

# 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.

## Coming Chapter Programs

**Monday, October 28**

**6:30 NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**First Families Reception**

**Frank Butwin portraying**

**Anthony Wayne**

**Monday, November 26 - "County Homes of Ohio" with Holly Hartlerode**

**December - NO MEETING**

**Monday, January 27**

**"Navigating Family Search: Some New Paths" with Dianne Kline**

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It is the time of year for renewal (or to join for the first time!) of your DCGS membership dues. This year the DCGS board has set dues of \$15.00 for individuals and \$18.00 for a family membership.

Your support helps us to support interesting programming, genealogy classes, our annual First Families reception, and our newsletters, web site, and blog site.

**Form is at the end of this newsletter.**

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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.

## Chapter NEWS

### June **Board Meeting-**

Saturday, October 19 was set for a genealogy workshop at the Defiance Public Library. It will be held from 10:00 to noon. The library is taking care of PR and registration.

Rhonda Casler moved that the June chapter collection be targeted as a memorial to David Bennett, a founding member, who recently passed away. The money will be put into the Veterans' Memorial Fund in Dave's name. Dan Hasch seconded the motion which carried.

### **Chapter Meeting-**

Eighty dollars was collected as a memorial for David Bennett.

Dianne Kline reported that the chapter blog site had had over 154,000 hits. (The site address is **defiancecountyohiogenealogy.blogspot.com.**) Rhonda Casler moved that the chapter cooperate with Blue Banks Publishing to help sell the chapter's historical books which Richard Rozevink and David Bennett had produced. Dianne Kline seconded the motion which carried.

Following the business meeting, several members reported on their findings from the Ancestor Challenge. One participant discovered how several generations and families most probably often traveled on Zane's Trace. Other members tried to track down more information on elusive ancestors. President Allison's research led her down the wrong path, as she followed a woman with the same name as her elusive ancestor.

### July **Chapter Meeting-**

July 22 found members of the DCGS at the city museum, the Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum. The following is information from *The Crescent-News* as supplied by DCGS president Joanne Allison.



***The Defiance County Genealogical Society met July 22 to tour the Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum in Defiance. Here museum director Richard Rozevink (right) discusses the many exhibits in the museum.***

Various exhibits demonstrate the history of the Defiance area from the first native inhabitants to the first white traders and settlers and early merchants.

The military history of the forts along the Maumee and Auglaize rivers is an important part of Defiance's past. The museum has much information and various artists' renditions of Fort Defiance and other forts.

One of the pioneers of interest is the well-known John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman who first started an apple nursery at the mouth of the Tiffin River near Defiance in 1828. Later he planted additional nurseries along the river in the Defiance area.

In 1830, President Jackson passed the Indian Removal Act, exchanging Indian lands in the east for unorganized lands west of the Mississippi. In 1842, the Wyandot reservation was relinquished, which marked the end of organized tribal life in Ohio. Local physician, Dr. Jonas Colby, from Defiance, accompanied the Indians west on the "Trail of Tears." Display cases of numerous Indian artifacts are of interest in the museum.

The Canal Era display shows how in 1842 the Wabash and Erie Canal was completed from Fort Wayne to Defiance. The next year the Miami Erie Canal was finished from Defiance to Toledo. These canals were at one time very active in Defiance and became the chief means of transporting goods to market until the railroads were built through the area.

Another exhibit shows German coins left in the Defiance area by early immigrants.

Bridging the Maumee River was an important step in the growth of the city of Defiance. As motorists currently wait for a new Clinton Street Bridge, it is interesting to see the museum's images and information about the history of the river bridges over the years.

## **September**

### ***Board Meeting-***

A note has been received from the family of Cecelia Brown, a deceased, former president of DCGS. The family recognized the memorial donation to the Sherwood Branch Library which was used to partially fund the new storybook walk at the Sherwood Memorial Park.

President Allison announced that the OGS conference will be held in Sandusky April 29 - May 2.. The board decided to create a basket with various books/pamphlets pertaining to the Defiance area as one of the door prizes for the convention.

Plans were discussed for the First Families Reception to be held Monday, October 28 beginning at 6:30.

Mary Williams moved that the chapter's Facebook site be discontinued. Pat Wide seconded the motion which carried.

Programming for the coming year was discussed.

## **In a Genealogy Research Slump? 10 Fast Ways to Overcome it Right Now** *By Melanie Mayo, Editor Family History Daily*

### **1. Try a New Family History Research Site**

"... we all form patterns in our research. There's nothing wrong with that. But exploring new record collections is one of the best ways to make new discoveries."

### **2. Stop Researching Your Direct Ancestors**

"By researching siblings, cousins and even neighbors you'll discover even more about your direct ancestors."

### **3. Don't Overlook the Women**

"While women can certainly be harder to research than their male counterparts, there are tips and strategies that can help you expand their profiles and grow your tree. From finding a missing maiden name to exploring specific record collections that tend to contain more information about wives and mothers, you might be surprised what you can uncover with a few new tricks up your sleeve."

### **4. Get Smart About Google Research**

"Google is a powerful friend to any family historian, but learning some tricks for how to make the most of your searches will take you even farther. Use the Google search to find the article "6 'Secret' Google Search Tricks for Genealogy That'll Help You Find Your Ancestors" and put these strategies to work in your research today."

### **5. Try a Photo Search**

"...Not only can a photograph add a personal element to your research and help you uncover new information, there are more image databases available on-line than ever before." An easy one-- Google Images.

### **6. Check Your Tree for Errors**

"There are few things worse for a family historian than spending days, months or even years developing a line of your tree only to discover that the line was wrong. This "blunder" is much more common than you might think and happens to even the most experienced researchers." Document your sources!

### **7. Educate Yourself**

Check out on-line courses, look for new research sites, read some new genealogy books.





**John Swearington Tells How Various Organizations Cooperated to Build a Strong Alliance**

*The following article, written by DCGS President and PR chair*

*appeared in the October 5, 2019 issue of The Crescent-News.*

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on Sept. 23 when John Swearington, Jr. gave a PowerPoint program telling about the how he led the historical society's preservation of Fulton County's historical collections, increased collaboration among the community institutions, established the Fulton County Heritage Alliance, and helped to design and build the new museum.

When Swearington arrived in the area, he found that Fulton County abounded with interesting historical sites and historical organizations, but they were each working independently. Some examples were Sauder Village, an old restored depot maintained by FCHS, the Fayette Opera House, the Goll homestead in Goll Woods, Lyons Interurban Depot, Brailey Depot in Swan Creek Twp., and Bean Creek Valley History Center in Gorman Twp., as well as the county genealogy society and historical society. Swearington felt that a strategic alliance was needed in Fulton County to continue the history preservation.

While working as a substitute school teacher and part-time director of the old 1969 museum which was converted from a house, Swearington began the task of getting these organizations to combine and work together.

It was hard work at first. He used the analogy of the story of Stone Soup. He asked the questions, "Do you care? Would you share? At first the

answer was "No." He kept urging them to "Bring what you've got and put it in the pot."

Eventually, these organizations recognized the benefits of working together to promote Fulton County's natural, cultural, and historical resources, along with the historical societies. The Toledo Foundation provided a small grant to help establish the Heritage Alliance which brought together the history organizations in the county into a collaborative working relationship. Other project funding came through donations and state grants that benefit multiple non-profit organizations.

The Heritage Alliance was established and met once a month. Volunteer newsletters shared information. Museum interns were shared, and volunteer training was shared at area museums. However, each group retained its own constitution, operation, membership, and identity.

Swearington had a background of working in museums, including, among others, his experience as director of exhibits at Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind. With this expertise in preserving documents and artifacts, he was able to train interns and volunteers to manage their collections.

The alliance has now begun the task of creating digital records for its collections. Its records and those of the museum are being incorporated into a combined list, thus allowing researchers to find items housed throughout the county.

Due to Fulton County's location on the turnpike, plans began for a visitor center and museum. In 2013, fund-raising efforts to raise money with a matching grant were effective, and in the fall of 2015 there was ground breaking for the new Museum and Welcome Center of Fulton County.

As of 2018, this 4,000-square-foot facility was opened to the public. It is located on Ohio 108, near the Ohio Turnpike in Wauseon—right across from the fairgrounds, providing visitors with an in-depth look at the county's history.

## Mary Scranton-- On the Trail of

### A Physician Living at 662 Jefferson Street in Defiance in the Mid-1800s

At the September Chapter meeting, a visitor asked the chapter for help in locating a physician who might have lived at 662 Jefferson Street in the mid 1800s.

Chapter member and First Families Chair, Mary Scranton accepted the challenge of the query and came up with a possible physician. (Her findings are a great example of how to use possible resources for research!).

After her research, Mary notes: "Dr. Thomas H. Ashton (1841-1914), son of James Ashton (b .1802), looks like a possible choice."

Mary used both the 1870 and 1880 censuses for the city of Defiance and noted T. H. Ashton and family resided on Jefferson Street in both years. In the 1870 census, neighbors living close by Thomas were James Ackers (harness maker), Reed Hill (saw miller), Sayed Carter ( barber), and Enos Blair (dry good merchant).

### 1870 census for Defiance City

282	314	Ashton Thomas	29	M	W	Physician
		— Mary	26	F	W	Keeping House
		— Merrill	4	M	W	At Home
		— Kate	4 12	F	W	" "

### Find A Grave Information

Source: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8M7-GLR>

Dr. Thomas Hutchinson Ashton 1841-1914, son of James M. Ashton, married Mary Elisabeth Kiser 20 Jul 1865 in Defiance Co.; He served as a Physician/Surgeon in the Civil War; and by 1890 he resided in Nebraska

Find A Grave memorial # 58680520 with a photo of him. A cousin of Thomas, B. D. Ashton aka Dr. Benjamin Doughty Ashton 1828-1908, was the son of Thomas H. Ashton, a brother of James M. Ashton. Find A Grave memorial #66720228 with a photo of him.

Thomas H. Ashton was residing in Highland Twp., Defiance Co., with his parents when the 1860 census was enumerated. A cousin, B. D. aka Dr. Benjamin Ashton, is enumerated in Defiance City on the 1860 US Census, occupation physician. Enumerated In same household is John Ruhl, age 39, physician and druggist.

Entries were located at Find A Grave for both Dr. Thomas Ashton and his cousin Dr. Benjamin Ashton (1828-1907). Mary noted that both memorials contained photos and additional information.

Mary also referred to the *History of Defiance County 1883*. There she found an interesting biographical sketch of Thomas's father, James Ashton, which not only revealed genealogical and family lore but many interesting tales. The latter section of the entry also details more information concerning Thomas. (The entry with Mary's notations appears on the next page.)

While there is no certain proof that Dr. Thomas Ashton lived at 662 Jefferson, as Mary noted he is a strong candidate for living there. If anyone has information to pin down the exact Jefferson Street occupant, please forward the information to the chapter's email address, and it will be forwarded to the gentleman requesting the information.



**1883 HISTORY OF DEFIANCE COUNTY OH**  
(beginning in col. 2, of pg.313 & cont'd on pg.314)

*Red italic print was added to clarify relationships*

James Ashton, (b 1802) settled in Section 9, Highland Township, in 1851. At this date there were but few settlers between the Brechbill settlement and Powell Creek. There were two school districts in the township—one schoolhouse at what is now called Ayersville Cemetery, the other, a frame building, called the Hoeltzel Schoolhouse, where the brick now stands, near Augustus Skiver's residence. In 1852, a third district was formed, continues on page 314

and a log cabin built where J. B. Good now lives, David Edy-, a settler from Tuscarawas County being the first teacher. Mr. Ashton's grandfather (William Ashton), came from Lancaster, England, with a Quaker colony to Pennsylvania, under the supervision of William Penn. Some time thereafter he married a Quakeress named Hutchinson ; from this marriage there were two children, a daughter and son. The son, Samuel, (James Ashton's father) was raised by Dr. Edward Chatman, a maternal uncle by marriage. Samuel was born in February, 1771, and 1795 married a Quakeress named Hannah Johnson. They resided in Bucks County, Penn., until the fall of 1799, when they emigrated to Fayette County, Penn., and from thence to Washington County, Ohio, in 1807. There they remained until the spring of 1811, when they settled in Clermont County, Ohio, where the family underwent all the hardships, deprivations and incidents peculiar to and unavoidably encountered by the early settlers of Ohio. Their children were William T., Thomas H (b.1897, father of Benjamin D. b.1828) Samuel, James (b. 1802, subject of this entry & father of Thomas H. b. 1841), Zachariah, George, John and Lucretia. In September, 1822, James Ashton (b. 1802) married Casandra Sly. whose father, Jacob Sly, was a native of Virginia. His father, Jacob Sly, was born on board a vessel, during its passage from Holland to Virginia, of Dutch and Scotch parentage. They settled near Lexington, Va. Mrs. Ashton's father, with a party of young Virginians, emigrated to Fort Washington, Ohio, in 1791. He subsequently joined Gen Wayne's army and was with it in the campaign against the Indians on the Maumee. Soon after Mr. Sly's father, with his family, left their home in Virginia, and went to Fort Washington, now Cincinnati. Here the Slys built a flouring mill, perhaps the first mill erected on Mill Creek. Jacob married the daughter of Mr. Prickett, who with his family had emigrated from Virginia and settled on a stream in Clermont County called Stone Lick. Mrs. Sly had two brothers (older than herself) stolen by the Indians, they were aged eight and four years. Their mother sent them to drive in their cows, the cow-bell being heard but a few rods from the house, when the boys were picked up by some skulking savages ; subsequently, the elder made his escape, and returned to his home. All efforts to recapture the younger boy were unsuccessful ; in fact nothing was ever known of his fate, until his voluntary return many years after. He stated that he had been carried away and adopted by a chief whose daughter he had

1883 History cover page copied on reverse side

married, had forgotten his name and never knew where his people lived, until the chief, upon his dying pallet, told him who he was, and where he would find his own people, whom he immediately visited, but was so thoroughly inured to the life, habits and customs of the people of his adoption, that he preferred them to those of his birth, although after obtaining positive knowledge of his identity, he educated his children, namely, two sons, who became civilized and good citizens. The fruits of the marriage of Jacob Sly and Miss Prickett were eight children—George, Joseph, David, Mary, Elizabeth, Casandra, Rebecca and Clara. The marriage of James Ashton (b. 1802, subject of this entry), and Casandra Sly was productive of nine children, as follows : Tolbert, Lucinda, Sarah Maria, Elizabeth, Mary, Clarinda, Isabella, Thomas H. (b. 1841), James M. and William S.

Thomas H. (b 1841) left the farm in 1860, went to select school, taught by B. F. Southward, and soon after commenced the study of medicine with his cousin. Dr. B. D. Ashton (b. 1828, aka Benjamin Doughty Ashton), at Defiance. He attended lectures at the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, also at the University of Nashville. In March, 1864, he formed a partnership for the practice of medicine with Dr. W. K. Winton at Wabash, Ind. Soon thereafter he received an appointment on the medical staff of the United States Army. During July and August, 1864, he was on duty in the Cumberland field hospital at Nashville. In consequence of the arduous duties. Dr. Ashton's health became impaired, when he was sent to Fort Rosecraris. Here he remained a short time, when he was ordered to report for duty in the hospitals of Murfreesboro, Tenn., where he remained until January, 1865. On the 1st of the following May, Dr. Ashton was assigned Surgeon, in charge of United States Army General Hospital No. 4, with a capacity of two hundred and eighty-four beds. Here he remained until the following November, when he received orders to transfer the patients North, and to dispose of the hospital property by returning all undamaged supplies to the United States Army Purveyor at Nashville, and to sell all damaged goods at public sale. Thus closed the last Government hospital in that part of Tennessee. Dr. Ashton returned to Defiance and entered into the general practice of medicine and surgery, where he now resides. July 20, 1865, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Kiser. They have two children, Merrill, born on the 31st day of May, 1866, and Ethel, born on the 14th day of February, 1870.

See pg 176 - Mary E. Kiser Ashton was a teacher in Defiance City Schools.

See pg. 210-211 entry for Julia Kiser, relative of Mary Yester's Trails - Defiance Co. Fall 2019 - Page 29





## **Queries**

### **Mattocks Family**

Seeking photos and information concerning relatives of Vernon Edward Mattocks and his parents Isaac Orin Mattocks and Lillian Vernia Neate Mattocks.

Walter Lang

112 East River St., Antwerp, OH 45813

Wlang@kent.edu

### **Gorman Family**

Looking for descendants of my ancestors from Defiance: Michael Gorman (1818-1889) and wife Sophia Hovestadt (1821-1895); William C. Burke (b.1848) and wife Mary M. Gorman (1856-1936); Thomas H. Bennett (1858-1090) and wife Catharine B. Gorman (1859-1926); Joseph T. Carey (1864-1930) and wife Theresa S. Gorman (1862-1932); Bernard Gorman (1824-1872) and wife Mary E. Hess (1837-1934); John B. Weisenberger (1831-1917) and wife Margaret Gorman (1833-1900); Alonzo Krotz (1918) and wife Elizabeth J. Carney (1856-1920).

Email:

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## **ACPL Has Courses Galore for October's Family History Month**

### **Friday October 18, 2019**

Genealogy Video Tip - Have Canadian roots? Check out the types of records we have available.

### **Saturday October 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Discovery Center**

Allen County Genealogical Society Technology

### Interest Group

Genealogy Video Tip – Learn about the extensive physical and digital collection of family histories at The Genealogy Center.

### **Sunday October 20, 2019, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

What Doesn't Kill Us: Historical Illnesses and Causes of Death – Delia Cothrun Bourne

### **Monday October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

Saving Digitally from Genealogy Center Resources - Delia Cothrun Bourne

Genealogy Video Tip – What does a Daguerreotype look like? Hints for spotting a Daguerreotype.

### **Tuesday October 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

Selected Midwestern Resources at The Genealogy Center – Delia Cothrun Bourne

### **Wednesday October 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

Ancestry DNA 101 – Sara Allen

Genealogy Video Tip - Some hints for storing photographs, journals, etc.

### **Thursday October 24, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center**

Railroad Pension Records: Their Value for Genealogical Answers – Kim Harrison

Genealogy Video Tip - A richness of resources for Cherokee and Five Civilized Tribes family history in our snapshots.



**Allen County  
Public Library**



**Friday October 25, 2019**, Midnight Madness  
Extended Research Hours, 6:00 p.m. – Midnight  
6:30 p.m.: Finding & Using Catholic Church  
Records – Pat Stamm  
7:30 p.m.: What's in the Collection? Tour and  
Introduction to The Genealogy Center Collection  
– Allison DePrey Singleton  
8:30 p.m.: Biographical Works in Genealogical  
Research - Curt Witcher

**Saturday October 26, 2019**, 8:45 a.m. – 4:00  
p.m. Theater  
A Day with Judy Russell (Paid Event)  
Lectures include:

\*\*\*“An Act for the Relief of Gregory Thomas and  
Others—The Private Laws of the Federal and  
State Governments”

\*\*\*“No Person Shall . . . Gallop Horses in the  
Streets--Using Court Records to tell the Story of  
our Ancestor's Lives”

\*\*\*“When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in  
Genealogical Records”

\*\*\*“2019: The Year of the Copyright.”

For a description of each presentation and infor-  
mation on time schedule, go to [www.acgsi.org](http://www.acgsi.org).  
This special event is sponsored by the Doug and  
Joni Lehman Charitable Foundation and is a  
ticketed/paid event.

Genealogy Video Tip – Learn how The Genealogy  
Center is a great resource for South Africa.

**Sunday October 27, 2019**, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00  
p.m., Discovery Center  
Brick Wall Panel – Genealogy Center Librarians

**Monday October 28, 2019**

Genealogy Video Tip - Do you know that our  
library has a great collection of Irish local history?  
Have a look at some of the fabulous and hard-to-  
find books, right here in our Irish aisles.

**Tuesday October 29, 2019**

Genealogy Video Tip – Suggestions for searching  
for a missing man (or woman).

Genealogy Video Tip - What does a Tintype look  
like? Hints for spotting a Tintype.

**Wednesday October 30, 2019**

Genealogy Video Tip - See what City Directories  
can do for you.

**Thursday October 31, 2019**, 6:30 p.m., Discov-  
ery Center

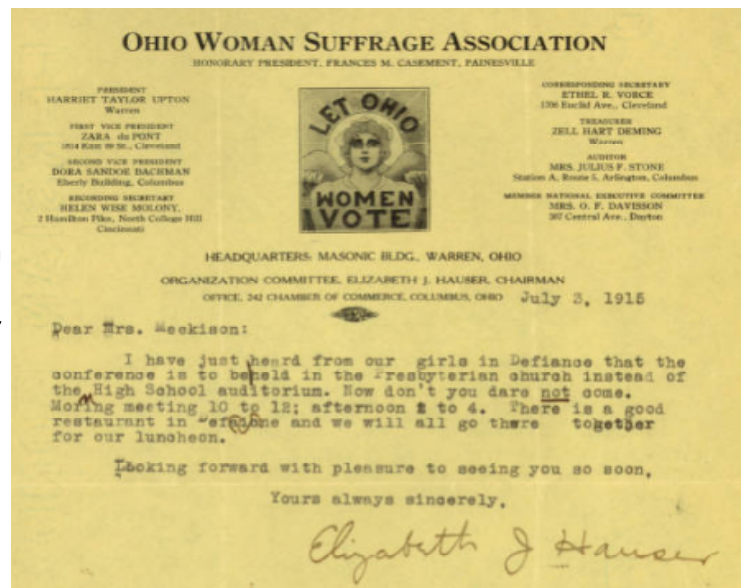
Find My Past: A Tool for British, Irish, and Ameri-  
can Ancestry – John Beatty

You can now register online at [https://  
acpl.libnet.info/events/](https://acpl.libnet.info/events/)! Just search Genealogy to  
find any of programs. You also can register for  
any of these free programs by calling 260-421-  
1225 or emailing [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info).

## Searching for Information on Suffrage in Defiance

Several Defiance organizations, includ-  
ing the Tuttle Museum, the DAR, and the  
DCGS, have been searching for information on  
suffrage in Defiance, as the 100th year of  
women gaining the vote has arrived. This letter  
from the Ohio organization proves that there  
was activity in Defiance.

If anyone has more information, please  
do contact us using our chapter information,  
and we will pass on that information to other  
interested groups.





## **History of Hicksville's Community Memorial Hospital**

from [www.cmhosp.com/about-us/our-history/](http://www.cmhosp.com/about-us/our-history/)

“The history of hospital service in Hicksville goes back to 1917, when Addie Amaden graduated from University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with a nursing degree. Following graduation, she returned to Hicksville and decided to convert her home at 610 East Smith Street into a hospital. Miss Amaden operated the hospital until 1929; leased it for one year; and then again operated it until 1939 when ill health forced her, for a second time, to lease the operation.

“Esther Morehouse, of Battle Creek, Michigan, was leasing the hospital in 1942 when Raymond Easterly, a local insurance agent, learned of her decision to close the hospital due to financial difficulties. Realizing the importance of having a hospital in Hicksville, he served as the motivating force behind the decision to form the Community Hospital Association for the purpose of operating a local hospital.

“An organizational meeting was held on June 9, 1942. In true community spirit, 42 organizations were asked to send a representative to this meeting - and 42 persons were in attendance. At this organizational meeting, officers were chosen and, after a series of meetings, by-laws were accepted and the Community Hospital Association became a reality. This group operated the hospital for almost ten years, soliciting funds annually to keep the hospital going. Mr. Easterly continued his active role, serving on the Board of Trustees for the hospital.

“Because Community Hospital had been converted from a home, it was woefully inadequate as a hos-

pital. In addition to lack of space, the arrangement was such that a strong back was a major requirement for all employees. The operating room was located in what formerly was a second-floor attic. Patients had to be carried by litter up the winding, open stairs and lifted over the banisters with each turn.

“The Community Hospital Association knew that a new hospital structure was needed. In 1950, after years of meetings, discussions, and negotiations, the Defiance County townships of Mark, Milford, and Hicksville came together to form the Joint Township Hospital District. They proceeded to purchase land and built a 16-bed facility at our current location on Columbus Street.

“The first Mark, Milford, Hicksville joint township hospital opened in 1953, and ever since, Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) has been dedicated to improving the health of residents in our service area. With support from the community, we have continued to expand and improve our facility with major additions/renovations in 1958, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1993, and 1999. These expansions included physician offices, radiology services, surgical suites, and the Health Fit Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. Our most recent major addition was the construction of a new hospital facility in 2007 which included a new inpatient wing, emergency department, obstetrics department, surgery suites, café, and meeting rooms. In 2011, we constructed and opened an Aquatic Therapy Pool.

Our current 25-bed critical access facility serves over 17,500 residents in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana. Community Memorial Hospital provides a wide range of medical and specialty services including 24-hour emergency care, Musculoskeletal Institute, Specialty Clinics, the regions' only High-Field Open MRI, and comprehensive rehabilitation services.”



**Community Memorial Hospital**

## ***What Does Your Last Name Say About You?*** **Meanings of English Surnames**

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**from Ancestry.blog**

“Many of us have surnames passed down to us from ancestors in England. Last names weren’t widely used until after the Norman conquest in 1066, but as the country’s population grew, people found it necessary to be more specific when they were talking about somebody else. Thus arose descriptions like Thomas the Baker, Norman son of Richard, Henry the Whitehead, Elizabeth of the Field, and Joan of York that, ultimately, led to many of our current surnames. There are perhaps 45,000 different English surnames, but most had their origins as one of these seven types.

### **Occupational**

“Occupational names identified people based on their job or position in society. Calling a man “Thomas Carpenter” indicated that he worked with wood for a living, while someone named Knight bore a sword. Other occupational names include Archer, Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Carter, Clark, Cooper, Cook, Dyer, Farmer, Faulkner, Fisher, Fuller, Gardener, Glover, Head, Hunt or Hunter, Judge, Mason, Page, Parker, Potter, Sawyer, Slater, Smith, Taylor, Thatcher, Turner, Weaver, Woodman, and Wright (or variations such as Cartwright and Wainwright)

“This kind of name also gave a clue about whom a servant worked for. Someone named Vickers might have been a servant to Mr. Vicker, and someone named Williams might either have served a William or been adopted by him.

“From the obscure fact department: In medieval England, before the time of professional theater, craft guilds put on “mystery plays” (“mystery” meaning “miracle”), which told Bible stories and had a call-and-response style of singing. A participant’s surname — such as King, Lord, Virgin, or Death — may have reflected his or her role, which some people played for life and passed down to their eldest son.

### **Describing a personal characteristic**

:Some names, often adjectives, were based on nicknames that described a person. They may have described a person’s size (Short, Long, Little), coloring (Black, White, Green, or Red, which could

have evolved into “Reed”), or another character trait (Stern, Strong, Swift). Someone named Peacock might have been considered vain.

### **From an English place name**

A last name may have pointed to where a person was born, lived, worked, or owned land. It might be from the name of a house, farm, hamlet, town, or county. Some examples: Bedford, Burton, Hamilton, Hampshire, Sutton. Writer Jack London’s stepfather may have hailed from London.

### **From the name of an estate**

“Those descended from landowners may have taken as their surname the name of their holdings, castle, manor, or estate, such as Ernle or Staunton. Windsor is a famous example — it was the surname George V adopted for the British royal family.

### **From a geographical feature of the landscape**

“Some examples are Bridge, Brooks, Bush, Camp, Fields, Forest, Greenwood, Grove, Hill, Knolles, Lake, Moore, Perry, Stone, Wold, Wood, and Woodruff. Author Margaret Atwood is probably descended from someone who lived “at the wood.”

### **Patronymic, matronymic, or ancestral**

“Patronymic surnames (those that come from a male given name) include Benson (“the son of Ben”), Davis, Dawson, Evans, Harris, Harrison, Jackson, Jones (Welsh for John), Nicholson, Richardson, Robinson, Rogers, Simpson, Stephenson, Thompson, Watson, and Wilson.

“Matronymic ones, surnames derived from a female given name, include Molson (from Moll, for Mary), Madison (from Maud), Emmott (from Emma), and Marriott (from Mary).

“Scottish clan names make up one set of ancestral surnames. These include Armstrong, Cameron, Campbell, Crawford, Douglas, Forbes, Grant, Henderson, Hunter, MacDonald, and Stewart.

### **Signifying patronage**

“Some surnames honored a patron. Hickman was Hick’s man (Hick being a nickname for Richard). Kilpatrick was a follower of Patrick.

## **What does your English surname mean?**

***Try entering your surname into the Ancestry Last Names Meanings--***  
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*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.
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- 3. Attach a generational chart- or a written explanation-- showing your relationship with your Civil War ancestor.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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