

BIBLE RECORDS

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To our knowledge these Bibles are still for sale at the "Old Canal Book Shop", Main Street, Piqua, Ohio.

PETERSON/HUGHES BIBLE

Pub. by the American Bible Society, New York, N.Y. 1895
Clarence Wilson Peterson married Anne Hortense Hughes
August, 1905, Troy, Ohio
Clarence Wilson Peterson born January 5, 1879 Piqua, Ohio
Clarence Wilson Peterson died June 5, 1910 Tacoma, Washington

THOMAS MORROWS BOOK

Pub. American Bible Society, New York, N.Y. 1852
Presented to me by my father, William Morrow, August 1, 1953.
My father died January 9, 1857 - Friday at 10 o'clock; Sunday,
January 11 at 1 o'clock buried.

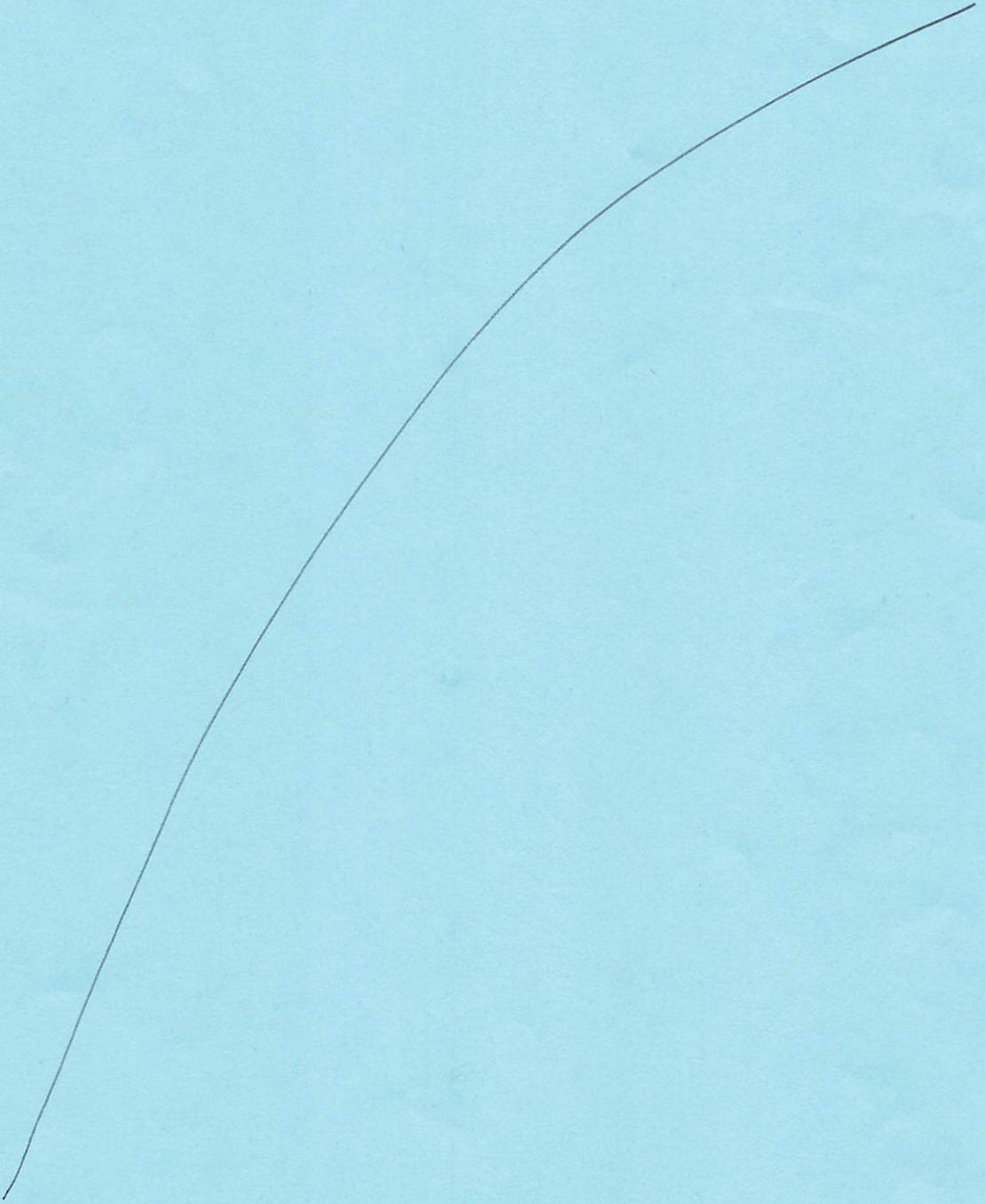
WILLIAM JOHNSTON'S BIBLE

Piqua, Ohio January 1, 1836
Pub. Armstrong, Crocker & Brewster, Boston, Mass 1830
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Bradford married 24 April 1827
Mr. Stephen Johnston & Mary Edgar married 10 May 1827 (blurred
print, could be 1837)
Mr. & Mrs. Albon Bradford married the 21 December 1831
William Johnston & Ann M. Bercaw married April 28, 1835
William Erik & Margaret Johnston married Sept. 29, 1835

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Euclid Township Poll List of 1815:

Timothy Doan	Dr. Havilla Farnsworth
William Coleman	Francis Porter
David Hendershot	Luther Dille
Nehemiah Dille	Enoch Murray
John Shaw	Benjamin Day
Seth Doan	Abraham Bishop
Jacob Coleman	Walter Strong
James Strong	Sam M'Illrath
Asa Dille 2nd	Abram Norris
Amaziah Porter	Jedidiah D. Crocker
John Strong	Parker Pelton
Levi Thomas	Sam Crocker
Theodore Barr	Daniel Tyler
Davil Dille	Joseph Pelton
Samuel Ruple	Ezra Smith
Samuel M'Illrath	Dennis Cooper
Jedidiah Crocker	Calvin Dille
Samuel Dodge	Abijah Crosby
John Adams	Lewis Dille
Asa Dille	Hugh Hamilton
James Ruple	William Gray

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EDINBURG A TOWN LIKE
GRAND PRE OF OLD

The history of Edinburg has honorable place in the great book on settlements of Ohio. It is another story of New England transplanted in a soil, that has preserved and nurtured its virtues and best tradition. Its landscape is much of it picturesque -- in some section of a semi-rugged character. From Highland hill, four miles from Ravenna is a beautiful view of this section. The early settlers came, built school house, town hall and church. This township furnished 49 union soldiers for the war of 1861.

Eber ABBOTT of Tolland, county, Conn. came in the spring of 1811 and settled in the southwest section the township. He built a cabin but was crippled for life by a falling tree. He subsequently moved to Ravenna, and died in Michigan. Lemual CHAPMAN, Jr., brother-in-law of ABBOTT, came soon after ABBOTT and cleared and built a cabin. He married three times, and was the father of fifteen children, eleven of whom were living at his death.

A Mr. HOWARD who settled at Silver Oaks, arrived in 1815 but later exchanged his land for a section near Sandusky, owned by a James STOOPS who came here, and still further improved the Howard settlement. STOOPS, a native of Penn., was carried into captivity by the Indians when a child, who held him and his parents for several years before they were released.

Alanson and Justin EDDY came in 1815 from Williamstown, Mass. making the entire journey with their families in sleighs. Justin broke the first ground and made the first clearing on the farm so long known as "Highland Home" and owned by the late Theodore CLARK.

In 1816 the population grew by the arrival of families Henry BOTSFORD, Amasa CANFIELD, Capt. TROWBRIDGE, Edmund and Elizur BOSTWICK, Cyrenus RUGGLES, Rial McARTHUR and his father-in-law Mr. COWELL, forty-two persons in all.

Richard M. HART, nephew of General William HART, the original proprietor of Edinburg, went to live with his uncle at the age of six years, who took liking for his nephew and gave him the entire northeast corner of the township. In May 1817 he came west to look at his possessions and was so enamored of the Portage county that he went back to Conn., married his sweetheart & returned to Edinburg, settling at Silver Creek, clearing eight acres of land, and sowed wheat. At the organization of the township, he was the first to be treasurer, one of the justices of peace and one of the supervisors. Aduah H. BOSTWICK came in 1819 from New Milford, Conn.

First election held April 19, 1819. The township was first called Eddysburg, as Levius EDDY purchased the first land in the township although, he did not come into possession of it, coupled with the fact the two other EDDYS, were prominent settlers. From Eddysburg to Edinburg was an easy transition.

Edinburg and neighboring twps. organized the biggest hunt ever, called "The Army Hunt of 1819". The game comprized 103 deer, 21 bears, 18 wolves and 500 turkeys.

First birth was a daughter to Lemuel CHAPMAN, Jr. born July 23, 1815, and next was Richard, son of Amasa CANFIELD, Apr. 24, 1818. Third birth was a son, Asa H., to Harry BOTSFORD, October 18, 1818. First death was that of Mary J. EDDY age 4 years, daughter of Alanson & Rachel EDDY August 4, 1819. Second death, was Mrs. Nancy BOSTWICK, wife of Elizur BOSTWICK, July 1820.

First marriage was Greenbury KEENE and Betsey HITCHCOCK February 1817 by Rev. Caleb PITKIN at the home of Alanson EDDY with whom the young lady, had come to Ohio.

LONGFELLOW, speaking of inhabitants of Grand Pre states that none was rich, none was poor, that the poorest had plenty and that the richest did not have great abundance. This might be said of Edinburg.

(Source Material - WIDGER Library)

FATAL ACCIDENT

Mrs. Lavina MAGAW, widow of the late Henry MAGAW, was burned to death Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McCLELLAND, in Cleveland. Her dress caught fire from a natural gas grate. The funeral services were held on Tuesday in Kent where she had lived since 1866 until two years ago, when she moved to Cleveland. She leaves a daughter. A son, A. G. McGAW, forman of the freight car department of the Erie Shops, was instantly killed on the tracks about sixteen years ago.

(Ravenna Republican Dec.31,1905)

DEATH IN RANDOLPH

On Thursday, February 2nd (1889), Mrs. William GRANT, who has been quite ill for several months past, died at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Orrin P. STOFFER. The deceased was 66 years of age and had been a long resident of 55 years in this village.

(Republican-Democrat Feb. 8, 1889)

SICKNESS & DEATH

NELSON TWP. There is quite an amount of sickness in this township. Diphtheria is prevailing with much fatality. In one school district it was urgent, to dismiss school, owing to the illness of a large number of pupils. On Sunday and Monday last, there were four funerals.

(The Democrat, Oct. 28, 1874)

TOWNSHIP NEWS - 1886

HIRAM: The death record in Hiram during the past year has been quite small, in comparison with many of our neighboring towns.

Married January 5th, at the Hiram residence of the bride's mother-Mrs. Susan PATCH, by Prof. A.C. PIERSON, Dr. C. M. RICE of Newton Falls and Miss Ella PATCH of this place.

CHARLESTOWN TWP. As a township, we have been remarkably healthy during the past year but four deaths have occurred of our town's people! Norman ROOD as well as Norman STEDMAN, Mrs. John BALDWIN and Mrs. Ellen KNAPP.

STREETSBORO TWP. Albert DOOLITTLE, a prominent and highly respected citizen and one of the "pioneers" of our town, died on last Friday evening at 5 p.m. in the 80th year of his age.

P. Y. BARNES recently returned from a visit among friends in Washington, PA.

MANIUA TWP. Rev. A.J. HIATT, former pastor of the M.E. Church here, now of Burton, has been calling on his numerous friends.

RAVENNA: List of letters remaining at the Postoffice: January 19, 1866:
J. B. ALLEN - F.N. BAUL - W.H. CORAL - Mrs. Sarah A. HARPER - H.E. HARTWOOD-
Mrs. Annie JACKSON - George W. POTTER - Mrs. Mary WILSON.

NELSON TWP. A snow storm has forced farmers to use shovels and ox teams, to many of the blocked roads.

DEATH OF ANOTHER PIONEER

E. E. THOMPSON died at Shalersville last Sunday, November 29th, in his 87th year. He was a son of Samuel O. THOMPSON. He was born in Ravenna on July 10, 1819. His father came to Ohio about 1810 and served in the war of 1818. His mother was a niece of Peter COOPER, of the celebrated COOPER'S INSTITUTE, in New York. Of a family of seven children, he was the last survivor. In early manhood, he and Miss Fidelia A. THOMPSON, daughter of David THOMPSON, were married. To them were born five children. Only one, Mrs. Sarah PROCTOR, now survives. About fifteen years after her marriage, Mrs. THOMPSON died. Sometime after Mr. THOMPSON and Miss Sebia GILBERT of Edinburg were married. To them were born three children. After the death of his second wife, he again married to Miss Cordelia BREEZE and three children were born of this union.

Mr. THOMPSON resided in Ravenna until he was nineteen years old. Since then, he has resided in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio. He is now survived by three children, Mrs. Sarah PROCTOR, Mrs. Frank HUDSON and H. G. THOMPSON. The last two weeks he had resided Palmyra, Portage County, Ohio. He was made a member of the Portage County Pioneer Association. His death was the result of the infirmities of old age. He was buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Ravenna.

(Ravenna Republican , Nov.23, 1905)

Mrs. W. R. EVERETT

Mrs. William EVERETT died in Aurora at the home of her daughter, Mrs. HATCH, on Thursday, March 16th. The funeral was held at the M.E. Church, at Rootstown and burial made in Rootstown cemetery. Mrs. Everett was the mother of Mrs. W. R. HALLOCK of this place.

(Same paper as above)

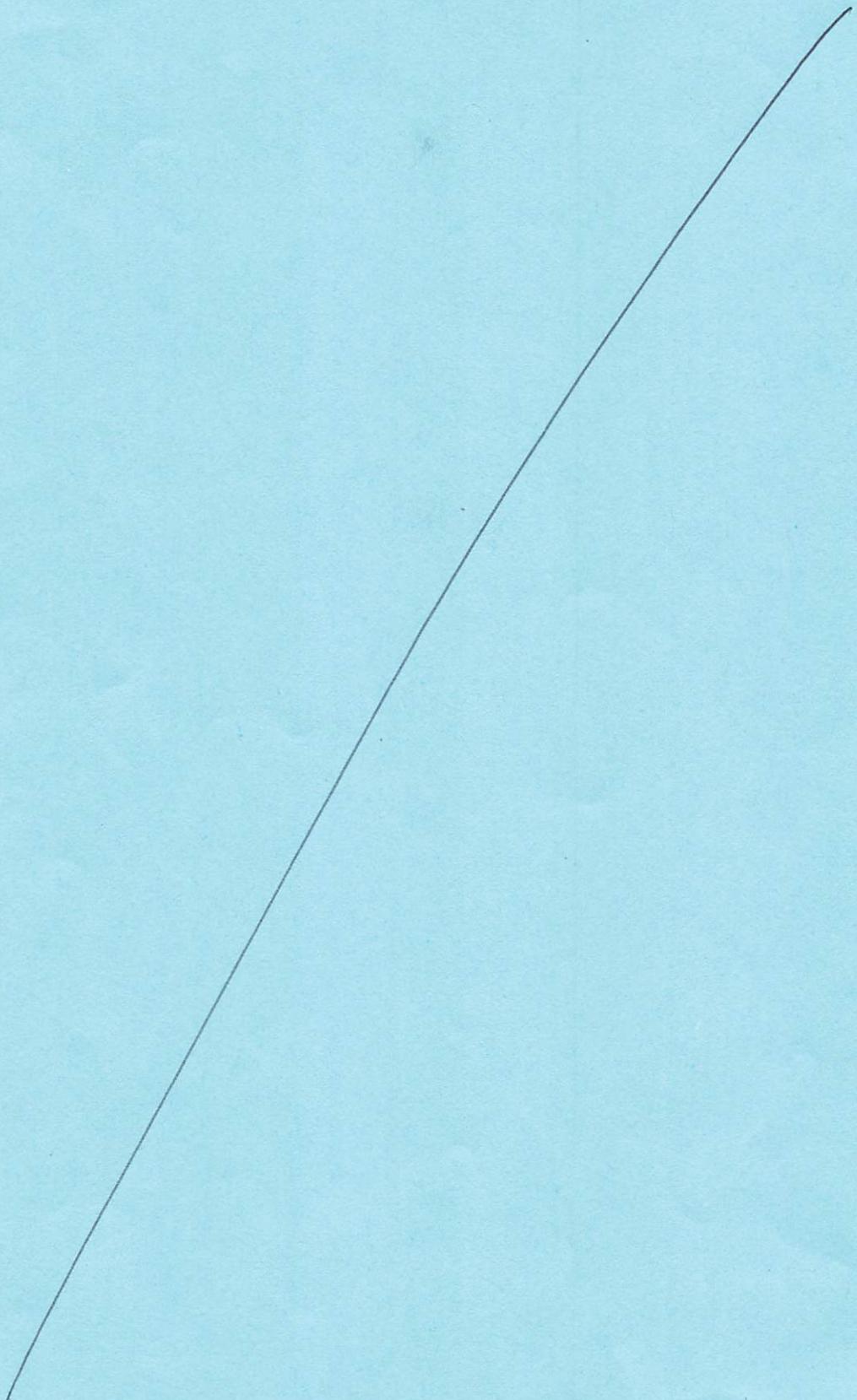
ALBERT RUSSELL

While Albert RUSSELL of Ravenna was on a trip East some time ago, he met one Thomas B. MEADER aboard a steamer plying between Woods Hollan Nantucket. The two gentlemen struck up an acquaintance and found that they were related by family ties. Mr. MEADER went to California in 1846, where he made much money in the mines and had just returned. He had many questions to ask, about his relatives in Ohio. Soon after this, he went to Cape Cod, where he lived for a short time. While on a visit to Nantucket recently, the old gentleman died. An examination of his papers brought out the fact that he had bequeathed his entire fortune to nephews and nieces, some of whom he had never seen. This, was a surprise to all concerned as he had a sister living. The daughters of Mrs. Ann Maria MEADER, of this city (Ravenna); Mrs. W. J. BINGHAM of Ravenna and Mrs. Ella SPELLMAN of Cleveland will come in for a part of the money. The fortune is estimated at \$14,000.

(Ravenna Republican 1894 Sept.19. 1894)

The following taken from an 1873 Garrettsville Journal:

A well-known old lady of a near-by village was visited by a friend; when she was asked how she was doing, replied:"Oh sir, the Lord is very good to me. I've lost my husband and my eldest son and my youngest daughter and I'm half blind and can't see or move about for the rheumatism but I've got two teeth left in my head and praise and bless His holy name, they're opposite each other.



FROM THE FILES OF BETTY WIDGER

Rootstown: October 7, 1871

The son of R. H. Clark of this place was gored by a vicious bull which tossed the thirteen year old boy high in the air. No bones were broken, but severe bruises and internal injuries were inflicted.

Sarah M. (Glass) Hawley

Died in Garrettsville, October 5, 1874 of a lingering illness. Mrs. Sarah M. (Glass) Hawley, aged 58 years. Mrs. Hawley belonged to a family of comparative early settlers, coming with her parents from Connecticut between forty and fifty years ago. She first had lived with her parents for a short time in Trumbull County, Ohio, then in Nelson where she was married in 1837. She successively lived in Windham, Freedom, and Garrettsville where she won the esteem of all who knew her. She was a firm and consistent member of the M. E. Church for nearly forty years and had the hope and comfort of religion to the last.

Nelson Residents over Seventy years

Mrs. Harriet Hannahs, relict of David Hannahs was born in Weasterfield, Ct. January 9, 1808 and resided in Nelson over fifty years.

Mrs. Paulina L. Townes, relict of the late Harvey Townes, was born in Cipio, New York, September 30, 1808 and resided in Nelson forty-three years.

Mrs. Zilpha Pritchard, relict of the late Lambert Pritchard and mother of General Benjamin Dudley Pritchard, the captor of Jefferson Davis, born, May 16, 1812, at Norwich, Hampshire Co., Mass, came to Ohio in 1832; a resident of Nelson the last thirty years.

1908 County News

A young man named Noland, aged 22 years was drowned at Silver Lakes July 30th and his two companions rescued barely alive.

Badly injured was Frank Fleshman, employed at the Ravenna tile works. He had a narrow escape from being cut in two by the elevator July 28th, 1908. Only the circumstances of the machinery failing to operate, saved his life.

George Waters is home from Norfolk, Virginia spending a week with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Z. B. Waters, who live in Garrettsville.

Mrs. Wm. Mills is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Albertina Glass of Tennessee.

GEORGE WATERS
NORFOLK VIRGINIA
MRS. ALBERTINA GLASS
TENNESSEE

QUERIES

BALDWIN - EARL Seeking information on Timothy BALDWIN and Margaret EARL of Portage County and Marion County, ILL. He was the son of Mr Benjamin BALDWIN & she was the daughter of Jacob EARL. Both families came to this county in early 1800's. Will exchange information.

~~Portage Democrat~~ P.O. Ex ~~122~~ Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

ERGENBRIGHT - COX William COX & Elizabeth Ergenbright in Kent, Portage Co. Ohio in early 1800's. Son William Henry COX b.1821. Will exchange information.

~~Portage Democrat~~ P.O. Box ~~122~~, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

UNUSUAL MARRIAGE

In Ravenna by Rev. W.F. DAY, Mr., T.W. CANNING of Wisconsin to a Miss Nellie JONES of Ravenna, January 21, 1889. With this romance is connected -- a neat bit of romance: When a Wisconsin Regiment in the summer of 1861 was passing, on the cars through Ravenna, they stopped a few minutes for refreshments and did received the kind attention of a large number of our citizens. Our Miss Nellie was present and presented to a bold soldier boy an entire stranger, a boquet on which was inscribed her name. This so impressed the soldier-boy. A correspondence was opened and behold, the happy results!

(Portage Co. Democrat, July 30, 1862)

CAMPBELLSPORT DEATH

On December 9, 1908, Hosea HOOVER, aged 70y, 7mo. 29das. passed away. April 10, 1838 he was born in Columbiana County, Ohio and was one of the oldest in the family of Isaac and Susan HOOVER. During his childhood the family removed to Berlin, Mahoning Co. and from thence in early manhood he came to Portage County, residing mostly in Edinburg township. In 1859, he was married to Miss Mary COPE, daughter of Jacob and Polly COPE of Edinburg. He is survived by his wife & six children: Mrs. STOFFER of Randolph, Mrs. Harry TURNER, and Albert TURNER of Edinburg, Mrs. C.H. STRONG of Rootstown, Erma and Mr. Frank HOOVER, Campbellsport and three brothers and four sisters also survive: Winfield and Horatio HOOVER, Mrs. Jerry WILSDORF and Mrs. TURNER who resides at Berlin Center, Mrs. BAITH of Lisbon, Ohio, Mordecai HOOVER and Mrs. HEIGHTON of Ravenna.

(Ravenna Republican, Dec. 17, 1908)

MANTUA MORTALITIES - 1875

This community has been called upon to part with a number of its most valued citizens. Among the departing ones is the name of Mr. Seth SANFORD, an old & respected member of society. He passed away suddenly, dropping down while on the way to his room on Sunday morning, February 7th (1875), living less than two hours after, being in an unconscious state.

Mr. SANFORD was nearly seventy years of age and spent his life since boyhood in Mantua.

Mr. SANFORD was married to Nancy M. PERKINS who came to Portage County in 1839 from New York state. She survives her husband and son Delos who died in 1874.

"The aged are rapidly fading away." (The Democrat, Feb. 17, 1875)

AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CALIFORNIA

NEWSPAPER EXCERPTS

1846: In Franklin, Dec. 9th Perry P. DAWLEY was married to Rebecca CLEMENTS, both of Ravenna.

In Randolph, Dec. 3rd Harry H. MORSE was married to Electa S. GILLETT. Thomas EARL was appointed guardian of Henry and Charles PRICE, minors of Wm. H. PRICE, deceased, October 18th.

Marshal H. McELWAIN, orphan of James McELWAIN, deceased; Ebenezer SHERWOOD, appointed guardian.

Edward Payton HALL, youngest child of Lyman W. HALL, died in Ravenna, Jan. 2nd.

Peter TERRILL, Shalersville, died Jan. 2nd, age 6ly, of lung disease. He was born in Bennington, VT.

Miss Anna SANFORD, Rootstown, died Jan. 8th at the age of 90y; formerly, of New Milford, Conn.

Mr. William S. OIMSTEAD, Palmyra, died Jan. 15th of heart disease at the age of 70 years.

DEATH OF WILLIAMSON CARTER

Murder Suspected

There is a great deal of excitement in the south western part of this county caused by the authorities deciding upon the arrest of of the Rev. Mr. POTTER of Limaville, Stark Co. and a United Brethren preacher, who is charged, with the murder of Williamson CARTER, his wife's uncle near Atwater Station about three weeks ago.

Rev. POTTER had not lived with his family and while he was at conference recently his wife left him and her uncle, the man murdered, helped to move her to Alliance, Ohio. Shortly after Potter got back from Conference he was able to persuade his wife to take up with him again and the family made ready, to emigrate to Kansas. She left about four weeks ago, he remaining to settle up some business. A week after, Williamson CARTER was found dead, near Atwater Station.

Mr. CARTER had started to walk home from Alliance on the railroad track. The affair had been kept a secret up to within a short time to allow authorities to work up the case. Suspicion fell upon POTTER, in consequence, of the many threats that he made, about the time that his wife had left him. Subsequent developments showed that POTTER was in "that vicinity"; about the time, that the murder took place, and the hat, which an Alliance merchant says, he sold to POTTER, was found near the murdered man.

Another thing against him is that he disappeared immediately, after the murder. He had followed his wife to Kansas where he was followed by the authorities of Stark Co., was immediately arrested, and brought back for trial.

It has been expressed that POTTER will not be able to avoid eviction, within Portage or Stark Counties, and in fact, all over the Western Reserve.

The whole population has been aroused. They feel that if POTTER is arrested he will not be able to avoid eviction with-in any of the adjoining counties.

Williamson CARTER was struck with a heavy wrench that crushed his skull, and he must have died instantly.

(REPUBLICAN-DEMOCRAT, June 19, 1878)

1861 DEATH

Atwater: Mrs. Asenth HOGLE, wife of John HOGLE, died April 13, 1861.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lonie Bernice CAMPBELL, was born Sept. 15, 1855 in Edinburg, to Harvey & Elizabeth CASE. The early life of the deceased was spent in Rootstown. In the year of 1880 she was married to Frank CAMPBELL, whose death occurred in 1897. To this union were born four children, a son Walter who died at age five mo. and the remaining sons Edward, Harvey, Floyd, Richard and a daughter, Ada B. who survive her. (Ravenna Republican, July 2, 1908)

LOCAL MAN DIES IN TOLEDO

Henry C. DAY, Ravenna, was found dead in the water closet of St. Charles Hotel at Toledo, Ohio August 21 (1871). The cause was unknown but is suspected he may have been his own slayer by taking poison.

(New Lisbon Journal, Aug. 1891)

DIES IN CHICAGO

John BEST died in Chicago June 15, 1862. He was a former resident of the Twp. of Deerfield, his father coming there in 1807/08 and drowned in the Mahoning river shortly after.

John, at the time of his death resided in Oxford, Adams Co., WI., and leaves a wife, six sons and 13 grandchildren.

(Portage Co. Democrat, July 30, 1862)

BACKED OVER EMBANKMENT

James DeLEONE, wife and 10y old daughter Lora, had an experience with a very balky horse on a Monday afternoon that soon would not be forgotten. They had to travel the steep Hannah Hill road to get home. About midway to the top of the hill had been reduced by cuts and fills and the horses suddenly balked & commenced backing them over the high and steep embankment. They were unable to stop the horses and soon all were rolling to the bottom of the fill. Mr. Deleone and his little daughter were pinioned fast under the horse which fortunately for them, fell in such a manner as to be unable to kick or even to struggle. Mrs. DeLeone was able to call for help and was fortunate, to be heard. Herbert WRIGHT and Clarence DOOLITTLE hastened to the assistance of Mr. DeLEON and his daughter, cutting the traces and releasing them, from their position. They were brought to their home where their injuries were examined. The little girl's face was badly bruised and cut by the feet of the horse, & at first feared that she was seriously injured. Mr. DeLEONE was hurt in the left side and received some slight cuts on his head and Mrs. DeLEONE had her back severly wrenched. They are not dangerously hurt however. Their carriage however, was demolished and the horse lamed.

(Ravenna Republican: July 23-1908)

COUNTY DEATHS

Noah SMITH came to Palmyra in 1806. He was a veteran soldier of the American Revolution. He died May 11, 1845. Hannah, his wife, died April 16, 1858, at the age of 93 years, 3 month. Mr. SMITH was from Litchfield, Ct.

(Ohio Star, June 11, 1845)

Mrs. LOUISA HAMLIN

Mrs. HAMLIN, mother of Mrs. Edward MATTHEWS, who was buried in Ravenna cemetery in early, September, was a woman of marked ability. Rising to superior, from disadvantage of birth among the lowly and prohibited from book learning etc. by the law of the State she only learned to read by being taught by her children in Ohio. She made the Bible her study and was a distinguished exhorter among the Wesleyan Methodists. She was licensed to preach, while living, in Canada and traveled on horseback around the circuit.

Louisa HAMLIN returned to Salem, Ohio and was the stated preacher, for just one church for some time. She was afterwards employed by the United Brethren to build up churches that were scattered abroad like sheep without any shepherd. Her last labor as a minister of the gospel was at Clayton, Mich. where she preached acceptably to congregations of white people for eighteen months and then obliged for her rest from her labors, last October she traveled, to a daughter living in Hudson, Michigan where she lingered until, August 29th, which was the 62nd anniversary of her birth, when she died.

Mrs. HAMLIN was born of free parents in Halifax county, North Carolina. She lived with her grandmother and when twelve years old, they joined a party of one hundred and thirty colored emigrants going to Ohio. A large planter, who owned five hundred slaves got each a pass through the States to the Ohio River and sent his most trusted slave, Joe WILKES and a son Henry WILKES, aged about twenty years old, with two wagons and nine horses, to carry their provisions. Each one paid the planter ten dollars and they followed the wagons on foot, Joe WILKES having crossed into Ohio with his old master, four times before with the same saddle horses as leaders of the train and young WILKS, drove the wagons.

Many of the emigrants, upon arriving in Ohio settled in Columbiana Co. while others came into Portage county because it had been the location, and burial site of their beloved leader---Louisa HAMLIN.

(Portage County Democrat)

DEATH OF ANDREW SCHEEL

Mr. SCHEEL, died at his residence on West Spruce St. July 23rd from injuries, received in E.E. MORGAN'S sand bank on Tuesday afternoon, (1908). A 12yr old FIFER boy who was present, dug the sand away from around his face and he was taken to Ravenna's White Hospital. He later died at his home.

Andrew SCHEEL was born December 15, 1867 at Meadville, Pa. and was a son, of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore SCHEEL. His entire life, with exception of the last 19mo. was in his native town of Meadville. He was married to Mrs. Mary SCHNECH, at Meadville, who survives him. They came to Ravenna at Christmas time in 1906. He is survived by a brother, Conrad SCHELL of Meadville, Penn.

(Portage County Democrat--July 23, 1908)

NELSON PEOPLE OVER 50 YEARS

Mrs. Sarah A. CLARK, wf/o the late Silas CLARK was born May 20, 1809.
 Mrs. Parthenia COLE., b. April 11, 1810 - wf/o Francis M. COLE.
 Isaac E. MILLS, b. March 22, 1811; Mrs. Kitty Ann ADAMS, b. Dec. 16, 1809-N.Y.
 Wm. B. PAYNE, b. Georgetown, Madison Co. NY; b. Oct. 1, 1808; wf Mariah M. b. Dighton, Bristol Co., Mass. 2 Sept. 1811.
 Ketchel B. PAYNE, b. Georgetown, Madison Co. N.Y. August 18, 1812;
 Sheldon BEARDSLEY, b. September 25, 1809.
 Mrs. Mary P. McCALL, relict of the late Joseph McCALL, b. September 6, 1812.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HARMAN D. HUTSON

H.D. HUTSON was born in Paris, this county, August 4, 1827, son of Lazarus & Minerva (Laughlin) HUTSON. Shortly after the death of his mother, he went to learn the harness-makers trade, but this being too confining, in March, 1847 he went to Pittsburg and worked on a flatboat that was bound to New Orleans. In 1852 he became pilot and continued to follow the business until 1855 when in this year he took a trip to California by way of the Isthmus. He remained, in California, for some eighteen months, most of which time he worked in the mines. He then returned to his former occupation of piloting, which had many dangers and narrow escapes. At one time he was blown into the river, by the bursting of a steam-pipe on the "Buckeye State" and swam ashore. He was the only one saved of a number who were also blown into the river.

In the War of the Rebellion he served under Commodore FOOTE in the Mississippi squadron and performed duties as Captain of the tugboat "Restless". He was soon put in charge of repairing the ship "Swallow." This vessel was lost in August of 1862, while Mr. HUTSON was sick in the hospital. With improving health he was ordered to the United States steamer, "W. H. BROWN", a Government dispatch boat.

On September 18, 1862, he married Charlotte C. VAUGHN, of Illinois, formerly of Mahoning County. By this marriage one son was born. In April 1863, he resigned his commission to take charge of the "Hammit", then in the service, & of which he was part owner. On this he still remained until close of the War when he purchased the "Panther" and engaged in towing coal to New Orleans. He sold his property in Pittsburg in 1870 and bought in Deerfield, his present residence. In 1872 he sold the "Panther" and left the river.

Harman HUTSON died at his Deerfield home February 10, 1906. His wife preceded him in death February 4, 1900.

(Compiled from misc. County Records)

ALPHEUS H. UNDERWOOD

A.H. UNDERWOOD, farmer, was born September 22, 1827, in Brimfield Twp., this county, son of Lybia and Julia (Minard) UNDERWOOD. His paternal grandfather, was Alpheus UNDERWOOD, a native of Munson, Mass. who settled, in Brimfield, Portage County, Ohio in 1817, locating on the farm now known as the "NEEDHAM FARM", which he cleared and improved and on which he lived and died. To this family were born seven children, four daughters and three sons. All are now deceased.

DEATH OF JOHN H. JONES

Mr. JONES died suddenly at his Ravenna home June 27, (1918) of heart disease. A son of Evan and Jane JONES, the deceased was born February 13, 1847 in the village of Palmyra and had been a resident there since 1867. In former years he was actively and successfully engaged as a "horse dealer" and was widely known in that capacity.

HIRAM RAPIDS: Mr. John BRADFORD, a former resident of this place has been in California the past four years, has returned to visit old friends.

GARRETTSVILLE: James D. COLE and family of Kansas City are visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. COLE for a few weeks.

George WATERS of Norfolk, VA. is spending a week with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Z.B. WATERS.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Freedom was the last Township in Portage County to be formed, and was formed from Hiram in 1825. Reason for this was, the central part was all swamp, and hunters from adjoining townships reported it would never be suitable for any farming. To illustrate its wildness, in the winter of 1824, an early settler Enos WADSWORTH left his horse on a Saturday morning saying that he would return before night with a deer. He did not return and on the following Friday he was found by a searching party, face down in the swamp at the Center dead from exposure and hunger.

The first settler was Carles PAINE, son of General PAINE for whom, this village was named. He came in 1818, a large family named JOHNSON in 1822, three families in 1823 and increasing numbers arrived each year following.

The first census taken in 1830, states that 342 people were living in Freedom. Most of the new settlers came from Eastern States, some driving, overland in ox carts and wagons, some voyaging down the Lakes to Cleveland, and coming in wagons or in some cases walking from there.

Mrs. PAINE, a staunch Abolitionist, names the Township Liberty but, when she learned another township had that name, she changed it to Freedom. Their residence was on the road North from Drakesburg to Hiram town-line road, later called Polson Road. The North road was once called Vermont Street, as many of the people from Vermont settled on it.

Paul LARCOM, an early settler of Freedom, compiled a valuable History of the early Freedom days. He speaks of attending Singing School at the "log church" when the wolves howled and made so much noise that the singers, had to wait, for them to quiet down before completing their lesons, and the boys, carried torches to scare them away.

At that time the area bounded in deer, bears, wolves and rattlesnakes and it was not possible to keep hogs as the bears would catch them. One winter, the people in the area held a great hunt by forming a large circle, and working inward, until all animals were killed in the center of the circle. This was done to rid the people of the danger and annoyance from the wild animals.

One early church member, Mrs. Charles DUDLEY, who lived in northwest part of town, rode an ox to church. Twice her Sunday dress was torn and ruined by the briars and brush and she finally issued an ultimatum, that a road had to be built if she continued to attend church.

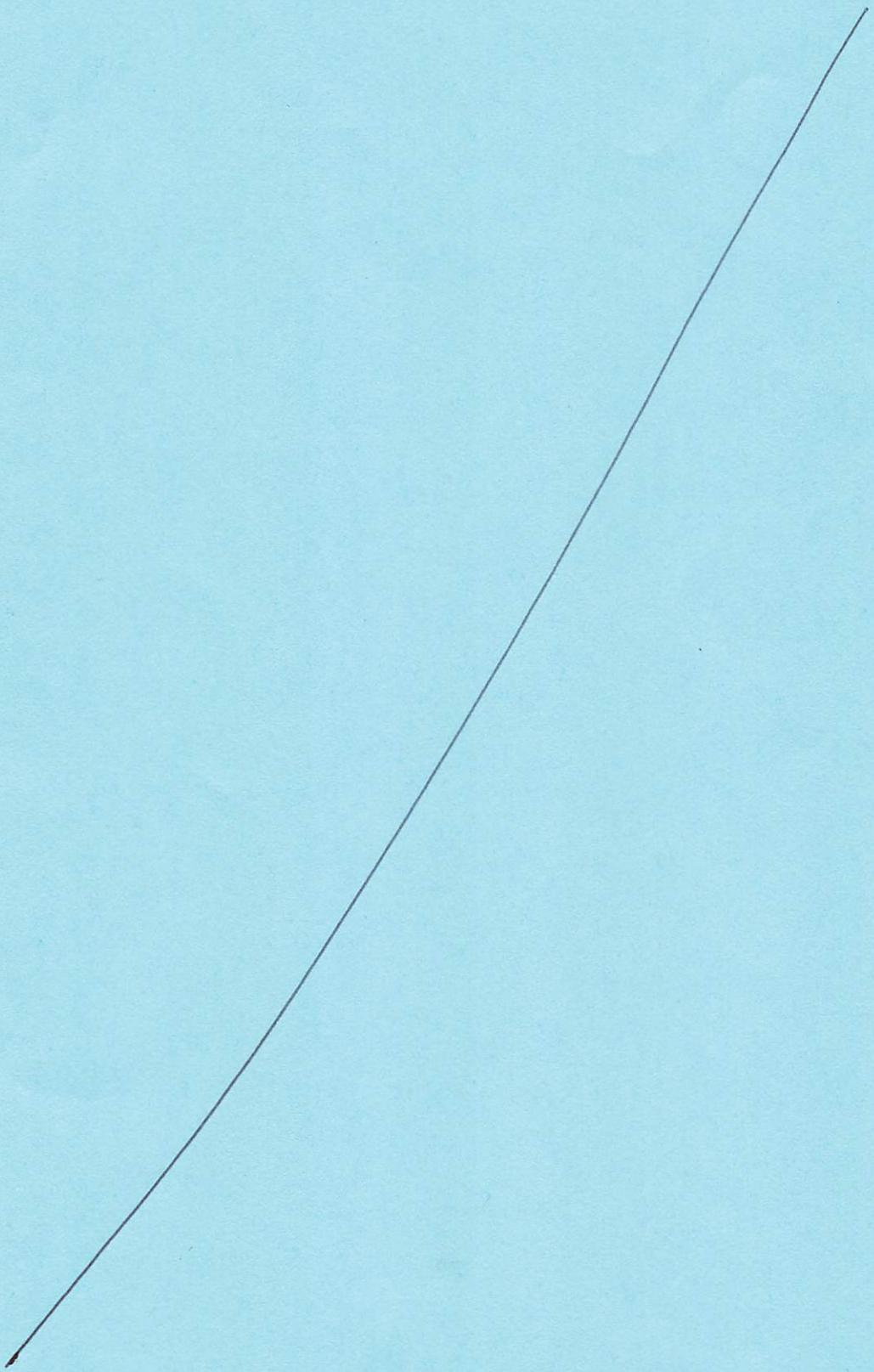
In 1829 Orsamus DRAKE and his wife came from Granville, Mass., and soon came his father, Enos DRAKE, and wife also arrived. Mr. DRAKE purchased 1200 acres of wild land in and around Drakesburg, extending as far as Freedom Center in one direction. This was one-fourth of the area of the Township. It is said, that Mr. DRAKE had considered buying land in Ravenna but decided that Drakesburg area was a more favorable location for the growth of the town.

The DRAKE'S built five frame houses, a store and a large tavern, and Drakesburg was named for them.

The Tavern built in 1836, operated by Mr. DRAKE was on the Stage Coach Route between Warren & Cleveland and catered to both Stage Coach and private trade and often 20 horses belonging to travelers were stabled in the barn, at one time. The tavern, called Freedom House, still stands at Drakesburg and today is the home of Arthur MAUR.

Two large porches were removed and a wing moved across the road & converted into a dwelling many years ago.

Several of the old buildings are still standing today.



MURDER IN MOGADORE

On Monday, November 26, 1866 a young man named Wilson S. ROOF entered the house of Wm. A. MUSSON at Mogadore, Suffield Twp. and shot to death, his wife, Mrs. Harriet MUSSON while she was engaged in her daily labors. The murderer fled and a reward of \$550 was offered for his arrest, which was effected on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 29, in Stark County about one and a half miles from Lima Station, on the Cleveland & Pittsburg R.R. He was captured by James ROATH a farmer of that vicinity to whom he confessed he murdered Mrs. MUSSON. ROTH and William WILES took the prisoner in a buggy to Lima Station, thence by train to Ravenna and delivered him to the local Sheriff. A week later the prisoner pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder.

Soon after, the case took a new turn. Suspicion centered on a Milton MOORE who was a wealthy married man of Mogadore, doing business in Akron, as an accomplice in the murder of Mrs. MUSSON. In March, 1867, he was indicted, for prompting and procuring ROOF to commit the deed.

It was rumored around Mogadore that MOORE was a trifle too intimate, with ROOF's sister, Hattie and the scandal soon became "common gossip". During the absence of Mrs. MOORE from home, Mrs. MUSSON, who was her cousin, had written her a note regarding the talk that was going around and upon Mrs. MOORE's return she parted temporarily from her husband. This, lead up, to the commission of the tragedy. MOORE gave bail in \$50,000 security and the case came to trial May 27, 1867. The trial lasted five days, and though ROOF swore to MOORE's connection with the crime, the latter was acquitted on May 31st. The following day ROOF pleaded guilty to murder, in the second degree and was sent to the penitentiary for life.

(Western Courier & County History)

PORTAGE COUNTY NEWS

William C. ADAMS, a son of the late Matthew ADAMS and a brother of Martin ADAMS of New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., died at his residence in Windham, on August 15, 1875 at the age of 70 years.

On Monday night, July 19, 1871, a man by the name of Gottfred WAGNER committed suicide by hanging, in the Portage County Jail where he was incarcerated for an attempt suicide.

On June 17, 1875, Homer R.H. WOLF of Atwater and Miss Carrie V. CRUMRINE, daughter of David CRUMRINE were married.

DIED: In Jacksonville, Steuben county, Indiana on December 9, 1885 at the residence of his son Almon W. THORPE, Jr., Mr. A.W. THORPE, Sr. age 83y. He had formerly lived in Edinburg, Freedom and Windham but left the area, after 1850 and moved to Vineland, N.J. Many old friends will read, of his death with sadness. There are many old time frame houses "of his making", that will remind them of his works. (Ravenna Republican, (Jan 13, 1886)

W.J. WILSON of Freedom left Ravenna August 10th for Ireland, to visit his old home; "County DOWN". (1889)

Dr. Chas. WATKINS of Boston, former Ravenna resident, is shaking hands of old acquaintances. (1889)

Robert GROSS of Boston is visiting with his father Samuel in Shalersville. (1889)

LUCINA POLLY DOTY DONALDSON

Polly (DOTY) DONALDSON was born in the town of Otis, Mass. March 7, 1826 and died at the home of her son Morell G. DONALDSON, Windham, Ohio February 7th, 1912 at the age of 85 years and 11 months. She was the daughter of Roswell and Polly DOTY of Otis, Mass. They were decendants of the Puritan Father and inherited a full measure of the stalwart religious principles of their early ancestors, also their energy and enterprise and thrift.

Ohio's beauty and fertility reached them early in glowing stories. In 1833, they left their Massachusetts home with their children and came to the "New" country making the trip by boat from Buffalo, up Lake Erie to Cleveland then a small village. Not liking the sandy soil of surrounding farms, the DOTY'S journeyed in-land to Troy twp., Geauga county, settling on a farm where they made their home and reared their children.

Lucina grew up amid the grandure and loneliness of the forest. When age 18, she married Norton DONALDSON of Parkman twp., Geauga Co. For fifty years, they were together. He was the son of parents who left Scotland due to a religious pedigree problem. The two older children, William and Henry had been born here.

In 1853 Lucina P. and Norton DONALDSON came to Windham where they lived, for nearly sixty years. The husband died September 24, 1894 and is remembered by his three sons who survive him.

For eighteen years the mother lived with her sons. There were five children, (3 sons, two daughters). Harry N. Youngstown, O.; Morell G. & Shirley O. of Windham, this county. The eldest daughter Amelia married George NORTH in the year 1875, and later moved to Cleveland, OH. In one year, Amelia died. She had a daughter Minnie (lives in Los Angeles, California) The youngest daughter Ella died in 1861 at age five years.

There are eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The father, Roswell DOTY and family moved to California in 1855 where a brother-David DOTY, and a sister Mrs. Flora (Doty) STURGON lives. She is the last of the family.

(Ravenna Republican, Feb.15, 1912)

COUNTY DEATHS

The remains of Mrs. Emma J. SHEWELL, arrived in Ravenna Thursday morning Jan. 3rd (1907) and were taken to the Maple Grove vault. Interment to be made, in the Rootstown cemetery.

Zenas KENT, pioneer of the Western Reserve, formerly Franklin Mills, Portage County, now Kent died 4 October 23, 1822, age 65y.

Joseph C. WELTE, age 43 years died in Ravenna August 23 (1914). He was born in Pittsburg June 26, 1871. He leaves a wife and child.

Matthias TRARAS died at Randolph April 2, 1883 at the age of 91 years. Cause of death was old age.

Alexander SCOTT of Palmyra was born in Ireland 1794 and died January 2, 1888 at the age of 93 years. His wife preceded him in death in September of 1872. They had twelve children (seven boys and 5 girls) five of whom are deceased. All live within three miles of their home but a son, who lives in Hardin Co. Ohio.

(The Daily Republican, Jan.12, 1888)

JACOB HIVELY

Jacob HIVELY, farmer, P.O. Suffield, was born January 15, 1820, in Stark Co. Ohio, son of George and Polly HIVELY, who settled in Suffield Township, this county, where the father died. The mother subsequently moved West, and died in Indiana. On December 8, 1842, our subject married Miss Anna SAXE who bore him the following children: William, Caroline (Mrs. POWELL) and Jacob.

Mrs. HIVELY died December 11, 1879. In the year 1853, Mr. HIVELY settled, on a farm where he now resides, a farm of 168½ acres, secured through industry, and good management, and February 21, 1881 he married Miss Louisa MELLINGER, who was the daughter of Levi and Catharine MELLINGER, who later came to this county and settled in Brimfield Township-this county.

(Portage County History)

A SPEEDY RIDE

Coroner L.A. WOOLF of Ravenna took the fastest ride in his life, when he was mounted at the rear of Paul SCHULTZ's motorcycle, behind Walter STRONG - the driver. He rode from Atwater Station to Deerfield Station, a distance of almost eight miles, and the time - a little less than seven minutes. He was on his way to the scene of the tragedy of Mrs. Anna COLE who was cremated, when lightning struck her home at Diamond, causing it to burn. This lightning trip was made, so that he could make the northbound train at Deerfield. This was certainly a courageous ride for both men.

(Ravenna Republican, Dec.9, 1915)

MRS. JENNIE M. COLE

The death of Mrs. Jennie M. COLE, wife of Attorney A.S. COLE of Ravenna, has brought sorrow to many hearts and left a vacancy in the circle of many. This woman passed away from the home of her loved ones Sunday morning, July 18th, 1909, after an illness that lasted a week from congenital heart trouble, for several years.

Miss Jennie M. ALLEN was born in Leicester County, N.Y. on November 27, 1859 and was the youngest daughter of William and Mary ALLEN. She came to Ravenna in 1882 where she lived with the late L.A. OLIN and his wife, the latter, of whom was her sister. Mr. OLIN was then auditor of Portage County and she was employed in his office from that time to her marriage with A.S. COLE of this city November 27, 1884 who, with their second son, Lee, was born October 31, 1894, is left to cherish her memory. Their first child Leon was born in Oct. of 1885 and died June 28, 1889. Her brother, Edward Allen and sister, who is Mrs. J.M. BIRDSALL, of this city, also one other brother and a sister located near Moscow, N.Y., survive her.

(Ravenna Republican, July 22, 1909)

MARK BIRCHARD

Mark BIRCHARD, farmer, was born June 26, 1852 in Windham Township, to Nathan A. and Eliza (Alford) BIRCHARD who were early township settlers. October 18, 1876 he wed Miss Lucy C. CHAFFEE, born in Windham Twp. July 3, 1858-daughter of Wolcott CHAFFEE. By this union there are two children: Chaffee and Grace BIRCHARD.

(Portage County Biographical Sketches)

FORMER RAVENNA RESIDENT DIES

T.J. PHILLIPS died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laura BEERS who resides in Cleveland, Saturday January 5th (1907). The remains were received here on Tuesday where services were held in Maple Grove Cemetery, Ravenna the afternoon of that day.

The deceased was born in Plaseyrhendy, Clyden Parish, Pembrokeshire, South Wales September 3, 1822, son of Caleb and Sarah PHILLIPS; with whom he came to Palmyra, Portage County in 1837. He came to Ravenna in 1838, where he was taught the trade of cabinet maker and was proprietor of said trade, in Freedom from 1843 to 1846. There he was married May 1844 to Miss Delia M. HILL, daughter of Rev. John HILL.

Five children were born to them, George Myron, cashier of Northfield, Minn. First National Bank, Morton H. of Philadelphia, Mrs. Laura BEERS, Cleveland, Lucy L. SMITH of Cleveland and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. PHILLIPS was a Ravenna furniture dealer from 1846 to 1872 with exception of three years. He also delt extensively in real estate estate and built the "Mechanic Block" in Ravenna, since torn down and replaced by "Riddle Block" No.2. He was agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. for Portage and Trumbull counties in 1872 and received the appointment of state agent July 1st, 1874. Six years ago he sold his home and moved to Cleveland. His wife died in Ravenna on May 29, 1896.

T.J. PHILLIPS was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and lived, and died in the Christian faith. His children were all present at the final services on Tuesday afternoon.

(Ravenna Republican, Jan.10, 1907)

DR. L. A. DANIELS

Dr. L.A. DANIELS, who was called to rest on his birthday April 7, 1888 - was born in Massachusetts April 17, 1822. When a mere boy, with his parents, he moved to Ohio where they settled in the town of Freedom, Portage County. Upon attaining the age of manhood he was united in marriage to Ellen F. MILLS, and settled in Garrettsville. In the year 1869 they moved to Michigan, where they layed to rest their youngest daughter, Rosie, aged 18 years. After residence there of ten years, they returned to Ohio and in 1883 they left Ohio, and went to Waldon's Ridge, Tenn. where he remained until death. At the time of death, in addition to his profession, he was engaged, in general merchandising, was Justice of the Peace, notary public and postmaster, all of which he transacted with strict honor and integrity. His illness of three week was caused by a severe cold which settled on his lungs, already diseased. He leaves a wife, a daughter and her husband and three grandchildren. Funeral services where held May 10, 1888 in Brayton Tonion, Tenn.

(Garrettsville Journal, May 24, 1888)

BRIMFIELD: Death for the fifth time in three weeks has visited our town, and claimed Mrs. Mary (Carson) EDSON, wife of Fred EDSON and oldest daughter of Jacob CARSON. She leaves a husband, a son, a father, five sisters and two of her brothers to mourn her death.

Mary E. CARSON was born 1847. She married to Frederick EDSON Dec. 11th 1866; date of death: October, 1899; age 52 years.

(Ravenna Republican Oct.5, 1899 & Co. Cemetery Records)

MRS. HERMAN SCHULTZ

Mrs. Mary SCHULTZ, widow of Herman (deceased), of Edinburg died in Cleveland May 14, 1899 at the home of her son Charles SCHULTZS on Sunday morning. She died of heart failure.

Mary E. WILSON was born in Bensheim, Hesse Darmstadt Germany in 1831. At the age of twenty-two she came to this country and was married to Herman SCHULTZ in Deerfield, this county, in 1853. They lived in a house, with the late DR. WAGGONER for a time and then moved to Edinburg and lived there for about two years. Since which time, she has been in Cleveland.

Mrs. SCHULTZ was the mother of five children: Frank, a merchant in Palmyra; Herman, a dealer in hides in Ravenna; Charles, employed by the Pennsylvan Co. at Euclid Station, Cleveland.

The remains were brought to Ravenna and taken to Edinburg for burial.

(Ravenna Republican, May 18, 1899)

BATES - ROBERT'S FAMILY REUNION - 1876

The reunion of the BATES and ROBERT'S families took place at the summer residence of Mr. George P. BATES in Windham, on Friday, August 4th. Mr. BATES is engaged very largely in the mercantile business in Topeka, Kansas, and owns a large business there. He also owns a commodious villa in Windham, a town, a little north of the station on the A. & G. WRR.

Reunion Invitations were sent out to his relatives and also to Mrs. B's relatives and the ROBERT'S family.

The weather was delightful and the guests continued to assemble, until there were nearly fifty. Three generations were represented in ages varying from - the infant to near three score of Mr. BATE'S brothers and sisters. Those who were present of his brothers and sisters were Wm. M. BATES, Horace E. BATES, Mrs. Angeline M. LINDSAY and Miss Alvira E. BATES (Mrs. BATE'S SISTER), were all present, save one who is in a far western state, Mrs. Eben NEWTON. The balance of the company was composed of nephews and nieces of Mr. and Mrs. B. and their companions and children. With the exception of one person all present in the day-time, were relatives, either blood or by marriage. There was social chatting, croquet, music etc. until about 2 o'clock when the refreshments were served.

(Portage County Democrat, Aug. 16, 1876)

COUNTY NEWS

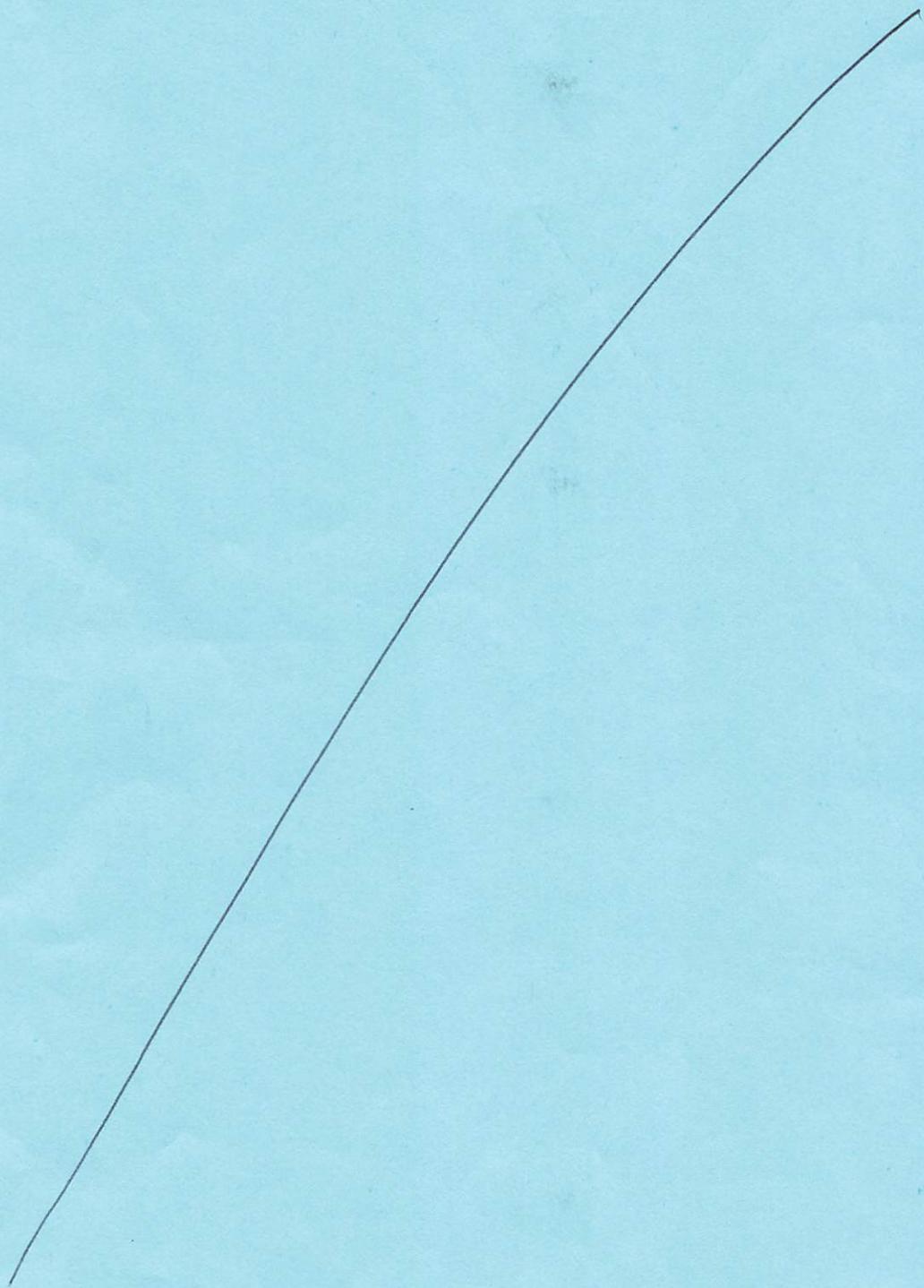
GARRETTSVILLE: Married here at the residence of the bride's father, on Sept. 25, (1867), by J.M. ATWATER of Hiram, Mr. O.B. CLARK of Streetsboro and Miss Emma J. TINKER of Garrettsville.

KENT: The remains of John MYERS were brought here last Friday from Youngstown where he died on Christmas Day at the age of sixty-two years. He had formerly lived in this town. Services were held at the home of his brother Willis, on Hudson Road. (January 23, 1907)

SHALERSVILLE: Mrs. Joel BAKER, Tolland, Co. Conn. came with her husband and one child in 1806. The journey was made in four weeks.

AURORA: Mr. Carroll T. BLAIR, son of Isaac BLAIR who came from Blanford, MA. in 1806 died Oct. 27, 1868.

(WIDGER LIBRARY)



QUERIES

- PFEIL Need information on the following surnames:
BOLES PFEIL- Edinburg and Shalersville; Portage County
MATHEWS BOLES- Charlestown; Portage County
MORRISON MATHEWS- Palmyra: Portage County
MORRISON- Trumbull County
~~Summa~~, P.O. Box 1232, Weatherford, TX 76086
- HELFBERT George HELFBERT (HELFORD) in Edinburg twp, Portage Co., Ohio 1848 to 1858. Sold his land and left the area 1858. Not listed in the Ohio census index for 1860. Will exchange information.
~~Summa~~, Ranson, WV 25438
- PUGH Lewis PUGH b.10 Jan. 1806, Fairfield Co., Ohio, d. 10 Aug. 1839
SHURR bur. Eversole Cem. Hocking twp., Fairfield Co., OH; marr. Julia Ann SHURR, b. July 1808, d. 23 June 1884; bur. Green Mound Cem., same twp/county. Had two children, William L. and Elizabeth.
Will exchange information.
~~Summa~~, Ravenna, OH 44266-1338

PORTAGE COUNTYBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

WILLIAM P. SPIERS, retired farmer, P.O. Deerfield, was born in Steeple Clayton, Buckinghamshire, England in 1820, son of John & Rebecca SPIERS. He has been a resident of Deerfield Twp. since the family settled there in 1833. He served an apprenticeship at carriage-making and worked over forty years at the business before retiring. He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary, daughter of John DIVER, a native of Deerfield. To this union, two children were born, both now living: Ethelbert B., and Emma who married Edward LAZARUS and had a family of three children: Nellie A., Bertha, and Lottie. Mrs. SPIERS is one of the oldest pioneers in the township.
Mary (Diver) SPIERS died in 1905 and William P. died 1909.

LUTHER BUTLER, retired farmer, P.O. Atwater, was born in North Branford, CT. in 1801; son of David & Betsey BUTLER who were among the 1827 pilgrims, that came to Atwater Twp. where they lived on the land they chose until close of their lives. Of the thirteen children born to them, seven survive. Luther, our subject, in 1830 married Miss Eliza JONES and four children were born to them. Our subject and his wife celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1880.

IRA S. CUTTS, farmer, P.O. Windham was born in Addison Co. VT. Oct. 22, 1829, son of Daniel B. & Lucy (Smith) CUTTS, natives of Vermont, the former born in 1804. They had a family of eight children. They came to this county in 1831, locating in Windham. The father followed his trade, shoe making, many years, and then moved to Paris twp and eventually purchased a farm. He died in 1874 his wife having died in 1864. Ira S. married in 1856 to Mary L. RUSSELL. She died in 1871 leaving a daughter Perlea. Mr. CUTTS next married the sister, of his first wife and by her had a son-Daniel. Mr. CUTTS has property that represents many hours of hard labor performed by his own hands.

(History Of Portage County, Ohio - 1885)

MRS. CHARLES MEISTER

The following history and address was read by N. P. PLAZGROFF at the funeral of Mrs. Harriett (Hosmire) MEISTER April 24, 1889 at the home of O.W. COY in Ravenna, Ohio. She was the mother-in-law of Emanuel HIVELY.

Mother MEISTER was born in Wertenburg, Germany, A.D. 1801 and emigrated with her parents to America when she was only 8 years old, locating with them, in the city of Baltimore, Md. Here she married Dr. Charles MEISTER in 1821, and from this place they removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, remaining there, in his profession for some time. Being however induced to making another of his moves, they came to Campbellsport, this county, and settled south of Ravenna on what is well-known as the MEISTER Farm. Here he was successful in his vocation until March 25, 1851 when he died, leaving the mother to care for the family of twelve children.

Mrs. MEISTER lived a widow's life for thirty-eight years and died April 29th 1889. It was about 13 years ago that she lost her sight. Eight children are her survivors, four sons, four daughters and her husband. Two daughters and two sons are deceased. The oldest son died in the army, being shot as troops entered the city of Mexico. (Ravenna Republican, May 1, 1889)

JOHN L. HIGLEY

John L. HIGLEY, farmer, P.O. Windham, was born January 17, 1816 in Windham, son of Joseph HIGLEY. He was married in 1841 to Miss Elizabeth FRARY born in Becket, Mass. 1820, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Gifford) FRARY. Mr. HIGLEY is one of the self-made men of Windham Township, this county and property he accumulated represents many hours of hard labor with his own hands. Although he took no active part in the war of the Rebellion he aided the families of the soldiers at home. He was a constant member of the Congregational Church, since 1841, and is also one of the substantial farmers of his Township which he had served as Justice of the Peace for one term and in other offices of trust. Politically he was of the Republican party. Mr. HIGLEY died 1898. His wife died in 1904. (Portage County History - 1885)

BEQUEATHED A FORTUNE

According to account in the Cleveland papers Mrs. Fannie VALENTINE, Ravenna, and Mrs. Charles E. POE, formerly of Ravenna are each to receive one-fourth of the estate of P.M. SPENCER, deceased, president of the Cleveland National Bank which is valued at \$750,000. \$61,000 to be paid first in minor bequeaths and the remainder is to be divided into four equal parts of which, the Mrs. VALENTINE will receive one. She is a niece of the late Mr. SPENCER.

(Ravenna Republican, August 1, 1907)

FORMER COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING IN OTHER STATES

Mrs. Harriet A. COFFIN died in Polo, Michigan of consumption January 23-1885 at the age of 60 yrs., 6 months and 17 days. Harriet A. KING was married to Henry S. COFFIN in Portage County April 25, 1844.

Samuel B. BENTON, Rootstown pioneer, died May 25, 1872 in Shellrock, Butler County, Iowa, age unknown. He became a resident of Rootstown in 1812 and was active as a Leader in the Methodist church in 1853. He married Miss Margaret DEWEY 29 December 1835 in Portage county, Ohio and they had a family of five children by 1850. (WIDGER Library source material)

COURT NEWS

August 14, 1889: Bank of Ravenna entered a judgement in Summit County court, for- \$1804.80 against John CLEMENTS and John D. CLEMENTS and others, on cognovit. On Monday last, John CLEMENTS commenced proceedings in the same court to set aside the judgement on the grounds that the signature to the note was not his but instead a forgery.

The Portage County jury in the case of Ohio vs Sarah and Minnie DUSTMAN, has returned the verdict of not guilty. Nearly three days were consumed, in the trial and over forty witnesses subpoenaed.

On the 19th of last June, a Mrs. SHEFFLETON of Deerfield, called at the house of Mrs. DUSTMAN'S to inquire after her brood of young turkeys. On being informed that they were not there, she departed but returned about supertime and not minutes elapsed before a heated discussion was in progress which resulted in blows. Mrs. DUSTMAN received a broken arm and Mrs. SHEFFLETON several gashes about the head. The latter was the prosecuting witness.

Estate of Polly FIFER, deceased, Edinburg; George WOOLF administrator.

Estate of Daniel G. HEACOCK, deceased, late of Atwater; executrix -- Nettie HEACOCK.

W.A. JENKINS appointed administrator of estate Josephene E. SMITH, late of Ravenna--deceased.

Estate of Uriah HINCHCLIFF, deceased, late of Paris twp; John N. ENSIGN adm.

Estate of Edward J. HUGHES late of Edinburg, deceased; Cyrus TURNBULL, adm; Mary A. Warring et al, defendants.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Mrs. Sarah Ann HARMON came to Freedom with her mother from Oneida Co., New York to visit a friend in 1827 and was asked to teach the "Limeridge School" and in a letter to her mother she tells of the different homes as she visited around. December 1, 1838 is the date of a bill-of-goods (yellow with age) which reads: knives, forks, spoons, teacups, sausers, snuffers and tray, and wedding dress. Then came to the old home, a bride, Mrs. Merritt HARMON.

In 1825 came Mrs. Pardon SHERMON, then Esther REMINGTON. They had two girls, Harriet and Minerva. Harriet was very fond of greens so she went to get some and taking her little sister with her, they found them but couldn't find the way home. Too tired to go further, Harriet could hear the bell ringing, and shouts but little Minerva was fast asleep in a hollow log, with her bright tin pail beside her. As the sun came up in the morning they were found with fresh bear tracks all around them. It seems bears are afraid of shining tin. Thus they were saved and carried home their greens. Mrs. John PORTER "little Anna WILLIAMS" tells the story.

Harriett married George Williams and Minerva became Mrs. Alpheus BROWN, who resides in Oberlin, Ohio.

GENEALOGY WORD LIST

LINEAL relations - those in the "direct" line of ascent or descent such as a grandfather or granddaughter.

GREAT-GRANDAUNT or GRANDUNCLE - the sister or brother of your great-grandparents.
(From WIDGER Library)

MEMORANDA OF NELSON PEOPLE
OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE

Harvey PIKE, born Sept.18,1794 in Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn; drafted and served seventy days in the War of 1812-14. Came to Ohio 1831 and resided in Nelson 45 years.

Mrs. Amanda DURKEE, relict of the late Josiah C. STOCKWELL, born in Rochester, Windsor Co. Vt. June 14, 1800; has resided in Ohio 50 years, in Nelson 40 years.

Susan HANNAHS, relict John HANNAHS, born in Bethlehem, Litchfield Co., Conn. Dec.14,1800 and came to Nelson in the year 1874.

Iassc NICHOLSON, born Jan. 14, 1802 on Long Island two weeks after arrival of his parents in this country from England.

E.J. PIXLEY, born Sept.12, 1805 in Hartford, Windham Co., VT. Resided in the township of Nelson 45 years.

John BURROWS, born in N.Y. May 18, 1807; Mrs. Sarah BURROWS, born April 6, 1810 in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Rhoda CURTIS, relict of the late Julius CURTIS, b. Dec. 31, 1808.

Leland MERWIN, born Sept. 16, 1803.

Benjamin FOWLER, b. July 28, 1807.

(Capt.) Albert MILLS, in Nelson February 11, 1807.

Joseph R. DOWNS, born February 23, 1807 in Massachusetts.

Charles TILDEN, born February 16, 1807 in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Caroline TINKER, born in Nelson April 8, 1804; relict of the late P. M. TINKER.

Joseph D. HALL, born in Salisburg, Berks Co., PA., December 25th and resided in Ohio 17 years, in Nelson 2 years.

Franklin SMITH, born in Bennington Co., Vt. October 26, 1804. Went to Geauga County in 1818. In 1825, he spent four years in Michigan; returned to Ohio, and has spent seventeen years in Nelson township, this county.

Samuel DOWNS, born December 6. 1812 and Rebecca DOWNS born November 24,1816; They celebrated their golden wedding January 14, 1886; Moved from Warren, O. to Nelson where they have resided one year. (Garrettsville Journal - April 29, 1880)

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

In 1818 Freedom Township was an unbroken forest of dense woods of beach and maple trees under whose branches roamed bear, wolves and deer. The silence, solitude and loneliness of the Charles H. PAINE family, who did not believe, the stories of the "Old Hunters", that the land could never be settled, came built a log cabin and called it Freedom which was the 215th township and the last place settled in the Western Reserve. It was four years of work as well loneliness when a family of thirteen members, Mr. and Mrs. "Thomas JOHNSON" arrived in 1822. In 1823 came three more families and in 1824 many more had arrived.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Giles F. DIBBLE was celebrated at their home in Atwater on Sunday, December 28, 1919. The event was a surprise to them as they had planned to spend the day with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. REEDER of Atwater for whose home, they were about to depart when children and grandchildren began to arrive, with a prepared dinner. After the first surprise they quickly rallied to the spirit of the occasion and gave Highland welcome to them all.

Mr. Giles F. DIBBLE and Miss Mary WERELY were married in their native township of Randolph on December 28, 1869. Her parents lived in south-west Randolph and Giles F. was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DIBBLE of Randolph. Giles F. and wife Mary lived in Randolph continuously from birth, to March, 1919 when they moved to Atwater.

Mr. and Mrs. DIBBLE had the following children: Mrs. Emmett DIBBLE of Kensington, Ohio; Mrs. SHEEHAN of Alliance, Ohio, wife of Wilson SHEEHAN, formerly of New Milford, Ohio; Mrs. Irene ROEDER, wife of Rodney R. ROEDER, Atwater merchant.

The grandchildren are Nina, Doris and Paul SHEEHAN, Howard DIBBLE and Rodney R., Jr. and Nevin D. ROEDER. All were present except Emmett DIBBLE and his son Howard. Mrs. Amanda DIBBLE and Flora SHOOK were also dinner guests.

(Ravenna Republican, Jan. 1, 1920)

DIED IN RICHMOND

Mrs. Mary ZIMMERMAN, wife of Samuel, died in Richmond, Indiana on Wednesday, July 8th (1908). Her remains were brought to Ravenna, where funeral services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Caleb EBERSOLE on Saturday, (July) 11th. She is survived by her husband and sons, Charles of Marion, Ohio and Truman of Toledo, Ohio, all of whom were present at the funeral. Her age was 48 years on March 19, 1908, She was a native of Randolph, daughter of George and Christina STOUENHEIMER of Randolph, both deceased.

(Ravenna Republican, July 16, 1908)

DEERFIELD MAN DIES IN WISCONSIN

Warren REED died at his residence in Metomen, Wisconsin August 22, 1874. He was born in Deerfield, Ohio May 29, 1824 and went to this state, and settled in Metomen twenty-one years ago. He was first stricken down with sun-stroke, which resulted in a severe attack of the typhoid fever which terminated, his life. He leaves his wife, Ann (Hall) Reed whom he married in Randolph, July 29, 1830, three sons and a daughter, now the wife of Mr. HARGRAVES.

(The Democrat, Nov. 14, 1874)

COUNTY NEWS

A list of letters remaining at the Ravenna, Ohio post-office, August 14, 1889:

Mr. Robert ROBINSON - Mr. Frank SLICK - Mrs. Kate (Ward) BROWN
Miss Lottey WEETER - Mrs. Sarah J. WARNER - Sonnie WILLIAMS

If you know location of any of the above individuals, please relate to them, the letters being held.

(Ravenna Republican)

CIVIL WAR SOLDIER
CALLED FROM EARTH

John C. LINDSEY, Civil War soldier and resident of this community for eighty years, died at the home of his son, E.C. LINDSEY at Crystal Lake Tuesday in the morning, January 27, (1920) following a long period of waning health, and an immediate illness that confined him to his bed for three weeks. Interment was made in Maple Grove cemetery, Ravenna.

John Chauncey LINDSEY was born near Brady Lake (Portage Co.) July 27, 1838, son of Benjamin and Sarah LINDSEY and with the exception of a year in Michigan, and portions of ten years in Florida his life was lived in Ravenna, and vicinity. He was married to Miss Romelia WATSON September 19, 1862 who with their six children survives him including E.C. LINDSEY who is chief engineer of Ravenna Water Works department, Mrs. Cora Ahrens, Canton, O; Mrs. Blanche KAISER, Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Mame BALSER, Ravenna, O.; Mrs. Carrie HAKER of Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Alma CHAMBER, Everett, Ohio.

Mr. LINDSEY served with Company G., 7th Ohio Infantry during the War, of the Rebellion and after receiving his honorable discharge, to his native community with which he has since been identified. He was a good soldier, friend, and citizen and will be remembered as an American patriot.

(Ravenna Republican, Feb. 2, 1920)

STRONG FAMILY REUNION

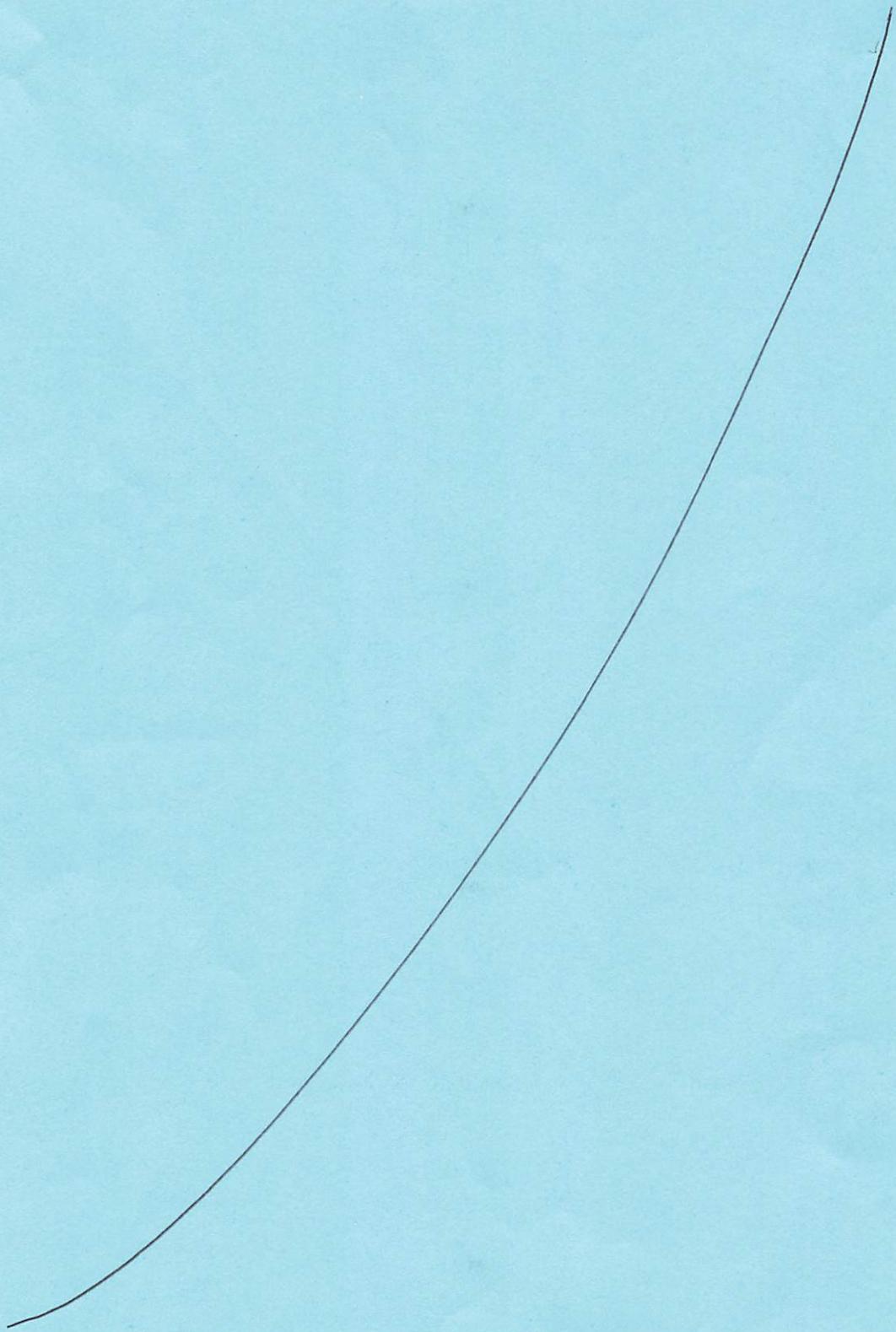
The Reunion of the STRONG Family was a pleasurable affair at the home of Mr. Andrew STRONG in Charlestown on Saturday, July 31 (1909) in honor of an 85th birthday anniversary of Mrs. J.A. NOTMAN, the mother of Mrs. STRONG. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew STRONG, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. STRONG, of Ravenna (daughter of Mrs. NOTMAN) Mr. and Mrs. T.J. SNYDER of Alliance--he is a grandson; Mr. and Mrs. George TURNER and two children of Edinburg-- she is a grand-daughter; Miss Mabel SNYDER of Mercy hospital, Canton---a great-grand-daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Warren NOTMAN, he a son; Mr. and Mrs. Watson PEEBLES & two children, Sealersville, she a grand-daughter; Mrs. George NOTMAN, Deerfield--daughter-in-law, (M) and Mrs. Ralph NOTMAN of Malboro--great grandson; Mr. and Mrs. Gustave ROSENOW, Ravenna, she a great grand-daughter; Mr. & Mrs. William WILCOX--she a grandchild; Master Ray & Earl NOTMAN---both grandsons; Miss Bessie and Bertha SNYDER, Alliance--great grand-daughters; Ethel NOTMAN Ethel NOTMAN, Deerfield gr-daughter; Birdie STAHL & Stella NOTMAN, Alliance --grandchildren; Hazel & Lena NOTMAN--grand-daughters; master Howard SNYDER of Alliance and Clifford STRONG, Ravenna-grandsons; Friend STRONG, gr-son of Charlestown; Mrs. Wm. EVANS, Edinburg-gr-dau; Mrs. Eliza SNYDER, Selma, CA. daughter; Ray STRONG, Ravenna, gr-son; Russell NEIL, Ravenna-grt.gr-son; Ms. Fay STRONG, Charlestown, gr-gr grand-daughter.

(Ravenna Republican, Aug. 5, 1909)

COUNTY NEWS: Aug. 14, 1899: Mrs. Alma WHITE returned to Indianapolis, Indiana after a two months stay in Ohio since being called here, by the death of her mother, Mrs. Sally G. CUTLER. She was accompanied by her daughter, Lois.

Mantua: Misses Grace ERWIN and Carrie RUDGERS spent Thursday of last week in Hiram with friends. They rode over on their wheels.

Kent: W.H. DONAGHY & are visiting relatives near Toronto, Canada. Upon completion of the new Revere block he will occupy a larger storeroom there for his present bakery.



FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Samuel L. PECK, for nearly ten years a resident of Mantua, died at Nabb, Indiana on March 8, 1906. Mr. PECK was born at Westminster, VT. July 13, 1823 and was 82 years old at the time of his death. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in his native state. In 1849 he was married to Mary J. STODDARD who died the following year. He went to Iowa, immediately after his marriage and engaged in the practice of law. For over thirty years he continued to reside in that state, serving in many public positions. In 1855 he again married to Sarah E. SANFORD, a native of Mantua township, this county, and a daughter of Seth and Nancy SANFORD.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel PECK removed to Mantua and continued, to reside there up to the time of the death of Mrs. PECK which occurred on May 3, 1906 and since that time Mr. PECK has resided with his son Daniel K. of Nabb, Indiana and Seth of Chicago, Ill and also his youngest sister Helen ASHWELL of Westminster, VA. His funeral occurred at the M. E. Church in Mantua, March 10, 1906. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife, in Hillside Cemetery, Mantua.

(Ravenna Republican, March 15, 1906)

MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Gipson V. SIMONS was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. FORD, Ravenna on Sunday morning, July 17 (1909). He had been in apparent good health, having walked to town on the preceding day. The deceased, born October 26, 1835 was the son of Nicholas and Margaret SIMONS. He was reared in his native township to the age of twenty-one years, when the family moved to Berien county, Michigan. Two years later he returned to Palmyra and married Miss Jennie W. OLMSTEAD August 5, 1858 whose death occurred in February of 1908 at the home of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. SIMONS lived in Michigan about seventeen years before returning to Portage County. Two children were born to them, Orlando H. Simons of Kent who died in 1906 and a daughter Edie A. SIMMONS, now Mrs. J.H. FORD, is the only survivor of the family. The deceased also leaves one grandson. (Ravenna-Republican, July 22, 1909)

L. H. BARBER

In the death of Mr. BARBER which occurred at his home north-west of Ravenna, August 11, 1893, the county has lost a valuable citizen. He was born in Fair Haven, Vt. May 14, 1829 and was 64 years of age. In 1847 he came to Ohio and settled in Ravenna where he has been a resident for twenty years. On June 26 1851 he married Vervella AMES who survives him. Two sons and three daughters were the result of this union. All were present at the funeral. The funeral was held from his late residence. The cause of his death can be traced to an accident which occurred while the deceased was sleighing in February.

(Ravenna Republican, Aug.16, 1893)

POLICE COURT

James WELSH, Ravenna was fined \$1.00 and costs for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in Ravenna. (July 9, 1908)

Chas. HEATER fined \$6.00 & costs for concealing stolen property (same date)

COURTHOUSE NEWSFEBRUARY 1896MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED:

E. A. UDALL and Mrs. Lucy HATFIELD, Hiram, O.; Jacob THOMPSON and Minnie B. FALL, Suffield; Albert NUTT and Rose CLEMENT, Ravenna, O.; H. C. MERTS and Mary Helen PHELPS, Ravenna; Tracy Bronson JONES and Sarah Elizabeth WRIGHT, Ravenna, O.

RECORDER'S OFFICE:

C.S. PORTER to Peter LEPPER, Suffield, 63 acres, lot 26---\$2200.

Michael JONES, administrator to William BECKETT, Paris twp. 30 acres -- lots 31 and 32---\$2030.

William BECKETT to Robert M. THOMPSON, Paris twp., lot 32, \$493.65.

Seymour R. STURDEVANT to Henry H. and William H. GAST, Ravenna Village, lots 6 & 7, \$2,000.

L.C. MESSENGER TO Newell A. LOUDENBURG, Mantua Station, 20 acres, lot 24, \$1000.

R.M. HANK to Maggie E. COLE, Hiram lot 28, \$325.

Martha E. LEE to Erwin HARDY, Kent lot, no.8, \$1428.

PROBATE COURT:

The will of Adam HAAS admitted to probate. Wm. V. MOORE appointed administrator of the estate of George E. HARRISON.

Application made to probate the will of Dennis COLLINS.

John MORGAN, administrator vs Patrick MORGAN et al; petition to sell lands filed.

Albert D. KUMP, executor vs Jennie A. KUMP et al; petition to sell land, was filed.

Wm. BERGIN, trustee vs John McMANUS et al, petition to sell land filed.

Application made to admit the will of Ann Eliza RENO to Probate.

Mary E. SMITH, administratrix vs Mary E. Smith et al; settled.

H.O. REED, administrator vs Marietta AUSTIN - Sale Confirmed.

H. B. VAUGHN appointed administrator of the estate of Eliza DINSMORE.

Rev. Wm. HARRIS of Hiram authorized to solemnize marriages.

G.W. and N.B. SHELDON appointed administrators of the estate of Julia B. REDFIELD.

Joseph P. LULI, executor, vs Elizabeth LULI, et al; M.S. CHAPMAN appointed as guardian of minors.

Will of Ann Eliza RENO admitted to Probate and Coleman BANCROFT and Mr. E.B. WAKEFIELD appointed executors.

S. H. GREEN appointed administrator of the estate of Louisa FILLMORE.

Mary D. AUSTIN to Henry L. SPELLMAN, Rootstown sold 5 acres, lot 22, \$100.00.

Elizabeth STEEL to Caleb STEEL, Edinburg, sold 18 acres, Lot 7, for \$500.00.

KILLED BY TRAIN

The body of John Henry ALLMAN of Streetsboro was found Tuesday morning March 6, (1906). He had been instantly killed by a train sometime during Monday night. His body was laying on the tracks. The deceased was employed, by the BISHOP BROTHERS Lumberman and was on his way to the camp in Charlestown for which place he had purchased a ticket the same night about 9:18 o'clock. His dead body was found on Tuesday morning about one-half mile east, of Charlestown Station by Will BATON, who was on his way to work in the same camp. The Agent, M. J. KELLEY was notified of the death and sent for FAIRCHILD & SON who took charge of the body. The funeral services will be held, at the home, of his Mother in Streetsboro. The deceased was 27 years old, unmarried, and was the son of Mrs. John ALLMAN.

(Ravenna Republican, March 8, 1906)

LEARNING A TRADE IN THE PEN

Tony GIRARD, who is serving a life sentence in the Ohio Penitentiary for the shooting, on the evening of February 14, 1905 of James ROOSA at Ravenna has written to his friends here and says that he is in good health and is learning the harness trade. He writes that he knows he can not receive a pardon, at the present time, but hopes his friends will interest themselves, for his future release. He says he is treated well and has no fault to find with his keepers. (Ravenna Republican, March 22, 1906)

BIG CHICKENS

On Monday, October 18th, Mr. DODGE and Mr. KELLEY who are among some of the most extensive poultry breeders of Potage County, weighed four of their buff cochin chickens. The combined weight was thirty-six pounds, twelve ounces. They also weighed one rooster, the weight of which was almost 12 pounds. The chickens were all hatched March 3rd, 1871, making them six months, and three weeks of age. (The Democrat - October 11, 1871)

TOWNSHIP NEWS1871

MANTUA: Franklin FROST, one of Mantua's outstanding farmers, has a pair of oxen, weighing a few days since, 5,640 pounds. They are six years old. They have been fed twenty-six months and were entered at the Northern Ohio Fair, in the class of work oxen and sweepstakes. He received the grand premium as work oxen but his was the only entry for sweepstakes. Mr. FROST had met with trouble to transport his stock which was caused by the dilatoriness of the Railroad Company, being obliged to remain on the cattle train all night. It caused him to return home sick. Mr. FROST, from experience concludes: "There is some hum-bug as well as reality about the Northern Ohio Fair.

ATWATER: Died September 21st (1871), Mr. Henry STRONG, aged, 58 years. With the announcement of his death took the entire community by surprise. It was hardly known that he was sick. The four past hours of his life his suffering was intense which he bore with patience. He leaves a wife Nancy, and sister, Sarah S. COPE. Three daughters, Sarah, Lydia and Lavina, deceased.

1891:

AURORA: Mrs. Matilda PAYNE died Dec. 17th. Leaves 5 children and father.

