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Defiance County Genealogy Chapter and Board Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. The address is 950 Webster Street— on the northeastern corner of the Defiance Colllege campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium.

Chapter meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except May, August, and December or as noted.

Board meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

Coming Chapter Programs

Monday, June 25
Coming to America: Immigration Records and Resources with Rhonda Casler
Monday, July 22 Visit to Auglaize Village
6:30 gathering at the village
August - no meeting
Monday, September 24 - tentatively women in WWI
Monday, October 22 First Families Reception
Monday, November 26 - Woodland Indians of NW Ohio with Taylor March

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Auglaize Village

Auglaize Village, located at 12295 Krouse Road west of the city of Defiance, was founded in 1966 by the Defiance County Historical Society. The historic village preserves the history of the men and women who carved a community out of the Great Black Swamp. Generally there are six major public events each summer and fall: May- Settler's Reenactment; June- Civil War Encampment; July - Motorama; August- Tunes, Brews & Bar B Q; September- Wing Fest; October- Johnny Appleseed Festival.

Gate admission is $5 for most events and free for Historical Society members.

For current information, visit the village's Facebook site at www.facebook.com/defiancecountyhistoricalsociety/

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If you change your postal or email address, **please** make sure you email the chapter at <defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com> or send the changes to Defiance Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 so that your current information is on file.

Become a Member of DCGS

Chapter dues are $12.00 for an individual and $15.00 per family.

An additional $5.00 is required for mailing the four annual newsletters through the U. S. Post Office. **Membership form is at the end of this newsletter or you may download a membership form at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org**

First Families of Defiance County and Centennial Families

Defiance County First Families

If you can prove your ancestor resided in Defiance County before January 1846, your ancestor can be classified as a "Pioneer." If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor can 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 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 be a member of the Defiance County Chapter 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, please 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 Mary Scranton, chair.

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 1918 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 postal mail-- attention of Carol Ehlinger.

March News

At the March DCGS board meeting Lavina Boesling moved to donate $20.00 to the Defiance Friends of the Library; Dianne Kline seconded the motion which carried.

Dianne, as membership chair, noted that there currently are 60 members paid for 2018. She also noted that thanks to the Virtual Defiance Museum on Facebook and its link to our chapter blog site, there have now been over 112,000 hits on the genealogy blog site. The most accessed articles were the Ney Saloon and the visit of a bear to the Vagabond.

Dan Hasch has volunteered to be chapter vice-president. He will be voted upon at the March chapter meeting.

The chapter brochure was reviewed-- an updated brochure is now available.

Dianne Kline noted for Cecelia Brown's memorial fund that the wingback chair has arrived, and that Dianne will take the plaque to the library. She will also arranges a public relations photo for The Crescent-News. There is still some funding in the memorial account. Mary Williams will check with the Sherwood Library for needs; Dianne will check with Hicksville. It was generally decided to use the memorials and acquisition funding for any needed repairs for Ohioana materials.

The speaker's agreement was reviewed and suggestion made for updating. Possible programs were then discussed for the months of September, October, and November.

At the chapter meeting, Rich Rozenvik ably filled in to present his research on white children who were taken captive by Native Americans in this area.

April News

At the April DCGS board meeting, Dianne Kline reported that the blog site had had over 118,000 hits and that memberships stood at 64.

Auglaize Village has offered to sell some of the chapter's publication at the village. Rhonda Casler moved that some of our publications be place at the village for sale along with order forms for other publications. Pat Wise seconded the motion; motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the funds remaining in the Cecelia Brown Memorial Fund. Dianne has spoken with Hicksville Friends of the library, and they suggested money could be used toward landscaping-- such as a tree planted in Cecelia's name. The Sherwood Library is raising fund for an elementary reading project which would have outdoor reading stands throughout the village. Mary will check to see how much one stand would cost as a possible memorial.

Rich Rozevink has given President Allison material on Edwin Phelps, an early settler and leader of Defiance. Joanne will check with Rich to see if/how the newspaper articles written about early Defiance might be used.

Discussion was also held concerning the memorials and acquisitions fund as it has reached almost $1000. Lavina Boesling moved that Dianne Kline should contact the five county elementary principals offering each school $200 to be used for the purchase of books relating to Ohio history. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion which carried. It also was decided to rename the fund "acquisitions."

Mary Scranton reported that there will be at least one First Family induction. There was no formal business and no committee reports.

At the April chapter meeting, the guest speaker for the evening was Nancy Ottman representing the Palatines to America organization. With good humor, Ms. Ottman provided general tips for researching Germanic ancestors and gave a chronological

outline indicating which port of entry to which immigrants might have arrived. She also supplied attendees with a very useful and detailed handout.

May Chapter News

At the May DCGS board, Dianne Kline reported that membership remains at 64. Dianne also reported that the blog had had over 120,000 hits.

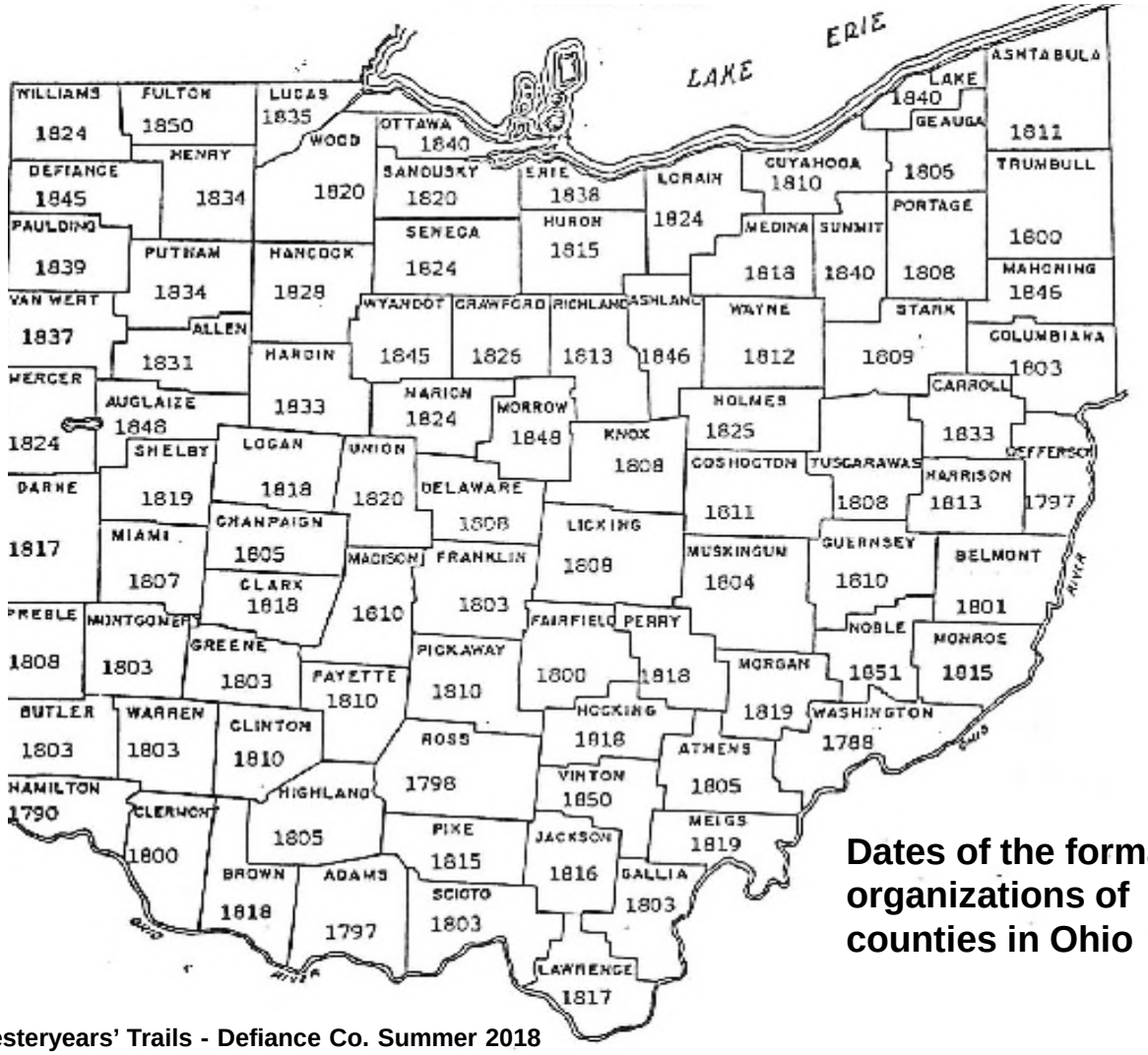
Tabled was a project to provide local history books to the area elementary schools as it was questioned whether the acquisitions fund could be used in such a manner as written in our constitution and policy manual. Also tabled for future discussion was the printing and selling of articles written by Edwin Phelps detailing early settling in Defiance County. This project will be reviewed at the June board meeting.

At the May chapter meeting, volunteers will be solicited to update our chapter's constitution and bylaws.

A motion was made to purchase one stand for the outdoor reading project at the Sherwood Branch Library as a part of the Cecelia Brown Memorial Fund. The donation will be for $250. Motion was seconded by Lavina Boesling; motion passed. Dianne is in contact with the Hicksville Branch concerning a memorial tree which could use the remaining funds of just over $250.

At the May chapter meeting, Mary Scranton volunteered to serve on the updating of the Policy and Procedure Manual (constitution and standing rules).

Presenter for the evening was Pamela Lash, who is a retired teacher and a genealogist. Currently she is a library assistant at the main library in the Williams County Library System in the local history department. Her presentation provided valuable information for researching divorce in Williams County.



Dates of the formal organizations of counties in Ohio

Pamela Lash points out the value of researching ancestors through divorce files.

The following article written by DCGS president Joanne Allison appeared in the May 17, 2018 The Crescent-News.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Lash to discuss the value of including divorce records in family research

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on May 21 when guest speaker Pamela Pattison Lash gave a presentation explaining why a family researcher should consult old divorce files. Through her own research, Pamela Pattison Lash explained why divorce records can possibly reveal a hidden “gold mine” of data.

Lash first became interested in these records while creating a list of county divorces for publication in the Williams County Genealogy newsletter Ohio’s Last Frontier. A case entitled, “A Native Daughter Abused: A Bill of Divorce in Williams County, OH (1869)” caught her attention. After paging through the journals of the Williams County Civil and Criminal Court records (1824-June 1886) in the Williams County Records Center, she found the surnames and dates she was looking for.

Next the index to the microfilm rolls of the county civil and criminal court records gave her the roll number and case number. Microfilm rolls of the Williams County Civil and Criminal Court Records are held both in the Record Center and the Local History and Genealogy Center of the library. Using the case number, she discovered a great deal of colorful information about the couple and their divorce.

Continuing with her project, she found some of the divorce cases so interesting both on educational and human interest levels that she decided to research more couples and compile a mini-history of Williams County, 1830-86 providing a different view than the usual county history book.

In her research, Lash discovered that 90 percent of the divorces in those 56 years were filed by women, many of whom suffered deaths of children, cheating husbands, financial insecurity, and unbelievable physical abuse, yet were still often denied a divorce. Who denied them? The court system, which was peopled by men who may have harbored their own agendas or were personal friends of the accused. On the other hand, few men at that time who sought divorce were denied their request.

Also, the majority of divorces in Williams County at that time involved future or former Civil War soldiers. Perhaps the brutality of war had a residual effect on their view of marriage and women in general.

Lash provided a list of valuable facts that can be obtained from these records, such as marriage date and place, statement of residency in Ohio and county, names and/or ages of minor children and specific reasons for divorce such as abuse, adultery, or abandonment. References to other civil or criminal trials involving the parties, description of real estate with its liens, mortgages, and description of personal property are often included as well as depositions and testimonies of witnesses and so much more.

Since divorce in the early years of our country had a negative connotation, it was often not mentioned in newspaper obituaries or county

Nancy Ottman gives guidelines for finding German ancestors

The following article written by DCGS president Joanne Allison appeared in the May 17, 2018 The Crescent-News.

Nancy Ottman gives strategies for researching German ancestors

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met April 23, when Nancy Ottman from the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America gave a PowerPoint presentation, giving tips for finding German ancestors.

In 1808, each German village was required to register families in their village. These family history books can sometimes be found online at online-ofb.de (List of online Family Register Books), or WorldCap.org (followed by /name of village).

Why did our ancestors leave their homeland and families to come to America? To avoid obligatory military service was one reason for many young men. Some came to find religious freedom. Others may have wanted to get married, but marriage laws in Germany were very restrictive. For instance, if you did not own land in Germany, you couldn't legally get married.

Poverty, high food prices and poor crops motivated many to seek jobs and plentiful food. Because of inheritance laws in Germany, a large number of men would never have a chance to own their own property no matter how hard they worked, but America offered much cheap land and the opportunities for a better lifestyle financially.

The main ports of departure in the 18th and early 19th centuries for German emigrants were: LeHarve, in France, Rotterdam and Amsterdam in the Netherlands by way of the Rhine River, Bremen/Bremerhaven on the Wesser River, Hamburg or Cuxhaven, in Germany on the Elbe River, and Scandinavian ports Copenhagen and Antwerp, Belgium.

The major ports of arrival in America were New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New Orleans. There were also many other ports of arrival as well.

Ottman stressed that researchers should never get hung up on the current spelling of ancestor's names. The spelling of a name often changed over the years. Even small changes to the spelling can make a big difference in research. She told about her own experience in searching the Ottman family. At one point she could not find further records for them until she added another letter "n." By changing the spelling to Ottmann, she found many records.

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histories. The writers of those items went to great lengths and careful wording not to divulge this information. Thus, a modern reader may never know about an ancestor's divorce action without consulting these records.

Used together with other customary archives consulted by researchers, the divorce files may provide a clearer window through which to glimpse the past.

Defiance County Lands through the Decades

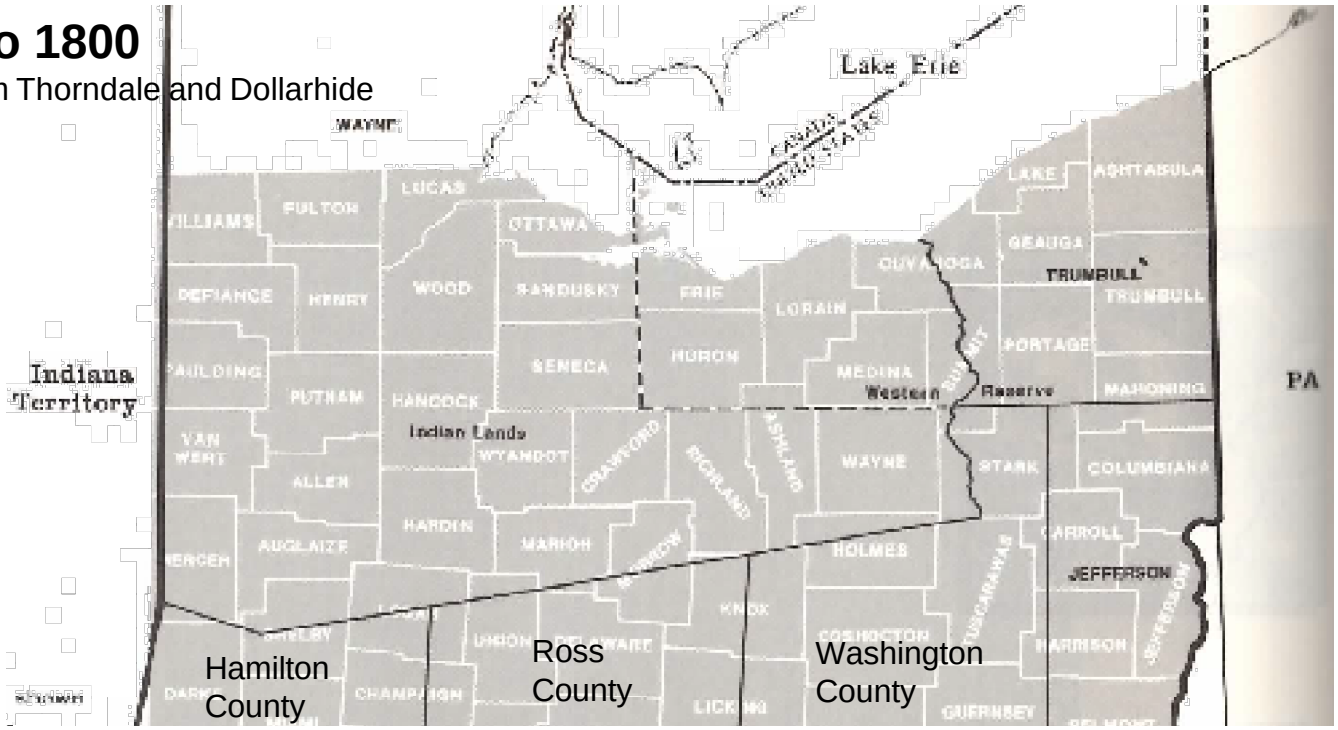
While the genealogical book, Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920 Second Printing 1988 Edition by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide, does provide related information to available census information of each sate and for each of the state's decades, it is also most valuable for the maps. Maps of each state beginning in 1790 and continuing for each decade show the geographical divisions of territories and counties. Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920 Second Printing is available for $59,95 at /Amazon and at other sellers.

Counties are they exist today are shown with white lines; areas as they were in the designated year, are drawn in black.

Ohio in 1790 was part of the Northwest Territory along with what later would become the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. As shown above, the western part of Defiance County fell under the area marked at Knox County; the eastern part is found in "Indian Lands."

Ohio 1800

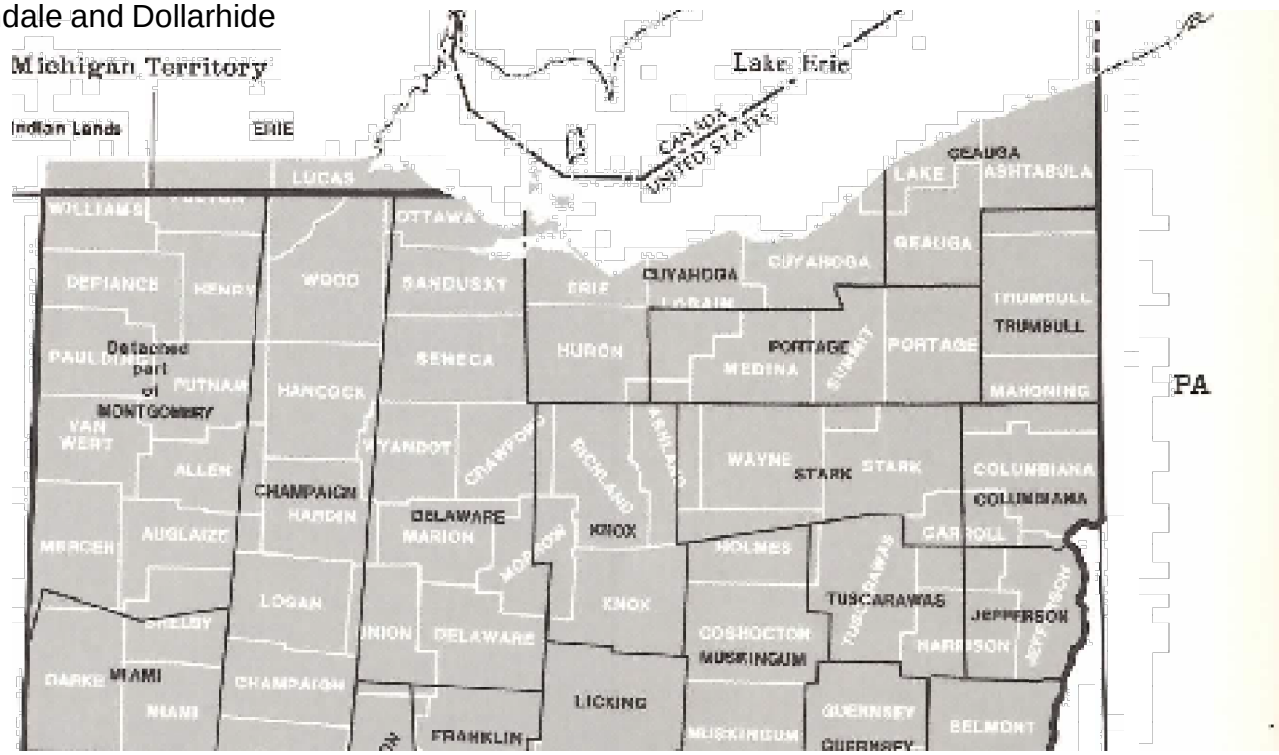
Map from Thorndale and Dollarhide



In 1800, what is now Defiance County was considered to be all in “Indian Territory.”

Ohio 1810

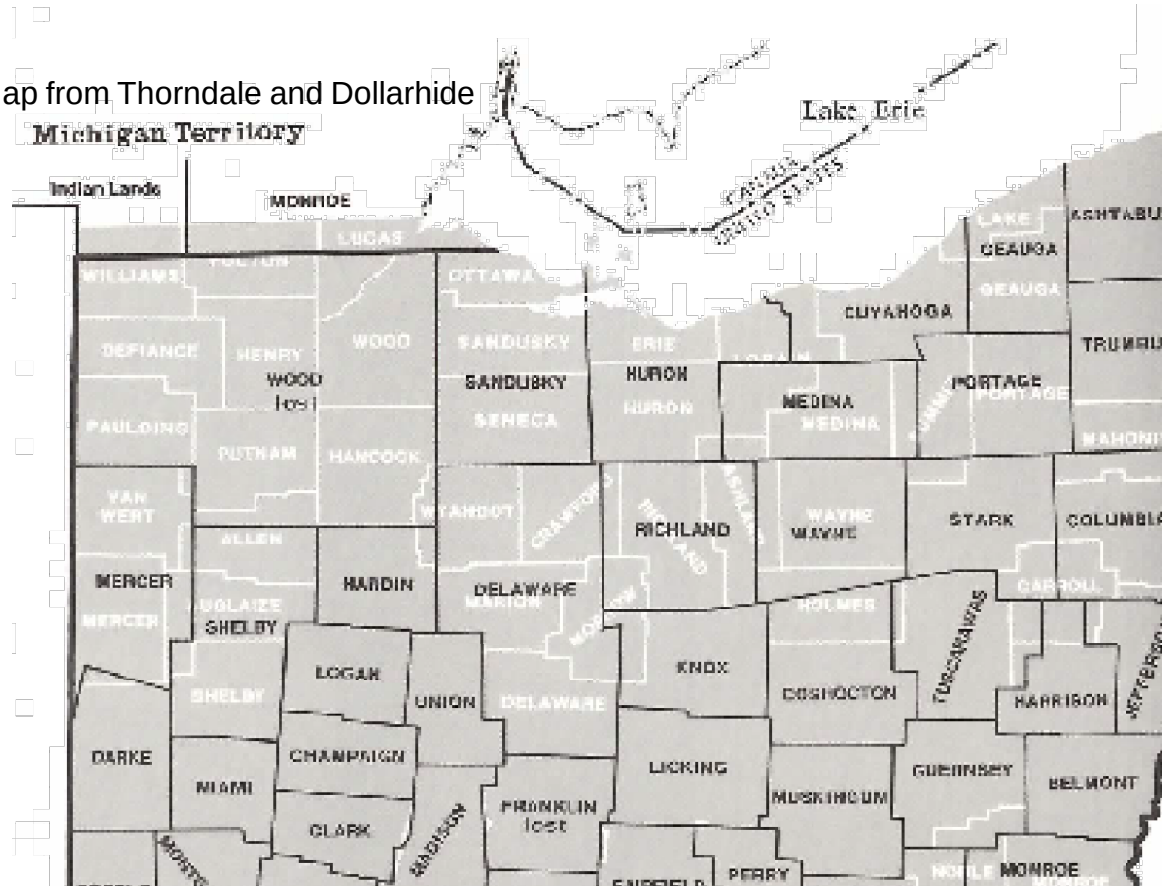
Map from Thorndale and Dollarhide



By 1810, Defiance County, along with other counties of NW Ohio, were then designated as a “Detached Part of Montgomery County.” The actual Montgomery County was located further to the south; today it is the county which surrounds the city of Dayton. Note also that upper Williams County at this time was claimed as Michigan Territory.

Ohio 1820

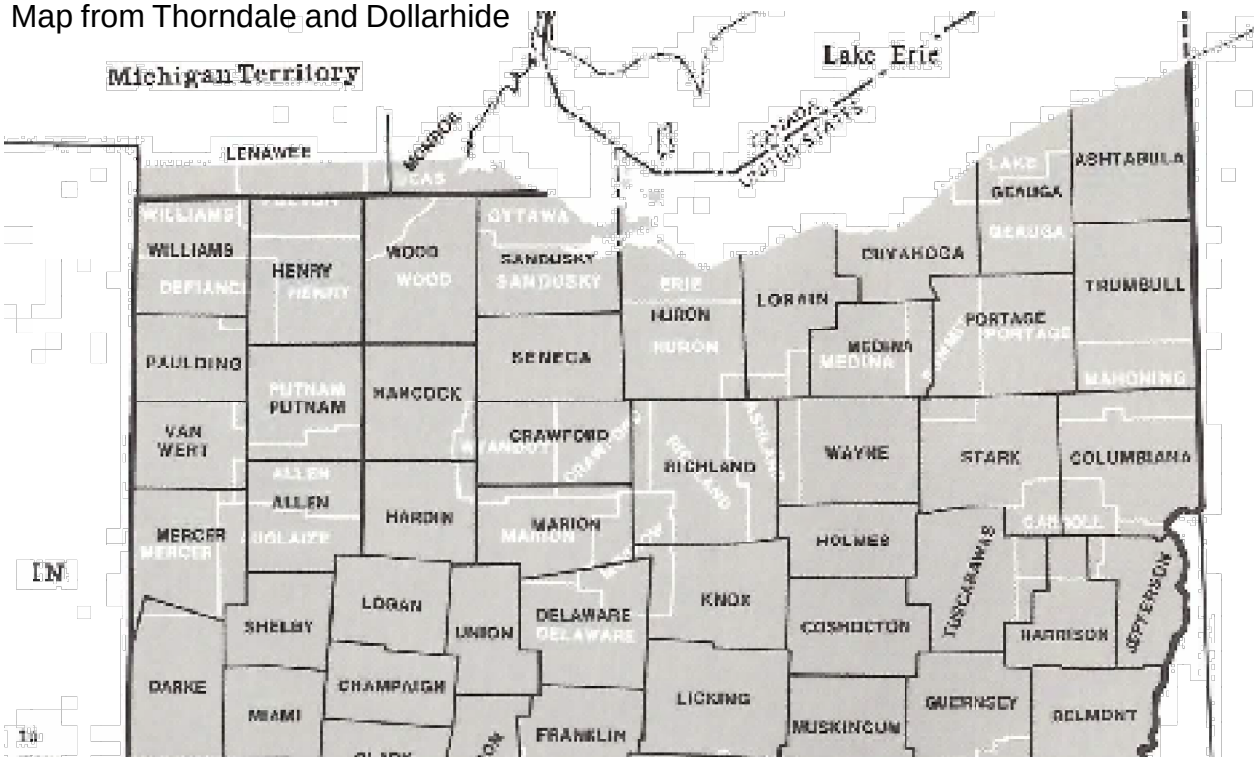
Map from Thorndale and Dollarhide



By 1820 Defiance County areas fell under the large area designated as Wood County.

Ohio 1830

Map from Thorndale and Dollarhide



In 1830 Defiance County is shown as part of southern Williams County with a portion to the east being in Henry County and a small portion to the south and east being in Paulding County. Note the upper portion of Williams County is still listed as part of Michigan Territory. After the "Toledo War," Michigan surrendered the area in 1836 when it became a state. Defiance County as it exists today, was carved out of portions of Williams, Henry, and Paulding Counties in 1845.

“Roads to the Ohio Country”

The beginning of the following article has been excerpted from William Dollarhide’s Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815. This publication, printed in 1997, is still available on Amazon in paperback for $22.95 and from other book sellers.

Dollarhide begins the section to “Roads to the Ohio Country” with the following paragraph. “After the French-Indian War of 1754-1763, France relinquished its claims to the great Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. These area now belonged solely to the British. The Mississippi River became the undisputed boundary between British and Spanish territory.”

In 1763 the Proclamation Line was established which allowed Britain to keep the colonies from granting lands west of the Appalachian Mountains. All lands west of the Proclamation Line was declared as “Indian Hunting Grounds. However, after the Revolutionary War, the new American government maintained the right of “Manifest Destiny” by which the government felt was its right to claim all lands on the continent.

As a part of the new Constitution, individual states gave up claims to the Federal Government. The states of Virginia, Massachusetts, and Connecticut ceded their land to the government. Part of the lands ceded became known as the Northwest Territory created in 1787. The state of Ohio later will be carved out of this territory ; Ohio becomes a state in 1803. The lands that eventually will become Defiance County were ceded by Connecticut and Virginia.

In 1790 the U.S. census showed a population of 3.9 million people. According to Dollarhide, the white population of the Northwest Territory was estimated to be about 4,300 people (p. 18 of Dollarhide). Settlements in Ohio lands primarily were in the southern parts around Cincinnati, Marietta and other settlements along the Ohio River.

According to Dollarhide, settlements in the northern part of the Ohio country came along Forbes or Braddock’s Road. Both roads passed through Pittsburgh which became know as “the gateway to the west.” Pittsburgh would supply the basic necessities for those headed further west..

In Pittsburgh, many settlers would buy or build flatboats to float down the Ohio River. In the later 1700s settlers began moving into the interior Ohio lands, Wagon roads from the south all converged on the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky. In 1796 the state of Kentucky widened its road through the Gap to 12’ allowing for more and easier travel. States and other areas created the “turnpikes” which which charged travels for use but the fees allowed for the building and maintaining of heavily traveled roads. One such early road was the Lancaster Pike which began in Philadelphia and generally followed the route of U. S. 30 today leading into Lancaster, Ohio.

To the north, the Mohawk Turnpike became the most important route for migrations across the state of New York. Later that route would be used by the Erie Canal (1825) and still later the New York Central Railroad. Today, Interstate 90 follows the same general route.

According to Dollarhide, “With the development of canals through New York and Pennsylvania and especialy with the buildiing of the Erie Canal, settlements in Ohio and Michigan grew rapidly. By 1830 there were canals in the interior of Ohio and Indiana. And by 1850, railroads had made the old wagon roads to Ohio nearly obsolete.”

Of course, in northwest Ohio, the Black Swamp delayed the settling of the area. Henry Howe, an early Ohio historian, noted that in 1840 David Zeisberger, a Moravian missionary, described the “deep swamps and troublesome marshes ... the lands where no bit of dry land was to be seen, and the horses at every step wading in the march up to their knees.” The 30-35 mile trip from the Sandusky River to the Maumee River took Zeisberger over two days. He noted that worst past of the swamp was mostly to the south and est along the Maumee River, an area 30 to 40 miles side and about 120 miles long.

Five Generations Chart

Permission to publish

Leslie C. Calvert

Signature & Date 12 March 2018

b= born
d= died
m= married
r= resided

PATERNAL

1 Stillman "Ilo" Rose
b 16 Feb 1883 Independence, Defiance Co. Ohio
d 11 Jun 1935 Williams Co Ohio
m
r Williams Co. Ohio

2 Stillman Rose
Father of No. 1
b 22 Mar 1835 Lenawee Co. Michigan
d 14 Apr 1906 Defiance Co. Ohio
m
r

4 Joseph Rose
Father of no. 2
b ca 1797 New York
d 26 Oct 1848 Defiance Co. Ohio
m 8 May 1823 Monroe Co. Mich.
r Lenawee Co Michigan

8 ? Rose
Father of no. 4
b
d
m
r

16 Father of no. 8
b m
d r

17 Mother of No. 8
b d

Mother of No. 4
b
d

18 Father of no. 9
b m
d r

19 Mother of No. 9
b d

5 Amanda Lewis
Mother of no. 2
b ca. 1804 New York
d 10 Sep 1882 Defiance Co. Ohio

10 ? Lewis
Father of no. 5
b
d
m
r

20 Father of no. 10
b m
d r

21 Mother of No. 10
b d

11 Mother of No. 5
b
d

22 Father of no. 11
b m
d r

23 Mother of No. 11
b d

MATERNAL

3 Amy Hively
Mother of no. 1
b 25 Jan 1879 Defiance Co. Ohio
d 2 Jan 1916 Defiance Co. Ohio

6 Thomas Hively
Father of no. 3
b 1811 Ohio
d 11 Jun 1885 Fountain Co. IN
m
r Defiance Co. Ohio

12 John Hively
Father of no. 6
b 15 Sep 1769 York Co. PA
d 1841
m
r

24 Jacob Hively
Father of no. 12
b 10 Mar 1772
d Apr 1786
m
r

25 Louisa Sophia Dittenhafer
Mother of no. 12
b 1735 PA d July 1809

13 Nancy ??
Mother of No. 6
b ca 1770
d ca 1815

26 Father of no. 13
b m
d r

27 Mother of No. 13
b d

7 Mary Wilson
Mother of no. 3
b 1814 Highland Co. OH d ca. 1854 Defiance Co.

14 Ishmael Wilson
Father of no. 7
b 1788 North Carolina
d abt. 1856 Page Co. Iowa
m
r

28 Father of no. 14
b m
d r

29 Mother of No. 14
b d

15 Amie More/Moore
Mother of No. 7
b ca. 1789 North Carolina
d ca 1854 Defiance Co. OH

30 George Moor
Father of no. 15
b ca 1751 m
d ca 1803

31 Mary Shahan
b 1742 (MD) d

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EarlyDeath Records of Defiance Co. 1867-1884 (pub. 2001)	$25.00		
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