

Root Family

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Root Family in Harrison Twp.

Licking County, Ohio

Alanson Root deceased, son of Noble Root, deceased, was born in Granville, Massachusetts, November 17, 1803. He was brought to this county by his parents, in 1807. They settled in Granville Township, about two miles south of Granville village, where they passed the remainder of their days. Mr. A. Root was reared a farmer, and followed farming as his vocation through life. March 29, 1827, he married Miss Phoebe T. Williams, daughter of Elias Williams. Miss Williams was born in Essex County, New Jersey, February 28, 1807, and came to this county with her father in the year 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Root settled on the old home farm in Granville Township, and remained until 1857, when they moved on the farm in Harrison Township. Now owned by their son, Elias N., where he died July 19, 1866. His wife still survives him, and is living on the home farm with her son, Elias N. Root. They reared a family of eight children: Moses B., Elias N., Emma, George, Martin L., Lucy A., Marcus and Martin L., who enlisted in Company D, of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio National Guards, May 2, 1864, and died at the Annapolis hospital Maryland, August 9, 1864.

Elias N. Root, was born in Granville Township, this county, December 13, 1829. He was reared on a farm and has made farming his vocation. November 6, 1860, he married Miss Ann S. Williams, born January 2, 1832, daughter of John Williams of this county. They settled on the farm where they now reside in Harrison Township. They have three children, one son and two daughters. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio National Guards and served about four months in the late war. (Civil War letter next page) He filled the office of Township Trustee for five successive years. He is considered one among the enterprising farmers of Harrison Township.

History of Licking Co. Oh by N.N. Hill Jr. 1881.
 Researched by Marilyn Norris

WEDDING PICTURE OF ELIAS & ANN (WILLIAMS) ROOT



Married November 6, 1860

The Picture and Elias's letter on the next page was **submitted by Ted Tower member #322**. Ted has a great deal of original documentation on this Root Family and is willing to share with other family members. He welcomes hearing from anyone who is interested in the Root Family of Harrison Township and the Tower Family from St. Albans Township. He can be emailed at ttower@earthlink.net The LCGS Thanks you for sharing.

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**Happenings at Kirkersville
Harrison Township**

March 24, 1898 The Newark Advocate

H. H. Simmons and family spent the Sabbath with their mother, Mrs. Winegardner near Reynoldsburg, OH.

F. A. Rickley and wife entertained the Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Randall, Herbert Parkinson, and Jacob Rickley's at dinner Sunday.

Geo. E. Wells' horse broke loose and ran off not doing much damage. It ran into Stephen Nessly's buggy and damaged one of the wheels.

Char. Lytle intends to start for Chicago this week.

P. F. Cunningham and V. Rugg were in town Monday.

Dell Miller and Arley Nessley are visiting in Delaware County.

Frank Babbit intends to move to Outville.

Benson Headlee was over to Pataskala Monday.

Dr. Rutledge who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks is out again.

The Republicans and Democrats have held their convention and the following tickets have been put in the field: Republican ticket: Trustee, Wm. Tunison; Justice of Peace, Henry Geiger; Assessor, E. C. Daniels; Clerk, E. K. Morrow; Constable, Simpson Insley. Democratic ticket: Trustee, Henry Reese; Justice of Peace, Ira Alward; Assessor, James Lucas; Clerk, Ralph Nichols; Constable, H. P. Williams.

Owen Adams who has been here for the past six months, intends to start for home at Philadelphia the first of April.

THE YORK STREET HOMICIDE

A Petty Quarrel Between Two Farmers Ends in a Terrible Blow Causing Death.

The bloody horror at Linnville last week was quickly followed by an equally fatal affray in Harrison Township, on the morning of Friday, 14th of December 1877. The parties engaged, were Christmas D. Evans (nephew of Hon. Lewis Evans) and a farm hand named Ewing Coulter, who resided either on a farm of Evans or some other near neighbor. On the morning named, the two men met not far from their

homes, had an angry dispute, resulting in a blow from Coulter breaking the skull of Evans for eight inches and ending in his death at 11 o'clock Friday night.

Delinquent Tax Sale Harrison Township

January 1876 from the Newark Advocate

Banton, John R.	\$61
Evans, John	\$14.60
Fulton & Alward	\$25.81
Larimore, Daniel	\$143.84
Morgan, David	\$72.83
Ruttman, Eliza	\$45.87
Shaw, Thomas	\$15.33
Veach, Perry D.	\$6.66

Dec 23, 1897

Mrs. C. H. Emswiler visited relatives at Jersey, two or three days this week.

John Tunison, accompanied by two other young men, has gone to Galveston to spend the winter with a view of locating in the Lone Star State.

Lottie Schaff, who has been attending the Columbus Business College, will spend vacation with her parents.

Mrs. J. T. Harris and Mrs. Hand spent several days in the Capital City last week.

Henry Geiger has built a beautiful veranda to his dwelling; also Wesley Reelhorn.

The meetings conducted by Rev. Mr. Bowman at the Baptist church have been well attended and some interest manifested.

May 27, 1897

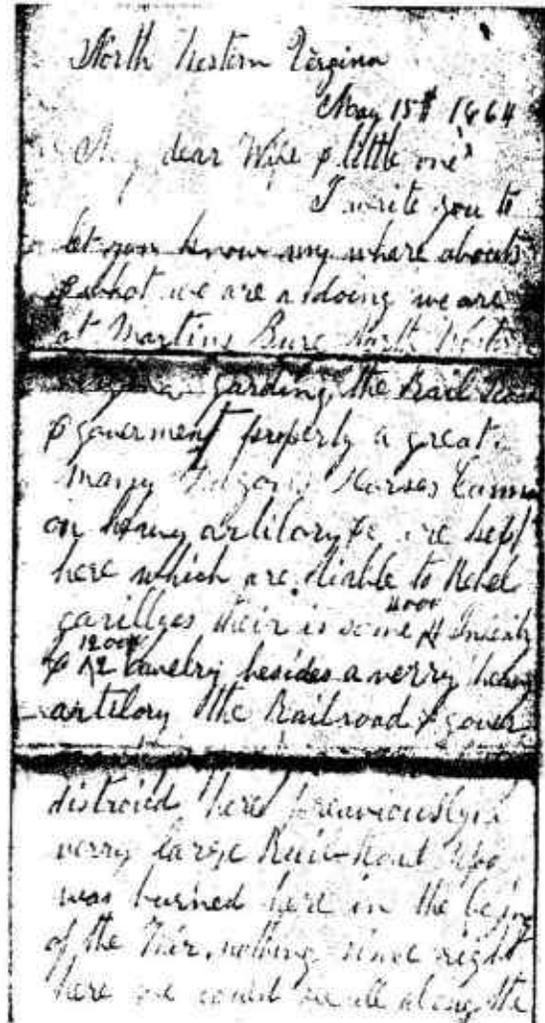
On last Sabbath morning Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller started for Lancaster. Having gone about two miles, the horse they were driving saw three bicycles approaching and as they neared, the horse made a leap into the side ditch, demolishing the carriage wheels and harness. The horse is in bad condition, but Mr. and Mrs. Miller escaped unhurt.

Real Estate Transfer: Ancel B. Newton to Clarence F. Timmons, one-half acre of land in Harrison township, \$1., etc.

North Western Virginia
May 15th 1864
My dear Wife and little one

I write to you to let you know my where abouts & what we are doing we are at Martins Burg North Western Virginia guarding the Railroad & government property a great many wagons Horses ???? on heavy artillery &c are kept here which are liable to Rebel garillies there is some 4000 Infantry & 1200 Cavalry besides a verry heavy artillery the Railroad & government property has ben badly distroid here preVIOUSLY. a verry large Railroad depo was burned here in the beginning of the War. nothing since right here we could see all along the Road Bridges depoes track, tunels &c, that has Bin distroid lately there is to strong a force fore them ever to come here & they know it. theirfore we feare no trouble. the sitizens say their has bin no Secesh disturbance here since the first beginning of the ware. their was 3 Rebels brought in yesterday by our Cavalry Pickets that ware out 4 or 5 Miles. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the citizens of this place are said to be Union. I would like to discribe to you our journey if I could in a letter but cannot. suffice it to say that that we started from Columbus about 9 oclock Wednesday Eave & arrived here yesterday Morning being on the cars 2 days & 3 nights. passing through the mountains windeing our way where it was almost imposable to see the top or bottom of them from the cars. I road on top all the time in the day time. taken a view of the surrounding mountains and vallyyes of the ever greens & Rocks. we started from Camp Chase to go to Cumberland in Maryland & did go their. but was ordered on to this place that Eave arrived here the next Morning. we are in a verry hilly healthy Climent all are enjoying the best of health how comes on my frient trees all alive I wish you would take of all the Lay bills (labels!) from the trees & take care of them string them all together & put them away. I wish you would send me the North American (or True American) I want to hear from the 76 ocasionally we get a daly. put in 5 cts eash & buy a paper every day if you get any littors for me either send them to me or write me the contence. Please send the letter that you got from the Machien shop or E. Dall & Co over to John Mont Gomeryes & tel him to order me Five knives a new set of gards & the small bevel wheal & tell him that it is my orders & that I will se it seteld when the knives comes. you may send me some postage stamps if you can & I will write you Weekly. I want no money. don't let my baby forget her Pa kiss her daly & tell her it is for Pa.

ORIGINAL LETTER MAY 15, 1864



North Western Virginia
May 15th 1864
My dear Wife & little one
I write you to
let you know my where abouts
what we are a doing we are
at Martins Burg North Western
Virginia guarding the Railroad
& government property a great
many wagons Horses & cannon
on heavy artillery &c are kept
here which are liable to Rebel
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Elias and his younger brother Martin Luther ("Loot") were both in the 135th Ohio Vol. Inf. and served 100 days around Harper's Ferry, W. VA. Loot died from typhoid in the Annapolis hospital. Ted has the pass issued to Elias to recover his brother's body. He also has a large photo of the 50th wedding anniversary party that has a lot of old timers in the Pataskala area. He has the original poem written by Ann Root when her six month old son Willis died. Ted has "translated" all the material and has made electronic copies. A sample being the material on this page. The spelling is from the original text. Submitted by Ted Tower LCGS member.

MEMBERS ONLY

QUERIES

By Tanya Myers LCGS

All Queries submitted to LCGS: Include your name, membership number and address. Include what information you are searching for, names, dates, and location if known.

We welcome Queries to the Licking Lantern. Two queries a year are free to members, all others are requested to donate \$5.00 for each query. Our staff is also willing to do research, a donation of \$15.00 is appreciated for this service. If you would like this service email or send your research request to our Librarian: Betty Rose.

Surname: **GRAY**

I am looking for the parents of John **GRAY** b. abt 1801 in Culpeper County near Flint Hill, Virginia. He married Nancy **CHAPPELEAR** b. 1805-15 Rappahannock County (or Culpeper County (old county name) near Flint Hill, Virginia) in Zanesville, Muskingum Ohio on 17 January 1847. They had a son John b. 15 May 1851 in Gratiot, Licking Ohio. John b. 1801 may have married again to a Hannah as shown on funeral records. John b. 1851 married to Laura E. **POUNDSTONE** (her second marriage) before 1886. To that marriage Gracie, Harry and Charles Allen (b. 6 Apr. 1895) were born in Newark, Ohio. Charles A. married Esther I. **MARKHAM** and had two sons Robert W. (b. 14 Jun 1917) and Kenneth Ronald also born in Newark, Ohio. Robert W. married Ruth E. **MILFELT** and they had three children, Robert W. Jr., (b. 31 Jan 1942) Linda Sue and Jerry Charles also born in Newark, Ohio. Robert W. Jr., married Margaret **SAXON** and they had four children, Robert W. III, (b. 2 Aug 1966) Julie Anne, Charles Allen II, and Stephen Michael. Robert W. III married Leslie Anne **MEADE** and they have two sons so far, Robert W. IV (b. 2001) and John Byron.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES WITH THE LICKING COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

First Families of Licking County, Ohio. Membership for those who can prove their ancestors were living in Licking County by Dec 31, 1830. Contact Marilyn Norris and Doris Bagent, Co-Chairs.

Pioneer Families of Licking County, Ohio. Membership for those who can prove their ancestors were living in Licking County by 1820. Contact Evelyn Winter, Chairperson.

Civil War Soldiers of Licking County, Ohio. Membership for those who can prove their ancestors were active in the American Civil War. Contact Karen Ray, Chairperson.

Melgen, Ohio October 1897: Quite a number from this place attended the sale at Mr. Frank Roley's Saturday afternoon. * Mr. C. W. Snelling of Newark, spent Sunday in this place. * Mr. J. D. Dusthimer purchased a new horse. * Mr. Dora Blade of East Main, our noted electrician was in our midst Saturday evening. * Henry Hardin attended preaching at Linville Sunday.

Where is Melgen, Ohio? Another Ghost town? Did you live there?