

# The Monument

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



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## NEW MEMBERS

Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Mrs. Kyle E. (Barbara J.) Breedlove, P.O. Box 143, Warren, IN 46792  
Morrow Co.: DITZLER (family of George Calvin Ditzler arrived  
ca. 1850 & left the area ca. 1862)

Michael D. Gillett, 278 S. Delaware St., Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338  
BIXBY \*\* COSSAART \*\* GILLETT \*\* OSBORN(E) \*\* PAYNE \*\* WARNER

Mrs. Marceil N. Straley, 12206 Timberlake, Cypress, Texas 77429  
HULL \*\* LYON \*\* SHIPMAN \*\* GEARY \*\* EARLY

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 Industialist, 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 normally not scheduled for June, July and December.

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## ATLAS REPRINT PROJECT

At a special meeting held June 25th, the members voted to sponsor a reprinting of three works of historic significance to Morrow County:

1857 MAP, by Harwood & Watson 1871 ATLAS, by C. O. Titus

1901 ATLAS, by Thad E. Buck

Each will have its own index and will be combined into one hard-cover volume, entitled MORROW COUNTY, OHIO -- HISTORICAL ATLAS. The printer chosen is Windmill Publications, of Evansville, Indiana, "historic reproduction specialists" (formerly known as "Whip-porwill, Inc.", and before that, "Unigraphic, Inc.")

The pre-publication campaign, ending September 30th, is a culmination of work started over six years ago, when three members volunteered to each index all the landowners' names in each of the originals. Cost is \$22.50 per copy (+\$1.35 sales tax for Ohio residents & \$3.00 for mailing (until 9/30/90). After that, each copy will be \$27.50 (+ tax & mailing). A local distribution point will be set in Mount Gilead for those who wish to pick up their books (and save the mailing costs). (Tax after this month is \$1.65.)

NEW LIBRARY OPEN!

On August 9th the Genealogical Research Department of the Mount Gilead Free Public Library was moved to its new location. From the northwest corner of the second floor of the main building (built ca. 1844 as the residence of Dr. J.T. Beebe), the materials were carted down the winding stairway, out the doors of the library's addition (built in 1981) down the ramp, across South Walnut Street, and into the remodeled brick house at 60 East Center Street. Assisted by Mark Meftah, your humble editor transferred the holdings onto the 67 feet of shelf space in what was the living room of the former home of Grace Addison. The room for books and periodicals measures 15'4" x 16'10", with more space for shelves in the future. The library table used on the second floor was also moved, and a 28" x 57" table was added next to the closet, which stores Morrow County newspapers dating from 1984 to the present. Adjoining the room is the former dining area, which now has the microfilm readers, file cabinet, and a coin-operated Canon® NP210 copier. (still only 10¢ per copy!)

This converted residence is also the new home of the Children's Department, and researchers must enter the building through the east door. For now, the hours to be open are 10 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday, until 6 pm Friday, and only until 3 pm on Saturday. The collection is divided into the following categories:

1. Family Histories & Genealogies
2. Family Bible Records
3. "How-to" books & catalogs
4. Lineage Societies & Family Associations' Newsletters
5. Ohio Sources: Histories, OGS Newsletters, Reports, Ohio Records & Pioneer Families; Military histories & soldier rosters
6. Ohio counties, other than Morrow
7. Other states in the U.S.
8. Foreign countries.

As we wish to emphasize **MORROW COUNTY** materials, we further list the following local categories:

1. General histories
2. Atlases, maps, plats & land records
3. Abstracts of Government Records (county, township, village)
4. Cemeteries
5. Church histories & records
6. County directories and phone books

Everyone associated with the Public Library (the librarians, the board members, the clerk-treasurer, and especially the director, Mrs. Kay Todd), has been most supportive of our efforts in establishing this department for the public's use. People from all over Ohio, and from many states come to Morrow County in search of answers to their questions. In fact, our first "customer" (on opening day, no less) was from Florida. So even if you cannot travel to Mount Gilead, you can still help boost our cause by donating genealogical materials which you think would be of help to others. It can be books that you have purchased, but have no further use, or even copies of your own research. The more we have on file, the more useful the facility will be.

As stated before, our first visitor was Wayne Whisler, 1118 S.E. 36th Ave., Ocala, FL 32671. He seeks the parents of Capt. JOHN NELSON WHISLER, born 10 July 1839 in Mt. Gilead, and moved to Albany, Ill. in 1854. "Those were pioneer days and the family made the long trip from Ohio to Illinois by prairie schooner and ox team." [Savanna (Ill.) Times - Journal, 16 April 1923] John served in the 8th Ill. cavalry, was with the Army of the Potomac, and one of the men that helped hunt John Wilkes Booth. John returned to Illinois in 1865 and married Amelia Owen in 1866. He was a "river man", piloting raft boats on the Mississippi in the logging business.



YORK Co. PA, in 1824  
(west-central area) from a  
map in Library of Congress.  
[east-central was in  
Feb. 1990 issue of  
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### THE KROUT FAMILY IN AMERICA

On the 17th day of October 1749 the ship Fane docked at Philadelphia. The passengers were from Germany but it is not known as to what section they belonged.

Jacob Adam Krout and his son Jacob Krout were aboard -- hence the Krouts in Penna. and Maryland. York county Penn. and Baltimore county Maryland at present, 1961, probably has more citizens named "Krout" than are found in any other state of the Union.

John Michael Krout was one of the seven children of Jacob Krout and Anna Rovoll. John Michael and Elizabeth M. were the parents of thirteen children, one of whom was named Jacob. Jacob married Susan Waltemire and they were the parents of Joseph, Jacob, Elizabeth and William, Jacob married Lovina Rule and they became the parents of ten children. In 1857 Jacob and family migrated to Morrow County, Ohio settling four miles south of Galion. Elizabeth and William came to Morrow County a few years later. Joseph remained in Maryland and his descendants are found principally in York Co. Pa. and Baltimore County Maryland. His grandson, Daniel died recently [ca. 1961] in Baltimore. His great-grandson lives in Arlington, Va. and was present at the "Krout Reunion" in Mt. Gilead, August 1957.

The descendants of Jacob Krout and Lovina Rule, known as the "Krout Family" in Morrow Co. are briefly mentioned.

1. Mary Alice who married Thomas W. Dye was born in Md. in 1848 deceased in Morrow Co., 1929.
2. John Nelson Krout, born in Md. in 1850, married Mary Hepzibah Dennis. His death occurred in Morrow Co. Ohio, 1940.
3. Elizabeth E. Krout, born in Md. 1852. Married Leander Dennis -- Death in Morrow Co. 1910.
4. William Henry Krout died in infancy.
5. Jacob B. Krout born in Md. 1856. Married Mary Alice Dinsmore in Iowa. Death occurred in 1929, Fremont, Iowa.
6. George Franklin Krout born in Ohio 1859. Married Sarah Ellen Kelly. -- 2nd wife was Frankie Morrison. Died in Mt. Gilead 1937.
7. Charles Allen Krout born in Ohio, 1862; lives in Tiffin, Ohio. Married Eva Booker [?] Krout.
8. Hiram Elza Krout born in Ohio, 1866. Married Susie Anderson in Iowa. Death in Mt. Gilead in 1949.
9. Vincent D. Krout, born in Ohio 1869. Married Laura Yeazel. Death Ohio 1939.
10. Ida Florence Krout, born in Ohio, 1871. Married Gus S. Brown. Death 1914.

[The above history was transcribed from hand-written notes by Chas A. Krout "when he was at least 99 years old", and submitted by Mrs. Esther Simpson, 381 North Delaware St., Mount Gilead, Ohio, a descendant of Ida F. Krout Brown.]

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