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.

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**Chapter Programs - 2013**

**March 25 - David Bennett**  
*Timbering In and About Defiance County*

**April 22 - Dan Hasch**  
*Photos of Sherwood of Old*

**May 20 - MEETING ON THE 3rd MONDAY AT THE DC LIBRARY**  
Barbara Sedlock  
Defiance College Library  
*Useful Historical/Genealogical Materials Available from the DC Library*

**June 24 - Steve Charter**  
*BGSU’s Jerome Library*  
*Online Materials found in the Jerome Library Archives Featuring Defiance County*

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At the January 28 chapter meeting, Gladys Donson, genealogist, local historian, and a member of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, related her research to gather names of local veterans from the War of 1812.
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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

January 17, 2013 - Board Meeting Highlights
The board of the Defiance County Genealogy Society will continue to meet in the Erie Room at the Defiance Regional Medical Center at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursdays of the month.

President Brown noted that she had met with Marilyn Hite, director of the Defiance Public Library concerning the possibility of purchasing a second microfilm reader/printer for the library. The cost currently is $9,490. It was generally agreed that the chapter promote the purchase of a second machine both to chapter members and to the general public. A motion was passed that $500 be pledged to the library toward the purchase of a second microfilm reader/printer in honor of/in memory of chapter charter members.

The board accepted the donation of the Hanover Settlement book from Gladys Donson.

January 21, 2013 - Chapter Meeting Highlights
Corresponding Secretary Dianne Kline noted that the Palentines to America with John Colleta will hold its one-day seminar in Columbus on April 6. She also had a query concerning a Krughton surname.

Rich Rosevink announced the Town and Gown programming for the spring: February 7th - "Back to Dixie" - POW escape attempts from Johnson's Island Civil War Prisoner Camp in Ohio; March 14th - "Water, Water, Everywhere" - a narrative of the flood of 1913 events supported by an extensive collection of photos; (7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg auditorium on the DC campus); April 18th - William Henry Harrison and Friends and Enemies" - the role he played prior to and during War of 1812 (7:30 at the Stroede Center).

Mary Scranton, who had recently gone to the OGS Library, had brochures available and noted that members could avail themselves to several online databases and also that membership allowed entrance to other Ohio sites. Dianne Kline noted that the three OGS magazines had been combined into one. Joanne complimented Jeanne Steingass on the recent article in the Crescent-News concerning her longtime pen-pal correspondence.
For the evening’s program, Gladys Donson spoke on the special 2012 project of the Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812. Members have been compiling burial records of veteran of the War of 1812. She noted several resource that were used for research in Defiance County- the 1883 County History of Defiance County, the Ohio Roster of the War of 1812, and Early Ohio Tax Records as well as War of 1812 records in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Gladys noted two veterans in the Farmer Cemetery: Rueben Martin who had pension records from the state of Vermont, and Jacob Knight, the grandfather who raised William Knight. (William Knight was of Civil War fame for his stealing of train The General from the Confederates.)

February 21, 2013 - Board Meeting Highlights
Dianne Kline, corresponding secretary, reported that she had received a $15.00 donation for the chapter for research work that she had done and that there are currently 77 members for the coming year. She will be sending out reminder notices soon.

VanAusdale Imagining has given permission for the chapter to use the photographs which they had re-produced of Civil War veterans of Defiance GAR Post 22. Lavina will work with the VanAusdales on drafting a copyright release.

One of the goals for the coming year is to publish the early Defiance Presbyterian church records.

Rich Rozevink has agreed to be chapter banquet speaker for October with the topic of the Defiance Civilian Conservaton Corps. Cecelia noted that other speakers who have agreed for programs are Mr. McMaster in September and Barbara Sedlock in May.

February 25, 2013 - Board Meeting Highlights
Preceding the chapter business meeting, Joanne Allison presented her Power Point program which detailed her genealogical trip to Germany to research her ancestors, Margaret von Leinen and Harmon Dietrich Meyer who had settled in America, first in the Holgate area. Joanne's journey later took her to southern Netherlands to research her husband's ancestors, Friederich and Margaret Reichhold. In addition to detailing her own families' histories, she also pointed out what the daily lives of Europeans of this time would have been like and how they would have made passage to America.

Rich Rozevink noted that the date and site of the March Town and Gown program has been changed.

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Mary Scranton reminded members that applications for First Families are due August 1.

There was no unfinished business nor was there any new business.

Our chapter would like for you to join
First Families of Defiance County
If you can prove you 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 Mary Scranton, chair.

Defiance County Centennial Families
To acknowledge families which have been in Defiance County for 100 years or more, our chapter has established a centennial recognition program. Just one item of proof showing that a family member was here in 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.
Brunersburg was named for Daniel Bruner. Brunersburg was laid out in the year 1834 by Daniel Bruner and Henry Zeller. The original plot contained but 28 lots; however by 1883 five additions had been made.

Noble Township, the only “inland” township in the county, had as its first settler John Perkins who came from Chillicothe, Ohio to the Maumee Valley in 1816. Perkins assisted in surveying the lands of the Northwest Ohio under the contract taken by Capt. Riley. Perkins purchased the land on which the old Brunersburg mills were erected, building both saw and gristmills. Power was obtained by a dam across Bean Creek later to be known as the Tiffin River.

It is supposed that the name Bean Creek originated in the use of its rich bottoms for the raising of corn and beans which played an important part in the fare of the French and the Indians. Records tell that John Perkins raised the first crop of wheat in Noble Township in 1826. Perkins sold out his Brunersburg holdings in 1853 and located in Williams County, Ohio.

In the 1830s Brunersburg had the only gristmill in Northwest Ohio, and it drew the pioneer trade from all over the territory. William Carter erected a bridge and sought to profit from the structure by charging toll to all who crossed. The erection of a dam at Independence raised the hopes of the speculators who saw sudden riches in the slack water. It is said that speculation rose to a greater height here than in any district above the rapids. A second dam was built, bridges were erected, and lands for miles up and down the Tiffin River were platted in the expectation of the future city.

A steamboat was built for the passenger traffic, and literature describing the attractiveness of the coming city was broadcast far and near. But the “Burg” failed to develop, and the city only filled its destiny as an attractive country village.

The steamboat made trips to Fort Wayne and laid up for the winters at Rochester which was fourteen miles above Defiance. In the spring of 1838 an ice jam and flood swept the steamboat down the river to below the rapids. Since it could not be brought back upstream, it was put into service between Maumee, Perrysburg, and Toledo. This ice jam played havoc with the bridge which was destroyed and never rebuilt.

John Plummer was also with Perkins and bought land in Tiffin Township clearing up a farm. Other early settlers were William Buck, W. Kibble, John Partee, John Lawrence, O. Webb, Enoch Partee, and S. Hughes, a millwright.

John and Nancy Partee came to Defiance County in 1823 by way of Sydney and Wapakoneta from Ross County. The first school was taught in the double log cabin where the Enoch and Joseph Partee families lived. The teacher was W. W. Selick. John Partee died on his farm at the age of 80 in 1844. He and James and Joseph Partee were soldiers in the War of 1812.

When the County Faced War

There was much wild honey, and Perkins once found three large bee trees in a day. These folks remembered the great excitement caused over the dispute between Ohio and Michigan when the citizens of Defiance County expected to go to war. A false report of a great charge by the Michiganders of that time caused wild alarm throughout Northwest Ohio.

First Brick House Outside Defiance

Brice Hilton was one of the early settlers in Noble Township. He was born at Stark, Somerset County, Maine in 1808 and came to Miami County, Ohio with his parents in 1817. The family came to Williams County [later Defiance County] in December 1822 and built the second log cabin between Defiance and Fort Wayne. The other cabin was built by a Rogers 5 miles below Fort Wayne.

Brice Hilton, one of the early school teachers, erected the first brick home in the county outside of Defiance. His father Joshua Hilton walked from the Miami Valley to this county in the spring of 1822. He carried with him a map of the lands of the county in order to select a farm. Returning home he went to the land office at Piqua and entered 140 acres on the west side of the Tiffin River. He came back with his land deed, but had no land cleared for crops. Judge Shirley gave him permission to put out corn on land opposite the old fairgrounds on what was known as “Indian improvement.” They plowed up the bluegrass sod and put out 6 acres of corn, sufficient to last the family until another crop could be raised.
(War of 1812 Veterans’ cont. from p. 6)

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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)

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A DISGRACEFUL ROW

About ten o’clock last Saturday night, a gang of young fellows entered Peter ZEIGLER’s saloon on Clinton street with the evident purpose of creating a disturbance. In the saloon at the time were several citizens, including Christian DIEHL, the brewer, and his brother, John DIEHL, hardware merchant. The youngsters commenced on C. Diehl and tried to provoke a row. Mr. Zeigler interfered and soon a general fight ensued. Zeigler put the boys out and they then commenced throwing stones and hot _____ and beer glasses into the saloon. In the melee, John Diehl was struck in the face with some obstacle and was badly cut. His brother was struck with a glass. Mr. Zeigler was hit and likewise his wife was struck on one of the hands. One of the attacking party, a young KESSELMYER, was struck between the eyes with a stone.

Order was finally maintained and the next day nine youngsters...from 16 to 22 years were arrested and jailed. Today the preliminary trial was heard before Squire CATY. The result we did not learn at the time of going to press. The affair was a disgrace and it is a shame that such young chaps would gang together for lawless purposes. The majority of them are little boys who deserve a good spanking.

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It was an abrupt termination of the case, and it was a startling episode in the case that while trying to discover whether Mrs. Graper was insane, one of the jurors should be attacked with the disease of insanity. Mr. Miller has not been well for some time, and it is probable that his physical condition and the close confinement of the courtroom caused the attack. It is indeed to be hoped that the trouble is only temporary. Mr. Miller was sent home on Tuesday in care of W. O. BARNEY of Milford township.

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HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP –

Mr. Thomas HOWARD of this township has buried three of his children within the last eighteen months. One son aged about 23 years, and two daughters, aged about 21 and 19 years of age, all of consumption.

The eighty-ninth birthday of Mr. Lewis J. WHEELER, the father of J. K. MYERS of Highland township, was celebrated at the residence of his daughter on the 8th of this month, by many friends and relatives. Among the many guests was the mother of N. A. BOUTELL of this township who will be 89 years old in March. These two old people are, perhaps, the oldest in this township.

SAD AFFLICTION

On Sunday morning last, Mrs. Platt PIERCE, daughter of Mrs. L. E. MYERS, of this city, died at her residence in Cleveland. Ten days previous, her little daughter, Carrie, died of scarlet fever. The mother was dangerously sick at the time, the probability being strong that she would not recover. It was not deemed advisable to bury the daughter until Mrs. Pierce should change for the better or worse. As stated, she died on Sunday. The remains of mother and daughter were brought home to this place and were buried in Rural Cemetery yesterday. Mrs. Pierce was an excellent lady and was cherished as a friend by everyone who knew her. The husband and relatives have the sincere sympathy of this community in the honor of their sad affliction.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – The people of this vi-
Christian VOLLMER, who has been visiting in Germany, returned home on 14th last. He brought several of his old neighbors to America with him. His health is much improved.

**February 26, 1880**

**AN OLD PIONEER GONE**

Dead on Monday evening, February 23rd, 1880, Mrs. Nellie SKIVER, aged nearly 111 years. Mrs. Skiver has been a resident of Defiance County for over forty years, and was the mother of eight children, six of whom are now living. Although the old family record has been lost, it appears from great evidence gathered from herself and others, that she was born in Rockingham County, Va. on Easter Sunday, 1769; she was seven years old when the Declaration of Independence was made. She distinctly remembered many incidents of the Revolution, when it was an unbroken wilderness, and notwithstanding the many hardships of the pioneer life, has never known what it was to be sick. She lost the use of her eyes almost twenty years ago from a cataract; but otherwise has enjoyed the use of her faculties, her mind being clear to the day of her death. Her descendants, of whom there are a large number living, are residents of Defiance County. The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. Isaac SKIVER by Rev. B. W. SLAGLE.

**Horrible Accident: Whole Family Drowned by the Accidental Overturning of a Skiff**

*Defiance Democrat*

*April 29, 1886*

Probably the most fatal accident known in the history of Defiance occurred last Friday shortly after two o’clock in the Auglaize just above the Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge. Fredrick HILLMAN, a German laborer, residing on the corner of Third and Summit Streets in East Defiance, his wife Amanda and his two children found a watery grave by accidentally overturning their boat. Hillman had undoubtedly set out with his family for the purpose of fishing, thus the fishing tackle found in his boat after the accident clearly showed, but in selecting a boat, he chose one which was entirely too small for the load. The boat is scarcely twelve feet long, very little more than two feet wide and is in poor condition. In this miserable shell, the family is supposed to have set out about at Third Street, and then they rowed upstream under difficulties undoubtedly, for witnesses stated that the edge of the boat was nearly on a level with the water and the waves were running high, owing to a strong wind. Yet they succeeded in rowing about the distance of four blocks before the accident happened which terminated so suddenly four young lives.

So many versions have been given of the manner in which the accident took place that in order to give the exact facts, we publish the evidence which was given before the Coroner by eye witnesses: J. P. STORCK and L. S. STORCK, two young men from Highland Township, who were on the bridge at the time of the accident testified as follows:

“On the 22nd day of April 1886, we were in the city of Defiance and about 10:15 a.m. sun time, [when] we saw Frederick HILLMAN, his wife, and two children in a small boat on the Auglaize River near the B & O railroad bridge. They were rowing upstream, the boat being sunk pretty well – about level with the water. Mrs. Hillman made an effort to get up, the boat tipped and all four of its occupants were thrown into the river. Mrs. Hillman and the two children immediately sank, the two children not coming to the surface again. Mr. Hillman rose to the surface once and then sank out of sight. Mrs. Hillman did not sink at once, but remained above the water until after the others had sunk and until a gentleman whose name we do not know approached her in a boat. But before this gentleman reached her, she sank and did not rise again.”

Oscar O. STONER, a laborer in the Turnbull Wagon Works, was near the scene of the accident and made a futile attempt to save Mrs. Hillman. His story before the coroner was told in the following words:

“On the 22nd of April, a little after 10:15 a.m. sun time, I was in the yard at the east end of the B & O railroad bridge across the Auglaize River. At about that time I heard screams coming from somebody on the river. Michael SCHULTZ then called to me, saying that there was a whole family drowning out on the river. I immediately ran down to the bank of the river and asked Mr. Schultz to loosen a boat that was fastened there and go to the rescue of the woman I saw floating on the water. I unfastened the boat, paddled out into the river with a board, but before I could reach her, she sank below the
surface and did not rise again. Failing to rescue the woman, I returned to shore and went out onto the river in company with a stranger and brought to shore the boat belonging to the parties who had been drowned. During this same time, a cane and a pike pole had been secured and I and the stranger began to search for the body of the woman which we found some time afterwards. It was that of Amanda HILLMAN. About two hours later, we found a second body.

As shown in the latter testimony, search for the bodies was instituted at once and 38 minutes after Mrs. Hillman had disappeared, Oscar Stoner found her corpse; about 20 minutes later, Jacob YOUNG discovered the corpse of the boy; a little after, Oscar Stoner found Hillman’s corpse; and at nearly 2 o’clock, John A. ELSER lifted the body of the little girl from the water. They were all found within a circuit of from 20 to 30 feet in water of a depth of about 12 feet. The bodies were conveyed to the family dwelling and placed upon a bed side by side where they were viewed by hundreds of persons. It was indeed a most piteous sight.

On Saturday forenoon, funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, and from there they were conveyed in three coffins to their last resting place in Riverside Cemetery. Hillman was aged 26 years, his wife Amanda had attained an age of but 19 years. John F., the boy, was one month over three years, and the girl, Minnie, 18 months old.

The Coroner’s Verdict: The fact that the drowned family were in very destitute circumstances, so much so that a few chairs, a table, a scanty bed and very few other articles comprised the entire outfit of their humble cottage, while no estables were to be found, the house caused many to suppose that the accident was suicide. This, however, seems hardly credible, not only because the party were equipped for fishing, but especially because the accident happened before eye witnesses and suicides very seldom parade their cowardly deeds. Judging the matter in the same light and basing his opinion on the evidence, Coroner ALDRICH, after the inquest had been held last Saturday, rendered a verdict that Frederick Hillman, his wife and two children, were drowned in the Auglaize River by the accidental upsetting of their boat.

(War of 1812 Veterans’ cont. from p. 7)
**Defiance County Children’s Home Residents from 1920 Census of Richland Township, Jan. 28, 1920 with their ages**

W. F. WAGNER, head, 53 and his wife, Mary V., 50, Clyde E., son, 29 and daughter, Margerite, 22

Inmates:
1. Violet ACKERMAN 14
2. William SOALS 6
3. Florence SOALS 8
4. Homer WOODRUFF 8
5. Grace WOODRUFF 5
6. Melba JUBENVILLE 9
7. Delores JUBENVILLE 4 2/12
8. Tennyson JUBENVILLE 8
9. Eddie FRICKE 7
10. Dorthea FRICKE 9
11. Leonard FRICKE 12
12. Mildred FRICKE 14
13. Thelma McGARTH 13
14. Vernard McKELLIPS 8
15. Alfred PACE 12
16. Royal LEE 7
17. Stella JOHNSON 18
18. Russel SKIVER 3
19. Haze SPROW 14
20. Cora SPROW 12
21. Hettie YORK 12
22. Julia YORK 10
23. Ethel ACKERMAN 5
24. Moris BAILEY 13
25. Floyd BAILEY 12
26. Joseph VonRUGGEN 5
27. Richard MONINGER 5
28. Lenard BODY 4 11/12
29. Mary BODY 5
30. Leona BODY 2 5/12
31. Clarence WEBSTER 10
32. Ruth SPEAKER 16
33. Irean SPEAKER 14
34. Albert EMERLINE 3 3/12
35. Delbert LOCKE 8
36. Cora LOCKE 7

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**Defiance County Home Residents from 1920 Census of Tiffin Township, Feb. 24, 1920**

1. Gladys SPROW 32 single
2. Elizabeth WALTERS 40 single
3. Bessie LEWIS 59 widow
4. Nettie YORK 15 single
5. Anna LEE 24 single
6. Gertrude SEWELL 23 single
7. Sarah WILLIAMSON 52 single
8. Mary CORRELL 56 widow
9. Emma WEBSTER 38 married
10. Flora MEEK 45 single
11. Belva LEE 22 single
12. Theresa HASMEYER 63 widow
13. Zada SAWYER 59 widow
14. Elizabeth SMITH 63 widow
15. Arica SINES 60 widow
16. Boyd YORK ? single
17. Kaate WOLFORN 80 single
18. Emma FIDDLER 78 widow
19. Nancy J. WAHL 72 widow
20. Rebecca WALTERS 75 single
21. Sarah SPROW 64 single
22. Lillie HIXON 70 widow
23. Mary KEEFER 90 widow
24. Elizabeth CONNOR 76 widow
25. Melissa NEWTON 81 widow
26. Samuel CRAWFORD 62 widow
27. Joseph WILLIAMS 69 single
28. Patrick JENNINGS 72 widow
29. James DOHONEY 57 single
30. Simpson DRENNING 66 widow
31. Benjamin BONER 60 single
32. William McKOWN 77 married
33. Albert RICHISON 58 single
34. Philip WREDE 40 single
35. Edward GREThER 74 single
36. William MOYER 75 married
37. Chas. HOLDERBAUM 65 single
38. William HILBER 32 single
39. Edward SOWDERS 79 single
40. Victor BOWERS 20 single
41. George DOTTER 70 single
42. William VINEGAR 90 widow
43. Hampton EARLSTON 50 single
Defiance County Home Residents
from 1940 Census of Tiffin Township, April 1, 1940

Leaders, Glen – farm manager, age 62
Leaders, Sarah – matron, age 59 – both work 60 hours a week
Young, Junior – lodger, age 11, attends school
Sanders, Donald – farm hand, age 19
Crawford, Rag – farm hand, age 20
Lewis, Margaret, 64

Inmates:
Farasht, Agnes, 29 widow
Davidson, Goldie, 28 single
Young, Bonnie 40 divorced
Thompson, Harriet 37 married
Smith, May 48 single
English, Mary 48 married
Kriger, Edith 37 divorced
Haskel, Margaret 61 widow
Hartley, Phyllis 37 married
Sprow, Hazel 33 single
Sprow, Gladys 48 single
Shortgen, Kate 54 widow
Shortgen, Lucile 34 single
Wonderly, Martha 66 single
Kelley, Mae 44 widow
Altenberger, Florence 40 widow
Diamond, Anna 45 single
Johnson, Stella 36 single
Sewel, Gertrude 44 single
Blair, Mary 81 widow
Wood, Mary 82 single
Newman, Rena 83 widow
Sanders, Sadie 72 single
Goshea, Mary 82 single
Henry, Jennie 82 single
Lenhart, Mary 84 widow
Burke, Orlando 59 single
Wells, Benj. F. 84 married
Hilbert, Wm. G. 39 single
Bensnider, Clyde 50 single
Leonard, Alpheus 71 widow
Wilson, Geo. B. 85 widow
Keesbury, Earl 31 single
Wrede, Leo 50 single
Weaver, Raymond 39 single
Weisenberger, Fred 64 divorced
Bentley, Frank 59 married

Speck, John 61 divorced
Speck, Alfred 54 married
Dye, Wade 70 single
Speck, Ora 54 single
Parker, John G. 64 single
Place, Glen 41 single
Smith, Walter D. ? single
Drenning, Sam 86 widow
Coyr, Steven 72 single
Kolb, Jos. 60 single
Oliver, Everett 68 single
Nichols, Glen 50 single
Gump, Williard 42 single
Miller, Henry 65 single
Lemon, John 63 single
Bricker, Harry 63 single
Kyle, Robert 61 single
Spangler, Leroy 59 single
Philson, Thos. 80 single
Calhoun, John 60 single

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### Six Generations Chart for Irene Lantz-Winnie

#### Prepared by:
Irene Lantz-Winnie

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In February of this year, Richard P. Evans, Sr. nominated his great-grandfather, Elza C. Evans, to our chapter Civil War recognition. Elza served with the 111th OVI, Company F from 1862-1865. Richard's five-generation chart, shown below, show his relationship with his great-grandfather.
Five Generations Chart for Eric Leininger

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Four Generations Chart for Helen Hineman-Burbachwer

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Helen E. Hineman-Burbachwer
b. 30 Nov 1906
p. Williams Co., OH
m. 12 Jan 1936
p. Williams Co., OH
d. 22 Mar 2009
p. Defiance Co., OH
sp. Harold A. Burbachwer

Charles Warren Hineman
b. 13 Aug 1880
p. Williams Co., OH
m. 14 Sep 1905
p. Williams Co., OH
d. 4 Apr 1952
p. Williams Co., OH

Sarah E. Oxenrider-Hineman
b. 1868
p. Ohio
d. 1906
p. Williams Co., OH

Charles Berthold Sperling
b. 24 Aug 1855
p. Brandenburg, Germany
m.
d. 13 Mar 1903
p. Williams Co., OH

Mary Elizabeth Sperling-Hineman
b. 14 Jul 1882
p. Williams Co., OH
d. 2 Feb 1973
p. Williams Co., OH

E. Frederica Winter-Sperling
b. 14 Oct 1859
p. Defiance Co., OH
d. 18 Mar 1950
p. Williams Co., OH

Christian Winter
b. 12 Sep 1831
p. Wurttemberg, Germany
m. 19 Oct 1858
p. Defiance Co., OH
d. 22 Jul 1894
p. Defiance Co., OH

Christina Elser-Winter
b. 15 May 1829
p. Wurttemberg, Germany
d. 3 Jan 1872
p. Defiance Co., OH

George Frederick Heineman Sr.
b. <1807>
p. Germany
m. 2 Aug 1836
p. Stark Co., OH
d. 24 Aug 1883
p. Williams Co., OH

Magdalena Householder-Heineman
b. <1811>
p. Germany
d. 17 Feb 1876
p. Williams Co., OH

Jonathan Oxenrider
b. 29 Nov 1829
p. Ohio
m. 25 Sep 1851
p. Williams Co., OH
d. 25 Feb 1900
p. Center Twp., Williams Co., OH

Elizabeth Archibald-Oxenrider
b. 9 Nov 1828
p.
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p. Williams Co., OH

John Sperling
b. 6 Dec 1818
p. Prussia
m. <1854>
p. Germany
d. 15 Jul 1902
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Julia Anna Brendt-Sperling
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