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Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 PM unless otherwise stated. The address is 950 Webster Street-- on the northeastern corner of the Defiance College campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium parking lot. **Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except August and December or as noted.**

Board meetings are held at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of the month in the Tiffin Room of the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

Chapter Meeting Dates

The programs for the June and July chapter meetings are not yet set. Announcement of speakers will be sent via an email notice to local members, and program information will appear in *The Crescent-News* as soon as the speakers are set.

August - Research trip to Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne

We will car pool to the library giving local members a chance to do some individual research.

September 26 - Dianne Kline --

Early Black Families in Defiance County

October 26 Annual Banquet with Mark D.

Young-- *American Civil War Museum
of Ohio*

Nominate your Civil War ancestor who had ties to Defiance County for our chapter's new Civil War Service Certificate. The form with pertinent information is located on the next to the last page of this newsletter.



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Tell Our Readers about Your Civil War Ancestor

As you fill out the application for your Civil War ancestor with ties to Defiance County, consider sending an article about this ancestor's service for publication in *Yesteryears' Trails*. You may email the information to Mary Williams-- marywill@smta.cc-- or mail your article to the chapter's address appearing on page two. Please limit your article to about 500 words. The articles will be printed in the order received; however, if you submit more than one article, be patient as your additional stories will be used after the first submissions of other chapter members.

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Chapter dues are \$12.00 for an individual
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What's Been Happening at DCGS?

March

March 17, 2011 - Board Meeting Highlights

Dianne Kline has been given permission to submit obituary information collected at the Defiance Public Library into the Hayes Obituary data base. Reporting for the Veterans' Historical Committee, Rich Rozevink announced that the dedication for Camp #2 has been set for September 10, 2011. President Brown and Julie Miller are to meet with Jim Rebar this week to work removing the older chapter web site and updating the new. Dianne Kline noted that Marriages 7 & 8 will be the last Defiance County marriage volume for now, as the judge would only allow information up to 1925 to be published. Rhonda Casler of the Records Center is currently working on a more complete set of Defiance County birth records. When completed, she will share the information for publication by the chapter.

March 29, 2011 - Chapter Meeting Highlights

Twenty-six members and guests met at St. John UCC at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2011. President Brown introduced Gloria Fast of the Joseph Semple Chapter of the Society of the War of 1812. Ms. Fast along with Gladys Donson presented two of our DCGS chapter members with awards. Richard Rosevink was awarded the Spirit of the War of 1812 Medal for doing more than any other Ohioan and even beyond Ohio in extending the knowledge of the War of 1812. Dave Bennett was presented with a certificate for his research which promoted the War of 1812.

President Brown then introduced our guest speaker, Warren

Defiance County Records Center to Offer
FREE Birth/Marriage/ Death Records

The Defiance County Records Center has scanned birth and death records 1867-1908 and marriage records 1845-2009. If a record is requested via email, it can be sent to the requestor via email in a .pdf file at no charge. Emails should be sent to
recordcenter@defiance-county.com

Schlatter, the Defiance County Engineer. Warren spoke on the history of the early roads in Defiance County. He noted that the first recorded survey of lands was in 1820-1821 and that the city of Defiance was platted in 1823. He then showed where early roads were located and how they developed year by year.

For the Veterans' Committee, Rich showed the mock-up for a marker to denote Camp Trimble, a training camp used in the Civil War. The marker with the lilac symbol of Defiance will be placed in the Kingsbury Park area near where Camp Trimble once stood. For a future Town and Gown program, Rich and Dave will tell of the Union Light Guard which served as President Lincoln's body guards. Rich also noted that a second DVD is being created on the War of 1812 in Defiance County.

April

April 21, 2011 - Board Meeting Highlights

Julie Miller, Cecelia Brown and Jim Rebar have been working on the web site, migrating more and more material from our old site onto the new.

The Turnbull Wagon 1904 catalogue reprint is finished and will sell for \$20. The board discussed how to get the word out to those who might be interested in it. Dianne Kline will contact Farmland News and will take photos for possible fliers to be sent out.

April 25, 2011 - Chapter Meeting Highlights

Twenty-two members and guests met at St. John UCC at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2011. President Brown called the meeting to order. During the meeting, a motion was made by Bob Bowers to purchase the necessary tables and chairs (two tables and six chairs) to furnish the chapter's room at the Defiance Development and Visitors' Building. Rich Rosevink seconded the motion which carried. It was also decided to create a wish list for items for the room which is to be available after May 31.

For the program, Gladys Donson provided instructional information and interesting anecdotes which explained how early settlers came to Defiance County. She cautioned that researchers must imagine themselves back in the times of their ancestors-- becoming aware of travel conditions and the changing land boundaries. She noted that many of earliest settlers to Defiance County in the 1820s came from Ross County in southern Ohio. Those who arrived in the 1830s came from the eastern Ohio Counties of Crawford, Wayne, and Richland. Gladys also highlighted the overland, water and rail lines providing transportation to Defiance County.

May

May 19, 2011 - Board Meeting Highlights

A thank-you was read from the Defiance Public Library System thanking board members for meeting with them with concerns for the chapter's past and future donations of genealogical materials to the library. Cecelia shared with the board a letter from Ray Keck concerning an index he has prepared entitled "Auglaize Pioneers." It is a name index of early settlers from 1820-1840 living in what is now Paulding County but which at that time was Williams County. Treasurer Boesling noted that she has filed the e-card in lieu of an IRS Form 990 verifying that DCGS is still active. She also received the receipt stating that the chapter may continue to operate as a charitable non-profit organization.

Dianne Kline moved that the board accept the chapter's Civil War Service Certificate application as presented by Mary Williams. Lavina Boesling seconded the motion which passed. Cecelia will create the certificate and the application will appear in the summer newsletter as well as on the web site.

May 23, 2011 - Chapter Meeting Highlights

Eighteen members and guests attended the May 23 DCGS meeting. For the program, Carol Montrose, author and publisher of numerous genealogical resources offered many tips and suggestions as how to make one's genealogical research more successful. During the business meeting the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual of chapter were approved by the membership.



Winchester's Camp No. 2

Richard Rosevink of the DCGS Veterans Historical Committee has announced that the dedication of Winchester's Camp No. 2 will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday, September 10. The marker will be placed on East River Drive (CR 424 East) on the north side of the Maumee River in the small Defiance City roadside park shown above.

The Turnbull Wagon Compny

by *Dianne Kline*

Warm Spring days have arrived and we see large tractors and farm wagons in the fields and on our local roadways. At the beginning of the 20th century in Defiance and surrounding areas, you would see many of the Turnbull Wagons carrying families and products to and from the market in town. These wagons have a rich local history.

Prior to locating in Defiance, Turnbull had made a fortune in carriage making in New Orleans but all was lost because of the Civil War. He then established wood working and wagon making businesses in South Bend, Goshen, Laporte (Indiana), and Napoleon (Ohio). In 1876 David B. Turnbull, founder, selected twelve acres in Defiance, on the right bank of the Maumee River, just below the confluence of the Maumee with the Auglaize River. Turnbull utilized both rivers for a market in which to buy logs rafted down to his location and remaining in the water until sawn. An outstanding wagon timber source was important for this wagon manufacturer. By 1880 Turnbull was producing an average of about twenty wagons and one thousand agricultural wheels per day. Turnbull was the largest employer in Defiance and had annual sales of \$500,000. The 1890 Defiance County history described the Turnbull Wagon Company as the “most extensive manufacturing interest in Defiance.”

The Turnbull Wagon Company of Defiance, Ohio, was also strategically located near railroads and rivers (Maumee and Auglaize). Turnbull trumpeted its own claim of **BEST ON EARTH WAGONS** in advertising and catalogues, and Turnbull placed a great deal of pride in their vehicles. Turnbull advertised in Chautauqua’s printed programs. [Defiance Public Library file on Chautauqua] The large Turnbull factory complex was situated across the river from the Chautauqua grounds. Turnbull promoted itself through newspapers:

“When you load up a wagon you want to know that it will hold it. The Turnbull is made only of the best materials and will stand a great overload. Every piece is guaranteed and should any defect appear, will be cheerfully and quickly replaced. When you buy a Turnbull you buy service—long uninterrupted satisfactory service.” [The Bryan Times, April 26, 1912]

The March 1913 great flood in Defiance inundated the 24 factory buildings and nearly wiped out the manufacturing

business; the Turnbull operation apparently had no flood insurance and suffered a severe financial setback. By 1919 wagon production had ceased in Defiance.

[nmanchesterhistory.org/turnbull-wagon-makers.aspx]

1904 Turnbull Catalog Reproduction

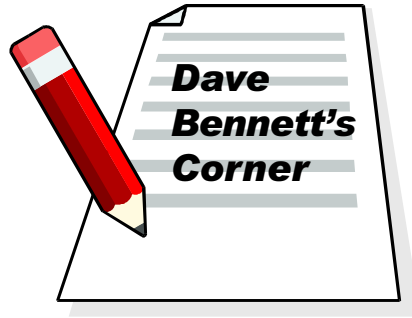
The Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society has recently released a new publication, a reprint of the 1904 Turnbull Wagon Pocket Catalog used by the salesman for this wagon company that was located in Defiance. The forty page catalog lists all the sizes of wagons offered for sale, along with several full color prints of their wagons. This booklet would be of great interest to the Turnbull Wagon collectors, restorers, and any local history buffs. To order the reprint, contact our chapter at Defiance Co. Chapter OGS; P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512 or use the chapter’s email address--defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com.

Fort Wayne News Sentinel - July 5, 1918

Hicksville, O., July 5 - **Dr. Thomas Kinmont**, 83 years old, Hicksville's first mayor died at his home here this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Kinmont was one of the best known residents of Defiance county. He had been a resident of Hicksville since 1848. When the Civil War was declared, Dr. Kinmont enlisted with the Twenty-first Ohio infantry, serving as a second lieutenant. He participated in a number of battles of the Civil War and was seriously wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. For years Dr. Kinmont served on the pension board.

Defiance Democrat - January 18, 1862

Defiance, O. January 15 - Died on Wednesday last, January 15th, after a short illness, Pierce **EVANS**, in the 69th year of his age. Judge Evans was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, August 28th, 1793. He settled on the Maumee in 1822, and since 1825 has resided on the farm, near Defiance, which he entered and improved. He was a thrifty, upright and respected citizen.



Dave Bennett is one of our DCGS chapter's trustees. At meetings he often relates some of the fascinating research he has come upon. So it was suggested by one of the board members that he share some of these articles with other chapter members through Yesteryears' Trails. This is Dave's inaugural column.

“Sketch of an Early Settler of the Maumee Valley”

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Transcription of David W. Bennett's notes:

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

BY U. G. FIGLEY

MARCH 15, 1917 – THE DEFIANCE DEMOCRAT

Delaware Township was organized in 1824, and was named after the Indians. I cannot say who was the first settler. Suffice it to say, I have in a separate article written of Montgomery Evans moving in 1823 from a blockhouse in old Fort Winchester at Defiance to a point on the Maumee River in Delaware Township, somewhere about what is Mulligans Bluff named from Benj Mulligan, a pioneer who lived there and anyone who has seen it knows how steep and high and picturesque it is.

I know of a man who, being unfamiliar with the turn of the road at that place, one dark night, drove over the bluff with his horse and top buggy, and slithered and shot down the incline into the river, miraculously without any serious mishap and drove across the river into the field on the other side somehow, howled and whooped till a farmer went out with a lantern and took him in for the night.

I have said the Thomas Warren, a brother-in-law of Montgomery Evans him from Defiance and after his own second marriage in 1827, located on a farm near Evan's where there was a big orchard, thanks to the indefatigable Johnny Appleseed leaving there in the late 30s to locate in Defiance. Here I might note a real true blue snake story I have heard from different quarters, and which I have not doubt is true.

“Snake was Tame”

A little son of Mr. Evans, was Ben, aged about four, who several times a day demanded a bowl of

milk sometime with mush in it as he wanted to feed his “naky” and went out in the “bush” as it was called. He was followed one day by his mother and another lady, who saw him sit down on a log and tap on his bowl with the spoon. They were horrified to behold an enormous blacksnake come from somewhere and greedily lap the milk from the spoon. If the snake appeared too greedy and offered to dip its tongue into the bowl, little Ben would rap it on the head with the spoon, and it would cower and shrink back like a whipped pup. When the bowl was empty, he turned it over, got up and started to the house, the snake crawling away. The woman thought of interfering, but as the snake seemed harmless they kept quiet.

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DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

BY U. G. FIGLEY

MARCH 15, 1917 – THE DEFIANCE DEMOCRAT

One day, about a week later, as Ben was eating at the table, he looked up and pointing to the wall cried. “O there my naky.” Sure enough, festooned in the ceiling and part of it hanging down, into the room was the enormous snake. It had got hungry for its milk and had gone to the house and worked its way in hoping to get its rations. The women shrieked and grabbed Ben and ran to a field where men were at work, who with their axes killed the snake which measured nine feet in length and in girth proportionately large. Ben pined away and was in precarious health for awhile over the loss of his precious “naky” which the doctor said they did very wrong in killing the snake before the terrified child's very face since the child seemed to be so strongly attached or attracted. They said he was charmed.

“River Was Thoroughfare”

William Snook and family moved from Warren County, Ohio in 1824 to where the B&O afterward was made to cross the Maumee River buying land on both sides of the river. Montgomery Evans was his nearest neighbor, about a mile and a half above and on the other side of the river. Uncle Sammy Hughes lived about three miles away.

There were no mills or roads at that time-- the river was the only thoroughfare except for Anthony Wayne Trail, a sort of road along the south of the river from Defiance to Fort Wayne which was impassible

except during the winter when it was frozen up. Three persons, using a team, had to carry axes to cut away any fallen timber which the wind had blown across the trail.

During the year, except winter, the river was traversed by the pirogue. A pirogue was a canoe made from a hollowed out log or a slap together propelled by poles by means of pushing rafts of various sizes.

This land entered by Mr. Snook may be owned as of now by the Messrs. Luce and Jacob. A son of William Snook, John A. Snook, was a captain in the 14th regiment OVI in the Civil War then finally became Lieutenant Colonel of the 68th regiment and was killed at Champion Hill, Mississippi in General Grant's Vicksburg campaign in 1864. The ex-judge Wilson H. Snook is another son, our congressman, I think he is not of this line, but of a brother, William N. Snook of Antwerp, Ohio.

"Sketch of an Early Settler of the Maumee Valley"

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DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

BY U. G. FIGLEY

MARCH 15, 1917 - THE DEFIANCE DEMOCRAT

George, John and Peter Snook, three of the sons from fourteen to eighteen years old in 1828 went out on a winter coon hunt and endeavoring to get a supposed coon out of a tree they had cut down, George, with a dog, ran into the top, were sailed into by a big black bear which crawled out of the supposed coon hole. George was considerably bitten and clawed by the bear while the other boys were whacking away at it with their axes as well as they could. George ran his fist down the bear's throat and choked him as best he could go with the help of his brothers he got away and was taken home. The next day, an Indian came along and found the bear so badly used up that he easily brained it with his faithful tomahawk.

Establishment of the First Road from Defiance to Fort Wayne.

An Act

To lay out and establish a Free Turnpike Road, from Defiance in Defiance County, to the Indiana state line, at a point where the Fort Wayne Road now crosses said state line, in the county of Paulding, in the state of Ohio.

Sec. 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of

Ohio, that Edwin Phelps of Defiance, Nathan Eaton of the New Rochester, Horatio N. Curtiss of Antwerp, in the county of Paulding, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to layout and establish a turnpike road from Defiance, in the county of Defiance, by the nearest and most practicable route to the Indiana state line, at a point where the Fort Wayne road now crosses said state line, in the county of Paulding, in the state of Ohio.

Sec. 2 The commissioners aforesaid, and their successors shall be a corporation by the name and style of the Defiance, New Rochester, and the Antwerp Free Turnpike Road and they shall be governed in all things by the provisions of the act to provide for laying out and establishing free turnpike roads, passed March twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and the acts amendatory thereto: Provided, that the road tax on the lands or property on the north side of the Maumee River, or within one mile on each side of the road leading from Antwerp to Hicksville, shall not be appropriated to the construction or repair of said road.

William P. Cutler

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Edson B. Olds

Speaker of the Senate

Feb. 8, 1847

Later Developments - U. S. 24 and Now County Road 424

U. S. Route 24 is one of the original United States highways proposed in 1926. The road originally ran from Pontiac, Michigan to Kansas City, Missouri. The 43-mile portion of the Maumee River following old U. S. 24 which extends between the Indiana/Ohio state line to the Ohio Route 24 bridge near Defiance has been designated as a State Scenic River. Harley Davidson, Inc., named the portion of County Road 424 between Defiance and Napoleon as one of the ten best touring roads in the U. S. This 18 mile stretch through Independence Dam State Park follows the Maumee River and uses the old tow path of the Miami-Erie and Wabash Canal Systems for its road bed.

In 2005 movement was made to establish a four-lane "Fort to Port" freeway from Fort Wayne to Toledo. Currently the portion between Napoleon and Antwerp is now completed with the entire project slated to be done in 2012. The new U. S. 24 deviates from the original Defiance, New Rochester, Antwerp in Defiance and Paulding Counties as it no longer follows the Maumee River. The older portions which follow the river are now designated County Road 424 in Defiance and Paulding Counties.

Historical Significance of Maumee River near Defiance

While the new U. S. 24 will expediently bypass towns and cities along the Maumee River, hopefully the significance of what happened along the original byway

will not be lost. For those who grew up in the area and heard the stories, we nostalgically recall many of the events and people who made history vivid for us-- the settling of the Black Swamp, the orchards of John Chapman "Johnny Appleseed." The area is also rich in native American history and lore. We recall of the Indian villages-- Delaware Town and Blue Jacket's Town, the great Indian councils and Indian leaders (Blue Jacket, Tecumseh, Pontiac, Black Snake), the natives' battles against encroaching settlers during the 1790s (Fort Defiance) and the War of 1812 (Fort Winchester). We also remember other significant historical figures-- Anthony Wayne, Oliver Spenser, Frances Slocum and Brickel, whites who were captured and lived with the Indians, the Girty brothers. There are still remnants of the Miami-Erie and the Wabash Canals reminding us of that rather brief, but colorful era.

An excellent resource revealing the Defiance area history is Louis Simonis' *Maumee River 1835* (A History of Pioneers, Indians and Land Speculators.) Simonis' book provides a good look at the Maumee River area. While the focus is the year 1835 and the William C. Holgate journal written during that year, the book also relates many other significant events which create a fabulous history of the Maumee River in the Defiance County area. Two other books provide a glimpse into the history of the Maumee River-- *The Confluence* by Randall L. Buchmann and *History of the Maumee River Basin* by Charles E. Slocum.

Defiance Democrat - May 10, 1862

Capt. John P. **ARRANTS**, of Company E, 21st Regiment, died at Brunersburg, this county, on Monday last. Since the campaign in the fall, through Eastern Kentucky, he has not been with his regiment, his health failing gradually until brought home to die. He was 2d Lieut, during the three months service, and acquitted himself so satisfactory, that on the re-organization of the Regiment, the Captaincy of the Defiance Company was conceded to him by unanimous consent. He was a young man of excellent character, fair talents, and universally respected. He leaves a young widow, daughter of the late William D. **HAYMAKER**, to whom he was married but a few days before his regiment left for Kentucky, in September last.

Defiance Democrat - August 9, 1862

In a list of deaths at Corinth, Mississippi, we find these from this county: William **PLATTER**, Rheumatism; George **OTT**, Typhoid Fever -- both of Co. E, 14th Regiment, Capt. Wilson's.

14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



The 14th OVI regiment was organized at Toledo, Ohio from August 14 - September 5, 1861, to serve three years. On the expiration of term of service the original members (except veterans) were mustered out and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in the service until July 11, 1865, when it was mustered out in accordance with orders from the War Department.

Some of the battles in which this unit participated include: Wild Cat, KY, October 21, 1861

Mill Springs, KY, January 19-20, 1862
Shiloh, TN, April 6-7, 1862
Corinth, MS (Siege of), April 30, 1862
Hoover's Gap, TN, June 27, 1863
Chickamauga, GA, September 19-20, 1863
Missionary Ridge, TN, November 25, 1863
Ringgold, GA, November 27, 1863
Dalton, GA, May 9, 1864
Resaca, GA, May 13-16, 1864
Kennesaw Mountain, GA, June 9-30, 1864
Utoy Creek, GA, August 5-7, 1864
Jonesboro, GA, September 1, 1864
Goldsboro, NC, March 21, 1865

The brigade which had lost 33% of its number was mustered out on July 11, 1865 at Louisville, KY.

Company D - 14th OVI

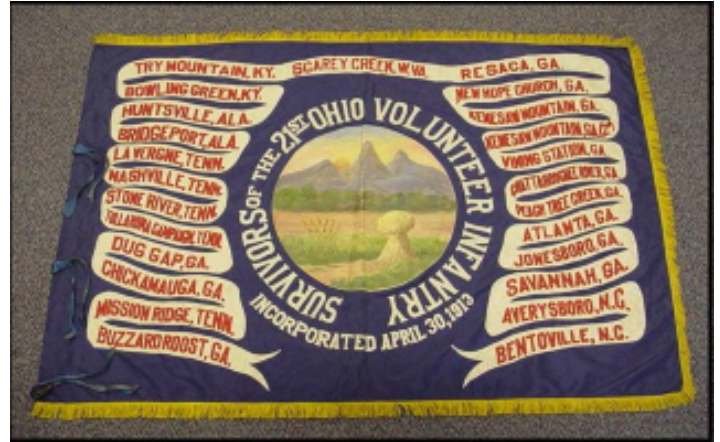
Company D was organized April 20, 1861 when Sidney S. Sprague enrolled a first company with a second, Company E shortly following. Officers elected were Sidney S. Sprague, Captain; William J. Irvine, First Lieutenant; and Charles Kahlo, Second Lieutenant. From the History of Defiance County 1883 it was noted: "A farewell meeting was held that night at which a silk flag, prepared by the ladies, was presented, and the company, numbering 105, left in the [train] cars that evening for Cleveland."

Company D Roster (as listed in Beers 1883 History)-- Sidney S. Sprague, William J. Irvine, Charles Kahlo, Henry D. Bell, Christain M. Graham, John W. Wilson, William Graham, McCartney Todd, Charles A. Smith, Francis M. Burns, William M. Burns, William M. Hagan, John Dillon, Jeremiah Hall, Lewis Colman, Acquilla Masters, Adam Menzel, Adin Burt, Levi Michaelson, Jedthan Barnum, Joseph Shultz, Jonas Bixby, William N. Rogers, George H. Block, Aaron Clarke, Alexander R. Britton, Charles Oden, Lewis Watterman, Samuel Toops, Edward Smith, Daniel Whitmore, David Buckmaster, Alden Keazer, Samuel Vanvlerah, Henry Lazenby, Jonathan Warwick, Daniel Bishop, Bailey Fleming, Elijah Karnes, Ferdinand

Messman, Jacob Warwick, Edmond Metz, Casper Sirloff, William Hershberger, Franklin J. Block, Amiel Peachin, William Sheeler, Napoleon Peachin, Clark Bailey, Israel Elton, John Weippert, James Allen, Henry Genrich, Orlando Colwell, Abraham Vanvlerah, Frederic W. Hoeltzel, Cyrus M. Witherill, Demetrius L. Bell, Peter Sieren, James Oden, Robert McGraffick, Jacob Gils, Joseph Murphy, Franklin M. B. Winans, David A. Gleason, Ransom P. Osborn, William H. Palmer, Joshua Harper, Michael Franklin, Morgan Rees, John W. Davis, William Demland, Solomon H. Curtis, Solomon Deamer, Nicholas Buckmaster, Charles Marfillius, James Hoy, Philip Hohn, Peter Mogg, Jonas Waldner, Henry Miller, William H. Wells, Henry R. Randall, John Poorman, Jacob Poorman, Augustus Waearm, William Davis, Aaron Dixon, Michael Carl, John Moll, James Krochel, Michael Rath, Philip Rath, Isiah F. Alexander, Franklin Duck, C. J. Woodcox, Alvah Mallory, Benjamin Corwin, Frank Young, Adam Koch, David Hoy

Williams County Leader- 4/9/1863
 Corporal J. M. L. (3 months) (Williams County) Union Press- 3/28/ 1862
 Member Williams County Leader- 5/30/1861
 "Occasional", Williams County Leader- 5/22/1862

21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Company E - 14th OVI

This company was also mostly from Defiance

Officers: John W. Wilson, Captain, David A. Gleason, First Lieutenant; William T. Bennett, Second Lieutenant; David Trine, Second Sergeant; David W. Mettler, Third Sergeant; James S. Eckles, Fourth Sergeant; William W. Moats, Fifth Sergeant; Philip Rath, First Corporal; John Cain, Second Corporal; Elijah Collins, Third Corporal; Eli Knapp, Fourth Corporal; Aquilla Masters, Fifth Corporal; Alvara Partee, Sixth Corporal (missing at Chickamauga); John B. Partee, Seventh Corporal (killed at Chickamauga), Johnson Miller, Eighth Corporal, William Luce, Wagoner.

Privates: William C. Adair, Daniel Beard, John M. Burlew, Charles Black, George Black, Joseph E. Brendle, John N. Crist, Jeremiah Brown, John Bechtolt, David Crick, William R. Cosgrave, S. G. Cosgrave, Michael W. Campbell, Elza Dush, John W. Davis, Hiram Farlee, Joseph H. Forest (died of disease at Nashville June 6, 1862), Alfred Gregg, Benjamin F. Gibbs, Jacob Gils, Henry Genrick, Abraham Gils, Daniel Gils, Jesse O. G. Gavel, William Graham, Erasmus Gleason, Weeden H. Harris, William Hall, Chauncey Harris, Jacob G. Hall, Jacob Holtzel, Solomon Hall, John Haver (died at Ringgold, GA), James H. Haver, James Haver, Samuel A. Kezor, Oliver I. Kiaft, Reason C. Livingston, John Long, Joseph Murphy, Davidson Millhouse, George Murphy, Samuel Noffsinger, Barnard O'Callagan, George Partee, Nicholas Parry, Emanuel Potterf, Henry B. Randall (died of wounds at Chickamauga October 1863), John P. Rath (died at Chattanooga May 1864), Michael Rath, Shandy H. Root, Edmund Root, Jacob Speaker, William C. Sponseler (wounded at Chickamauga and Atlanta), Hugh S. Steen, James A. Stoner, Lyman S. Sager, Louis Swartz, Anthony Shindler, John Thomas, Nicholas Thomas, Samuel Toop, Franklin M. B. Winance, John Wagner, Alvin Wilcox, Henry C. White, Gabriel Yanser.

Newspaper Articles Relating to the 14th from Local Papers--

Defiance Democrat- 4/27/1861, 10/10/1863

Napoleon North-West- 9/30/1863

Paulding Independent- 4/25/1861, 8/1/1861, 10/8/1863

The 21st Ohio Regiment was organized at Camp Taylor near Cleveland on April 27, 1861 with Jesse S. Norton, Captain; James M. Neibling, Lieutenant Colonel; and A. J. Taylor, Major. The recruits came from the counties of Hancock, Defiance, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Putnam. Many were farmers.

Some of the battles the 21st participated in are the following:

- Nashville
- Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- Huntsville, Alabama
- Battle of Stones River
- Lookout Mountain
- Battle of Chickamauga
- Battle of Chatanooga
- Atlanta

Nine men of the 21st O.V.I. volunteered to participate in a secret mission known as Andrews' Raid. The men, along with two civilians and thirteen soldiers from two other Ohio regiments, dressed in civilian clothes and slipped behind enemy lines. They hijacked the Confederate locomotive *The General*. The mission was a failure, and all of the raiders were captured. Eight men, including Private John M. Scott of Co. F, 21st O. V. I., were hanged. Another eight, including 21st O.V.I. privates Wilson W. Brown, William J. Knight, John R. Porter, Mark Wood, and John A. Wilson, escaped from captivity. The remaining raiders, among them Private William Bensinger, Private Robert Buffum, and Sergeant Elihu H. Mason of the 21st O.V.I., were released in a prisoner exchange the next year. In recognition of their actions, Congress awarded most of the raiders, including all nine from the 21st O.V.I., the newly created Medal of Honor. Bensinger, Buffum, and Mason were three of the first six men ever to receive the medal.

In six hours of fighting in the Battle of Chatanooga, the 21st Ohio, numbering about 540 men, lost 265 killed, wounded or captured. Forty-six men would eventually be sent to Andersonville Prison. Only ten of the prisoners would survive

The regiment marched through Georgia to Savannah, Georgia, arriving on the coast at the end of the year. In early 1865, the 21st participated in the Carolinas Campaign, including the Battle of Bentonville. Following the surrender of the opposing Confederate army at Bennett Place in April, the 21st marched to Washington, D.C. and participated in the Grand Review. The soldiers were discharged from the army and paid on July 28, 1865, when the regiment mustered out in Louisville, Kentucky.

Two Companies were made up of men from the Defiance area-- Company E and Company K.

Company E - 21st OVI



Officers: James P. Arrants, Captain; Lewis E. Brewster, First Lieutenant; Samuel F. Cheney, Second Lieutenant; Osgood Crary, First Sergeant; John Berry, Second Sergeant; Finlay Britton, Third Sergeant; John Mercer, Fourth Sergeant; George T. Squire, Fifth Sergeant; James Knight, First Corporal (prisoner at Andersonville Prison 1864); William Henry, Second Corporal; Isaac Donafin, Fourth Corporal (lost on the Sultana 1865), P. L. Gingery, Fifth Corporal (died in prison); John Kaufman, Sixth Corporal; E. M. Brown, Seventh Corporal; Mat B. Scott, Eighth Corporal; Peter Huffman, Corporal; L. B. Wort, Musician.

Privates: Henry Amidon, James Burton, Levi Bronson, Joseph Beerbower, Joseph Battershell, Edward Crawford, Washington Clemmer, Jerry Crawford, George Crawford, Asa H. Cory (died in Andersonville Prison 1864), Myron L. Cory, Leonidas N. Crossland, William Duffield, Levi Dutter (died at Louisville, KY June 19, 1864), Charles H. Davis, Jacob W. Dowell, John W. Doty, James Evans, Benton Fisher, Simon Fligle (killed at Chickamauga), Anson Fields, George Ferry, William Freedline, William Forlow, Peter Foust, William Forlan, Joseph Fellnagle, Simon W. Fish, Henry Gilbert, George Gilbert, Samuel E. Gear (died at Stone River 1863), Horace Ginter, Henry Gingery (died in Kentucky), Charles Godfrey, John F. Gallagher, Reuben Headley, George Hopkins, Lucius Hopkins, Appeton Hopkins, Reuben C. Hide, Robert Hutchinson (died from wounds 1864), Samuel Hutchinson, Wesley Johnson, Thomas R. Jacobs, Josiah Kile [Kyle], Cornelius Kile [Kyle], Rinaldo Kimmel, William Knight, Benjamin F. Lord, Henry Lowery, Washington Logan, Shannon Musser (killed at Stone River December 31, 1862), Anthony Miller, Henry Moore, Alexander McConkey, Charles McConkey, Andrew McConkey, Samuel Marshall (died in Andersonville Prison 1864), John Merrihugh, Wilson Musser, Joshua Millinick, Thomas Mullinick, J. G. Norris (died at Nashville, TN Sept. 22, 1864), William C. Powell, William Ranles, Nathaniel Smith, Solomon Smith (killed 1862), Hirma Sweet, John Salzman, David Spindler, Emmanuel Schamp, William A. Shatto, John P. Spear, David Thorton (killed in TN 1862), Jesse Tracy, Martin B. Tusteson, John W. Young, Newton Van Nimon (died in prison 1864), Nathan Wartenbee (killed in 1864), Nelson Wise.

Company K - 21st OVI

(from the History of Defiance County 1883)

“The Dennison Guards (Capt. Strong) left Defiance from Camp Taylor, Cleveland, May 13, 1862. On Sunday evening preceding, a farewell meeting was held at the Methodist Church when appropriate addresses were made and a beautiful flag made and presented by the ladies of Defiance, and acknowledged by Capt. Strong in a few well-chosen remarks. Hundreds of relatives and friends accompanied the company to the depot indicating

kindly feelings toward its members as well as a hearty sympathy for their successes. Hearty cheers sped them on their way.”

Officers: Samuel A. Strong, Captain; James P. Arrants, Second Lieutenant; Lewis E. Brewster, Sergeant; Frank G. Brown, Sergeant; B. B. Woodcox, Sergeant; S. F. Cheney, Sergeant; William H. Thacker, Corporal; William Bishop, Corporal; L. R. Hutchison, Corporal; John H. Davison, Corporal; Benton Mason, Drummer; John C. Smith, Fifer.

Privates: William H. Thacker, William H. Ralston, William A. Stevens, William Marcellius, William R. Lisetor, William Bishop, William E. Goodenough, William H. Smith, William Runyan, David Butler, Samuel A. Strong, Samuel F. Cheney, Joshua E. Mellen, John Paul, Jr., John B. Houtz, Benjamin F. Warren, Benjamin B. Woodcox, Luther H. Robinson, Josiah B. Cox, John H. Davison, Henry Vanvlerah, George Watson, Frank G. Brown, Isaac T. Slough, James Keesbury, Jacob Benner, Thomas Palmer, Nicholas A. Robbins, Dewalt Keefer, John Kraft, James M. Richards, Jacob Weller, Barney O’Callahan, Thomas Wallace, Washington Logan, William J. Shirley, William Duffield, John Mercer, Myron L. Cory, Amos H. Cory, Joseph Rath, Josephus Saunders, James M. Miller, Thomas C. Kinmount, Charles Kinmount, Peter Foust, Charles P. Palmer, Lyman R. Critchfield, David K. Critchfield, Leander R. Hutchinson, Levi Heminger, John E. Bolander, Pegleg L. Gingery, James P. Arrants, Samuel Hull, Edward M. Brown, Henry Fose, William Kaufmann, Joseph Botemiller, Matthias Schwab, Lewis E. Brewster, Benjamin C. Bondee, John C. Smith, Owen Foster, John Young, John Sunday, Albert Deselms, George W. C. Blue, Frederick Helm, Barton Smith, Billings O. P. Cronk, Sylvester Donley, Albert L. Doud, Isaac Ridenour, Moses H. Haver, George T. Sheldon, Franklin Barnes, Benton Mason, Samuel Justice, John P. Kellogg, William Luce, William McFeeters, William N. Rowles.

“William Bishop was wounded and remained at Gallipolis for awhile, not being able to come at the time. Barton Smith died from wounds and G. W. Blue was killed at the battle of Scarcy on the Kanawha. With these exceptions, the company returned entire.”

Future Issues To Have More Unit Rosters

In succeeding issues of *Yesteryears’ Trails* will be rosters and brief unit histories of the 38th OVI (Companies D, E, and G), the 48th OVI (Company F), the 68th OVI (Company B), the 100th OVI (Company D), 107th OVI (Company K), the 11th OVI (Companies E and F) and an additional list of Defiance soldiers taken from *The History of Defiance County 1883*.



Hayes Center to Display Baird Artifacts

Darius Baird was truly heroic, picking up the flag and leading the 38th Ohio into the face of the enemy at Jonesboro. The Rutherford Hayes Center at Fostoria, Ohio, will have a special display “Civil War: Battlefield & Homefront.” Part of the exhibit is a wonderful display of original artifacts of the Baird brothers that John brought home when he was mustered out a few days after Darius was killed. For more information, go to www.rbhayes.org/hayes.

**Family Histories Housed in the Ohioana Room
of the Defiance Public Library**

Prepared by Rita A. Relue Ohioana Associate Defiance Public Library

THE **BALLIET**, BALLIETT, BALLIETTE, BALYEAT, BOLYARD AND ALLIED FAMILIES
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THE **BLUE**, DAVIS AND RELATED FAMILIES OF THE DEFIANCE COUNTY AREA OF OHIO
BORDNER AND BURTNER FAMILY AND THEIR BORTNER ANCESTORS IN AMERICA
THE **BOWYERS** OF OLD VIRGINIA
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CURNS, DART, FEENEY AND HAMMON FAMILIES
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Excerpts from the Defiance Democrat 1872

Defiance Democrat – April 6, 1872

Population of Defiance. The voting force [of Defiance] is about 600, which on a ration of one to seven, would indicate a population of 4, 200. This is undoubtedly too high. A large number of unmarried men are employed in this vicinity, and therefore the ration of seven is too high. One to six is nearer correct which would give 3, 600 which is about our actual population at present.

Defiance Democrat – May 4, 1872

Col. Thomas HUNT, the father of Gen. John E. HUNT of Toledo, commanded at Fort Defiance for about eighteen months, after the erection of the Fort. He served under Gen. WAYNE in the Revolution and came west with him for the campaign of 1794. He subsequently commanded at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to which place he removed his family and there Gen. John E. Hunt was born in 1798. His regiment was afterwards ordered to a military station in Missouri, where he died in 1807.

Defiance Democrat – June 8, 1872

Peter **KETTENRING** is erecting this summer a large, brick dwelling house, with all the modern improvements, on the northwest corner of Perry and Third streets.

Defiance Democrat – June 15, 1872

Drain Tiles. The early settlers in these valleys were supplied

with crockery from the **SPEAKER** pottery at Brunersburg. Forty years ago, the produce of that Pottery was peddled, by canoes and pirogues, along all these streams. An old resident was speaking to us the other day of the excellence of this ware, mentioning that he had in use crocks of that make, for more than thirty years and that they were likely to last many years yet. The clay used by the Speakers was "mined out" of the bluff bank opposite Brunersburg. Pits were also worked on the Speaker farm south of the village. We are told that not only there, but at other points in this vicinity, there is abundant of potter's clay.

The demand for tile for agricultural and building purposes is largely on the increase and would even now justify the starting of a factory for the manufacture of the various sizes used...

Defiance Democrat – January 6, 1872

Dr. L. G. **THACKER**, who went west for his health, but now called home by sickness in his family, informs us that he has located in Hiawatha, Kansas, about forty miles west from St. Joseph. He represents that region as highly prosperous and himself as much pleased with the place.

Defiance Democrat – February 10, 1872

The new Lutheran church was dedicated on Sunday last. The services were highly interesting and full houses were in attendance. It is estimated that 700 persons were present at the forenoon services. The house is finished and furnished in good taste, and is highly creditable to the congregation. The pastor, Rev. John **DEINDOERFER**, was assisted by Rev. M. **REINMUND** of Tiffing, Rev. Mr. **BODE** of Toledo, Rev. Mr. **PERROSIT** of Archbold and Rev. Mr. **LUTZ** of Bryan.

Defiance Democrat – April 31, 1872

The Defiance Union School opens the year next Monday, September 2d, with a full crop of teachers as follows:

High School – Lem T. **CLARK**, Supt.
 Intermediate – B. F. **SOUTHWORTH**
 Grammar – Miss Hattie **DEATRICK**
 2d Intermediate – Miss Addie **LANGDON**
 1st Secondary – Miss Mary **STRONG**
 3d Primary – Miss Addie **LEHMAN**
 2d Primary – Miss Kate **HOOVER**
 1st Primary – Miss Lotte **DEATRICK**

Defiance Democrat – November 2, 1872

The remains of a Mastodon were discovered last week in Washington Township, Henry County, by persons who were digging a ditch in some low marshy ground.

Defiance Democrat – November 23, 1872

Boy Lost. The friends of Jacob M. **SHELLENBERGER** are desirous of knowing his whereabouts. He has been gone from his home in Delaware Township for nearly a month, and nothing since has been heard of him. He is about 14 years of age, short and heavy built, and is known by the name of "Will." Address his father Matthias Shellenberger,

Defiance post office.

Defiance Democrat – December 21, 1872

In digging a well last week on the farm of J. E. WELLMAN, in Highland township, after boring over 100 feet, a very strong vein was struck, sending up to within ten feet of the top an abundant supply of the best of water. What is remarkable is that fish, similar to those found in Bryan wells, came to the surface – sightless, yet active and from four to six inches in length, bright, shining little fellows.



Civil War Draft Notifications

(as listed in the *Defiance Democrat* Oct. 11, 1862)

“The Draft took place here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. We hear no complaints of unfairness in the proceedings. The enlistments were all duly credited. The selection made is remarkable, as being mainly of those who ought to be at home – men of large families and of no great capacity for getting along in the world. Of the 179, perhaps not 18 are able to hire substitutes. It must fall with great severity upon many families. The drafted men are ordered to Defiance on Monday next, to be immediately forwarded to Camp at Cleveland.

“Governor TOD has exempted from the operation of the draft all State and County officers, all Ministers of the Gospel having charge of congregations, and fixed \$200 as the rate at which non-combatants, Quakers and others may be released, which sum is to be spent by the State in hiring substitutes. Drafted men, or their substitutes, have the privilege, before being mustered in, to enlist in any of the Volunteer Regiments and have the benefit of all bounties.”

Drafted:

Adams Township – Francis NOLLAN, Alfred FRONK, Jeremiah FIDLEY, Miles GILLET, Peter CORESSEL, Jacob B. LEHMAN, Henry BEHRENS, August LINDAU, Isaac MATTOX, Joseph GRAF, Edward HEFFEL, George LOUDERS, Henry SWEINHAGEN, William B. TUBBS, Milton ROUGH, David STEEL, Zadok CLEAR, Theobald WESTERICK, Peter ELLING, John H. CONKLE, John B. ELLIOTT, Abraham HIGHBY, David SWANK, Jacob SCHLETTER, Frederick HOGRAVE, Aaron NARKLEY, William JONES, H. B. LEHMAN - 28

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BIEDERSTADT, Andrew C. REYNOLDS, Warren SMITH, John TAAFFE, Chas. BIEDE, Jas. SHAREY, John BARNUM, Geo. SMITH, Seth KINTNER, Geo. R. HOOKER, Geo. KEAZER, Jacob MILLER, Jas. O’HERNE, Joseph FOURNEY, S. L. ALFORD, John SINK, Alexander RANDALL, Godfrey MANZ, Jacob MOORE, Jacob HANNICK, Frederick KROUSE, Jas. GRAHAM, Peter VAN DEN BROCK, Sam’l GARMAN, Chas. HECHT, Chas. RUSSELL Jr., Frank WALL, John STITZEL, Wm. G. NICELY – 40

Delaware Township – Stephen TRAXLER, John F. KROW, Hiram BLEEKS, John G. OPENLANDER, Isaac N. MOCH, Sam’l M. KINTNER, John STETTER, Uriah SMITH, Peter KROOKTON, John W. SANDERS, Cornelius SINK, Jared I. KOONS, Jacob HURSH, Simon P. SHOOK, Abraham FINCH – 15

Farmer Township – Randolph J. GIBBONS, Robert POLLOCK – 2

Highland Township – exempt

Hicksville township – John HENRY, Wm. HOLLINGER, Wesley DEWELL, Abraham MILLER – 4

Mark Township – Bennet J. WHITE, Leroy DOUGLAS, Thos. CLINE, Adam LAMB, Thomas CONNELLY, Patrick KELLEY, Henry ROAN, David W. SPINDLER, Jas. O. HUTCHINSON, Jacob SPINDLER, Emanuel MURPHY, John BRININGER – 12

Milford Township – Geo. H. MUNN, Alfred SWAGGER, Phillip SUFFIL, Darius HOPKINS, James WILSON, Henry KELLER, B. F. HENDERSHOT, Jacob FITZCHARLES, Jas. LETT, Stephen W. STRONG, Dwight HENRY, Peter SUFFIL, John ECK – 13

Noble Township – John CLINE, Joseph HILTON, Sam’l POTTERF, David W. STEVENS, Julius LUEDERS, John DOWE, Geo. PARTEE, Foreman E. TRAVIS, Frederick HAYMAKER, Geo. KINTNER, Harman PREUSER, Geo. RATH, Paul HUMMEL, Henry PREUSER, Dan’l BRUNER – 15

Richland Township – Henry DIETSCH, Henry FRITSCH – 2

Tiffin Township – Jacob GRIER, Peter KOONS, Isaiah MOON, David WISSLER, John G. WEILAND, Geo. BLACK, Jas. A. PARTEE, Wm. JUSTICE – 8

Washington Township – Joseph FIELDS, Geo. HANNA, Alb’t SHEETS, John BLACKER, Joseph SEWELL, S. B. REED, Richard TROXEL, Rudolph MOTTER, Geo. GINTHER, Jacob BAUER, Jas. KISSLER, Martin STRUBLE, Henry FREASE, John KINTNER, Davis MITCHEL, Clarkson EWERS, William WILSON, Michael KNISLEY, Wm. STRUSAKER, Albert DOUD, Geo. DEHOFF, David KELLER, Christian SHARTZBECK, Isaac GARVER, Eugene J. MOON – 25

Defiance County draft = 164 total



They'll save the Union at any price,
 With REASER, BURBEC, GIBBS and RICE....
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 John FOOT is useful, too, you see,
 To beat tattoo and revile...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

Defiance County Sends 300 Volunteers
(from the Defiance Democrat - August 30, 1862)

“Defiance County sent out 300 volunteers within the past ten days – over two companies for the 111th and 70 for the German Regiment, officers as follows: John E. HILL, Captain; Solomon CALLENDER, 1st Lieutenant; Hiram MEEKS, 2nd Lieutenant. B. F. SOUTHWORTH, Captain; William C. TRAVIS, 1st Lieutenant; Elijah KARNES, 2nd Lieutenant. Martin VIEBACH, Captain; William MARTIN, 1st Lieutenant; ____ 2nd.”

Song of Company D - 111th OVI
(from the Defiance Democrat September 13, 1862)

“Captain HILL of Company D
 Will lead us on to victory....
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 Company D will never run,
 But fight the rebels two to one...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

We'll teach the rebels in due time
 That Jeff's rebellion's quite sublime...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 CALLENDER, MEEK, both go to fight,
 Believing God protects the right...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

Our Orderly Sergeant, Ez. CRARY,
 Always does it up in a hurry...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 Our other Sergeants we'll review,
 Oscar WORKS and Harry SWEET, too...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

And BOWKER, too, you know him well,
 He'll be a dead or living tell...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 He can teach young ideas how to shoot,
 And fight his country's foes to boot...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

And WELDON to the contest goes,
 And leaves his friends to fight his foes....
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 Our Corporals, they are prompt and willing,
 FURLOW, BEBEE, FARNSWORTH and CLELAND...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

Samuel S. HUGHES, our musician,
 Well deserves a better position...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 When Company D is far away,
 We'll remember the ladies of Farmer...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.

A and D will never run,
 But fight the rebels two to one...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 And with a sigh of fond regret,
 That Farmer breakfast we can't forget...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.
 We'll guard that flag with jealous care,
 None but the brave deserve the fair...
 Away, away, away in Dixie Land.



Excerpts Pertaining to the Civil War - 1862
(from the Defiance Democrat - 1862)

February 1, 1862 – Lieutenant Alphonzo T. **BRAUCHER**, Second Lieut. In the Defiance Company in the 38th Regiment, and son of Isaac Braucher of this vicinity, died suddenly on Wednesday morning last in Kentucky. His friends received a dispatch on Wednesday morning that he was very sick, and at noon another that he was dead. He was about 30 years of age, of robust health, and of exemplary habits and it could only be extreme hardships that could so soon have worn him down.

John **WEIPPERT**, Capt. Irving's Company, 38th Regiment, well known in the vicinity of Defiance, died April 12th at the Nashville Hospital.

May 10, 1862 – Capt. John P. **ARRANTS**, of Company E, 21st Regiment, died at Brunersburg, this county, on Monday last. Since the campaign in the fall, through Eastern Kentucky, he has not been with his regiment, his health failing gradually until brought home to die. He was 2d Lieut., during the three months service, and acquitted himself so satisfactory, that on the reorganization of the Regiment, the Captaincy of the Defiance Company was conceded to him by unanimous consent. He was a young man of excellent character, fair talents, and universally respected. He leaves a young widow, daughter of the late William D. **HAYMAKER**, to whom he was married but a few days before his regiment left for Kentucky, in September last.

Ancestry.com Coming to ACPL - July 22 and 23

“With more than 6 billion historical records and in excess of 20 million family trees available, Ancestry.com is the world’s largest genealogical database. Have you explored what Ancestry.com has to offer? Or are you needing guidance to navigate the web site? Come learn from the experts at Ancestry.com and The Genealogy Center on July 22 and 23, when both groups collaborate for “Fort Wayne Ancestry Day.”

Beginning Friday night, July 22, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., you can pick up your name tag, handout materials, and chat with the experts from both organizations at the Fort Wayne Hilton Atrium. Then on Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the experts will present five classes and provide answers to your questions during this full day event at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

Classes include: Insider Search Tips for Ancestry.com, How to Find Civil War Roots at Ancestry.com, Hidden Treasures of The Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Project, Ask the Experts Panel.”

Cost for the event is \$20. To take advantage of this opportunity, register at <http://fortwaynancestryday.eventbrite.com/>.

Hicksville’s News-Tribune Presents Microfilm to the Allen County Public Library

"A key to unlock the past." That is how The News-Tribune's editor Mary Ann Barth, describes the microfilm collection of News-Tribunes dating back to 1882, which she presented to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, February 25.

See the full article from the News-Tribune at <http://www.hicksvillenewstribune.com/current%20issue/genealogy.html>

Defiance County Centennial Families

To acknowledge families which have been in Defiance County for 100 years or more, our chapter has established a centennial recognition program. Just one item of proof showing that a family member was here in 1908 or before is needed to register a family. Upon registration, a certificate will be sent from the chapter. For more information, please contact the chapter via email or by snail mail-- attention Carol Ehlinger.

Applications may be completed at any time. Register you family today!

War of 1812 Index to Pension Applications Online

An alphabetical index of pension applications for War of 1812 volunteers is available online at the Internet Archive courtesy of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. It is comprised of 102 microfilm reels in alphabetical order. I’ve placed an alphabetical index to the reels on my web site to make it easy to find the reel you want. It’s at <http://military.donslist.net>

Here’s a direct link: www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/War1812PensionAps.html

From: “Don Krieger” <akadonnew@verizon.net>

Also you may join an email list for the War of 1812 at

WAROF1812-request@rootsweb.com

Free Queries for Chapter Members

Attention Defiance County Chapter Members:

Don’t forget that your chapter membership entitles you to unlimited queries in *Yesteryears’ Trails* for ancestors from the Defiance area.

Please do limit background information (to about fifty words) and ask for specific information from our readers. Queries may be sent to the chapter email listed on the first page of this newsletter.

Our chapter would like to see you join

First Families of Defiance County



If you can prove you ancestor was here in Defiance County before January 1846, your ancestor will be classified as a “Pioneer.” If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor will be classified as a “settler.” To prove your lineage back to your ancestor, you may use birth records, death records, marriage licenses, census records, Bible records, and other such primary or supportive secondary records.

The application fee is \$15.00 which covers as many ancestors as you can prove and also covers your membership pin. You must also be a member of the Defiance County Chapter of OGS. This membership may be paid at the same time as your application fee is paid. The cutoff date is August 1st of the year in which you apply. For more information and to download the application for First Families go to the society’s web site at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org or write to the chapter at PO Box 7006 Defiance, OH 43512-7006 attention of Jan Morey, chair.



Defiance County's Civil War Service Certificate:
A Certificate Accorded by the Defiance County Genealogical Society

To be considered for the DCGS Civil War Service Certificate, an ancestor must be proven to have served in a Defiance County, Ohio military unit during the Civil War or have been a Civil War veteran (either Union or Confederate) who was born, lived, died or was buried in Defiance County, Ohio. The applicant must be a member of the Defiance County Genealogical Society for this certificate to be awarded.

The applicant filing for a Defiance County Civil War Service Certificate must include documentation for the ancestor for one of the above events (service, birth, residency, death, burial) occurring in Defiance County, Ohio. In addition the applicant must include proof of the unit with which the Civil War soldier served. The application must also include either a generational chart or a written explanation showing the relationship of the applicant with the ancestor who is the focus of the application. The applicant may be a direct or collateral descendant of the Civil War ancestor.

You may submit as many applications as you wish. Also you may include a story or biography of your ancestor for possible use in the chapter newsletter, website, or future publications. **If you submit an article, please date and sign the submission and note that the chapter has permission to use the article.**

Name of Civil War Ancestor: _____
Unit with which the ancestor served _____
Rank attained if known _____
Years served if known _____

- 1. Attach documentation showing with which unit your Civil War ancestor served.** For example, this might be a page copied from a unit history or information downloaded from Ancestry.com. The proof does not need to be a formal government copy.
- 2. Attach proof that your ancestor was connected to Defiance County in one of the following ways: service, birth, residency, death or burial.** The proof does not need to be certified. It may be a copy of a birth certificate, a copy of a census, a listing in compiled birth, death or burial records, copy of land deed etc.
- 3. Attach a generational chart- or a written explanation-- showing your relationship with your Civil War ancestor.**

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

**Please send the completed application to the Defiance County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7006
Defiance, OH 43512-7006.**

Direct questions to the chapter email: defiancegenealogy2002@ yahoo.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Description of Publications - Defiance County Genealogy Society	Price	Quantity	Total
Defiance County Research Guide (pub 2009)	\$2.50		
Tote Bag with Inscrutable Family Tree	\$17.00		
1876 Def. Co. Plat Map Index or Biographical Index	\$8.00 each		
Index to the 1976 Defiance County History Book (pub 2006)	\$15.00		
Enumerations of Males in Defiance County 1847-1895 (pub 2006)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. 1870 Census Index: Book A- La or Book La-Z (pub 2001)	\$25.00 each		
Def. Co. Probate Index 1845 - June 1995: Book A-K or L-Z (pub 2001)	\$30.00 each		
Early Death Records of Defiance Co. 1867-1884 (pub 2001)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. Deaths 1884-1907: Book A-K or Book L-Z (pub 2004)	\$25.00 each		
Def. Co. Out of County and State Burial Permits 1973-1998 (pub 2004)	\$25.00		
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Def. Co. Marriages - Small Vol 1: 1845-1861 (pub. 2001)	\$20.00		
Def. Co. Marriages - Small Vol. 2: 1855-1885 (pub 2006)	\$30.00		
Def. Co. Marriages Vol. 1&2: Feb. 1885-May 1897 (pub 2009)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. Marriages Vol. 3&4: Jan. 1897-Nov. 1903 (pub 2009)	\$30.00		
Def. Co. Marriages Vol. 5&6: November 1903 – December 1912 (NEW 2010)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. Marriages Vol. 7&8 Dec. 1912-Nov. 1925 (NEW 2011)	\$25.00		
Adams Township Def. Co. Inscription Book (Read in 2000; pub. 2005)	\$25.00		
Def. Twp. & City Tombstone Inscription. (New Riverside Cem. not included) (Read in '78-'82; pub 2001)	\$25.00		
Defiance City New Riverside Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '78-'82; pub 2001)	\$35.00		
Delaware Twp. Def. Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01-'02; pub 2005)	\$30.00		
Farmer Twp. Def. Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '94; pub 2008)	\$30.00		
Hicksville Twp. Def. Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '00-'02; pub 2007)	\$35.00		
Highland Twp. Def. Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01; pub 2005)	\$25.00		
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Richland Twp. Def. Co./ Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '78-'82; pub 2001)	\$20.00		
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Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: Book A-D, Book E-I, Book J-M (pub 2001)	\$35.00 each		
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