

The Broom Brigade: Young Ladies Learn Drills

From the Circleville Union Herald, March 15, 1983

Upon a polite invitation from Col. C.E. Groce, the timid reporter of the Union Herald screwed up his courage and ventured into the drill room of the Circleville Guards to gaze upon the phantom whirls and clock-like military evolutions of the Circleville Broom Brigade. The Brigade is composed of 20 of our most prominent young ladies, every one of them good looking, and their aptness in learning the drill has called forth the unbounded admiration of all who have had the pleasure of seeing them. The drills which they are learning are the same as of a regular soldier, only their weapons are brooms; and it looks amusing in the extreme to see the ladies shut one eye and sight along the handle of their brooms when given the command, "Ready, aim."

In executing the manual of arms, the ladies have to be very careful how they swing the brooms around, as they are apt to become unmanageable and cause the manipulator considerable trouble. The ladies are becoming very proficient in the drill, and we can assure the public that when the time for the entertainment comes around they will have the pleasure of witnessing an exhibition of skill of the highest order. On Monday evening the ladies propose to meet with the Circleville Guards for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the soldiers drill.

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The appearance of the Presbyterian Broom Brigade at Peck's Hall last Thursday and Friday evening was greeted by a large audience and the ladies composing the company acquitted themselves in a manner to elicit the admiration of everyone present. After the regular program was completed, Fred L. Fickardt, on behalf of the ladies, presented Col. Chas. E. Groce, their captain, with a handsome diamond pin as a token of their high appreciation for his services. Col. Groce was unprepared for this happy event, but replied in good style.

The pin is of a most unique design, being in the exact shape of a broom and from where the stitches protrude in the wisp shine forth the rays of four delicate diamonds. The part played by the Awkward Squad was well rendered and elicited many complimentary remarks from the audience. They were drilled by Victor Davis and on Friday evening the boys perfected the burlesque by presenting their captain with a broom pin set in corals. This broom, however, cannot be worn to advantage as a breast-pin but would make a better paddle to fight bumble-bees with, and, no doubt, Victor will use it for that purpose.

A number of the ladies' brooms were sold at auction on Friday evening, which brought two, three and four dollars apiece. The entertainment netted a good sum for the church.

The Broom Brigade have announced the evening on which their entertainment is to take place. They will next appear at Peck's Hall on next Thursday and Friday evenings, the 29th and 30th of the present month, and it is safe to predict that a large audience will greet them on each evening. The drill of last Monday evening with the Circleville Guards was greatly beneficial to them and helped them to more thoroughly understand military movements.

Ed Wittich has composed a new march to be used by the Broom Brigade at their entertainment. It is called "The Circleville Broom Brigade March."

Captain A.L. Hamilton and Lt. Ben Friedman of Chillicothe came up this afternoon to gaze upon the fascinating movements of our Broom Brigade at Peck's Hall.

Turning Over the Sod

Taken from the Circleville Union Herald, October 26, 1877.

According to the announcement which had been duly circulated, a trial plowing match was had on the farm of Mr. Jacob Hitler last Tuesday. The piece of ground chosen was a field near the residence of Mr. Evan Philips. The plows competing were the sulky breaking pattern. Five different makes were represented as follows: the "Buford" by an agent from Columbus; the "Weir" by W.A. Wardell; the "Corr" by Charles Fultz; the "Gilpin" by Rutter and Wolfley; and the "Hughes" by the same. There was a very large attendance of farmers and others interested, and as the afternoon was a very pleasant one, and the ground in fair condition, the opportunity for a fair test of the merits of the respective machines was all that could be desired.

The judges who had been chosen to decide as to which did the most satisfactory work were Messrs. Jacob Ludwig, Jacob Hitler, and Eli Lutz, three of the oldest and best farmers in the county. Mrs Lutz was absent, having gone to Kansas. The other two were on the ground and witnessed the match, but owing to the absence of the third judge, and the difficulty in deciding as to which were really the best machines, they rendered no decision. The plows, with the exception of the "Corr," which had but two, all worked three horses, and cut furrows about 18 inches wide, and from 6 to 8 inches deep. They all did splendid work and satisfied most of those present that the sulky plow is the best thing out, economizing the horse-power and the work of the plowman, and doing better work than can be done with the ordinary plow.

Riegel
Family

Pickaway County Genealogical Society News Letter

A Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society

Lineage Record of the Family of Solomon Riegel of Laurelville, Ohio

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This record, taken from the old family bibles, and with the assistance of descendents of this grand old family, has been prepared in this year of 1945 by Arthur R. Markel, of Columbus, Ohio.)

On or about the year 1830, a young man named Solomon Riegel came to Southern Ohio from the Pennsylvania Dutch settlement near Hamburg, Berkes County, Pennsylvania. Of good health, sterling character, and great ambition, he was destined to be one of the forward pioneers of his time. From relatives, he heard of the fertile land to be found in the Fairfield, Pickaway-Hocking County region of Ohio.

He had not been here long until he found a worthy wife, Mary Magdalena Dunkel, who was born in a log cabin on the banks of Salt Creek in Pickaway County. They were married in 1834. After working for others for a short time, he moved to his first farm in Fairfield County, north of Amanda, Ohio. After several years he moved back to the Salt Creek Valley where he purchased a tract of land and it was here his activity as a builder really began.

He located at the junction of Laurel Creek and Salt Creek near the Pickaway-Hocking County line. He was the founder of the village of Laurelville, which was named after the shining laurel that grows so abundantly in this region. In due time he acquired a saw mill, a flour mill and a carding mill, which were propelled by water power from a dam in Laurel Creek. Later he erected and operated a general store, and it is estimated that during his career he erected at least a hundred buildings, mostly dwellings.

Both he and his wife were lifelong, faithful members of the Reformed Church, and they did much to foster religions and moral standards in their community. They were liberal contributors toward the founding of Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, and perpetual scholarships issued by that institution are still in the hands of their descendents. Both Solomon Riegel and his wife were endowed with a kindly disposition. They were just and

honest in their dealings and he was familiarly known as "Old Boss Riegel."

During their life there were blessed with eight children, most of whom were farmers. George Riegel was a merchant and Harvey a lumber manufacturer. Their children came to maturity in the period following the Civil War and they all knew the meaning of hard work. During the panic times of the 1880's some of them suffered financial reverses and moved their families to other states where their children have since remained. Their youngest, Mrs. Emma C. Rush, still survives and lives in Laurelville. At the time of making this record she is 89 years of age.

Solomon and Mary Riegel have left a lineage that at this time numbers two hundred descendents. Many of them have distinguished themselves in their various walks of life and the service of their country. This record has been compiled in grateful memory of a splendid man and woman of whom their descendents may well be proud. Much care has been taken to have the record correctly made.

The well-kept graves of this grand old couple are to be found in the old Stump Cemetery near the old church, not far removed from the place of their lifelong activities. The stately oaks near by sing a requiem to the memory of two kindred souls whose magnificent life is still reflected in the spirit of the community they so ably helped to found.

He came with a heart of courage into a virgin land,

With a helpmate of true devotion, they worked with a willing hand;

Their children rise up and praise them, their fame is spread abroad,

Their name will be long remembered in the land on which they trod.

Family Chart printed on following pages. Key: * deceased; (H) Husband; (W) Wife; (T) Twins. Lineal descendents only are given.

LINEAGE RECORD: Continued

Lineal Descendents of the family of Solomon and Mary Magdalena Riegel. Compiled in the year 1945

*Solomon Riegel, Born April 10, 1811, near Hamburg, in Berkes County, Pa.; Died September 7, 1892

Son of George Riegel, grandson of Daniel Riegel, who emigrated from Germany about 1770

*Pary Magdalena Dunkel, Born March 31, 1813, in Salt Creek Twp. Pickaway County, Ohio; died March 1, 1894

Daughter of George Dunkel, granddaughter of Kilian Dunkel, who emigrated from Switzerland about 1770

They were married on October 30, 1834

Children	Grandchildren	Great-Grandchildren	Grt.-Grt. Grandchildren
1. *John George Riegel Born Feb. 21, 1836 Died March 8, 1884 (W)*Levina Warner	None		
2. *Harvey Riegel Born Jan. 31, 1838 Died May 8, 1917 (W)*Matilda Hedges	1. *Elmer Elsworth Riegel 2. *Charles Emmet Riegel 3. Anna Riegel Burrell	1. *George Riegel 1. William W. Burrell 2. *Charles N. Burrell 3. *(T) Myrta Burrell 4. *(T) Myrtle Burrell 5. Harry C. Burrell 6. Grace Burrell Devaney	1. *Genevieve Burrell 2. Betty Ann Burrell 3. Gary Dee Burrell 1. Son, died in infancy 2. Betty Ann Burrell
	4. *Edith Riegel Rasmussen 5. Mabel Riegel Ronne	7. *Kingsley E. Burrell 8. *Leafy M. Burrell 9. Louis L. Burrell	1. *John Devaney 2. Joyce Devaney 3. Lois Devaney 4. Pertichie Devaney 5. Judy Devaney
	6. *Leafy May Riegel	1. Leafy Ronne Sands 2. Chesley R. Ronne 3. Albert H. Ronne 4. Kenneth S. Ronne 5. Ronald M. Ronne 6. Gyda Ronne Wilson 7. Leonard P. Ronne 8. Mabel Ronne Haimo 9. Harvey D. Ronne 10. Gay M. Ronne 11. Vera Ronne Calhoun 12. Alice June Ronne	1. Harry Burrell. 2. Louis Burrell Jr. 1. Edwin Ronne Sands 2. Donald Walter Sands 1. Estelle Ronne 1. Charles A. Ronne 1. James Ronne 2. Virginia Ronne 1. Marilyn Ronne 2. Thomas Ronne 1. Barry Wilson 1. Jerry Ronne 1. Sally Ronne Haimo
3. *Jane Amanda Riegel Defenbaugh Born August 6, 1839 Died March 12, 1905 (H)*Andrew Defenbaugh	1. *Lewis Defenbaugh 2. *Emmet R. Defenbaugh 3. Luella Levina Defenbaugh Alstadt	1. Lola Blanche Defenbaugh Mettler 2. Maud Defenbaugh Kinsell 3. *Ruth Defenbaugh 1. *Hazel Clare Alstadt 2. *Coral Mae Alstadt 3. *Glenn D. Alstadt 4. Clyde D. Alstadt	1. Barbara Jeanne Mettler 1. Loring Alstadt 2. Marilyn Alstadt Bramlage

LINEAGE RECORD: Continued

Children	Grandchildren	Great-Grandchildren	Grt.-Grt. Grandchildren
	4. *Emma Defenbaugh Kellerman	1. Mildred Permelia Kellerman Morehead 2. Janey Marie Kellerman Greene 3. Bertha Marguerite Kellerman 4. Ivy Charlotte Kellerman Kerschner	1. Marilyn Jane Green MacLaughlin 2. Marguerite Anne Greene Chilcote
	5. *Edward Defenabugh	1. Dwight Denver Defenbaugh	1. Robert Lee Defenbaugh
	6. Bertha Defenbaugh Povenmire	1. Kenneth Willet Povenmire 2. Mahlon Armand Povenmire 3. Edward Kingsley Povenmire 4. Jane Eloise Povenmire Roese	1. Kenneth M. Povenmire 2. Harold R. Povenmire 1 Dale Povenmire 1. Harlo K. Povenmire 2. Richard S. Povenmire 1. Shirley Jane Roese 2. John Alan Roese
	7. Franklin R. Defenbaugh	1. Thelma Mae Defenbaugh Madison 2. Rodney E. Defenbaugh 3. Jennie Marie Defenbaugh	1. Rodney Edwin Defenbaugh
	8. George R. Defenbaugh	1. Ivan Defenbaugh	
4. *Samuel D. Riegel Born July 29, 1841 Died April 5, 1924 (W)*Mary E. Morris (W)*Mary E. Owens	9. *Ray Defenbaugh 1. Frank Riegel (Son of First Wife. Balance Children of Second Wife) 2. Mark Riegel 3. Otto Riegel 4. Effie Riegel 5. Florence Riegel Duffee 6. *Edison Riegel 7. George Riegel 8. *Paul Riegel	1. *Mary Elizabeth Riegel 2. John Mark Riegel 1. Frank Lester Riegel 2. Jesse Samuel Riegel 1. *Myrtle Nelson Claridy 1. Ralph Emerson Riegel 2. Paul Revere Riegel 3. Maciel Wayne Riegle 4. Margel Maurice Riegel 5. Eldon Commodore Riegel	1. Jesse Michael Riegel
5. *Sarah Ann Riegel Markel Born June 28, 1844 Died March 10, 1928 (H)*William Markel	1. Arthur R. Markel	1. Lawrence Ley Markel 2. Lyman Arthur Markel 3. Mary Louise Markel 4. Margaret DeLay Markel Wheaton	1. Nancy Ann Markel 1. Arthur Lyman Markel 2. Douglas Stewart Markel

LINEAGE RECORD: Continued

Children	Grandchildren	Great-Grandchildren	Grt.-Grt.-Grandchildren
	2. Ida M. Lutz Wilson 3. Lucy Markel Reedy	1. Myriam Lutz Blaker 1. *Esther Reedy Houser	1. Vivian Rosalind Hauser 2. Victor Robert Hauser
	4. John R. Markel	1. Greta Markel Poirier 2. David B. Markel	1. Mark Lloyd Poirier 2. Victoria Clare Poirier 1. David Bartlett Markel 2. Melody Markel 3. John Markel
	5. Harley R. Markel	1. Eldon H. Markel 2. Donald H. Markel	1. William Donald Markel 2. Edward Starr Markel 1. Sally Ann Markel 2. James Frank Markel
	6. Dora Markel Soler	1. Dorita Violet Soler 2. Gilbert Soler 3. Joseph A. Soler	1. Philip Lyle Cambridge 1. Marcia Ann Soler 2. William Gilbert Solar 1. Stephen Albert Soler
6. *Mary E. Riegel Lutz Born Sept. 22, 1846 Died May 4, 1926 (H)*George H. Lutz	1. *Dakota Lutz 2. Mary A. Lutz Kibler	1. Earl Lutz Kibler 2. George H. L. Kibler (Note: Michael & Chad Kibler at right are Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren	1. Robert Earl Kibler 1. George Corwin Kibler 1. Michael Corwin Kibler 2. Chad Joseph Kibler 2. Nancy Ruth Kibler
	3. Earl Wright Lutz	3. Marion Franklin Kibler 1. Eleanor Lutz Yates 2. Bernadine Lutz Hott 3. *Lorin Earl Lutz	1. David Lutz Yates 1. William Earl Lutz 2. Marilyn Lutz Brehmer 3. (T) Emily E. Lutz 4. (T) Evelyn Lutz Dunham
	4. *Charles Elsworth Lutz 5. *Ella Anderson Lutz 6. *Clarke R. Lutz 7. *Harry R. Lutz 8. Eli Marion Lutz	4. *Morris R. Lutz	
7. *Solomon D. Riegel Born Oct. 6, 1848 Died July 14, 1933 (W)Mary Amelia Rush	1. Bertha M. Riegel Koch 2. Grace Riegel Swinehart 3. *Harry R. Riegel	1. George Edward Lutz 1. Mary L. Koch Amos 1. D. Robert Swinehart 1. (T)Sol D. Riegel Jr. 2. (T)*John L. Riegel 1. Dorothy Clark Wallace	1. Betty Louise Amos 2. Robert Blair Amos 1. Patricia Rush Swinehart
8. Emma C. Riegel Rush Born Dec. 22, 1855 (H)*George Rush	4. Bessie Riegel Clark 1. *John Rush		
Eight Children	42 Grandchildren	78 Great-Grandchildren	70 Grt.-Grt.-Grandchildren Two Grt.-Grt.-Grt. Grandchildren

ACQUISITIONS

By Charlene Woolever

- Gladys Shepler — Rader family history.
- Mary Ann Kouba — Letters from Rev. Charles V. Driesbach, concerning the up-coming reunion; last reunion held in October, 1995, at Allentown, Pa. Letter from Ann Wohlhueter, Dale County, Virginia.
- Rebecca Huddle — Dr. G.P. Huddle obstetrical records, three volumes indexed, 1888-1938, and brief history of Heidelberg Evangelical Church, Stoutsville, Ohio.
- Joanne Eustice — Jonas Hedges (1716-1804) and wife Agnes Powelson of Berkeley County, Virginia (W.Va.) and descendants; Charles Hedges (1673-1743) of New Castle, Delaware and descendants.
- Rex E. Haecker — Shelby Exchange newsletters, January, 1988 to December 1992.
- William Smith — Heffner-Hall births, marriages, deaths. Markel, Defenbaugh, Stump, Heffner, Riegel, Dunkel, Shadday, Nichols family charts. Heffner Family History, 1773-1956.
- Fred and Dick Roundhouse — "Pirates of Penzance;" 1913 souvenir Circleville Elks Lodge No. 77 photo; Aunt Lucias, Male Flapper Chorus, Circleville CAC basketball photo, 1916-1917.
- Vivian Kochensparger — Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery interment Records, February 1926 to July 1991.
- Irene Wilson — Hocking Sentinel, September, 1996.
- Harold F. Juckett — *Time Line Magazine*; Box of *Genealogical Helpers*; Box of *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterlies*; Box of *New England Historical and Genealogical Registers*; Box of *Ohio History Quarterlies*; Boxes of *Smithsonian Magazines* and other magazines; *Military Genealogical Sources*; Guide to Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Illinois Libraries, Newspapers in Illinois, State Historical Library; *National Archives Research Guide*; *German Correspondence Guide*; *Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence*.
- William Smith — *Biographical Annals of Ohio*, Vol. I, 1902-03; Ohio School Report, 1879, 1901; Footnotes of Time and Analyses of Our Government; Auditor of State's Report, 1879; Ohio Agricultural Report, 1878; Ohio Statistics, 1880, 1878; Casey's Infantry Tactics, Vol II; Intermediate and complete Geographies.
- Roy and Joan Norris — "Adorimini (Up and At 'Em)", a history of the 82nd Fighter Group in World War II by Steve Blake with John Stanaway.
- George Seward — "Seward and Related Families."
- David Martin — Muhlenberg High School 1926 graduating class photo.
- Robert Cole — Green International Newsletter, Nov.

1995; *Tree Talks*, Sept. 1996, March 1996, June 1996.

Shirley Snouse (Bernice Allen Estate) — Hartman Theater booklets, advertising blotters, etc.; Old Order Amish of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; World Atlas; Kololmoke Indian Mounds; Vinton County Land Utilization; Franklin County Women's Groups; Family Account Books, Ross County Hill Land and People; Cultures in Georgia, Kansas and New Hampshire; Marriage and graduation certificates; photos of Allen family, Memorial books for John Allen, grade cards.

Marvene Fortney — Permission to copy "Hill History" by Floyd Coleman Hill, 1978.

William J. Smith — "The Fairfield" October 1940, May 1937, 1939, 1940, October 1936, Christmas 1936, October 1938, May 1841, February 1941, December 1940; Liberty Union Schools annual report, 1939-1940; Franklin School Fall Fest program, 1942.

John Beck — Roster of Rainbow Division (42nd).

Otto Guenther — Copy of Pocket Business Directory of Fayette and Pickaway Counties, 1900.

MacDonald Schumm — List of Circleville postmasters, 1811 to date, compiled by U.S. Postal Service.

Kenneth D. Sowers — Copy of Sowers family genealogical charts.

Charles Burdick — Copy of "The Bloody First, or Twelve Days with the First Pickaway Throwing Paws Paws at John Morgan," 1863; Pickaway postcards; Lutz Family Information.

John H. McGath — McGath Directory (address book) and Nov. 1996 McGath Family Newsletter.

Edna Tatman — Hocking County Obituaries, "Looking Back 50 Years" sheets from Logan Daily News.

Isabelle Reiner — World War II era scrapbook of news clippings, package of miscellaneous news clippings.

Darbyville Laid Out July 27, 1826

From the *Circleville Union Herald*, March 16, 1877

The town of Darbyville was laid out on the 27th day of July, 1826. The proprietors of the town were George Hill and David Thomas. The original plat of the town contained thirty-two lots, of which numbers 1 to 16 inclusive were part of George Hill's land, and numbers 17 to 32 inclusive were taken off the land of David Thomas. The middle of Main Street in Darbyville formed part of the boundary line between Hill and Thomas. The land upon which Darbyville is situated is part of Cornelius Baldwin's Survey No. 515, which was patented to him in 1800 by John Adams, second president of the United States.