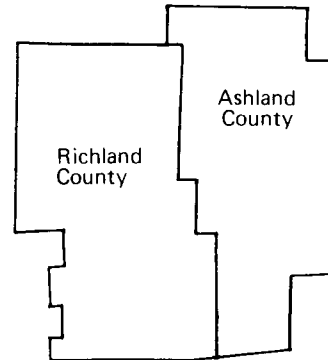


# The Pastfinder



QUARTERLY  
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OF THE ASHLAND  
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TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PASTFINDER WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, PLEASE PAY YOUR 1983 DUES SO THAT YOUR CHAPTER RECEIVES THEM BY JAN. 1, 1983. SEE MEMBERSHIP BLANK, PAGE 7.

A RANDOM SEARCH OF EATON COUNTY, MICH., RECORD OF DEEDS, VOL. 12, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING DEEDS INVOLVING ASHLAND OR RICHLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS:

Vol. 12, page 8: John W. & Elizabeth BEEKMAN of Richland County, Ohio, to John H. BROWNING of New York City and County, N.Y., dated 18 Nov 1852, recorded 30 Nov 1852. \$400. Land being  $w\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $sw\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 29, twp. 4 "and whether it is South or North of Range Three West is not recollected." Signature: Elizabeth A. BEEKMAN. Witnesses: John HEDLEY, Elvira K. BUN \_\_\_\_\_.

Vol. 12, page 416: Joseph & Mary McCOMB of Ashland County, Ohio, to Alvan D. SHAW of Charlotte, Eaton County, Mich., dated 8 Jun 1853, recorded 15 Jun 1853. \$25. Land being lots 9 & 10, block 22, Charlotte. Signature: Mary J. McCOMB. Wit.: Eve MELLOTT, Henry WINBIGLER.

Vol. 12, page 421: William & Elizabeth GUTTERY of Richland County, Ohio, to George GONS of Richland County, Ohio, dated 30 Aug 1853 (sic), recorded 29 Jun 1853, \$110. Land being 80 acres,  $n\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $sw\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 29, twp. 4N, range 4W. Signature: Elizabeth (her mark) GUTTERY. Wit.: James CRAWFORD, Orrin FITCH. The signature of James CRAWFORD, J.P., was certified by C. CRONINGER on 26 Oct 1852; therefore the date on the deed should possibly read 30 Aug 1852.

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"RESIDENCE OF HON. S.S. BLOOM, GAMBLE ST., SHELBY, OHIO," from "ATLAS MAP OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO," by A.T. ANDREAS, 1873

Vol. 12, page 427: James CHAMBERS of Richland County, Ohio, to John F. CARMEN of Eaton Co., Mich., dated 28 Jun 1853, recorded 6 Jul 1853. \$300. Land being 80 acres, se $\frac{1}{4}$ , nw $\frac{1}{4}$  & sw $\frac{1}{4}$ , ne $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 24, twp. 3N, range 4W. Wit.: John KINGSBOROUGH, Hiram WILSON.

Vol. 12, page 431: Malinda CHAMBERS, wife of James CHAMBERS of Richland County, Ohio, to John F. CARMON of Eaton County, Mich., dated 28 Jun 1853, recorded 7 Jul 1853. \$1. Land being 80 acres, se $\frac{1}{4}$ , nw $\frac{1}{4}$  & sw $\frac{1}{4}$ , ne $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 24, twp. 3N, range 4W. Wit.: John KINGSBOROUGH, Hiram WILSON.

Vol. 12, page 432: James CHAMBERS & wife, Malinda, of Richland County, Ohio, to Harvey WILLIAMS of Eaton County, Mich., dated 28 Jun 1853, recorded 7 Jul 1853. \$50. Land being lots 17, 18, 20, block 26, Charlotte, Mich. Wit.: John KINGSBOROUGH, Hiram WILSON.

Vol. 12, page 485: Judson & Louisa McCOMB of Ashland County, Ohio, to Albert McCOMB of Ashland County, Ohio, dated 28 Jul 1853, recorded 5 Aug 1853. \$150. Land

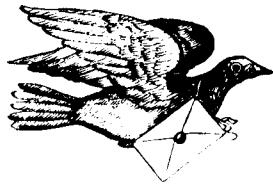
being lots 13, 14, 15, 16, block 32, Charlotte, Mich. Wit.: J.A. McCLUSKY, Catharine BARR.

Vol. 12, page 486: Joseph & Mary McCOMB of Ashland County, Ohio, to Albert McCOMB of the same place, dated 1 Jan 1848, recorded 5 Aug 1853. \$1. Land being lot 8, block 17, Charlotte, Mich., Wit.: Judson McCOMB, Wm. JOHNSON.

Vol. 12, page 527: Joseph & Mary McCOMB of Ashland County, Ohio, to Harvey WILLIAMS of Eaton Co., Mich., dated 8 Jun 1853, recorded 7 Sep 1853. \$15. Land being lots 9 & 10, block 32, Charlotte, Mich. Wit.: Eve MOLLITT, Henry WINBIGLER.

Vol. 12, page 552: Thomas CURRY & wife, Nancy, of Eaton County, Mich., to Michael KIPLINGER of Ashland County, Ohio, dated 24 Sep 1853, recorded 24 Sep 1853. \$300. Land being the north 40 acres of w $\frac{1}{2}$ , nw $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 3, twp. 2N, range 4W. Wit.: Joseph P. HALL, T.D. GREEN.

---Abstracted 22 Apr 1982 by Anne D. Budd, Ashland, Ohio



## Queries

QUERIES TO THE PASTFINDER ARE ACCEPTED FROM BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS AT NO CHARGE. PLEASE TRY TO LIMIT QUERIES TO 35 WORDS OR LESS. THEY MUST INDICATE SOME RICHLAND OR ASHLAND COUNTY CONNECTION.

- HEIFNER Would like to cor. with anyone who has info. on John & Elizabeth (?) HEIFNER, d Ashland Co., Perry Twp., 29 Sep 1840, & 3 May 1873, respectively. Bur in Meng Cem.  
---Beulah Clark, 6572 W. Harrison Road, Alma, Mich. 48801
- QUERY Needs info on John QUERY, m Hettie ROBINSON, Nov 1845, Richland Co. Liv  
ROBINSON Vermillion. Ch: John, William & poss. others. Wants info on any QUERY fam. still in area.  
---Harriet J. Gettman, 1617 Briarwood Dr., Modesto, Calif. 95355
- WORLEY George WORLEY (1784-1846), bur Jeromesville Cem., m Elizabeth LEASE ca  
LEASE 1810, Perry Co., Pa. 14 ch from 1811 to 1833 in Perry Co. Settled in  
SMILEY Mohican Twp., Ashland Co., 1833. Where is Elizabeth bur and did she re-marry? Where did eldest son, Abraham, live and did he m Sarah SMILEY? Any info on Joseph Brady or Benjamin? Has info on younger issue who came to Kosciusko Co., Ind., after Civil War 1865. Will exch.  
---Catherine Worley Kintzel, West Haven Estates, RD 5, Lot 76, Warsaw, Ind. 46580. Phone: 219 267-6962.
- JEFFREY Urgently needs info on fam of Alexander & Isobel JEFFREY. Peter b 1829  
DRAPER Scotland. Margaret JEFFREY DRAPER b 1830 Scotland. Agnes JEFFREY EVANS  
EVANS/SMITH (Mrs. L.F.) b 1834 Scotland. Catherine JEFFREY SMITH (Mrs. Andrew J.) b  
KIRKENDALL 1837 Ashland Co. Isobel JEFFREY KIRKENDALL (Mrs. Hugh) b 1839 Ashland Co. All lived in Ashland Co., coming from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, 1836. Who is Bernice WILEY JEFFREY b 1852, d 1916, bur Ashland City Cem.?  
---Merle Evans Kovatch, Box 144, Hastings, RD 2, Neb. 68901
- PECK/CLARK Taylor PECK m Jerusha HOPKINS 25 Nov 1813, Kent, Conn., moved to Ruggles,  
HOPKINS Ashland Co., 1826. Jerusha d 1835; Taylor, 1854. Ch: Lydia STURTEVANT  
STURTEVANT (Mrs. Carleton), Lucy CLARK (Mrs. Seth), Homer (m Eliza DeWITT), Emily  
DeWITT & Miles. Wish to corr with desc.  
---Mrs. Harold Sparks, 915 Maple St., Wausau, Wis. 54401

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 QUERIES (CONT.)  
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LIPSETT                    Seeks information about Edward LIPSETT, b Aug. 1798, Ireland, d 18 Sep  
 PARETT                    1863. Liv near Perrysville 1830-1863. Know ch by 1st wife: Margaret Jane  
                              LIPSETT & Elizabeth PARETT.  
                              ---Jean Todd, 417 Oak, Junction City, Kan. 66441

WAY/ETTER                 Seeks info on ch of Daniel & Hannah ETTER WAY: Mary Ann, Samuel, Susannah,  
 PECK                       John, Daniel, Henry and Catherine. Daniel's will prob 27 Sep 1852, Ash-  
                              land Co. Hannah remarried Daniel J. PECK, son of Homer PECK, 18 Jun 1854.  
                              Mary Ann filed for partition 1 Mar 1860.  
                              ---Mrs. Dean Homer, 10 Blackstone Ave., Sioux City, Iowa 51104

NEWCOMER                 Searching for desc of Peter & Catherine SHIDLER NEWCOMER. He d Ashland Co.  
 SHIDLER                   1899. Known ch: Jacob K., Daniel, K.W., Jno., H.J., Rollin, Celia MUMAW  
 MUMAW                    and Cornelia ESBENSHADE. Grandchildren named in will: Moon, Leaman, Mervin.  
 ESBENSHADE              ---Annie Laurie Smith, Box 144, North Webster, RD 2, Ind. 46555

MARIETTA                 Would like to corr with anyone having info on MARIETTA fams, especially  
 MARRIETTA               Harry O. MARRIETTA, desc Martin MASON Sr., corr Effie I. Moore 1934. Try-  
 MASON                    ing to confirm father of Martin MASON Sr., as stated in Harry's 1934  
                              letter.  
                              ---Thomas J. Beardsley, 830 Seminole Blvd., Lake Park, Fla. 33403

SMITH                     Leah WOOLEM/WOLLEM/WOLEM b approx. 1802, d 14 Jun 1870, m Henry SMITH b  
 WOOLEM                   1796 Pa. Their dau, Elizabeth, m Wm. BIDDINGER 1847. Any info appreciat-  
 WOOLEM                   ed.  
 WOLEM                    ---Margaret McGaughey, 2147 Pinchurst Ave., Charleston, S.C. 29407  
 BIDDINGER

ENGLAND                  Would like info on Asa ENGLAND and wife Prudence McKILL, res Ashland Co.  
 McKILL                    until about 1833. Ch b in Ashland Co: John Wesley, Maranda Ann, Colista,  
                              Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Levi. Would also appreciate any history  
                              of England Station, Ashland Co.  
                              ---R.H. Powers Bubb, 4421 Douglas Road, Toledo, Ohio 43613

STULL                     Would like to corr with anyone working on line of John STULL identified  
                              in father's will as liv in Richland Co. (now Ashland Co.) 1842-3.  
                              ---John D. Stull, 206 W. Mack Ave., Olney, Ill. 62450

QUERY                    Would like info on Hetty Ann QUERY d 26 Oct 1881, liv Vermillion Twp.,  
                              Ashland Co.  
                              ---Harriet J. Gettman, 1617 Briarwood Dr., Modesto, Calif. 95355

LAUGHERY                 Need info on John LAUGHERY, father of John Jr., Thomas, Martha, Israel,  
                              Mary; d Wayne Co. (now Ashland Co.). Have his will, John Jr.'s estate  
                              & all his ch. Also have old letter stating there was an argument between  
                              John Sr. & John Jr. John Jr. was left with \$1 in John Sr.'s will.  
                              ---Mary Jane Henney, 495 Cline Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44907

KLEIN                     Seeking info on George KLEIN & Anna Mary BEST KLEIN, m 1850 Mansfield.  
 BEST                       Son Charles b 1851, John J., 1853, both in Mansfield. Dau Anna C. b 1855  
                              Rome, Richland Co.  
                              ---Barbara Strotzman, 10055 Stilbite Ave., Fountain Valley, Calif. 92708

HAGERMAN                 Needs proof that Joseph HAGERMAN, d 10 Nov 1820, Richland Co., & Sarah  
 OSBUN                     OSBUN were par of the Rev. Samuel HAGERMAN, who m Elizabeth HILES 16  
 HILES                     Sep 1837, Richland Co.  
                              ---Gloria Glancy Cartwright, 3815 N. Cool Road, Lima, RD 5, Ohio 45801



# Namefinder

IN EACH ISSUE, THE PASTFINDER WILL BE INCLUDING SURNAMES, SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS,  
 WHICH INDICATE AN ASHLAND OR RICHLAND COUNTY CONNECTION. A DATE OR TIME PERIOD SHOULD  
 ALSO ACCOMPANY EACH SURNAME TO FURTHER SPECIFY WHICH FAMILY AND/OR GENERATION LIVED  
 IN THIS AREA AT WHAT TIME.

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| <p>WOODULL, J. &amp; Wm. A., liv Green Twp. Ashland Co., 1874</p> <p>ERNSBERGER, L.A., farmer &amp; stock raiser, Green Twp., Ashland Co., 1874</p> <p>WEIRICK, J. &amp; Jos., liv Green Twp., Ashland Co., 1874</p> <p>Van SCOYOC, S. &amp; Jon., liv Green Twp., Ashland Co., 1874</p> <p>---Beverly Jean Roush, 1204 N. Bracewell Dr., Plant City, Fla. 33566</p> <p>BAKER, John, mar Richland Co. 1842; Zachariah, mar Richland Co. 1843</p> <p>EICHELBURGER/ECHELBARGER, Mary, mar Richland Co. 1842</p> <p>SIEBERT, Elizabeth, mar Richland Co. 1842</p> <p>---Mrs. Angus McSwain, 4600 Kenny Lane, Waco, Texas 76710</p> <p>BUSHNELL, Sterling Graves, d 16 Aug 1846, Hayesville, Ashland Co.</p> <p>SNYDER, Elverda, mar 1863 Mansfield to Martin Baldwin BUSHNELL; Daniel W., d 2 Dec 1909 Crestline; Henry, liv Richland Co. 1836-1853</p> <p>SHETSON, Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry SNYDER), liv Richland Co. 1836-1853</p> <p>STEVENS, Irene, mar Samuel S. SNYDER 1837 Richland Co.</p> <p>---Judith B. Mears, 1401 Campbell St., Sandusky, Ohio 44870</p> <p>STONE, Charles, b 1797 England, came to Ohio ca. 1831, settled in Washington Twp., Richland Co. 1853, d Washington Twp. 1870, wife: Selina WHITE; William, b 1833 Ohio, came to Washington Twp., Richland Co. 1853, d 1886 Emporia, Kan., wife: Sarah McFARLAND, dau of David; David Howard, b 1859 Washington Twp., Richland Co., d 1950 Nebraska, wife: Elizabeth Ann JONES</p> <p>McFARLAND, Robert, b 1779 Va., came to Richland Co. 1831, d 1866 Washington Twp., wife: Anna MAIN, sister of Frederick; David, b 1810 Va., came to Richland Co. 1831, d 1876 Washington Twp., wife: Elizabeth SCHLOSSER, dau of Andrew</p> <p>SCHLOSSER, Andrew, b 1785 Md., came to Monroe Twp., Richland Co. 1825, d 1854 Monroe Twp., wife: Catherine POFFENBERGER</p> <p>MAIN, Frederick, b 1788 Md., came to Richland Co. 1826, d 1870 Mansfield, wives: Catherine GILBERT, Elizabeth GRAVER, Mary S. COON</p> <p>---Mrs. Frank H. Seubold, The Pavilion</p> | <p>N-1309, 12000 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, Md. 20852</p> <p>HEALY, Domineck (poss. Patrick), b 15 Jan 1850, County Kerry, Munster Province, Ireland, emigrated to U.S. 1863, m to Mary Ann SULLIVAN (O'SULLIVAN) 10 Dec 1871, Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Shelby, Richland Co., bur St. Mary's Catholic Cem., Shelby 9 Sep 1909</p> <p>SULLIVAN, Mary Ann, b 15 Aug 1854, County Limerick, Munster Province, Ireland, emigrated to U.S. 1865 with father Owen and brother Michael; m Domineck HEALY (above), bur 1922 with husband in Shelby</p> <p>---Herbert J. Solomon, 3045 Quimby St., San Diego, Calif. 92106, and</p> <p>---John Richland Solomon, 503 Birchlawn Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio 44907</p> <p>MARSHALL, George, b ca. 1791, d 27 Jan 1868, bur Troy Cem, Troy Twp., Richland Co., mar to:</p> <p>RIDDLE, Martha, 1814, Ontario, Richland Co.</p> <p>---Ellen Marshall Kintzer, 74 W. Browning Road, Bellmawr, N.J. 08031</p> <p>KAY/KEY, Moses, Ann, Sarah, James, Richland Co., 1820</p> <p>---Marie Caldwell, 289 S.E. Third Ave., Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060</p> <p>GIBSON, Isabell, Lexington, Richland Co., 1849-1879 (reared by Samuel McCLUER)</p> <p>TOPPING, Ann Rice, Ruggles, Ashland Co., 1834-1850</p> <p>DANIELS, Emoline Topping, Plymouth, Richland Co., 1861-1900</p> <p>---Ethel Topping Hote, 25021 Aurora Road, #24, Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146</p> <p>MORRISON, George W., b 13 May 1840, Funk, son of Allaman MORRISON</p> <p>AUSTIN/AUSTEN, Anna, b 1835, d 27 Nov 1912, Ashland</p> <p>---Norma Kime, 530 Val Mar Drive, Ft. Myers, Fla. 33907</p> <p>WICOFF/WYCKOFF/WIKOFF, Jesse &amp; fam, Hanover Twp., Ashland Co., 1850</p> <p>LIKES, George, Mohican Twp, Ashland Co., 1850</p> <p>---Donald Wycoff, 3645 32nd St. Hamilton, Mich. 49419</p> |
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## Family Portraits

(PLEASE TRY TO LIMIT PORTRAITS TO 200 WORDS)

### THOMAS LOFLAND

My great-great-grandfather was Thomas Lofland who came to Ohio in the early 1800s. He was born around 1766 in Sussex County, Delaware, a son of Dorman Lofland, high sheriff of Sussex County and a Loyalist who was sought for treason in 1788.

The first record I have found of Thomas in Ohio is his marriage on June 22, 1807, in Fairfield County to Sarah Lee. The last record I have found is a listing in the Mansfield, Richland County tax records for Lot 34 in 1835. I am still searching for the date and location of his death.

Thomas Lofland must have been a bit of a renegade or black sheep -- perhaps a rugged individualist. I'm sure he was rugged because north central Ohio was a rugged country at that time. Bits and pieces of Richland County records tell us something about him:

--A land grant entry in Washington Township dated July 14, 1814.

--A wolf scalp certificate dated 1816 and signed by Thomas.

--A mention that Johnny Appleseed, Thomas Lofland and others "dined on the public square in Mansfield in 1819."

--Numerous entries in the Common Pleas Court records between 1828 and 1834, involving Thomas and other members of his family.

At least two of Thomas' brothers also came to Ohio at or near the same time. It is likely they came west on Zane's Trace as the first mention of all of them is in Fairfield County. One brother, Charles, served as grand jury foreman in Knox County in 1811, was a member of the Knox County Masonic Lodge in 1811 and 1812 and is listed on Masonic records in Columbus in 1816. He died in Clark County in 1866. Another brother, Dorman, and his family went to Cambridge in 1816 where his grandson, Col. Gordon Lofland, was an eminent citizen.

According to family tradition, Thomas' first wife, Sarah, died when their son Solomon (who became a well-known farmer and horse breeder in Huron County) was very young, and Thomas married Mary Sela-ser in Richland County in 1821. My great-grandmother, Selena Lofland Tyson, born in Mansfield in 1824, was one of their children.

---Jean Curpen Dones, 3940 Mountview Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220



*E.J. Potter*

### E.J. POTTER

E.J. Potter, photographer, was born in Wayne County Sept. 19, 1844. He was married to Mary Backenstoe, who was born in Mansfield. They have two children: William, born March 10, 1867, and James, Oct. 6, 1868.

Mr. Potter enlisted in the Third OVC, Co. E, in September 1861, was in the service about three years and four months and was in different engagements, among them the Battle of Stone River. This regiment was noted for its service in this battle. He was taken prisoner at Benton, Tenn.; he was a prisoner 11 months, first at Atlanta, second at Libby Prison in Richmond, third at Belle Island and from there to Andersonville and was kept there seven months. From there to Florence, S.C., and was then exchanged at Charleston and came from there to Annapolis, Md., from there to Columbus, Ohio, and received an honorable discharge.

Came to Mansfield where he has since been engaged in the photographic business, having one of the best galleries in the city. He has established a very extensive business and an excellent reputation as an artist. He stands at the head of his profession in Northern Ohio, and is prepared to do all kinds of first-class work in his line.

---"History of Richland County," A.A. Graham, 1880, pp. 724-725. Portrait appears on p. 585.

### MICHAEL BRYTE

Michael Bryte and his wife, Hannah Bailey Bryte, left the area of Westmoreland and Fayette counties, Pa., when in 1807 they moved into Jefferson County, Ohio, where they stayed about two years,

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moving to Columbiana County about 1809, where Michael died 1 Apr 1815. The 1820 census shows Hannay Bryte and her six children in Columbiana County, although John and David Bryte had already made trips to Richland County with their uncles, John and Nathaniel Bailey.

Hannah was remarried to Samuel Miller 10 Jun 1824, in Richland County where Samuel had property which later became David Bryte's.

The children of Michael and Hannah Bryte were: Nancy Ann who married Robert McCurdy and moved to Hardin County, Ohio, in 1834; John who married Elizabeth Ford 27 May 1824, in Richland County, and they are buried at Clear Creek Church Cemetery, Ashland County; Catherine, married first to William Williamson, and they also moved to Hardin County in 1834 where William died in 1836, and she married a John Gunn; Nathaniel, married Christiany Fast, 12 Nov 1829, and they moved with their 11 children to Prairie City, Ill., in 1856; David, married first to Mary Vannordstrand and, after her death ca 1833, married Wealthy Slocum and they are buried in Ashland City Cemetery; and Sarah married Jacob Hedinger 4 Jul 1844, at Bryte's Chapel, Richland County. We have no further information on Sarah but note a Sarah and Jacob Hettinger living in Medina County in 1850.

The Williamsons and the McCurdys both lived in Kenton, Hardin County, and moved at the same time with several other families from Richland County, taking about eight days to make the move.

---Mrs. Wendall Fuller, 1404 Baugh Drive, Normal, Ill. 61761, and

---Thomas J. Bearsley, 830 Seminole Blvd., Lake Park, Fla. 33403.

MARY FERGUSON

Mary Ferguson was born Eva Maria Blinn 17 Oct 1856. She was presented for baptism 15 Feb 1857, at St. John's (Burry's) Church, New Sewickley Township, Beaver County, Pa., by her parents, Henrich Blinn, and Eva Elisabethe, born Flinner.

She grew into a popular young lady who did not lack for suitors. The pretty blonde married Robert Emmet Ferguson 29 Jan 1877.

Her first house was described as a miniature skyscraper. The house contained a basement kitchen, one large sitting room above and two small bedrooms above that. A dark, narrow spiral staircase connected it all. The inconvenient house, built by her father-in-law, was designed to make more land available for farming.

Mary never had a doctor when her children were born. After having Howard, Anna, Arthur, Jessie, Benjamin and Lawrence, Mary and Emmet bought a farm in Ashland County. They arrived in October 1893, with two wagons of household goods. Sherman and Mary Jane were born in Ashland County.

Mary made a little extra money by selling her chickens and eggs in Ashland. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and died 5 Apr 1939, in Ashland County.

---Shirley Boyd, 912 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805



THE SAGA OF SAMUEL



Did you ever dread finding a "black sheep" in the family? This writer found one and it opened one of the most interesting challenges of research. The story is recounted here, not only because it happened in Richland County but also because it may provide clues for others faced with a similar situation.

"The History of Richland County, Ohio," by A.A. Graham, 1880, pp. 437-438, gives a rather detailed account of a crime which occurred in Jefferson Township in 1840. It states that SAMUEL BUSHONG came from Pennsylvania in 1837 (not true; he came from Carroll County, Ohio), and purchased 35 acres of land in Sec. 26, secured by a mortgage. Unable to make payments, he saw his land offered for sale by the sheriff. Samuel tried to convince his wife to sell in order to pay the debt, but she refused.

Badly troubled, Samuel voted in the presidential election at Bellville, and, when he returned home, another argument ensued. It was culminated by Samuel taking an axe in hand, murdering his wife and

and two daughters, Mary and Susan. He attempted to take the lives of his two sons but they overpowered him and took away the weapon. He ran away but was quickly captured by neighbors. He was taken to Mansfield for arraignment and was bound over for trial. On 10 Jul 1841, the jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity, and he was remanded to the custody of his brother-in-law, John Windle, of Columbiana County, Ohio. After the trial, Samuel disappeared from all records, and his final days remain a mystery.

When the above story was first read, it didn't seem possible that this Samuel would fit into the family of Jacob Bushong, a Revolutionary War veteran who lived in Columbiana, Carroll and Stark counties. But, in-depth research finally proved that he did, especially after a quit-claim deed was found in Carroll County, showing that "Samuel & Margaret Bushong, of Richland Co., sold to Jacob Mooney of Carroll Co., all their right and title to the farm owned by my father, late of Columbiana County, deceased."

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Jacob Bushong's will named a son, Samuel, but it was unknown which Samuel at the time. To further prove or disprove that these Samuels were one and the same, the original papers relating to the trial were found, having been rescued and preserved at the Ohio Genealogical Society headquarters in Mansfield. The murder indictment named Mrs. Bushong as Margaret, although Graham had never stated her given name.

The census records of 1820, 1830 and 1840 verified that Samuel and Margaret had four children, two sons and two daughters. The girls were named by Graham but not the boys, and they could not be identified absolutely in the 1850 census. Finally, records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Carrollton were discovered listing the names, dates of birth and baptism, of all four children. One fact still missing is the maiden name of Margaret.

Samuel's grandparents were John Bushong (1732-1808) and his wife, Elizabeth Sprinkle (c1733-1821) who had lived in York County, Pa., and settled in Shenandoah Co., Va. John's son was John Jacob Bushong, b 18 Feb 1754, d ca Aug. 1830, then in Stark County, Ohio. Jacob's wife was Eva Catharina Bossert who died in June 1836 in what was then Carroll County, Ohio. Their son, Samuel, born about 1794, death unknown, married about 1818 to Margaret. Their children were:

1. Maria, b 4 Nov 1819, bapt Dec. 1819, d 14 Oct 1840, Richland County.

2. Jacob H., b 25 Feb 1822, bapt 19 Mar 1823, d 16 Jul 1862, in Cincinnati, as a result of illness contracted in Civil War. He married three times, having children by each wife: m/1 Margaret Ann Smith 28 Apr 1844, b 15 Apr 1824, d 30 Jan 1854; m/2 Matilda Walls 27 Sep 1854, b 16 Dec 1838, d 30 Sep 1855; m/3 Elizabeth Magner 19 Mar 1856, b 27 Jul 1831, d 1 Dec 1864/5.

3. Elias S., b 13 Oct 1824, bapt Nov 1824, d 5 Feb 1861, at Hancock County, Oh., m 17 Sep 1846, to Mary Jane Lance, in Richland County. They had three children: Sarah, George & Jessie. After Dr. Elias' death, Mary Jane m/2 Andrew Campbell 4 Sep 1867, in Hancock County.

4. Susannah Catharine, b 7 Jan 1828, bapt 27 Jan 1828, d 14 Oct 1840, in Richland County.

Desc. are sought for the following children:

Elizabeth Ellen Bushong, b 22 Feb 1848, dau of Jacob H., m Jeremiah O'Neal

Clara Bushong, b 26 Feb 1857, dau of Jacob H., m \_\_\_\_\_ Smith

Dianna Bushong, b 13 Mar 1859, dau of Jacob H., m Simon A. Kentner

Jessie F., b 1861, dau of Jacob H., m \_\_\_\_\_ Dickerson

Sarah C. Bushong, b c. 1847, dau of Elias S., may have m John W. Helpman

George W. Bushong, b June 1849, m Mary Ann Hudson

Jessie F. Bushong, dau of Elias S., whereabouts unknown.

--- Carol Willsey Bell, 4649 Yarmouth Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44512

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I would like to join the Ashland County Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ or the Richland County Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (check one) of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Dues are \$4 yearly for individuals and ~~\$6~~ joint membership for two persons living in the same household. These amounts also entitles members to receive four issues of The Pastfinder for the year in which they join.

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Ashland, Ohio 44805	Lexington, Ohio 44904

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Here are some surnames I wish to include in the chapter's surname index. Each includes a place and time period:

# Calendars

## ASHLAND COUNTY

- Oct. 5 Library session, 7-9 p.m., Ashland Public Library
  - Oct. 7 Everton Workshop, 6-10 p.m., First United Methodist Church, corner of Sandusky & Cottage streets, Ashland
  - Oct. 16 Library session, 10-noon, Ashland Public Library
  - Oct. 19 Regular meeting, 7-9 p.m., Ashland County Courthouse, Third Street entrance. Mary Jane Henney will talk on Richland County chancery records.
- \*\*\*A trip to Western Reserve Historical Society is tentatively planned for Oct.\*\*\*
- Nov. 2 Library session, 7-9 p.m., Ashland Public Library
  - Nov. 16 Regular meeting, 7-9 p.m., Ashland County Courthouse, Dr. John Nethers will talk about oral history materials on Ashland County.
  - Nov. 20 Library session, 10-noon, Ashland Public Library
  - Dec. 7 Library session, 7-9 p.m., Ashland Public Library
  - Dec. 18 Library session, 10-noon, Ashland Public Library

\*\*\*NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER\*\*\*

Ashland County Chapter has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 681, Ashland, Ohio 44805

## RICHLAND COUNTY

Oct. 28 Monthly meeting, OGS Library, 419 W. Third St., Mansfield. Program to be announced.

\*\*\*\*\*NO NOVEMBER MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

Dec. 2 Christmas Party, OGS Library, 419 W. Third St., Mansfield. Surprise program.

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BOOKS FOR SALE BY RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER:

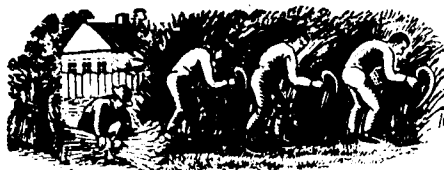
"A Centennial History of Richland County, Ohio" by A.J. Baughman, 1901, reprinted 1979, \$20.

"A History of Richland County, Ohio, 1807-1880" by A.A. Graham, 1880, reprinted 1972, \$25.

"Combined Atlases of Richland County, Ohio," 1873 & 1896, reprinted 1977, \$15.

"Richland County, Ohio, Cemetery Records," 1981, \$29.50.

All these books are indexed. When ordering, please include \$2.50 for mailing costs and appropriate sales tax if you are an Ohio resident.



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