



# The Monument



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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This summer has gone, and so quickly no one knows where, but I hope all of you had more time to do genealogical research than Dolores and I have had.

I hope all of you who have access to the last issue of The Ohio Genealogical Society publication, "THE REPORT", have read the article by Henry Timmon, entitled "THE VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK"; and for those of you who have not read it, it is worth finding and reading and heeding.

It lists many of the poor manners many researchers use which are a contribution to the resistance many court officials are confronting genealogists with.

Another item worthy of mention is the progress there is to report on the new OGS library. The old rental property adjacent to the present library is being torn down, and while the building fund is growing, more contributions are needed and appreciated.

KEEP DIGGING

WINTON P. ARNOLD.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1987:

Mon. September 28; 7:30 p.m.: Paul Midlam [of Ashland, O.] "GRAVE ROBBERS"

Mon. October 26; 7:30 p.m.: DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS, Tent #91 (of Morrow Co.)

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

All meetings are held in the basement Community Room of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead.

BOOKS -- In the Genealogical Section of the Mount Gilead Free Public Library, 35 East High Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio

GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE COOMER FAMILY, FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 180 YEARS. EMBRACING SIX GENERATIONS, 1710 to 1892. By Benjamin G. Coomer. (Flint, Mich.: W. H. Werkheiser & Sons, 1893.) Given by Mrs. Mabel Cooney, of Cardington, Ohio. [Local branch: Jonathan & Amanda (Guernsey) Coomer migrated from Wilson, N.Y. (Niagra Co.) to Westfield Tp. (now Morrow Co.) in May of 1834. They had seven children.]

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RUHL -- RULE FAMILY SKETCH

By Mrs. Velva Merwin Morgan, M. C. G. S. Charter Member

In this Bi-Centennial Year of our Constitution, "We the People" of the Johnsville area are recalling to mind our pioneer history. Of the York, PA, families who settled Old Richland County in its earliest years, none have left a greater impact upon our area than the Ruhls.

Hundreds of their descendants have lived and died in the Richland, Crawford and Morrow area since 1811. All were descendants of PETER RUHL (RULE), the progenitor of the York Co. RULES who came from Germany and took the Oath of Allegiance to his new country in 1737. He reared at least seven sons who settled in Codorus and Shrewsbury twps. in PA and in Baltimore Co., MD. The RULES were prosperous, prominent and prolific. Four of the sons were Revolutionary patriots and served in the Militia of Pennsylvania.

CLEMENT RULE died while in service; his widow married PETER GARBERICH (GARVERICK) and established a RULE-GARVERICK Clan early in 1778. A second son, JOHN RULE, also a patriot, had a family of 10 children. His will names the children and describes his extensive holdings in York Co. It was this family that seemed destined to settle Richland County, Ohio.

A fourth son, GEORGE WILHELM RULE, also a Revolutionary soldier, had at least two sons: JOHN JACOB RULE, who married Elizabeth Hosler, and GEORGE MICHAEL RULE, who gained a place in our history as the first of the Rules to venture into the forests of Old Richland Co. in 1811 and cut a road to his land near present-day Pleasant Grove Church south of the Hunnewalt Mill site. He is buried in the cemetery there. He reared 17 children and lived at peace with the Indians that were still in the vicinity when he came.

Of the remaining three sons of PETER, namely HENRY, PETER Jr. and FREDERICK, only FREDERICK RULE is listed as a private in the Militia. Henry's children came to Ohio.

JOHN RUHL, Jr., son of JOHN, Sr., who platted Galion with his sons, Jacob and Michael, married MARGARET GARBERICK. His sister, MARGARET RUHL, married JOHN GARBERICK.

Another sister, ELIZABETH, married HENRY HERSHNER and began a settlement called Middletown, north of Galion, where they are buried.

A brother, GEORGE MICHAEL RULE, did not live to come to Ohio, but his wife ROSANNAH and two sons came to Perry tp. in 1828 and settled and platted the village of North Woodbury. JOHN RULE was the oldest of GEORGE MICHAEL's sons, and GEORGE was the youngest. Mother ROSANNAH was buried in the cemetery at St. John's Lutheran Church at North Woodbury.

A sister, JULIANA, married JACOB KLEINFELTER and also came to the county. Another sister, ROSINA, married PETER KLEINFELTER.

The Rules were merchant farmers as their fathers before them. They had stores and businesses in Richland, Morrow and Crawford Counties. They were planters and builders as well. The old Rule homesteads at North Woodbury are fast falling into decay, but they are still evidence of the German art of building, so prevalent in this area. JOHN RULE said he formed, burned, carried and placed each brick in his home, a double-walled structure south of Woodbury, and also the home of his son, ISAAC RULE, in West Point, where the RULES and GARVERICKS kept stores.

The RULES, GARVERICKS, HOSLERS, HERSHNERs and KLEINFELTERS often intermarried and accounted for much of the Pennsylvania Dutch heritage of our area.

JOHN RULE often drove freight wagons over the mountains to Baltimore to bring back stock for his stores in North Woodbury. The family remembered waiting for days for the return of the wagons, and on cold, crisp nights they could hear the crunch of the wheels on the snow for miles away.

The listing of RULE families coming to central Ohio is not soon exhausted and neither are the tales of a dozen generations in America. Most of these

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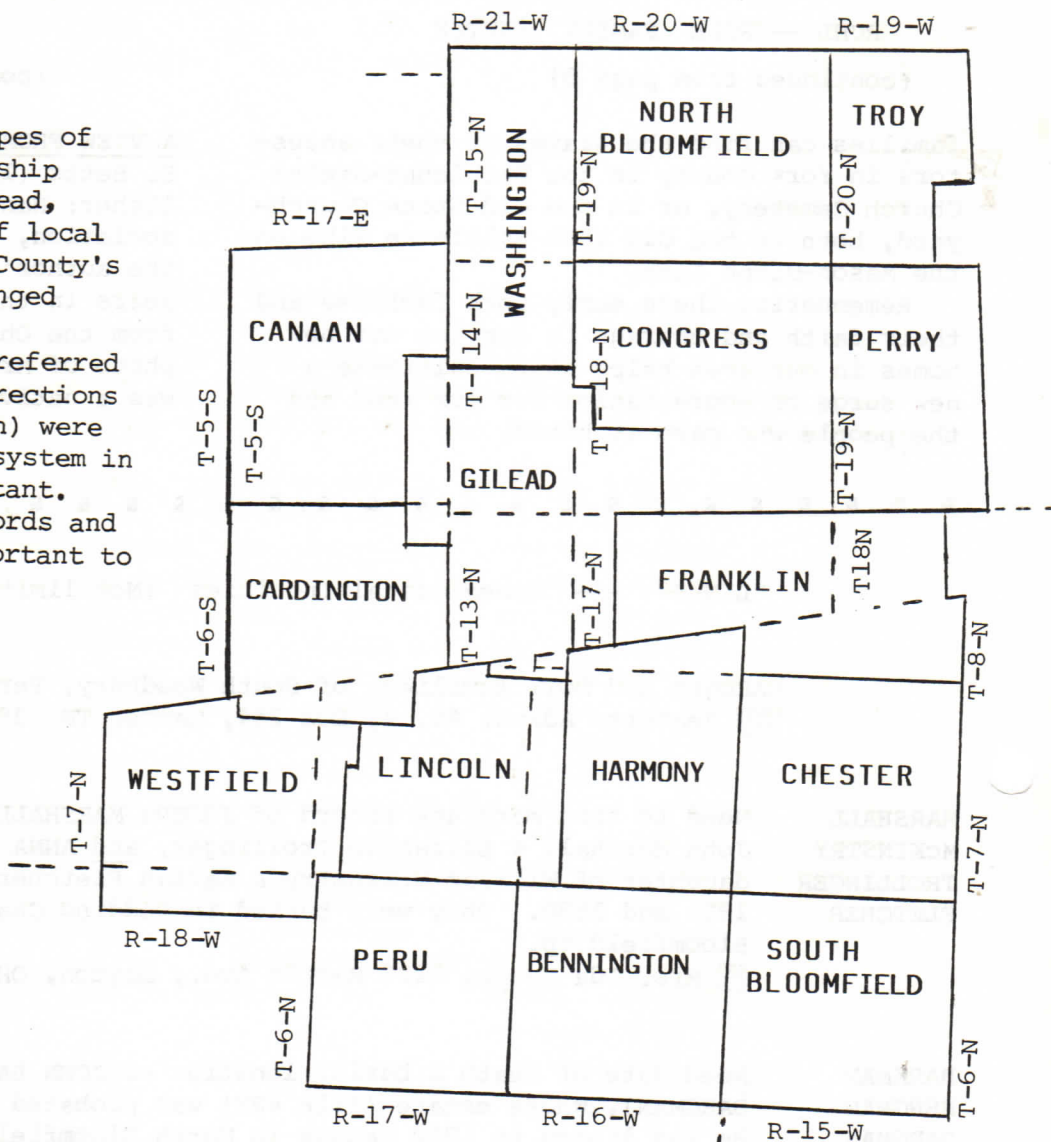




There are two distinct types of TOWNSHIPS. The "civil" township has a name (Perry, Peru, Gilead, etc.) and refers to a unit of local government. Some of Morrow County's township boundaries have changed over the years.

The townships which are referred to by numbers and compass directions (Tp. 19 North, or Tp. 5 South) were used in the original survey system in Ohio, and have remained constant.

When researching land records and deed descriptions, it is important to know both meanings.



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