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## Real Lives, Real Stories

To attempt understanding our ancestors' actions and emotions, look at the circumstances surrounding their lives.

Letters and journals are grand, but scarce. Try reconstructing events that would have affected them, using a family Bible. This is what the Budd Bible revealed:

Thomas Budd, 1813-1894, had 22 children by two wives. In 1849 his first wife, Rebecca Black, died [in childbirth?], along with an infant, their ninth child.

In 1852 Thomas married (2) Clarissa Edwards and had 13 more children. He and his second wife were having children at the same time as his children.

In early 1863, these deaths are recorded:

28 Jan 1863 John Buckley, son-in-law

28 Feb 1863 John E. Budd, son, age three months

08 Mar 1863 William Budd, eldest child

15 Mar 1863 Samuel Budd, second child

All the above adults are buried in Hayesville Cemetery, Vermillion Twp., Ashland Co. Ohio, the sons and son-in-law being members of Company C, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, killed in action.

On March 8th, one week before Samuel died, his wife, Mahala Harlan Budd, gave birth to their third child, Samuel E. Mahala never remarried.

Thomas Budd was age 49 when these deaths occurred, possibly the age of one of our children or ourselves.

Are we as strong as our ancestors? Their lives were different from ours in material ways, but emotionally, we are similar.

Keep gathering data; however, don't neglect to study what you already have.

Postscript: The hamlet of Widowville, Vermillion Twp., was so named because so many women there (including Mahala) were left widowed by the deaths of their husbands in the war.

*Anne BUDD, President*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## Chief Katotawa

*The following undated Ashland Press newspaper article was provided by Virginia Smith through chapter librarian, Rita Kopp.*

"INDIAN RELICS – From Wiley Farm Along Katotawa where Tradition Says Indian Chief Katotawa Is Bured – The venerable Willard S. Wiley of

Miller street exhibited at the Press office a few days ago some interesting relics gathered on the farm along the Katotawa where he was born Jan. 27, 1836. The collection included flint skinning knives, a deer horn, a very fine Indian hatchet and a stone pipe which some Indian brave in the long ago ornamented with distinctively

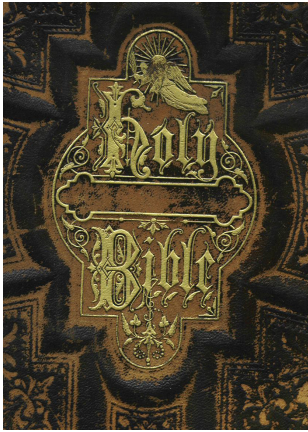
characteristic embellishments.

Mr. Wiley also showed a Noah Webster spelling book, a flint lock, and old pocket book used many years before he was born, an ox shoe and various other articles.

Mr. Wiley's father, Thomas Wiley, came first to Columbiana county and then to what is now Ashland county,

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settling on the farm five miles east of the city along the Cleveland road in 1833. The tradition is that the Indian chief, Katotawa, who was shot by a man named Tucker back in the early days is buried on the Wiley farm and years ago the grave was pointed out to him as that of the Indian after whom the Katotawa was named.”



THE FAMILY BIBLE

## David Gordon Family Bible

Kathryn A. Gordon, 911 Masters Ave., Ashland OH 44805 [email: kggak321@aol.com] has submitted this family record for the David Gordon family who lived near Nankin in northern Ashland County.

### Sheet 1:

Brothers & sisters of Harold's grandfather David Gordon.

John G, b. Aug. 28, 1803 Washington Co. PA; married May 9, 1826; died Mar. 22, 1887.

Rebecca Taylor Gordon, b. Sept. 15, 1803 Washington Co. PA; died Apr. 6, 1876 Ashland Co. OH.

Mary Gordon, b. Mar. 28, 1827 Harrison Co. OH; married Mar. 25, 1846 Jacob Fluke.

Isaac Gordon, b. June 21, 1829 Harrison Co.; married Sept. 14, 1848 Rebecca Cole, d. Dec. 24, 1868.

David G., Jan. 24, 1832 Richland Co. OH;

married Nov. 8, 1855, d. Sept. 14, 1909 Ashland Co.

John Gordon, Aug. 4, 1835 Richland Co. OH; d. Feb. 5, 1850.

James G., Sept. 12, 1841 Richland Co. OH; d. Oct. 23, 1851.

Mary A. G., Nov. 14, 1837; d. Dec. 17, 1920. This was Mary Ann Fluke my mother.

### Sheet 2:

John Gordon, b. Aug. 28, 1803 in Washington Co. PA, married Rebecca Taylor May 9, 1826. John G. died at home of his daughter aunt Mary Gordon Fluke (grandmother of Stewart Fluke of Ashland) 3 miles north of Nankin; died Mar. 22, 1887.

### Sheet 3:

David Gordon born Jan. 24, 1832, married Mary Ann Fluke, born Nov. 14, 1837; married Nov. 8, 1855. Children: Ada A., Victor H., & John W.

Ada born Dec. 13, 1868, married Quincy L. [too light to read] Dec. 25, 1890. Children, Mary, Gladys, Edison, Florence, and [too light to read]; Ada died July 24, 1927.

Victor born July 1, 1872; married Luella [too light to read], Nov. 25, 1897. Children, Harold & Rupert. Victor died Apr. 9, 1944.

John W. born Mar. 21, 1875, married Jessie [too light to read] 1900. No children. Jessie died Mar. 13, 1953 [? – very light]; John died Jan. 15, 1960.

## Gold Rush Days

*We continue our story of 101 men who left the Dorland home in Rowsburg, Jackson Twp., Ashland County, in 1852 for California to search for gold. The names were given in an earlier issue. These readings cover the journey overland across the Plains as well as an account of George King's stay in Salt Lake City recovering from illness.*

June 1, 1852. Reached the Platte and encamped on that beautiful stream. It is one mile wide at this place. Wrote a letter to R.J. King this evening.

June 2, 1852. Reached Ft. Kearney; stopped about two hours; found a letter there, C.L. King, the first that I have received from any of my relatives since leaving home. I valued it more than all the letters I ever received before. We encamped two miles from the Ft.

June 3, 1852. Rode back to the Ft. this morning to deposit in the Post-Office the money received for the effects of the Graves boys, which I had sold at public sale according to their request and the money sent to their friends. One of our company, Nathan Blue, was taken to the Ft. not being able to go ahead. M. Hall and Wm. Switzer stayed with him. I learned that a man died

with the cholera at the Ft. last night. I overtook the train at noon. The property of the Graves boys was sold last evening at auction. Guns that were \$14 and \$18 were sold for \$3.50 and \$6.25, and other property at proportion. The property fetched \$62.80.

June 4, 1852. Traveled up the river 20 miles today and encamped for the night.

June 5, 1852. Traveled twenty miles today. Switzer and hall came up with the train this evening – they left Blue worse; poor fellow, he will probably die.

June 6, 1852. Traveled ten miles and laid by. We are to have preaching this evening. There were two men buried close by us today; died with cholera. Five o'clock; wonder what the folks are doing in Jackson. Saw a pretty girl trudging along today; toward Cal. Barefoot; was glad that it was none of the Ohio girls, of my acquaintance. I have now been sick one week; feel quite well today.

June 7, 1852. Started early this morning. I took a tramp today away from

the train; got very tired before I overtook it again. Met a train of three wagons returning home on account of sickness; poor spunk that. Traveled twenty miles today.

June 8, 1852. Laid by today, expecting one of our men, Thomas Pauling, would die; and to rest the sick men. Some ten or fifteen of us took a hunt today, killed an antelope.

June 9, 1852. Thomas Pauling still living. We rolled out and left him with his mess of eight men. Poor fellow we shall probably never see him again. Met three men on their return to the States. They were all that were left of a train of nine, six having died with the cholera. They were sober looking men. Drove ten miles and stopped to bait and take dinner. Just as we were starting out after dinner

**“Saw a pretty girl trudging  
along today toward  
California barefoot”**

we found a man lying on the ground; he had been taken sick and his company had deserted him; and left him to die. We took him up and got him into a wagon and took him along. At two o'clock we left two more of our wagons, one of the mess having taken the cholera. Saw four this morning. They are the first that I have seen. Our cholera man came up this evening, he is no better.

June 10, 1852. I have stood guard since twelve o'clock. When I came in I found that Mr. Chamberlain had died. He was fifty-five years old. We buried him and started out at eight o'clock A.M. Drove two miles and forded the South Platt. The river is one mile wide here. While we were crossing; the boys that we left with Pauling came up. Pauling died yesterday at two o'clock P.M. I sat up with one of my mess, Mark Slonacher. There are two of our mess mates are sick, Slonacker [sic] and Benton. Hard time, these.

June 11, 1852. Drove twenty miles today. Three of the boys are very sick.

June 12, 1852. Laid by until two o'clock to rest our sick boys. We think two of them will die.

June 13, 1852. Drove till two o'clock P.M. and laid by. We passed through Ash Hollow, saw ten graves, five in one place; four new ones.

June 14, 1852. Our sick boys getting worse. Drove ten miles this forenoon. Charles Burdett died at one o'clock P.M. Poor fellow, we buried him on the lonely plains and started on.

June 15, 1852. Laid in the wagon all day, very sick.

June 16, 1852. I felt some better today. We are now in sight of Scots Court House or Scots Rock; it looks very much like the state house in Jefferson City. The Chimney Rock can be seen in the distance; it is said to be forty files from here. Started out after dinner and drove one mile; when Miss Eldridge was taken with the cholera. Eight of the company besides myself stopped with her. Now one o'clock P.M. Don't think Esther will live till morning. She cramps very badly.

June 17, 1852. Our sick woman is better this morning; don't cramp anymore. Drove from 3 o'clock till 12 at night and camped opposite the Chimney Rock. Our patient still gaining.

June 18, 1852. Mr. Hall and myself walked 3 miles to the Chimney, before breakfast, and ascended it 250 feet, and registered our names as high as we could get. The summit was yet 200 feet above our heads. We drove 20 miles to Scotts Bluff which are 800 feet above the river. After

passing the Bluffs we were in sight of our train again 8 miles ahead. We overtook them at sunset. We encamped close by an Indian battlefield.

June 19, 1852. Drove 20 miles today. Our sick man getting worse.

June 20, 1852. Drove within 4 miles of Ft. Laramie and encamped for the night. I went to the Ft. and found no letters. I felt disappointed. I watched with our sick man, and wrote letters to H. Bunt. Went to bed at 12 o'clock and dreamed of sweet home, and sweeter girls.

June 22, 1852. Drove 20 miles over the Black Hills. A cold day.

June 23, 1852. Drove half a day and laid by. Took a tramp in the afternoon among the hills. Climbed one five hundred feet high and looked down on the Platt, where it was winding its way through the hills and rocks which were five hundred feet high on either side; nearly perpendicular.

June 24, 1852. Drove 22 miles today. Saw quantity of game – deer, antelope, elk, wolves, and bear. Small pox ahead.

June 25, 1852. Drove through among the bluffs today. Stopped at an Indian town. Saw a squaw roasting a dog for eating; delicate entertainment that. Saw a notice warning emigrants to be on their guard against the Indians for they were killing men and stealing cattle ahead. Drove thirty miles and camped after dark.

June 26, 1852. Saw three buffalos today, our boys killed one of them. We crossed the Platt today for the last time. We all got across safe. I was taken sick this afternoon with the Mountain Fever.

Here will be almost a blank in my journal although the most important part of my life. It has now been two months since I was taken sick. I was hauled over four hundred miles in a wagon, to Salt Lake City, where we arrived the 26 of July; one month after I was taken sick. Here the company left me but just alive; not expecting that I could live many days at most, and those who took care of me in the City; for many days were looking for each hour to be my last, but thank God; I am living yet. Four weeks after I was left I was able to set up and get about a little. In four weeks more I thought myself able to work a little, consequently I engaged to tend mason for what wages I could earn. Several of our boys died while I was sick. We passed two graves at the South Pass, where two men

were buried, one had been murdered, and the murderer had been hung. They were buried close together.

August 30, 1852. Wrote a few lines at a time until I had got a short letter written to R.I. King. From August 30 to the 15 of September – nothing worthy of note happened in my life or circumstances except that I was here among 40,000 Mormons gaining my health and strength rapidly. Wrote to my brother 30 of August.

September 16, 1852. Commenced work.

September 17, 1852. Tended mason.

September 18, 1852. Tended mason today. It goes rather hard.

September 19, 1852. Spent today in reading. Quite unwell today.

September 26, 1852. Worked four and ½ days last week. Feel very unwell today, to be better soon. Spent yesterday and today writing to Miss S and Miss M and R.I. King and Henry Bunt.

September 27 and 28, 1852. Wrote to Miss M and brother Ira King.

October 3, 1852. Read Mormonism and news. Worked two and ½ days last week. Spent the remainder in studying philosophy and grammar.

October 6, 1852. Attended church today and heard the Mormon preach. Since I have been here I have witnessed several excitations of speaking in unknown tongues. Well know I think they are unknown tongues, for I do not think the Devil himself could interpret them; not withstanding I believe him to be the author of them.

The speaker generally pretends to interpret the tongue he speaks. They mostly predict the downfall of the U. States and the upbuilding of Mormonism.

October 10, 1852. Worked four days this week. Gaining

strength fast.

October 11, 1852. Attended church.

October 17, 1852. Copied journal today, attend meeting in the evening, more speaking in "Tongues and healing the sick" and worked other miracles. Great times among these "Latter day Saints" in "these latter days."

October 18, 1852. Commenced work on Cottonwood Canal.

October 24, 1852. Wrote to Cousin Wm. King; copied journal; took a ramble on the mountains; rolled down rocks, had lots of fun.

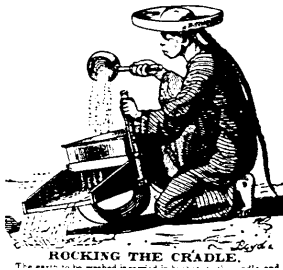
October 31, 1852. Climbed the

**Found myself a Joe Smith—  
I could walk on water too.**

mountains, with two other men. We ascended above the clouds and stood in two feet of snow ten thousand feet above the ocean. Had 20 Englishmen to look after last week. Get along finely with the Canal and Englishmen too. Yesterday wrote letters to R.J. & C.S. King.

November 7, 1852. Snowing and raining all day. Canal progressing finely. British all feel lively and work well. I am going to meeting this evening, and I intend to see some pretty Mormon girl home or get the mitten, that so. Ten o'clock in the evening. Got the mitten by thunder. Ten thousand wolves about our camp howling as though H—I had broken loose. My Mormon friend R.W. Wolcott was married to Miss --- two weeks ago today. I have not heard from home yet. Dreamt of home, and of a regular time, a perfect heaven of a time, with my two cousins Eliza Ann and Mary Jane, but I awoke this morning to myself one thousand miles from anywhere and several thousand miles from those two kind friends. Ah well.

November 16, 1852. One week has passed since I have written any in this little book. I am one week nearer Eternity, and no nearer Cal. than when I wrote before. I oftener think of the latter than the former place. I am quite unwell, and don't know but I may start for heaven sooner than



CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME!

for Cal. If I do shant pack nor drive an ox team, that's so. It is raining today and I have nothing else to do but think of the girls in Ohio, (heaven bless them) and after thinking awhile I think that I think all the world of them but when I compare them with a little Angel who lives here and think how clever she is to me, I find I don't like the Ohio girls at all. Such is human nature. I don't know what may happen. I wish I did. I have known men to marry three or four women all at once here. Query, would it be right for me to marry one?

November 24, 1852. Climbed the mountain, wrote letters, and attended meeting in the evening.

November 28, 1852. Wrote to C.S. and Ira King. I have received no letters yet.

December 5, 1852. Had a heavenly time with the girls last night, feel first rate today. Storming.

December 12, 1852. Attended church.

December 16, 1852. Two men killed by an avalanche, more unknown.

December 19, 1852. Attended church today. Stayed with Mr. Peirce.

December 22, 1852. Company dispersed from canal today.

December 23, 1852. Laid in camp, the snow 18 inches.

December 25, 1852. Took a sleigh ride. A merry Christmas this, good sleighing.

December 26, 1852. Attended church, heard Governor Young speak.

January 1, 1853. Worked all day. Rainy. Rather gloomy for a new years holiday.

January 2, 1853. Spent today in reading and writing and thinking of the girls at home. Don't see why they don't write to me, they said they would. I wonder if my friends in Ohio had a merry Christmas and a happy commencement of a new year. I hope they did. Again I wonder what they would think if they knew that I had camped out from September until Christmas in a hut as far north as Ashland county, Ohio. Part of the time the snow from 18 to 20 inches deep.

January 9, 1853. Spent the day reading.

January 16, 1853. Spent today copying journal and reading, studying philosophy D.C. Nothing from home yet. It is useless for me to think of home and friends so much. They don't think of me. I don't expect any letters.

January 26, 1853. Left Great Salt Lake City for Toole Valley. Spent one month there and returned to the City.

March 1, 1853. Took a bath in Great Salt Lake. Water very cold, found myself a Joe Smith. I could walk on the water too. I soon found my heels out and head under and my eyes full of salt.

*\* To be continued with the final journey on to California.*

*In April 2005 Rita Kopp purchased an*

## United Brethren Church at Lafayette, 1873

*original copy of the church records of the United Brethren Church at Lafayette [now Red Haw], Perry Twp., Ashland County, Ohio. A photocopy of these records is in the Genealogy Room of the Ashland Public Library.*

"The Lafayette United Brethren congregation in the northern part of Perry Township was also served by Revs. Crubaugh and Rev. Dillon in the 1860s. Hill sets the organization date as 1856. Local preachers, Rev. Obadiah Jenney and Rev. Stock occasionally gave sermons. The group is made up of Pennsylvanians who speak German and conform to the original Dunkard faith. Mr. Snowbarger, a man of wealth, donated the church building. In 1880, there were about 40 members." [Ashland County, Ohio



*Church Records, Volume I, by Thomas Stephen Neel, 2000, page 14.]*

Lafayette March 21 1873 Meeting of church trustees: "First a new addition of ten feet to the house making the house 30 by 45 feet One 30 foot Sill & plate to be hewed 2 ten feet [---?---] 10 feet by 30 of new floor. Floor to be of oak. The new floor to be raised 6 inches higher than the other part of the floor. With a rostrum raised Inches for the Pulpit the new part to be finished ready for the plastering The new part to have a [---?---] with the [---?---] are work attached Balance of the timber to be Sawed. New Roof Pine Shingles New Siding with Rail Road Cornish. 8 Windows Light 10 by 22. 12 lights per window with weights for the windows Station-

ary Blinds with Slats 2 New doors with ovel [sic] moulding Ovel Moulding on the windows. House to be wainscoted up to the windows Lining to be put on up and down. The house to be well Sealed with [---?---]. Pews to be of Popular or Pine House to have a Belfry like the Belfry on the Pleasant Grove house Belfry to be ceiled overhead. All the Lumber in the old house that is Suitable to be worked in Carpenter work to be done in a workman like manner Job to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1873." Trustees: Peter Smith, M. S. Smith, J. C. Albright, Hugh Hamilton, Henry Johnson, pp. 17-18.

"We the undersigned agree to pay the sum annexed to our names for the purpose of repairing the United Brethren [sic] Church [sic] house of Lafayette, Ashland Co., O. Said sum to be paid as follows



N. Kochenderfer  
 P. Evans [?]  
 Elivr [?] Emmons  
 Frank Myers  
 George Greg  
 Adam Maurer  
 Henry Zimmerman  
 E--- [?] Rauch  
 E. J. Spreng  
 M. R. Smalley  
 Simen Cline

John Emmons  
 Elizabeth Shutt  
 John Crites  
 Kate Zeelman  
 Philip Shutt  
 Cassius Evens  
 Curtis E. Kiplinger  
 Elizabeth Switzer  
 Barbary Hoenshiel  
 John Weaver  
 Virgil Bryan

David Switzer  
 H. M. Livingston  
 Ida Kiplinger  
 Susan Shutt  
 Mrs. H. Felger  
 Hartman Shidle  
 Samuel Kerr  
 Daniel S. Hoover  
 Elijah Ebert  
 Elmer Helman

## Solomon Vail House

*This article appeared in the New London Record newspaper in the issue for 8 Apr 1875, page 3.*

“During the thunder storm on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the house of Solomon Vail, Mifflin township, Ashland Co., was struck by lightning and some of the rafters completely converted into kindling wood. Nobody was injured.”

*This continues the records of Andrews Post, Grand Army of the Republic. This article has been printed serially throughout 2004 and 2005 issues.*

BELL, Hiram, Sergeant, age 53, born Ashland County (then Richland) Ohio; mustered in Sep 1861 in Co. A, 64<sup>th</sup> OVI, mustered out Jan 1864; also 3 Dec 1865 by expiration of term; mustered into GAR 6 May 1891; a second muster in the year 1904 at age 67; mustered out by death 3 Jan 1918; occupation, laborer or railroad [Note: Pension records at NARA indicates that Hiram Bell was 5'7 1/2" tall, black hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion, 2<sup>nd</sup> muster in GAR Apr 1899; soldiers certificate #343978 Can #7142, Bundle 27; original pension dated 22 Jun 1885 case #343100 – information from Todd Fraser, Loudonville OH].

FLAHARTY, Patrick, Musician, age 58, born Kelly, Ireland; mustered in 7 Jun 1861 in Co. G, 23<sup>rd</sup> OVI; mustered out Jul 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR on 21 May 1890; occupation, laborer.

COKE, Milton, Corporal, age 53, born Dalton OH; mustered in 7 Sep 1861 in Co. E, 3<sup>rd</sup> OVI; mustered out 3 Oct 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 21 May 1890; occupation, farmer.

## Andrews Post GAR

SHELDON, Luther, Quarter Master Sergeant, age 55; born Michigan; mustered in 17 Sep 1862 in Co. B, 7<sup>th</sup> MI Cavalry; mustered out 15 Dec 1865 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 6 Jul 189; occupation, real estate.

HUGHES, James, Sergeant, age 69; born Beaver Co PA; mustered in 2 May 1864 in Co. E, 163<sup>rd</sup> OVI; mustered out 10 Sep 1865 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 18 May 1892; mustered out by death 30 Jun 1895; occupation, farmer.

SACKETT, Clark D., Landsman, age 47; born Ashland OH; mustered in 3 Jan 1865 on USS Red Rover; mustered out 27 Jul 1865 by medical order; mustered into GAR on 7 Sep 1892; occupation, physician.

SOULE, Warren; mustered into GAR 31 Dec 1892; mustered out by death 31 Dec 1894 [no other information given].

SPANDIS, Hasy; mustered into GAR 31 Dec 1892 [no other information given].

BROTHERS, John, Private, age 62; born OH; mustered in Apr 1861 in Co. M, 16<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out Jul 1861 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 7 Sep 1892; occupation, laborer.

WEAVER, Henry, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., age 54, born PA; mustered in Aug 1862 in Co. F, 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa; mustered out 9 Dec 1864 disabled; occupation, farmer [no GAR dates].

RADGLEY, Benjamin, Corporal, age 50; born Jeromesville OH; mustered in 1 Nov 1862 in Co. B, 102<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out Jul 1865 with expiration of term; mustered into GAR 4 Feb 1885; occupation, merchant.

ENCK, Joseph, Private, age 42, born Lancaster PA; mustered in 26 Jul 1861 in Co. A, 99<sup>th</sup> PA; mustered out 1 Aug 1864 at close of war; mustered into GAR 7 Apr 1886; second muster in on 9 Mar 1893, age 50; occupation, machinist; says “1<sup>st</sup> Ap of GAR.”

STAUPP, H. S., Private, age 56, born Lancaster PA; mustered in 2 Oct 1862 in Co. I, 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI; occupation, carpenter [no GAR information].

TOMPKINS, Owen, Private, age 50, born PA; mustered in Aug 1861 in Co. D, 4<sup>th</sup> PA; mustered out 1 Sep 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 25 Nov 1892; occupation, shirtmaker; note says 14 Aug 1861 in 82<sup>nd</sup> PA, Co. H; re-enlisted Sep 1864, under name Owen Thomkiss.

HEMMINGWAY, Geo. B., Private, age 35, born NY; mustered in 18 Aug 1864 in Co. B, 179<sup>th</sup> NY; mustered out 22 Jun 1865, disabled; mustered into GAR 20 Dec 1893; occupation, hotelkeeper.

NIFFNER, David, Private, age 62, born Ashland Co OH; mustered in 20 Sep 1862 in Co. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> IL Light Artillery; mustered out 21 Jun 1865 by General Order #64; occupation, retired merchant [no GAR dates].

BOFFENMIRE, David R., Private, age 51, born Ashland Co OH; mustered in 20 Nov 1861 in Co. H, 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 2 Dec 1864 at expiration of term; occupation, farmer [no GAR dates].

STURGES, Alfred, Private, age 57, born Chester Co PA; mustered in 25 Aug 1862 in Co. F, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 16 Jul 1863, disabled; mustered into GAR 20 Jun 1894; occupation, farmer.

CUMMINGS, Wm., Private, age 54, born Adams Co PA; mustered in 19 Oct 1861 in Co. K, 107<sup>th</sup> PA; mustered out 9 Jan 1865 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 21 May 1894; occupation, laborer.

SWARTZ, Joseph, Private, age 39; born Rowsburg OH; mustered in 10 Sep 1861 in Co. C, 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 28 Sep 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 31 Dec 1894; occupation, merchant.

RAIL, Benjamin, Private, age 60, born Lancaster Co PA; mustered in 6 Feb 1865 in Co. E, 107<sup>th</sup> PA; mustered out 13

Jul 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 6 Feb 1895; occupation, farmer.

BYRD, George, Private, age 53, born Holmes Co OH; mustered in 10 Sep 1861 in Co. C, 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 30 Sep 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 2 Jul 1895; occupation, farmer.

STENTZ, Edward, Private, age 59; born PA; mustered in Jul 1862 in Co. B, 102<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out at close of war [no date]; mustered into GAR 3 Jul 1895; occupation, plasterer.

STROUP, P.B., Corporal, age 47; born Medina Co OH; mustered in 7 Aug 1861 in Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 4 Feb 1863, disabled; [no GAR dates]; occupation, clergy.

CASSEL, Frederick, Private, age 60; born Ashland Co OH; mustered in Sep 1861 in Co. E, 10<sup>th</sup> IL Cavalry; mustered out Dec 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 5 May 1895; occupation, farmer.

KUPP, Samuel, Private, age 55, born OH; mustered into 21<sup>st</sup> OVI [no company or dates]; mustered out with expiration of term; occupation, hardware.

STUBBS, J.D., Lt. Brev. Colonel, age 77, born PA; mustered in 16 Aug 1861 in 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI [company not given]; mustered out 7 Aug 1867 with expiration of term; mustered into GAR 5 May 1895; occupation, retired.

IRVIN, J.C., private, age 52, born Crawford Co OH; mustered in 31 Oct 1861 in Co. C, 65<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 14 Dec 1864 with expiration of term; mustered into GAR 30 Jun 1893; occupation, blacksmith.

HART, Adam, Private, age 56; born Wooster OH; mustered in 16 Sep 1861 in Co. C, 16<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 31 Oct 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 30 Jun 1893; occupation, carpenter.

ECKERMAN, D.C., Private, age 43, born OH; mustered in 21 Aug 1862 in Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> IA; mustered out 20 Jun 1865 at

expiration of term; no GAR muster date, but transferred out 8 Dec 1894; occupation, clergy.

SLOANE, S.H., Private, age 55, born PA; mustered in 13 Aug 1863 in Co. K, 148<sup>th</sup> PA; mustered out 1 Jun 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 3 Aug 1899; occupation, farmer.

BAILEY, H.A., Private, age 61; born Ashland OH; mustered in 11 Aug 1862 in Co. B, 102<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 30 Jun 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR on 3 Mar 1904; occupation, insurance.

EMERY, F.M., Private, age 68, born Ashland OH; mustered in 25 Aug 1862 in Co. F, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 7 Apr 1865 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 7 Apr 1904; occupation, carpenter.

LEBY, G.M., Private, age 64, born Ashland; mustered in 1864 in Co. A, 47<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 1864 at expiration of term; mustered into GAR 18 May 1905; occupation, carpenter.

EWING, Samuel G., Private, age 70, born Ashland; mustered in 3 Feb 1862 in Co. E, 54<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 25 May 1865 at close of war [no GAR dates]; occupation, farmer.

GIRRER, Andrew, Private [no age given], born Wayne Co OH; mustered in 16 Aug 1862 in Co. H, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 16 Oct 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR in Dec 1878 [no occupation given].

OWENS, Levi, Private [no age], born Polk OH; mustered in 25 Mar 1861 in Co. G, 23<sup>rd</sup> OVI; mustered out 26 Jul 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 30 Mar 1888; occupation, laborer.

HARTSEL, John, Private [no age], born Wayne Co OH; mustered in 15 Aug 1862 in Co. B, 102<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 4 Jul 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 15 Mar 1887; occupation, farmer.

MICHELSON, Benjamin, Private [no age], born Wayne Co OH; mustered in 4 Dec 1863 in Co. D, 9<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 20 Jul 1865 at close of term; mustered into GAR 18 Nov 1884; occupation, farmer.

KAUFFMAN, John, Private [no age], born Switzerland; mustered in 15 Feb 1863 in Co. A, 196<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out 16 Sep 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 1 Jan 1884; occupation, blacksmith.

DAVIDSON, Wm. H., Private [no age], born Polk OH; mustered in Apr 1861 in Co. H, 42<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out Apr 1864 at close of war; mustered into GAR 12 Sep 1882; occupation, farmer.

OWENS, Harrison, Private [no age], born Polk OH; mustered in Mar 1864 in Co. G, 23<sup>rd</sup> OVI; mustered out Jul 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 12 Sep 1882; occupation, farmer.

NETZ, Samuel, Private [no age], born Summit Co OH; mustered in May 1862 in Co. B, 87<sup>th</sup> OVI; mustered out Sep 1862 at close of war; [no GAR date]; occupation, farmer.

PIFER, Samuel, Private [no age or any other information provided].

BRYON, John F., Private [no age], born Polk OH; mustered in Aug 1862 in Co. K, 102<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out Jun 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 27 Dec 1881; occupation, farmer.

RALSTON, James A., Sergeant, age 62, born Dalton OH; mustered in 7 Feb 1862 in Co. E, 82<sup>nd</sup> OVI; mustered out 27 Jul 1865 at close of war; mustered into GAR 6 Dec 1906; occupation, pension agent attorney.

To be continued in the *Pastfinder*.

## EARLY MATHEWS/MATTHEWS FAMILY IN RICHLAND AND ASHLAND COUNTIES, OHIO

Louise Mathews Harris (PO Box 184, Jameson MO 64647) sent in this narration of her efforts in tracing the Mathews family as a tribute to her parents. Writing these memories came about from a remark made by a niece, Colleen, who said that a bunch of dates and names on a family tree didn't mean much unless readers could know something about the people.

The research on my father's,

Charlie Mathews', parents and siblings began with the red picture album we treasured. It contained pictures of his father, Nicholas, and his youngest brother, Benjamin, and his four sisters: Mary Humbert, Belle Otto, Clara Paullin-Wyman and Jenny Ewing. There were other pictures of Maurer and Worley relatives and a few we didn't know. It was my sister, Lotta, who remembered our dad's mother was named Angeline Sigler. She had died when dad was a

little boy between seven and eight years old. We knew they had lived in the town of Mifflin, Ohio, and dad was born there in 1866. I asked my brother "Hank" (Frank/Franklin) if he knew our grandfather Nicholas Mathews' occupation? I thought it was probably farming. He said after some thought, "No, he was a blacksmith." This was in 1983. Unfortunately Hank died that year and never knew about the proof I would find later from the 1850 Federal census. He would have enjoyed

the search. One time he said he always sat spellbound "listening to those 'old codgers' telling early day stories."

By reading the "Genealogical Helper," I got the address of the Ashland County Chapter of O.G.S. and their "Pastfinder" quarterly. By sending a "query" I received a copy of the 1850 Federal census for Milton Twp., Ashland Co., which listed for the first time all members of the household by name, gender, place of birth, year of birth and occupation. It was a surprise to find the household of John Mathews born 1775 in Pennsylvania with Isabella, Frederick, Nicholas and Mary. Frederick was listed as "school teacher" and Nicholas as "blacksmith" on this 1850 census. With this census, we have the names of Nicholas' father, mother, brother and sister. More research gives us Nicholas' and Angeline's marriage and names and dates of their children. When I noted Nicholas and Angeline had named their second daughter Isabel, (later called Belle), I thought it was okay to assume "Isabella" on the 1850 census was the wife of John. Some followed the custom of naming after a grandmother.

After Nicholas and Angeline were married, a census shows them living in Vermillion Township and he carries on the blacksmith trade. That township is also the home of Henry Sigler – Angeline's family.

I am not sure just which year Nicholas moved his family to the village of Mifflin, but he purchased lots in the village and had a blacksmith shop there. His wife, Angeline, died in Mifflin on March 24, 1874 at age 38 years, 11 months and 11 days of "ulcerated stomach" [Vol. 1, p. 60-61, Ashland Co Death Records]. This record, among others, spelled Mathews with a double "t". She is buried in Hayesville Cemetery. This spelling differs from a copy of their marriage record in which we see Nicholas in his own handwriting spelled "Mathews," with one "t".

The village of Mifflin was called "Petersburg" when it was first laid out. It is on the old state road from Wooster to Mansfield – later called U.S. Auto Route 30. The Mathews Blacksmith Shop faces this road. In 1880 the population was 250, according to Graham's History. In this history, Nicholas Mathews states to Mr. Graham, "I was born right here." Graham's History states there were three blacksmith shops and names Nicholas and Isaac Mathews as two and John Baker as the third.

In the early days, in the meadow south of the village, maneuvers of the militia's daily training were held. Nicholas Mathews was a member. [This fact was found in the Pastfinder.] This area had an abundance of streams and springs which led

to a number of grist mills. I found a connection to our Mathews and a grist mill in later research.

A trip to Ohio in June 1988 with my niece, Rose, took us to the Ashland County courthouse and a meeting of the genealogy group where we met Mary Beebe and Rita Kopp, who have helped me so much with this research.

Another day was spent in Hayesville, Ohio getting acquainted with Hazel (Sigler) Donelson who went with us to the cemetery to search for Nicholas and Angeline's burial site. Mary Beebe had provided me with a copy of the Sarah Copus Chapter D.A.R. cemetery readings done in the 1930s. We did not find it that day, but found most of the Henry Sigler family – Angeline Mathews' parents. The next day we took Hazel Donelson with us to Mifflin. She had arranged for us to visit with the town's historian, Gerry Cole. The Coles had contacted an elderly lady who had known the Mathews family. This Mathews family would be Floyd, son of Isaac and grandson of Nicholas and Angeline. The elderly lady didn't wish to meet Rose and me, but she gave us an old photograph of the Mathews Blacksmith Shop with three men and a horse and buggy. She couldn't identify the men by name, but they were "all Mathews." Mr. Cole told us the building is still standing. He mentioned the rafters were 12" x 12". There had been a fire at some time, but we got some interesting pictures.

A trip up the hill to the top of Mifflin Cemetery gave us pictures of the graves of Isaac Mathews and his wife Harriet (Barr) and their daughter, Emma. Stones to the right were for their son, Floyd, his wife, Ollie, and their daughter, Vera. There wasn't much in the village in June 1988, but we had delicious ice cream cones at the convenience store on Main Street. We noticed a wooden trough with water and heard there was a spring at the top of the hill, which had some connection to Mathews. It was easy for me to visualize my father, as a little boy, playing with brothers on that hillside.

When I compared this old picture with the tallest man in front of the blacksmith shop and the picture of my father, Charlie, when he was in his late 20s, I believe the tall man in the picture is Isaac (Ike) Mathews Charlie's oldest brother.

We were able to talk by phone to a Sigler descendant named Mary Kiplinger, who was a 90-year old music teacher, living in Ashland. Hazel (Sigler) Donelson was a big help and we corresponded for a few years. Apparently she passed away as I couldn't learn anything except her "phone was disconnected." We had met her nephew, Robert Sigler, and had heard from

Hazel about Hazel's brother, Paul, and Robert's deaths. Hazel was the granddaughter of Marion Sigler, our Civil War veteran.

While we were visiting in Hazel's home, I mentioned my dad had a "fiddle" he brought from Ohio to Nebraska and I liked to hear him play "Red Wing." She went to her piano and uncovered "Red Wing" sheet music. After we came home I had a letter from her. She was ecstatic – she had her Grandmother Sigler's old sewing machine and in one of the drawers she found a narrow book, which turned out to be a year-long diary written by her grandfather, Marion Sigler, in 1907. Hazel's nephew, Robert Sigler, made copies of it and mailed one to each of us – Rose and I. In this day-by-day account, Uncle Marion Sigler tells of visiting in Nebraska with his brother, Robert and Kate, Charlie Mathews, and "Wm. Henry Maurer on the Platte River." He also writes of being at his sister and her husband's (John Leisure) home in Iowa. The handwriting is excellent. He mentions fixing his niece, Maude (Sigler) Smith's organ. His trip included the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) convention at Kearney, Nebraska in 1907.

We were very disappointed in not finding Nicholas and Angeline's burial site. A visit with the cemetery custodian was helpful in that he showed us a pile of old sandstone markers, all badly deteriorated. He said records were non-existent. He did show us a much later stone in the old part of the cemetery with only "Mathews" at the bottom. This had no resemblance to the stone described in the 1930s reading by the D.A.R.

I wrote to Rita Kopp of the Genealogical Society and she made a trip to the cemetery with the D.A.R. book in hand. She located the lot description from their book and took a picture of the stone there. It obviously was a newer stone and there was no lettering on it except "Mathews". Since the lot location matched, she said it had to be the site of the original stone.

It was a while after this I found a little scrap of newspaper from Michigan that said Benjamin F. Mathews had died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wyman, in Mt. Pleasant, with burial to be in the Hayesville, Ohio cemetery. The year was 1917. I am speculating this new stone could have been placed on this lot if Benjamin is buried there – but no one saw to cutting dates or names. Ben was Charlie's little brother.

Charlie received a large silver watch sent by their sister, Clara Paullin-Wyman. Clara said "Benny's wish was that Charlie have it and pass it on to his (Charlie's) son, Franklin D. Mathews." This was carried out in later years. Dad carried the watch and wound it every night before



putting it in a little white glass jar with a lid that sat on a shelf. Alvah and Marge are keeping the little jar.

After Charlie left Ohio, he was never able to make the trip back. His oldest sister, Mary Humbert, visited him one summer, probably about 1907. She was a widow. Her home was Owasso, Michigan. Children lived there. She spent some time, too, at Grandma Maurer's home doing dressmaking. I saw her one time. She came through Nebraska in 1934 on the way to Eugene, Oregon, driving with her daughter, Ella, and Ella's friend. They only stopped briefly. She was a tall lady with snow-white hair. She was 78 years old, she told me. She had sent us her picture years earlier. Charlie's older brother "Elzie" (Ellsworth) Mathews stopped in Gibbon briefly during the early 1900s. Elzie had been to Montana checking on the land for homesteaders. He wasn't impressed with Montana or Nebraska and saw his cousin, Willis Sigler's family and his brother Charlie. This is mentioned in Marion Sigler's diary, too.

Charlie's sisters wrote letters to him always addressed "Matthews." I have a letter written to me from Aunt Clara Wyman. She had been the wife of Benjamin (Benny) Paullin of Mohican, OH. Their two children were Nelly and R.T. A picture of these children is in the red album. I don't know if Paullin died in Ohio or Michigan. In her letter to me, she mentions the loss of her daughter, Nelly, and that her son, R.T., has three sons. In recent years, I've found a letter that R.T. Paullin wrote to my mother, Verna. He says his mother, Clara Wyman, passed away May 8, 1931 and is buried at Mt. Pleasant, MI.

R.T. Paullin stopped in Gibbon, NE one day. He inquired about the Mathew family at a business place. It so happened my brother, "Bunny," was in the store at the time; our mother was living in McCook. R.T. was on his way to Oregon to visit relatives. Some fragile newspaper clippings and

a picture of a couple (Shepherds?) give a clue to R.T.'s sister's funeral.

Mary Humbert's family picture in the red album shows a young Mary and her husband, John, with their children: Bennett, Ella, Ralph, (Bertha)? The 1880 census show them in Wayne County, Plain Township. With the is shown "Elzie Matthews." They must have moved to Owasso, MI while John was living. The 1919-1920 Directory shows: Mary's address (widow of John W.) who married a Kirby and Wilson later; Bennett's address and occupation (meat cutter) is stated in the directory.

The red album contains a beautiful photo of a young woman taken in St. Louis. Lotta Dutcher identified this girl as Ollie Otto, daughter of Isabel (Belle). I was told Belle died of cancer.

Ellsworth (Elzie) was located in Newark, Licking Co OH. The only information on him came from a 1927 directory of Newark. "E.M. Mathews, Ellsworth Marion Mathews, on Route 8." The researcher found E.M. Mathews on tax lists for 1919, 1920 through 1927, always on Route 8. No cemetery record was found.

Jenny Mathews Ewing was the seventh and last child of Evangeline and Nicholas. She was about 2 years old when her mother died. The information I have about Jenny comes from two old letters she wrote to her brother, Charlie, in Nebraska. My mother, Verna, had kept the letters and they filled in some recollections my sister, Lotta, had about a move to the Ozarks of Missouri. In the letters, Jenny urged Charlie to move his family there. One letter gave travel directions for Charlie to follow to arrive at Lamar, MO, her post office. Jenny said, with her husband Eli Ewing's failing health, Charlie's sons would have plenty of work. The move didn't appeal to Verna and never happened.

Jenny and her husband, Eli, later divorced and she went back to the Hayesville, OH area. We learned from Hazel

(Sigler) Donelson that Jenny kept house for Uncle Marion Sigler after his wife Susan died. Jenny is buried in the Hayesville cemetery. Her stone reads, "Jennie Mathews, 27 May 1938."

Isaac, "Ike" was the oldest child of Nicholas and Angeline. Census lists him and his family in Mifflin, Ashland Co. Occupation - blacksmith. History says he was Constable (Sheriff) of Mifflin. This is how he is listed in 1915-1920 Directory of Ashland County:

"MATTHEWS, I.H. (Hattie) - 2 children, blacksmith, owns 34 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, Route 4, Ashland County, Mifflin, 28 (must mean lot number), has telephone."

"Ike" and "Hattie" are buried at the top of the hill, under a row of trees in the Mifflin Cemetery. There are six stones:

EMMA MATTHEWS, 25 July 1872 - 3 Nov 1899 (This must be the daughter of I.H. and Hattie Mathews)

MATHEWS, VERA, 29 May 1922 - 9 Jan 1918 (This was the daughter of Floyd and Ollie who died of diphtheria at age 6 years, 7 months, 10 days.)

MATTHEWS, OLLIE J., 1881-1966 (note spelling difference on child and parents)

MATTHEWS, FLOYD, 1880-1966

MATTHEWS, HARRIET E., 8 Jan 1857 - 17 Jan 1928

ISAAC H., 18 Feb 1854 - 14 Mar 1923

## 1939 Ashland County Death Index

*This is the second half of the 1939 list of certificate numbers for Ashland County death records submitted by member Jane (Bechtel) Fitting. Photocopies may be secured through the Ohio Historical Society or the Akron-Summit County Public Library. In addition, volunteers from the Chapter have made several visits to Akron and hope to place copies of actual Ashland County death certificates for selected years in our library collection.*

MEEKER Lemon 7152

MERCIER Domas Marie 13841

METCALF Kate (BUTLER) 63631

METZ [twin infant sons of Earl] 76513, 76514

MILLER Betty (STRAUSS) 35028

MILLER Charles Augustus 46453

MILLER Donald Harrison 13839

MILLER Lewis 13856

MILLER Mary Elizabeth (CRAIG) 40673

MILLER Susie Viola 63627

MITCHELL Dora Belle (STOCKDOER) 57652

MOORES Anna Maria (LORENTZ) 57633

MORR Madge (COLE) 40670

MORRIS Glenn 46458

MORRIS Joshua 57194

MORROW [Infant son of Cloyd] 57645

MOSHER Iva Leona (YOUNG) 57634

MOSHER Minnie L. (BERNHARD) 7172

MOTTER George R. 46452

MOTTER Lientitia (GORDON) 69936

MOWRY Elsie (CULLER) 28311  
 MYERS D. Nathan 40209  
 MYERS Francis Enoch III 69946  
 MYERS Ira Herbert 40683  
 NELL Mattie (MOWRER) 57651  
 NELSON Lucy Alma (CLARK) 21913  
 NEPTUNE Estella J. (GLADDEN) 76512  
 NEPTUNE Mary Elnora (McCLAIN) Dr. 35005  
 NEWMYER Joseph Gault 6669  
 NIEMAN Charles H. 57647  
 NORRIS Belinda (TOPE) 63617  
 OHASSON Ida May (HAZLETT) 69947  
 OHL Susan (CONN) 35031  
 PAGE Margaret Allice 40663  
 PAXTON LaFayette 28307  
 PEMBER Lillian (BURDICK) 52011  
 PENCE Howard Vaughan 35025  
 PETERSON Dora E. (SMITH) 40667  
 PINKERMAN Jasper Newton 57643  
 PITTINGER Rilda Ellis (MERCER) 21920  
 PLANK William 7174  
 POFF Sarah Satyes (LEWIS) 28304  
 POORMAN Marion Oscar 52017  
 PORTS Emaline T. 13847  
 PRIEST Ida M. 13842  
 RABY Elizabeth E. (ARNHOLT) 63611  
 RADER Anne (MANGER) 35014  
 RADER John David 7162  
 RAY Hazel Ellen (ILES) 13864  
 RAYMOND Frank J. 40672  
 REIFF Abraham 52024  
 RICHARD Jane Anne (MURRAY) 13857  
 RICHARDS Harold J. 13854  
 RIEBEL John A., 3<sup>rd</sup> 13862  
 RITTER Phillip 57635  
 ROBERTS Lena (WINBIGLER) 35012  
 ROBERTSON Harry R. 35027  
 ROGALL Maud B. (LITTLE) 52015  
 ROGERS Harvey 21929  
 ROORBACK Anna Mary (PALMER) 76519  
 RUPERT Harvey Floyd 7170  
 RUSH Donald Eber 13849  
 RYBOLT Erma (MARSH) 57644  
 SARDINE George 35009  
 SCHANWEKER Sherman Grant 63609

SCHUCK George W. 13848  
 SCOTT James Elza 40684  
 SCOTT Ova/Ora G. [male] 13870  
 SEMPLER Maurice Vinton 52010  
 SHANK David Edward 40688  
 SHAUM John 21916  
 SHAW William Thomas 35024  
 SHELLER Louis 46450  
 SHEETS Sarah Alma (MORR) 13869  
 SHOEMAKER William Newton 106  
 SHOUP James Irvin 7165  
 SHOUTD John 63610  
 SHREFFLER Robert 57648  
 SIGRIST John Frederick 63629  
 SIMOKAT John A. 57190  
 SIPE Maude Della (DUDTE) 21339  
 SISSINGER Ella Dora (WHITE) 69949  
 SISSON James William 69941  
 SITES Jennie (KOONTZ) 21909  
 SKOK Frank 63633  
 SLATER Elizabeth (BATDORF) 34563  
 SMALL Emily Catherine (COLIER) 7175  
 SMALLY Josephine (NELL) 40686  
 SMITH Christian Ludwig 63623  
 SMITH Jessie (SUTHERLAND) 21912  
 SMITH Mary Catherine (SHENBERGER) 40681  
 SNIVELY Pearl A. (KOPPERT) 103  
 SNODDY Irene Belle (BAUGHMAN) 21930  
 SOHN Barbara (MILLER) 21911  
 SOVINE Jennie (ORR) 63614  
 SPENCER Emma Carrie (LEHMAN) 21926  
 SPRANG Lewis W. 57632  
 SPRINKLE Ellie (SHEETS) 40210  
 STACKHOUSE Irene (MARKEL) 63626  
 STAFFORD Olive C. (BONEY) 57195  
 STEELE Alfred Amos 111  
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 STOUFER Faith Ann 7158  
 STRANG Michael C. 40664  
 STUMBAUGH Dorma Geraldine 28305  
 SUDEN Ethel Florence (REYHER) 21910  
 SWINDELL Olive D. (MICHEL) 21923  
 SWIRE/SWIRL Maggie (DITTMAR) 13851

TAYLOR George H. 35019  
 TEETER Della (HALE) 35026  
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 THOMAS Charles William 46447  
 THORNBURG Katherine Elizabeth (GRESHNER) 40682  
 THRESS Alta Zada (MAXWELL) 69942  
 TOOMEY Clara Elma (BOWMAN) 35017  
 TOWNE Ephraim 28309  
 TUCKER Charles M. 35015  
 UTTERBACK Ida Arora (CRAIG) 13840  
 VON HUEFNER Matilda (KOCH) 100  
 WACHTEL Mable Grace (APPLMAN) 28257  
 WALTON John R. 102  
 WEEDMAN Arvilla (LEIDIGH) 35033  
 WESTERN Vernon O. 40662  
 WESTOVER Herschel Curtis 13855  
 WHITCOMB Katherine (ZEHNER) 52025  
 WHITE Theodore Orlando 63630  
 WILEY Rena (WERTMAN) 13860  
 WILLIAMS William James 40671  
 WILSON Lorena (WIRICK) 13843  
 WISE Ella (CHASE) 116  
 WISE Sylvia Ann (HARTSEL) 52022  
 WOLF Emma Christina (KOPP) 69930  
 WOLLESON Emelia (ANDERSON) 69935  
 WOOLEY Sally Mae 57636  
 WORKMAN Andrew Jackson 52014  
 YOUNG Franconia Lavinia (BENDER) 98  
 YOUNG William 13846  
 ZIMMERMAN Anice Arvilla (KIPLINGER) 21918

### More Elephant Stories

Lois Wheeler sends the following from the *Ashland Times* of 30 June 1870:

“The elephant belonging to Campbell’s show, while passing over a bridge east of town, broke through, and the showmen had quite a time relieving him from his uncomfortable situation.

## Corn-Hog Reduction Contract Statements for Green Twp

This continues our series on those farmers in Ashland County who signed contracts under the 1934 Corn-Hog Production Adjustment Program. The series of numbers that follows each name stands for the number of acres in the farming unit, acres in corn for 1933, acres in corn for 1932, contracted acres in 1934, litters farrowed in 1933, litters farrowed in 1932, hogs produced for market in 1933, hogs produced for market in 1932, feeder hogs bought in

1933, and feeder hogs bought in 1932. This report on Green Township was submitted by Chapter member Shirley Boyd of Ashland.

John M. AYERS-120-26-21-7-6-3-43-22-0-0  
 Alva BOWEN-120-15-27-4-2-8-9-60-63-62-32  
 Perry D. BECK-252-32-37-9-3-11-10-75-78-0-0  
 David C. BAKER-102-30-32-6-2-6-6-41-44-0-0  
 Wayne L. BALLIET-170-22-20-5-2-2-14-15-0-0  
 Clarence L. BECK-100-18-19-4-5-4-56-26-0-0  
 Lewis BECK-80-10-14-2-5-4-4-28-21-0-0

Earnest F. CONRAD-170-24-25-5-2-7-10-60-0-0  
 Thomas L. CRONE-204(?) -35-33-6-5-6-7-10-30-0-0  
 S.E. DARR(?) -136-17-11-3-2-4-20-35-0-0  
 Henry A. DOLL-95-15-12-3-5-5-30-25-0-0  
 Chas. DUDTE-367-25-19-6-6-3-2-21-12-0-0  
 C.E. EMERICK-50-5-10-0-13-9-64-51-0-0  
 J.E. ERNSBERGER(?) -168(?) -16-5-15-5-3-2-4-3-23-17-0-5  
 L.B. ERNSBERGER-114-10-12-3-3-2-2-15-15-0-0  
 Gene ERNSBERGER(?) -42-9(?) -9-0-3-3-21-19-0-0

John T. FRANTZ-165-9-12-2.1-4-5-23-30-0-0  
 George FRAZE-130-30-25-10-11-11-62-63-0-0  
 Floyd E. FINLEY-188-36-59-9.5-9-18-60-135  
 J.M. GUTHRIE-100-23-17-4-4-4-37-32-0-0  
 A.N. GUTHRIE-90-20-12-3.5-4-4-37-34-0-0  
 Paul M. GROSSMAN(?)-120-19-18-4-3-6-17-46-0-19  
 Carl HUNTER-267-40-40-8-10-21-80-163-10-4  
 Ralph E. KICK-176-23-23-4.6-3-6-17-41-12-0  
 Carl KOCH-159-30-30-6-4-9-34-45-0-0  
 Geo. E. LONG-276-30-35-6.5-1-2-5-18-23-0  
 Margaret LEIBOLT-76-9-9-0-5-4-25-21-0-0  
 Vinton H. McCLURE-124-12-19-3.1-11-15-69-93-0-0  
 R.L. McMILLAN-80-9-9-0-2-2-15-17-0-0

F.E. MILLIGAN-77-18-17-5.2-2-9-5-0-0  
 John A. MUMPER-193-30-25-5.5-4-4-24-30-0-0  
 Will MURPHY-70-12-12-2.4-2-1-8-7-0-4  
 Herman W. MOTT-242-23-25-5-5-6-29-42-0-0  
 Gordon MARKS-410-60-55-17-11-12-76-82-0-0  
 John H. SMITH-60-11-10-2.1-4-4-24-25-0-0  
 Earl SHIPP-84-7.8-12-0-7-4-30-21-0-0  
 Charles F. SPRANG-160-20-21-4.1-7-8-43-53-0-0  
 Roy STANGER-26-12-10-3-8-3-53-24-0-0  
 Ralph A. SMITH-101-26-25-5.1-2-2-11-16-0-0  
 Walter G. SPRENG-90-11-11-2.2-1-4-7-33-30-17  
 Paul TUGEND-160-22-22-5.5-5-6-48-41-0-0  
 John M. WEIRICK-126-19-17-3.6-8-7-44-38-0-0

Walter C. WORKMAN-80-13-4.5-0-4-6-24-40-0-0  
 J.C. WELTMER-120-17.5-17(?) -5.1-5-9-34-42-0-0  
 John A. WELTMER-92-14.5-17.5-4-2-4-8-21-0-0  
 W.A. SIMMS-178-21-24-4.5-2-1-14-10-0-0  
 George A. SPRANG-146-20-20-4-0-0-0-0-22-0  
 Frank M. BYERS-131-23.5-24.5-4.8-6-6-45-33-0-0  
 Cleveland H. BOWMAN-87-17-16-4-2-6-12-57-0-0  
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1895 Ashland City/County Directory		\$14.00	
Ashland County 1870 Census Index		\$9.00	
Ashland County 1880 Census Index		\$10.00	
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Ashland County Death Records, Vol. 2, Part 1, 1880-1894		\$15.00	
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Ashland County, Hanover Township, Research Aid (NO DISCOUNT)		\$26.00	
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Ashland County, Ruggles Township, Research Aid (NO DISCOUNT)		\$26.00	
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Ashland: The City of Progress and Prosperity 1815-1915		\$18.00	
History of the Ashland Pioneer Historical Society		\$19.00	
Loudonville Newspaper Death Index 1903-1986		\$28.00	
Farm Journal Illustrated Directory of Ashland County 1915-1920		\$21.00	
Ashland County, Clear Creek Township, Research Aid		\$26.00	
Ashland County, 1847 Tax Book (COMPACT DISKETTE)		\$11.00	

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**Ashland County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society, PO Box 681, Ashland OH 44805-0681**

# THE PASTFINDER

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## Meetings

18 Oct—Rita Kopp will present a program on preserving artifacts through encapsulation. She will demonstrate the procedure.

15 Nov—First Families of Ashland County Banquet at Sally's at 1256 East Main Street in Ashland. Noel Watson will do a follow up on last years program on the progression of preserving the Ashland County barns. Guest may begin arriving at 6:00 PM with dinner to start at 6:30 PM. Reservations for the banquet must be in by November 1, 2005. The fee is \$15.00 for the meal. No telephone reservations will be accepted.

Dec—No regular meeting.

17 Jan 2006—We welcome our new slate of officers with a question and answer session on your genealogical problems.

21 Feb 2006—Show & Tell (bring your treasured family history possessions and brag!).

*Please join us at Friendlys after each meeting for conversation and a little ice cream. This is when we get the chance to visit with each other on a monthly basis.*

## Mailing Crew

Thanks to Gay and Kay Abrams for coordinating the newsletter mail crew.

## First Families

Looking for a First Families of Ashland County application? Just print it out from our web site. Click on the FFOAC link.

## Library Volunteers

13 Oct—Elsie Cook, 1-3 p.m., Thursday  
15 Oct—Connie DiOnne, 10-Noon, Saturday  
18 Oct—Rita Kopp, 5-6 p.m., Tues (MEETING)  
27 Oct—OPEN, 1-3 p.m., Thursday

01 Nov—Barb Hart, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday  
10 Nov—OPEN, 1-3 p.m., Thursday  
19 Nov—Nelda Maxson, 10-Noon, Saturday

06 Dec—Barb Hart, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday  
08 Dec—OPEN, 1-3 p.m., Thursday  
17 Dec—OPEN, 10-Noon, Saturday  
22 Dec—OPEN, 1-3 p.m., Thursday

## Web Site

The web site for the Ashland County Chapter OGS done by volunteer Sheila Helser is located at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohacogs/>

*The Ashland County Chapter OGS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and donations to the Society may be deducted at tax time. Your gifts help us buy books for the library, acquire speakers for our programs, and provide the means to publish our books. Our new digital equipment and imaging projects would not have been possible without your kind support. Please consider a gift above and beyond your annual membership fee. This helps us preserve the records left by our Ashland County pioneers.*