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

### Coming Meetings

#### Monday, June 27

**Share a Defiance County Tidbit. Members are to bring an article that they find of interest concerning Defiance County.**

#### Monday, July 25

**Trip to the Jones Restored Log House on County Road 18 in Henry County - directions in the next column.**

#### August - no meeting

#### Monday, September 26

**The Farmer GAR with Jean Wilson**

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## Directions for Jones Restored Log House

The July Meeting of the Defiance County Genealogical Society will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016, commencing at 6:15 PM at the historical site of the log house which was restored by and is owned by the Jones family. The original settlers were the Eis family, and the program will be concerning that family and the restoration of the property.

Directions from Defiance are to take State Route 281 East approximately five miles beyond the GM Powertrain Plant . Turn RIGHT on COUNTY ROAD 18 (one mile beyond the Defiance-Henry Co. Line Road) and your destination is the last house on the right side of the road in that mile. There is ample parking on the barnyard."

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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 will be classified as a "Pioneer." If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor will be classified as a "settler."



To prove your lineage back to your ancestor, you may use birth records, death records, marriage licenses, census records, Bible records, and other 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 to apply. This membership may be paid at the same time as your application fee is paid. The cutoff date is August 1st of the year in which you apply. For more information and to download the application for First Families, go to the Society's web site at [www.defiancecountygenealogy.org](http://www.defiancecountygenealogy.org) or write to the chapter at PO Box 7006 Defiance, OH 43512-7006 attention of Mary Scranton, chair.

***Defiance County Centennial Families***

To acknowledge families which have been in Defiance County for 100 years or more, our chapter has established a centennial recognition program. Just one item of proof showing that a family member was here in 1915 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.

**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.*

A membership form may be downloaded at the following website.  
[www.defiancecountygenealogy.org](http://www.defiancecountygenealogy.org).

## **What's Been Happening at DCGS?**

### **April Board Meeting**

At the April board meeting President Brown noted that there were 72 members, and Dianne Kline noted that the blog site had had over 6000 hits.

As a new five-volume set of birth records have been published, the following motion was made. Joanne Allison moved to add another step to the publication printing cost index. For a publication of 201 pages or more, the price will be \$40.00. Lavina Boesling seconded the motion which passed.

The issue of raising membership dues for 2017 was tabled.

The date of October 22 was set for a genealogical help session at the Sherwood Branch Library. Preregistration will be required and well as submitting specific research questions beforehand.

### **April Chapter Meeting**

Since there was no new nor any unfinished business, President Brown introduced the speaker Daniel Schaffer and his assistant Deb Miller representing the Schaffer Funeral Home. Joanne Allison provided the following information from her meeting notes:

"The business was started in the 1850s by the John Conrad Martin family, German immigrants who became undertakers as part of their furniture business on 5th Street.

"In 1911, Charles Mansfield purchased part of the business and changed the name to Mansfield Funeral Home. Then in 1927, the business was moved to its present location with the purchase of the elegant Dietrich house at 529 Jefferson. Mr. Schaffer showed numerous Photos of the beautiful 1850s structure and the additions and renovations over the years.

"Various owners have renamed the funeral home: In 1952 when Willard "Bill" Mast purchased the business, it became Mansfield-Mast Funeral Home. Still remaining in the family but passing on to younger generations, Willard's son, Walter joined the business in 1957; his son-in-law, Marllin "Stub" Mock also entered the

firm in 1958. Therefore, in 1965, the name was changed to Mast & Mock Funeral Home. Since then, because of retirements and other variations in business partnerships, names had been modified as follows: Mast-Mock-Hoffman in 2006, Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in 2007, and Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer in 2010.

"Currently, the establishment is under the ownership and direction of Dan Schaffer, and since 2013, it carries the name of Schaffer Funeral Home. Dan and other employees take pride in their history and the fact that, even after 165 years, the home is still locally and independently owned and serving the Defiance area.

Dan Schaffer provided a door prize, won by Bob Zimmerman, consisting of a tote bag full of coffee, cups and other goodies.

Mary Scranton reminded attendees that applications for Defiance County First Families must be received by August 1.

### **May Board Meeting**

The Defiance Public Library did not receive the digitalization grant for which they had applied. They will apply again for the coming year. The board decided to keep the \$1000 in reserve for digitalization at the library until a future date.

Dianne Kline noted the blog site has had over 7000 hits.

President Brown noted that all of the internment records for Memory Gardens are available online. She also noted that Auglaize Village is working toward having a building to house various records.

A work day at the storage facility at the former Legion building was set for June 1 from 9:00 to noon.

### **May Chapter Meeting**

Dianne Kline noted that the revised five-volume set of birth records are now available. (See the article on the following page along with the article highlighting the program presented by Don Allison on the Civil War and Northwestern Ohio which he presented at the May 23rd meeting.)



## **The Civil War and NW Ohio**

**Don Allison, author, historian, and editor of The Bryan Times displays the books he has written about the Civil War. He spoke to DCGS chapter on May 23 about some of the individuals**

**and regiments from NW Ohio involved in the Civil War.**

***The following article was written by DCGS vice-president and public relations representative Joanne Allison. It appeared in The Crescent-News and The Bryan Times.***

Three days after the April 18, 1861, attack on Fort Sumpter, S.C., and Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers who were willing to fight to save the Union, the news first reached Bryan by telegraph. Williams County Sheriff James Bell read the news to people in the courthouse. Immediately, enlistment forms were printed, and local men began to volunteer, first forming the 14th Ohio Regiment. This first enlistment was only for 90 days, since everyone believed the fight would be over in that length of time. Volunteers were hailed as heroes as they boarded a train, and cheering crowds gathered at depots all the way to Toledo.

However, the men soon faced the reality of leaky barracks, miserable meals, scanty rations and general camp life. Within a month, the 14th OVI headed south across the Ohio River where they experienced the brutality and ugliness of war. At the end of their 90-day enlistment, the men of the 14th came home, but since the war was not over, most re-enlisted for a term of three years, many into the new 38th Regiment. The 14th OVI continued to fight on the Western Theater, and eventually joined Sherman's

March to the Sea.

Another local Ohio regiment, the 21st, was known for using the new rapid-firing Colt revolving rifles and holding Horseshoe Ridge during the Battle of Chickamauga. One of the most famous soldiers of the 21st was William J. Knight. Originally from Farmer Center, Defiance County, Knight became a citizen of Stryker, Williams County, after the war.

Knight participated in "The Great Locomotive Chase," when he and the Andrews Raiders highjacked a locomotive, wreaking havoc on Confederate railroad tracks, bridges, and telegraph wires around them. The raiders were captured, taken prisoner, and some were hanged.

Knight and seven others escaped. The men eventually received the first Medals of Honor for their brave contribution to the war.

Allison told of the involvement of a few local veterans such as Emerson Opdyke from the 125th and Isaac Sherwood of the 111th Ohio, as well as interesting battles and highlights from other northwest Ohio regiments, such as the 48th and 68th.

However, the regiment most closely associated with northwest Ohio was the 38th, which was organized in Defiance in September of 1861 for a three-year term. To those who re-enlisted before the end of the three years, the government rewarded a one-month furlough at home. While on furlough, the veterans were honored with a silk banner, hand-sewn by the women of Bryan. It was presented to Col. William Choate, who vowed "we will defend it with our lives."

Indeed, several color guards were killed and wounded defending that flag as the 38th continued their fight in the Atlanta campaign and onward to the sea. Col. Choate was mortally wounded at Jonesboro, Ga., as he tried to retrieve the flag, which had fallen to the ground after a color bearer was shot. Eventually, the 38th Ohio flag was returned to Williams County, and it is presently displayed at the Williams County Historical Society museum.

Allison also told about conflicts at home between the Union Army supporters and the anti-war Copperheads. He then concluded the program by answering questions from the audience and offering some of his books for sale.

## **Revised Birth Records Published** ***Over 1100 names added***

A **NEW** five-volume set of Defiance County Birth Records has been completed and is ready for sale. Originally, the birth records (1867 - 1908) were read by Fayne Harter back in the 1970s and the books were produced then.

In the new volumes, we have made corrections where noted, alphabetized correctly, and added over 1100 new birth records discovered at the Defiance County Records Center.

The book will contain Surname, Given Name, Place of Birth (not always Defiance County!), Parents' Names and the Location of the Record. The location might be BR (Birth Records books) or F (File) or C (Case). This location should be mentioned when asking for a record from the Records Center because it is a great finding help to the staff.

Are there still errors? It's very likely. Spelling was often done by phonetics, and we have left the spellings as they were, for the most part. So a researcher must be creative in searching for a name that could be spelled various ways.

It is VERY important that a researcher order the record and make his or her own decisions on transcriptions. It was not easy to decipher some of the handwriting of the day. Someone familiar with the family may be able to make a more correct decision on the information from a record.

The books vary in size, hence the prices vary a little. The price already includes tax and shipping.

The volumes are divided by the first letter of the SURNAME.

Volume A - D - \$40  
Volume E - I - \$40  
Volume J - M - \$40  
Volume N - SL - \$35  
Volume SM - Z - \$35

Orders may be sent to:

Defiance County Genealogical Society  
PO Box 7006  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

An order form is attached to this email. Checks may be made out to DCGS or Defiance County Genealogical Society.

## **Proposed Changes to the DCGS Policies and Procedure Manual**

The Policies and Procedure Committee has recommended the following changes.

Under Article III - Governing Board  
Section 1. Tenure and Duties

Add the phrase **"in good standing."** The sentence then would read "The Officers and Trustees who make up the Governing Board of this chapter must be current members in good standing." Also add: **"No officer shall serve more than two consecutive years in the same office unless three-quarters if the members voting in the election approve a further continuation of the officer."**

In this same section, add Letter F. **"Trustees: 1,2,3 or more"**

Under Article V Dues

Add a third paragraph to read

**"Classes of membership and dues**

**1. Individual membership \$12.0**

**2. Family membership \$15.00 (one newsletter per household)**

**3. Libraries - free (if newsletter not mailed)**

**4. Societies and Organizations \$10.00"**

**Membership present at the September meeting, will vote on these proposed changes.**



## The 1880 Mortality Schedule--

### *An Alternative 1890 Census Record*

As you may or may not know 1890 census records were lost. The Eleventh United States Census was taken beginning June 2, 1890. The data was tabulated by machine for the first time. Most of the census records were destroyed in a 1921 fire.

To locate an ancestor, a researcher must use other resources. One often used source for men in the 1890 Veterans Census. Another source, close to 1890, is the 1880 Mortality Schedule which details deaths that year by county. It provides the age, sex, birth place, birth places of parents, the month of the death, and the occupation is known.

The following is a partial listing (A- Kibble) from the 1880 Mortality Schedule for Defiance County. The remaining mortality listing will continue in the fall 2016 newsletter.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>F. Birth</u>	<u>M. Birth</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Ackerman, John	67	Ger.	Ger.	Ger.	April	Farmer
Adams, Claude	11/12	O	O	O	Aug.	
Adams, Samuel	5	O	O	O	June	
Alexander, Franklin	2	O	O	O	Jan.	
Bannty, Fred	3	O	Bav	Bav	April	
Basset, Geo	83	Swit	Swit	Swit	March	Farmer
Beckman, Augustine	22	O	Pruss	Pruss	Jan.	
Bell, Eva	4	O	O	O	Dec.	
Best, Harry	1/12	O	O	O	Dec.	
Bilderbeck, L. D.	25	O	NY	NY	Nov.	Harness Maker
Birchimer, Peter	76	O	-	-	May	Farmer
Blanchard, H. G.	58	O	Can	Baden	Mar	-
Bohlke, Deatrick	25	Pruss.	Pruss	Pruss	June	-
Bohman, Louis	2/12	O	Han	Pruss	Feb.	
Boston, Minnie	2	O	O	O	Feb.	
Bowdle, George	70	O			April	-
Brennan, Philip	3/30	O	Scot	O	Aug.	-
Brewan, Mary	17	O	PA	PA	May	
Bridenbaugh, Walter	23/30	O	O	O	Jan	-
Bringer, Jacob	70	Baden	Baden	Baden	April	Retired Farmer
Britton, _____	9/12	O	-	-	June	
Bronson, C. T.	1	O	O	O	March	
Brooks, C. R.	1	O	NY	O	April	
Brown, Julious	21	O	O	O	June	
Charlotte, Merihugh	59	NY	NY	NY	June	
Clark, Mary	46	O	O	O	June	
Clrland, Lotta	2	O	O	O	Sept.	
Collins, Harriet	60	PA	PA	PA	June	
Connor, Thomas	47	Ire	Ire	Ire	March	RR
Consley, H. E.	1	IN	O	O		
Culler, Joseph	60	O	-	-	Nov.	Farmer
Culler, Polly	61	O	-	-	Oct.	
Dausten, Robert	1/12	O	O	VA	May	
Derby, William	18	O	O	O	Aug.	-
Devan, Frederick	10/12	O	O	O	March	
Devault, James	1	O	O	O	March	
Dickensheets, E.(female)	78	VA	MD	MD	Dec.	
Dowe, John	61	Hano	Hano	Hano	April	Retired Blacksmith

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Draver, Charley	5	O	Hano	Hano	Sept.	
Draves, Minnie	32	Hano	Hano	Hano	Oct.	
Draves, Sophia	1/12	O	Hano	Hano	Oct.	
Draves, Mary	1	O	Hano	Hano	Oct.	
Duncan, William	1	O	MA	O	April	
Duseberg, Kate	37	Hano	Hano	Hano	Feb.	
Eader, Joseph	1	O	Bavar	Bavar	Feb.	
Edson, Susan	48	O	PA	PA	Feb.	
Eitneiar, Charles	2/20	O	O	O	June	
Elling, Autena	1/12	O	Hano	Hano	Sept.	
Emlston, William	58	PA	-	-	Oct.	Farmer
Enos, William	64	NY	-	-	Dec.	Carpenter
Enos, Ray	11/12	O	O	O	July	
Farrell, Annie	1	O	VA	O	Jan.	
Flanagan, Martin	5	O	Ire	Ire	Feb.	
French, Della	29	NY	NY	NY	Jan.	
Geiger, Charles	48	O	Baden	O	Aug.	-
Geisleman, Joseph	79	PA	Ger	Ger	Oct.	Farmer
Gerke, E. T.	1	O	Pruss	O	Dec.	
Gilbert, George	38	O	PA	PA	May	Carpenter
Gingrich, _____ (female)	12	O	O	O	Feb.	
Gordon, Julia	1/12	O	O	O	Aug.	
Green, Francis	10	O	NY	O	Aug.	
Grossman, Jenny	30	Can	Can	Can	Feb.	
Hall, Cab	1	O	O	O	Oct.	
Hammer, Floyd	6/12	O	O	O	Sept.	
Hammil, Leonard	17/30	O	Can	O	Feb.	
Hatfield, Chauny	14/30	O	O	O	April	
Hatfield, Edward	52	O	MD	MD	April	Saw Miller
Henderson, Abraham	50	O	O	O	Sept.	Farmer
Henley, Rebecca	44	O	PA	PA	Sept.	
Henuan, Henry	1	O	Bava	O	April	
Herald, Naomi	29	NY	NY	NY	Feb.	
Hewgstler, Albert	4	O	Baden	Ind	March	
Hockman, S. H.	80	Pruss	Pruss	Pruss	March	Farmer
Hohenberger, Delia	23	O	PA	O	Oct.	
Howard, Neva	18	O	O	O	Feb.	
Hoyt, William	43	O	NY	NY	Aug.	Farmer
HUffman, John J.	27	-	-	-	Nov.	Clerk
Hughes, Chloe	14	O	-	-	March	
Hunter, Robert	65	O	O	Pruss	Aug.	-
Johnson, Clida	1/12	O	O	O	Jan.	
Johnson, Frieda	1/12	O	O	O	July	
Jones, John	48	O	O	O	Oct.	Farmer
Jones, Pearle	1	O	O	O	Feb.	
Kehmask, Infant		O	O	Pruss	June	
Kehmask, Jane	28	O	PA	O	June	
Keifer, Florence	2/12	O	O	O	Nov.	
Kepler, Rachel	75	PA	PA	PA	Feb.	
Kibble, Caroline	45	PA	PA	PA	Nov.	

## **“Old Uniform and Sword of Military Days Retained by Farmer Township Resident “**

*Defiance Democrat*

July 1915

Mrs. **Eleanor F. FOOTE**, daughter of Richard and Harriet KNIGHT (deceased), was born February 15, 1842, in Wayne County and came to Farmer Center in 1850. Her only sister, **Eugenia M. HAYMAKER**, lives in Defiance. Mrs. Foote was married July 17, 1862, to which union two children were born: Richard Elmer and Mrs. **Jennie YEAGLEY**, Farmer. Her father built the first sawmill, and after running same for several years, disposed of it, purchasing the **John RICE** farm. The present home was acquired in 1863. Mr. Knight belonged to the old military company, and Mrs. Foote still has his sword and uniform, both of which have yielded to the merciless exactions of time and usage.

## **“A Brief Sketch of the Life of Aged Resident of Farmer Township”**

*Defiance Democrat*

August 5, 1915

**Richard RICHARDSON**, son of **Thos. and Elizabeth RICHARDSON**, was born in Tuscarawas County, May 2, 1837. He came with his parents to Defiance County, settling in Farmer Township on Sections 16 and 17. He was married to Margaret A., daughter of **William and Catherine POWELL**, April 7, 1859. The children are: **Clara E. HOOTMAN** of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Frank Watson of Hicksville; William Payson of Port Murray, N. J.; Chas. Vernon of Nashville, Mich.; Stella Belle **FREDERICK** of Tenafly, N. J.; **Eulah Kate McCONKEY** of Alma, Mich.; Richard LeRoy of Butler, Ind.

Mr. Richardson still occupies the old homestead in Farmer Township, but has made his home with his son in Hicksville since the death of his wife in September 1895. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church since nineteen years of age.”

## **“SKETCH OF ‘HAPPY JACK’ – Hicksville Man Who Clangs the Anvil and Gets Music From Its Ring.”**

*Defiance Democrat*

August 12, 1915

The subject of this sketch and the accompanying cut (photo), **David Miller (Jack) SAUNDERS**, was

born in Lochee, Scotland, July 4th, 1874, and is the son of **James and Grace SAUNDERS**. He has a brother, Thomas, at Waterloo, Iowa, and two sisters in Scotland.

Mr. Saunders emigrated to the United States in August 1888, settling for a time in Massillon, O. His father was a blacksmith; therefore, it came easy for Dave to embrace the same profession. Following this bent, he served a full apprenticeship under **Charles McCURR** at Goshen, Ind., establishing himself at Waterloo in 1895.

He was married to **Manda MILLER** of Elkhart county in 1893, to whom two children were born, Ethel and Clyde. The daughter is at home and the son resides in Elkhart County. Mr. Saunders was again married in 1896 to **Florence MILLER** of Dekalb County. Elwood Mabelle and Grace are the children by this union.

‘Jack’ has been in Hicksville during the past eleven years, and as a blacksmith has but a few peers. In his younger days, he was pretty clever in the art of self-defense. He has also written some clever verses.”

## **Persons over Age 60 Who Died in 1882**

### ***Defiance Democrat – July 16, 1882***

The following persons over 60 years of age, died during the year past:

Ann M. FOSS, 72  
Catherine DEKROSH, 85  
Joseph BURK, 91  
Jefferson WEARN, 74  
Priscilla MOON, 60  
John M. SANFORD, 79  
Eve OTT, 62  
Mary LEE, 74  
Sofia SCHUCKMUY, 71  
Frederick SCHULTZ, 77  
Dora SCHULTZ, 71  
Mary ARPS, 63  
Peter LEITHAUSER, 70  
Sophia CONN, 65  
Lydia CAMERON, 71  
Daniel PIFER, 82  
Martha PIFER, 80  
John WISSLER, 90  
Anna PIERCE, 67  
Joseph L. HOSACK, 76  
Susan HUTCHINS, 66  
Mary YOUNG, 65



Henry REES, 81  
 Valentine PREDIGER  
 Benjamin HINKS, 65  
 Effa C. MYER, 68  
 Elizabeth BRINKER, 72  
 Mary E. EDSON, 68  
 Delilah GETTY, 79  
 Nancy KINMONT, 77  
 Nancy KEENER, 72  
 Margaret MILLER, 67  
 Phebe SNYDER, 62  
 George WARNER, 68  
 I. C. N. HINSCH, 83  
 Catherine THISTLE, 69  
 William MOATS, 82  
 George ROUSCH, 60  
 John DICK, 85  
 Catharine LEHMAN, 68  
 Mary A. MARSHES, 61  
 William TRAVIS, 82  
 Christian TROMPE, 62  
 John CASTOR, 62  
 C. B. GROSS, 62  
 Lawrence SCHUTT, 67  
 Maria STADLEY, 70  
 August SCHLIENTZ, 60  
 S. M. WHEELER, 68  
 Creocentia HEIRING, 74  
 Nicholas MOORE, 66  
 Margaret MERIHUGH. 68

### SOME HISTORY OF THE BEND - Delaware Bend

#### *Defiance Democrat* **May, 1915**

Delaware Bend was established as a station on the B. & O. in 1874, the name being carried until the government changed the name of the post office to simply, The Bend. The change occurred in the early nineties, and was brought about by so much of the mail intended for this office going to Delaware. The railroad was having a similar difficulty in the freight department; therefore the agent, C. E. **STEVENS**, who served thirty years continuously in that office, was instrumental in having the name of the station changed to conform with the name of the post office.

James **FAHEY** was appointed postmaster in 1892, and served continuously, barring a short term, until the office was discontinued on March 1st, 1915. Mr. Fahey

is at the head of an excellent general store and one of Delaware Township's substantial citizens. Another general store is conducted by Fred **BRENO**, an interested member of the Democrat family. Two churches direct the spiritual affairs of the community. Since the discontinuance of the post office, the people get their mail over route 12, Defiance, and route 2, Sherwood.

Mrs. F. J. **LIMBAUGH** has been a reader of the Democrat for thirty-nine years, and is probably just as enthusiastic now in scanning the news columns from week to week as she has ever been. It is quite refreshing to find these patriarchs in the ranks of the Democrat family. 1876 is the first date assigned to the Limbaugh address, and this estimable lady has been a widow for twenty-three years.

Mrs. Mary **SLOUGH** has read the democrat during the past quarter of a century, and seems to appreciate the mission of the paper. She is also a lady having a lively interest in current events and the history of the present.

James **FAHEY**, ex-postmaster, has received the Democrat and the Crescent-News for a long time. He is interested in Defiance County affairs.

This community seems to be deeply interested in the idea of dredging the Maumee River. Some are inclined to think that the bottom lands would be benefitted, while others are in doubt as to the utility of the project. It is even suspected by a few that a deep waterway would restore The Bend to its own in the way of commercial activity.

Theresia **KINCH** was born in Baden, Germany, April 27, 1821, and died at the home of her son, Fred **BRENO**, at The Bend, May 5, 1915, aged 94 years and 8 days. The deceased came to the United States in 1841, several years previous to the coming of her father, Herr Anton **VON PAULE**. The major portion of her life was spent in Ohio, the past twenty-five years being in the home where she died on Wednesday. Two sisters survive, namely Kate **KILLION** of Defiance, five years younger, and Francisca **MUTZ** of New Haven, Indiana, seven years younger.

Five children are left to mourn their loss, as follows: Mrs. Maggie **NAGLE**, Upper Sandusky; J. N. **BRENO**, Kansas City, Mo.; John **BRENO**, Toledo; Fred **BRENO**, The Bend; Geo. **BRENO**, Memphis, Tenn. Her marriage to Mr. **KINCH** occurred about 25 years ago. Burial at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Saturday morning, May 8th, at nine.

## **Good and Free Genealogy Websites for Beginners**

*These are some of the free websites for beginners (and for those of us who have not tried them!)*

### **1. About.com**

Has dozens of how-to articles on research basics and on online searching, and sharing.. You don't do actual research on this site, but you will gain good "how to" because each article leads to more detailed and related articles on the same site. There are three main topics tabs-- Learn How, Search Online, Share and Preserve.

### **2. Atlas of Historical County Boundaries**

Many genealogical records are created by counties, the boundaries of which may have changed over time. On this site, click a state, then "View Interactive Map", and enter the date for which you want to see county boundaries. You'll be able to identify which county that town was part of during the time your ancestors lived there. Click to add layers showing modern maps so you'll know where it is today.

### **3. BillionGraves.com/Find-a-Grave.com**

Search an enormous GPS-tagged database of tombstone images. Tombstone photos you've taken can also be uploaded. Users can add personal history information to individual photos and link them to other tombstone images.

### **4. Chronicling America**

The Library of Congress' portal to historical newspapers has two important areas of content: digitized newspaper pages (1836-1922) from 25 states and Washington, DC, and an index to all known newspapers published in the United States and where to find them today.

### **5. Cyndi's List**

Here, you will find lists of sites dedicated to researching particular places, types of records, ethnic and religious groups, and more. Check out the Beginner's category for guides and tips just for newbies.

### **6. FamilySearch.org**

This is one of the best free online resources available. Search millions of digitized and indexed records from around the world. Use the Learn tab; it's packed with keyword-searchable articles and online courses. The "Catalog" tab takes you to the most extensive genealogy library catalog in the world. Microfilmed holdings can be rented for use at a FamilySearch Center near

you (see the FamilySearch Centers tab).

### **7. General Land Office Records**

Find many records generated when our ancestors bought land from the federal government, especially in the Midwest and West. Access images of more than 5 million land title records dating back to 1820. Click on the Reference Center for more information about public land sales, patents and survey plats. No state land sales are located here.

### **8. Google**

In addition to the ability to search for names and places, Google offers several genealogy-friendly tools. Google Translate helps you translate text and websites into or out of English. Google Books includes an online library of out-of-print resources such as local histories and compiled genealogies. Google Maps and Google Earth help you locate ancestral addresses.

### **9. HeritageQuestOnline**

Access this resource free if your local library offers it. Just click to search US censuses, Freedman's Bank records for African-American ancestors, Revolutionary War materials, local and family history books, articles and more.

### **10. National Archives Resources for Genealogists**

Here's your portal to the US repository for most federal military, census, immigration and other records. Read excellent descriptions of these record sets and order copies online. Some have been digitized or indexed; click on Online Research Tools, then Access to Archival Databases or Records Digitized by Partners. At the first, find databases to selected records at the National Archives. At the second, find a list (by microfilm number) of records now on Ancestry.com and Fold3.com.

### **11. USGenWeb Project**

Explore a directory to websites containing free genealogical resources for every US state and most counties. Quality, content and design varies from site to site. You'll commonly find what local resources exist and how to access them, along with indexes to cemetery, marriage and other local records. Share your own records on these sites, too.

### **12. Webpages by Stephen P. Morse**

A good site to look for passenger and immigration information. Search tools may take you to other websites. Click on About This Website and How to Use It for a primer, or just scroll down to the various search forms and the accompanying explanations.

## Mayors of the City of Defiance

The village of Defiance was incorporated in January of 1836. The following is a listing of those who led the city since that time.

Lewis, John	1836
Waterhouse, C. C.	1837
Royce, Charles V.	1838-1839
Semans, John B.	1840
Bates, Curtis	1841
Royce, Charles V.	1842-1843
Evans, George W. B.	1844
Stilwell, John M.	1845
Carter, William	1846-1848
Landis, Nathan M.	1849
Bouton, Henry C.	1850
Sprague, Sidney S.	1851
Stilwell, John M.	1852
Moore, William	1853
Backus, Alexander	1854
Parsons, Charles	1855
Downs, Angus L.	1856
Carter, William	1857
Taylor, David	1858
Carter, William	1859-1860
Greene, J. J.	1861-1862
Hardy, Henry	1863
Higgins, William	1864
Sutphen, S. T.	1865-1866
Cowen, Thomas T.	1867-1869
Slough, J. W.	1870-1877
Holgate, William C.	1878-1879
Deatrick, John F.	1880-1885
Ralston, William H.	1886-1887
Hay, Fred L.	1888-1891
Starr, Thomas H.	1892-1893
Deindoerfer, John A.	1898-1899
Evans, Joseph A.	1900-1902
Cameron, John P.	1903-1905
Crowe, John	1906-1909
Chenevert, C. E.	1910-1911
Schmaltz, William A.	1912-1915
Bronson, Edward S.	1916-1917
Kirtley, W. Guy H.	1918-1921
Marlatt, Joh C.	1922-1923
Latty, Edward A.	1924-1927
Bronson, Edward S.	1928-1929
Fretz, Lewis B.	1930-1931
Hay, Fred L.	1832-1933

Krutsch, Joe C.	1934-1941
Galliers, Robert W.	1942-1945
Bronson, Edward S.	1946-1949
Baringer, Ronald B.	1950-1951
Rost, Elmer	1952-1953
Ryan, Alber D.	1954-1955
Rost, Elmer C.	1956-1957
Daost, William E.	1958-1961
Galliers, Robert W.	1962-1965
Gaeth, M. Ben	1966-1974
Amsbaugh, Kenneth	1974-1979
Daost, Williaqm E.	1980-1983
Wiseman, W. Thomas	1984-1990
Kissner, Rita A.	1991-1999
Schultz, Fred	2000-2004
Armstrong, Robert	2004-2016
McCann, Michael	2016-

### You CAN Take It with You



#### ***Marker of Conferderate soldier buried in Moats Cemetery in Delaware Township***

In 1899, Salome Nicely, a Confederate veteran, passed away at Ney, Defiance County, Ohio.

About a week after Salome had been interred at Moats Cemetery (Delaware Twp. Defiance County), one of the family happened to remember that the deceased had used his hollow wooden leg for a bank. The body was then exhumed, and the leg yielded about forty dollars and a thousand dollar life insurance policy.

***From: [daveshistorycorner.blogspot.com](http://daveshistorycorner.blogspot.com)***



## Ohio Genealogical Society's 2016 Summer Sessions



The following is a listing of courses offered by the Ohio Genealogy Society during rest of this summer. All sessions will be held at the Samuel D. Isaly Library of the Ohio Genealogical Society unless otherwise indicated. All programs are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested by calling 419-886-1903. Please watch the web site, [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org) for additional programs to be added.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Title</u>
Sat, June 18	10:00 am		Workshop especially for OGS Chapters on How to Judge a Lineage Application - 2 hours	
Fri, June 25	1:00 pm	Peggy Clemens Lauritzen	Ticked Off; Those Pesky Pre-1850 Census Tick Marks	
Sat, July 23	10:00 am		How to Apply to an OGS Lineage Society - Workshop 2 hours	
Fri, July 29	1:00 pm	Marleen Applegate	Beginning Genealogy	
Sat, Aug 6	1:00 pm	Peggy Clemens Lauritzen	Misbegotten Children; Tracing the Family Lines of the Illegitimate and Babies	
Sat, Aug 20	9:00 - 3:30		Chapter Management Seminar	
Fri, Aug 26		Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.	Researching Funeral Home Records	
Sat, Aug 27	1:00 pm	Mary Milne Jamba	An introduction to Autosomal DNA	
Tue, Sep 6	7:00 pm	Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.	Researching Funeral Home Records (This program will be held at the Shaker Heights Public Library, Main Branch)	
Sat, Oct 1	9:00 am	Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.	OGS Fall Seminar (This program will be held at Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, Bellville)	
Sat, Oct 8	10:00 am	Eric Johnson	U.S. Colored Troops	
Fri, Oct 14	10:00 am		Annual Librarian's Seminar	



## Courses Available at Fort Wyane's Allen County Public Library

Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne is offering courses on the last Saturday of each month, June through September, in The Genealogy Center's Discovery Center.

**June 25, 2016, 10:00am, Discovery Center: Beginning or Beginning Again, Court Records**  
 "Discover the Treasure Trove of Records Found at the County Courthouse" - Sara Allen

Learn about the types of records typically found in a county courthouse and how those records can further your genealogical research. The class includes discussions of vital records, probate records, civil and criminal court case records, and more.

**July 30, 2016, 10:00am Discovery Center: Beginning or Beginning Again, - Land Records**

"Land Records: An Integral Tool in Your Family History" - Cynthia Theusch

Property records can provide much more to your research than just locations. Learn how to locate and utilize these great resource documents.

**August 27, 2016, 10:00am, Discovery Center: Beginning or Beginning Again, Newspapers**

"Finding & Using Newspapers" - Delia Bourne

"All the news that's fit to print" is what you will find about your ancestors in local and regional newspapers. Learn what can be discovered and how to locate these terrific historical records.

**September 24, 2016, 10:00am, Discovery Center: Beginning or Beginning Again, Software**

"Genealogical Data Management Program Exposé" - Technology Interest Group of the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

Join us for an overview of genealogical software and bring your experiences and questions on your favorite content management program to share with your fellow family historians.

**To register for any of these free events, call 260-421-1225 or email**

**Genealogy@ACPL.Info.**



Don't want to travel? Then you might like to sit back at your home computer and enjoy the courses offered by Ancestry Academy.

**<http://academy.ancestry.com>**

\*\* New Courses on Ancestry Academy

Ancestry Academy's online course library continues to grow! Not only do we have four new full-length courses, but we've also added a variety of short Getting Started and beginner videos—with more to come each month! These shorter videos are accessible from the Ancestry Academy home page, as well as through links on relevant pages of the Ancestry website and its related product sites, Fold3 and Newspapers.com (). Come check out these new offerings, including the four new courses below taught by experts in the genealogy community:

\*\* Discovering the History of Your House on Ancestry, with Marian Pierre-Louis

\*\* The Lure of the Train Whistle: Researching Railroad Workers, with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

\*\* Family History: Putting the Pieces Together, with Donna M. Moughty

You've started your family history but the pieces don't seem to fit and the jigsaw puzzle isn't revealing a picture as you'd hoped. Sometimes it's just a matter of turning a piece in another direction or fitting it into a different place in the picture. This class will look at the basics of sound research, utilizing the principles of "The Genealogical Proof Standard" to focus your research. Creating clear objectives and searching appropriately to meet the objectives will save time and provide better results.

View Course (<https://www.ancestry.com/academy/course/genealogical-proof-standard>)

\*\* Behind the Scenes: The Science Behind AncestryDNA Results, with Catherine A. Ball, PhD

**View Course (<https://www.ancestry.com/academy/course/dna-genetic-genealogy>)**

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<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		
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 ( <b>revised 2016</b> )	\$40.00 each		
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookN-SI, Book Sm-Z ( <b>revised 2016</b> )	\$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		
Def. Co. Probate Index 1845 - June 1995: BookA-K or L-Z (pub. 2001)	\$30.00 each		
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		
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