



The Monument



Newsletter of the
MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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NEW MEMBERS

David R. Armstrong, 179 Delaware Street, Lexington, OH 44904
Surnames: SMITH ** HOY ** WALLACE

[And would like to purchase copies of our out-of-print
publications: Morrow Co. TOMBSTONES (Vols. 1 & 2); Atlas]

Mrs. Dorothea (Tyler) Basnett, 610 Rutgers Dr., Lancaster TX 75134

[A native of Licking County, Ohio, and childhood friend of
Doris Rhodebeck (mother of THE MONUMENT editor)]

Surnames: GEORGE ** POWELL (Chester township)

Barbara Edgell Franks, R.D. 2 Box 195A, Susquehanna PA 18847-9641

Surname: EDGELL

Don Kinkle, 1127 Essex Drive, West Columbia, S.C. 29170

Surname: BOYER

F. Elizabeth Miller, 1402 Orange Road, Ashland, OH 44805-1307

Surnames: JORDAN * ELY * CORWIN * FOGLESONG

Robert O. Snyder, 50 North High St., Dublin, OH 43017-1131

Surnames: DICUS ** ZIMMER ** SNIDER ** STEFFEY ** HULL

Kay Stephens (Catherine G.), 4051 N. Broadway, Boulder CO 80304-1105

Surnames: SPEAR ** WILL ** ZOLMAN

Ionamay E. Tennant, Ashley Villa Apt. 6C, Ashley, OH 43003-9751

Surnames: BALDWIN * WOOD * JAMES * McDONALD * TENNANT * DYES

IMMELL * KIMMAMON * DOWNS * CRESS * HEINLA (HEINLEN) *

ETTER * WINEMILLER * FINK * GREEN * WISE

"OLD MEMBER ----- NEW ADDRESS"

John E. DeWitt, 4111 C.R. 28, West Liberty, OH 43357

Surnames: FOUST ** FAUST ** THURSTON

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PROGRAMS FOR REST OF 1992

Mon. May 25 @ 7:30 pm "OHIO CANALS", a slide & audio tape presentation by
Jeff and Karen Sigsworth, of Elyria, Ohio.

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 [no program set yet -- any ideas?]

Meetings held in basement Community Room of First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 N.
Main St., Mount Gilead. None held in June, July, and December.

F I R S T S E T T L E R S * * * O W L C R E E K

EAST - CENTRAL MORROW COUNTY

[Note: This list was provided by Mrs. Eleanor M. V. Cook, 13506 Westwind Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. It arrived in the form of a photocopy of a document written in 1866, and it was found among some old papers concerning her husband's COOK family ancestry. The original is on two sheets of paper that were folded and sewn together with thread, and the names were in alphabetical order as the pages in the "booklet" were turned. Although the hamlet of Waterford mentioned in the author's introduction is in northwest Knox County, some of these families became associated with land and communities of Morrow County, especially Congress, Franklin, and Perry townships.]

"The following is correct of the names of the first settlers [sic] on the North fork of Owl Creek at and near where Waterford now stands showing the date of the settling [sic] of each with their familys [sic] the time they died and their age at the time of death. Who have subdued the forests converting it into fruitful fields and pleasant domicils [sic]."

Name	Settled in	Died
John Akerman *	1811	September 8th 1841 Age 83 years 9m 16 day
Abraham Blair	1812	October 2nd 1846 Age 90 years 3 months 4 day
William Blair	1811	May 12th 1860 Age 75 years 11 m 17 day
John Cook	1812	August 11th 1822 Age 64 years 4 m 30 day
John Cook	1811	December 12th 1844 Age 53 years 7m 15 days
Thomas Finch	1812	June 20 1842 Age 78 years 1 month
David Graham	Fall 1816	May 1st 1854 Age 88 years 11m 16 days
Samuel Graham	1820	Aug 18 1854 Age 68 years 9 month 27 days
Benjamin Green	1817	Sep 6th 1865 Age 88 years
Benjamin Hart	1811	6th 1855 Age 90 years [no month given]
Samuel Hoffmire	1812	July 30th 1837 Age 74 years 7 months 4d
Daniel Lavering*	Spring 1813	December 31st 1820 Age 56 years 10m 24 day
John Lavering *	1816	Sep 4th 1835 Age 84 years 3m & 15d
William Lavering *	1816	Jan 17th 1864 Age 67 & 16 days
Joseph Mann	1814	Sep 23 1861 Age 76 years 5 m 10 days
John Ogle	1812	August 25th 1830 Age 51 years and 9 months
William Ramble *	1813	February 25th 1853 Age 70 years 2 months 25 d
Andrew Sams	1812	January 31st 1823 Age 44 years
Henry Sams	1812	in 1817 - [no age given; see notes below]
Jehu Singery	1815	April 22nd 1847 Age 68 years 1 month 23 days
John Singery	1815	February 24th 1843 Age 66 10 months 4 days
Christopher Sipes	1816	[see notes below]
Abednego Stephens	1815	May 15th 1840 Age 92 years
Jacob Stephens	1815	June 11th 1823 Age 34 years 9 months 4 days
Obediah Stillwell	1817	Apr 4th 1850 74 years 12 days
John Vanbuskirk	About 1816	June 19th 1839 Age 67 year 4 mon 3d
Isaac Vanorman	1816	July 15th 1822 Age 18 years and 2 months
Mahlon Walters	Spring 1833	Dec 24 1867 Age 80 2 month 3 days

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N O T E S

"Henry Sams Settled in 1812. Died in 1817 at the good old [sic] being the first adult buried on the Northfork."

"Christopher Sipes Settled in 1816 and is yet living where he first settled and and in the 80th year of his age at this time August 27 1866."

[*Alternate spellings as used by 20th-Century descendants: ACKERMAN, LEVERING, RAMBO. (William Rambo was a son-in-law of Daniel Levering.)]

MORROW COUNTY, OHIO * * * GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

MORROW COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 48 East High Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio

Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (except on legal holidays)

Probate Court (Room 6)

MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1848 to present day

Ministers Licensed to Perform Marriages, 1848 to 1977 (a source for clues to possible religious affiliation of couples who were married in the county)

BIRTH RECORDS, 1856 & 1857; 1867 to 1908 (also consult the "Registration and Correction of Birth Records", seven volumes, which began June 1941 as a method for persons to correct errors in the original records, or to register births not recorded at the time of the event)

DEATH RECORDS, 1856 & 1857; 1867 to 1908 (also a photocopy of the abstract of the "1850 Mortality Schedule of Morrow County", listing deaths for the year ending 1 June 1850)

ESTATES, WILLS, GUARDIANSHIPS, 1848 to present day

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Second Floor)

CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS and DEATHS occurring in Morrow County, 1908 to present

CLERK OF COMMON PLEAS COURT (Second Floor)

CIVIL COURT CASES (includes divorces) and CRIMINAL Cases, 1848 to present day

TREASURER'S OFFICE (Room 4)

TAX DUPLICATES (Real Estate and Personal Property), 1848 to now

RECORDER'S OFFICE (Room 8)

DEEDS for lands and buildings, recorded from 1848 to present day. Indexed as:

"Grantor" (seller or giver) and "Grantee" (buyer or receiver)

[Note: Date of transfer of property described on the deed may vary widely from the date it was presented to be recorded. Example: Land grant deeds from the U.S. Government were not originally recorded in each county, but there are some here dating as far back as 1802 because over the years people had brought them in to be recorded. They are indexed under "President of U.S." in the Grantors Index.]

MORTGAGES; CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS (including pre-nuptial)

LAND-OWNERS' MAPS: 1857, 1871, 1901, 1931; current township & town plats

VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATION, Revolutionary War to present day (Docket book, card file, and 1930's charts of county cemeteries)

SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORDS, 1943 to present day

MOUNT GILEAD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ** Genealogy Department, 20 East Center Street

Open Mon. thru Thurs., 10 am to 7:30 pm; Fri. 10 to 6 pm; Sat. 10 to 3 pm

U.S. CENSUS for Morrow Co. & its parent counties, as available, 1820 to 1910

Morrow Co. newspapers, 1869 to present; microfilm of some courthouse records;

"International Genealogical Index" by Latter Day Saints; tombstone inscriptions; county histories; family histories & charts; publications; county directories;

"Soldiers of American Revolution Buried in Ohio" (3 vols.); "Roster of Ohio Soldiers, 1861-66" (12 vols. + index); "Roster of Ohio Soldiers, War With Spain, 1898-9" (1 vol.);

"Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors & Marines, 1917-18" (23 vols.);

Assorted periodicals from other county chapters of The Ohio Genealogical Society

ACQUISITIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Genealogy Department, 20 East Center Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio
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OHIO 1880 CENSUS INDEX, compiled by The Ohio Genealogical Society; 1991
(3 volumes; 3,268 pages) [Library also has indexes for 1850 & 1860]

Genealogy: Helping You Climb Your Family Tree, by Petta Khouw (Sept. 1990; 34 pp.)
Published by The State Library of Ohio, 65 S. Front St., Room 308,
Columbus, OH 43266-0334.

Morrow County Newspaper Clipping Scrapbook (Look for the title Ohio School Report - 1887, on the cover) Mostly from 1880's to 1902. Obituaries, reunions, etc. especially involving the FOYE and GOORLEY families and the history and reunions of the FAIRVIEW SCHOOL in Gilead township (also known as "Sharptop").
[Donated by Mrs. Mary Jane Henney, Mansfield]

MONGOMERY [sic] COUNTY, OHIO 1850 Census Schedule --- Randolph Township. Published by Miami Valley Genealogical Society, Dayton, Ohio 45401-1364.
(no date; 120 pp.) [Donated by Mrs. Mary Murphy, Mansfield]

HERSHNER -- HARSHNER FAMILY TREE, by Homer E. Hollingsworth, 5721 County Road 30, Mount Gilead, OH 43338. Computerized family group sheets of descendants of Michael Harshner (1817-1882) and wife Rachel Jane Dye (1820-1876). Other surnames: GOODMAN ** CORWIN ** WILLIAMSON ** LONG ** FROST ** BAILEY ** WEST. [Donated by the author]

THOMAN FAMILY TREE, by Homer E. Hollingsworth, 5721 County Road 30, Mount Gilead, OH 43338. Computerized family group sheets of descendants of John Phillip Thoman (1798 - ?), born in Hesse--Darmstad, Germany, who came to U.S. before 1842; resided in Crawford County, Ohio in Crestline area. Other surnames: KIME ** NELSON ** DIX. [Donated by the author]

NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700, by Clarence Almon Torrey. (1985; 1009 pages)
Morrow County INDEPENDENT, 1956 to 1983. Weekly newspaper, published in Cardington. (microfilm)

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>>>Send us your Ancestor Charts (or a list of surnames you are researching) for a new MEMBERS DIRECTORY (the last one was in 1985!) Not limited to Morrow County families. We like to print charts in THE MONUMENT, and file them in the library. <<<

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