

# Yesteryears' Trails



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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 College 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 2:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

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## Heirlooms/Stories to Share

*If you have family stories-- or photos of family heirlooms-- which would be of interest to our readers, please feel free to submit them to our chapter's website for use in the newsletter or the blog site.*

## DCGS Meetings and Events on Hold for Beginning of 2021

Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19, the DCGS board has not scheduled any meetings or events for spring of 2021. The board voted to extend memberships from 2020 to the 2021 year with no additional cost.



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**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](http://www.defiancecountygenealogy.org) or write to the chapter at PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 attention of Mary Scranton, chair.

**Change of Address or Email ?**

If you change your postal or email address, **please** make sure you email the chapter at <[defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com](mailto: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 \$15.00 for an individual and \$18.00 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](http://www.defiancecountygenealogy.org)***

**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.



## Defiance County OGS Chapter News

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Defiance there were no chapter meetings since February, and only two board meetings since that time. The board met at the St. John UCC in Defiance on July 22 and then conducted business via emails in November.

### Minutes of the DCGS Board of July 22, 2020

Present: at the July DCGS Board were President Joanne Allison, Treasurer Dan Hasch, Corresponding Secretary Dianne Kline, Recording Secretary Mary Williams, Trustees: Pat Wise, Rhonda Casler, Dawn Hasch (also Membership Chair).

(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the first board meeting since February 19, 2020. Minutes of the February board meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Dan Hasch presented monthly financial reports beginning with March with the following balances noted: March \$4798.47, April \$4832.05, May \$4897.05, June \$4877.05 and thus far in July \$4821.05. He also noted that he had emailed in the sales tax information for the previous year.

Dawn Hasch noted that there currently are 59 members; Dianne Kline noted over 185,000 hits to the blog site.

Discussion was held for memorials for Gladys Donson and Lavina Boesling-both long time officers of the chapter. Dianne will check with Gladys' grand-daughter Susan Brown to see the amount of donation collected. Dianne will also check with the library to see how much it will cost to have the Sherwood Chronicle digitalized.

Dan Hasch moved that due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in the area, the chapter suspend its programming and other events for the rest of the 2020 year. Chapter meetings for 2021 will be revisited at the beginning of the year; board meetings will be held only as needed. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion which carried.

It was also decided to provide a free membership for the 2021 year for those now enrolled, since all of our programming and events are cancelled for the remainder of the year. Dan Hasch made the motion; Pat Wise seconded the motion which carried.

Discussion was also held on a possible move of our records to the former Defiance Stamping Company on Perry Street. Rhonda Casler has agreed to be a liaison with Trish Sandford-Speiser concerning advertising our publication on [vintagedefiance.com](http://vintagedefiance.com).

### Minutes of November 2020 On-line Meetings

On November 23, 2020 Chapter Treasurer Dan Hasch emailed a proposed budget for the Society for 2021 for approval of the Board.

On November 24, 2020 President Joanne Allison noted that in a normal year, nominations for 2021 officers would have taken place and the membership had voted. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the society not meeting for most of 2020, this was not possible. She proposed not holding election for officers and the board until at least 2021. There were no objections to this by any of the on-line board members.

President Allison also noted that the 2020 Ohio Genealogy Society Conference had been cancelled, and plans for the 2021 convention are being made on a virtual platform. The virtual conference's theme is "Bringin' It Home," and it will be held April 14-17. Joanne noted that a virtual conference will save hotel and travel expenses.

On November 25, 2020 Rhonda Casler moved that the Board suspend its normal practices for voting, and that all voting by email will be considered valid. On November 25, 2020 Dan Hasch seconded the motion.

Dianne Kline moved to accept the proposed 2021 budget. Dan Hasch seconded the motion. Dianne Kline and Mary Williams voted via email to accept both motions. President Allison later noted that all board members had agreed to the two motions presented.

## 2020 First Family Recipients

**Chapter members Nicholas J. Wilhelm, Ft. Wayne, IN and Patricia Rosaline Campbell, Santa Ana, CA applied and were accepted as Defiance County First Family members in October 2020.**

**Nicholas J. Wilhelm has proven 8 Settler ancestors as residents in Washington Twp.**

**“Settlers” (1846-1860) Washington Twp.**

George STRAHLE	1854
Mary FISCHAESS Strahle	1854
Frederich STRAHLE Sr.	1857
Christina ECKERT Strahle	1857
Helen STRAHLE Wilhelm	1857
Emmanuel Heinrich WILHELM	1860
Frederick WILHELM	1860
Mary HARRIGER Wilhelm-Nye-Rubel	1860

**Patricia Rosaline Campbell has proven 2 Pioneer and 10 Settler ancestors as residents in Washington & Delaware Twps.**

**“Pioneers” (by 1845) Washington Twp.**

Archibald CAMPBELL	1845
Frances LUNGER Campbell	1845

**“Settlers” (1846-1860) Delaware Twp.**

Lewis M. CAMPBELL	1850
Margaret GIER Campbell-Troxel-Partee	1850
Lewis George CAMPBELL	1850
Samuel GIER	1851
Sarah MARKEL Geir	1851

**“Settlers” (1846-1860) Washington Twp.**

George STRAHLE	1854
Mary FISCHAESS Strahle	1854
Frederich STRAHLE Sr.	1857
Christina ECKERT Strahle	1857
Rosa Katherine STRAHLE Campbell	1857

Through their First Family applications, Nick and Patricia discovered they had four common Strahle ancestors making them cousins!

The First Family reception had to be cancelled this year because of the COVID pandemic but the 2020 recipients are planning to attend the 25 October 2021 reception. Nick has several sister that will be 2021 recipients.

## Ancestry Library Edition Available Through March for Library Card Holders

The Defiance Public Library has announced that Ancestry Library Edition is now temporarily available for library card holders to use from home. This feature will be available through the end of March 2021. Research your family history with this enhanced library version of Ancestry.com. Search the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 to 1940 as well as immigration, vital, military, court, church, and ethnic records. Explore city directories, the Social Security Death Index, and more. Please note that the content in the Library Edition of this resource differs from personal subscriptions.

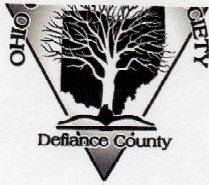


**2021 Ohio  
Genealogical  
Society  
Virtual  
Conference  
April 14 - 17, 2021**

The annual OGS conference will still feature a great lineup of speakers and topics, but it is now set up to be virtual, so you will be able to “attend” from the comfort and convenience of any location via computer, tablet, or phone.

You will be able to connect with highly respected genealogical speakers who will energize your research efforts. Go to <https://www.ogsconference.org/> for more information.





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Patricia Campbell

8/10/20

Signature & Date

8 Lewis George Campbell

father of no. 4

b 28 Feb 1850  
d 29 Dec 1912  
m 7 Aug 1879

r Defiance County, OH

9 Rosa Katherine Strahle

mother of no. 4

b 15 Dec 1854  
d 15 Apr 1910

Lewis M. Campbell

father of no. 8

b Abt. 1825 m 19 Aug 1844  
d Abt. 1850-51 r Defiance Co., OH

17 Margaret Gier

mother of no. 8

b 19 Feb 1828 d 16 Jan 1913

18 Frederick Strahle

father of no. 9

b 8 Dec 1821 m 29 Dec 1853  
d 23 Apr 1890 r Defiance Co., OH

19 Christina Eckert

mother of no. 9

b 25 Dec 1828 d 27 May 1919

20 Henry A. Ackerman

father of no. 10

b 10 Feb 1826 m 27 Aug 1848  
d 4 May 1912 r Jackson Co., IA

21 Sara Cora Sims

mother of no. 10

b 1 Mar 1829 d 5 Jan 1912

22 David Ross Crane

father of no. 11

b 1 Mar 1843 m 8 Jan 1865  
d 28 May 1918 r Stephen Co., NY

23 Mary Jane Hart

mother of no. 11

b 3 Oct 1844 d 6 May 1923

24 Simon Snyder

father of no. 12

b 13 Jul 1847 m 26 Apr 1860  
d 9 Mar 1938 r Bartholomew Co., IN

25 Mary E. Repp

mother of no. 12

b 3 Apr 1842 d 3 Feb 1918

26 George W. Webb

father of no. 13

b 6 Oct 1836 m 10 Feb 1860  
d 11 Oct 1883 r Marshall Co., IN

27 Margaret E. Brown

mother of no. 13

b 11 Apr 1841 d 19 Jun 1918

28 James A. Pilcher

father of no. 14

b 1 Oct. 1854 m 23 Dec 1876  
d 1 Apr 1925 r Baker Co., OR

29 Mary E. Jobe

mother of no. 14

b 25 Aug 1850 d 2 Aug 1936

30 Walter Lee Riggs

father of no. 15

b 26 Oct 1851 m 4 Feb 1874  
d 13 Feb 1888 r Clark Co., WA

31 Clara M. Kidwell

mother of no. 15

b 12 May 1852 d 18 Aug 1902

R.K. Campbell

4 father of no. 2

b 16 Feb 1898  
d 25 Oct 1947  
m 6 Dec 1924

r Los Angeles Co., CA

2 Kenneth John Campbell

father of no. 1

b 20 May 1927  
d 26 Dec 1989  
m 2 Aug 1955  
r Orange County, CA

5 Florence May Ackerman

mother of no. 2

b 24 Jan 1909  
d 18 Jan 1981

10 John Glenn Ackerman

father of no. 5

b 12 Dec 1868  
d 27 Jan 1950  
m 3 Mar 1898

r Jefferson County, AL

11 Florence Maria Crane

mother of no. 5

b 21 Sep 1879  
d 25 Jul 1935

1 Patricia Rosaline Campbell

b 30 May 1962

d

m

r Orange County, CA

12 Daniel Fenton Snyder

father of no. 6

b 21 Dec 1872  
d 17 Apr 1964  
m 10 Sep 1893

r La Porte County, IA

13 Luella Elizabeth Webb

mother of no. 6

b 26 Aug 1871  
d 9 Apr 1956

6 Earl W. Snyder

father of no. 3

b 2 Oct 1903  
d 26 Sep 1984  
m 19 May 1923

r Buchanan County, MO

3 Hattie Rosaline Campbell

mother of no. 1

b 28 Mar 1930  
d 16 Apr 2011

14 James Oscar Pilcher

father of no. 7

b 17 Dec 1878  
d 18 Feb 1944  
m 5 Nov 1903

r Baker County, OR

15 Hattie May Riggs

mother of no. 7

b 27 May 1882  
d 9 Nov 1912

7 Ruth Marie Pilcher

mother of no. 3

b 2 Apr 1906  
d 15 Jul 1998

Name of Compiler Patricia R. Campbell  
Address 2203-C East Santa Clara Ave.  
City, State Santa Ana, CA

Date Submitted 8/10/20

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# Family Group Record for Henry Wilhelm

<b>Husband</b>		<b>Henry Wilhelm</b>	
Born	8 Dec 1861	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened			
Died	19 Apr 1942	Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States	
Buried		Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Father	Frederick Willhelm (1837-1880)		Mother
			Mary Christiana Harriger (1844-1917)
Marriage	5 May 1883	, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Helene Christine Strahle</b>	
Born	13 Sep 1857	Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Christened			
Died	30 Jan 1905	Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Buried		Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Father	Frederich Strahle (Cal 1821-1890)		Mother
			Christiana Eckart (1828-1919)
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Harrison Henry Wilhelm</b>	
AKA	Harry		
Born	21 Apr 1884	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened	5 Feb 1889		
Died	25 Jan 1966	Edon, Williams, Ohio, United States	
Buried		Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States	
Spouse	Anna Mary Foos (1874-1962) 30 Jun 1908 - , Williams, Ohio, USA		
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Emery Wilhelm</b>	
Born	20 Mar 1886	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened			
Died	1888	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Buried		Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Spouse			
<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Laura Helen Wilhelm</b>	
Born	28 Nov 1887	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened	5 Feb 1889		
Died	10 Mar 1985	Bowling Green, Wood, Ohio, United States	
Buried	13 Mar 1985	Custar, Wood, Ohio, United States	
Spouse	Jacob Aaron Businger (1894-1965) 14 Jul 1926 - , Williams, Ohio, USA		
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Clara Christiane Wilhelm</b>	
Born	12 Sep 1892	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened	4 Oct 1892		
Died	1904		
Buried		Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States	
Spouse			
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Raymond Walter Wilhelm</b>	
Born	30 Dec 1894	Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA	
Christened			
Died	20 Apr 1931	, Vaitoare, Tahaa, Leeward Islands	
Buried	21 Apr 1931	, Uturoa, Raiatea, Leeward Islands	
Spouse			



# 5 Generations Chart for Nicholas J. Wilhelm

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Chart no. 1

*Nicholas J. Wilhelm 7-28-2020*  
Signature & Date

**4 Harrison Henry Wilhelm**  
b. 21 Apr 1884  
p. Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA  
m. 30 Jun 1908  
p. , Williams, Ohio, USA  
d. 25 Jan 1966  
p. Edon, Williams, Ohio, United States

**2 Herbert Henry Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>**  
b. 21 Jul 1909  
p. Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States  
m. 5 Oct 1940<sup>1</sup>  
p. Holgate, Henry, Ohio, United States  
d. 18 Aug 1992  
p. Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States

**5 Anna Mary Foos**  
b. 1 Apr 1874  
p. Edgerton, Williams, Ohio, United States  
d. 6 Oct 1962  
p. Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States

**1 Nicholas James Wilhelm<sup>1</sup>**  
b. 29 May 1945  
p. Hillsdale, Hillsdale, Michigan, United States  
m. 14 Feb 1986  
p. Fort Collins, Larimer, Colorado, United States  
d.  
p.  
sp. Mary Elizabeth Daly<sup>1</sup>

**6 Earl Rinehart Warren<sup>6</sup>**  
b. 11 Aug 1889<sup>7</sup>  
p. , Adams, Indiana, USA  
m. 16 Jan 1910<sup>8</sup>  
p. , Van Wert, Ohio, USA  
d. 10 Jul 1971<sup>9</sup>  
p. McCool, Porter, Indiana, United States

**3 Catherine Marie Warren<sup>3</sup>**  
b. 15 Apr 1917<sup>4</sup>  
p. Toledo, Lucas, Ohio, United States  
d. 10 Jun 1999<sup>5</sup>  
p. Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States

**7 Ota May Hoffman<sup>6</sup>**  
b. 7 Oct 1889<sup>10</sup>  
p. Ohio City, Van Wert, Ohio, United States  
d. 10 Jul 1971<sup>8</sup>  
p. McCool, Porter, Indiana, United States

**8 Henry Wilhelm**  
b. 8 Dec 1861  
p. Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA  
m. 5 May 1883  
p. , Defiance, Ohio, USA  
d. 19 Apr 1942  
p. Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States

**9 Helene Christine Strahle**  
b. 13 Sep 1857  
p. Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States  
d. 30 Jan 1905  
p. Ney, Defiance, Ohio, United States

**10 Joseph Foos**  
b. 22 Mar 1839  
p. , , Oberseebach, Alsace-Lorraine  
m. 7 Jul 1869  
p.  
d. 12 May 1881  
p. Edgerton, Williams, Ohio, United States

**11 Mary M. Miller**  
b. 1843  
p. Rochester, Monroe, New York, United States  
d. 8 Feb 1900  
p. Edgerton, Williams, Ohio, United States

**12 Job Andrew Warren<sup>11</sup>**  
b. 21 Dec 1848<sup>12</sup>  
p. Kirtland, Lake, Ohio, United States  
m. 5 Jan 1870<sup>13</sup>  
p. , Adams, Indiana, USA  
d. 2 Nov 1906<sup>13</sup>  
p. Ohio City, Van Wert, Ohio, United States

**13 Elizabeth Ross<sup>15</sup>**  
b. 5 Apr 1850<sup>16</sup>  
p. , Adams, Indiana, USA  
d. 8 Dec 1924<sup>16</sup>  
p.

**14 John Christopher Hoffman<sup>17</sup>**  
b. 29 Jun 1859  
p. , Van Wert, Ohio, USA  
m. 3 Jul 1880  
p. , Van Wert, Ohio, USA  
d. 13 Nov 1926  
p. Ohio City, Van Wert, Ohio, United States

**15 Mary Elizabeth Kline<sup>17</sup>**  
b. 15 Apr 1859  
p. , Van Wert, Ohio, USA  
d. 13 Feb 1915  
p. Ohio City, Van Wert, Ohio, United States

**16 Frederick Wilhelm**  
b. 13 Mar 1837, Willsbach, , Baden-Württemberg, Ger~<sup>18</sup>  
m. 24 Apr 1859, Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio, United States  
d. 21 May 1880, Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA

**17 Mary Christiana Harriger**  
b. 8 Mar 1844, , Crawford, Ohio, USA  
d. 4 Sep 1917, Bryan, Williams, Ohio, United States

**18 Frederich Strahle**  
b. Cal 23 Jan 1821, Germany  
m. 28 Dec 1853, , Medina, Ohio, USA  
d. 23 Apr 1890, Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA

**19 Christiana Eckart<sup>19</sup>**  
b. 25 Dec 1828, Echterdingen, Neckarkreis, Württembe~<sup>19</sup>  
d. 27 May 1919, Washington Township, Defiance, Ohio, USA

**20 Caspar Michael Foos III**  
b. 1800, , , Oberseebach, Alsace-Lorraine  
m. 24 Apr 1823  
d. 20 Sep 1874, Gates, Monroe, New York, United States

**21 Mary Eva Toepp**  
b. Sep 1801, , , Oberseebach, Alsace-Lorraine  
d. 18 May 1888, Gates, Monroe, New York, United States

**22**  
b.  
m.  
d.

**23 Margaret**  
b.  
d.

**24 Matson Warren<sup>20</sup>**  
b. 5 Sep 1805, , Ontario, New York, USA<sup>20</sup>  
m. 2 Dec 1829, Manchester, Ontario, New York, Unite~<sup>20</sup>  
d. 14 Mar 1885, , Van Wert, Ohio, USA<sup>20</sup>

**25 Phoebe Newberry Gleason<sup>10</sup>**  
b. 18 Apr 1806, Manchester, Ontario, New York, Unite~<sup>20</sup>  
d. 7 Nov 1894, Van Wert, Van Wert, Ohio, United States<sup>20</sup>

**26 Joseph Ross**  
b. 25 Feb 1815, , Allegany, Maryland, USA  
m.  
d. 18 Dec 1877, Blue Creek Township, Adams, Indiana, USA

**27 Catharine Michael**  
b. 10 Nov 1813, , Allegany, Maryland, USA<sup>21</sup>  
d. 9 Aug 1879, , Van Wert, Ohio, USA

**28 Christopher Hoffman**  
b. 31 May 1831, Thungen, Main-Spessart, Bayern, Germany  
m. 25 Nov 1856  
d. 27 Feb 1900, Liberty Township, Van Wert, Ohio, USA

**29 Margaret Hofman**  
b. 16 Apr 1835, , Hesse-Homburg, Germany  
d. 28 Mar 1905, Liberty Township, Van Wert, Ohio, USA

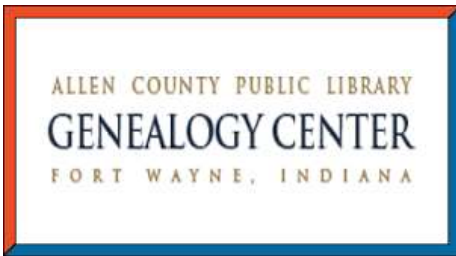
**30 Solomon Kline**  
b. 22 Jan 1820, , , Ohio, USA  
m.  
d. 22 Dec 1878, Liberty Township, Van Wert, Ohio, USA

**31 Katherine Nurik**  
b. 19 Sep 1832, , , Württemberg, Germany  
d. 26 Feb 1897, Ohio City, Van Wert, Ohio, United States

Name of Compiler Mary Daly  
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City, State Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Date Submitted 29 Jul 2020





## **Allen County Public Library Announce Changes Due to COVID-19**

***Due to the COVID pandemic, many changes have been made to the genealogy research center at the Allen County Public Library,***

***New Hours effective until around January 28, 2021:***

Monday thru Thursday: 10A to 8P

Friday and Saturday: 10A to 6P

Sunday: 12P to 5P

To research in the Center, you must make an appointment. That's easily done, though. Simply email [Genealogy@ACPL.info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.info) and request your day(s) and time(s). You will receive a confirmation email from us, and you will use that to enter the building on the day(s) you want to research. Simply bring that confirmation with you on your smart phone or printed out to gain access to the building and the Genealogy Center. You can reserve multiple days at a time covering the next two months.

From the library:

"We truly do welcome you coming to the Genealogy Center to research among our 1.12 million books and periodicals as well as accessing our more than twenty in-houses databases including Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, Newspapers.com, NewspaperArchive.com, and Fold3. We are truly here FOR YOU! And what does "here FOR YOU" mean?

1. Face to face Zoom consultations.
2. Open for 25 researchers at a time by appoint.
3. Ready to help via email, phone, and social media.

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Even if you can't come to the Genealogy Center, that's fine. You can still get help by emailing us at [Genealogy@ACPL.info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.info) with your questions, calling us at **260-421-1225** to ask for assistance, or by using any of our social media channels to communicate with us. Whatever method works best, we truly are here for you.

4. YouTube presentations available 24/7.

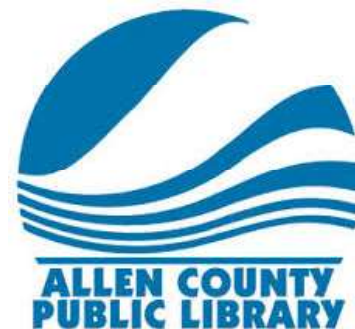
5. Online programs twice each week.

Your Genealogy Center remains committed to presenting two virtual programs each week (unless there is a holiday on one of our normally scheduled days). Every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. EST and every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. EST you can enjoy a family history program on Zoom. The large majority of these programs are recorded so you can enjoy them again on YouTube.

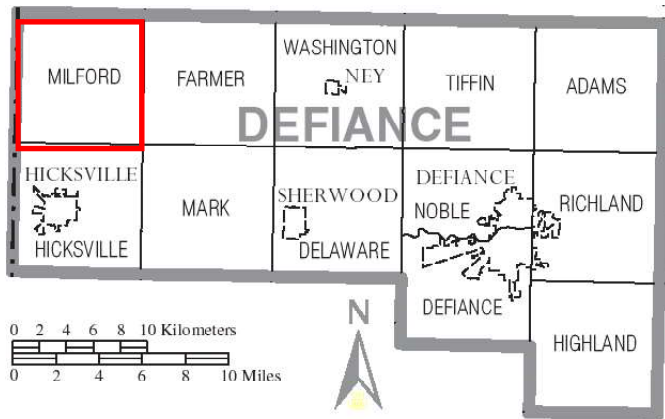
6. Utilize our digitized books on FamilySearch & Internet Archive.

In addition to the five million records and images freely available under the "Free Databases" link on the GenealogyCenter.org website, tens of thousands of our books have been digitized by the Internet Archive and FamilySearch. These books are freely available to read online, search through the texts, and even download. I

f you can't get to us, take advantage of the books we have put online for you. Find quick access to these free online resources by going to GenealogyCenter.org and clicking on the "Family History Archives" purple button on the center-left of that main webpage.







## Milford Township and the Village of Independence

Much of our current knowledge of early Defiance County comes from the *History of Defiance County [Ohio 1883]*. **The entire book can now be found on-line through the “Open Book” located on the website Internet Archive.**

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL23666713M/History\\_of\\_Defiance\\_County\\_Ohio](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL23666713M/History_of_Defiance_County_Ohio)

As with the other townships in the *History of Defiance County 1883*, selected reminiscences of early settlers in Milford Township can be found [p. 325]..

Milford Township was organized in 1837. This area originally was a part of Williams County until 1845 when it became a part of Defiance County. According to the 1883 History the first settlers who were present at the first election were the following: William G. Pierce, George Chapman, Linus Clark, Ezra Crary, Thomas Slater, Thomas Green, Jacob Weldon, Harrison Conkey, Elias Crary, Spencer Hopkins, John Henry, and George Green. Officers elected were Linus Clark - Justice of the Peace; Ezra Crary, George Chapman, and Thomas Slater - Trustees; Linus Clark- Treasurer; Ezra Crary - Clerk; and G. W. Pierce - constable. The first child born in Milford Township that lived to adulthood was Luther Slater in November 1835, and the first marriage was Jeremiah A. Ball to Malinda Slater in August 1836.

Churches in Milford Township in 1883 were the Universalist in Logan built in 1868, Lutheran Church in Section 10 , and a Methodist Church built in 1872 in the northeaster part of the township.

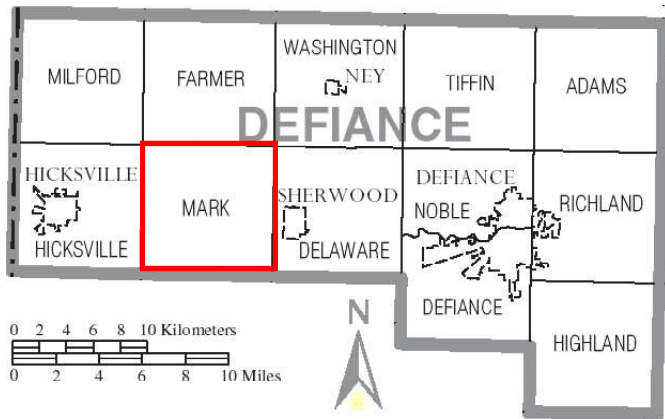
Commercially, Arrowsmith Mill was located northwest of Lost Creek. The mill served the area until 1846.

### Voters Listed in the October 1845 Election

Ezra Crary, John Mochman, James Marshall, Abram Mercer, Dennis Boyles, Ira W. Ladd, J. G. Thompson, A. W. Wilcox, Oliver Farnsworth, John H. Hopkins, Jessie Snow, Benjamin Furlow, Armenius Crary, Elisha Clark, Joseph Long, Henry Hulbert, Lucius Gale, William G. Pierce, James, Pierce, Peter Beerbower, Charles W. Barney, Samuel Slater, Michael Upp, Ezra Grandey, Harry Hasting, William Brattone, Jefferson Wartenbee, G. C. Noble, B. F. Squire, John Henry, Clement Hulbert, Adam Casebeer, H. Chancy P. Lowery, Peter Helwig, Daniel Coy, Hezekiah Arrants, John Halley, William Lewis, Harrison Conkey, Elias Crary, Andrew Wickerham, Joseph Wickerham, William G. Pierce.

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## Mark Township and the Village of Mark Center

Much of our current knowledge of early Defiance County comes from the *History of Defiance County [Ohio 1883]*. **The entire book can now be found on-line through the “Open Book” located on the website Internet Archive.**

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As with the other townships in the *History of Defiance County 1883*, selected reminiscences of early settlers in Mark Township can be found [p. 317].

Due to marshy conditions, Mark Township was the last township to be established by county commissioners in 1850. The proposed name for the township was to be Kenton in honor of early settler and hunter Mark Kenton. However, there was an existing post office named Kenton and so the title of Mark was settled upon.

Organization of the township was completed in April 1851 with the following 17 voters: Samuel Smith (supervisor), H. G. Luce (trustee), Samuel Fisher, Thomas Pope, W. C. Hutchinson (assessor and treasurer), John L. Ginter, M. C. D. Campbell (constable), John Kiser (constable), Harrison Jenkins (trustee), Samuel Onstott (trustee), Peter Frederick (clerk), George Hobbs, John Shafer, Martin Smith, Jacob Fisher,

George Poster, and John Garible.

### Early Teachers

No. 1- William A. Slough, No. 2 - Mary J. Powell, No. 3 - Oren L. Hulbert, No. 4 - Oscar Works, No. 5 - Jacob Bruner. Other early teachers were Israel Baum, William Mann and James Evans.

### Mark Center

The original village was laid out in the exact center of the township. However, in May 1875 when the B & O Railway came through the township, Frederick Harmening laid out the northern portion of a new village to the north of the railway. The southern portion was laid out by Josiah Kyle and A. M. Anderson. The Van Wert Stave Company was the early commercial endeavor employing at one time 50 employees. In addition in 1883 there were two hoop pole shaving enterprises, a saw steam mill, a blacksmith and shoe shops, a hotel, two retail stores, a millinery store, a saloon, an express stop, and a two-store school. A Methodist Church was established in the village and a Brethren Church was located in Section 25.

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Escape of the Civil War)

*In a more normal year, a vote for the proposed 2021 budget would have been taken of the membership present at the January meeting. The DCGS board did approve the proposed 2021 budget at its November virtual meeting. In lieu of the vote of the January membership, the board is asking for anyone with objections to the proposed 2021 budget, to let Joanne Allison, President of DCGS, know of your objection.*

*If there are no objections, the board will adopt the budget as Treasurer Dan Hasch has proposed*

**Defiance County Genealogical Society Proposed 2020 Budget**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>2020 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 2020</u></b>	<b><u>O/U</u></b>
Copies (programs & brochures)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Publicity Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Education Supplies & Copies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$31.27	\$118.73
Newsletter Copies	\$100.00	\$55.86	\$44.14
Newsletter Postage	\$150.00	\$65.10	\$84.90
Publication Printing	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Publication Postage	\$75.00	\$15.88	\$59.12
Project Supplies (work space equipment)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Events & Special Projects	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Historian/Scapbook Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Speaker Fees	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Reception Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PO Box Box Rental	\$150.00	\$141.00	\$9.00
Meeting Site Donations	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$450.00
DCGS Membership to other Organiztions	\$100.00	\$44.00	\$60.00
Miscellanous Expenses	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Website Service	\$125.00	\$35.09	\$89.91
First Families Project over Application fees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Sales Taxes	\$50.00	\$24.60	\$25.40
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,925.00</b>	<b>\$483.80</b>	<b>\$2,441.20</b>

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**Description of Publications**

<b>Description of Publications</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Reprint of 1876DefianceCountyAtlaswith Indices (Paper- pub. 2007)	25.00		
Plat Map Index or Biographical Index for the 1876Def.Co.Atlas	\$8.00 each		
Index to the 1976DefianceCountyHistoryBook (pub. 2006)	\$15.00		
Index to theHistory of DefianceCounty 1883 (pub. 2008)	\$30.00		
Def. Co. Tombstone Index '78-'83: BookA-K or Book L-Z (pub. 2001)	\$30.00 each		
EarlyDeath Records of Defiance Co. 1867-1884 (pub. 2001)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. Deaths 1884-1907: BookA-K or Book L-Z (pub. 2004)	\$25.00 each		
Def. Co. Deaths 1908-1996: BookA-E, Book F-K, Book L-R or Book S-Z	\$30.00 each		
Def. Co.Out of County and State Burial Permits 1973-1998 (pub. 2004)	\$25.00		
Def.Co.Riverside Interments: Jan. 1978-July 2006 (pub. 2007)	\$25.00		
Adams Township Def.Co. Inscription Book (Read in 2000; pub. 2005)	\$25.00		
Def. Twp.& CityTombstone 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		
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WashingtonTwp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '97; pub. 2005)	\$20.00		
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookA-D, Book E-I, Book J-M ( <b>revised 2016</b> )	\$40.00 each		
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookN-SI, Book Sm-Z ( <b>revised 2016</b> )	\$35.00 each		
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Def. Co. Marriages - SmallVol. 2: 1855-1885 (pub. 2006)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 1&2: Feb. 1885-May 1897 (pub. 2009)	\$25.00		
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Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 5&6: November 1903 –December 1912 (pub. 2010)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 7&8 Dec. 1912-Nov. 1925 (pub. 2011)	\$25.00		
Defiance County Naturalizations (pub. 2008)	\$20.00		
1890 Defiance County Veterans' Census (pub. 2007)	\$15.00		
Enumerations of Males in DefianceCounty1847-1895 (pub. 2006)	\$25.00		
Campaigns of theArmy of theNorthwest 1812-1813 (pub. 2009)	\$10.00		
Civil War Journal of DariusW. Baird (38thOVI) ofNWOhio (pub. 2011)	\$10.00		
Reproduction of Turnbull Wagon Co. Catalogue 1904 (pub. 2011)	\$21.50		
225th Anniversary of Anthony Wayne's Fort Defiance; A Collection of Short Stories ( <b>newly published 2019</b> )	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL (Includes all taxes, shipping handling. Prices effective May 2016)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		

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