

when it was built. He went to Wooster High School ('47), Wooster College (BA '51), Central Michigan University (MA '57), and Michigan State University (PhD '69). Mary Jane Wallace (Jane) was born 24 February 1929 while her parents, along with her brother John, were on leave in New Concord, Ohio, from the Presbyterian mission post at Maipuri, India. Jane grew up in India, returning to Ohio in 1944. She was educated at Woodstock School in the foothills of the Himalayas, attended Wadsworth High, Wooster High ('47), Wooster College (BA '51), and took a year of graduate work at Central Michigan University.

Jane's mother, Gertrude (Martin) Wallace died in India in 1944. Her father was remarried in 1949 to Clara Mariner, a long time mission worker. The two eventually retired in Wooster and became very active in community service.

On 10 June 1950, Jane Wallace and Jim Anderson were married in the beautiful old college chapel with Jim's father and Pastor John Kindsvatter officiating. The new couple moved to the farm west of Wooster where they ran the family dairy farm for several years. They moved to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, in 1955 where both earned teaching certificates, then settled in Midland, Michigan, for the next thirty plus years. Jane taught elementary school for twenty-five years. Jim was a teacher, then a principal in Midland before accepting a position at Michigan State University where he taught for twenty-five years.

Elizabeth Ann is the oldest of four children born to Jane and Jim Anderson. Elizabeth (Beth) was born in Wooster on 11 August 1952. She married Dennis Driscoll. They live with their three sons, John, James, and William in Midland, Michigan, where both are teachers.

James Anderson VII (Scott) was born in Wooster on 5 October 1954 and married Paula Wood. They lived in Maryland for a year before moving to Maui, Hawaii, where Scott teaches and Paula works in a restaurant.

John Wallace Anderson was born on 1 April 1956 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He married Betsy Stebbins and they spent two years in Sierra, Leone, West Africa, as Peace Corps volunteers. They live on the farm on Munson Road south of Moreland, Ohio, with son Sam and daughter Marybeth. John works in the Poultry Science Department at O.A.R.D.C.

Katherine Laura (Laurie) Anderson was born in Midland, Michigan, on 10 September 1958, and lives in Columbus, Ohio, where she teaches school and works in the public library.

Summerhill, the farm-for-the-whole-family, was purchased in 1982. Located by Munson's Knob above the Killbuck valley in Franklin Township, the farm is the summer home and eventual retirement occupation for Jim and Jane, and the summer gathering place for the family. John and Betsy live there year around and several other family members plan eventually to move back to Wayne County and build on the farm. - James Anderson

Raymond R. and Marjorie R. (Houard) Armstrong

Our household is one whose history has been intricately and wonderfully intertwined with the story of Wayne County for more than one-and-one-half centuries. Through our great-grandfathers of years past, our lives in the present, and our great-grandchildren in the future, our family and Wayne County have grown and prospered together.

The account began when Captain Thomas Armstrong (born 8/22/1776) first visited Wooster while serving under General Beall during the War of 1812. (This was my husband's great-great-grandfather.) He and his wife settled the family here after the war, where they raised ten children. Thomas was active in politics, being a member of the Whig party. His interest and influence was also seen in his contribution to the founding of the Wayne Presbyterian Church in 1840. At his death, two years later, he was the first person buried in the adjoining church-yard.

The youngest of Thomas' ten children was named Calvin (6/3/1826-4/21/1901). He continued his father's example of farming and being active in politics and the local church. (A biography of Calvin and his father is included in the *Biographical Record of Wayne County*, published in Chicago in 1889 by J.H. Beers &



Raymond and Marjorie Armstrong 50th Wedding Anniversary — August 29, 1973

Co.) Calvin married Mary McKee in 1847 and had four children.

The first-born son was named Thomas Albert, commonly called T.A. He lived from 1849-1930, having three children: Lewis, Vinnie, and Hugh.

Hugh (1872-1956) was married in 1900 to Mae Wiles. In preparation for his bride, he constructed the residence at 1639 Armstrong Road. (Hugh's great-great-grandchildren currently reside in his home.) Hugh and Mae had one child, Raymond Reed.

While the Armstrong family was progressing in Canaan Township, the Houard family had settled in Paint Township. David Houard, in 1825, became the first Frenchman to live in Paint Township, relates *Douglass' History of Wayne County*. In a seventeen-week trip from Canton Berne, Switzerland, David and his new bride Mary Ann Rosalie emigrated to Wayne County. They purchased 160 acres of land in Paint Township in May, 1826 for a price of \$675. The first winter they lived in a crude log house of two rooms (which included space for the family cow and calf!) Mr. Houard was a cutler by trade. He kept a diary and enjoyed collecting relics. He had at least two children; sons David and Daniel.

Daniel Houard continued to reside in Paint Township until his death about the year 1925. He had six children: Emma, Mary, Samuel, Alfred, Jules and George.

Samuel E. Houard (5/26/1871-2/27/1965) lived his entire life in Wayne County. He was married to Esther Ellen Bushey (3/2/1876-5/8/1962) on October 4, 1900. After several locations when the children were young, the family settled in a home on Friendsville Road where they lived for 40 plus years. Samuel and Esther raised six children: Mabelle, Marjorie, Dorothy, Hazel, Verna and Charles. Early remembrances by Marjorie Ruth (July 4, 1903) include seeing Haley's Comet in 1911, and the first family car purchased in 1917 for \$360.

On August 29, 1923, the histories of the Armstrong and Houard families were united at the wedding of Raymond Reed and Marjorie Ruth. (Their courtship had begun the previous winter at a box social at Wayne School. Marjorie's box, containing sandwiches, cookies and cake and decorated with ribbon, brought the highest bid that evening!) Raymond and Marjorie set up house on the family farm. Three children were born to them: John Raymond (Dec. 9, 1926); Richard Calvin (Jan. 5, 1928), and Betty Jean (Oct. 5, 1930).

There were many dramatic changes occurring on the farm during these years. In 1934, electricity arrived. Shortly afterward, the first radio, a cathedral-style table model, was purchased. In 1937 the family moved next-door to the larger family residence at 1777 Armstrong Road. Farm technology was progressing rapidly and agricultural specialization was becoming standard.

Raymond started a family poultry business in the early 1940's. A processing plant was constructed in 1960. At its height, the operation processed 200,000 turkeys and ducks per year.

The business is continued today on a limited scale by his son John. John graduated from Burbank High School in 1944, and married Gloria Ann Walters of Rittman on October 30, 1948. John served with the U.S. Army in Korea from 1955-57. John and Gloria have two sons:

Daniel John (August 13, 1957) and David Raymond (November 13, 1958).

Son Richard works for Federal Land Bank while tending to operate the farm work. He also graduated Burbank where both brothers enjoyed playing basketball and baseball. In 1949 he married Annabel Lou Hoc Rittman. Dick and Annabel have two children: Richard Allen (February 6, 1950) and Janice Ann (December 1951).

Daughter Betty also graduated from Burbank School, and was married to Lloyd (Hank) Ulrich on February 21, 1953. They also have two children: Kenneth Alan (August 12, 1956) and Karen Kay (March 29, 1957). Betty is employed as a secretary for Wayne M. Shop while her husband works at Akron Brass.

The family continues to be close-knit, with all children residing on property on the family farm.

Raymond and Marjorie have been very active Gideons Bible work for about forty years. They have various local and state offices. In 1944, they established the family at the Grace Brethren Church of Wooster.

The family today includes 12 great-grandchildren. From Thomas Armstrong, born in 1776, to the generation, begun in 1976, our family's history and lineage continues to intertwine with that of Wayne County. May it flourish for many years to come. - Marjorie Roxanne S. Armstrong

Robert A. and Roxanne S. (Fogle) Armstrong

The 1878 edition of the *Douglass' History of Wayne County* lists our great-great-great-grandfather the third settler in Canaan Township, Wayne County, Ohio. Since 1817 our family has continued to live on the farm, now in its eighth generation.



Robert A. Armstrong Family — 1984 L to R: Sharor, Kevin, Cindy, Mark, Roxanne.

Our early family history is recorded elsewhere in a book under the account of Raymond and Marjorie Armstrong, our grandparents. Having such a heritage made an indelible impression upon our family.

The family farm is currently under the ownership of Richard C. (1/5/1928) and Annabel Lou (9/29/1928). They worked in the family poultry business many years, but eventually found jobs in Wooster and worked at the Wooster Equity and more recently at the Federal Land Bank. Annabel worked at Wooster Co. and then Green Leaf Restaurant. There are currently five children in the family: Robert Allen (2/6/50) and Janice Ann (12/29/51).

In their free time, Dick and Annabel enjoy golfing, camping trips in their motor home, and spending time with their ten grandchildren. They are active at Grace Brethren Church, Dick having served as moderator for a number of years.

Daughter Janice graduated from Norway School and Ohio State University. On December 1971, she was married to Kenneth Sylvan Williams. They maintain a large hog and grain operation two miles north. Ken and Jan have six children: Melinda (11/26/76), Latacia Eileen (2/20/78), Jason (2/13/80), Matthew Elam (3/9/81), Joseph (4/9/83), and Zachary David (8/22/84).

Son Robert graduated from Norway High School and Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. He was married to Roxanne Sue Fogle (4/9/52) on October 7, 1955.

Capt Thomas Armstrong
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Monday and see York
regarding Probate records
Land Record Index

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CHAPTER II

U.S. PATENT GRANTS OF WAYNE COUNTY LANDS-WAYNE COUNTY DEED RECORDS

Expl: Date is date deed was signed; Patentee (H=land now in Holmes Co., A=land now in Ashland Co.); col. 6 is date, volume and page when deed was recorded. *=person is listed on 1820 census. 20 is date in the 1900's.

Date	Patentee	Twp.	sect	T-R	recorded	residence	assignee, if
24sp30	Adams, Elijah	Jac*	pnw25	23-15	90 121- 33	Wayne Co.	
14ja14	Adams, James	Sug*	ne10	16-11	49 278-570	Fayette, Pa	
15jn27	Akey, Robert	Sal*	ne13	15-12	22 193-288	Wash., Pa	
24jL19	Albright, Freem.	Chi	nw8	18-11	46 28-525		Wellhouse, G
18jL10	Albright, Henry	Pai	ne11	15-11	37 16-546	Tuscarawus, O	
19nv23	Alexander, Jos.	Fra*	nw26	15-13	20 2-175		Patterson, J
25jL20	Allen, James	Mil	pse9	18-12	36 15- 63	Trumbull, O	
12ag19	Ambrose, Peter	Pla	nw20	19-14	29 213-555	Wayne Co.	
19ap23	Anderson, John (A)	Jac*	se31	23-15	32 9-494	Center, Pa	
18oc4	Andrews, Peter	Pai	sw8	15-11	69 74-451		Snider, Adam
23ap1	Ansbach, Peter	Way*	se23	16-13	20 185-223	Stark, O	
18dc18	Armstrong, Robt	Sal*	nw1	15-12	89 118-229		Merriman, Wm
18dc18	Armstrong, Thos	Sal*	sw20	15-12	37 16-541	Wash. Pa	
18mr12	Armstrong, Thos	Con	se9	21-14	40 22-152	Wayne Co.	
23sp1	"	Can*	pse32	17-13	87 116-446		
18mr12	"	Way	se18	16-13	35 13-154		Sterner, Jn
30dc2	Arnold, Philip	Pla	pne32	19-14	91 121-207	Wayne Co.	
18sp10	Arnold, Samuel	Pai	ne5	15-11	20 2- 45	Somerset, Pa	
20jL10	"	Sug*	se32	16-11	24 3-461		Goudy, Wm
23my15	Ash, Jacob	Per*	sw28	22-15	43 24-200		Krick, Philip
17ja10	Ashton, Joseph	Woo	se27	15-13	17 1-193	Wash. Md.	
29mr6	Ault, Henry	Bau	pse18	17-11	02 145-512		
18fb21	Aultman, Jacob	Con	se34	21-14	02 145-472	Stark, O	
21jn3	Ausgin, John	Moh	pse24	21-15	47 22-495	Wayne Co.	
14mr25	Ayres, David	Pik*	ne14	18-14	38 17-653	"	
20mr31	Ayres, James	Gre	nw11	17-12	88 118- 43		Stauffer, Jn
33nv14	Badger, Thomas	Gre	pse35	17-12	79 100-659		
16mr14	Bailey, Wm	Way	sw21	16-13	19 1-545	Jefferson, O	
13oc4	Baird, Aaron	Moh*	sw13	21-15	16 1-165	Niagara, NY	
14my6	"	Pla	se19	19-14	" "	"	
19jn1	"	Moh	nw13	21-15	86 115-360	"	
23jn2	Baird, Andrew	Pik	se2	18-14	00 141-274		Bell, Simon
31ja4	Baird, Asa H.	Moh	pse24	21-15	07 154-581	Wayne Co.	
15ap7	Baird, Aaron	Moh	se14	21-15	78 1-327		
25ap22	Baker, Jacob	Pik	pse1	18-14	49 32-592		
* 30ja2	Baldwin, Alex	Con	pne5	21-14	30 8- 41		Kimes, Conrad
14ja14	Barkheimer, M.	Bau	se11	17-11	11 140-300	Wash. Pa	
24ap8	Barnes, James	Can	nw21	17-13	24 200-140	Monongolia, Pa	
16oc15	Barnett, Wm	Gre*	ne21	17-12	22 193-293	Green, Pa	
18oc7	Barnes, Uz	Can	ne8	17-13	29 215- 75	Monongolia, Pa.	
19nv23	Baron, John	Gre*	se11	17-12	25 3-520		Schrock, Jac.
18ag4	Barry, Wm	Can	nw8	17-13	38 17-690		Barnes, Uz
23ap1	Bartlet, Jacob	Sug	pnw35	16-11	87 116- 5	Tuscarawus, O	
34ag6	Battay, Joseph	Mil	pne28	18-12	89 118-354	Wayne Co.	
14nv22	Baughman, John	Gre	ne23	17-12	87 115-686	"	
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18ag4	Baughman, John	Bau*	ne20	17-11	70 75-536		McFadden, Ch
17sp3	"	Fra	se25	15-13	86 115-163		Lincoln, Mich
15oc3	"	Gre	ne14	17-12	27 206- 65		Stutzman, Dan

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Mrs. Anna Carver, Mrs. Zella Oller McAfee and Clyde Myers as members of a committee on arrangements.

George W. Spangler who was chairman of the committee on arrangements for Sunday's event, presided over the business meeting and conducted a short program. Among those who spoke were Newton Winter, Mrs. Flora Irvin Hough, Mrs. Della Oller Snell, Geo. I. Woner, Mrs. Belle McIlvaine, Mrs. Anna Sommers Anderson, Mrs. Sadie Myers, and Mrs. Belle Armstrong Wilson. Music was provided by Mae Hoegner

Armstrong and two of her professional students, Maria Maibach and Katherine Studer, of Sterling. They played electric guitars and accordion.

Mr. Spangler read an interesting history of the school, revealing that William Ewing was among the first settlers in Canaan township and that Simon Ewing, born May 19, 1816, was the second white child born in the township. The first was Charlie Rose, son of James Rose, who homesteaded the quarter of land now owned by David Armstrong, and on which the first school house was built, with James Buchanan, a Scotchman, as teacher.

Capt. Thomas Armstrong homesteaded the present Armstrong farm, where he died in 1842. He also became owner of the land just north, long known as the William Armstrong farm. William Armstrong in 1840 deeded 26 perches of land to the board of education, and on this land school No. 8 was built. In 1891 Harrison Armstrong deeded more land, eight-tenths of an acre, out of his farm, and on this land was built the two-room school which became a landmark in the community and which operated until centralization closed district schools in the community. J. W. McConnell and Martha Myers were the first teachers.

Entertainment

at Corners, O.

Y EVENING JUNE 12, 1874.

to commence at 7-30 P.M.

attendance, Twenty Cents.

Before me the subscriber a Notary Public in and for said County personally came William Rickel and Mar Rickel the Grantors in the foregoing Deed and acknowledged the signing thereof to be their voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

J. B. Keeler

Notarial Seal Wayne Co. Ohio Notary Public

Received and Recorded February 7th 1902 at 9²⁰ o'clock A. M.

Berrie C. Franks Recorder
per Lenora M. Schaffter Deputy

5540.

Deed.

1 United States

To

1 Abraham Sommers

2432

James Monroe President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents

shall come Greeting:

Know Ye That Abraham Sommers of Washington County Pennsylvania having deposited in the General Land Office a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Wooster whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the North West Quarter of Section twenty nine in Township seventeen of Range thirteen of the Lands directed to be sold at Wooster by the Act of Congress entitled

In attending to the sale of the bonds of the United States, in the Eastern part of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky River, and of the Steamboat of the same, I have reported, by the United States, into the said Abraham Morrison the quarter section of land and in the adjacent quarter section of land Morrison has her bond and assigns forever. In testimony whereof I have caused there to be made Patent and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed. Morrison has her bond at the City of Washington the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty third. By the President:

James McKim

Special Agent,

Commissioner of the General Land Office

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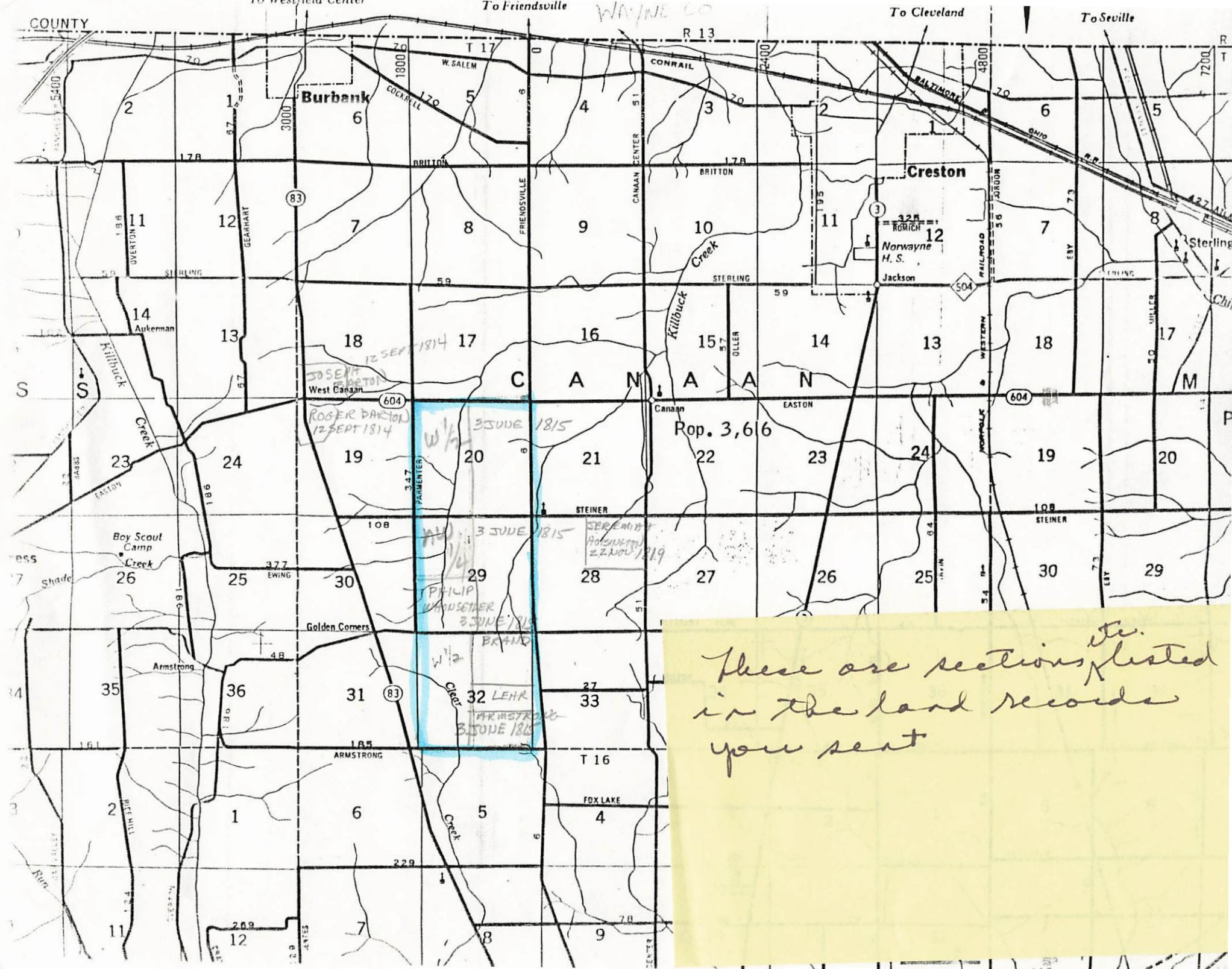
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CANAAN TOWNSHIP (Wayne Co, OH)

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no plat maps.
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Congress Land
Agent Thomas Ferguson

3 JUNE 1815

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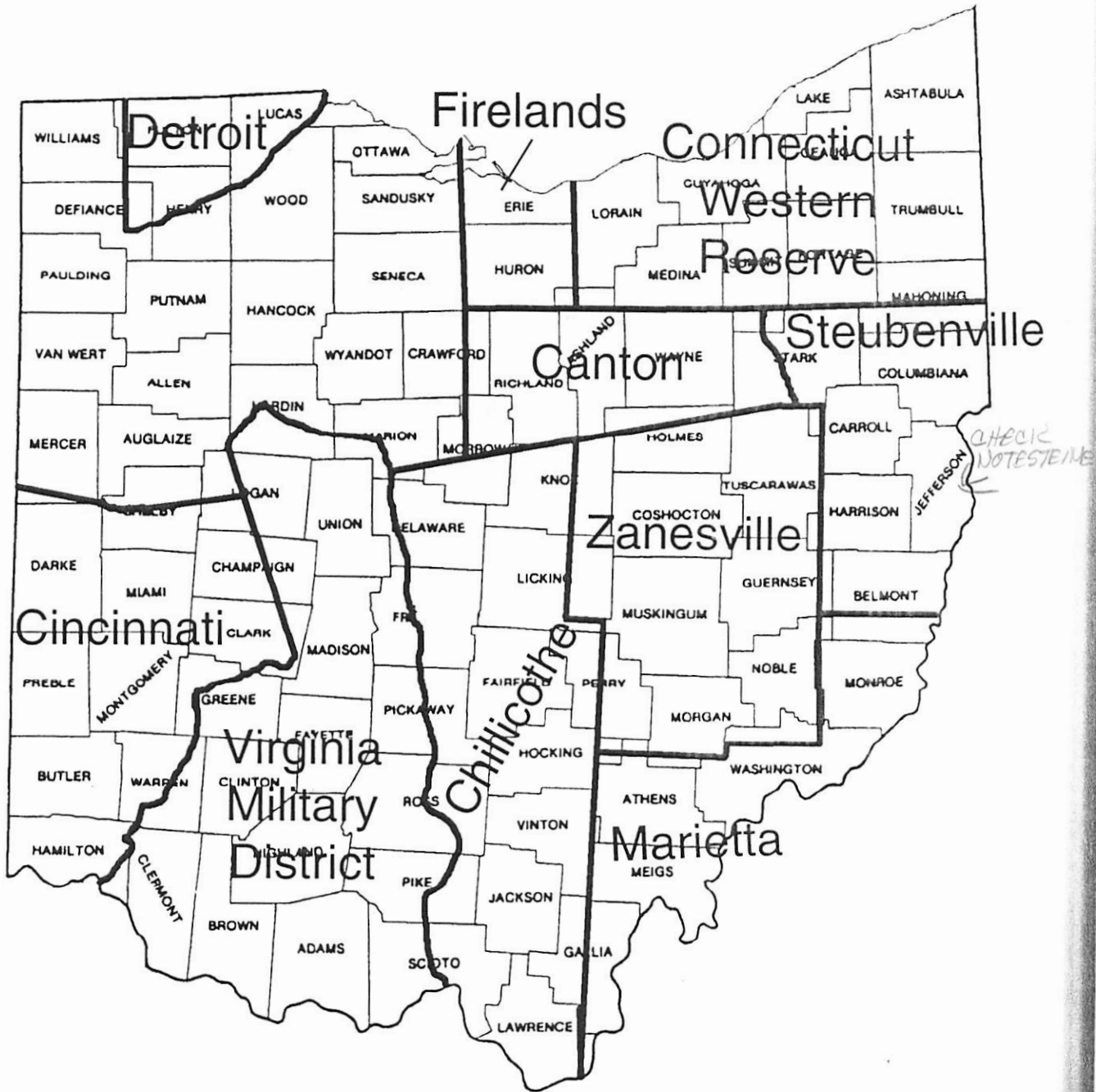
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Bibliographies and index.

1. Underdeveloped areas - Dictionaries.
I. Title.

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1808-1820

CHECK CANTON FOR
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The Canton land office opened 9 May 1808 and moved to Wooster 1 May 1816.

April 14, 1999

Dear Virginia,

My aunt and I have recently started researching our family history. We currently live in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 32, which is highlighted on the enclosed map. We have been told that Thomas Armstrong purchased this land in 1817. Our family has been here for 7 generations since, and we still farm this land.

Your name was given to us by Bonnie Knop at the Wayne Co. Public Library. She said you are a descendant of Abraham Sommers, and that you have done extensive research on his life.

We are looking for two things. First, ¹ a copy of the patent deed from the govt. to A. Sommers. ² Secondly, a copy of the deed transfer from A. Sommers to J. Armstrong. (We did not find these in the Wayne Co. Recorder's Office.) Thanks for any help you can give us on this puzzle.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Armstrong
(330) 345-6561



Mr. Robert Armstrong
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Wooster, OH 44691