



# The Monument



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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this year draws to a close, I'll have to confess I haven't accomplished many of the things I had hoped for -- but this will leave the next officers plenty of work.

After much effort preparing, and getting estimates on the cemetery inscriptions for Canaan and Cardington townships, we think we have a reasonable price, and that we soon can have the book published.

As a follow-up on Mrs. Morgan's family history which appeared in the last newsletter, we have prepared a family chart, and history of Dolores' ancestors, several of which were Morrow County pioneers, and if this meets with favorable reaction, it is hoped many of you will contribute similar articles, and that it may become a regular feature of our newsletter.

May we have your comments?

Also -- please do not forget to submit your applications for "First Families of Morrow County", and get them to us in time for approval, preferably no later than December 31st.

KEEP DIGGING

Winton P. Arnold

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Mon. November 23; 7:30 p.m.: "BACK TO THE BOAT: THE STORY OF THE MAYFLOWER"

The program will be conducted by our own local members of the Morrow County Genealogical Society who have ancestors who arrived in 1620. Special guest will be Mr. Richard Chase, of Marengo, Ohio, a descendant of Richard Warren and a member of the Columbus Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The meeting to be held in the basement Community Room of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead. As there is no regular meeting scheduled for December this will be the last one until the latter part of January, 1988.

## BOOK MARKS

All donations of books, charts, family histories, etc., are placed in the Mt. Gilead Public Library for use by everyone, even though actual ownership remains with the Society. Local member Janet Rhodebeck has been asked by the Library Board to catalog the collection and create organization out of chaos. The genealogical section is on the second floor of the library, which was built in the 1850's by Dr. John T. Beebe as his residence & office. It has been the library since 1912. Please send any materials you wish to donate to our post office address listed above.

# ancestral chart

## 5 GENERATIONS

from chart ..

## 4 JEREMIAH (CHAS) GRAY

father of no.2

b Jan. 16, 1859 York Co. PA  
d May 31, 1933 Edison, OH  
m Mar. 15, 1883  
r Edison, Morrow Co. OH

## 2 HARLEY ANDREW GRAY

father of no.1

b Mar. 29, 1887 Canaan Twp.  
d Oct. 24, 1967 Marion, OH  
m Oct. 6, 1912  
r Canaan Twp. Morrow Co. OH

## 5 ELLA JANE DOREN

mother of no.2

b Jan. 27, 1859 Riga, MI  
d Dec. 17, 1939 Tiro OH

## 1 DOLORES RUTH GRAY (ARNOLD)

b Jan. 6, 1919  
d  
m Feb. 1, 1935  
r Canaan Twp. Morrow Co. OH

## 6 GEORGE B. MIDDLETON

father of no.3

b June 14, 1863 Allen Co. OH  
d Mar. 11, 1926 Canaan Twp.  
m Oct. 6, 1892  
r Canaan Twp. Morrow Co. OH

## 3 ALTA FERN MIDDLETON

mother of no.1

b May 30, 1894 Caledonia, Marion Co. OH  
d Feb. 21, 1980 Marion, OH

## 7 ZELMA AWILDA RICE

mother of no.3

b Apr. 17, 1873 Canaan Twp.  
d Dec. 19, 1922 Canaan Twp

## 8 JACOB GRAY

father of no.4

b Apr. 6, 1817 York Co. PA  
d Mar. 9, 1906 Hellam Twp.  
m Apr. 12, 1840  
r Hellam Twp. York Co. PA

## 9 ELIZABETH KAUFFMAN

mother of no.4

b Jan. 26, 1819  
d Sept. 24, 1868

## 10 ANDREW JACKSON DOREN

b Nov. 19, 1832 Pittsburg PA  
d Jan. 21, 1868 Riga, MI  
m Dec. 15, 1832  
r Riga, MI

## 11 LUCY ANN ARMSTRONG

b Aug. 11, 1831 Milan, OH  
d Nov. 1879 Monclovia, OH

## 12 THOMAS MIDDLETON

b May 28, 1826. Fairfield Co OH  
d Aug. 15, 1888 Fairfield Co. OH  
m June 21, 1857  
r Fairfield Co. OH

## 13 SARAH DEAL

b Dec. 28, 1836  
d June 26, 1924

## 14 SIMON RICE

b Dec. 18, 1835 Canaan Twp.  
d Feb. 24, 1901 Canaan Twp.  
m Oct. 22, 1857  
r Canaan Twp. Morrow Co. OH

## 15 ELIZA ANN CAMPBELL

b May 30, 1837 Canaan Twp  
d Nov. 19, 1908 Canaan Twp.

## 16 WILLIAM GRAY to chart

father of no.8

b Mar. 1783 m  
d Mar. 1859 r York Co. PA

## 17 MARY DIETZ

mother of no.8

b Feb. 26, 1794 d July 15, 1838

## 18 DAN KAUFFMAN

b Aug. 1774 m  
d Apr. 12, 1838 r

## 19 ELIZABETH WAGNER

b June 5, 1785 d Nov.5, 1860

## 20 THOMAS DOREN

b Nov. 15, 1798 m (Ireland)  
d Feb. 25, 1875 rWhitehouse OH

## 21 JANE MCGILL

b Jan. 15, 1803 d Sept. 23,1893  
Born in Ireland

## 22

b d m r  
(NEED INFORMATION)

## 23

b d

## 24 JESSIE MIDDLETON

b Mar. 4, 1799 m  
d Mar. 11, 1875 r Fairfield Co.OH  
(Born Loudon Co. VA)

## 25 ANN PICKERING BIRD

b Apr. 1, 1781 d Apr. 11, 1871  
(Born Rockingham Co. VA)

## 26 ELIAS DEAL

b d m June 13, 1857  
d Dec. 31, 1889 r Fairfield Co. OH

## 27 MARY RICKEL (RITCHIE ?)

(Need information) -

## 28 JACOB RICE

b Feb. 5, 1792 m Mar. 4, 1815  
d Oct. 26, 1881 r Canaan Twp.

## 29 LYDIA WICKIZER

b Mar. 17, 1796 d Mar. 30, 1874

## 30 JOHN CAMPBELL

b Sept. 23, 1810 m Jan. 22, 1835  
d Dec. 1, 1887 r Canaan Twp.

## 31 LUCINDA DOWNS

b Jan. 12, 1814 d June 17, 1881

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Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_



## DOLORES RUTH GRAY ARNOLD

The first census of the United States, taken in 1790 lists the names of two men living in Pennsylvania, who knew nothing of each other, one, Andrew Wickizer, of Wilkes-Barre, who migrated to Fairfield County, Ohio in 1809, and whose gravestone to this day proudly and legibly states "Born in the Reign of King George the Third, in Montgomery County, New York".

The other, Michael Rice, Shown in West Nantmill Township, Chester County, who likewise migrated to Fairfield County in 1799, after he had served in the War of the Revolution as a wagonmaster, General's Department. (Note - his resting place is well marked in a private cemetery on land he had purchased and developed in Greenfield Township of Fairfield County).

To this day it is not known whether these men ever met, but Andrew's daughter, Lydia, and Michael's son Jacob did, and they were married in Fairfield County on May 4th, 1815, this being after Jacob had served with General Harrison during his campaign northward through this part of Ohio in the War of 1812.

About 1821, as the pioneers began to cross the Greenville Treaty line, Jacob, Lydia, and their three small children moved to what is now Canaan Township, of Morrow County, and purchased land along the Middle-Fork of the Whetstone River, here they built a cabin, cleared and tilled the land, and raised a large family. Jacob and Lydia are buried in the "Rice Cemetery" on a portion of that land. Here one of their sons - Simon, was born, and here he lived his entire life.

Meanwhile, a couple of miles east, John Campbell, a young lad arrived from Virginia with his widowed mother. On reaching maturity, John married a Miss Lucinda Downs, and their daughter met and married the above mentioned Simon Rice. To this union was born a daughter - Zelma Awilda Rice, and she in turn met and married another young man from Fairfield County, a Mr. George Middleton. To this marriage, my mother, Alta Fern Middleton was born. She in turn met and wed Harley Andrew Gray. Harley's father was Jeremiah (Charley) Gray, a native of York County, PA, and his mother, Ella Jane Doren, was born in Riga, Michigan, and for many years they were residents of Edison, Ohio.

Harley and Alta inherited the farm in Canaan Township which had been her parent's home. Here they raised a family of six children, of which I am the youngest daughter. My marriage to Winton Arnold, (A native of Wayne and Ashland counties, resulted in the birth of a daughter - Patricia - now deceased, and a son, Mark, unmarried, and a career officer in the United States Army.)

Patricia was a registered nurse, married Charles Martin, and became the mother of two sons, Scott, living in Atlanta Georgia, and he and his wife Cheryl are the parents of my Great grandson, Gregory Winton Martin. Her younger son Steven, unmarried, living and working in Hawaii.

As for myself, I am a homemaker and retired nurse, living in Canaan Township, on the farm where my parents and grand-parents lived. I am proud to be a member of the "First Families of Morrow County", "First Families of Marion County", "First Families of Fairfield County", "First Families of Ohio", a fifty year member of The Caledonia Memorial United Methodist Church, over forty-five years a member of Esther Temple #90 of the Pythian Sisters, a member and Past Matron of Vera Chapter #64 of the Eastern Star, and by virtue of being descended from Michael Rice, I am a "Daughter of the American Revolution".

It stretches the imagination as to how all the parts of this jigsaw puzzle fit together to make my family complete, but it does, and I am Dolores Ruth Gray Arnold.

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

SOWER        Need par. names & places of birth for HENRY SOWER (d. 11 Dec 1863, bur.  
MILLER        Johnsville) & MARY A.C. MILLER SOWER (d. 25 May 1873 @ Woodview, Perry  
              tp.) Also, compiling a history of SOWER family; appreciate any help.

              Leatha Morton, Rt. 1, Box 529, Bristow, OK 74010

DAWSON        Want info on my great grandfather, ALFRED W. DAWSON, of Mount Gilead,  
              especially his parents' names.  
              Mrs. Janet K. Johnson, 265 Orange St., Apt. 1, Galion, OH 44833

OAKES        Want more info on JOHN OAKES (b 1776 Chester Co., PA; d 1833 Richland Co.  
SAMS        OH); m SUSANNAH SAMS, dau. of HENRY SAMS (1752-1818) & ABIGAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
              (1749-1841?).        Susannah d 23 Aug 1870 in Wayne Co., IA.  
              Alice Smith, 24 Maple Street, London, OH 43140

SOME PERSONAL NOTES

Having been the editor of THE MONUMENT since its inception (and a charter member of the M.C.G.S., attending every meeting since the first one on 24 February 1976), I have been responsible for most of the material that has appeared on these pages, as well as the typing and the mailing. My purpose for this disclosure is not to brag or boast, but to accept the credit for the good parts, and assume the blame for the mediocre. We welcome any suggestions on how this publication can be improved, and will accept more material from our members.

The name of one of our most active and valuable members has not appeared in these pages for over a year, and for good reason. The former Janet K. Murphy has been Mrs. Daniel Rhodebeck since 4 October 1986. [Morrow Co. Marriage Book 17, page 188]

We met through our mutual interests in Morrow Co. history, even though we were raised in different counties. One of the highlights of our courtship was a surprise wedding shower by the local members of the M.C.G.S. at one of our regular meetings. It was a generous gesture, and made Janet & myself so happy to be a part of such a thoughtful and caring group.

So now we have set up housekeeping in an old farmhouse in Perry twp. that has been in my family for over 75 years. We try to imagine that our respective ancestors in Perry & Congress twps. must have surely known of the others, and gotten along just as well as we.

D. L. R.

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