



# The Monument



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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The Morrow County Genealogical Society is rendering a valuable service to our citizens in that we are preserving important records of the history of our first families. We are collecting and publishing gravestone inscriptions in old cemeteries that are fast deteriorating. We have republished an old County Atlas 1871 and maps that showed land ownership of 1857.

These materials are, and will be, of great help to other genealogists who find their roots in Morrow County.

Our group finds great pleasure in discovering and helping others find clues to their family origin.

Every member should try to be present at our meetings, when possible, and contribute facts they have uncovered in their research. Important items can be recorded in the minutes and thus preserved.

Some ways to help new or beginning genealogists should be, and often are discussed

in our meetings, such as travel routes, church records, political trends, even criminal records that name participants.

Genealogy is as old as Adam, son of God. Biblical genealogy had its specific purpose; other ages studied genealogy to claim lineage to kings or titled estates or to gain prestige. Our purpose is the preservation of our national history and culture as expressed by those who came before us. Few people have lived to maturity without leaving a trace of their work, whether good or evil. We need to encourage and help others to begin this enjoyable hobby and at the same time preserve a family legacy. We stand ready to aid any of those in our youth organizations who have an interest in genealogy. Feel free to call us or attend one of our meetings.

George S. Morgan  
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## SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1991

Monday August 26. Maureen Shepard: "MY TRIP TO CHINA"

Monday September 23. Steven Marks (aka "Black Crow"): "AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE"

Monday October 28. Steve Urwin: "PROVING ANCESTORS FOR LINEAGE ORGANIZATIONS"

Monday November 25. Howard Mitchell: "WALES AND RUSSIA"

All meetings held in the Community Room (lower level) of First Federal Savings and Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead, beginning at 7:30 pm. (Use Elm Street door)

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## NEW MEMBERS

M. Eileen Spencer Schafer, 24318 Friar St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-1125  
Surnames: LA RUE \*\* AMLIN \*\* MORRISON \*\* NELLONS

Judy Price Gray, P. O. Box 2517, Longmont, CO 80502-2517

Surnames: PROSSER \* BRENNERMAN \* MITCHELL \* HASSLER \* GIFT  
RAUCH \* ROBERTS \* ROSE \* SHAEFFER \* FLOWERS

Mrs. Gray is president of the Colorado Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society. Her letter offers rates to M.C.G.S. members for Colorado research: \$1.00 for obituaries, .00 to \$5.00 for tombstone photos, plus other areas. The Colorado Chapter has members across the state and in neighboring states who can help. She reports at least seven members who have ties to Morrow County, and who could qualify for "First Families of Morrow County" (including herself).



## THE CENSUS \* \* \* NOW &amp; THEN

1990

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Morrow County in 1990 was 27,749, an increase of 4.8% from the 1980 Census. Our county constitutes 2.99% of Ohio's total population. Four townships had fewer people as compared to their 1980 totals (Canaan, Gilead, North Bloomfield and Westfield), while the other 12 townships gained. Likewise, some villages have shown growth during the last decade, while others have declined.

MOUNT GILEAD	=	2,846	(-48)
CARDINGTON	=	1,770	(+105)
EDISON	=	488	(-21)
MARENGO	=	393	(+61)
FULTON	=	325	(-50)
CHESTERVILLE	=	309	(+67)
SPARTA	=	210	(-8)

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## LIBRARY UPDATE

Funds from the M.C.G.S. treasury were used to buy microfilm to complete the set of "parent county" census records:

DELAWARE: 1820, 1830, 1840  
 RICHLAND: 1820, 1830, 1840  
 MARION: 1840

We also donated \$100 to The Ohio Genealogical Society in Mansfield towards the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer. The OGS goal was reached at \$5,909.31 and the order was placed for a machine with zoom lens, positive prints, and plain paper copies (which sounds just like the one the Mount Gilead Public Library has had since 1988).

## RECENT DONATIONS

Marion City Directory (Marion Co., Ohio; R. L. Polk, 1966; 849 pp.)  
Ohio Land Grants, by Joseph T. Ferguson, Auditor of State (ca. 1968; 47 pp.)  
Land Ownership Maps, A Checklist of 19th Century U.S. county maps in the Library of Congress, compiled by Richard W. Stephenson; Library of Congress (1967; 86 pp.)  
Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives (Washington: 1964; 145 pp.)  
What to Say in Your Genealogical Letters, by J. R. Gobble (1963; 28 pp.)  
The How Book for Genealogists, 7th edition; Everton Publishers (1971; 237 pp.)  
Cabineers, Historical Collections of Old School District No. 8, Gilead Twp., SE of Mt. Gilead, Morrow Co., O., by John D. Foye, one of the old pupils; August 8, 1903; 50pp. [reprint edition by the Morrow County Historical Society -- 1971]

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## INQUIRY

Want info. on the SLICER & WELLS Carriage Co., Cardington. I own one of their carriages.  
 Marlen Steward, 1850 Florence Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771

1900

## "AFTER THE OLD MAIDS."

"This republican administration, hiding in the shadow of the gold standard, has taken the necessary steps to find out who are the old maids in the coming census. The new law says:

Women who refuse to tell their age or indulge in inaccurate statements thereof, as well as all other persons refusing to reply to questions or making false statements, shall on conviction be fined \$100."

[From the Union Register, a weekly newspaper published in Mount Gilead, Ohio; July 26, 1899; page 6]



# A Q U I Z

With GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH currently serving as the 41st President of the United States, our attention is directed to those individuals in the annals of history (mostly local folks) who shared the same aspect of their nomenclature: a double middle name. To test your nominal acumen, we present this quiz of a naming nature. (Answers are found below)

1. O \_ \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_ \_ FRENCH (1834-1896; Perry twp.; county surveyor)
  2. D \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ GOORLEY (1835-1920; Mount Gilead druggist)  
(look for all four of his initials on the upper facade of the 3-story building at 23 South Main Street)
  3. H \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ V \_ \_ \_ PARKS (1876-1934) >> Congress township (both);
  4. S \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ D \_ \_ \_ PARKS (1861-1930) >> first cousins, once removed
  5. D \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ SMITH (1855-1938; North Bloomfield twp.)
  6. Dr. D \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ SINGREY (1822-1895; Perry twp. physician)
  7. H \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ HOWER (1848-1904; Troy tp., Haldeman Cem.--no stone)
  8. H \_ \_ \_ E \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ HARTSOOCK (1814-1893; Cardington twp.)
  9. D \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ SPEAR (A Morrow County resident who had his two middle names added by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio: House Bill No. 10, passed January 29, 1896. [Laws of Ohio, Vol. 92, p. 444])
  10. W \_ \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ GOODHART (1858-1918; Lutheran ch. records, Perry twp.)
  11. M \_ \_ \_ V \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ SLUSSER (1890-1983; Shauck Cemetery)
  12. W \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ GEYER (1841-1923; Canaan twp.; grandfather of grocery store founders, John and Mel Geyer)
  13. S \_ \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ LINDSTET (1889-1966; Cardington twp.)
  14. G \_ \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ FERRIS (1859-1896; a "big wheel" around Galesburg, ILL)
  15. S \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ MORSE (1791-1872; Could you crack the code?)
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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!

In the November 1985 issue of THE MONUMENT we related a brief history of our namesake, the "Victory Shaft" monument in the center of the intersection of High and Main streets in Mount Gilead. A complete text of the inscriptions on the four faces of the 30-foot granite obelisk was included in the article. That tribute to Morrow County's contribution to the cause during World War I can be read from the safe vantage point of a park bench on the square. But the article was not complete. A bronze plaque (approximately 8" x 18") mounted on the south base obviously contains an inscription, but its text is much smaller than the engraved lettering. Your intrepid editor braved the stares of passing motorists (not to mention dodging traffic moving in all directions) to bring you the text:

THE AWARD OF THIS SHAFT RECOGNIZES MORROW CO. AS HAVING  
MAINTAINED THE HIGHEST RECORD OF ALL COUNTIES IN THE  
UNITED STATES IN PER CAPITA SALES OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS  
DURING THE YEARS OF THE WORLD WAR . 1918 AND 1919 .

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## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. Oscar Lumas Russell FRENCH    2. David Thompson Archer GOORLEY    3. Henry Clement Valaris PARKS    4. Stephen Allen Douglas PARKS
5. Daniel George Washington SMITH    6. David Markey Lemmon SINGREY    7. Homer Henry Clay HOWER
8. Henry Elias Harding HARTSOOCK    9. Daniel Thayer Justin SPEAR    10. Wilson Whirley Christian GOODHART
11. Martin Van Buren SLUSSER    12. William Henry Harrison GEYER    13. Samuel Lawrence Christopher LINDSTET
14. George Washington Gale FERRIS    15. Samuel Finley Breese MORSE



### IN MEMORIAM

**Marian Christine (Johnson) Stearns**, died 25 May 1991, aged 103 years, 9 months and 10 days, at Pensacola, Florida. We interviewed her for the September 1985 issue of THE MONUMENT, and listed the 17 lineage societies to which she had belonged.

Mrs. Stearns was born in North Amherst, Massachusetts, and served as an army nurse during World War I. She had lived in six states and several Ohio cities during her long lifetime, and was a popular resident of the Woodside Village Center in Mount Gilead, where she lived from April 1985 to October 1990. Marian became a part of our local history when she took a ride in a hot-air balloon on her 100th birthday, and was served the first Bic Mac® when McDonalds's® restaurant opened in Mount Gilead in 1988.

She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

**Florence B. (Dunlap) Main**, died 1 July 1991, aged 85 years, 10 months and 5 days, in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. She was a charter member of the Morrow County Genealogical Society, and an early supporter of our efforts to establish an active local organization.

Mrs. Main was also a charter member of The Ohio Genealogical Society, and served as the Library Committee Chairman from 1978 to 1988, driving from her Cleveland home at least once a week to Mansfield to catalogue and process all the book and films acquired. Before her service to OGS she was Genealogical Reference Supervisor at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland.

Mrs. Main was born in Holgate, Ohio, and married to Carl J. Main on 30 October 1943. He died in 1966. She is survived by a brother, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

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PORTER Interested in corresponding with relatives of Alex-  
ULREY ander P. Porter (1855-1941). 1st wife Sarah Ulrey  
HUPP (1859-1891). Believed both related to the Hupp family.  
>> Barb Carter-Carmella, 560 Elvin Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013-3027

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