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 6:00 p.m. the second Thursday of the month in the Tiffin Room of the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

**Chapter Programs - 2013**

**September 23** - Michael McMaster  
*Henry County and WW I*

**October 28** - Annual Chapter Banquet  
Program: Rich Rozevink  
*Civilian Conservation Camp, No. SP-2, Company 571 of Defiance County*  
*Reservation form at end of newsletter - RSVP deadline October 10.*

**November 25** - Dianne Kline  
*Come, Blog with Me*  
(Extending your research through blogging)

**December** - NO MEETING

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**NEW CHAPTER PUBLICATION for 2013**

**Surname Index of the 1890 Atlas of Defiance County Ohio**  
-$30.00$

With the loss of the 1890 census, this volume will be a helpful aid to prove whether your ancestral family was living and owning land in Defiance County in 1890.
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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.
Download a membership form at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org

News of the DCGS 2013

May 20, 2013 Chapter Meeting Highlights
Eight members were present at the Defiance College’s Pilgrim Library to hear a presentation by Barb Sedlock who spoke especially on the college's archive which can be accessed from the DC web site.

June 20, 2013 Board Meeting Highlights
Treasurer Lavina Boesling presented the treasurer's report. As of 31, 2013, the balance in the chapter fund was $3,776.32 with $2,596.16 in the general fund, $680.16 in the memorials and acquisitions fund, and $500.00 in the microfilm reader/printer fund. A letter from the Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum was read giving thanks for two items donated to the chapter. Materials given to the museum were from the Defiance Screw Products Company (originally given to the chapter by Nancy Sell) and the Turnbull Wagon Co. (originally given to the chapter by Shirley Long). A deed of gift form for the items will be returned to the museum and a copy kept by the chapter.

June 24, 2013 Chapter Meeting Highlights
In the absence of the president, vice-president JoAnne Allison called the June 24, 2013 chapter meeting at St. John UCC to order. There were twenty members and guests present.
Mary Scranton noted that there will be at least one member at the fall banquet to be inducted into First Families.

Vice-President JoAnne commented upon the paintings of the 88 county courthouses members viewed when the chapter visited the Pilgrim Library in May. These were painted by DC professor Herman Weibe. The paintings can be viewed at memory.defiance.edu at this time.

Guests Steve and Barb Mabus of Bryan were introduced. They spoke briefly about their family connections which can be accessed at the web site www.minerd.com. This site includes Meinard, Miner and other spellings.
Members’ Stories of Prohibition in the Defiance Area

In the absence of the scheduled speaker, chapter members Dan Hasch and Dave Bennett ably filled in with area stories of prohibition times. Dave noted that the current Scotty's on the Auglaize River on Route 111 was a notorious roadhouse with one-armed bandits. On a raid of the roadhouse, the one-armed bandits were thrown into the Auglaize. However, later the owner fished out the machines and put them back into action. The next time the roadhouse was raided, the machines were confiscated and taken to the jail where they were broken up.

Dan Hasch related that a former student told how his grandmother treated a gunshot wound in the leg of John Dillinger. This happened in Delaware Bend.

Connie Duerk confirmed Dillinger's connection with Delaware Bend noting that a fishing camp on Jacob's Trail was often used as a hideout. She also noted that the illegal "hootch" was often transported from the Holgate and New Bavaria areas to Chicago.

Dan then related how in 1928 a truck carrying Canadian Whiskey wrecked on the Maumee River Bridge south of Sherwood. There was no vin number nor any license plate on the truck. The liquor was first held at the town hall and then dumped into an empty lot behind the town hall.

Gladys Donson related that next door to her father's farm in Farmer Township, two men moved in and proceeded to make booze from their homemade still. Both men claimed always to be ill, but were dead drunk most of the time, so Gladys' father complained to their landlord. He replied that they were "nice guys" from Detroit and that they were good-paying renters.

Gladys also told that once her uncle living near Cecil rode with her father to Paulding where they sold butter to customers in Paulding. At first the men of the house would not let her father and uncle come in, but after her father assured the group that the uncle would keep quiet, they entered to find county judge, sheriff, and others who had been drinking. Gladys' father and uncle were fairly sure that this house would not be raided.

Dave related how one of the first raids was on Summit Street where the illegal alcohol had been buried under the porch. When the police did raid this house, the entire fire department was upset because this was where they had been getting their liquor. Usually raids were done by or with the "revenuers" since the local police most often turned a "blind eye."

The canal was often a way to transfer liquor. Dave related how at Junction, a Mr. Dollar used this means to get his product to Toledo. Mr. Dickey who ran the canal boat, it seems was often drunk, as he had been siphoning out the liquor and re-plugging the hole on the cask. When discovered, Mr. Dickey had to haul the liquor for one year to Toledo free of charge to pay off his drinking debt.

July 18, 2013 - Board Meeting Highlights

The DCGS board met at 6:00 p.m. at the Defiance Regional Medical Center on Thursday, July 18. The minutes of the June board and chapter meetings were reviewed. Treasurer Lavina Boesling presented the treasurer's report. As of June 30, 2013, the balance in the chapter fund was $3,635.60 with $2,455.44 in the general fund $680.16 in the memorials and acquisitions fund, and $500.00 in the microfilm reader/printer fund.

It was noted that onetime member Bill Weaner of Sherwood passed away.

Permission was given for President Brown to see that the computer in our storage facility is set up.

Dianne Kline will check with the Records Center to see if our agreement for the future publication of birth records they have been compiling is still in effect, as the personnel for the office has changed.

The board gave approval for publication of the Surname Index of the 1890 Atlas of Defiance County Ohio compiled by Dianne Kline.

July 22, 2013 - Chapter Meeting Highlights

President Cecelia Brown convened the June 24, 2013 chapter meeting at St. John UCC at 7:00 p.m. with 31 members and guests present.

Membership chair Dianne Kline noted that our chapter currently has 96 members. She also noted that a new chapter publication, Surname Index of the 1890 (Cont. on p. 37)

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Jonathan Buffington was born November 12, 1828, on the old homestead of the family in Brandywine Township in Pennsylvania, and was therefore four years old when his parents moved to Ohio. Jonathan was recorded as a farmer boy, attending the neighborhood schools and the high school at Springfield, Ohio. Later his education was completed with a three years’ attendance at Granville College in Licking County. There he had a classmates and fellow students George H. Williams, afterward district attorney of the United States for Oregon under President Grant and George R. Sage, later Judge of the United States Court.

When Jonathan left college, he was twenty-three years of age, and he soon became engaged in buying and selling cattle. In 1853 he moved to Defiance and engaged in the drug business in a store on First Street which he occupied for eight years. Then he moved to a store on Clinton Street.

In 1854 he established a drug store at Bryan conducting both stores for two years. During that time they had the distinction of being the only drug store in the three counties of Defiance, Williams and Paulding Counties. For Forty-three years Jonathan conducted the drug business of the Defiance area.

For twenty-three years Jonathan was a member of the M. E. Church. He was a part of the building of St. Paul’s M. E. Church in Defiance.

Politically he was originally a Whig, and the Whig party was merged into the Republican Party, he went with this party and has always remained an advocate of the political principles represented by the Republican Party. Jonathan was chairman of the first Republican Judicial Convention ever held in the Northwest which convened in Defiance in 1855, and represented six surrounding counties. He was also chairman of the first Republican Legislative Convention held in Defiance the same year. At this convention every county had a candidate, but the delegates could not agree and had started to go home without nominating a candidate when Buffington arrested their attention by calling to the delegates from a window suggesting the name of a man who had not before been mentioned as a candidate—Judge Haymaker of Brunersburg. The delegates returned to the hall, and Haymaker was nominated and duly elected.

During the nearly half-century in which Buffington made Defiance his home, a generous hospitality has always been extended to his friends, all being made welcome by his gentle and genial wife. During this period, he has taken a wide, unselﬁsh and active interest in political and public affairs numbering among his friends many prominent men in the state and nation.

Among those he counted as friends were Hon. Solmon P. Chase, Governor of Ohio and Secretary of the Treasurer under President Lincoln and later Chief Justice of the united States and James A Garfield, President of the United States. Buffington accompanied both of these men in their campaigns through Northwest Ohio. He formed a strong affection for President Garfield on whose behalf Buffington, for the first time, struck a man who during Garfield’s speech insulted Garfield by calling his a liar. Buffington who stood by the man’s side could not restrain himself and knocked the man down.

One notable trip was from Defiance to Antwerp (eighteen miles) through rainy, disagreeable weather where Chase was to speak. A canoe or pirogue was secured with a horse and driver to tow them on the canal. They arrived at twelve noon, took dinner at the little hotel and planned to return about four o’clock but on arriving about three miles from Defiance at Schooly’s Lock, the canoe got fast, and the team gave out, compelling the party to abandon the boat and walk through the rain and mud to Defiance arriving a little after midnight. By invitation Buffington dined with Chase at his hotel, the trip and other political matters were discussed, but neither man suffered from the previous day’s experience.

In 1857 Buffington was married to Harriet C. Piper of Clifton Springs, New York. They had three children: Florence, Mary Alice, and Carrie Edna. He and his family loved on the northeast corner of Jefferson and Second Streets in Defiance, a house built by him in 1877-1878.

During the Civil War, Buffington was warmly loyal to the Union cause. He was secretary of the military committee of Defiance County through the entire war. He was also Deputy United States Provost Marshal for the northern district of Ohio, and assisted largely in raising two companies of men for the 111th OVI and one company for the 38th OVI.
Atlas of Defiance County Ohio, is now available for purchase at a cost of $30.00. Mary Scranton, First Families chair, noted that there are four applications for First Families. Rich Rozevink of the Veterans Historical Committee announced that his committee is working toward another Ohio Historical marker. The marker will honor Coo-coo-chie, an Iroquois woman who adopted Oliver Spencer.

Speaker for the July meeting was Curt Witcher of the genealogy department at of the Allen County Public Library. Curt gave many suggestions as to what the ACPL can do for those who visit or available themselves to the library's on-line information. He noted that when he began in the genealogy department thirty-five years ago, there were about 300,000 items; now there are over one million items in 42,000 square feet of space. He also noted that perhaps 2013 is one of the best of times for genealogy and family research as there is so much free information available. For the past 8 years more than 1000 items have been added each month at the ACPL. The availability of potential items can all be determined through the genealogy's on-line catalog and through its genealogy web site at genealogycenter.org. The site catalogues family and locality information as well as linking with PERSI which connects names with various newsletters. Geneoglycenter.org is free site and is adding one million bytes each month. Curt also pointed out the data bases which can be accessed only on-sight at the library and those which can be accessed from home or else where.

The genealogy department offers many program, especially in October which is Family History month; in that month a program each day is offered.

To celebrate Family History Month--
Daily Programs Offered at the Allen County Public Library

All of the programs offered by the library are at the Main Library, in The Genealogy Center or one of the first floor meeting rooms.

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A “What Am I To Do With This?!” A Basic Preservation Presentation on Caring for Family Treasures – Curt Witcher

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 2 to 3 p.m. The Genealogy Center. One-on-One Consultations - Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Genealogy Center. Daughters of the American Revolution Research Assistance for Membership

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Genealogy Center. Preserve Your Bible Records Project – Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Thursday, October 3, 2013 – 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A. Introducing the New PERSI – Delia Bourne

Friday, October 4, 2013 – 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting Room A. Using Interlibrary Loan to Enhance Your Research – Cynthia Theusch

Saturday, October 5, 2013 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting Rooms A&B. Beginning Genealogy – Margery Graham

Saturday, October 5, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center. Preserve Your Bible Records Project – Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Sunday, October 6, 2013 – 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A. Introduction to DNA for Genealogy – Sara Allen

Monday, October 7, 2013 – 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting Room A. School Records – Cynthia Theusch

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room A. Introducing the New PERSI – Delia Bourne

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meeting Room C. Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana Meeting. Open to the public.

Thursday, October 10, 2013 – 2 to 4 p.m. The Genealogy Center. One-on-One Consultations – Space is limited and an appointment is required. Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to schedule a consultation.

Thursday, October 10, 2013 – 7 to 9 p.m. Meeting Room B. African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne Meeting. Open to the public.

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12, 2013 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting Rooms A&B. Beyond the Basics – Margery Graham & Steve Myers – Space is limited. Fee. For registration or more information, see the brochure at http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events.aspx

Sunday, October 13, 2013 – 1 to 2 p.m. Meeting Room A

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This listing has been provided by the Defiance County Veterans' Service Commission. It represents veterans’ names who served during the War of 1812. These veterans had some association with Defiance County, Ohio. The veteran may be buried in this county or have appeared on military rosters of the forts or camps within the county. Their names may also have been listed on historical documents having some association with Defiance County.

The following is an index of names. For a few veteran, additional information-- name, birth date, death date, and burial site-- is provided. All veterans are listed as “army” and the ID number given has meaning only for use of the Veterans’ Service Commission. For more information contact Tanya Brunner at the Veterans’ Office supplying the ID number of the veteran. (Defiance County Veterans’ Service Commission, Suite 102, 1300 East Second St., Defiance, OH 43512. Phone 419-782-6861)

The initial listings through John Cury appeared in the summer and spring 2013 editions of Yesteryears’ Trails. This is a continuation of that list.

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The Democrat announced last week that Mr. Benjamin L. Abell, Cashier of the Merchants National Bank, was very sick, but that the symptoms at that time of going to press were more favorable. Vain delusion. The seeds of the insidious disease were to deep-seated for mortal physicians to remove and slowly, but surely, he drooped until noon on Sunday, when like a flickering candle in the stillness of night, the light went quietly out and family, friends and community were left sorrowing. ... Mr. Abell was identified with nearly every public enterprise, and his clear judgment and good counsel was most valuable in the management of varied industries of this city.

Mr. Abell was born in Independence, this county, on the 12th of August, 1846, and, with the exception of nine
years passed in Missouri, was always a citizen of Defiance County. Sixteen years ago he entered the Defiance County Bank (now the Defiance National Bank) as a clerk under the cashiership of Mr. Edward SQUIRE. He very soon developed marked ability as a business man and in his early life his counsel was much desired. When the business of Defiance advanced to a point where a second bank was projected, Mr. Abell’s services were sought as cashier. He undertook the task and the Defiance Savings Bank was very shortly one of the profitable institutions of the city. When that bank received a charter from the government and began business as a National Bank, Mr. Abell continued to be cashier and held that office at the time of his death. The stockholders and directors had confidence in his business ability; and without disparagement to other excellent business men connected with the bank, it is probably true that to Mr. Abell’s careful management, his conservative disposition and his great perceptive power, is due the steadily increasing success of the Merchants National Bank.

Efficient as he was in general business, he was equally able in city affairs. Twice elected a member of City Council, and having served one year as President of that body, his judgment had much weight with his brother members. In public duties he exercised the same careful prudence that marked his personal and business affairs. In all circles, public, business and social, he will be sadly missed; and for his many virtues, he will be most kindly remembered not only by the residents of this city, but by the people of this and adjoining counties.

A year or more ago, Mr. Abell was appointed a member of the board of Ohio Commissioners to the New Orleans Exposition. His services as secretary of that Board were valuable and in the disbursement of large sums of public money he was commended by State officials for his prudence, economy, and good judgment.

In politics, Mr. Abell was a Democrat, and in many campaigns, his counsel aided materially in accomplishing good results. His party will be a loser by his death.

A devoted wife and three little children survive him. Their home is desolate, but he memory of a kind husband and loving father must take the place now of him who in life was tender, watchful and solicitous for their welfare. No greater evidence of love and affection can be found than in the words of his will where he constitutes his wife as executrix without bond and without requiring any report of proceedings to be made. Simply a transfer to one in whom he had implicit confidence.

As a mark of respect to the deceased, the flag on the city hall was hung at half mast, and the mayor issued a proclamation requesting merchants to close their business houses during the time of the funeral. The funeral obsequies were held at the family residence at half past ten o’clock on Wednesday morning, Pastor B. W. Slagle, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. The remains were followed to Riverside Cemetery by city officials, the fire department, the Young Hickory Club, the Masonic fraternity, and by hundreds of citizens; and at the grave the beautiful Masonic burial service was rendered.

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Defiance Democrat — Excerpts from 1868

January 4, 1868

The new Dam across the Tiffin River, recently constructed by Brice Hilton, at Brunersburg, went out on Saturday last. The timber may be saved, but Mr. Hilton’s loss is over $1000 besides eight or ten months use of his grist and saw mills, as no work towards repairing the Dam can be done until next summer. Besides being a loss to the proprietor, it will result in considerable inconvenience to the people of a large scope of the county.

The Saloon of the town is that of E. Reyff, under PREISENDORFER’s Shoe Store. The hall is twice as large as any other in Defiance, arranged for comfort and convenience and tastefully furnished. The best of ale and beer on draught, and oysters and delicacies served up at all hours.

The EGLER Brothers are about erecting a steam sawmill in Richland Township, on the farm of S. Rohn, about a mile below Independence Lock. They expect to have the mill running early in the Spring; in the meantime, their yard is ready for logs, for winter delivery.

January 25, 1868

Dr. COLBY lost a valuable horse while driving on the Canal below Independence Lock, on Tuesday last. The ice breaking let the horse in o’ the mud, and the effort was so great and the time so long to get him out, that he died shortly after.

Died — On Thursday eve last, at the residence of her son, Wm. C. HOLGATE, Mrs. BOSTWICK, aged 75 years.

February 1, 1868

Father HOEFFEL, for ten years past, the laborious and faithful Catholic pastor in Defiance, has gone to Delphos to take charge of the Catholic Church in that place.

February 15, 1868

Married February 8th at St. John’s Catholic Church, Defiance, by Rev. D. O’KEEFE, Mr. Philip KNAPP to Miss Elizabeth WICKHAM, stepdaughter of Capt. P. H. MOONEY, all of Antwerp, Paulding county, Ohio.

Caution — all persons are hereby notified not to trust my wife, Helen J. DONLEY, on my account, for I will not here-
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January 2, 1869

Died – On Sunday night last, Ada, daughter of David and Mary TRAVIS, aged 8 months and 12 days.

January 9, 1869

Died – On the 12th day of December, at the residence of her son-in-law, in Delaware Township, Rebecca HUGHES, aged 80 years – having been a member of the Methodist E. church sixty years. She was taken from the church militant to the church triumphant above, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Died – September 12th, 1861, Albert H., aged 4 years and 7 days; August 12, 1865, Franklin P., aged 10 years, 8 months and 26 days; December 28th, 1868, Willie A., aged 9 months and 15 days – sons of Hieronimus and Eleanora MONINGER.

January 16, 1869

A six mile ditch in Hicksville and Mark Townships, likely to cost a pretty pile of money, is now before the Commissioners. Nothing, however, is bringing out our county so much as the Ditch business. The money invested in these brings sure return in dry roads, surer and increased crops and enhanced value of real estate.

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, five members of Mr. AYRES; family were poisoned on Friday afternoon last, by eating pieplant* that had been put up in cans.

(*Pieplant is rhubarb.)

The Infirmary Directors have been in session several days this week. R. KNIGHT is President of the Board. Levi MOCK, of Delaware Township, takes charge of the farm. He is a respectable farmer and competent business man, and has before for several years held a similar position… Mr. Mock expects to move on to the farm within two weeks, and will have things ready for “boarders” about March 1st.

January 23, 1869

Adam WILHELM has purchased a one-half interest in the “Defiance Mills” for $13,000.

January 30, 1869

Section 16, Adams Township, Defiance County, was perhaps the wettest and least desirable land in the township. We remember when the U.S. Land Office was here, that the Trustees made effort to get an exchange for a better piece, but without success. The Auditor subsequently sold the land at two dollars per acre. William ALLEN became the possessor of the whole section. Recently, Mr. Allen sold a quarter section of this, upon which there was little or no improvement, for thirty dollars an acre. A ditch was run through it last year, making the boggy prairie excellent corn ground. The purchaser at that price considers he has a bargain. He proposes to put in 80 acres of corn this season. We mention this as one of the instances we hear daily of the benefit of ditching, and that farmers are beginning to comprehend that the low, black, and heretofore wet land is that to be depended on for certain yield.

February 6, 1869

Mr. J. S. HALLER, Express Agent at this place, informs us that during game season for the first three months ending January 1st, 1869, there were shipped through his office from Defiance to New York by J. TUTTLE & Sons …and other persons, a total for the season of 354 deer, 41 saddles, and 19 wild turkeys.

In the Auglaize opposite Defiance, the original ice is yet there and unbroken. Our ice house men are putting away now of this – not choosing to wait for another freeze. This ice is clear, free from slush or snow, and is from nine to twelve inches thick and as good as ever was put up. Dealers from other towns can get this and transport it on cars or canal boats to be forwarded to first trip. The ice is about three hundred feet wide and extends up the river two or three miles, and from what we hear, is the only body of perfect river ice within five hundred miles.

Died – January 19th, 1869, Julia Adelle, daughter of Edwin and Eva PHELPS, aged 9 months and 23 days.

February 2d, 1869

Died – February 2d, little daughter of William and Kate ANDREWS, aged 9 months.

February 20, 1869

Charles, son of Elias DIETRICH, of Evansport, aged about 14 years, while at play on the 12th inst., dislocated his neck, and died next day.

A young son of Michael LAWLER, of this place, while at play on a train of freight cars, at the depot, was so seriously injured by a fall, on Thursday of last week, that his life is despaired of.

March 6, 1869

Sheriff KARST hands us the following Jury list for the next term of Defiance Common Pleas, to commence Monday, April 26th:

Grand – Solomon SHAW, Henry WHITE, Jacob GARMAN, Frederick MOEHRING, Harvey J. HILL, Samuel CLECKNER, Joseph CULLAR, John PARTEE,
Luther LOVLAND, John T. CONKLE, George HOPKINS, Peter GARES, J.D.H. SERRILL, C. C. TUTTLE, Henry FADELY.

Petit – Peter CONKLE, J. A. HUDSON, John N. WILDER, B. M. CHILCOTE, George WARNER, Michael GORMAN, Joseph PIFFER, Joseph SEWELL, August DOLKE, William WATSON, Frederick WOLSİFFER, George T. CARPENTER.

**March 13, 1869**

Burglary – A boy, named FISK, aged about 17, was committed to jail on Monday last, from Hicksville Township, charged with burglary – breaking into the Grocery Store of Geo. WARNER, in Hicksville.

The County Jail, an old wooden building, caught fire on Thursday forenoon, from some fault in the flues about the roof. Sheriff KARST, with some assistance from the shops, promptly put the fire out. There would have been no laments had the fire been a success – or as an old citizen, irreverently expressed it, “How d-d slow the old thing burns.” Liberty Co. No. 1 was out and threw water from the river to the jail, to show what they could have done had there been the necessity.

Died – In Tiffin township, March 3d, 1869, Wesley Ambrose HALL, son of George C. and Mary A. Hall, aged 13 months and 17 days.

**March 20, 1869**

Rev. Mr. THOMAS added nine more members to his church on Sunday last by immersion in the Maumee, at the foot of Wayne Street.

**March 27, 1869**

A.B. THRALL, sent in from Farmer Township on a charge of assault and battery, was taken to the Napoleon jail on Thursday last.

J. Augustus HASELTINE of this vicinity, died from an overdose of morphine on Thursday of last week, taken intentionally, it is supposed. He was at the time in the employ of the ship timber men on the Auglaize, near Charloe.

The members of Liberty Fire Company, No. 1, to the number of fifty or more, were out in full dress on Thursday to bury a member by the name of Charles ARNING, a sadler recently in the employ of John H. KISER, a very worthy young man. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. DETZER, at the Lutheran church, and were attended by a large concourse of people.

Divorce notice – Caroline GIER v. David GIER of Broadwell in Logan County, Illinois, willful absence and custody of child, Frederick, and restoration of maiden name.

**April 17, 1869**

The horse and dray of F. HARMENING fell into the Upper Lock on Monday last. The horse was drowned – worth $200.

**May 29, 1869**

Died – In this town, on Thursday last, at the residence of her son, John H. BEVINGTON, Esq., Mrs. Frances Bevington, aged 77 years, 7 months and 5 days.

“Who is the Bill DITTMER I read so much about in the paper? He is a clever Dutchman who makes and sells clothing in Defiance opposite the Russell House, and next door to WISENBERGER’s. He does good jobs, acts honorably, fits out a fellow with a suit at astonishingly low prices. Call in and see him when you are in town.”

**June 6, 1869**

Col. SPRAGUE’s grave could not be identified last Saturday by the “decoration” process. Nothing marked the place and recollection is already at fault. We understood, some time since, that measures were instituted to secure a monument to his memory, and that sufficient funds were already subscribed. Col. Sprague, in his best day, did much for Defiance and some fitting acknowledgement should be made.

Married- May 29th, at the residence of Mrs. LAMBERT, in Highland township, by Rev. W. V. THOMAS, Mr. John FOUTS, of Grand Traverse, Mich. to Miss Hannah BARINGER, of Richland Township.

Mrs. Phebe STUBBS, wife of John Stubbs, died at Stryker, on the 18th ult., aged 75 years. The Stubbs family were the earliest pioneers on the Tiffin river, having moved into Williams County when an almost unbroken wilderness, about 1830.

**June 12, 1869**

Jail. Messrs. MILLER and MOREHOUSE, Architects of Toledo, have furnished plans, estimates, specifications for a new jail for Defiance County, which the Commissioners have been considering during the week. The plan contemplates a building separate from the court house and with a residence for the sheriff. So far as we can judge, we should think the plan an excellent one, convenient in its arrangements, substantial and safe as to the prisoners’ department, and exceedingly tasteful in design. The proposition is to place it on the site of the old jail and to front on Wayne and Second Streets – the offices in time to be removed.

**June 19, 1869**

Dr. Wallace W. MOATS has attended another course of lectures at Cincinnati and secured his degree.
He proposes to locate in Mud Creek settlement and vicinity of his home. We wish him a full share of patients. July 10, 1869

New Bridge. Petitions are in circulation for signatures asking the Commissioners of Defiance County to erect a bridge across the Maumee River in Delaware township, from the farm of George W. HILL to the WHETSTONE farm, about six miles above Defiance. A bridge across the Maumee in that township would be a great public convenience.

Style. The Council have provided for signs giving, at the corners, the names of the streets – a much needed improvement, as but few persons, except real estate dealers, know the names of the streets.

The wife of William DICKMAN, of Tiffin Township, an elderly lady, was thrown from a buggy, at the foot of Clinton Street last Saturday, and very severely injured.

July 17, 1869

Murderous Assault. On Sunday evening last, Dr. I. N. THACKER, while on his way to church, was assaulted and beaten with a club by his son-in-law, Thomas E. MELIA, editor of the Defiance Express. Melia’s grievance is that his wife and child had been taken from him and all his proffers of reconciliation rejected by the Thacker family. He was already under bonds to keep the peace, and petition for divorce is now pending. Melia was taken before the Mayor that evening, and on default of bail in the sum of $1000, was committed to jail, to await his trial in September. The Express office, which he purchased a few days since, is again in the hands of Mr. BROOKS.

Martin VIEBACH and F. G. BOLLING of this place, were arrested and taken to Toledo for selling Mustard, unstamped and contrary to the statutes of the United States of America. On examination before Commissioner OSBORN, both were discharged.

July 31, 1869

Fire. The barn of Simon FIGLEY, of Tiffin Township, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. He was engaged in getting in his harvest. Ten tons of hay and 160 dozen of wheat were burned, also a farm wagon. A tobacco pipe is supposed to have had intimate connection with the disaster.

August 14, 1869

The old jail was sold at public outcry on last Saturday, by Commissioner ELLIOTT, to S. P. MOON, for $53.75. The iron in it should be worth that, but the labor of taking down the old crib will probably be equal to the value of the logs and material saved. In 1820, when the county seat of Williams was established at Defiance, the proprietors of the town gave lots to aid in the erection of public buildings. The jail then built was the first story of the present building. Subsequently as the need for more accommodation was felt, another story was put on. On the removal of the county seat to Bryan, the jail stood on the public square, a sorry monument of our then fallen greatness for several years – but unharmed. When Defiance County was organized in 1846, the Commissioners took possession of it and improved its appearance by a new roof, siding, painting &c. and has answered its end since that time. It is now being taken down to give place to a substantial and imposing structure of brick, stone and iron, more in keeping with the increased wealth, population, taste, and possibly increased crimes of the times.

Distressing Casualty. John BLEEKS, a substantial farmer of Washington Township, while on his return home from town was almost instantly killed by being thrown from his wagon forward on the whiffle trees* where he was kicked by his horses and horribly mangled. His horses took fright at the R.R. crossing on the Brunersburg road – a train passing under the bridge at the time. He has been a resident of Defiance county about ten years, moving here from Crawford County. He was about sixty years of age and a thrifty and respectable citizen. (* Whiffle-trees were two centrally pivoted horizontal wooden beams fixed to the wagon behind the two wheel horses to which the harness traces were attached.)

An infant but a few weeks old, done up in a basket, with note in the approved style, was left at the residence of T. J. COLE, on Tuesday night last. It will be cared for, as several families think of taking it.

August 21, 1869

Died – August 17th, infant child of Henry and Julia HARDY.

August 28, 1869

Louis KOHLMANN of the firm Kohlmann & BAUER, brewers, died suddenly on Saturday last. His remains were taken to Cleveland for interment, on the 6 o’clock train Monday morning.

Simon KENTON. The very eloquent address of Senator HUTCHINSON of the Columbus district, made on a proposition to complete a monument some years since, commenced to the memory of Gen. Simon Kenton… There are several relatives of the Kenton
family residing in this county, Miller ARROWSMITH, Esq., being one of the number.

**September 4, 1869**

Two horse thieves are under arrest for stealing a horse each from Mr. WELDEN and Sam’l NOFFSINGER, of Highland Township. The elder was sent, under name of NEWTON, to the penitentiary from this county in 1867, for two years, for burglary – stealing wheat from a farm in Hicksville Township – and has but recently been discharged. McCULLOUGH, the other, is but a boy and mere assistant. The horses as yet have not been recovered. Newton got off safely with the horses, and as supposed was on his way, for more when arrested. He was at Ottowa, and requested a seat in Sheriff KARST’s buggy (the sheriff being there on other business), and so was brought back and arrested without trouble.

**September 18, 1869**

Died – September 15th, at his residence in Adams Township, after a lingering sickness of over five months, of disease of the bowels, Erastus GLEASON, in the 43d year of his age.

**September 25, 1869**

Thomas ANSBERRY died suddenly on Monday morning last. His funeral was attended on Tuesday, conducted by Liberty Fire Company No. 1, and St. John’s Benevolent Society. Services at the Catholic church.

**October 2, 1869**

The ship timber men are laying out for a heavy business this winter. Sixty-five hands arrived from Canada, on Thursday morning, for ALDRICH, and more yet to arrive for him and other operators.

**October 9, 1869**

Died – Friday evening, October 1st, William TAYLOR, of Defiance Township, aged 49 years.

Died – September 28th, in Adams Township, Jacob FREAS, aged 45 years.

**October 16, 1869**


**October 23, 1869**

Died, on the morning of October 13th, of consumption, Miriam, eldest daughter of Mrs. Margaret R. MOORE, aged 19 years.

**October 30, 1869**

Resolution offered by the Defiance Union Schools upon the death of Miss Miriam MOORE.

Chas. B. RICHLIN, late a clerk in the Defiance Post Office, was arrested some two weeks ago charged with robbing the mail, or rather abstracting money from letters in the office. On a hearing before the Commissioners at Cleveland, this charge was abandoned, he was held to bail however, for withholding and delaying mail matter, a charge of lesser grade and lighter punishment. This young man, while employed in the Post Office, was popular with everybody, being an accommodating and efficient clerk. His many friends are in hopes that he may come out of the matter safely and without loss of reputation.

**November 27, 1869**

Charles B. RICHLIN, late a clerk in the Defiance Post Office, had his trial on Tuesday in the U.S. Court at Cleveland, plead guilty to the charge of detaining letters and was sentenced to six months in jail and to pay costs and fines of $300. He is to be confined in the jail of Hancock County. The charges for purloining money from letters and robbing the mail were withdrawn.

**December 11, 1869**

(from the Detroit Free Press)

A curious career. In the year 1866, one night a dashy woman arrived at Monroe, having in her custody a splendid span of horses. After remaining there several days, an officer from Defiance, Ohio, arrived in pursuit, it being alleged that the woman who hailed by the name of LINN, had stolen the horses from a lately divorced husband at that place. While in temporary custody at the hotel, the woman slipped out into the back yard and, going to the barn, bestrode one of the horses and made her escape, being hotly chased for several miles in vain. She shortly afterward appeared in Detroit and established a millinery and dressmaking establishment on Michigan Avenue. In some difficulty with the police, she preferred charges against an officer, wherein his reputation was compromised, and secured his dismissal. She was then again arrested by an officer from Defiance on a charge of horse stealing, but the man committed an error in serving the warrant, and while she

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got free, he was for some time in jail here on charge of false imprisonment, being finally bailed out and sent home by the Chief of Police.

Mrs. LINN was next heard of on Gratiot Street, pursuing the same business, and there she was shortly again in trouble by having two girls arrested in her house for a robbery at Springwell’s, some of the jewelry being found on Mrs. Linn’s premises. Nothing startling occurred in the woman’s career until a night or two since, when she moved into a house on Atwater Street, got acquainted with a sailor in the morning, and the two were married by a Justice of the Peace the same night, while it was rumored the next morning that her husband, who was from Buffalo, had already a wife and two children.

Citizens of Defiance will be at no loss to recognize the woman referred to in the foregoing item, as also to see that her wayward course is about run.

December 18, 1869

Burglary. The Sheriff is looking after a young man who broke into WILHELM’s store, last Saturday evening, taking two coats. His name is James DRENUEN and was but recently under arrest for till-tapping.

December 25, 1869

The only daughter of Rev. D. G. STRONG, pastor of the M.E. church in Defiance, died on Saturday, aged 4 years. The funeral was attended by joint services of several ministers at the Methodist Church on Sunday, Rev. LOVE of Napoleon preaching the sermon. The corpse was taken on Monday to Bellefountain, Ohio for interment.
29233 Hightower Hackney  24963 John Hazard  26260 Basil Holiday
27305 Tyrel Haden  28153 John Hazard  27556 James Hollis
28966 John Hagert  29696 Benjamin Head  29613 Elliot Holloody
29164 John Haggard  28371 Moses Head  29577 James Holloddy
26294 Daniel Hailey  28472 John Heber  28745 James Holmes
27304 David Hall  28473 Robert Hedelston  28374 John Holton
27727 George Hall  29654 Elkeny Wenaly  29979 George Hope
26290 Alexander Hamilton  28538 Samuel Henderson  29616 Mordecai Hopkins
27998 Andrew Hamilton  29796 Samuel Henderson  29089 Thomas Hopkins
28812 Alexander Hamilton  28536 Thomas Henderson  27554 Samuel Horbeson
27999 Alexander Hamilton  29658 Robert Henney  29033 B. Horsey
26246 James Hamilton  28719 James Henry  26292 William Houster
28446 John Hamilton  28442 John Henry  28963 Jacob How
29232 John Hamilton  29317 Joseph Hensley  29087 Achilles Howard
29356 John Hamilton  28373 William Hensely  28810 James Howard
29500 John Hamilton  28199 George Henton  28690 Matthew Howard
29502 Robert Hamilton  28370 Elisha Herdon  27731 William Howard
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26296 William Hamilton  26293 Samuel Herring  27733 Allen HUDdleson
27728 William Hamlion  29167 Charles Hews  29256 Dudley Hudson
28813 William Hammelton  26298 Adam Hibbs  27734 Abraham Huff
29617 William Hammer  29750 David Hickman  28809 Thomas Hughard
27720 William Hammin  28961 James Hickman  2887 Hugh Hughes
28624 James Hammond  20300 Pascal Hickman  27940 William Hughes
29977 Thomas Hanely  29692 Percial Hickman  27937 Corbin Hull
28623 Andrew Hanna  29797 Thomas Hickman  29614 James Hull
27301 Thomas Hanson  29531 Abraham Hicks  26297 Thomas Hull
25047 Martin Hardin  29165 James Hicks  27932 Jesse Humble
26706 Davis Hardine  29529 Samuel Hicks  27939 Benjamin Humphrey
29319 Joshua Harlan  28965 James Higgins  28372 James Humphreys
28289 James Harley  29281 John Higgins  28536 James Hunt
29318 Nelson Harlon  29935 Richard Hightower  29799 James Hunt
26295 John Harmon  27010 ____ Hill  29088 Charles Hunter
29231 Clairborn Harris  27386 ____ Hill  27735 John Hunter
29528 Samuel Harris  27303 Archibald Hill  29156 Mathew Hushman
28539 Thomas Harris  27557 Foster Hill  28964 James Huston
27307 Western Harris  27934 Fountain Hill  29086 Samuel Hutcherson
28471 Willie Harris  27730 Handy Hill  28746 James Hutchinson
27938 Robert Harrison  29798 James Hill  29764 Lewis Hutchinson
27306 Williby Harrision  28962 Bennet Hines  35572 Sylvester Illiff
27699 William Harrold  279435 John Hickson  29980 James Ingsley
29282 Joseph Harrow  27936 John Hickson  28540 Alexander Ireland
28299 Nathaniel Hart  20094 Guy Hinton  28441 Francis Irwin
26579 Jacob Harter  29927 Marcus Hobach  29320 Jacob Irwin
29234 John Harvey  29978 Bennett Hobson  28474 John Irwin
27302 Jesse Haveline  27555 Abraham Hoddin  (Listing will continue with the letter “J” surnames in the winter 2013 issues of Yesteryears’ Trails.)
28744 Abner Hawkins  28537 James Hogan  35572 Sylvester Illiff
28889 Gabriel Hawkins  29032 James Hogin  29980 James Ingsley
28200 Francis Hawkins  26707 Richard Holder  28540 Alexander Ireland
29657 S. Hawkins  29922 Caleb Holder  28441 Francis Irwin
29753 Strawder Hawkins  29615 Gava Holder  29320 Jacob Irwin
27933 Nathaniel Hayden  28967 Samuel Holding  28474 John Irwin
28369 John Hays  28888 John Holler  

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Buffington was identified with the business interests of Defiance in different ways. Among his affiliations, he was a former director of the Merchants National Bank and was a stockholder of the Turnbull Wagon Works.

Jonathan Buffington died on March 30, 1911 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Works consulted for the this article: Biographical Record of Northwest Ohio , pages 38-40; Daily Crescent News March 30, 1911; Defiance Democrat April 1, 1911; Defiance County History 1883 pages 1133, 160, 163, 176, 182, and 187.

Until next time-- bye, bye. Dave

Pontiac Park
Monuments located in historic Pontiac Park honor the former landmark of the French Indian Apple Tree, Chief Pontiac (said to be born here about 1742), Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman), Coohcooche, Oliver Spencer, Capt. Anthony Shane, Chief Occonoxee and his family. Other markers not shown note this area was the site of the largest gathering of Indians in 1792 at the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize Rivers, that the town of Williamstown was platted here on the eastern side of the Maumee, and that the river was a part of the Miami and Erie and Wabash and Erie canal systems.
DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY BANQUET
Honoring First Families of DEFIANCE COUNTY

Monday, October 28, 2013  St. John United Church of Christ
6:00 P.M.  930 Webster St.
           Defiance, Ohio

All chapter members and First Family members are urged to attend the dinner and program. **Visitors are welcome-- you do not need to be a member to attend.** If you would like to come only for the program and not the dinner, you are welcome to do so. If attending only the program, PLEASE phone for reservations to be assured of a seat. **Reservations and money are due by October 10, 2013.**

Please use the form with the address below and mail to DCGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43556 or call Cecelia Brown at (419) 658-2483.

Certificates and pins will be presented to new members of First Families who are accepted in 2013.

The after dinner speaker will be Richard Rozevink of Defiance, Ohio. The program will be a PowerPoint presentation: *Civilian Conservation Camp No. SP, Company 571 of Defiance County.*

The banquet will be plate-style which includes pork roast, potatoes au gratin, green beans, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, roll, apple dessert, and drink. The price is $15.00 per person.

Please clip and return the form below with a check made out to Def. Co. Gen. Soc.

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**FIRST FAMILIES OF DEFIANCE COUNTY BANQUET**
Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________ Phone __________

Number attending dinner and program ______  Number attending program only ______

Amount enclosed @ $15.00 each for the dinner ______

**Reservations and money are due by October 10, 2013**

Please send to DCGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512

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