Defiance County Genealogy  
Chapter and Board Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. The address is 950 Webster Street—on the northeastern corner of the Defiance College campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium.

Chapter meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except May, August, and December or as noted.

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

March 26 Woodland Area Indians  
Taylor March is the Senior Humanities and American History teacher at the Toledo School of the Arts and is a trustee of the Henry County Historical Society, as well as the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Commission. He also is a graduate of BGSU with an emphasis on Native Americans.

He loves re-enacting and living history and will come to us as a Woodland Indian of our area. He will also have period artifacts on display.

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If you change your postal or email address, please make sure you email the chapter at <defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com> or send the changes to Defiance Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 so that your current information is on file.

Become a Member of 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. Membership form is at the end of this newsletter or you may download a membership form at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org

First Families of Defiance County and Centennial Families

Defiance County First Families
If you can prove your ancestor resided in Defiance County before January 1846, your ancestor can be classified as a “Pioneer.” If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor can 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, please 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 1918 or before is needed to register a family. Upon registration, a certificate will be sent from the chapter. For more information, please contact the chapter via email or by postal mail-- attention of Carol Ehlinger.
January Board Meeting

Trisha Speiser presented her ideas to the board about preparing for the future of the historic groups of Defiance County. She proposed a mutual agreement where the groups would cooperate to obtain a place to store historic items with climate control, to research and to meet, and to have offices. She will work on wording of a vision statement to present to the various groups.

Pat Wise moved to accept $50 as the newly increased price for Jim Rebar who provides our web site. Dawn Hasch seconded the motion which passed. Discussion was held on the $1000 previously set aside for a second microfilm reader for the Defiance Public Library because it is unlikely it would be needed as there is no space in the Ohioana Room. Rhonda Casler moved that the money should be put into a fund title “Tentative Projects. Joanne Allison seconded the motion which carried. This will be brought up as a recommendation to the chapter. A request from BGSU to support their Ohio History Day was decline by the board.

January Chapter Meeting

The following article was written by Joanne Allison and appeared in The Crescent-News.

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on Jan. 22, where members joined in an informal round table discussion and sharing time. Each member was asked to answer two questions: why they first started their search for ancestors, and what did their research reveal that surprised them.

Some mentioned that a child’s school assignment or a genealogy project in 4-H motivated them to research their family tree. Some inherited notebooks and family Bibles full of records that piqued their curiosity. However, most said their interest in family history started when older grandparents or relatives told stories from their past. For example,

Members of the Defiance County Genealogical Society who shared their genealogical information at the January chapter meeting are (seated from left): Pat Wise, Diane Hill and Gladys Donson. Standing are Lavina Boesling, Ruth Block, Richard Rozevink, Carolyn Peters, Dianne Kline, Mary Williams, Dave Bennett, and Joanne Allison.

Gladys, at a young age of three, heard tales from her great-grandmother about wolves howling and coming around the family cabin in the swamp.

Many interesting stories were shared. One member’s relative claimed their family had come to America on the Mayflower, and this member wanted to prove if it was really true. It turned out that, although the ancestor was a passenger on the Mayflower, he was not a pilgrim escaping religious persecution, but instead was an indentured servant and a scoundrel at that.

Other surprise discoveries by members included a New Salem witch in the family tree, another found a black-skinned Civil War soldier on one side of the family, and an ancestor who belonged to the Ku Klux Klan on another branch of the same family.

Still another person told of a Revolutionary War ancestor who was a Loyalist, remaining loyal to the Crown. One day while sitting on his front porch, he was shot at by Patriots, and the bullet holes can still be seen today in the front of the house. That ancestor later came across Pennsylvania to Ohio by covered wagon.
February Board Meeting

Dawn Hasch and Ruth Block had met previous to the board meeting and found the financial records from 2017 to be in perfect order. Mary Williams reported that a thank-you from Pastor Jim Brehler for the donation of $500 to the church for the chapter’s use of the building. Dianne Kline moved to pay $10.00 memberships to both the Johnson Memorial Library and the Sherwood Branch Library for 2018. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion; motion carried.

February Chapter Meeting

The death of longtime chapter members Connie Duerk was announced. Dianne Kline, as membership chair, noted that there currently are 51 members. She also noted that the blog site is still often being accessed, and she asked for ideas for the blog be suggested to her. Dianne, too, highlighted next month’s chapter meeting. The speaker will be Taylor Moyer, an accomplished historian and re-enactor, who will be speaking on the topic of the Woodlands Indians of this area.

Dianne also reported for the Cecelia Brown memorial committee. A leather wing-back chair has been ordered for placement in the Ohioana Room. Also on order is an ornamental genealogical tree to be placed on the wall to the entrance of the Ohioana Room. Director Hite, who will soon be retiring as director of the library, had some other suggestions for the committee to consider for the remaining funds.

Other meeting for the first half of the year were highlighted. In April Nancy Ottman from Palatines to America will be speaking on “Palatines to America: Finding Your German Roots.” Local genealogy groups have been invited to this program.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Dianne Grimm, a collector of both vintage items and of historical stories of the area. She highlighted many items collected from the Hicksville area and told related stories. On display were some of the items relating to Henry Hicks for which the town of Hicksville was named. She showed an original land grant for Henry Hicks and Isaac Smith dated 1837 and also a letter written to Ephraim Gorrell at New Rochester, Paulding County, dated 1838 beginning: "I have not heard from Hicksville since I last was there…“ This proved that Hicks had actually been in Hicksville and that he did not just purchase the lands without being present. (Hicks was a land speculator who bought many land parcels in Ohio.) Another letter was dated November 12, 1838, written from A. P. Edgerton (for whom the town of Edgerton was named) to Henry Hicks.

Dianne also has many photos and other items relating to Amelia Bingham, who was a turn of the century stage actress. Her Broadway career lasted from 1896 until 1926. She also was an entrepreneur starting her own Amelia Bingham Stock Company.

Also shown were photos of Hart's Boys and Hart's Girls Bands. Hart's Girls Band was begun after WWI while the men were serving in the war. The girl's band remained active until the 1930s and became nationally known.

Some of the other items representative of her collection were the following. Dianne showed milk bottles from dairies from Hicksville and even from Mark Center. She also noted that at one time there were five cigar companies in Hicksville. She displayed a muzzle loader signed by John Noggle who lived in Brunersburg from the 1850s-1870s. A brochure from the first Hicksville Fair of 1878 was on display. She also brought part of her post card collection depicting Sherwood and Hicksville. Dianne’s related stories and knowledge of the history behind the items was well appreciated by the group.
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Presented by the
Defiance County Genealogical Society and
the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America

April 23, 2018 at 7 PM

St. John United Church of Christ
950 Webster Street – Defiance, Ohio
NE cor of the Defiance College Campus

Guest Speaker – Nancy Ottman
FINDING YOUR GERMAN ROOTS

Nancy will cover reasons for migration in Germany,
the ports of departure, their migration in America.

Nancy is retired Director of HR and Loss Prevention for the JC Penney Co. She has been involved with genealogy research for 30 years. Nancy is a member of the OGS, Pal-Am and KS Genealogical and Historical Societies and fraternal organizations. Lectured at the Columbus Metro Library, Groveport Madison School District and Palatines to America both Ohio Chapter and National organization. In 2014 she completed a study with the Univ. Of NC on American Gravestones and Cemeteries. Nancy was recently published in the “Your Genealogy Today” magazine.

Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America in conjunction with Defiance County G.S presents this program as a public service. Everyone is welcome. NO CHARGE.
The Ohio Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that the 2018 Annual OGS Conference will be held April 11-14, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 N. High Street in Columbus, Ohio.

For the most up to date information, visit the OGS conference web site at http://www.ogsconference.org.

**Findmypast Partnership**

The Ohio Genealogical Society is excited to announce a new partnership with find my past. As a benefit of membership in the Ohio Genealogical Society, you can enjoy a complimentary 12 month starter subscription to find my past. Explore over 2 billion historical records and discover your past.

**OGS Membership**

The Ohio Genealogical Society gives its members valuable benefits including:

- 4 issues of the Award-winning Ohio Genealogy News (digital)
- 4 issues of the Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly (digital)
- Members-only section of the OGS web site (including Ohio marriages, Ohio births, Ohio divorces, Ohio Civil War soldiers) - (see a complete list of member resources)
- Free Admittance to the Samuel D. Isaly Library
- Option to borrow duplicate books from the OGS Lending Library

OGS is excited to reintroduce a proven membership program which benefits OGS and OGS chapters as well. New members to OGS may designate that their local OGS chapter receives a $5.00 rebate from their new membership application. This does not apply to renewals. OGS dues are $40.00 for twelve months for a single membership. Other rates and an application form are available at the organization’s web site <www.ogs.org>.

*Discounts on any publications and store items (web site or at the library)*
*Option to apply to OGS lineage societies*
*Discounts on OGS Conference, OGS Fall Seminar, and OGS Genealogy Librarians’ Seminar*
*Knowledgeable staff and volunteers available to provide assistance to you by phone call or email*
*Option to attend free classes at the OGS Library throughout the year*
*Access to the very top genealogical databases while in the library using OGS computers*
*$15 Discount on OGS Library Copy Services (just $5.00 per request; non-members $20 per request)*
*Free access to Heritage Pursuit from home (over 300 digital Ohio county histories)*
*Discount on applying to Society of Families of the Old Northwest Territory*
*Free Access to the OGS Blog, the OGS Facebook Page, and the OGS Facebook Query Group*
*Free access to 1,000 digitized county level books and databases from home*
*Free web site databases prepared by our county chapters*
*Free Webinars on genealogical topics from the country’s top instructors*
*Eligible to submit your family’s story to our research collection*

**Win-Win is Still Available**

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Rivers of Defiance

The city of Defiance and its surrounding areas have always had a rich historical and ecological significance as it is the confluence of three major rivers making up the Maumee River watershed and historically much of the Black Swamp of northwestern Ohio. The historic Maumee River is formed in Ft. Wayne by the St. Joseph and St. Marys Rivers, flowing in a northeasterly direction through Defiance where it is joined by the Tiffin and Auglaize Rivers before arriving in Toledo where it empties into Maumee Bay and Lake Erie.

Bean Creek or the Tiffin River

It was surprising to many to learn that the Tiffin River was also known as Bean Creek in early Defiance County history. Today if one travels north into Michigan you may cross Bean Creek several times as it is still known as Bean Creek in Michigan.

From Wikipedia

“The Tiffin River is a 54.9-mile-long tributary of the Maumee River in northwestern Ohio. Headwater tributaries of the river rise in southeastern Michigan. The river drains a primarily rural farm-

ing regions in the watershed of Lake Erie. Early French traders called the river Crique Féve, translated as Bean Creek, due to the natural growth of bean plants along the shores.

“The stream was renamed officially as the Tiffin River in 1822 after Edward Tiffin, the first governor of the state of Ohio.

“Bean Creek, the name of the upper half of the Tiffin River, flows from Devils Lake in the Irish Hills region of southeastern Michigan.” It generally flows south going through Fulton and Williams Counties in Ohio before entering Defiance County and joining the Maumee River from the north 2 miles west of Defiance.

The historic Dey Road Bridge

Dey Road Bridge

The Dey Road Bridge is a historic truss bridge that spans the Tiffin River near the city of Defiance. Built in the 1900s, it is no longer in use and has been designated a historic site.

In 1835, an early toll bridge across the Tiffin had been built at the nearby community of Brunersburg; however, it was destroyed by a turn of the century flood. The Dey bridge is a Pratt through truss bridge that was manufactured by the Massillon Bridge Company, built in 1906. It rests
on concrete supports and is constructed primarily of iron. According to Wikipedia, “In 1907, it became a local landmark for surveying purposes when a USGS surveyor placed a benchmark on its northwestern abutment.”

In 1999, the bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, qualifying because of its historically significant engineering. By that time, the bridge was no longer is use. Now known as the “Old Dey Bridge,” the bridge is closed to road traffic, although pedestrians are still permitted to use it.

**Bridges of the Confluence**

If one is fascinated by the design and specifications of bridges, the web site for you would be bridgehunter.com. Most of the following information -- and more-- can be found on that site.

**The Oldest of the Clinton Street Bridges**

**Clinton Street Bridges**

The oldest of the Clinton Street bridges is described as a Whipple through truss later replace by the “new” Clinton Street Bridge. The replacement bridge was built in 1932 by the Purdey Construction Company. It is a steel stringer with a length of 434 feet and a deck width of 47 feet. It was rehabilitated in 1980 and is due to be replace in 2019. The inspection of 2016 noted the superstructure condition was poor, the substructure rating of satisfactory and the deck condition as poor.

**Hopkins Street Bridges**

The original Hopkins Street Bridge, a “through truss,” was built over the Auglaize River. It was destroyed by the flood of 1913. It is described as a “Parker through truss” and was built in 1914 by C. H. Bock (erector) and W. I. Rath (contractor).

**Second Street Bridge**

The first bridge over this portion of the Auglaize River was called the Fort Winchester Bridge as it was adjacent to the old Winchester Fort grounds. It was described as a “Lost Pratt through truss bridge.” It was replaced in 1937 by a “lost steel stringer” built by W. P. Townsend Construction Company. It was replaced in 1991.

This Bronson photograph show the Second Street Bridge during the flood of 1913. In late March 1913, an unusually heavy rainstorm moved into Ohio. It rained steadily for five days, and the streams all over Ohio rose rapidly. By the third day of the downpour, levees were overtopped and many towns suffered disastrous flooding. Great fires that raged unchecked added to the destruction and the loss of life. When the flood waters receded, tons of mud and debris covered the streets, homes, businesses and factories. The death toll stood at 361. Property damages were well over $100,000,000 and 65,000 were forced to temporarily flee from their homes.
Before there were Bridges, there were

**Ferry Operators**

The earliest settlers to the Defiance area had to rely on ferries to cross the Auglaize and the Maumee Rivers. Apparently, the county found a way to collect revenue by charging fees to operate ferry services. The following listing notes ferry operators from 1845 through 1860.

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<td>1846 &amp; 1847</td>
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<td>John Shirley</td>
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<td>$2 Across the Auglaize at Shirley’s Crossing in Defiance Township</td>
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<td>Reuben Strait</td>
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<td>Henry Kahlo</td>
<td>1860</td>
<td>$3 Across the Maumee River</td>
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The following is an excerpt of the license of John Bowman dated April 30, 1847 which was signed at court house in Defiance. The license permitted him to keep a ferry across the Maumee River at Keplar’s Crossing for $3.00 for one year. The license stipulated the fares that could be charged.

- Wagon or cart drawn by two horses, oxen, or mules: $0.18 3/4
- Every additional horse, oxen, or mule: $0.05
- Wagon of cart drawn by one horse or mule: $0.10
- Sulky drawn by one horse: $0.18 3/4
- Coach or phoeten drawn by two horses: $0.37 1/2
- Every additional horse: $0.05
- Horse and rider: $0.10
- Additional horse, oxen, cow, or mule: $0.03
- Sheep or hog: $0.01
- Footman: $0.05

![A reproduction showing what the early river ferries might have looked like.](image)
**Residents of Defiance County Before 1860**

The following is from a data base compiled by a DCGS member. Most of the resource documentation comes from the History of Defiance County 1883 (HDC) or the Battle of Fallen timbers-Officers Roster (BFT). Some additional information was also included. The year the data base was compiled is not know. The initial alphabetical listing is found below. Additional listing will be found in future newsletters.

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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
Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
Membership Form

Please print or type and send with check made payable to DCGS.
Send to: Defiance County Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512

Membership year is January 1 through December 31, annual $12.00 per person, $15.00 for family. If you need to update your 5 generation charts, please sign and date with permission to publish for the newsletter.

First Name ____________________________ Last Name______________________________
Maiden Name_______________________Spouse Name _______________________________
Address ________________________________________
City_______________________State______
Zip code ___________ - __________ Phone # ( ______ )________________
E-mail address____________________________ Birthdate_____________

New Member ___ OR Renewal___ Single___ OR Family___ OR Gift___
(If gift membership, send name and address of person to receive membership card and newsletter on back of this form)
Donation to DCGS for $_____ Specified Intention (please name)____________________

**Would you prefer your newsletter (circle one) Snail mail (USPS) or E-mail. Due to increased printing and postage costs, please add $5.00 to your membership fee for snail mail.

Member of First Families of Defiance County, Yes ___ No ___ OGS Member? Yes___ No__
Your surnames in Defiance County:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Program Suggestions:___________________________________________________________

What services/support would you be willing to offer DCGS? (Circle all that apply)
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