Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 PM 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 parking lot. Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except August and December or as noted.

Board meetings are held at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of the month in the Tiffin Room of the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

**Chapter Meeting Dates**

March 28- Warren Schlatter --
*Defiance County Roads 1845-2011*

Some of you may have always wondered where some of those roads--such as the Hicksville Pike--were located or how did a certain road gets its name. Mr. Schlatter will provide some of these answers.

April 25- Gladys Donson --
*Early Migration to Defiance County, Ohio*

Did you ever wonder how your ancestor came to be in Defiance County? Gladys will explain some of the major migration roots for us.

August - Research trip to Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne

We will car pool to the library giving local members a chance to do some individual research.

September 26 - Dianne Kline --
*Early Black Families in Defiance County*

Tell Our Readers about Your Civil War Ancestor

April marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. If you have an interesting story to share about a Civil War ancestor, please email the information to Mary Williams--marywill@smta.cc--or mail your article to the chapter’s address appearing on page two. Please limit your article to about 500 words. The articles will be printed in the order received; however, if you submit more than one article, be patient as your additional stories will be used after the first submissions of other chapter members.
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What’s Been Happening at DCOGS?

January

Snowed out! As with many organizations in Defiance County in January, weather prevented the chapter and the board from meeting.

February

Board Meeting Highlights: Rich Rosevink announced that the dedication of Camp #2 for the War of 1812 will take place in early September. He also informed the board that there will be two rooms available for chapter use in the building recently purchased by the Defiance Tourism and Visitors’ Bureau for $25.00 per month. The board agreed with this proposal as soon as a formal offer is made. The are will be used for needed storage and well as for sorting materials. Since the room are not handicapped accessible, the board will continue to meet at the Defiance Regional Medical Center on the third Thursdays, and chapter meetings will continue to be held at St. John UCC on the fourth Monday of most months. Rich noted that the reproduction of the Turnbull catalog is being prepared by Hubbards. He suggested that the sale proceeds be used toward the rent of the rooms in the Tourism and Visitors’ Building.

Chapter Meeting Highlights: Cathy Martin of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers and trustees for 2011. The slate as shown on this page was passed. Currently there are 78 members paid for 2011--reminder notices have been sent out to those who have not renewed. As a donation for the upcoming OGS conference in Columbus, it was decided to donate the new Civil War Journals of Darius Baird. The remainder of the meeting allowed members to show scrap books that they had created as they recorded their family histories.

Change of Address or Email?

If you change your address or e-mail 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 DCOGS
Chapter dues are $12.00 for an individual and $15.00 per family at one mailing.
Download a membership form at www.defiance county genealogy.org

Defiance County Records Center to Offer FREE Birth/Marriage/ Death Records

The Records Center has scanned birth and death records 1867-1908 and marriage records 1845-2009. If a record is requested via email, it can be sent to the requestor via email in a .pdf file at no charge. Emails should be sent to recordcenter@defiance-county.com
Two New Chapter Publications

The Civil War Journals of Darius W. Baird:
A Northwest Ohio Soldier
38th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry

From the 1860 census, Darius Baird, age 19, was living with his mother, a widow, age 54, and working as a “hand.” When the call came for the men of Ohio to fight to hold the union intact, Darius volunteered. On January 9, 1961, Darius joined with other area men to form the 38th Regiment of the OVI. He was assigned first as a musician in Company H and later was promoted to full corporal and served as a color guard. On furlough, he married Maria C. Oberlin. Baird was mortally wounded on Sept. 1, 1864 in action at Jonesboro, Georgia.

Darius kept two journals during this period. They provide, not only a glimpse into Darius’ personal life, but they also reflect the lives of many soldiers from Northwestern Ohio from the first days at Camp Trimble in Defiance, Ohio, to actual battle experiences.

In addition to the journals, the book also contains the history of the 38th Regiment OVI, the roster of Company H, an excerpt from the History of Defiance County 1883 describing Darius’ last battle, and an index of names included in the journals.

The chapter would like to thank David Bennett for recommending the publication of the journals, Rich Rozevink and Dianne Kline for transcribing the journals, and Dianne for creating the publication.

The cost of the book (52 pages) is $10.00 and may be ordered separately from the chapter. The book also is included on the order form on the last page of this newsletter.

Defiance County, Ohio Marriages
Volumes 7 and 8
December 1912 - November 1925

The latest of the chapter’s Marriage publications is ready for purchase. Defiance County, Ohio Marriages covers the dates from December 1912 - November 1925. The cost is $25.00 for the 150 page book. All the marriage volumes published by the chapter have an alphabetical cross-referenced list of brides and grooms as well as the volume and page number and the date of the marriage.

From the volume and the page number, you may request a copy of the original by writing to the Defiance County Records Center, 510 Court Street, Defiance, OH 43512 or something new— you may request any birth/death/marriage record by emailing the record center at the following email address: recordcenter@defiance-county.com, and a .pdf file will be sent to you free of charge.

The marriage volumes (and the dates which are included) that the genealogical society has published are the following:

1904 Turnbull Wagon Catalog

Reproduction of a 1904 Turnbull Wagon Salesmen’s catalog, with a cost of $20.00 plus $2.00 shipping and handling is in production at the Hubbard Company and soon will be available from the chapter. The catalog was donated by Shirley Lang, Wilmington, N.C. The salesmen’s name in this particular catalog was James Smith Watson, Shirley’s husband’s great-grandfather. Watson was a Civil War veteran, who enlisted in 1862 in Co. C of the 14th WVA Volunteer Infantry.
Our chapter would like to see you join  

First Families of Defiance County

If you can prove your ancestor was here 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 such 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 also be a member of the Defiance County Chapter of 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 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 Jan Morey, chair.

FamilySearch Head to Deliver Keynote

“We welcome David E. Rencher from FamilySearch as our keynote speaker on Friday morning,” explains OGS President Sunda Anderson Peters. The title of his presentation is “Digital Projects and Programs of FamilySearch.” This session will update the genealogist with what’s new and upcoming on FamilySearch.org. This will include the digital projects and programs that have been launched on FamilySearch.org or the projects that are nearing completion. A discussion of what’s in the research and development stage at FamilySearch Labs will also be addressed.

During Friday and Saturday, the program offers 58 presentations on a variety of subjects, including technology, DNA, methodology, record types, and regional research. In addition, several presentations will focus on ethnic genealogical research, and six presentations will appeal to genealogists interested in African-American research.

The complete conference program and registration form is downloadable from the OGS website at www ogs org.

Technology Tip of the Month—Adding Footnotes in Microsoft Word by Kay Spears

From ACPL’s Genealogy Gems - Feb. 28, 2011

Many of us writing family histories using our word processing program will want to include explanatory notes or source citations to document our work. Fortunately, adding a footnote or endnote is one of the easier tasks to perform in Microsoft Word.

For Word 2003 and older versions, make sure you are viewing your document in “print layout” view. Go to the menu bar and click on insert>Reference>Footnote. In the Footnote and Endnote dialog box that appears, first choose either Footnote or Endnote, and then select the Number format that you prefer and click on it. Then click on Insert. By default, Word places footnotes at the bottom of the page and endnotes at the end of the document. As you insert additional notes, Word will automatically adjust the numbering for you.

To add notes using Word 2007 and later

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Delinquent Taxes - December 28, 1867
The following information can be used to locate an ancestor perhaps not found in either the 1860 or the 1870 censuses.

Defiance Township:
BALL, Geo. FOSTER, Wm. WHITE, John HOUTON, H.C. PERRY, Jas. STAUFFER, J. H. PENEK, Jacob WHITE, Henry KELLER, John RANDALL, Alex. McCOLLISTER, Jac.
GUIOTT, Cath. SNOOK & MUNSON DEATRICK, J. F.

Delaware Township:
ERLSTON, Jas. THOMAS, S. D. MILLER, John ZIGGLES, John NUTTER, T. S. BLAIR, Jos. DEATRICK, J. F.

WADSWORTH, J. S.
Hicksville Township:
COUNTRYMAN, C. WARTENBEE, Isaac HICKS & EDGERTON MEEK, Robt. MEEK, W. C. CLEMMER, Eliz.
NORRICK, Emanuel YEXLEY, Alex. FULTON, Jas. C.
RYDER, Emanuel BROOKS, John

Farmer Township:
COULTER, W.M. WINES, Timothy ENSIGN, H. A. GIBBONS, R. J. CAULKINS, D. SWEET, H.
Washington Township:

Tiffin Township:
WADSWORTH, J. S. WRIGHT, Esther COY, A.
Adams Township:
WILLEMAN, Wm. S. HIVELY, Jacob TUBBS, Chas.

DIEHL, Ann

Richland Township:

Highland Township:
WICKERSHAM, S. CRAMER, E. WALL, Mich. KRAFT, Jacob KELLY, Martha MYERS, John NEWBEGIN, H.

WORTHINGTON, A. JANE, Rhoda BURKHOLDER, Jno. LONG, Geo. H. RENCHLER, S.

Noble Township:
HOLGATE, W. C. KIBBLE, Caroline EWING, Wm. SMITH, Abram DEATRICK, J.F. HAMMEL, M. B. HAZELTINE, John NEHRER, Jno. SMITH, John RALSTON, Jos.

VOLGER, Geo. TRAVIS, W. C.

Mark Township:
HALLER, Wm. FRASURE, Jas. TOWL, A. HARGRAVE, S. J.

GOSHERN, J.S. HENDAL, G.K. HUTCHINSON & CLEMENS
HORN, Moses KINTNER, Mich. LAMB, Adam MURPHY, E. RETHERFORD, Eliz. CONLEY, Chas. ARMSTRONG, Geo

Town of Defiance:
DEATRICK, J.F. GORMAN, B. KNISS, Geo. W. MYERS, Benj.

YARGER, Chris
First Add. to Defiance: HALE, H. & WHALEY SESSIONS, H.
Phillip's Add. to Defiance: DORIDER, H. ROGERS, Geo. P.

North Defiance: FORNEY, Cath.

Williamstown:
ADAMS, Julia BOUTON, H.C. ECKARD, Mich. PENCHEN, Rebecca SESSIONS, H. SINCLAIR, M.A. THOMPSON, Geo. YARGER, Chris

Gnadensburg:
WEISENBERGER, F.
First Add. to Gnadensburg: RALSTON, Jos.

Bouton & Others Add. to Defiance: HINES, John BOUTON, Juliette

Lots North of Maumee in Defiance: YARGER, Chris WILLEY, F.M.

Lots Between Maumee and Auglaize in Defiance: WILLEY, F.M. BOUTON, H.C. DAVISON, L. WOLSIFFER, F.

TRAVIS, F.E. DAVISON, B.W. MEREDITH, A. KAHOLO, Frank

WARREN, E. KELLY, Wm. POTIVIN, J.L. DEATRICK, J.F.

WARREN, Thos.

Lots East of the Auglaize River in Defiance: DEATRICK, J.F.

Blackburn's Sub-Division in Defiance: SESSIONS, H., ARROWSMITH, M., RALSTON, Jos.

Town of Newberg: SESSIONS, H.

Town of Hicksville: BRITTON, Finlay WILSON, Margt.

Town of Georgetown: HARTSHORN, Ellen

Town of Evansport: BENNETT, A. BENNETT, R. HATFIELD & LOCHLEIDER ROYCE, C.V. SIMMONS, Anna

Town of Independence: SESSIONS, H. ALEXANDER, J.S. WEIDENHAMER.
SHASTEEEN, Jas. SHASTEEEN, Wm.  
Town of Brunersburg: HILTON, Brice KNISELY, Jno. 

DEFIANCE DEMOCRAT 1867  
January 5, 1867  
Teaching certificates awarded: Saturday, December 29th--Miss Rilla TEEMS, Miss Frank DOUD, Miss E. J. YOUNG, Miss M. A. YOUNG, Miss E. MERCHANT, Miss L. TROUTWINE, Miss Mary WISE, Miss Sade GREENLEE, Mr. Christian SIMS, Mr. E. D. CLARK, Mr. Jno. A. MOORE, Mr. Frank BOND, Mr. Alex. FEASEL, Mr. Hopkins ENGLISH, Mr. Emory E. PALMER, Mr. Martin L. MUN, Mr. R. L. TAYLOR  
January 19, 1867  
Adam HALL, one of the earliest settlers in this vicinity, died in this place on Sunday last. He had for some time been in feeble health, but a cancer was the immediate cause of his demise. Like too many, after a long life, much hard work, and raising a large family, he was forced in his last days to come to the township for sustenance and a final resting place.  
January 26, 1867  
PRESTON, who resided here in early days and gave name to “Preston’s Run” and “Preston’s Island” removed to St. Joseph township and bought seventy-seven acres of land; dying about 1835.  
February 2, 1867  
Peter SNOOK, formerly of Delaware township, well known some years back in all these counties, died last summer in Mexico.  
Fire – On Tuesday morning, the old store-room, just opposite from BROWN’s Mill, on the Canal, was destroyed by fire. It was owned by TOOPS and A. HUDSON jr., with probably $600, partially insured in the Phoenix. It was occupied by several tenants – two of whom, Mrs. ISER and Mr. WILSON, saved but little. Mr. SHOCK, who occupied the west end, furthest from the fire, succeeded in getting his furniture out safely. Liberty No. 1 were out promptly and showed (this being their first fire) that their Engine could do good work.  
Ran away-- last week from the undersigned residing in Delaware township, a bound girl, named Mary Frances PEFFLY, aged fifteen years. This is to notify all persons not to harbor or trust said girl on my account. Elizabeth RANNELL  
March 30, 1867  
Court of Common Pleas Jurors for the term beginning May 6:  
Suicide – The wife of John STINGER, Tiffin township, committed suicide on Thursday of last week, by hanging herself in her own house. She had previously attempted to destroy herself. She was the daughter of Rodolph MOTTER, of Washington township, about 20 years of age, and leaves quite a young child. No cause, so the neighbors say, can be alleged for the rash act, other than incipient insanity.  
Died on Wednesday of last week, Thomas CHURCHMAN, for many years a resident of Tiffin township.  
Died, Robt. CHRISTY, also an early settler of that township, died about the 1st inst.  
Divorce notice – Mary SMITH v. James SMITH, willful absence  
April 13, 1867  
Rev. Pearson B. HOLDEN, a Baptist minister, officiating at north-western Ohio for thirty years past, and at one time a resident of this county, died March 23d, at his residence in Jackson township, Putnam county, aged about 65 years.  
May 11, 1867  
Bridges. The stone is being delivered, already dressed, for the piers of the Maumee Bridge, brought from Whitehouse quarry, by cars. The Brunersburg bridge is down – when the new one will be completed, we have not heard.  
The Auglaize bridge will be open for travel after next week.  
Fool passengers can pass now.  
May 18, 1867  
Died – May the 9th, of inflammation of the brain, Mary Jane, the daughter of John and Hannah STITSEL, aged 11 years and 17 days.  
Married – On Thursday morning last, May 16th, by Rev. Father HOEFFEL, Mr. Michael SCLERET and Mrs. Maria TURNER, both of Noble township.  
Juniatta DIXON, a fast young miss of 16, sometime confined in our jail on charge of stealing, pleaded guilty last week and was sentenced by Judge LATTY to two years in the Penitentiary.  
June 1, 1867  
Married, May 16th, by Rev. J. H. CARPENTER, Mr. John W. CLELAND, of Warrensburg, Mo. to Miss Celinda J. HUGHES of Farmer township.  
Died – Isaac T. BOWMAN, on Saturday evening last, aged 40 years. He leaves a widow and two children. Mr. Bowman was elected last Spring a member of the Town Council, and also a member of the Board of Education of the Defiance Union Schools.  
June 8, 1867  
Died – in Delaware township, on Tuesday, May 28th, after a short and severe illness, John PLATTER, aged 46 years.  
June 29, 1867  
Old Deed. A deed was on Wednesday sent to Recorder WILSON, for record, executed in 1836, by Demas ADAMS to George WOOD, for 80 acres of land in Section 20, Highland township. Many transfers have been made of this land, in whole and in parts, since that time, with probably some tax- title figuring, and hence it may cost Mr. Wood some money to make his 1836 unrecorded deed good for its face.
July 27, 1867
Married on the 21st of July by Rev. W. V. THOMAS, Mr. Thomas GILLESPIE to Miss Emma L. BOUTELL of Ayersville.
Died July 29th, of consumption, William BISHOP, aged 57 years, 8 months and 29 days.
Divorce notice: Nancy J. DIEHL and Noah M. DIEHL, willful absence.

August 10, 1867
Died – August 1st, 1867, at Chicago, Ill., of Cholera Infantum, Benjamin Franklin, infant son of John K. and Mannie WEIDENHAMER, aged 4 months and 1 day. The remains were brought home and interred in the Independence Cemetery.
Died Monday last, B. W. FRENCH, of Noble township, aged 60 years.

August 31, 1867
Court of Common Pleas Jury List, new in the hands of Sheriff SLOUGH, is as follows:
Grand – Jacob GARMAN, E. S. CHAPMAN, Job BREECE, Philip McCauley, Paul CASTOR, Levi MOCK, George OVERLY, George, CASEY, Henry SLOUGH, A. M.
DUNBAR, A. FARNSWORTH, Andre HUGHES, J. S. NEWELL, John BECHTOL, Ignatius TROFFER.
Petit – I. A. CARLISLE, A. TANNEHILL, John HAMMOND, August 31, 1867

September 7, 1867
John M. BREININGER, affected by insanity, who by his threats of killing and burning has for some years been a terror to this and adjoining counties, died on the 26th of August, at the house of Sebastian LIPE, near Monclova, Lucas county. His home was in Mark township, Defiance county – aged 62 years.

September 21, 1867
Died, George DUCK, in Defiance township, on Wednesday morgen last. Mr. Duck was an early settler in this vicinity. His remains were interred on Thursday in the Hill Burying Ground by the Masonic Order, of which he was a member.

September 28, 1867
Married on Wednesday last, by Rev. A. DETZER, Mr. Deitrich MEIER to Miss Wilhelamina REHMER and Mr. Wilhelm MEIER to Miss Ida REHMER.
Captain CALLENDER, for many years a resident of Farmer township in this county, was an officer in the 111th Regiment, and was all, as a citizen, friend and neighbor that his brethren declare him to be. Captain Sol. CALLENDER died September 10th, 1867, after a severe and protracted sickness of nearly seven months.

October 12, 1867
Died– Henry HARDY, aged 5 years, 6 months and 6 days.
Married-- October 3d, in Irving, New York, by Rev. R.R. ROBERTS, William HIGGINS, Esq., to Miss Amelia TINNEY.

October 26, 1867
Died – On Saturday, October 19th, Jessie, daughter of Benjamin and Amanda TAYLOR, aged 9 months and 13 days.

November 2, 1867
Married - In Cumberland, Maine, October 23d, Henry NEWBEGIN Esq., of Defiance, to Miss Ellen T. STURDIVANT of Cumberland, Maine.

November 16, 1867
The Henry W. HICKS of New York, long associated with A. P. EDGERTON, and an extensive real estate holder in these counties, died recently in New York. By his will, he leaves all his property to his wife Annette, who also is named as executrix. It took $67 to “stamp” his will.
Married – In Hicksville, October 13th, by W. R. MAXWELL, Esq., Dr. Samuel SIMPSON to Mrs. Hannah A. GORGAS.
Married – in Washington City, by Father HOKEL, October 7th, Mr. Edward DUNN to Miss Elizabeth BALL, formerly of this county.
Mr. L. HEACOCK has opened a new Hotel in the RUHL building, on Second Street, immediately south of the Court House.
The Tavern and Grocery of S. TOOPS in Brunersburg was destroyed by fire. Loss about $1000 – partially insured in Enterprise.
Jos. BAUER has bought out J. KARST’s interest in the Defiance Brewery. The business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of KOHLMANN & BAUER.

December 14, 1867
An organization of the Defiance Library Association was elected December 4th, by the selection of J. P. BUFFINGTON, President; William HIGGINS, Clerk; F. W. GRAPER, Librarian and the usual complement of trustees and Executive officers. The association is to be incorporated and proper measures taken to make it a permanent institution.

December 21, 1867
Masonic Elections. The election for officers for the ensuing year in the Masonic organization in Defiance are as follows:
**Election Results**

*April 6, 1867*

**Hicksville township**: Trustees – G. W. GOOD, Harrison SHAW, John E. HARTLE; Treasurer – John M. AINSWORTH; Clerk – D. N. FANSLER; Assessor – Alexander SMITH; Constables – A. HATER and John WAINS.


**Adams township**: – Trustees – Adam ROWE, Jacob MARQUARTSON, John CARPENTER; Treasurer – Peter CONKLE; Clerk – John II CONKLE; Assessor – John BECHTOL; Constables – John G. STEFFLE and William CARPENTER

**Tiffin township**: – J.P. – Aaron BENNETT; Trustees – Houston RUSSELL, Charles GARES, Abraham SNIDER; Treasurer – George C. HALL; Clerk – D. C. MOATS; Constables – Prettyman KING and A. LAWRENCE

**Delaware township**: – Trustees – Job BREECE, Henry GIER, Elias MILLER Treasurer – Henry SLOUGH; Clerk- William A. SLOUGH, Assessor – William MOATS; Constables – Samuel JOHNSON and George W. BLUE

**Washington township**: – Justices – Isaac GARVER and William UFER; Trustees – Joseph SEWELL, William STAILEY, Rudisill BYERS; Treasurer – Isaac GARVER; Clerk – N. G. MOATS, Assessor – Wm. UFER; Constables – George W. BENNER and F. WILHELM

**Highland township**: – Trustees – Philip STORK:, John BAUMANN, L. H. PORTER; Treasurer – H. J. HILL; Clerk – John RHAMY; Assessor – W. R. MANSFIELD; Constables – W. L. HILL and George SHAWL

**Defiance township**: – Justice – Lewis NEILL; Trustees – A. B. CRUNKILTON, F. I. WEISMANTEL, William H. DILS; Treasurer – Michael ROURKE; Clerk – F. W. GRAPER; Assessor – James B. HEATLEY; Constables – James B. HEATLEY and Henry KUHL

**Defiance Village**: – Mayor Thomas T. COWEN; Recorder – Edward H. GLEASON; Trustees- John H. BEVINGTON, Jacob KARST, Joseph S. HALLER, John C. SHULTZ, Isaac T. BOWMAN; Treasurer – Adam WILHELM; Marshall - Henry KUHL, Supervisor – William MARA

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**Drownings in 1867**

Because of the canals and the area rivers, drowning was a common cause of death in 1867 in Defiance County.

**January 12, 1867**

Daughter of Capt. Joachim MILLER, subject to fits, aged 15 years, fell from the third Lock into the canal, on Monday last, and was drowned.

**April 13, 1867**

Isaac SMITH, of Delaware township, a young man, married, by trade a carpenter, was drowned in Tiffin River at Brunersburg on Sunday last, by the swamping of his canoe near the dam.

**April 20, 1867**

A man by the name of REDKER, of Tiffin township, age about 60, was found floating in the canal, about six miles below Defiance on last Saturday. Coroner BEADERSTEDT held an inquest and buried the body on Sunday. Nothing whatever was elicited as to who the man was or how he came here. A presumption is that he came from above, either by way of the Maumee or Auglaize, and in the slackwater here got in the wake of a boat and followed on into the canal and became detached at some of the sharp bends above Florida. He had been in the water two weeks, possibly longer.

David STROLL, aged about 22 years, son of John STROLL, of Milford Township, Defiance county, was drowned in the St. Joseph River on Tuesday afternoon. He was attempting to cross the river in a boat, and had reached about the middle of the stream, where the current was very rapid and he was carried over the dam, a short distance below. He as an estimable young man, and his untimely death is deeply regretted by all who knew him. (Bryan Democrat)

**July 13, 1867**

A son of S. Cal. DEY, of Noble township, aged 12 years, was drowned in Tiffin River on Tuesday last, while in bathing.

**July 27, 1867**

A son of Michael SHULTZ, of this place, about three years of age, was drowned on Thursday evening of last week in the basin between the third and fourth lock.

**August 3, 1867**

A French/(FRENCH) boy, aged about 14, living with A.J. DILS, was drowned in the Maumee on Monday evening last. He was in a canoe with other boys, and when near shore, jumped out mistaking the depth of the water, was drowned before assistance could reach him. August 3,
The year is 1910

One hundred years ago-- what a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the year 1910--

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
There were only about 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
The life expectancy for males was 47.
Only 14% of the homes had a bath tub.
Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
The average US wage was 22 cents an hour.
Yearly, a competent dentist could earn $2500, a veterinarian between $1500-$4000, and a mechanical engineer $5000.
More than 95% of all births took place in the home.
Sugar cost 4 cents a pound; eggs were 14 cents a dozen; coffee was 15 cents a pound.
Most women washed their hair only once a month.
The five leading causes of death were 1) pneumonia/influenza, 2) tuberculosis, 3) diarrhea, 4) heart disease, 5) stroke.
The Population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
Two out of every 10 could not read or write.
Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local drug stores.
There were about 230 reported murders in the entire US.
Households having at least one full-time servant or domestic help was 18%.
And I am sure you can think of many, many other things which were not in existence-- things we “cannot live without!”

Anonymous - received as an email

Family Tree Magazine Online

If you have not visited this site lately, be sure to do so, as it contains a lot of great research information for genealogists. In the December 29, 2010 edition the magazine highlighted 75 of what David A. Frywall considers the best state websites. For Ohio, he listed the following--

Ohio Historical Society <www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib>
Search the catalog of 230,000 items in the society’s library, or research your Ohio kin without leaving home using digital resources such as the index of death certificates (1913 to 1944), War of 1812 roster, and online index to admission records from the Boys Industrial School (1858 to 1944) and Girls Industrial School (1869 to 1943).

Ohio Memory <www.ohiomemory.org>
This digital history storehouse lets you explore 75,000 primary sources from 330 repositories, including grave registration cards, WWII oral histories, deeds and military records. You can search all collections or browse by subject, place or contributing institution.

To check out the rest of the 50, go to http://familytreemagazine.com/article/2010-best-state-websites

Check out this new site--

NW Ohio Military History Events Page

From: Katie Dallos <kdallos@woodcountyhistory.org>
Subject: NW Ohio Military History Events Facebook Page!
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Hello Northwest Ohio,

You asked for it and now I have it - the Northwest Ohio Military History Events page! This page will serve as Northwest Ohio’s (and some North Central) Military History event page. I will be inputting all events as they come to me on both this page and the statewide Ohio Civil War 150 pages. So give me some time. If you do not see your event, please feel free to email me with that information. I have decided to call it “Military Events” because we will be promoting both Civil War and War of 1812 commemoration activities. Please follow this link:


Click on “Wall” or “Events” to see them listed.

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Virtual Vietnam Memorial Wall

The link below will take you to a virtual wall of all those who died during the Vietnam War with the name, a brief bio, and other information on each of the deceased.

To find a specific individual, first click on a state. With the state open, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on the person’s name. Their bio and list of medals will be displayed and possibly a photo.

http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm

Genealogy Gems
from the Allen County Public Library

February 28, 2011
To subscribe to “Genealogy Gems,” simply use your browser to go to the website: www.GenealogyCenter.org. Scroll to the bottom, click on E-zine, and fill out the form.

The 2011 theme for National Library Week is “Create Your Own Story @ Your Library.” One couldn’t ask for a more perfect time to offer an engaging array of programs intended to remind everyone that we all have a story to tell—and that we all need to tell our stories! And The Genealogy Center is doing just that. We are offering several opportunities to inspire you to record and share your family stories for future generations to enjoy. The scheduled programs are listed below along with the date and program location at the Main Library.

Storytelling, with Condra Ridley, April 11, 2011 6:30-7:30 p.m., Globe Room. Learn the elements of a good story, why storytelling is important, how to tell a good story, and listen to a couple of stories as examples.

Scrapbooking Historical Photographs and Memorabilia, with Dawne Slater-Putt, April 12, 2011 6:30-7:30 p.m., Globe Room. How can boxes of photographs and paper memorabilia inherited from three different family members and covering a period of almost 100 years be merged into a single, cohesive historical scrapbook? This session will discuss considerations and methods for scrapbooking your historical photos and memorabilia, including materials, organization and more.

Recording Family Histories for the Ages, with Erik Mollberg, April 13, 2011 2:30-3:30 p.m., Globe Room. This class will cover the very basics of video production to help you record the best possible oral history for your family that will be both viewable and understandable for generations to come.

Writing Your Family Stories, with Curt Witcher, April 14, 2011 6:30-7:30 p.m., Globe Room. Practical tips on how to write your family story after you have collected the data.

Photo Restoration Using Adobe Photoshop, with Kay Spears, April 15, 2011 2:30-3:30 p.m., Globe Room. Learn basic techniques for restoring those old family photographs by using Adobe Photoshop.

The following classes will be offered in May--

Sunday, May 1, Genealogy Center Tour 1:00-2:00 p.m. — Take a tour of The Genealogy Center! Learn something new or be reminded of what you’ve forgotten. Meet in The Genealogy Center Orientation area.

Monday, May 2, Website Tour 2:00-3:00 p.m. — Lost in the new Genealogy Center website? Take a guided virtual tour through all of the information awaiting your visit! Meeting Room C.

Tuesday, May 3, Catalog Tour 2:00-3:45 p.m. — How to locate a book? Where are the call numbers? How to make a list? Find out all this and more by taking a virtual tour of The Genealogy Center catalog! Meeting Room C.

Wednesday, May 4, Genealogy Center Tour 6:30-7:30 p.m. — Take a tour of The Genealogy Center! Learn something new or be reminded of what you’ve forgotten. Meet in The Genealogy Center Orientation area.

Thursday, May 5, Processing, Scanning and Fine Materials Tour 10:00-11:00 a.m. — This behind-the-scenes tour will show where our material is ordered, cataloged and processed for the collection, where material is scanned for easy access via the Internet, and take a peek into the Fine Book Area. Meet in The Genealogy Center Orientation area.

Friday, May 6, Catalog Tour 10:00-11:45 a.m. — How to locate a book? Where are the call numbers? How to make a list? Find out all this and more by taking a virtual tour of The Genealogy Center catalog! Meeting Room A.

Saturday May 7, Genealogy Center Tour 10:00-11:00 a.m. — Take a tour of The Genealogy Center! Learn something new or be reminded of what you’ve forgotten! Meet in The Genealogy Center Orientation area.

All classes are free, but please register by calling 260-421-1225, or send an email to Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

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versions, go to the Reference tab on your ribbon and click Footnote. The footnote will be inserted automatically in the document without a dialog box. If you want to use a dialog box, click on the small arrow beside the word Footnote to override the default and activate the dialog box.

If you want to use keystrokes instead of your mouse, use Ctrl+Alt+F to insert a footnote. Double clicking on the footnote number at the bottom of the page will return you to the place in the text where you inserted the footnote. Adding source citations to your family history with Microsoft Word is easy, allows you to document your research, and will help give your work a professional appearance.
William James Knight
Andrew’s Raider and Engineer of “The General”

Both Defiance and Williams Counties were part of the life of William J. Knight who in the Civil War was one of Andrew’s Raiders who became famous in “The Great Locomotive Race.”

Knight was born in Wayne County, Ohio, but with his parents both dying before he was five years old, he went to live with his grandfather Jacob Knight in Farmer Township, Defiance County Ohio. It is said that while William was working at his grandfather’s sawmill, he learned valuable information about steam engines-- knowledge which would later benefit him. Before the war began, William was an engineer for the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad.

In August 1861 Knight enlisted as a private in Company E of the 21st OVI. The three-year enlistment began at Defiance, Ohio. He was first assigned as combat engineer.

In April 1862 Knight was one of two dozen soldiers, almost all from Ohio, who volunteered for a secret mission now famously known as Andrews’ Raid or the Great Locomotive Chase.

James J. Andrews, a civilian scout and part-time spy, proposed a daring raid aimed at destroying the Western and Atlantic Railroad link to Chattanooga, thereby isolating the city of Atlanta. He recruited civilian William Hunter Campbell and 22 volunteer Union soldiers from three Ohio regiments: the 2nd, 21st, and 33rd Ohio Infantries.

On April 12, 1862 the men boarded a northbound train in Marietta, Georgia. At a stop a few miles north of town they uncoupled the passenger cars and took control of the locomotive, called The General, and three freight cars.

Knight was one of two soldiers who served as engineers running the locomotive. The train traveled more than 100 miles, with the men cutting telegraph wires and destroying track as they went. However, they were relentlessly pursued by the rightful crew of The General and by Confederate soldiers. Before they could easily be captured, the raiders abandoned the train to give each soldier a chance to escape. However, all of the raiders were eventually captured. Andrews and seven others were hung, while eight of the soldiers were exchanged with the Union Army for Confederate prisoners. Knight was among another group of eight soldiers who were able to escape.

Knight and 17 others were awarded the Medal of Honor for their bravery. Their story captured the imaginations of people during and after the Civil War. After the war, Knight married Emma Oldfiend in August 30, 1868 in Defiance. His interest in the railroad continued as he worked as a railroad mechanic at Logansport, Indiana and as an engineer on the Pennsylvania Panhandle Railroad.

In 1883 when Knight’s biography appeared in the History of Defiance County, he was a merchant living in Minnesota. In the mid 1880s, Knight moved to Stryker, and around 1878, Knight began giving public lectures describing his role in Andrews’ Raid. He continued to continued make presentations for 18 years. William J. Knight is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Stryker, Ohio.

Reunion of the survivors of the “Andrews Raid” with the captured locomotive The General at the Grand Army of the Republic encampment in Columbus, Ohio in 1888. Stryker’s William J. Knight is in the cab leaning out of the window.

The engine The General is now housed at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA.

Photos for this article are from the Stryker Area Heritage Council website--www.strykerhistory.org. The organization also published a very informative newsletter-- check it out!
In remembrance of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, Yesteryears’ Trail will have a series of articles relating to the war and those who fought from the Defiance County area.

GAR Records of the Defiance Bishop Post 22

(Information provided by the Defiance Veterans Office)

In the summer of 2005, Charles Duerk of the Defiance American Lion Post #117 and Tanya S. Brunner of the Defiance Veterans Office teamed up to preserve the historic document of the Lion Post. The Legion had custody of the GAR records (Grand Army of the Republic - Civil War Veterans). The Grand Army of the Republic was organized in 1866 with the Defiance membership organized in 1879. In 1897 there were 225 names on the Defiance rolls. Record books, membership rosters, and photographs of the Bishop Post were photocopied and the copies were sent to the Defiance Public Library for safekeeping.

On one of Tanya's visits to the Lion Memorial Hall at 648 South Clinton Street, she noticed a sizable picture on display about four feet long and two foot wide. It was a compilation of 176 individual head photos of members of the GAR post. Minute books from the organization would reveal that the photos were commissioned by the post during several different years--1980, 1909, 1911, 1919, and 1922. At one time the photos may have been in different frames before being compiled into one large display.

Tanya Brunner enlisted the assistance of Glenda Matney, a professional photographer with Van Ausdale Image Center of 220 Clinton St. in Defiance. Glenda took photographs of the veterans in several small groups that would enable the photos to be put into a book format. Glenda donated her talents and the American Legion membership voted to finance the development and printing of the photos at a cost of $202.30.

The Defiance Public Library purchased archival quality materials to hold the copied photos. Tanya Brunner of the Veterans Office assembled two identical books. Both were donated to the library--one for public use and one to be kept in library storage as a backup copy. Each of the photo pages is numbered and anyone wanting a copy of the photos may go to Van Ausdale and ask for a print for the pages they would like for a small fee.

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Defiance Units in the Civil War

Although men from the Defiance area joined numerous units during the Civil War, the following are regiments which had companies wholly or mainly made up of men from the Defiance area.

14th - Organized April 24, 1861
Men from the 10th Congressional District
Defiance area men - Companies D & E

21st - Organized April 27, 1861
Defiance area men - Companies E & K

38th - Organized in Defiance on Sept. 1, 1861
Defiance area men - Companies D, E, & G

48th - Organized Feb. 17, 1862
Defiance area men - Company F

68th - Organized Nov. 21, 1861
Defiance area men - Company B

100th - Organized July 1862
Defiance area men - Company D

107th - Organized August 1862
Made up of mostly German men - Co. E

111th - Organized August 1862
Men of NW Ohio
Defiance area men - Companies E, F

Information from the History of Defiance County 1883 pages 115-155. Included are the names of soldiers from these units and others.
Proposed Changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual

A committee to update the Policy and Procedure manual of the Defiance County Genealogical Society made up of Cecelia Brown, President; Dianne Kline, corresponding secretary; and Mary Williams, Recording secretary, has recommended the following major changes in the Policy and Procedure Manual last adopted in October 2008. All major changes may be found in context in the Policy and Procedure Manual posted on the chapter’s website. As per the chapter guidelines, vote of the membership for the proposed changes must take place at a general meeting at least thirty days after the publication of the proposed changes, thus the vote will take place at the April general chapter meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGES--
Moved Sections 6 & 7 of Article II Purposes to Article I Name
Added a new Section 6 under Article II Purposes:

SECTION 6. To encourage and instruct members and the public in genealogical research through documentation and maintenance of quality genealogical standards.

Article III Governing Board
Section 1 -added the following: Tenure of these positions [officers and trustees] shall be for two years, with biennial election or re-election held in even years beginning in 2012.

Article VI Quorum
Added the following: A minimum of five members will constitute a quorum at all general chapter and monthly board meetings as well as at any special meetings with each member present entitled to one vote.

Added the following under “Standing Rules”
The Standing Rules of the DCGS shall be reviewed and updated annually by March of each year.

Added the following Under ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
The President shall:
11. sign all DCGS bank accounts along with the Treasurer so that checks can be signed by either the President or the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall:
8. sign all DCGS bank accounts along with the President so that checks can be signed by either the President or the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV CHAPTER MEETINGS - Deleting the word “General” from the heading
Add the following:
B. An annual business meeting shall be held at the October general meeting. The Governing Board and Chairs should present yearly reports and elections shall be held at that time.
C. Special meetings of the DCGS may be called by the President or the Board or by written request of five or more members. Notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in writing at least ten business days before the meeting. The written notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. No business other than the stated purpose of the meeting in the written notice may be conducted.

ARTICLE V - VACANCY OF AN OFFICE
Add to the introduction--
The Nominating Committee is responsible to offer nominations for vacancies in the Governing Board that may occur between annual elections.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES
Section 2 - Current Standing Committees
Nominating Committee
There shall be a nominating committee elected by the membership before or during the July meeting.
Auditing Committee
There shall be an auditing committee composed of members elected at the annual business meeting in October.
It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the books of the treasurer. The treasurer may be present at the
time of audit, and the books are to be closed for audit December 31. The audit shall take place by the end of
March.

ARTICLE III STANDING COMMITTEES
Section 3 Special Committees & Positions
Add the following:
Archivist (New position)
Duties and responsibilities shall include but are not limited to the following
File the permanent issues of the DCGS newsletter, Yesteryears’ Trails, past minutes and past Treasurer's report
in a archival (Storage) area.

Add the following: under Project Coordinator.
3-Maintain a current list of all projects which need to be completed.
4-Present a report at the October general meeting of projects completed.

Add the following: (New position)
Education Committee
Duties and responsibilities shall include but are not limited to the following:
The Education Committee shall organize educational experiences sponsored by the DCGS.

Add the following: Under Web Site Coordinator
The coordinator must be a member of the DCGS Board in order to keep the Board informed and to make sure
that all necessary information is added, changed, or deleted.

Add the following to the last sentence under Calling Committee:
Call or email members reminding them of upcoming meetings, programs, and other pertinent chapter informa-
tion such as the cancellations of meetings.

Inclement Weather and Meeting Cancellations
In case of inclement weather, local members will be notified by email
if a meeting is cancelled. If you wish to receive a telephone call in
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ing secretary Dianne Kline.
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