

The Monument

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MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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PROGRAMS FOR REST OF 1992

Mon. August 24 @ 7:30 pm "HOW TO PUBLISH YOUR GENEALOGY", by L.J. McGrady, Toledo Mon. Sept. 28 @ 7:30 pm "OUR TRIP TO IRELAND", by Don & Ruth Clark, Mansfield Mon. Oct. 26 @ 7:30 pm "COUNTY REAL ESTATE RECORDS" by Thomas A. Burke, of the State Auditor's Office, Columbus

Mon. Nov 23 @ 7:30 pm (To be announced)

Meetings held in basement Community Room of First Federal Savings and Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead. (Use the Elm Street entrance door.) No meeting to be held in December.

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CHARTS AND LISTS WANTED!

We are still accepting ancestor charts and lists of surnames from our members for our 1992 Membership Directory. These do not have to be limited to Morrow County predecessors. Send them to the address above by mid-October for inclusion with our November issue of THE MONUMENT.

The ancestry for M.C.G.S. member Ann Booher Dolch, whose chart is on page 11, goes back four more generations on the Foust/Faust line: John Foust (1787-1869) & Jacob Foust (1757-1841), both born Berks Co. PA and buried in Morrow Co.; Johann Jacob Faust (1728 @ Germany - 1794 PA) & Johann Phillip Faust (1702-1766). John's wife was Dorcus, daughter of John & Mary PLACE; Jacob's wife was Christenia, daughter of David & ____ ALSPACH. [All direct ancestors of #17: Amanda Foust Booher.]

OLD MOUNT GILEAD HOUSE NOW "HISTORIC"

On 30 December 1991 the Morrow County Historical Society became the owner of one of the oldest houses in Mount Gilead. Located at 85 East Marion Street, near the "South Square", it is thought to have been built in the early 1830's by lot owner George Cross. The purchase last year was from the heirs of the Charles & Judith Long family, whose ownership for the past 77 years lends its nickname: "The Long House". The frame Greek Revival structure will require some extensive renovations before eventually being the headquarters for the society (supplanting the Pleasant Grove Museum, 7 miles northeast of town). Donations for the purchase and refurbishing can be made to the Morrow Co. Historical Society, Box 21, Mount Gilead OH 43338.

ABANDONED CEMETERY AN

[With permission from the Morrow County Historical Society, we hereby reprint in part a most eloquent depiction of the present condition of the YANKEE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, as printed in their June 1991 "Newsletter". More than just a physical description, it is a thoughtful reflection of human nature from the perspective of the author, Mr. TYROL NOBLE, whose 80+ years of observation give us pause to ponder the future as well as the past. (We omit most references to specific tombstone inscriptions, reserving those for a future publication.)]

"We spent a large part of a recent Sunday afternoon tramping over abandoned cemetery located in Franklin Township at the intersection of SR 314 and Yankee Street Road (Greenville Treaty Line). The cemetery is located west of SR 314 and south of Yankee Street. It can be seen from the road when the trees are bare and is covered with bushes, vines and briars.

"There has been no burial here for more than a century according to the stones we were able to read. It has been home for generations of groundhogs whose dens are often covered with vines so that one may step into a hole

without seeing it.

"A Presbyterian Church, as well as Yankee Street School, stood near the site. The cemetery probably belonged to the church and as the church passed away no one has been responsible for

its upkeep.

"As is true of all old cemeteries there is a great number of young people buried here. We saw no markers for people who would have qualified for a Willard Scott roll call. The oldest couple we found was Daniel Jackson who died April 9, 1836 at the age of 80 yrs., 7 mo., and 15 days. His wife Sarah Campbell lived to be 90 yrs., 7 Jackson's and 15 days. Mr. monument says he was a soldier of the revolution but there is no veteran's memorial marker on his grave. veterans now basking in the glory of Gulf euphoria might well contemplate 200 years for their own lives. Such is the fleeting hour of glory.

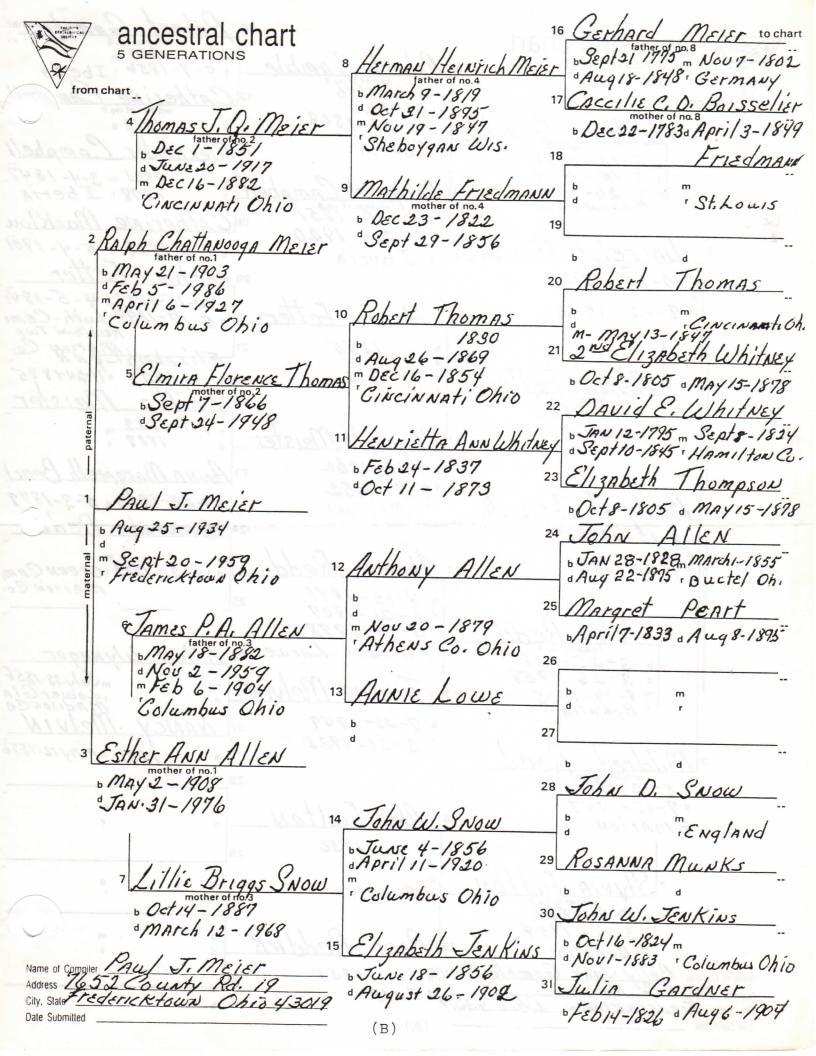
stones the of cemetery are laying on the ground and many of those standing are difficult to read. The marble and granite stones are for the most part readable. ..."

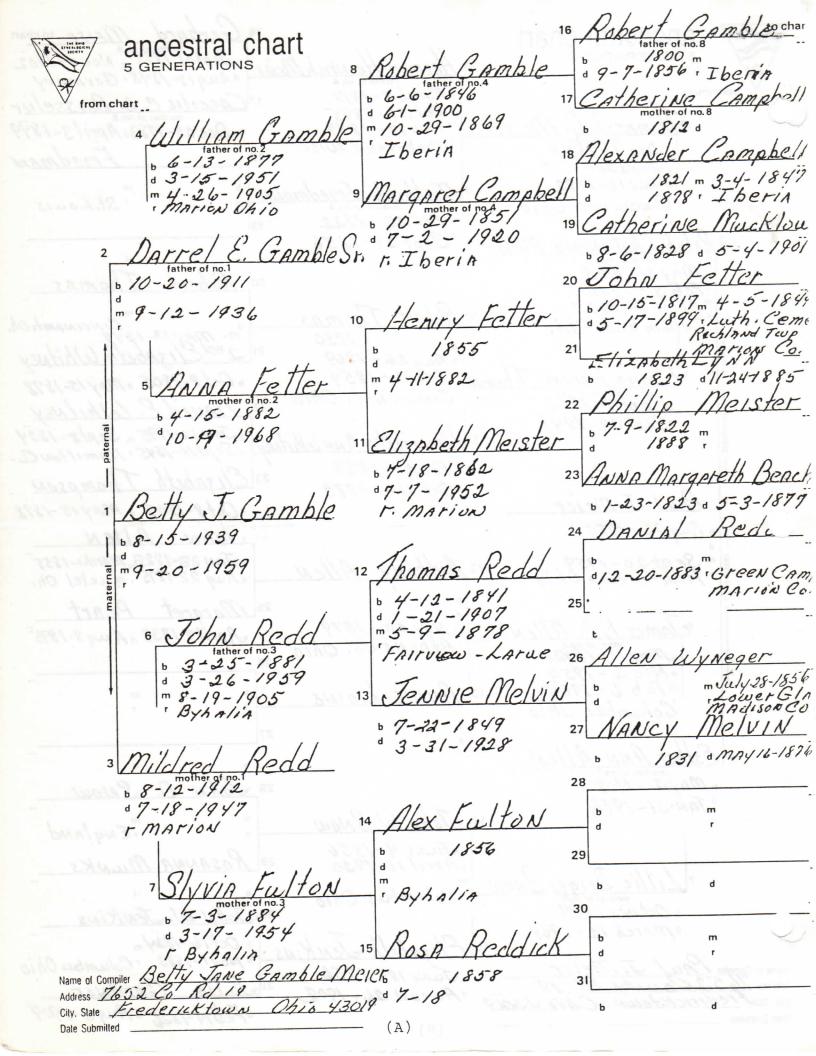
once lived, "These people who worked, played and laughed with their neighbors but are now forgotten. The headstone tells us little about these people. Were they short, tall, heavy, thin? Did they talk and smile a lot or were they solemn with little sense of humor? It is almost as if they had never lived. Do their descendants know who the dead were or who the living are?

when they wept ones "Loved departed, and those who wept have also departed. A short time in human history has been a long time in human memory. One of the oldest of human reverence for virtues is a departed. Monuments were erected and cathedrals built in their memory and the ground held as sacred. Is this violation of cemetery a immemorial rites or is it fitting that nature be left to cover the scars inflicted on nature by man and ease the memory of his folly?" . . .

[Other surnames mentioned in the Everett, Reed, Ewers, article: Axtell, Pond, Strong, Struble, Galleher, McCluchison, Hyler, Corwin, Shaw, Peoples, Selover and Henderson.]

In contrast to the above, on 17 June 1992 the Starlight Express 4-H Club of Marengo cleaned up the BIGGS CEMETERY (Harmony Township) as a community service. They found six stones for member of the William and Clarinda Biggs family. The club members also did research in the courthouse (land deeds) and library (census rolls), as well as doing rubbings from the stones.





p.d. buried in Weston, OH

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HISTORY CARDINGTON LIBRARY

The Cardington Public Library was organized circa 1896 as "The Ladies' Public Library". It was located on the second floor of the Brooke-Purvis building on South Marion Street, and open on Saturday afternoons for two hours. After a move to a second site (a room back of Frew's Jewelry Store on West Second Street), it was relocated to its present site at 128 East Main Street in 1947. It was rebuilt after the June 13, 1981 tornado. Here are a few books and resources that may be of interest to genealogists and historians:

The Bowyers of Old Virginia, 1607 to 1979, by Maryetta Frances Bowyer (1979; 344 pp.) Presented by the author in memory of her father, William Wilfred Bowyer, born in Morrow Co. 1855 and died 1943 in Paulding Co. The Morrow County connection lists the descendants of ISAAC BOWYER (1783-1870), veteran of War of 1812 who came to Westfield twp. ca. 1821. Other area related families: POORMAN, CLICK, FRICKE,

MATHEWS, SCRIBNER, and KESSLER.

New Dictionary of American Family Names, by Elsdon C. Smith (1988 ed.; 570 pp.)

Gramercy Publishing Co., N.Y.

The Royal Families of Europe, by Geoffrey Hindley (1979;160 pp.) Cartwell

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Books, Inc., Secaucus, N. J.

CARDINGTON-LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL photo album. Photographs of each graduating class, from 1922 to 1977.

Oil paintings of the founder of Cardington and his wife: LEUMAS and LYDIA COOK.

Need dates of death & other info on Henry JAMES & wife Marissa (ages 68 & 62 in 1850 Census, Perry twp.) Daut. Mary m. Thomas HILLARD, and JAMES HILLARD moved to Michigan.

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