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 parking lot. **Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except August and December or as noted.**

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

**Chapter Meeting Dates - 2012**

June 25 - Visit to the Defiance County Recorders Office - Courthouse Annex
7:00 - Members and guests will meet at the Records Center

July 23 - Visit to the Defiance County Records Center - 510 Court Street Defiance
6:30 Members and guests will meet at the Defiance County Recorder’s Office

August 27 - A Visit to the Andrew Tuttle Museum
7:00 p.m. meeting at the museum.

September 24 - Cecelia Brown
“Ghost Towns of Eastern Defiance County” - a Power Point presentation

October 22 - TBA

November 26 - Dianne Kline
“Using the Newly Released 1940 Census”

December - no meeting

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**Records Center Tour and Research Evening**

July 23  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
510 Court Street  Defiance
(east of the court house)

For seating purposes, attendees are asked to RSVP to the chapter email address. Research requests will be limited to two per person.
What’s Been Happening at DCGS?

March

The DCGS chapter meeting was held on Monday, March 26, 2012 with 28 members and guests present. In recognition of the chapter's 35th anniversary, President Brown read the names of the charter members and introduced those members who were in attendance—Diane Hill, David Bennett, and Gladys Donson. Gladys, one of the charter members and its first elected vice-president (soon to be president) told of the chapter's origination. The organizational meeting was held at the Defiance Public Library in the spring of 1977 with Dale Kellog, the district OGS vice-president in attendance. Mrs. Sarah Booker was elected president pro tem; however, she was unable to attend Monday meetings, so Gladys as vice-president became president. The first project assumed by the chapter was the reading of Defiance County cemeteries' tombstones. In April of 1977 Gladys was the chapter's first representative at the state conference.

William Priest, the Defiance area trustee for the Ohio Genealogy Society, told of the history of OGS beginning in 1959 with Richland County being the first county chapter. Currently there are 94 chapters with over 6000 members. Mr. Priest outlined some of the benefits of belonging to the Ohio Genealogical Society and stressed the need for a strong, reciprocal partnership of the chapters and the state organization.

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.
At the chapter meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012, thirty members and guests were present. Guest speaker for the evening was Lucille Sunderman, a charter member of the Henry County Genealogy Society and a member of the German Lutheran Heritage group. Mrs. Sunderman's topic was "The Hanover Settlement - the Cause and the Effect." The Hanover settlement included lands in Adams Township of Defiance County and Henry County which were settled by immigrants from the Lower Saxony area in Germany beginning in the 1840s and continuing into the 1870s. Mrs. Sunderman has created a data base gleaned from pastor's records which includes death and birth records. During the Civil War, a unit from Henry and Defiance Counties was made up entirely of German-speaking soldiers. She also noted that there were German language newspapers printed for the people of the area-- as well as being mailed to Germany. A data base of information has also been created from the obituaries in these newspapers.

For the May chapter meeting, Derek Davey provided attendees with many tips to research Civil War ancestors. He noted that close to 85% of the men born between 1820 and 1847 served in the Civil War.

After checking with family members and looking through family documents, he suggested beginning with census information. Important censuses to refer to are the 1850 and 1860 (to find your ancestor’s location before the war), and the 1890 veterans’ census. The 1910 and 1930 census have boxes to be checked for service in war. Other references to consult would be county histories which note names of soldiers from companies which formed locally, regimental histories, GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) records for Union soldiers.

William Priest, area trustee for the Ohio Genealogy Society, answers questions following his presentation at the March chapter meeting.

At the May chapter meeting, Derek Davey provides additional information following his presentation “Researching Your Civil War Ancestor.”

Once the ancestor’s name, birth date, and unit are known, service and pension records can be obtained from the National Archives (www.archives.gov). Other useful web sites in researching a Civil War ancestor are the Soldiers and Sailor’s Archives at www.nps.gov/cwss, the Cornell Library site at www.ebooks/librarycornell.edu. A special web site honoring the 150th year anniversary for Ohio is www.ohiocivilwar150.org (has regimental flags) and OhioCivilWar.com which also has links to various research sites.

### War of 1812 Celebration

**June 18th - 11:30 a.m.**
**Defiance County Offices East**
**(1300 East Second St.)**

At cities across Ohio, declarations of remembrance will be read commemorating the War of 1812. At Defiance East Offices, the Defiance County’s Bicentennial Bell will be rung and members of the Defiance DAV and VFW will raise the special War of 1812 flag which has 15 stars and 15 stripes. A declaration of remembrance will then be read.

Please join in this special event as bells across Ohio will be rung at noon.

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Our chapter would like for you to 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 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 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.

**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 1908 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 snail mail—attention Carol Ehlinger.

Applications may be completed at any time. Register your family today!

**Free Queries for Chapter Members**

Don’t forget that your chapter membership entitles you to unlimited queries in Yesteryears’ Trails for ancestors from the Defiance area.

Please do limit background information (to about fifty words) and ask for specific information from our readers. Queries may be sent to the chapter email listed on the first page of this newsletter.

**Preston Memorial Dedicated**

War of 1812 veteran and early area settler William Preston was honored as part of Memorial Day services at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton. The name Preston should sound quite familiar to Defiance history buffs, as William Preston is the namesake for Preston’s Island just east of the city of Defiance. Preston was an early settler in the area and was elected the first sheriff in Williams County (which included Defiance County until 1845) and re-elected again in 1830. Preston was also the county’s first tax collector and served as an assessor. In 1829 he moved to St. Joseph Township near present-day Edgerton. There he served as justice of the peace and also as associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Preston died in 1837 at age 57.

**Tell Our Readers about YOUR Civil War Soldier**

We would like to publish articles about members’ Civil War ancestors. Please email your article to Mary Williams at marywill@smta.cc. Don’t forget, too, to submit your Civil War ancestor for recognition in our Defiance County Civil War Registry. The application form is at the end of this newsletter. It is free and doesn’t require too much time or energy. If your ancestor served in a Defiance County unit, or was born, lived, died or was buried in the county, you can apply.
Vallandingham Meeting in Defiance 1863

The big Vallandingham meeting in Defiance on August 15, 1863, included Farmer and Washington Township delegates riding down on a big hay wagon decorated with hickory boughs and having a large U. S. flag bravely flying.

There was a “Buckskin Band” at Ney, and some of the instruments were community owned, at least the bass drum was. A big man Grif Hatfield, a red-hot Republican, swore that the drum should not be carried to “no damned copperhead meet.” John Campbell, a wiry little Scotchman was a fifer, and he said that the drum should go, and so it was agreed that if he licked Hatfield, the drum should go; otherwise not. They sailed into each other and soon John had Grif on his back thumping him vigorously with both fists.

Soon Grif squealed, “Enough!” John was a little hard of hearing and kept on pounding Grif’s mug, and a grinning bystander leaned over and said loudly to John, “Grif says he had enough.”

John said, “Oh, all right. I didn’t hear him,” and he got up and so the drum went to the big meeting. John’s twelve year old son John played the snare drum.

The Democrats were called Copperheads because they declared that slavery could not be abolished without an amendment to the U. S. Constitution, and no state could pass a law contrary to that instrument and therefore could not prohibit slavery no matter how detestable it might be. The passage of the 13th amendment testifies to the truth of the Democrats’ argument.

As for Clement Laird Vallandingham, I have his “record,” a book of his best speeches, and for the life of me, I cannot see where he was wrong in his conclusions. Although in 1863 he was arrested as a traitor and sent into the southern lines where he afterward left and went to Canada. Later he came back into the U. S. without molestation after his defeat as a candidate for governor. He along with “Sunset Cox” were two of the ablest men in Congress. He was from Dayton. His father Rev. Clement Vallandingham was a popular Presbyterian preacher.

Washington Township was a patriotic community and sent 49 men to war, and the despised “Copperheads” made as good and daring soldier as the “black” Republicans, although disagreeing over some features of the war.

The Buckskin Band was much sought after the meeting to cheer up the folks with their lively fife and drum noise, and no fifer ever made the hair tingle on the head more than little John Campbell who lived to a good old age, passing away at his home in Ney March 14, 1904 aged 76. Little John the drummer was drowned in Lick Creek not long after the war. The big flag used until his death a few years ago was in the possession of Charles F. Goller, but its present ownership is unknown.

Ney, or Georgetown, as it was called till the railroad came in 1888, was a great place and is yet for meeting and much but not much scrapping naturally as there was in the warm days of the 1860s.

from the Defiance Crescent-News October 7, 1931

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Available at the Defiance County Records Center

Vital Statistics
Births from 1867 - 1908 and Deaths from 1867 - 1908.
For later dates, please check with the Defiance County Health Department
1300 E. Second Street
Suite 100
Defiance, OH 43512
(419) 784-3818

Marriages - Available from 1845 to June 2008.
More recent marriages are available at the Probate Court.

Wills and Estates - Available from 1845 to 2008.
Estates are filed at the time of death, usually give a death date, residence, address, and heirs. If there was a will, it is recorded here.

Naturalizations & Declarations of Intention - Available from 1845 to 1929.
These documents usually list immigrant's name, mother country, date of arrival, and date of filing.

Civil Cases - Available from 1845 to 2002.
Divorces, civil lawsuits, etc.
Need case number. We have indexed 1845 to 1976 and 1995 to current. For years between 1977 to 1994, please call the Clerk of Courts.

Criminal Cases - Available from 1845 to 2005.
Criminal cases that are closed; need case number. We have indexed 1845 to 1976 and 1995 to current. For years between 1977 to 1994, please call the Clerk of Courts.

Military Discharges - Available from 1865 to 1934.
More current discharges are located at the Recorder's Office. Veteran's Office may also have some information.

Real Estate
Deed Books 1-173, Mortgage Books 1-200 are available from 1823 to 1961. Photocopies are available in the Recorder's Office.

Tax records - Auditor's and Treasurer's Duplicates shows names of land owners, address, taxes, and values from 1845 to 2006.

Plat Maps available from 1921 to 2009. County Engineer may have more information.

Mothers Pensions - Available from 1913 to 1930s.
For indigent women with children - early welfare.

Indigent Burials - Available from 1902 to 1913.
For military persons or their families.

Cemetery Records
The Recorder's Office has these records. Please contact them for more information. They do not have records of individual graves. Burial records of Veterans are recorded at the Recorder's Office.

Coroner Reports - Available from 1846 to 1976 and from 1982 to 2005.
Most recent years kept at the Coroner's Office.

Commissioners Journals - Available from 1845 to 2004.
More recent journals are available in the Commissioner's Office.

Charges for Materials at the Records Center:

- Photocopies & Certified Copies
  - Single sided Photocopies 0.10¢ each
  - Double sided Photocopies 0.20¢ each
  - Coroner's Records 0.25¢ for single sided
  - Certified Marriage Copies $3.00 each
  - Certified Birth/Death Records $9.00 each
  - Certify a record $1.00 + cost of page

Civil War Pensions

Thank you, Tanya Bruner of the Veterans Affairs Office in Defiance, for this information

Civil War Pensions: Despite the fact that the Civil war ended April 9, 1865, the government is still paying out veterans’ pensions. Records from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs show that two children of Civil War veterans, as of Sept. 2011, are receiving pensions from their fathers’ service. Department of Veterans Affairs spokesman Phil Budahn says the VA last checked in on the benefits recipients in the fall. Both were alive, but in poor health. Budahn says it’s likely that the children of Civil War veterans, who have wished to remain anonymous, both had illnesses that prevented them from ever becoming self-sufficient. Trevor Plante, a reference chief at the National Archives says it’s also possible that the beneficiaries were young when their fathers died and had no living mothers to care for them which would also qualify them for their fathers’ pensions.

Plante says unlike current time, where pensions are granted to dependents based off military service numbers or social security numbers, in the late 19th century, people had to prove their connection to a deceased veteran by sending the government evidence of their relationship. Children, parents, and spouses submitted photographs, love letters, marriage certificates, diaries, and gifts to prove they were eligible for pensions. “Genealogists love pension files because you never know what you are going to get. Civil War pensions are especially fascinating because of the wide array of things
people submitted as evidence.” In the 19th and early 20th centuries, only Union Soldiers were eligible for military benefits. It wasn’t until the 1930s that confederate soldiers began receiving pensions from the federal government. Prior to that, confederate soldiers could apply for benefits through the state they resided in. The last verified Civil War veteran, Albert Woodson, died in 1956 at the age of 109. The last widower, Gertrude Janeway, died in 2003 at the age of 93. [Source U. S. News and World Report 10 Feb. 2012]

**Three New Veterans Inducted into the DCGS Civil War Registry**

Recently three veterans were inducted into the DCGS Civil War Registry.

**Lemont Cupp** was nominated by Tamara Bowers. Lemont Cupp served with the 82nd Regiment Company D from November 19, 1861 through January 2, 1865.

The additional veterans were Samuel Harader nominated by Shirley Shumaker and Edward James Hall nominated by Cleon Shumaker. The obituaries of the two veterans follow.

**Obituary submitted by Shirley Shumaker**

**Samuel Harader, 90, Who Marched to Sea with Sherman Is Laid to Rest**

Funeral services were held in the Church of the Brethren at Delta Sunday for Samuel Harader, one of the few remaining Civil War veterans who marched with Sherman to the sea.

Mr. Harader died Thursday at age 90 at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Clinton VanDyke. Burial took place in Popular Ridge Cemetery.

Enlisting when 21 years old in the 4th Iowa Infantry, Mr. Harader served for two years. He reenlisted in 1863 and served until the end of the war in 1865. He was with Sherman during the entire four years and marched 13,000 miles.

Returning from the Army, he married Ann Elizabeth Dawson, and for several years they lived in the west, later coming to Ohio and residing in Defiance County for several years. Mrs. Harader died in 1906 at the home of a son, Mark Harader, Jewell. Since then, Mr. Harader lived part of the time with a daughter, Mrs. Herman Peters, and part of the time alone. He was of a generation, living to help his friends and children, and had a firm faith in God.

He leaves three children, William, Fort Wayne; Mark, Defiance; and Mrs. Herman Peters, Delta; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Obituary submitted by Cleon Shumaker**

**Obituary for Edward James Hall**

Edward James Hall was born at Monroeville, Michigan, May 7, 1844, departed his life January 15, 1910, aged 65 year, 8 months, and 8 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow Susan Hall, one daughter, Mrs. Althor Mentley; two sons, Franks and Elmer Hall; three brothers, J. D. Hall, John and Charles Hall; three grandchildren, Charlie Mentley, Agnes and Gladys Hall; three sisters, Charity Shepler of Terre Haute, Indiana, Mary Porter of Holdredge, Nebraska, and Alice Willit of Hicksville; and numerous other relatives.

Edward enlisted in the Civil War in Company D, 168th O. N. G. on May 2, 1864 and was honorably discharged September 6, 1864 on account of injuries received during his service.

He requested that his relatives pray for his recovery; if he did not recover, he wanted them all to meet him in Heaven. He was a good husband, a kind and loving father and brother, a generous and conscientious neighbor and friends. He lives in the hearts of those he has left and his loss is deeply felt.

He was a member of the Bishop Post, GAR, of Defiance. Funeral services were held at the Sharon Church conducted by Rev. Harshbarger.
Defiance Democrat
April 14, 1881

Six years ago what is now the third town in size and business in Defiance county was a tip top farm, surrounded by good farms. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran through it, but the towns of Mark Center and Delaware Bend being only eight miles apart, the company didn't want any more stations in that locality. However, the MILLER boys and others laid out a town, had a nice plat made, and set about to have a city. The first victory was the establishment of a post office which was named Sherwood, in honor of Gen. I. R. SHERWOOD of Toledo. The railroad refused to stop trains until 1878 since which time, Sherwood has had a growing history.

Three years ago the place had three houses. Today it has one hundred, and now has a population of probably three hundred. It is one of the snappiest, liveliest, most independent little villages in this section; independent because nearly every kind of business is transacted within its limits and its home merchants can therefore supply the entire wants of the people of that neighborhood. Of this fact, the reader can judge for himself after reading the following brief allusion to the different stores in Sherwood:

The firm of Miller, Rock & Company, composed of Johnson MILLER, Steward MILLER, Zeno MILLER, and George ROCK, do a general business and have a splendid store. Their room is 44 x 60 in size and the several departments, devoted to dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, queensware*, etc., are neat and always well stocked. The trade of this store is large, and has been large since business commenced several years ago. Besides the store, this firm owns a grain elevator having a capacity of 12,000 bushels. This elevator is situated on the line of the B & O track and was built at the private expense of the firm. Sherwood is surrounded by a good farming country and the elevator has made of the town an excellent market. Last year over 100,000 bushels of grain were received in its bins and shipped east. That amounts to over 200 car loads. Johnson MILLER, of this firm, is the railroad agent, while George ROCK, of the firm, is the village postmaster. (*cream colored earthenware dishes)

Fillmore SWITZER, formerly of this place, is proprietor of the hardware, stove and tin store, and a nice place he has, too. He has a double room, for all the world like the old store of SWITZER & KEHNAST and arranged about the same. The store is well stocked with builders and general hardware and a full line of stoves and tinware. He is also agent for the celebrated Acme steel plows. Fillmore is a fine tinner and a good merchant and enjoys a large and lucrative trade.

Emanuel BOOR and Eli SMITH own the Sherwood Flouring Mills, a fine mill having three runs of stone and fitted up with patent purifiers and other modern improvements. Emanuel is the happy miller and he makes number one flower and supplies the wants of the neighborhood.

Dr. J. K. DENMAN has a large drug store, well filled up and possessing all the advantages of a city store. Mr. Denman is a thoroughly practical druggist and his drug store is of great benefit to the town.

HARTSHORN & STRUBLE conduct an exclusively grocery and provision business, and they have as neat a store as one could desire. Their trade is large and satisfactory. Mr. Hartshorn is also an extensive stock buyer.

S. L. BLOOM & Son, formerly of Shelby, Richland county, have a fine furniture store and shop. They also have an undertaking department. Mr. Bloom informed us that his trade has been good and he never regretted planting stakes in Sherwood. This spring a large factory will be erected for the manufacture of various kinds of furniture. The factory will contain besides an engine of sufficient power, a planer, turning lathe, scroll saw, tenoning machine, a morticer, and a sticker. George RENZ is a good harness maker and has a fine store which is liberally patronized.

William WEBBER has a wagon shop and a blacksmith shop, does excellent work and lots of it. George N. BARNES is also a blacksmith, has a good shop and does his work so well that he is kept busy.

The shoe business is represented by two stores - that of George HOHENBERGER and J. P. CROOKTON, both good workmen and both enjoying a profitable and satisfactory business.

David PALMER has a busy saw mill and is cutting up logs at a lively rate. His yard contains 4000 logs. He has contracts with the B & O Company, for parties in Defiance, and also supplies much of the building lumber for his own section.

John BAUPRE, formerly of Wood county, recently opened a cooper shop in Sherwood and has a good trade. He also makes all sizes of pine cisterns.
P. H. VANMETER has a good butcher shop.

The tonsorial* business of the town is done by Harry ROCK, who is also leader of the Sherwood Cornet Band. (*barbering)

The contractors and builders of the place are Eli KASER, Samuel BLOOM, and D. L. PITTS, all of whom are good workmen and have plenty of work to do. The "liquid" department of the town is conducted by Phillip JOHNS.

Dr. C. W. KYLE and Dr. E. G. McDONALD attend to the medical wants of the people. The former is an old resident and the latter recently moved to Sherwood from Fort Wayne. Sherwood presents a general thrifty appearance and is growing rapidly. About thirty new buildings are now under contract.

The religious sentiment of the place and section is healthy. The United Brethren and Methodist Episcopal denominations each have fine churches, and we understand this summer, the German Reformed people intend having a church also. A community that encourages churches will always prosper.

The public school under the supervision of Prof. M. S. ROBERTSON and wife are in good condition and are doing excellent work for the youth of the district. A neat, new school building has just been erected. It is 80 x 50 feet in size with two wings, and the whole building is two stories high.

John OPENLANDER is erecting a new hotel which he will have ready for business about the 1st of June. It is large and commodious and fine in appearance.

The general character of the buildings is good. Dr. KYLE, especially, has a fine residence built of brick. Frank PONTIOUS is the genial and competent telegraph operator.

The town supports a good brass band, composed of the following members: Harry ROCK, leader; Henry ROCK, Stewart MILLER, Charles CORE, John KEESBURY, Frank HELLER, William ROCK, Wesley JOHNSON, and John SHOOK.

The insurance business is represented by George ROCK, who is also a notary public.

James BLUE is a good house and sign painter and is also a scenic artist.

The Methodist folks intend buying or building property for a parsonage. Rev. H. C. GARITT is pastor of the M.E. church; Rev. George N. BARNES officiates at the U.B. church and the German Reform charge is supplied by Rev. HEINEMAN of Defiance.

Well, the above is a pen picture of Sherwood and our readers will agree that it is well supplied with all kinds of businesses, that it has snap and energy, and that its future is bright. Trade keeps up well all the time, strangers are moving in, workmen are all kept busy and the people are contented and happy. It is one of the nice towns of Defiance county.

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**Town and Gown Lectures for 2012**

*For the past few years, the Defiance College and the city of Defiance have coordinated to bring the community speakers and topics of historical interest. Listed below are the programs and sites for the remainder of 2012. All programs begin at 7:30 PM.*

**Fall 2012**

**September 20**

"Camp Trimble"

Stroede Center

Downtown Defiance

Buchman and Rozevink

**October 18**

"Come Fly with Us"

Stroede Center

Downtown Defiance

Rozevink and Buchman

**November 15**

"The Squirrel Hunter are Coming"

"Union Light Guard"

Richard Rozevink

Schomburg Auditorium

Defiance College Campus

Randy Buchman

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**Civil War Theme Programs**
Auglaize Pioneers

1820-1845

The following information was researched and compiled in 2010 by Ray Keck and Rae Ann (Keck) Pieper of the Paulding County OGS chapter.

From the preface of the booklet, Auglaize Pioneers 1820-1845, the following background history is provided by the authors for this particular area. “On April 1, 1820, the Ohio Legislature established 14 counties in Northwest Ohio including Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams Counties. From 1820 to 1845 these counties were under the jurisdiction of Henry County; from 1824 to 1839 Paulding County was under the jurisdiction of Williams County with Defiance as the center for legal matters.

“In 1839 Paulding County established Rochester as the county seat for legal matters. On March 4, 1845 Defiance County was formed from parts of Henry, Paulding and Williams Counties. Section 1 through 18 of Auglaize Township, Paulding County then officially became Defiance Township, Defiance County.

“It is difficult to now understand why that area was listed as Defiance Township, Williams County in the Federal Censuses in 1830 and 1840. In the book, Maumee River 1835 by Louis Simonis, on page 116, a map shows the Paulding-Williams County Line at the south edge of Defiance so the areas which later became Defiance Township was recognized as Auglaize Township, Paulding County until 1845 when Defiance County was formed.”

The purpose for this work was to locate the names of those early settlers of Paulding County. Since not all settlers were listed on the early censuses, and many early settlers kept moving, to locate the names of as many of those early settlers as they could, Ray Keck and Rae Ann Pieper used the Federal Censuses of Williams County 1830 and 1840 as well as Williams County Marriages 1824-1845, Williams County Land Deeds, and voter records of Defiance Township 1845 to compile the following listing of pioneers.

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For Defiance County there are six markers listed:

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2. Evansport
3. Fort Winchester
4. Spemica Lawba-Johnny Logan
5. Tale of Ensign James Liggett
   Major Adam Charles Muir
6. Winchester's Camp #2
   Preston Island
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   Fort Starvation
   The Old Kentucky Burial Grounds

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Excerpts from the Defiance Democrat - 1881

January 6, 1881

C. H. DEATRICK returned from New Mexico last week. He reports the Mogollon Mining Company in good shape and intended returning, but having received an offer of a superintendency of the public schools of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, he decided to accept the position and has gone to assume the duties.

During 1880, J. I. LEVY paid $3010 for revenue stamps for cigars made in his manufactory. His trade is so steadily on the increase, he now gives constant employment to sixteen men.

During the year 1880, 318 car loads of wheat were shipped from Hicksville. That town and Sherwood are two splendid grain markets – better than Defiance. Both places have elevators.

H. P. HOPKINS intends moving to Evansville, Indiana to take the foremanship of a large wagon factory. We wish him success.

The County Commissioners have ordered six more holes cut in the side of county bridges in this place, and will also have the present hole cut down. All this to enable persons to get out of the way of runaways.

January 13, 1881

Indictments. The grand jury found these indictments – one against George F. FORHOUR for forgery, one against Milton PRATOR for larceny and one against PRATOR for threatening in a menacing manner. We learn that the jury failed to find an indictment against Wm. McGEE, the B & O engineer whose engine killed Mr. and Mrs. FULMER and Mrs. HOLTZELL.

January 20, 1881

The Defiance County Agricultural Society met... and the following officers and directors were elected: President – Isaac CORWIN, Vice-President- J. B. ELLIOTT, Secretary – Elmer WHITE, Treasurer – C. P. TITTLE. Directors: Highland – E. B. MIX, Tiffin – Peter GARES, Adams – John DAVIDSON, Milford – J. J. HOOTMAN, Richland – William WILLEMAN, Defiance – E. N LEWIS, At Large – William PHILLIPS and J. Y GURWELL.

The Defiance Library Association met ... and officers were elected: President – Louis DEGGINGER, Vice-President – B. L. ABELL, Clerk – C. P. TITTLE, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary – George W. BECHEL, Librarian – John D. LAMB. Trustees – Louis DEGGINGER, B. L. ABELL, Edward SQUIRE, George W. DEATRICK and C. H. LINDENBERGER. The Association now has about 700 volumes in the library and has sufficient funds to add about 75 more volumes.

January 27, 1881

This week George T. SQUIRE received sixty Bell telephones, which will be put in about the 1st of February. We understand Mr. Squire wishes to make arrangements with the town council to put in a telephonic fire alarm for the corporation.

February 10, 1881

Got Hold of the Wrong Man. On Monday evening, Edwin PHELPS and daughter Nellie were coming to Defiance and at Toledo, they got aboard the Wabash fast train. They were the first passengers to enter the cars, and as Mr. Phelps stepped inside, he was grabbed around the waist by a man, while two pals tore his coat loose with the intention of rifling his pockets. But they had the wrong man to deal with, for although Mr. Phelps is 65 years old, very few persons can handle him. He picked up his assailant and threw him on the stove and started for the others, but they quickly left the car and escaped. It was a very bold affair, and it is evident that the police need to be a trifle more vigilant about the Toledo depot.

February 17, 1881

The rains descended and the floods came. When the Democrat went to press last week, the rivers were much swollen and it was feared a gorge would be formed and much damage result. About 5:00 Thursday evening, the ice in the Auglaize commenced moving above the B & O Railroad bridge, and at about 7:00, with irresistible force, the ice moved down toward the mouth of the river. A large cake of ice struck the west pier of the bridge on Second street and with a loud crash, it toppled over and two spans of the bridge fell in the river, and passed down stream. A few minutes later, the ice gorged at the Island and the waters commenced rising at a rapid rate. By nine o’clock, the Maumee was booming and had completely submerged the first lock in the canal. During the night, the gorge broke and the waters lowered somewhat, but a fresh gorge was formed, and remained until 2:00.

Saturday morning, the rivers were very high from the excessive rains, and the Maumee especially, was nearly up to the highest point known. The water came nearly up to Clinton street, and on the north side, the residences below Dickman’s mill were all submerged. By night the waters had subsided. The cold weather since brought both the Auglaize and Maumee down within their own banks. The damage in this town and county is not great. The county will have a new bridge to build, but the people have had a good winter, and have made money by reason thereof and they can stand the extra tax required to replace the Second Street bridge.

A short distance below the state dam there has been an island containing about a quarter of an acre of ground, and covered with large trees. The freshet and ice, combined, last week swept the whole thing away and there is nothing left to mark the spot.

Charles McCLELLAN and H. E. LEE attempted to cross the Auglaize in a boat last Friday to put up a telephone wire for Turnbull & Shelly. The boat upset and both men fell into the water. The ice was running heavy and they had much difficulty in getting out safely.
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Defiance County's Civil War Service Certificate:
A Certificate Accorded by the Defiance County Genealogical Society

To be considered for the DCGS Civil War Service Certificate, an ancestor must be proven to have served in a Defiance County, Ohio military unit during the Civil War or have been a Civil War veteran (either Union or Confederate) who was born, lived, died or was buried in Defiance County, Ohio. The applicant must be a member of the Defiance County Genealogical Society for this certificate to be awarded.

The applicant filing for a Defiance County Civil War Service Certificate must include documentation for the ancestor for one of the above events (service, birth, residency, death, burial) occurring in Defiance County, Ohio. In addition the applicant must include proof of the unit with which the Civil War soldier served. The application must also include either a generational chart or a written explanation showing the relationship of the applicant with the ancestor who is the focus of the application. The applicant may be a direct or collateral descendant of the Civil War ancestor.

You may submit as many applications as you wish. Also you may include a story or biography of your ancestor for possible use in the chapter newsletter, website, or future publications. If you submit an article, please date and sign the submission and note that the chapter has permission to use the article.

Name of Civil War Ancestor: __________________________________________________________

Unit with which the ancestor served ________________________________________________

Rank attained if known _____________________________________________________________

Years served if known _____________________________________________________________

1. Attach documentation showing with which unit your Civil War ancestor served. For example, this might be a page copied from a unit history or information downloaded from Ancestry.com. The proof does not need to be a formal government copy.

2. Attach proof that your ancestor was connected to Defiance County in one of the following ways: service, birth, residency, death or burial. The proof does not need to be certified. It may be a copy of a birth certificate, a copy of a census, a listing in compiled birth, death or burial records, copy of land deed etc.

3. Attach a generational chart- or a written explanation-- showing your relationship with your Civil War ancestor.

Applicant's Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Please send the completed application to the Defiance County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7006
Defiance, OH 43512-7006.

Direct questions to the chapter email: defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com