

Yesteryears' Trails



Quarterly Newsletter Published by the Defiance County
Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 7006 Defiance, OH 43512-7006
Web Site: [Http: www.defiancecountygenealogy.org](http://www.defiancecountygenealogy.org)
Email address: defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com
Blog site: defiancecountyohiogenealogy.blogspot.com



Summer 2019

Vol. XXXVIII

Issue 2

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

Coming Chapter Programs

Monday, July 22 Visit the Tuttle Museum

Meet at the Tuttle at 7:00 p.m.
514 W. 3rd St., Defiance, OH

August - no meeting

Monday, September 23

John Swaregen: How to Come Together to Create a New County Historical Building (Fulton County)

Monday, October 28 - First Families

Reception - Frank Butwin Portraying Mad Anthony Wayne

Monday, November 25

Holly Hartlerode - Wood County Historical Society - "County Homes of Ohio"

December - no meeting

Table of Contents

Chapter Programs	13
Chapter Contact Information	14
Chapter News	15
Zeller Rites	17
Obituary of Mary Evans Arrowsmith	18
<i>Military Rites for Hattie Biderman</i>	18
<i>Obituary of Emilie Brown</i>	18
<i>Germann Trophy Goes Back to Hitler</i>	19
<i>J. T. Ansberry Re-elist</i>	20
Screw Machine Products War Effort	20
<i>25th Rotary Anniversary</i>	21
<i>Derricotte Scores</i>	21
<i>WikiTree</i>	22

225th Anniversary of Fort Defiance: A Collection of Short Stories



In honor of the 225th anniversary of the building of the fort at Defiance in 1794, Richard Rozevink and Dave Bennett have compiled a collection of little known or researched stories concerning the fort.

Copies may be ordered from the Genealogy Society for \$10.00 which includes mailing and tax.

**Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
Yesteryears' Trails Vol.XXXVII Spring 2018**

Officers and Trustees

President - Joanne Allison

Email: ljallison1@frontier.com

Vice-President

Position open

Corresponding Secretary & Membership

Dianne Kline

Email: dijimkline@gmail.com

Recording Secretary - Mary Williams

Email: marywill@smta.cc

Treasurer - Dan Hasch

Email: dhasch@defnet.com

First Families - Mary Scranton

Email: mjs463@frontier.com

Newsletter Editor - Mary Williams

Email: marywill@smta.cc

Trustees:

Rhonda Casler

Dawn Hasch

Pat Wise

**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.

Change of Address or Email ?

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

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.



April News

April Board Meeting

Dianne Kline gave a membership update of 77 members, and the blog count was then 150,318.

President Allison read thank-you notes from the Hicksville Elementary School, the Defiance Public Library and Lavina Boesling.

Richard Rozevink presented his book proposal to the board concerning his new publication, *225th Anniversary of Anthony Wayne's Fort Defiance, A Collection of Short Stories*, compiled by Richard Rozevink and David Bennett. After visiting three printers, he found his best price at Office Max. After discussion, the board approved printing of the book and pricing at \$6.00 for wholesale (vendors), \$8.00 for purchase in person, and \$10 if the book must be mailed to cover shipping. All prices include taxes. Rhonda Casler moved and Dan Hasch seconded a motion to accept this pricing. A generous donation was received to cover the first printing of 225 books.

Richard had also spoken to the Crescent-News, and members can expect to see some stories in the newspaper closer to the anniversary date.

The board is looking at Saturday dates in October for genealogy classes at the Defiance Public Library, Johnson Memorial Library and Sherwood Library also desire classes at their facilities.

April Chapter Meeting

Following the business meeting, Penny Rummel presented tips on how to use Facebook through a Powerpoint presentation. She included information on protecting one's privacy and safety. She also included many ideas as to how to use Facebook to reach out to others to share genealogical information and to establish different levels of access to the Facebook site.

It was announced that on May 20th Rhonda Casler will share her genealogical journey to England. Also Joanne Allison will tell of her German genealogical trip for the Lutheran Heritage group on Sunday, April 28th.

May News

May Board Meeting

A thank-you was received from the Sherwood Branch Library for the donation in memory of Cecelia Brown for the library's story walk.

Dianne announced that a Ruder family from the Ney area is looking for a recipient of their genealogy collection. Dianne noted that membership in the chapter is 80, and there have been 151,889 hits to the web site.

The board decided to offer the date of October 19 for a possible genealogy workshop at the Defiance Public Library. Dianne will contact them to see if the date works for them and what type of presentation they would like.

Possible programming for the remainder of the year was discussed.

May Chapter Meeting

In the absence of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer Dan Hasch presided over the 7:00 p. m. meeting at St. John UCC.

The recent death of Dave Bennett was announced. Dave was one of the founding members of the DCGS.

Dianne Kline noted that a Ruder family is looking for someone who might appreciate their genealogy collection. Some of the surnames given from the Ney area were Rudder, Boff, Batt, Weber, Brown.

Richard Rozevink had copies of the 225th Anniversary of Fort Defiance book for sale to members. Books may be ordered from the chapter for \$10.00 which includes mailing and tax.

Following the business meeting, Rhonda Casler told of her genealogical journey to England following the trail of her Wyatt ancestors. Rhonda's immigrant ancestor was Rev. Houte Wyatt, who was born 1594 in Boxley, Kent County, England. An earlier, notable ancestor, Sir Thomas Wyatt the younger, was beheaded and his body quartered display due to accusation of treason in leading Wyatt's Rebellion against Queen Mary I.

Rhonda and her husband were able to visit Allington Castle which was acquired in 1492 by Sir Henry Wyatt, a prominent supporter of Henry

Tudor, who was later to become King Henry VII. They were given a special tour of the castle by the current owner.

June News

June Board Meeting

Dianne Kline noted that two different families have applied for our First Families of Defiance County. Membership is at 80, and over 153,00 hits to the blog site have been recorded.

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.

October 19 is set for a beginning genealogy workshop, "Genealogy- We'll Help You Begin," to be held at the Defiance Public Library from 10:00 to noon.

June Chapter Meeting

Blue Banks Publishing has made an offer to help sell the chapter's historical books which Richard Rozevink and David Bennett had produced. Richard will be in contact with the publisher to work out arrangements. Rich noted that he has been interviewed by Faith Smith for an article on the 225th anniversary of the fort for "Happenings" and also that the tourism bureau will sell the books.

Announcements: Two families have applied for admission to First Families. October 19 has been confirmed for a genealogy workshop at the Defiance Public Library. Joanne also noted that Aug21-24 is the Federation of Genealogy Societies' conference in Washington, D.C.

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 ancestor.

An interesting story was of three Doty brothers from Michigan, one of whom was chided by the others into enlisting in the Civil War. As soon as

Charley turned 18, he enlisted. Unfortunately he died of disease in Huntsville, Alabama. No notice of his death was recorded. Another participant discovered that her ancestor, Elias Moore, was at Valley Forge with Washington in the winter of 1777-1778.

Listeners were amazed at how one member's immigrant grandparents' travel trunk from Germany was returned to the family many years after it had been sold at auction. Another participant related how a great-great uncle went west after his wife of one year died. After many years of not knowing what had happened to him, an obituary was located confirming both the uncle's and his wife's names. A treasured pocket watch is a reminder of this distant uncle.

Another story highlighted how much information can be gleaned from a death certificate and that family stories can be proven incorrect. A grandmother whom everyone thought had died of cancer, instead had died from complication of pregnancy.

President Allison's concluded the ancestor challenge by saying, "Keep searching!"

Ruder Family Would Like to Pass On Genealogy Materials

The following is a portion of an email our chapter recently received: "My name is Angela Brigle. My mother's maiden name was Ruder whose parents lived in the Ney/ Defiance area. Her grandmother (Julianna Regina Boff) and grandfather Wilhelm Anthony Ruder were the first couple to be married in Marysdale Catholic Church 19-July 1898.

"We have (2) large note books with lots of pictures and data of the family. Other surnames of interest are Batt, Boff, Mack, Stringer, Weber, Brown, and Hazelmeir.

"So many in our present living families are not interested in genealogy. We want to give it to someone that can preserve it for the future. My husband & I would be glad to bring the material down to anyone, at their convenience-- hopefully to find a good home for it."

Contact information for Angela Brigle who lives in Edon, Ohio, is 419- 212-2536 or AMBLDB@FRONTIER.COM.

Scrapbook of L. A. Sherry

Recently our chapter came into possession of a scrapbook compiled by Dr. L. A. Sherry who at the time of the collection lived at 417 Jefferson St., Defiance. The book is a collection of newspaper articles from the Crescent-News. Unfortunately the articles were not dated, but most came from the late 1930s to the early 1940s. The following articles are from this collection.

Zeller Rites Will Be Held on Thursday

Physician Here 28 Years President of Factory and Member of Fraternal Bodies

Just an hour and fifteen minutes before the coming Christmas Day, Dr. Charles W. Zeller, 55, who rose to prominence of his profession, passed away Monday night at 10:45 at his home at 643 Clinton Street.

Dr. Zeller was not only one of the leading doctors of the city but also was president of the Defiance Automatic Screw Machine Company and a member of several fraternal organizations.

Continued to Serve

Despite warnings from some of the leading physicians of the country to give up his practice, Dr. Zeller continued his work until this fall when his health became so distressing that he was compelled to no longer heed calls from the many patients who through years had come to lean upon him for medical aid.

Last March he visited the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minn. He was then told to give up some of his work. He next went to Battle Creek for treatments in September. Then in October he was in a hospital in Ann Arbor for several weeks before giving up all medical work.

"Myelogenous leucemia" finally caused his death on Christmas Eve. He was surrounded by his family when he passed.

Funeral Is Thursday

Solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated for Dr. Zeller Thursday at 9:00 in St. Mary Catholic Church, Jefferson and Arabella Street. Priests who will conduct the rites will be Rev. Rich-

ard Roach of St. Mary's parish, Rev. Alphonse Roach of near Toledo, Rev. Max Walz of Toledo, and Rev. Albert Pessefall of Wauseon along with Charles Ruess, who is studying for the priesthood as subdeacon.

Members of the Defiance Elks Lodge of which organization Dr. Zeller was a member, will conduct their service at 8:30 a. m.. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Dr. Zeller leaves his widow; three sons-- William, 19, a student at Holy Cross College in Worchester, Mass.; Robert, 15, and Edward, 13, at home; four sisters-- Mrs. Edmund R. Archambeault, Mrs. F. J. Wagner, and Mrs. William H. Ruess-- all of Defiance, and Mrs. Victor Folmer of Monterey, Indiana and one half-sister Mrs.. Sophie Keller also of Monterey.

Born Near Stryker

Dr. Zeller was born January 28, 1873, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Zeller near Stryker. He received his first schooling at Stryker and then attended Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery from which he graduated in 1899 For approximately a year he was in his internship with Dr. F. O. Hart at West Unity and then came to Defiance to begin his 28 years of practice here.

For a time, he was a partner with Adam Preisendoerfer in the drug business in a store located at the northwest corner of Clinton and Fifth Streets.

On October 19, 1904, he was married to Miss Teresa Cunningham, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Cunningham of Defiance.

Member of Lodges

Dr. Zeller was one of the first to give his financial support to the Defiance Automatic Screw Machine Company, and at the time of his death was president of the organization. He also was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus as well as a member of the Eagles and the Elks Lodges here. He was a member of the American Medical Association as well as the local and county medical societies; a director of the Defiance Hospital Board, and assistant surgeon of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Will Be 100 Years Old Sunday

Mrs. Mary Evans Arrowsmith, oldest person in Defiance County, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday at the home of a son, D. E. Arrowsmith.

Mrs. Arrowsmith was born in Defiance, the tenth child of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Evans. She was married in 1861 to John Caraway Arrowsmith, who died in 1863 shortly after the birth of their son.

Mrs. Arrowsmith, with her son, moved to California in 1869 locating at Long Valley, where four of her brothers resided. In 1879 she moved to Reno, Nevada, where she resided until 1905 returning to Ohio in that year to live on a farm near Hicksville. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps in Reno, and also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Arrowsmith has been an inveterate reader and keeps in touch with national and world events. She voted at the election on November 3 being the oldest voter in Defiance County.

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Legion Plans Military Rites Wednesday for Hattie Biderman, WW I Nurse

Full military services will honor Miss Hattie O. Biderman, 56, World War nurse and only woman member of Herbert E. Anderson Post of the American Legion at her funeral Wednesday.

The remains are to be taken from Morris Brothers Funeral Home late today to her home in Delaware Township near Moats Corners where services will be held.

Miss Biderman died at 10:15 a. m. Sunday at her home from pulmonary tuberculosis. She had been bedfast sixteen weeks.

Miss Biderman enrolled as a World War nurse September 7, 1918. Although she never was sent overseas, she saw much service during the influenza epidemic and was stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina, U. S. General Hospital, Fort McPherson, Georgia, O'Reilly General Hospital, Orleen, North Carolina, and Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta Georgia. During her

Page 18 Yesteryears' Trails - Defiance Co. Summer

nursing career, she contracted malaria fever and tuberculosis and was taken to a Denver, Colorado hospital where she remained until 1920. She was discharged from the army in 1920.

Miss Biderman was born in Delaware Township April 28, 1881, daughter of John and Catherine Biderman.

She took her nurse's training at St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, where she graduated in 1915.

Surviving are two sisters-- Mrs. Mary Kinstle and Mrs. Julia Mack both of Delaware Township. She leaves also five nieces and four nephews and three brothers preceded her in death.

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--



Brown's Bakery

Death Closes Career of Mrs. Brown at 93

Mrs. Emilie Brown, 93, who with her husband, Reinhard Brown, founded Brown's Bakery here in 1873, died today in her home in the bakery building at 501 Clinton Street.

Services will be held Saturday at 2:30 from the Turner Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Rev. W. H. Huber of St. Paul's Methodist Church will officiate.

Mrs. Brown had been in business here longer than any other person-- 67 years. After their marriage February 18, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Brown operated a bakery in Baltimore, Maryland, for five years before coming to Defiance in March 1873. They established their bakery in Defiance where the residence of Mrs. J. D. Spangler is now located at 201 North Clinton Street. Within six months they had bought out the interest of Tim Fitzpatrick at Clinton and Fourth Streets. In 1937 and 1938 making of bread was transferred to the new, modern building on Downs Street,

Mr. and Mrs. Brown celebrated their golden anniversary in 1918. Although Mr. Brown died in 1924, Mrs. Brown continued an active interest in the business.

Born in Germany

The former Emilie Curdes was born in Wettelingen, Hessen-Nassau, Germany, on June 5, 1847, the oldest in a family of seven children.

Mother of 10 Children

The Browns were parents of ten children--four daughters and six sons. Seven of the children remained active in the business along with one grandson Fred J. Brown, the current general manager. Children in the organization are L. C. Brown and R. C. Brown in charge of the office; E. L. Brown production manager; Fred G. Brown purchasing agent; Misses Mame, Helen, and Henrietta in charge of the retail store.

One son, George, died at the age of 17 months and is buried in Baltimore. A son, Harry, drowned here in 1881, while a daughter, Augusta, died in 1903 at the age of 13. A sister, Augusta Freytag who operates a bakery in Germany, is the only other survivor.

Other grandchildren are Edward Brown, manager of the pastry shop, Miss Margaret O. Brown, office secretary, Robert Brown, pastry shop employee, and Mrs. Robert Enos, Defiance. There are five great-grandchildren.

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--



German Trophy in City 16 Years Goes Back to Hitler in Scrap Drive

With the blessing of Defiance veterans who helped defeat Germany in World War One, the 155-millimeter German mortar that has been on exhibit here as a war trophy for sixteen years, is going back to Nazi-land in the form of new U. S. munitions.

This afternoon the filed piece weighing 500 pounds was to be drawn through Clinton Street

behind the Defiance High School band, being thus the opening gun in the Defiance salvage drive which will beheld all day Thursday with collection of scrap metal, rubber and other waste from households throughout the city.

Boy and Girl Scouts and Sea Scouts were to join the parade.

Spokes by DMW Machines

The German gun was manufactured by the Krupp works at Essen in 1894. Machinery used for making the wooden spokes in the gun carriage wheels was shipped from the Defiance Machine Works in 1911, it was revealed by former members of the Machine Works designing staff, who examined the trophy when it was received here in 1926, basing their identification on the flared cut of the spindles. The spokes are being retained in Defiance as souvenirs of the gun's stay here- with the hope they eventually can be placed in an historical museum.

Initiated by Veterans

Suggestion that the gun be "sent back to Hitler" originated in a meeting of Herbert E. Anderson Post of the American Legion, which made the suggestion to city officials. After conferences with ex-military service men and members of the Defiance Park Commission, Mayor Robert W. Galliers gave Howard A. Squire, chairman of the county salvage committee a letter formally turning over the trophy to start Thursday's waste collection.

Edward Bronson, former mayor, initiated the movement that brought the gun to Defiance when he wrote to the war department after the World War armistice asking that some trophy be awarded to Defiance

Sent Here in 1928

When a consignment of German guns finally was awarded to Ohio in 1925, Governor Donahey asked the adjutant general's office to recognize the priority of the Defiance request, and as a result, Defiance received one of the biggest field pieces distributed in the state at that time.

Homer H. Foltzene, now on active duty with the 37th Ohio division as a major, was commander of the Anderson Post in 1925, and along with Mr.. Bronson signed the formal application to the state for a trophy here. O. W. Newton was commander of the Legion when the gun was received in May

1926.

Fitting Use Says Mayor Galliers

"... We feel certain that the World War veterans who are still with us, as well as those who have passed on, would think of no more fitting way to use this than to turn it back into war materials for a continuance of our struggle to attain world peace and freedom"

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Father of 11 Back in Army

J. T. Ansberry, Formerly of Defiance, Resumes Rank of Captain

After bidding good-bye to his wife and eleven children, ranging in ages from 21 to 3 years, Jay T. Ansberry of Cleveland, a former Defiance man, left today to rejoin the United States armed forces with the rank of captain.

"I figured it was my duty," he said simply. Mr. Ansberry, who will be 49 year old next month, has been an advertising solicitor for the Cleveland Plain dealer for 15 years and was granted a leave of absence from the paper to re-enter the Army.

He is the son of Mrs. Ellen Ansberry of Lima and the late Tom Ansberry, former city policeman of Defiance, who died here in 1921. He is a half brother of Mrs. Louis G. Desgrange, 702 North Clinton Street. A brother, Henry, is at Patterson Field, Dayton.

Mr. Ansberry previously served in France from June 23, 1818 until March 28, 1919 during the First World War.

Mr. Ansberry, before returning to uniform to serve his country for the second time, considered his action for many months. He and his wife decided that the home contingent would be able to make a go of it as the three oldest children, with jobs, would be able to help. Ansberry would send home all of his base pay.

Longed for Old 37th

"I've been uneasy since my old outfit went to Camp Shelby. I've kept thinking that my duty lay there. Of course I had another grave duty to my family. But my wife's a better soldier than I am. It won't be easy, but we decided that it is the right thing to do."

Mr. Ansberry, who was born in Defiance,

enlisted as a private in Co. G, 147th Inf., 37th Division on June 4 1917. He was made a corporal Aug. 1, 1917 and honorably discharged May 8, 1918 to accept a commission as a second Lieutenant in the 148th Infantry. On Nov. 1, 1819 he became a first lieutenant with the same regiment.

Gets Pershing Citation

Mr. Ansberry served in France from June 1918 until March 1919 receiving a citation from General Pershing, and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal.

After his discharge he remained his service in the Ohio National Guard and was commissioned captain in July 191 and assigned as adjutant of the 145th in Cleveland. As part of that unit he attended President Harding's funeral and the quelling of the Ku Klux Klan riots at Niles. He resigned his commission in 1926.

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Defiance-Made Bomb Tail Fuze Parts Help Lick Nazi Submarine Blockade

Importance of a Defiance factory in helping break the German submarine blockade of Atlantic coast shipping was revealed today when L. F. Serrick, president of Defiance Screw Machine Products Co., received authority to post in the plant a War Department letter of congratulations upon fast completion of bomb tail fuze parts....

United Nations military experts devised a new tail fuze fired by concussion instead of direct impact, and it was a parr for this fuze that the Defiance Screw Machine Products was able to produce in record time....

An added source of pride to the company employees is the fact that more than 90 percent of the personnel now are devoting 10 per cent of their wages to regular purchase of war bonds.

Part of the War Department letter read as follows: "The need for these fuzes is extremely urgent. The most telling blows against the Axis which have been struck by Americans have been by airplane bombing. It is expected that the submarine menace along our coasts will be eliminated by bombing. Bombs without them are useless.... It is a pleasure to congratulate every man and woman working in your plant upon the results achieved up[to this time. We are sure

that they recognize the importance of their work and will apply themselves to the job of giving us more parts with all their intelligence and energy.”



From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Defiance Rotary Honors founders at Silver Anniversary Celebration

Defiance Rotary club's 25th birthday attracted a crowd of more than 150 members and guests to St. Paul's Lutheran parish hall for a dinner and program honoring the founders and celebrating the attainment of the silver anniversary...

When Defiance Rotary was started in 1921, it was the 807th club. Now [1946] the organization has more than 6200 clubs throughout the world, Dr. Zaugg, governor of the 157th district, pointed out.

The anniversary program was presided over by Guy O. Murphy. The Barber Shop Quarter was composed of Dick Phillips, Robert W. Compo, Cliff Boyee, and Bud Hanawalt.

Richard H. Sutphen, general chairman of the anniversary celebration, voiced the club's tribute to the nine Defiance Rotary members who were in service during World War II, and voiced the gratitude of the club and welcomed them back into its fellowship. He also thanked all the celebration committees and led the assembly in "God Bless America..."

President Orville R. C. Noffsinger presided over ceremonies at the dinner table. Three charter members who lighted the 25 candles on a mammoth birthday cake were R. W. Wortman, Frank P Weisenbuger, and Lee O. Tustison. President Noffsinger presented each of the trio a charter member pin. Frank F. Hall, another chapter member, was on vacation.

A group picture taken January 24, 1921 showed 23 of the 25 chapter members of the Defiance Rotary Club. Seventeen of the members are now dad. Four are still members of the club. The men in the photograph shown were the following:

Edward W. Howey
William P. Wallace
Charles P. Kettenring
Dr. William S. Powell
Daniel W. McNight
Dr. Bartlett J. Emery
Frank F. Hall
Rev. Elwood O. Crist
Wright G. Lehman
Albet G. Caris
Herman B. Tenzer
Chauncey I. Morse
George Nolan
Lee O. Tustison
Frank J. Papenhagen
Lincoln J. Tate
Henry D. Bokop
Riley W. Wortman
Frank P. Weisenburger
Virgil Squire
John C. Vanderbrock
W. Guy H. Kirtley
Fred L. Hay
Not pictured:
Robert T. Whitaker
Rev. John A. Merickel

From Dr. Sherry's Scrapbook--

Gene Derricotte Scores, Hurls Pass for T. D.

...Gene derricotte of Defiance, the second boy from Defiance ever to play in a Rose Bowl game, became the first from this city to score and to throw a scoring pass.

Don Miller, a member of the famous Four Horsemen of Notre Dame, was the first Defiance player to get in a Rose Bowl game when the Irish beat Stanford 27-10 in the 1925 game...

Derricotte, replacing Chappius in the final quarter, scored the sixth touchdown from a pass from Bump Elliot. Derricotte caught it on the 25 and ran the rest of the way.

The last touchdown came on a Derricotte to Dick Rifenburgl throw from the 29, after Derricotte had sparked a drive from the Michigan 44.



If you have not investigated this genealogy web site, it is time to give it a try. check out what all the site has to offer.

WikiTree was begun in 2018

Its mission:

“Our mission is to grow an accurate single family tree that connects us all and is freely available to us all.”

Its vision:

“WikiTree balances privacy and collaboration so that living people can connect on one world tree to common ancestors.”

Its beliefs and goals:

“We privately collaborate with our close family members on modern family history. As we go back in time, the privacy controls open up. Collaboration on deep ancestors is between distant cousins who are serious about genealogical research, careful about sources, and willing to see their research validated or invalidated with DNA.

“Because all the profiles are connected on the same system our collaboration is creating a single family tree that is connecting us all, preserving our history, and making our shared genealogy available for the world to access, for free, forever.”

* Together we're growing an accurate single family tree using DNA and traditional genealogical sources.

* Privacy controls enable us to integrate modern family history.

* Extraordinary protections ensure that our shared tree will never be lost.

* Everything is 100% free including many benefits for genealogists who sign our Honor Code.

* **Our tree includes 20,682,337 profiles (5,543,756 with DNA test connections) edited by 626,132 genealogists from around the world.**”

The site has many rather “quirky” interest-catching segments. For example, there is the 52 Ancestors Challenge. For each of the 52 weeks, there will be a prompt to which respondents may send in their entries about an ancestor which is connected to the prompt.. Topics for 2019 are the following:

- Week 1: First
- Week 2: Challenge
- Week 3: Unusual Name
- Week 4: I'd Like to Meet
- Week 5: At the Library
- Week 6: Surprise
- Week 7: Love
- Week 8: Family Photo
- Week 9: At the Courthouse
- Week 10: Bachelor Uncle
- Week 11: Large Family
- Week 12: 12
- Week 13: In the Paper
- Week 14: Brick Wall
- Week 15: DNA
- Week 16: Out of Place
- Week 17: At Worship
- Week 18: Road Trip
- Week 19: Nurture
- Week 20: Nature

Some of the other topics are Challenges of the Week:

- Improve location names.
- Photo sharing theme: "Bicycles."
- Profile sharing theme: "Earliest."
- On YouTube: Welcome to WikiTree video series.
- Poem by a member:

Of course, the main attraction is the ability to search for your ancestors in order to make connections with others who are researching your surnames. However, you also may find many other interesting and fun activities to try and to enjoy.



Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Defiance County Genealogy Society
--

Description of Publications
total

Description of Publications	Price	Quantity	To-
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		
Highland Twp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01; pub. 2005)	\$25.00		
Mark & MilfordTwps.Def. Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01; pub. 2004)	\$25.00		
Noble Twp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '92; pub. 2005)	\$20.00		
Richland Twp.Def.Co./Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '78-'82; pub. 2001)	\$20.00		
TiffinTwp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '96-'06; pub. 2001)	\$25.00		
WashingtonTwp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '97; pub. 2005)	\$20.00		
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookA-D, Book E-I, Book J-M (revised 2016)	\$40.00 each		
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookN-SI, Book Sm-Z (revised 2016)	\$35.00 each		
Def. Co. Marriages - SmallVol 1: 1845-1861 (pub. 2001)	\$30.00		
Def. Co. Marriages - SmallVol. 2: 1855-1885 (pub. 2006)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 1&2: Feb. 1885-May 1897 (pub. 2009)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 3&4: Jan. 1897-Nov. 1903 (pub. 2009)	\$30.00		
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) ofNWOOhio (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 (newly published 2019)	\$10.00		
TOTAL (Includes all taxes, shipping handling. Prices effectiveMay 2016)	TOTAL		

Defiance CountyGenealogy Society
 PO Box 7006,
 Defiance, OH 43512-7006