

## A Visit to Carroll County Genealogical Library

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One day in August my husband and I drove to Carroll Co. After an enjoyable lunch at the Bluebird Restaurant we drove to the new Carroll Co. genealogical Library. We had not been to Carrollton for two or three years. What a surprise we had! The library is so very large.

I was looking for some volumes that were stored under the steps at the courthouse. We had found references to the settlement of Phillip Dayhuff's estate, but we did not understand what they meant at the time. I wanted to make copies of this material. The librarian on duty quickly found the volumes, but we found further references to another volume. About this time George and Helen Rankin appeared. We had met and corresponded with them before. When we explained our problem George started looking for our books. He went to the basement and found our volumes. Soon we had the copies of the material I wanted.

We went into the reading room and I began to search for an obituary. the obituary file had been reorganized. I soon learned that there was no obituary for the [person I was seeking. The Rankin's recommended I obtain a death certificate. I made arrangements to do this.

Mr. Rankin was looking at various family histories and found one that said History of the Beamer Family. I said, "Who wrote it?" You did, was the response. With that, a man seated at the other end of the table arose and introduced himself. He was Donald Beamer of New Philadelphia. He reminded me we had talked on the telephone and I had sent him his ancestry. George Rankin asked him who he was researching today and he replied he was researching his mother. It turned out that George had gone to school with her. All was quiet as we went on researching. Suddenly, Donald Beamer spoke up saying, I can now understand how you can get hooked on genealogy.

Don't put off writing up your family history. Place a copy in a library where people may research. You will be pleasantly surprised by who will contact you.

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## JOHN CARMAN VS MARY CARMAN

Be it remembered that here tofore to wit on the thirty first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five the complainant by his solicitor Stokely & McClave filed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court within and for the County of Carroll and State of Ohio his petition for Divorce in the words and figures following to wit. The State of Ohio Carroll County s.s. In the Supreme Court before October Term A.D. 1835. John Carman vs Mary Carman to the Honorable the judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio for Carroll County at their October Term one thousand eight hundred and thirty five-The petition and bill of complaint of John Carman of said county most respectfully presents that your petitioner heretofore to wit, on or about the twenty-eight day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, was lawfully married to the said Mary Carman in the County of Columbiana in said State, that from and after the period of the marriage aforesaid with the said Mary Carman your petitioner continued to live and reside with the said Mary Carman in said County of Columbiana performing all the duties and kind offices which a faithfull and affectionate husband ought to perform until on or about the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, when the said Mary Carman willfully and without any just casue whatever absented herself from the house of your complainant who there resided in New Lisbon in said County of Columbiana taking with her at the same time the principal part of the property of which your petitioner was possessed, that since that time she the said Mary has refused to live with your complainant being a space of time of about ten years, your complainant states also that he is advised the said Mary Carman has since she left your complainant been living and cohabiting in a state of adultery with certain persons whose name are not known to your petitioner, your complainant also states that the said Mary Carman was on or about the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two married to one Philander Adams in the County of Portage in said state that the since the time of the marriage aforesaid of her the said Mary Carman with him the said Philander Adams she has continued to live with him as if she was his lawfull wife, all of which is a plain violation of her marriage vows with your petitioner and by means of all which totally and grossly failing to discharge her duties as wife to your petitioner. In tender consideration whereof your petitioner there fore humbly prays that he may be divorced from his marriage contract with the said Mary Carman and that your honors by your sentence and decree will pronounce the marriage between your petitioner and the said Mary Carman to be dissolved for your petitioner and the said Mary Carman discharged from all obligations or liabilities from the same and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray. John Carman by Stokely & McClave his Solicitor and afterwards towit at the October Term and year aforesaid the casue was continued; And afterwards towit at the October Term one thousand eight hundred and thirty six the complainant appeared as will by his Solicitors as in his own person . This casue came on to be heard and tried at this Term, and notice of the pendency of the petition having been proved to the satisfaction of the Court, and that the parties were married as alleged in the petition, and that the said Mary deserted the said John and had been willfully absent from him more than three years previous to the commencement of this petition, it is ordered adjudged and decree that the said John Carman be divorced from the said Mary and that the marriage contract between them henceforth dissolved and held.

R. Wood, P. Judge

Daniel McCook Clerk  
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