

# The Monument



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MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## NEW MEMBERS

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MORROW COUNTY: Zachariah White (S. Bloomfield Township)

Mrs. Marcella P. Roberts, 4103 West Sunshine, Springfield MO 65807  
MORROW COUNTY: Solomon Roberts; John Beebe; Talmage Family

Elaine Van Winkle, 6939 County Road 14, Mount Gilead OH 43338  
Surnames: PARSONS \*\* CAVANEE \*\* NUGENT

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Mon. Nov. 26: Portrayal of EDWARD HUBER, Marion Industrialist, by Harry Mauk

This meeting, held at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the basement Community Room of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead. (Use the East Elm Street entrance to the side of the building.) We are starting to plan our program schedule for next year, and we would like to hear from our members for ideas as to topics and speakers for our nine meetings in 1991.

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## BOOKS DONATED

Caledonia Memorial United Methodist Church: Methodism in Claridon Township [Marion County, Ohio], by Mary A. Brocklesby. (1976; 79 pp.)

Education in Claridon Township From Pioneer Days to the Present, by Mary A. Brocklesby. (1987; 275 pp.) [Both books donated by the author]

The Family of Michael Curren & Sarah Crawford of Columbiana County, Ohio, by J. Douglas Bradshaw, Williamsburg, VA. (1989; 387 pp.)

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## ATLAS REPRINT PROJECT COMPLETED \* \* \* FIRST FAMILIES DUE

Our new Historical Atlas (a combined reprint of Morrow County maps from 1857, 1871 & 1901) was delivered in late October. Thanks to all who ordered copies. A very limited number of copies are still available for purchase.

Also, we would like applications for "FIRST FAMILIES OF MORROW COUNTY" as soon as possible. Persons eligible must prove one or more ancestors who lived in what is now Morrow County before December 31, 1850. Fees are \$15.00 for M.C.G.S. members, and \$7.00 for non-members. Please send a long, self-addressed stamped envelope for more information and application. The 6th Annual Luncheon will be Sat. March 23, 1991.



The title of this newsletter, THE MONUMENT, is derived from the nickname for the 30-foot tall granite obelisk in the middle of the square in Mount Gilead, which is officially known as the "Victory Shaft". It was a gift to the people of Morrow County from a Vermont quarry association for having purchased the most war bonds per capita than any other county in the state during World War I. One side bears the names of 29 soldiers who lost their lives during that war. (See the November 1985 issue of THE MONUMENT for more details.) But this particular column presents a listing from a less permanent public tribute from a more recent era. The following 127 names were painted on a large wooden sign erected on the square in Johnsville (Perry Township) during World War II. As this list is more contemporary, many of these people are still with us, as is the artist who did the painting: Mrs. Claudia Clever. The sign, however, is long gone, having been removed after the close of the war. [This list was compiled from a photograph of the board, loaned to us by Mrs. Betty Smith, and the names have been alphabetically arranged for easier reference.]

# JOHNSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT \*\*\* ROLL OF HONOR

Herbert Bachelder	Robert Fidler	Kenneth McWilliams	Donald Smith
Leo Bachelder	Powell Gadd	Lester Meade	Robert Smith
Ora Bachelder	David Gano	Henry Mess	Everett Snively
Leroy Baker	John Goff	Gale Miller	Richard Snively
Lester Baker	Raymond Goff	Thelbert Nickolaus	Richard Snyder
Wayne Baker	Lowell Griffin	Frank W. Peat	Laverne Sorrick
Clarence L. Beam	Alfred Haldeman	Denzil Pelphrey	Harry Sowers
Gerald Beam	Russel Haldeman	Jesse Pelphrey	Albert Staley
Harold Beam	Donald Hershner	Vincel Pelphrey	William Staup
Robert Bechtel	Leslie Hershner	Dale Perry	Ernest Tinkey
Charles Black	Robert Hershner	Charles Prosser	Vaughn Tischer
Hugh Black	Harold Hildebrand	Harold Prosser	Roy Walter
Clarence Brenneman	Trent Hildebrand	Charles Quimby	Max Warner
Ray Brenneman	Hugh Hiser	Ralph Reed	Robert Warner
Walter Brenneman	Ernest Hoar	Earl Rennpage	Warren Wells
Dale Bryan	Floyd Holloway	Vivian Rennpage	Robert Williams
Edwin Burch	Robert Holloway	Wendell Rennpage	Kenneth Williams
Harold Cline	Henry Hosler	Gerard Rhodebeck	Leland Winand
Donald Coldwell	Lowell Johnson	Carroll Rinehart	Carl Wirick
Francis Coldwell	Norman Johnson	David Rinehart	Dale Wirick
Loren Coldwell	Irvin Keene	Lowell Rinehart	Leland Wirick
Roland Coldwell	Howard Killen	Elza Ruhl	Richard Wirick
Wayne Craven	Robert Kreuger	Lowell Ruhl	Byard Wyrick
Eugene Davis	Dalton Kunkel	Richard Ruhl	Harold Wyrick
Franklin Dawson	Raymond Kunkel	Francis See	Harry Yasgoor
Raymond Dawson	Wesley Lanker	Francis Shafer	Donald Yeager
Carl Denton	Merl Leedy	Eugene Shaffer	James Young
Herman Denton	Kenneth Levering	Robert Shaffer	Harry Zeger
Clyde Eberle	Donald Lewis	Donald Shipley	Wayne Zeger
Paul Eberle	Claude Likens	Guy Simmons	Everett Zeigler
Glen Ellis	Chester McDonald	John Simmons	John Zolman
Richard Ferguson	Nelson McMullen	David Singery	

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## MORROW COUNTY VITAL RECORDS

Copies of birth and death certificates from the Morrow County Health Department, 48 East High St., Mount Gilead, are \$7.00 for certified, \$6.00 for uncertified. Their records are from 20 December 1908 to the present. SASE appreciated.

Researchers can visit the Health Department on the second floor of the courthouse Mondays through Fridays, 8 am to 4 pm (except legal holidays), with unlimited access to see all death records, and birth records up to 1948. In 1949 the birth certificates began to include information of a confidential nature, but the basic vital data is still open for inspection. Copies requested in person must be made by written application, asking for the name, date of event, number of copies, the name and address of the person making the application, and the current date.



TOMBSTONE TALES

SAMUEL DUDLEY  
Died August \_\_, 1847  
Aged 54y. 2m. 19d.

This inscription was reconstructed from a half-dozen fragments of a tombstone found by Richard Bisciotti of 559 County Road 212, near Marengo (Bennington Township). He found it at the bottom of his outside basement stairway while excavating for an addition to his home. He has lived there for 12 years and estimates the house to be 100 to 125 years old. He said the engraving is crisp, probably not weathered more than 10 years. Mr. Bisciotti says he lives approximately 500 yards from the old "Smith Family" cemetery, but does not know if there is any connection with this stone marker that he found. Was Samuel Dudley buried here? Or was he buried elsewhere, and his original marker stolen? Or was it replaced with a newer one?

WILMOT  
MUNSON  
PVT  
CONTINENTAL  
LINE  
REV WAR  
Jul. 24 1755  
Oct. 6 1845  
Dedicated  
June 1990

In the Westfield Baptist Cemetery stands a new headstone honoring a veteran of the Revolutionary War. It was procured by efforts of his descendants, among whom are Robert Van Sickle, of Cardington; Gertrude Clapper, Mount Gilead; Cuba June Foust Vance, Delaware; and Kenneth Barber, Mount Gilead. Munson's service was in the Connecticut line, which placed him at Valley Forge with Washington's Army as part of General Varnham's Brigade, and later, defending his hometown of Wyoming, PA, against Indian attacks. Wilmot eventually brought his family to Delaware County, Ohio. When his wife died he lived with his daughter, Almira, whose second husband was Abraham Foust (also spelled Faust). Mr. Munson petitioned the government for a pension in 1826 at the age of 71, but was denied because of no record of his discharge. This past summer, 147 years after his death, Wilmot Munson received recognition in special ceremonies dedicating his marker.

CLEVELAND, OHIO \*\*\* CITY DIRECTORIES

Cleveland city directories are found at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4449 West 213th Street, Fairview Park, OH 44126-2189. The years 1837 to 1935 are on microfilm, and hardbound copies are available for 1936 up through the late 1970's. The charge for copies is 10¢ per page. The following is the library system's policy on handling genealogy information:

"For in-depth searches, patrons are encouraged to go in person to Fairview Park Regional Library to use the special genealogical collection maintained there. Specific information about one name, in a specified geographic location, isolated within a 5 - 10 year period, and stating the kind of record needed may be requested by phone or mail. This is not a haste search and there may be a charge for photocopying."

The telephone number is (216) 333-4700; FAX (216) 333-0697. The History Specialist on the staff is John Stark Bellamy II.

David Bailey died 2 Aug 1893. Who were his grandparents? Legend says David's father was an Indian, they may have been maternal. David and Sarah had 15 children. Contact: Marsha Bailey 2445 Cols.-Lancaster Rd. Lot 311, Lancaster OH 43130 [Biography from 1880 History of Morrow County, Ohio, page 523--listing of children's names were on page 524.]

DAVID BAILEY, farmer; P. O., Mt. Gilead; was born in Bedford Co., Pa., March 5, 1820, and lived there until he was 12 years of age, when, with his grand-parents, he came to Marion, now Morrow Co., Ohio, and settled on his present place. He lived here with his grand-parents until their death, in 1841, and 1838 respectively; he then worked by the month on the farm and in driving team to Baltimore, Md. Sept. 8, 1843, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of John and Catharine Weaver; she was born in Belleville, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1821; he teamed after his marriage for six years, driving to Cumberland, Md., and Pittsburgh, Pa.; he also had a farm rented during this time, he teaming in the winter. He then bought 80 acres of land, and moved on same; and though he has never had any educational advantages, nor acquired anything outside of legitimate farming, he has been successful, and has increased his property from time to time, until now he owns 640 acres



<<< SURNAME SEARCHERS >>>

People who have registered their names and areas of interest at the Courthouse and the Public Library.

Isaac MILLER \*\* Louisa Croft MILLER  
 Marilyn Lewis, 864 W. 180S., Orem UT 84058  
 William & Nacy MORROW \*\* Aaron MORROW  
 Woodrow T. Morrow 1725 Leisure World, Mesa Az 85206  
 Solomon ROBERTS \* John BEEBE \* Talmage Family  
 Ernest Roberts, 4103 W. Sunshine, Springfield MO 65807  
 Eli EVERITT Family, 1822 - 1863  
 Eve & Ed Everitt, 7826 Military Ave., Omaha NE 68134  
 HOFFMAN ++ Cheryl Gay, 3101 W. North Shore Dr. #57,  
 Columbia City IN 46725  
 Jacob SNYDER & H.W. SNYDER  
 David Oberlin, 1210 Burd Ave NE, Massilon OH 44646  
 Thomas ROSE, born 1814 N.J.  
 Joseph Thompson, 22 W Jefferson Ave., Shelby OH 44875  
 HERSHNER / HARSHNER \*\* RULE / RUHL  
 Mary L. Wise, 12½ E. Main, Lexington OH 44904  
 SHEDD \*\* PORTER ++ Helen Piper Tarvin,  
 1201 Monument Blvd #50, Concord CA 94520  
 HAMMOND \*\* MANVILLE \*\* HAYDEN  
 Stephen Taylor, 3815 Dorr St., Toledo OH 43607  
 McKEE \*\* LEVERING  
 Jackie Johnson, 41299 Jones Rd., Wellington OH 44090  
 McGINNIS \*\* HOLDERMAN / HALDEMAN  
 A.E. McGinnis, 3262 Dresden Rd., Zanesville OH 43701  
 Geo. W. SMITH; sons Thomas & Hugh Rogers \*\* EDGINGTON  
 Richard Smith, 5766 Green Rd., Haslett MI 48840  
 POORMAN  
 Donna Bedard, 3213 - 94th, Sturtevant WI 53177  
 TERRELL  
 Wm. S. Terrell, Box 345, Apple Creek OH 44606  
 BLAYNEY \*\* ELLIOTT \*\* LEE  
 Helen Ashbaugh, 163 Cornell Rd., Harbor Hills OH 43025  
 HARRUFF \*\* HEIL \*\* BENNETT \*\* BURGGRAFF  
 Art Saiter, 6047 Tiverton Sq. W., Columbus OH 43229  
 GROVES \*\* VALENTINE  
 Linda Schwartz, 649 Cols-Sand. Rd. S., Marion OH 43302  
 JAMES \* BANKER \* JOY \* NICHOLS \* CUNARD \* RUSSELL  
 GARDENER \* WOOD \* CLARK \* ASHBROOK  
 Nancye Carlson, 14068 E. Caruthers, Kingsburg CA 93631  
 RUSSELL \*\* POWELL \*\* BOOHER \*\* BARNES  
 Bret E. Russell, 33 W. 74th St., New York NY 10023  
 KREPS \*\* KRICHBAUM \*\* TISCHER \*\* GARVERICK  
 Richard D. Kreps, 8854 St. Rt. 61, Galion OH 44833

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1929

REUNIONS

RINEHART

Every relative is cordially invited to attend the twenty-first annual reunion of the descendants of Conrad and Eva Rinehart to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 1929, at Garfield Park, in Marion, Ohio.  
 T. M. Feigley, Pres.  
 J. A. Rinehart, Sec.-Treas.—9

HIGGINS—HART

The 30th annual reunion of the Higgins-Hart families will be held at Mrs. W. W. Peoples, Chesterville, Ohio, Saturday, August 17, 1929. All relatives are cordially invited.  
 R. D. Higgins, Pres.  
 Naomi A. Hart, Sec.—9

KROUT REUNION

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Kroat family will be held at the fair grounds on Saturday, August 17, 1929. All relatives are especially invited.  
 Henry Baker, President.  
 Nellie Shipman, Secretary.—9

SNYDER-RUHL

The twenty-ninth annual reunion of the Snyder-Ruhl families will be held at the Morrow County fair ground, Sunday, August 18, 1929. All relatives are cordially invited.  
 Roger Ruhl, Pres.  
 Helen Grogg, Sec.—9

BONHAM-WICKERHAM

The annual reunion of the Bonham-Wickersham-Clevenger families will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bush, 1½ miles west of Edison, Sunday, August 18, 1929.  
 H. E. Clevenger, Pres.  
 Mrs. H. J. Miller, Sec.—9

LEVERING

The third annual reunion of the Levering families will be held in Brown's Grove, Waterford, O., Sunday, August 18, 1929. Bring your family, and a well filled basket.  
 Ross R. Levering, Pres.  
 Mrs. Hazel Scarborough, Sec.—9

NOTICE

The second annual homecoming of the West Point school will be held at the school grounds, Saturday, August 17.  
 Committee.—9

LIBERTY SCHOOL HOMECOMING

The second annual homecoming of the teachers and pupils of Liberty school will be held at the school house, Saturday, August 31, 1929. Basket dinner. Bring silverware and cups. There will be a program in the afternoon.  
 Anna Hull, Sec'y.—9

HILDEBRAND

The ninth annual reunion of the Hildebrand family will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hildebrand at Edison, Saturday, August 31. All relatives cordially invited.  
 Earl Hartpence, Pres.  
 Blanche Huvier, Sec.—9

MILLER

The 14th annual reunion of the Miller family will be held at the home of Zenos Miller on Saturday, Aug. 24, 1929. All relatives are cordially invited.  
 Alta Smith, Sec'y.  
 Harley Miller, Pres.—10

JOHNSVILLE GRANGE

Johnsville Grange will meet Aug. 16, at 8:30 to confer 3rd and 4th degrees on class. Mt. Gilead Grange will put on the work. All Grangers invited.  
 Geo. C. Rinehart, Lecturer.—9

ADAMS

The annual reunion of the descendants of the Adams families will be held at Garfield Park, Saturday, August 17. Dinner at 1 p. m. All relatives invited to attend.  
 Chas. Adams, Pres.  
 Mrs. Verda Bush, Sec.—9

RHODEBECK

The 18th annual Rhodebeck reunion will be held on Saturday, August 24th. Hosts are Clint and Ivan Ruhl and wife. Every relative is urged to be present with well filled baskets.  
 John Rhodebeck, Pres.  
 Goorley Rhodebeck, Sec.—10

ALLWORTH-BACKOVER

The Allworth and Backover reunion will be held at the home of Craven Squires, August 18, 1929.  
 C. S. Baird, Pres.  
 Emma E. Barre, Sec.—9