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Sally SPRENG, Treasurer, submitted the 2002 year end financial report which appears in total on the following page. Our situation actually improved overall in a year in which the market plummeted, although when one separates the restricted funds and transfers, we spent slightly more than we earned. Please encourage your genealogical friends and families in Ashland County to join the Chapter. A \$10.00 membership supports our newsletter, book publications, library, and educational lectures at meetings. Our non-profit organization is funded entirely through membership, sales, and the private support of our programs.

Thank you!

IN THIS ISSUE:

In this issue, we have a fine collection of news abstracts on the Mifflin area collected by member Shirley BOYD. In addition, member Lois WHEELER has combed the archives of the Western Reserve Historical Society and has discovered some Ashland items in the Ohio Globe for 1836 as well as a publication authored by students at the Vermilion Institute at Hayesville in 1866. Librarian Rita KOPP has provided some information on Sanborn maps for Ashland County, plus she recently purchased some early Ashland High School graduation programs on eBay, our favorite auction site. Rita also found a story about the Opera House fire at Ashland in a neighboring county newspaper. Member Bill SNIDER contributes the story of Eva MILLER HOWOLT, one of the many emigrants from Alsace to Ashland County, and member Ken BECK tells us about Rev. Zed COPP's experience with the Brethren of Ashland County. Tom NEEL adds the story of some rowdies from Green Township in criminal record abstracts 1815-1817. We also have the GILLIS Family Bible, believed to be of Ashland County, sent in by Dale A. WHITE.

COPIES REMAIN OF OUR LATEST PUBLICATION

ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO MARRIAGE RECORDS, PROBATE COURT, VOLUMES 4 & 5, 1870-1878, prepared for our Chapter by members Don and Lucille BOYD of Texas, and assisted by local member Linda FUNK, is available for \$17.00, plus \$1.06 Ohio resident sales tax and \$3.50 postage/handling. Members of the Chapter may take a discount - \$16.00 + \$1.00 Ohio tax + \$3.50 shipping/handling. This abstract includes both a male and female alphabetical listing for each marriage volume, giving the date of the marriage and the page number in that volume.

NEXT ISSUE

In the August 2003 issue of The Pastfinder, we will continue the series of newspaper abstracts on the Mifflin area by Shirley BOYD and we will provide some history of Savannah and Clearcreek Township for their big celebration.

**Ashland County Chapter O.G.S.
Financial Report
For the Year 2002**

Checking Account	\$5,503.03	
2-Certificates of Deposit	\$5,223.04	
Trust Fund CD & Savings Account	\$7,868.22	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002		\$18,594.29

RECEIPTS:

AGLL - Income	\$29.00	
Donation Life	\$592.52	
Dues	\$1,724.00	
First Family	\$815.50	
Library Fund	\$1,279.60	
Miscellaneous	\$459.10	
Operating Fund	\$448.41	
Pastfinder	\$31.00	
Postage	\$220.94	
Publication Fund	\$1,067.81	
Sales	\$2,553.57	
Sales Tax	\$66.34	
Total Receipts		\$9,287.79

EXPENSES:

AGLL - Expense	\$29.00	
First Family	\$857.08	
Library	\$3,239.69	
Miscellaneous	\$1,369.94	
Pastfinder	\$1,287.82	
Postage	\$586.87	
Rent	\$60.00	
Sales Expense	\$1,528.30	
Sales Taxes	\$18.45	
Supplies	\$74.67	
Transfer to CD	\$0.00	
Transfer to Trust	\$575.00	
Total Expenses		\$9,626.82

(\$575.00 transferred from checking to trust fund savings account)

(\$1,450.00 transferred from trust fund savings account to Trust Fund CD)

Checking Account Ending Balance	\$5,164.00
2-Certificates of Deposit	\$5,398.68
Trust Fund CD & Savings Account	\$8,450.94
Total December 31, 2002	\$19,013.62

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Spreng

MIFFLIN NEWS ITEMS

Shirley BOYD of Ashland provides these abstracts from the Ashland Press, the Ashland Times, and the Ashland Gazette. These news items are from the Mifflin area. This material does not include every column; neither does it always include the whole column. As Shirley read the early newspapers, these particular items either dealt with her ancestors or were of particular interest in understanding their lives and the times in which they live.

Ashland Press - 18 May 1882 "Pleasant Valley Mifflin Township"

Our Sunday School is again fairly started under the following officers Superintendent, Jacob CRIDER; Assistant Superintendent, George BOYER; Secretary, Miss Ida CRONINGER; and the following teachers: Misses Anna MARKLEY, Allie CRIDER, Libbie CRONINGER, Mrs. ROLAND, George BOYER, J.S. BENNINGHOF, H. LUTZ and William CRIDER.

Ashland Times - 26 June 1884 "Mifflin"

Our schools closed on last Friday for the spring term; its closing feature was a nice and enjoyable picnic in STAMAN's Grove. There will be a vacation in the latter part of October, which in our judgment is entirely too long. We should at least have nine months of school in a year divided into three terms of three months each. Local directors should then engage teachers for the entire year, and avoid the frequent change of teachers. Thus by employing good teachers, at good remunerative wages we would have good schools.

Henry YOUNG, of Indiana, formerly of Mifflin township has moved back to his old home He has for some time past been in poor health, which induced him to come back.

We notice Dr. SACKETT on the street again after his long and serious illness.

Many of our citizens took in the races at Mansfield last week.

W.A. BACHELDER has established a sales depot at this place for the O'BRIAN wagon and buggy Co. of Tiffin, O. He has brought here some of the finest platform spring wagons that were ever exhibited in this part of the State, and which he sells on reasonable and easy terms R.E. DEFORREST the artist intends to remove his art gallery to Lucas this week. He has done some excellent work while here

Ashland Times - 17 July 1884 "Mifflin"

Wheat harvest is a thing of the past and farmers rejoice in one of the finest crops raised for many years, both as to quantity and quality. Following close in the wake of the self binder comes the traction engine and thresher, and the blow of the whistle and hum of the cylinder is heard on every hand.

Threshermen report the average yield thus far at twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre.

The continuous dry weather threatens seriously to interfere with the oats, corn and potatoes, the latter of which will at all events be a short crop, as the vines are already dying off with the tubers, not

more than half grown. The apple crop is far less promising than we had reason to believe earlier in the season, as the young fruit is, in many orchards nearly all dropping off, caused undoubtedly by the many late frosts and continuous dry weather.

C.C. KELCH and his lady, Charlie KELCH, their son, and Mrs. WICKSDALL, their daughter, all from Mansfield, O., cheered our place with their presence last week; while here they were the guests of Post Master C.F. ENGLE.

Our old German friend Louis SATTLER has come out in an entire new rig, procured of W.A. BACHELDER, our genial agent for the O'BRIAN Wagon and Buggy Co., of Tiffin, Ohio, he looks better now than ever, and undoubtedly feels as well as he looks.

Rev. CONKLEMAN, of Madison county, Ill., has accepted the call of the Lutheran Churches, composing the Mifflin and Mt. Zion charge, and we may soon expect regular services here again.

The nomination of Cleveland by the Democratic Convention, failed to produce a particle of enthusiasm among our Democratic friends here, which is in marked contrast with joy exhibited at the nomination of Gen. HANCOCK four years ago. The Republicans are confident of gaining a glorious victory.

Johnny, our enterprising P. M. and druggist, is still in the land of single blessedness, but if signs don't fail there will be a wedding about the time the summer term of school in one of our country districts is over, in which Johnny will figure as one of the contracting parties. "Go it Johnny while you're young."

"Another correspondent" --

Saturday night a house belonging to Will. SELBY, occupied by Abe HARRIS was burned to the ground. HARRIS and wife were not at home and their loss is total, as nothing was saved for them The fire is the work of some malicious being whose cowardice should be rewarded by a term in the Penitentiary. Last week Abe HARRIS had Mrs. Ann BECHTEL arrested for larceny, tried before Squire KEIGHTLEY and on examination of witnesses she established an alibi and was released. People nevertheless will hold opinions.

The Lutheran Sunday school have (sic) decided to have new music books and selected "Gathered Jewels." The school is flourishing. The minister, Rev G.M. GRAU, is also going to deliver a course of lectures for the benefit of a library for the Sabbath school The subject for Saturday evening, May 28, is "The Golden Key." June 4, "Oldest Out and Newest Science," and for Saturday evening, June 11,

is not yet announced. Season tickets fifty cents All should hear the lecture as Mr. GRAU is a deep thinker and able speaker.

Rev. H.A. HALL occupied the pulpit yesterday afternoon and Rev. GRAU that of Mr. HALL at Plymouth. Mr. HALL was pastor here for six years and many friends were glad to hear him again. His sermon was "Christian Perfection." T.M. BEER, of the Gazette, was in town one day last week and made us a very pleasant call J.C. HART, we learn, has been allowed a pension which he long deserved.

Ashland Times - 23 October 1884 "Mifflin"

Farmers are now busy husking their corn and laying in their store of winter apples and cider.

C. S. KEFFER has just closed a prosperous season of the manufacture of Sorgham molasses, having manufactured over 2000 gallons. He expects next season to add an apparatus for the manufacture of jellies.

Charlie LEWIS is slowly improving from an aggravated and almost fatal attack of typhoid fever.

Our public schools opened last week for the fall and winter term, under the Superintendence of Professor H.A. THOMAS.

John P. CULLER, one of our most respected citizens, will soon move to his new home in Mansfield, O.; by his removal, the church here will lose one of its best members and the community one of it (sic) most upright citizens and kind neighbors.

Dr I.F. MARKEL intends visiting the World's Exposition at New Orleans, and from thence extend his trip via the Gulf of Mexico to Florida.

Ashland Times - 1 July 1886 "Mifflin"

The public schools of this place closed last Friday of the spring term, and with its closing we bid adieu to one of the most efficient teachers that ever taught here; Miss KISLING has the proud distinction of having taught our schools for five successive terms, which is longer than any other teacher taught here since the organization of the district. We congratulate the local directors of Widowsville in having secured her services to teach at that place the coming winter term.

Two more hearts are made happy and will henceforth beat in unison in consequence of the hymeneal knot being tied between John D. BAKER and Miss Minnie ROLAND, the Rev B.F. HOOVER being the officiating clergyman.

Dr A.M DAVIS and his bride left for their new home in Colony, Anderson county, Kansas, on last Monday morning.

The continued wet weather of last week caused an immense amount of hay to be badly damaged but was a God send to corn, oats and potatoes which were languishing for the want of refreshing showers. Wheat harvest is on, and 4th of July will see much of the wheat on shock

Ashland Gazette- 25 May 1887 "Mifflin"

Our farmers are through planting corn, except the wild Irishman; he has about commenced ploughing on the farm of Charles MYERS. Late roasting ears come good, so say the boys. Wheat generally looks well in this part of the moral vineyard.

Fishing at our lakes has commenced and the boats of J.A. WISE are in requisition almost every day. J. W. LEMONS (sic) egg packing house is well on its way, and the contractor, Mr. J. W. INERY, is pushing the work right along.

The Black Diamond is here and come to stay. J. W. GIFFIN, general manager and proprietor, is the right man in the right place The hungry, the thirsty, can till themselves to their heart's content, and the weary can find plenty of good and comfortable seats and lounges to stretch their weary limbs upon. He has ample stable room where traveling men and visitors at our lakes can have care for their teams. John is a born caterer to the wants of the traveling public. He is having an old sign repainted and lettered at J.F BENNINGHOFF's shop, that used to swing in front of the old Mifflin hotel.

Fishing with seine is contrary to law, as we understand it, and still several parties, well known to this community, have been at it several nights of late, and the last haul one night last week they too brought home a washtub full of fish, and one of the party has 120 acres of land and money out on interest. What has become of our Game Warden? He can learn the name of almost any lawbreakers by inquiring of almost any citizen along the Blackfork. More anon. Occasional

ASHLAND ITEMS FROM OHIO GLOBE

Lois WHEELER of Cleveland Heights brings us several items from The Ohio Globe, Wednesday, May 11, 1836, Vol. 1, No. 25. This issue of an early Ashland newspaper is found in the collection of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

New Millenary Establishment. Mrs. Caroline M. SPRINGLE, late from the city of Frederick, Md., begs leave to inform the citizens of Ashland and the surrounding country, that she has commenced the above business, and that she has just received from the east the latest fashions and will continue to receive them. All work entrusted to her, will receive her greatest attention. Her residence is in the house lately occupied by Mr. Therrygood SMITH. Ashland, Nov. 16, 1835. [Page 4, Column 3]

New Establishment, John J. BELL. Would respectfully invite the citizens of Montgomery Township, and all other townships, that like good bargains to call at his store on Cheap side No. 440,000 Ashland, Richland County, Ohio. Established as it is on "Ready Pay" system, no trust. The subscriber will receive most kinds of country produce in exchange for goods, and cash will at all times be received without

discount. Just received from the city of New York a splendid assortment of Calicoes, Broad Cloths, Sattinets, Mole Skins, Merinos, Circassians, Plaids Sheetings and Shirtings, Bonnets, Hats, Shoes, Boots, etc., etc., QUEENSWARE, Glass, Cutlery, and Hardware, Handkerchiefs, Shalewis, Ribbons, Laces, Combs, etc., etc., GROCERIES, Coffee, Tea, Alum, Spice, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Nutmegs, Raisins, Herring, etc., and ten thousand and more little things that will not find a name on this advertisement. Call at the old Bargain Stard, recently occupied by "'MOULTON' remember the No. You will find me at home. Ashland, January 6, 1836.

[This item was printed upside down.] - MONEY WANTED. All persons indebted to the subscribers either by Note, Book Account, or otherwise, are requested to call and make payment by the 20th of May, unless by special contract payment was to be extended for a longer time. We are aware the notices of this kind are much disregarded, but we do assure those concerned in this notice, unless there is strict compliance we shall certainly leave their accounts in the hands of proper offices for collection precisely at the expiration of the above. John P. REZNOR, Agent; Ashland, Nov. 25, 1835.

MILLINERY AND MANTUA MAKING - MRS. CATHERINE DOREN. Respectfully informs, the citizens of Ashland and the surrounding country, that she has commenced the above business in all its various branches. She will make to order Ladies riding coats in the most fashionable style, also gentlemen's pants coats roundabouts and fashionable dresses of all kinds made to order at the shortest notice. Her residence is on main street one door west of PRATT's store. All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for work. November 17, 1835.

DISSOLUTION - The firm of GRAHAM & COPLES, is this day dissolved by mutual agreement, the business will be continued by Francis GRAHAM, who will pay all demands against the firm, and to whom all indebted will make payments. Francis Graham, B. L. CPLS, Ashland, March 31, 1836.

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY J.H RUTH - One door east of GRANGER and LANG' New brick Store Room. Terms- Two dollars per annum if paid half yearly in advance, or two dollars and fifty cents, if not paid until after the expiration of the year. No subscriber can discontinue his paper except at the option of the Editor until all arrangements are paid. Advertisements conspicuously inserted at the usual prices. All letters by mail, and likewise communications must be post paid, or they will not be attended to.

The Ohio Farmer [A lengthy review of a book about agriculture, which was not copied.] [Page 4, Column 4].

NOTICE - Notice is hereby given the outstanding accounts and Notes of the old firm of A. ANDREWS & CO. and the firm of GRANGER & CAMPBELL, must be paid to the subscriber by the 5th of January next, or they will be lodged in the

hands of proper officers for collections. Wm. S. GRANGER, Ashland, Dec. 16, 1835.

HORSE BILLS [picture of a horse] neatly executed at this office, also all other job printing done with the utmost dispatch.

JUSTICE'S BLANK - Executions - By the Quire, or single sheet, can be had by applying at this office. They are printed on good papers and will be sold very cheap. Ashland, Feb. 10, 1836.

BLANK DEEDS - For sale at this office, Ashland, April 13, 1836.

THE VERMILION SPY

This first copy of the Vermilion Spy, June 27, 1866, edited by the "Spy Club," is housed at The Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland Ohio. It is a four-page publication, evidently written and published by the students of the Institute at Hayesville, formerly called Vermilion. Its condition is so fragile as to make it almost impossible to read. It is torn in two down the center causing some of the letters and words to be missing. I asked if it could possibly be photocopied, but was told no. Only a small part of it has been abstracted here. Lois WHEELER, Cleveland Heights.

SALUTATORY [Page 2, Column 1] - In presenting this first copy of the first volume of the Vermilion Spy to the public from this dilapidated forsaken old town, we would say a word to our patrons. We expect nothing but a storm of abuse from the bigoted dummies who would rather see their sons and daughters grow up in a life of ignorance than spend one red cent from overloaded coffere.

[Location on page unknown] - FOUND - In the music-room, a deck of cards belonging to D. G. ROBINSON, they are very much worn. I suppose he left them after the little game we had last night. E. BURKHOLDER.

We would advise all students, and other lovers of "good things" to patronize that accommodating and generous gentleman, Mr. SPENCER. His Ice Cream is delicious, and students can patronize him, knowing that by him unlike RHINEHART, they will be well treated and fairly dealt with.

A bottle of whisky was left in my "Grocery" the other night which I suppose belongs to John DALTON; he can have it if he calls and pays up that little debt that he owes me. E. OBETZ.

PROPHECIES OF THE SENIOR CLASS - Lizzy ADAMS, to study Astronomy and use her heels for a telescope.

Christiana BRUCE, to be an old maid and knit stockings for the poor.

Miss EBRIGHT, to die of unrequited love.

Molly ELCOCK, to be changed into a butterfly and live on roses.

J. E. FISHER, to be transmogrified into a woman.

Ann GALLOWAY, to die of melancholy if Jeff. DAVIS is hung.

Clary HENRY, to be changed into a lump of sugar.
 Maggie McQUIGG, to wear blue stockings and write love songs.
 LYON, to spend his life in study on FISHER's "Little Wife and I".
 Lavina POCOCK, will be married if anyone will have her.
 Hortense POLLOCK, to wear blue spectacles and edit the "Spy"
 Bell ROSS, to be transformed into a spider.
 Beck SLOAN, to pine to death before the mirror.
 Tomar STANLEY, to be praised for extreme beauty .
 Miss WILSON, to live forever and die of nothingness.

ASHLAND COMMENCEMENT

Rita KOPP purchased the following Ashland High School ephemera on eBay recently and wanted to share it with the Ashland County Chapter.

Tenth Annual Commencement of the Ashland High School, Ashland, Ohio, Friday Evening, June 3, 1887. Programme:

Overture, "LA Diadem" – Abbe's Orchestra
 Invocation – Rev. G.W. PEPPER
 Solo, "Good Night, Farewell" – Mr. E.E. MILLER
 Oration, "Value of Mathematics" – Frank R. BEER
 Essay, "Shams" – Mattie E. CAMPBELL
 Essay, "Silver" – Jennie B. FULKERSON
 Essay, "The Drama" – Minnie GROESHNER
 Duet, "Joyful Strains" – Flo & Mattie MARSH
 Oration, "Duties of a Citizen" – William T. BYRD
 Essay, "The Race is not to the Swift" – Minnie M. HEDDERMAN
 Essay, "The Growing Day" – Minnie HENDERSON
 Essay, "The Black Diamond" – Bessie C. LUTHER
 Polka, "Music of the Brook"
 Oration, "Superiority of the Convincing Power of Event over that of Argument" – John L. GRINDLE
 Essay, "Power and Influence of Music" – Nettie A. MERCER
 Essay, "The American Girl" – Delia E. REEB
 Essay, "The Stars of Earth" – Helen T. RUDESILL
 Solo – Miss Mae NEWKIRK
 Presentation of Junior Certificates
 Waltz, "Showers of Gold"
 Presentation of Diplomas – W.G. HELTMAN, President of the Board
 Class Address – Joseph E. STUBBS, President of Baldwin University
 Quartette – E.E. MILLER, F.W. FREER, Dill LAMBORN, and L.C. MILLER
 Benediction – Miss Mary DRAYTON, Piano Accompanist

Class of '87: Frank R. BEER, William T. BYRD, Mattie E. CAMPBELL, Jennie B. FULKERSON, John L. GRINDLE, Minnie GROESHNER, Minnie HEDDERMAN, Minnie HENDERSON, Bessie C. LUTHER, Nettie A. MERCER, Delia E. REEB, Helen T. RUDESILL.

Board of Education: W.G. HELTMAN, President; E.S. BRIGGS, S.L. ARNOLD, J.B. BRINTON, R.C. KINNEMAN; E. FRITZINGER, Secretary; Superintendent of Public Schools, Sebastian THOMAS; Belle E. OSBORN, Principal of High School; Lettie J. POE, Assistant Principal.



Ashland High School, Twelfth Annual Commencement, Ashland Opera House, Friday Evening, June 7, 1889. Programme:

Miss Mary DRAYTON, Piano Accompanist.
 Piano Solo, "Galop from Le Bal" – Mattie SPRENGLE
 Vocal Duet, "Two Merry Alpine Maids" – Flo & Mattie MARSH
 Oration, "Graven Images" – David Harry DEVOE
 Essay, "Rolling Stones" – Zetta COOK
 Essay, "Popular Fallacies" – Mayme EVERETT
 Essay, "Woman's Influence" – Nettie A. GANTZ
 Vocal Solo, "The Night Bird's Cooing" – Mr. E.E. MILLER
 Essay, "The Buckeye State" – Nettie A. GOUCHER
 Essay, "Dress and Drapery" – Ella Mae GROSSCUP
 Essay, "There is Room Up Higher" – Anna PANCOAST
 Essay, "Ridicule, the Test of Truth" – Bertha C. PERSHING
 Piano Solo, "Rhapsodie Hongroise" – Ella Mae GROSSCUP
 Essay, "Factors" – Josephine F. PILLE
 Essay, "Object of Education" – Effie E.E. SWERINGEN
 Oration, "America's Forgotten Heroes" – Fred E. BUCHAN
 Quartette – Mae NEWKIRK, Mattie MARSH, and Messrs. E.E. and L.C. MILLER
 Presentation of Diplomas – Dr. R.C. KINNEMAN, President of Board
 Class Song
 Benediction – Rev. S.J. WHITE
 Class Address at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 P.M. – Rev. George W. PEPPER

ASHLAND OPERA HOUSE FIRE

Rita KOPP provides a story on the Ashland Opera House fire pulled from the Wayne County Democrat, Wooster, Ohio, Wednesday, 25 Feb 1903.

BIG FIRE. The Opera House at Ashland Destroyed. Three Story Building, Containing City Offices, Public Library and Store Rooms. Loss \$50,000. Small Insurance.

The most destructive fire occurring in Ashland for many years was on Wednesday of last week as is thus reported by the Press.

The Ashland Opera House was almost completely gutted by fire Wednesday afternoon. The fire was discovered shortly after noon while most people were at the dinner table. Less than half an hour before it was discovered, Ralph McADOO, Sherman HULL, Hiram EWING, and C.L. WATES were in the opera house inspecting the coal furnaces under the stage and the floor furnace near the west entrance that was put in Monday as an experiment.

When these men left the building there were no signs of fire whatever, and less than a half hour later when the building was discovered to be on fire no one was more surprised than they. The fact that the fire raged fiercest at the south side of the building would lead to the belief that it originated in one of the coal furnaces, although this is only conjecture.

Hundreds of people turned out when the alarm was given and the firemen never did more valiant service. The fire engine [missing words] into service and huge streams of water directed on various parts of the building where the fire raged fiercest. It soon became plain, however, that the building could not be saved despite the Herculean efforts made by the firemen and attention was directed toward the adjoining business rooms on the west and the lumber yard on the south, all of which were saved. The walls of the burning building remain standing, but the whole inside, save the public reading room, is in ruins.

F.R. MARKS, the stove dealer, occupied the corner room on the ground floor. He left everything in the room. E.H. LUDWICK conducted a notion store in the next room west. He removed a considerable portion of his stock. P.F. SHARICK, the jeweler, occupied the next room west. He removed practically all of his stock.

The council room where the town's records were kept was just above Mr. SHARICK's store and the public reading rooms were above Mr. MARKS' and Mr. LUDWICK's room. On the third floor was the fireman's hall.

The opera house proper where the fire originated occupied the south half of the building. The building is insured for [blotch] in seven different companies, each sharing equally \$2,500. The band boys lost all their instruments, music, uniforms, etc., which were kept in Fireman's hall, \$500 insurance was on these.

The old opera house building was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, June 6, 1880, and the new

building, which was burned this Wednesday afternoon, was dedicated Decoration day, 1883.

EVA MILLER HOWALT

This obituary from the Loudonville newspaper was provided by Bill SNIDER. The person named is not a relative, but Bill could not get over how complete a genealogical record the article contains.

Eva HOWALT, nee MILLER, was born in the village of Lenbach, Canton Weissenburg, Alsatia, France, (now Germany), February 2nd, 1808. She was baptized in infancy and in early youth was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church in her native village. In 1832 she emigrated with her husband, Henry HOFFMAN, to America and settled at Lyons, New York; in 1834 they came to Ohio and settled in Washington township, Holmes county, in that part now called Germany and within half a mile of her late home. On May 18, 1852, her husband died. In October, 1862, she was married to Henry J. HOWOLT, of near Shanesville, Ohio, where she then resided for a number of years; from there they moved to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where they resided two years, moving from there to Nashville, then to Loudonville, and later to the Tannyhill district in Green township, Ashland county, where her second husband died in June, 1885. Since the death of her second husband she has been living with her son, Henry HOFFMAN, in Washington township, Holmes county, in that part called Germany, where she died on April 7th, 1896, at 4 o'clock p.m., of old age, having lived to the age of 88 years, 2 months and 5 days. She was the mother of eight sons, all dead but one, who with eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, one sister and other relatives and sons are left to mourn their loss. She was one of the original members of Zion's Lutheran church in Loudonville and remained a faithful member until the day of her death. Her remains were laid to rest in the Ullman cemetery on Thursday, April 9th, Rev. M.R. Walter conducting the funeral services.

REV. ZED COPP

Ken Beck of Wooster submitted this item from the Wayne County Democrat, Wooster, Ohio, Wednesday, 21 Nov 1900, page 1.

Rev. Zed COPP, formerly of Ashland, introduces some novelties in church work. Rev. Zed COPP was a former pastor of the Ashland Brethren church, and had peculiarities as a minister.

He went from Ashland to Dayton, where he had some peculiar experiences, and has introduced some novelties, as the following Dayton dispatch of Nov. 12, says:

Rev. Zed COPP, pastor of the Clemmer street Progressive church, who was recently attacked by members of a former congregation and practically driven from the church after a dispute, yesterday treated his parishioners to a novelty in applying practical Christianity. After the regular introductory services and the members of the congregation had seated themselves the pastor announced his text from Luke vi., 46. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

After a brief and eloquent address on "Practical Christianity," in which he touched on God's commands regarding man's duty to his fellow-man in salvation, he caused a sensation by requesting all of his bearers, then and there as a congregation, to go out into the streets of the city for several blocks around the church and call at every house, seeking the sinful, the sick and the needy. This he contended, would evidence to a careless world that the religion of Jesus Christ is more than a mere system of visionary theories, producing self-satisfied individuals, and that the Lord Himself had set the example and given the command, and that when Christianity was in its purity it was obeyed.

The congregation was dismissed without the regular sermon, and set out in twos, calling at every home and ministering where kindly hands were needed. The church is located in a district which is productive of a practical illustration, a number of shady places being located in the vicinity. A week ago the pastor stated his theme would be strikingly illustrated, and he requested all to arrange for late dinners. A revival is in progress at the church and large crowds have been attracted by the novel methods employed by Rev. Mr. Copp.

GREEN TOWNSHIP CRIMINALS

Richland County Common Pleas Court criminal case files are with the Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Mansfield. MSS 92-3 File 30 contains cases for the period 1815 to 1817. Green Township, now in Ashland County, seems to be a haven for lawbreakers at that time. Keep in mind that Green Township covered more territory in 1815 than it does now. Tom NEEL picked out cases that deal with families living within the bounds of present day Ashland County. Since locations are not provided in some cases it is always wise to check these records by surname. An index has been prepared for the OGS Library by Shirley THOMPSON.

State of Ohio vs Abraham BAUGHMAN. December Term 1815. Find that Abraham BAUGHMAN, Junr., of Richland County, did on 30 July 1815 at Green Township, with force and arms unlawfully assault the body of John DAVIS of said county, and did then and there strike, wound, and beat the said John DAVIS. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Wm. RIDDLE, foreman. Witness, William PIERCE. Plea guilty. Judgment 2 Dec 1815.

State of Ohio vs John CROSSEN. October Term 1816. Find that John CROSSEN, late of Richland County, did on 16 Sept 1816 at Green Township with force and arms make an unlawful assault on the body of one Moses JONES, and in a menacing manner did assault, beat, and wound the said Moses JONES. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Thomas ADAMS, foreman. Witnesses: Asaph BROWN, Otha SIMMONS. Security, \$5000. Process issued 4 Jan 1817.

State of Ohio vs Thomas COLTER. October Term 1816. One Thomas COLTER, late of Richland County, did on 25 Sep 1816 at Richland County with force and arms unlawfully assault the body of one John POOL, and in a menacing manner did strike and would said POOL. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Thomas ADAMS, foreman. Witnesses, Thomas COLTER's own acknowledgment, John POOL, Richard KELLY, Saml. LEWIS. Security, \$5000.

State of Ohio vs Saml. OLIVER. October Term 1816. One Samuel OLIVER, late of Richland County, did on 16 Sep 1816 at Green Township in said county with force and arms make an unlawful assault upon the body of one Noah CUSTER, and in a menacing manner did assault, beat, strike, and wound the said CUSTER. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Thomas ADAMS, foreman. Witnesses, Asa BROWN, John COULTER. Plea guilty. Recognized in the sum of \$50.

State of Ohio vs Adam LYNN. October Term 1816. One Adam LYNN, late of Richland County, did on 25 Sep 1816 at Richland County with force and arms an unlawful assault did make upon the body of one Samuel OLIVER, and there in a menacing manner unlawfully did assault, strike and would the same Samuel OLIVER. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Thomas ADAMS, foreman. Witnesses, Asa BROWN, Samuel OLIVER, Lewis PIERCE. Plea guilty. Oct Term 1816.

State of Ohio vs Joseph JONES. October Term 1816. One Joseph JONES, late of Richland County, did on 25 Sep 1816 at Richland County, with force and arms an unlawful assault did make upon the body of one John COULTER, and in a menacing manner did unlawfully assault, strike, and wound the said Joseph JONES. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Thomas ADAMS, foreman. Witnesses, Asaph BROWN, Lewis PERCE, Samuel OLIVER. Plea guilty.

State of Ohio vs Lewis PIERCE. February Term 1817. One Lewis PIERCE, late of Richland County, did on 14 Sep 1816 with force and arms at Green Township in said county feloniously steal, take and carry away a certain axe then and there being of less value of ten dollars, of the personal goods and chattels of one Josiah L. HILL. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Pettit larceny. Plum C. SUTLIFF, foreman. Witnesses, Adam CROSSER, William BROWN, Asa BROWN, Hiram HILL, Hiram WHITECOTTON, Josiah L. HILL, Thomas COULTER. Plea not guilty. Found not guilty. Joseph CAIRNS, foreman. [Note: HILL was assaulted in

Mansfield in May 1817 by Isaac MARTIN in another non-Ashland County case.]

State of Ohio vs Charles STEWART. May Term 1817. Find that one Charles STEWART of Richland County did on 12 May 1817 with force and arms [sic] at Vermillion Township in said county without having first obtained a license or permit then did retail and sell unto one William RYLAND one gallon of whiskey for a large sum, to wit, six and a fourth cents, against the form of the statute. H. CURTIS, Prosecuting Attorney. Judgment retailing liquor. E.P. STURGES, foreman. Witness, William RYLAND. Non-prosecuted.

GILLIS FAMILY BIBLE

This Gillis Family Bible was submitted to Genforum.com some time ago with the hope that it might go to someone who may have a connection and to whom it may have more meaning. The submitter, Dale A. WHITE, 2101 Ardleigh Ct., Bowie MD 20716, is a WHITE descendant, his grandmother being a sister-in-law to Eva Ada WHITE GILLIS, mentioned in the Bible record. Please contact Mr. WHITE if you are a John GILLIS descendant.

Mr. John GILLIS, born May 12th, 1823; died May 11th, 1895; married first Miss Julian ARMSTRONG on November 10th, 1864. She died September 3rd, 1873. Mr. GILLIS married second Mrs. Margaret Ellen BOYD on November 10th, 1880. She died April 9th, 1895. Mr. Thomas A. GILLIS, born September 10th, 1868 [1869 in another note]; died April 17th, 1902; married Eva Ada WHITE on September 25th, 1895. Eva Ada was born July 22nd, 1874. "Mother Dear left us November 23rd, 1931." This information, to the best of my knowledge, is in and around Ashland County, Ohio where the WHITE family resided beginning in 1864.

SANBORN MAPS

In 1866, the Sanborn Map Company of Pelham, NY, began compiling detailed maps of US cities and towns for fire insurance purposes. Noted on the maps are building outlines, construction material, type of roof, location of fire hydrants, etc. The collection has grown to 1.2 million maps of 12,000 cities and towns. Large cities are included as well as small towns.

Over 40,000 maps were created for Ohio towns and cities. Environmental Data Resources, Inc., 3530 Post Rd., Southport CT 06490, acquired the Sanborn Map Company in 1996. Digital images may be ordered via their web site and delivered electronically for a fee. Many Sanborn maps are in the collection of the Library of Congress and may be ordered on fiche or in print form. In 2001, the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) announced the "Digital Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps"

database. More than 400 maps of Ohio communities between 1868 and 1962 are included. Check with your public library web site to see if they host the OPLIN Research Databases, or go to the OPLIN web site [oplin.lib.oh.us] and do a search for Sanborn maps. Once found, the user will be asked for an Ohio public library card number. If a non-resident, pick one up on your next visit. You can then view any of these maps from your home online and print them out.

Chapter Librarian Rita Kopp ran across an advertisement for Sanborn Maps on compact disc available from Lewis Mitcham, 935 S. Webster St., Lakewood CO 80226-4527. If you do not have online access to the free version at OPLIN, Mr. Mitchell sells them on CDs. The Ashland Chapter purchased a CD of the Ashland County maps (\$50) which included: Ashland 1884, 1888, 1893, 1899, 1904, 1911, 1919; Loudonville 1884, 1889, 1893, 1900, 1907, 1913, 1924; and Perrysville 1900, 1926.

For more information on Sanborn Maps, the following sources are recommended: *Fire Insurance Maps: Their History and Application*, by Diane Oswald; *Union List of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Held by Institutions – the United States and Canada*, 2 vols., 1976, by R. Philip Hoehn; and *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress, Plans of North American Cities and Towns Produced by the Sanborn Map Company: A Checklist*, 1981.

QUERIES

Is anyone researching the BENDERS of Lake Township? My great-great-grandfather was Martin BENDER (I believe a sibling of Magdalena WARNES and George BENDER). Martin arrived in Ashland County circa 1853 with his family. His son David (my great-great-grandfather) married Sarah HINES, daughter of Rev. Jesse HINES, German Reformed minister at Mengs, Ashland County, and at Reedsburg. David married in 1855 and had two children born in Ashland County before leaving for Iowa in 1858. Any help would be appreciated. Submitted by: Bary BENDER, 752 N. 74th, Seattle WA 98103-5106 [ngatecol@aol.com].

Seeking information on my great-great grandparents Wesley RICHARDS (1817-1875) and Mary Jane (nee OGDEN) RICHARDS; they were married in Wayne County, Ohio, later moving to Ashland County. Also my great grandparents Leonard B. RICHARDS (b. 1844) and Melissa (nee BELL) RICHARDS; Melissa's remains are buried in the cemetery on the north side of Nova. Also my grandfather Colonel D. RICHARDS (b. ca. 1873 in Troy Twp.) and his siblings: John B. RICHARDS (at one time residing in Ashland), Loa U. (nee RICHARDS) DAMM, Edith RICHARDS, Braden RICHARDS, Clayton RICHARDS, Daisy (nee RICHARDS) LANE, Rena Bell RICHARDS, Leonard E. RICHARDS, and Josephine RICHARDS. Submitted by: Leonard J. RICHARDS, 970 Pickett Street North 149837, Bayport MN 55003-1490.

CENTURY FAMILIES

The purpose of the Century Family designation is twofold: 1) to pay special tribute to those families who lived in Ashland County as the 20th century began, and 2) to gather family data since 1900 as no biographical history of Ashland County has been published in nearly 100 years. This project is sponsored by the Ashland Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society. All data becomes the property of said organization and will be used for future historical reference.

A Century Family certificate is presented to the applicant who proves his/her direct ancestor(s) lived in Ashland County by 1900. Complete a five-generation Ancestor Chart to the best of your ability, and circle the ancestors who were in Ashland County in 1900 or earlier. On the reverse, please note the known children in each 1900 family and who each married. Applicants should provide something to document their descent from this ancestor as well as proof of residence in Ashland County in 1900 or before.

Acceptable sources of proof of 1900 residence might include the following: 1900 census record - photocopy or copy data (film available at Ashland Public Library); County histories or atlas - give title of book, author, and page number; Land records - a photocopy of the deed must be submitted; Tax records, court cases, voter lists (copy needed); School or church records, city directories, old letters (copy needed); Obituaries - include photocopy or typewritten copy - if known, include name and date of newspaper.

Acceptable sources of proof of ancestry are as follows, in addition to the above: Family Bible record - include photocopy of original plus typewritten or printed transcription - include the publication date of the Bible, and the name and address of the present owner of the Bible; Tombstone inscriptions - include name and location of cemetery (including township), and verbatim copy of inscription; Record of birth, marriage, death - include photocopy; Wills - include photocopy, volume and page number; Military pension records (copy only page giving family information).

Include a photograph (or photocopy of image) of each 1900 ancestor(s) being proved (if possible).

Members of the Ashland Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society will be available for consultation and guidance at their regular meetings, the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Century Family applications were accepted in 1976 in honor of the nations bicentennial celebration. The cutoff year for settlement at that time was 1870. This second round of applications will be accepted from January 1, 2000, through August 31, 2003, and is in celebration of the millennium and the State of Ohio's bicentennial. Applicants previously accepted in First Families of Ashland County, Ohio (cutoff 1850) do not need to duplicate the proof

documents in those applications. New requirements (photograph if possible, 5-generation chart) do need to be included with the application form and fees.

When submitting the application, please send \$1.00 for each certificate requested and all sheets of proof to Ashland Chapter OGS, Century Families, PO Box 681, Ashland OH 44805. Multiple ancestors will go on one certificate.

MILLENNIUM FAMILIES

The Ashland County Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society is collecting biographical data on Ashland County's current resident families, from January 1, 2000, the accepted start of the new millennium, to December 31, 2003, the year of Ohio's 200th birthday celebration. Ashland County has not had a published biographical history for nearly 100 years. All information submitted becomes the property of the Ashland County Chapter OGS, and the submitter understands that by submitting this information, he/she gives their permission for the Ashland County Chapter OGS to use this in a future biographical work on Ashland County, Ohio.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type, computer print, or clearly write answers to the following questions in your family biography:

1. Your birth date, birthplace, and names of your parents
2. Incidents of your childhood
3. Educational history (schools attended, degrees, additional coursework, school extracurricular activities)
4. Name of your spouse, marriage date and place, and information on your spouse
5. Your religious history and activities
6. Career history (include paying jobs, as well as side activities - farming, woodworking, crafts, etc.)
7. Names and dates for your children, and their current town of residence and occupation
8. Your political beliefs and offices held
9. Your military history
10. Activities and interests, clubs and memberships
11. When and why your family settled in Ashland County

This second project is limited to current residents of Ashland County, Ohio

Please mail your biography to the Ashland County Chapter OGS, PO Box 681, Ashland OH 44805. No fee is involved in this project.

These are the two Official Ohio Bicentennial Projects of the Ashland County Chapter OGS. Please participate!

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20 May – FAMILY HEIRLOOM QUILTS – Kim Humrichouser will tell about quilts and her project to make them into family heirlooms.

17 Jun – CEMETERY HISTORY – Jack Hutchison will explore the history of Ashland Cemetery and tell about available records.

15 Jul – WAR VETERANS – Elliott Crain will present a program on Ashland County's military veterans. Note that this program was rescheduled from May due to schedule conflicts.

*** NEWSLETTER MAILING TEAM ***

28 Jul – 2:30 until finished, August's issue

*** BICENTENNIAL PROJECT ***

Centennial Families of Ashland County – those who descend from settlers of Ashland County who were perhaps not our earliest, but were here by 1900 – over 100 years ago; and Millennium Families of Ashland County – autobiographies of families currently living in Ashland County. These are our two Ohio Bicentennial Projects. Please write to the Chapter for applications. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We will offer a certificate at our

November 2003 Banquet for the Centennial Families of Ashland County – charge \$1.00 per certificate. There are no other fees for this one time group.

*** LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS ON DUTY ***

06 May – Vol Barb HART, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday
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