORROW GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY IS MOVING TO A NEW HOME!

Mrs. Kay Todd, Director of the Mount Gilead Free Public Library, has plans for a new location of the genealogical and local history department. With the purchase of a one-story house adjacent to the library, our county's research facility will be moved from the 2nd floor of the main library to a more convenient location, with access on the ground level. Sharing space with microfilm and maps in the 30' x 50' brick bungalow on E. Center St. will be the Children's Department (now in a separate building leased from the United Telephone Company). It is not known exactly when the move will be made. Changes in the floor plan have to be completed first, with removal of a wall between the "living room" and "dining room" to create a space large enough for the genealogical section, plus a public meeting area. (The

Children's Department will occupy what is now the garage and adjoining bedroom.)

This collection of research materials can be considered our library, because the Morrow Co. Genealogical Society has no actual physical location for our headquarters. Any books that our group purchases or publishes, or our members donate, are put in the custody of the public library. And the library board, recognizing the continuing popularity of family history, has been magnanimous in its support. Major "hardware" purchases include a Dukane® microfilm reader, a Canon® NP-180 microfilm/fiche reader & printer, and custom-made cabinets to hold the software: film reels of the Morrow Co. SENTINEL (1869 to 1984) U.S. Census, and microfiche cards of the International Genealogical Index.

NEW MEMBERS

William E. Ocker, 1008 South Ninth Street, Minco, OK 73059

Mrs. Ethel C. Mundy, Route 1, Box 263, Apache, OK 73006
Morrow Co. Surnames: MUNDY (or MONDAY) ** FROST

OUR THIRD CEMETERY BOOK ON SALE

Volume 3 in the series of "Morrow County Tombstone Inscriptions" is now on sale. The 126-page book lists references to burial locations in CONGRESS, NORTH BLOOMFIELD, and WASHINGTON Townships. There are 31 sites shown on the township maps included, even though 14 of the smaller, 19th-Century era graveyards could not be precisely located.

The cost is \$9.00 per copy, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling. Ohio residents must add 54¢ for sales tax.

FIRST FAMILIES OF MORROW COUNTY --- CLASS OF 1990

On Saturday March 24, 1990, there were three new members inducted into the "First Families of Morrow County", an auxiliary to the Morrow County Genealogical Society for people who can prove one or more ancestors who were residents of what is now Morrow County by the year 1851.

(#43) Margaret Morrison Stimmel, 59 George Street, Richwood, Ohio 43344
 Catherine (Beers) Talmage 1839
 Henry Snider 1836

(#44) David Dean Watkins, 80 Plymouth St., Apt. 1, Lexington, Ohio 44904
 Polly Truex Gates 1817 Mary Poole Gates 1845
 William Willison Sr. 1832 Martin Gates 1845
 Hessena Bell Willison 1832 Mary Elizabeth Gates Harden 1848
 Huldah Jane Willison 1841 John Gates 1848

(#45) Martha Lee (Conant) Jones, 3006 County Road 27, Edison, Ohio 43320
 Milton Hathaway 1848 Jackson Hart 1850
 Lydia (Smith) Hathaway 1848 Elizabeth Betsy (Kimmerly) Hart 1850

Also, two more ancestors were added to the six already proven for F. F. member #25:

Robert V. Barnes, 501 South East St., Fenton, MI 48430
 Daniel Pringle 1829 Deliverance Rogers Pringle 1829

Application forms for "First Families of Morrow County" can be secured by sending a long, stamped self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 401, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338. There is a one-time application fee of \$15.00 for members of the Morrow County Genealogical Society; \$20.00 for non-members.

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P R O G R A M S C H E D U L E

- Mon. May 28 @ 7:30 pm: "FAMILY REUNIONS", Sue Gilbert [Shelby, Ohio]
- Mon. August 27 @ 7:30 pm: "HIDDEN CLUES IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS", Carolyn Ratz [Bloomville] (members are urged to bring along photos to share and interpret)
- Mon. Sept. 24 @ 7:30 pm: "MY NAME IS DOLLY MADISON", portrayal by Linda Steensland
- Mon. Oct. 22 @ 7:30 pm: Guests from the DELAWARE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
- Mon. Nov. 26 @ 7:30 pm: Portrayal of EDWARD HUBER, Marion Industrialist, by Harry Mauk

Meetings are held in the basement Community Room of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead. No meetings are scheduled for June, July, and December. (The above schedule is a slight change from the one printed in the previous issue of THE MONUMENT --- February 1990, page 1.)

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<<< Editor's Note >>> The fresh new decade of the 90's brought a fresh new look to **THE MONUMENT**. Beginning with the February edition, these issues are being produced on a SWINTEC®•8016 electronic typewriter. Some of its features are a 20-character LCD screen, triple pitch selection, bold-face printing, and a 100-character print wheel. The machine it replaced was a Smith-Corona® Coronamatic® 2500 electric typewriter, purchased new on 25 March 1982. While still in excellent condition, the older instrument was limited to one typestyle: Regency Elite.

The SWINTEC® contains a built-in RS 232-C serial interface (rated @ 16 cps), so it is ready and waiting for the day that production becomes fully computerized.

ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

THOMAS FAMILY RECORDS, by J. Montgomery Seaver. (American Historical-Genealogical Society; Philadelphia) 52 pages. no date [ca. 1930] >>> From this booklet, we abstract the following:

JOHN THOMAS: b. 1763, probably in Virginia; in 1827 removed with his son to what is now Morrow Co., Ohio; d. there in 1836.

JOHN THOMAS: b. Nov. 20, 1794; d. May 24, 1840; m. Elizabeth Ewers, Dec. 23, 1819.

(1) Smith: b. Oct. 27, 1820; d. Feb 27, 1900; m. Julia Ann House; m. secondly, her sister, Elizabeth.

(A) George Scott: child of 1st marriage

(B) Dora: ch. of 2nd marriage

(C) Mary: ch. of 2nd marriage.

(D) Walter: ch. of 2nd marriage.

(E) Frank House: b. Aug. 28, 1853; d. Feb 25, 1929; m. Charlotte Ellen Turner.

(a) Leona

(b) Howard

(c) Goldie

(d) Claude: b. June 15, 1875; m. Olive Annett, Oct. 13, 1897. Their only son --

1. Harold C.: b. April 20, 1903. Add.: 603 South Cherry Street, Marion, Ohio.

HERITAGE QUEST: The International Genealogy Forum (Orting, Washington) Issue #1 --- September/October 1985

NORTHMOR SILVER ANNIVERSARY, 1963 - 1988. 32 pages (October 1988)

[History of Northmor Local School District, founded in May of 1961 by the consolidation of the Johnsville and Iberia school districts. The name "Northmor" was derived from "northern Morrow County", and adopted at the suggestion of Mrs. Faith Creswell. This book contains listings of the Boards of Education and Administrators, faculty members, and the names of approximately 2,236 graduates, from the classes of 1964 to 1988.]

(The above three publications donated by Daniel L. Rhodebeck)

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The following article was submitted by Robert Barnes, Fenton, Michigan. He found it in the October 18, 1900 issue of The Henry County Signal, published in Napoleon, Ohio. He advises that the Ezra Sayers mentioned married Martha J. Pringle from Morrow County, and in about 1863 they moved to Henry County, Ohio, along with a Martin family.

Ezra Sayers was called to Edison, Morrow county, this State, Tuesday by a telegram announcing that his brother Martin P. Sayers, and the latter's wife had been killed by the cars Monday night. No particulars have yet been received as to how it occurred. The deceased were aged about 80 years each.

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"LINKS" --- Genealogical Inquiries (not limited to M.C.G.S. members):

ALLEN Need parents' names & burial of ROBERT ALLEN, b. ca. 1760 Vermont; to Ohio ca. 1811, Delaware Co. (cousin of Ethan Allen?) m. Mary Polly White (dau. of John WHITE White), who d. @ age 95 in Ill. ch.: Martha (m. Sylvester Benedict; 2nd m. CHAPMAN to Aaron Chapman); Sarah (m. Gideon Buck); Clarissa (m. James Lambert); Nancy MOSHER (m. ___ Mosher); Seth (m. Eve ___); Hiram; John; Mary (m. ___ Hahn).

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C A R D I N G T O N I N 1 8 4 2

(Mrs Mary Kreis, a M.C.G.S. member living in Marysville Ohio, provided us with information on the Village of Cardington which she copied "from very brown old clip-pings that had been pasted in an old statistics book -- as was often done." The article, probably taken from one of Morrow County's three weekly newspapers, is undated, but apparently was printed around 1912. The following is an excerpt.)

REMINISCENCES.

Cardington in Its Pioneer Days as Gleaned From Former Resident.

...Martin Grandy grew to manhood in Cardington and is perhaps the best posted man now living on its early history. He lives at Marion, Indiana, and his record of the inhabitants of Cardington in 1842 is as follows: Commencing on the north side of Main street at the bridge, Anson St. John, Peter Doty, Martin Brockway, John Shunk, Thomas C. Thompson, A.K. Earl, Mrs. Grove, James Hezzleton. On the south side stood the Christian church (now a part of Chas. Heimlich's barn), Andrew Grant, Dr. H.B. White, Daniel Beal, who afterward sold to to Wm. Grandy; Charles Wolfe, "Grannie" Kesler, Michael Vincent and John Thompson. This includes all on Main street. Philip Stout lived a little out on the Chesterville road in a house afterward owned by Martin Broshaw, and Samuel Cochran in a house afterwards known as the old Prophet house. Mrs. Durinda Nichols, the mother of Harriet Prophet, lived south of the John Shunk property and north of the Presbyterian church. George Miller, the father of Ide, Wesley and Henry Miller, lived where Mrs. Prophet now lives.

The industries consisted of one saw mill, Wolfe's grist mill, two blacksmith shops, Grant's shoe shop, and St. John's chair shop. Thomas C. Thompson conducted a wagon shop in connection with the postoffice in what is now the rear part of Bert Long's house and wood-shed. A tannery was operated by John Thompson on the southeast corner of Main and Marion streets. John Gregory owned the land south of what is now Walnut street, it being a dense woodlot. South Marion street was not yet opened beyond Walnut street. Winding trails through the woods southward led to an established road on the south line of the Charles Sage farm. Leumas Cook owned the land west of what is now Marion street, also to the north of the river including the Mills bottom lands and cemetery properties. . . .

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