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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 St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

Coming Meetings

Monday, September 26
The Farmer GAR with Cheryl Chafin

Monday, October 24
Annual Chapter Banquet 6:00 PM
For more information, see the RSVP form at the end of this newsletter.
Replies and meal payments are due by Oct. 15.

Monday, November 28
Adams Twp. History with Ed Chase

December - NO meeting

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Genealogy Help Session
Sherwood Branch Library
Saturday, October 22
10:30-12:30

Have you hit a "brick wall" and need help with a specific area of your research? Members of the DCGS chapter will be available to help on the morning of October 22nd. For this help session, you must preregister by Saturday, October 15 and indicate what specific problem you are dealing with so that preliminary research can be done. To register, or for more information, contact the Sherwood Library at 419-899-4343.
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Change of Address or Email ?
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, POBox 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 so that your current information is on file.

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 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 members of the Defiance County Chapter OGS to apply. 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 1915 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.

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.
A membership form may be downloaded at the following website. www.defiancecountygenealogy.org.
What’s Been Happening at DCGS?

April Board Meeting
At the April board meeting President Brown noted that there were 72 members, and Dianne Kline noted that the blog site had had over 6000 hits.

As a new five-volume set of birth records have been published, the following motion was made. Joanne Allison moved to add another step to the publication printing cost index. For a publication of 201 pages or more, the price will be $40.00. Lavina Boesling seconded the motion which passed.

The issue of raising membership dues for 2017 was tabled.

The date of October 22 was set for a genealogical help session at the Sherwood Branch Library. Preregistration will be required and well as submitting specific research questions beforehand.

April Chapter Meeting
Since there was no new nor any unfinished business, President Brown introduced the speaker Daniel Schaffer and his assistant Deb Miller representing the Schaffer Funeral Home. Joanne Allison provided the following information from her meeting notes:

“The business was started in the 1850s by the John Conrad Martin family, German immigrants who became undertakers as part of their furniture business on 5th Street.

“In 1911, Charles Mansfield purchased part of the business and changed the name to Mansfield Funeral Home. Then in 1927, the business was moved to its present location with the purchase of the elegant Dietrich house at 529 Jefferson. Mr. Schaffer showed numerous Photos of the beautiful 1850s structure and the additions and renovations over the years.

“Various owners have renamed the funeral home: In 1952 when Willard “Bill” Mast purchased the business, it became Mansfield-Mast Funeral Home. Still remaining in the family but passing on to younger generations, Willard’s son, Walter joined the business in 1957; his son-in-law, Marlin “Stub” Mock also entered the firm in 1958. Therefore, in 1965, the name was changed to Mast & Mock Funeral Home. Since then, because of retirements and other variations in business partnerships, names had been modified as follows: Mast-Mock-Hoffman in 2006, Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in 2007, and Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer in 2010.

“Currently, the establishment is under the ownership and direction of Dan Schaffer, and since 2013, it carries the name of Schaffer Funeral Home. Dan and other employees take pride in their history and the fact that, even after 165 years, the home is still locally and independently owned and serving the Defiance area.

Dan Schaffer provided a door prize, won by Bob Zimmerman, consisting of a tote bag full of coffee, cups and other goodies.

Mary Scranton reminded attendees that applications for Defiance County First Families must be received by August 1.

May Board Meeting
The Defiance Public Library did not receive the digitalization grant for which they had applied. They will apply again for the coming year. The board decided to keep the $1000 in reserve for digitalization at the library until a future date.

Dianne Kline noted the blog site has had over 7000 hits.

President Brown noted that all of the internment records for Memory Gardens are available online. She also noted that Auglaize Village is working toward having a building to house various records.

A work day at the storage facility at the former Legion building was set for June 1 from 9:00 to noon.

May Chapter Meeting
Dianne Kline noted that the revised five-volume set of birth records are now available. (See the article on the following page along with the article highlighting the program presented by Don Allison on the Civil War and Northwestern Ohio which he presented at the May 23rd meeting.)

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Some of the following birth records are probably delayed birth registrations. After the Social Security Act was passed in 1936, people needed proof of birth to submit with their Social Security application. Since many were born before birth records were required in state, they had no birth certificates. So, people were allowed to go to their place of birth OR their place of residence to fill out a delayed birth registration. They would have to have some information to prove their births, such as a record in a family Bible, a church record, or the statement of someone who was present at the birth. Hence the Defiance County books contain births that actually happened elsewhere. The following entries include the places of birth and the birth dates.

**A**
Adams, Berniece - Paulding Co. - 25 Dec 1898
Acus, Ray William - Springfield, Williams Co. - 10 July 1900
Alexander, Earl F. - St. Joe Township, Williams Co. - 16 Jan 1895
Allison, John - Bryan, Williams Co. - 11 June 1903
Ames, John D. - Center Township, Williams Co. - 27 Nov 1899
Ashbaugh, Irel Emery - Allen Co. - 27 Oct 1907
Austin, Bertha - Auburn, Ind. - 21 Dec 1905

**B**
Baden, Perry G. - Edwall, Lincoln Co. Wash. - 9 Aug 1905
Baker, Bernice May - Newville Twp., Dekalb Co., Ind. - 22 May 1902
Ballmer, Orpha Elizabeth - Wood Co. - 18 Apr 1906
Bapper, George J. - Springfield, Clark Co. - 7 June 1869
Baltz, Pauline - Eel River, Allen Co., Ind. - 13 Nov 1896
Barnes, Bereniece Belle - Harrison Co. - 10 Aug 1887
Bartell, Bertha B. - Defiance, Sandusky Co. - 2 Aug 1900
Bash, Dessie M. - Center Twp., Williams Co. - 16 May 1897
Bassett, Leona - Fleet Rock - 3 June 1892
Batch, Tressa Ann - Paulding Co. - 14 July 1895
Bates, Harry Delvin - Toledo - 24 May 1894
Battershell, Richard Landis - Wooster, Wayne Co. - 25 May 1905
Bauer, Oscar Olanzo - Henry Co. - 12 Apr 1895
Baum, Harvey - Pleasant Twp., Henry Co. - 14 Feb 1892
Bauman, Harold William - Henry Co. - 30 July 1905
Beam, Infant Male - Antwerp, Paulding Co. - 6 Nov 1898
Bear, Haze Licile - Kalida, Putnam Co. - 9 Sept 1903
Bear, Vennly - Freedom, Henry Co. - 9 Apr 1891
Beard, Arthur Thomas - Van Wert Co. - 8 Sept 1888
Beckhous, Lucinda - Fleet Rock, Rock Co. - 13 July 1892
Beedle, Romine F. - West Lebanon, Ind. - 22 Jan 1900
Behringer, John Louis - Napoleon, Henry Co. - 4 Feb 1898
Bennett, Bessie Gustine - Fostoria, Seneca Co. - 8 July 1902
Bindbertel, Richard - Cuyahoga Co. - 20 Oct 1902
Bishop, Sarah E. - Crane Twp., Paulding Co. - 23 Mar 1897
Bissey, Susanna Nettie - Liberty Center, Ohio - 12 June 1888
Bistel, Alvin Albert - Henry Co. - 2 Dec 1894
Bistel, Ernest John - Henry Co. - 31 Jan 1890
Blair, Ernestine Devonish - Auburn, Ind. - 27 Aug 1897
Bleeks, Charles Henry - Concord Twp., Dekalb Co., Ind. - 16 Sept 1888
Blue, Alice Elizabeth - Shelton, Fairfield Co., Conn. - 25 May 1901
Blythe, Mervin James - Edgerton, Ohio - 2 Aug 1908
Boehm, Robert Blair - Franklin Co. - 17 Sept 1925
Boff, Rosa - Thompson, Seneca Co. - 11 Sept 1870
Bohn, Lillie Rose - Putnam Co. - 1 Feb 1904
Bordner, Arnold - Pleasant Twp, Henry Co. - 10 Oct 1897
Bossaman, Oliver B. - Hancock Co. - 3 Nov 1880
Bouers, Stella - Fleet Rock (Flat Rock?) - 11 Dec 1892
Bower, Mabel - Van Wert - 29 June 1894
Bowers, Ralph - Carryall Twp., Paulding Co. - 9 Feb 1901
Bowsher, James Lewis - Wood Co. - 24 Mar 1901
Brattain, Harry Benton - Hardin Co. - 3 May 1887
Breckler, Louis D. - Auglaize Twp., Paulding Co. - 28 Oct 1890
Brewer, Harold Elden - Auglaize Co. - 22 Mar 1898
Brobst, Dale Emberson - Monroe Twp., Henry Co. - 3 May 1896
Bronson, Lillian G. - Findlay, Hancock Co. - 4 Apr 1904
Brooks, Ora Berdell - Hancock Co. - 26 Oct 1894
Brown, Infant female - Junction, Paulding Co. - 22 July 1897
Brown, Goldie I. - Crane Twp., Paulding Co. - 28 Jan 1908
Brown, Russel Elliot - Crane Twp., Paulding Co. - 4 Dec 1892
Brubaker, Edith Mae - Henry Co. - 3 Nov 1895
Bruner, Clyde G. - Elk Garden, West Va. - 6 Mar 1887
Brunhart, Lillie May - St. Joseph, Williams Co. - 11 Aug 1892
Bucker, Jesie - Perry Twp, Wood Co. - 10 Apr 1891
Buda, Nellie - Hayes Co., Neb. - 2 July 1890
Budd, Nina R. - Garrett, Ind. - 9 Sep 1890
Burke, Myrtle - Auglaize - 26 Sept 1885
Byber, Alice Medora - Lucas Co. - 8 Mar 1907
Byers, Josepha E. M. - Santa Paula, Calif. - 5 Dec 1898
Campbell, Aileen - Buffalo, New York - 17 June 1903
Casebeer, C. M. - Jamestown, Steuben Co., Ind. - 21 Aug 1869
Claar, James Everett - Jackson Co. - 3 Jan 1900
Clementz, M. Elizabeth - Putnam Co. - 10 Apr 1893
Clem, KennethSanford - Licking Co - 28 Oct 1905
Clark, Blancher - Bryan, Williams Co. - 6 Oct 1869
Close, Ada Marie - Williams Co. - 22 Apr 1908
Cirtman, Floyd Murhl - Royalton, Fulton Co. - 7 Feb 1897
Christy, Minnie B. - Springfield, Williams Co. - 20 Aug 1903
Chilcote, Emma Gilis - Maysville, Allen Co., Ind. - 27 Aug 1869
Chauncy, Delbert Harry - Paulding Co. - 4 June 1907
Chatman, Irvin - Stafford, Williams Co. - 18 June 1888
Chase, Raymond - German, Fulton Co. - 15 June 1892
Chaney, Russell W. - Harrison Twp., Paulding Co. - 9 Jan 1905
Coffman, Melvin Allan - Lucas Co. - 7 May 1903
Conley, James A. - Belmont Co. Ill. - 1 June 1888
Conkright, Bart Jay - Putnam Co. - 15 June 1888
Conley, Carl Emmett - Paulding - 29 Oct 1885
Conway, Irene - Ashland, WI - 22 May 1902
Cook, Todema R. - Vermont, OH- 4 June 1901
Coomer, Neta Lovina - Benton, Paulding Co. - 29 Apr 1907
Coulter, Ruth B. - Denver, Col. - 12 July 1902
Crawford, Milo Eber - Union Twp., Putnam Co. - 14 Jan 1903
Cromley, Mary Margaret - Emerald Twp, Paulding Co. - 13 Nov 1904
Cupp, Charles Edward - Ridgeville, Henry Co. - 1 Jan 1892

Daniher, Delilah E. - Adams Twp and Canada - 22 Mar 1879
Daum, Frank Albert - Henry Co. - 6 Sept 1874
Decker, Bernard S. - Allen Co., Ohio - 29 July 1904
Delventhal, Katharine Sophie - Freedom, Henry Co. - 8 Mar 1894
Dehnbostle, Earnest - Napoleon, Ohio - 2 Apr 1899
Derr, Lillia May - Cleveland, Ohio - 16 Mar 1895
Diehl, Elizabeth - New York - 22 Aug 1876
Dietsch, Estella Gorden - Newville, Dekalb Co., Ind.- 28 July 1899
Dirr, Leufy Beatrice - Crane Twp., Pauldng Co. - 30 Oct 1902
Dixon, Virgil Leroy - North Baltimore, Wood Co. - 31 Jan 1897
Doan, James Arthur - Paulding Co., O. - 10 Oct 1890
Doll, Raymond - Bryan, Williams Co. - 26 Oct 1892
Doughton, Helen R. - Stryker, Williams Co. - 19 June 1900
Douglass, Seth Lewis - Liberty Twp., Henry Co. - 13 Nov 1895
Dunlap, Blanch - Findlay, Hancock Co. - 22 June 1893
E
Early, Ernest - Montgomery Co. - 7 June 1888
Eaton, McKinley H. - Van Wert Co., O. - 6 Nov 1896
Eitniear, Earl B. - Putnam Co., O. - 6 Mar 1897
Ellis, Samuel Ellsworth - Dekalb Co., Ind. - 15 July 1881
Emerling, Ellsworth - Napoleon, Henry Co. - 17 Dec 1905
Enders, Ruth Lenore - Lorain Co., O. - 26 Oct 1903
Erter, Orland - Antwerp, Paulding Co. - 28 June 1894
Ervin, Robert - Weston, Wood Co. - 23 Apr 1905
Etchen, Roscoe Vernon - Paulding Co. - 19 Feb 1898
F
Fadely, Mary Ethel - Delta Co., Colorado - 18 Nov 1886
Fahy, Thomas Edward - Paulding Co., O. - 21 Jan 1874
Fee, A. L. - Troy, Dekalb Co., Ind. - 5 May 1870
Ferris, Edward Leroy - Perrysburg, Wood Co. - 9 July 1905
Ferry, Alton L. - Stryker, Williams Co. - 8 Oct 1905
Fetterer, G. L. - Timbrecreek, Maistall Co., Iowa - 3 July 1870
Fitch, Infant male - Belmore, Putnam Co. - 1 Dec 1897
Fleck, Elmer - Stanley, Henry Co. - 24 Nov 1907

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Fockler, Frank - Defiance and Paulding Co. - 14 July 1880
Fortney, Audrey K. - Allen Co. - 24 Apr 1892
Fortney, Charles E. - Ashland Co. - 26 Dec 1867
Frank, Floyd S. - Springfield, Williams Co. - 18 June 1900
Freeburn, Denton - Seneca Co. - 22 Apr 1874
Frisinger, Lewis Monroe - Allen Co. - 18 May 1894
Frost, Jay - Indiana - 17 Aug 1876
Fry, Ella Irene - Monroe, Putnam Co. - 4 Feb 1903
Fry, Myrtle Bell - Crane Twp., Paulding Co. - 31 Aug 1895
Gale, Ruth E. - Sullivan Twp., Lexington Co., Ill. - 17 Sept 1907
Gardner, Elenor - New York State - 22 Sept 1904
Gay, Mary K. - Fayette, Williams Co. - 18 Aug 1897
Genedy, Harriet Lorene - Blemound, McLean Co., Ill - 30 July 1907
Germann, Lyda - Ridgeville, Henry Co. - 5 Feb 1891
Gibson, Sylva - Ridgeville, Henry Co. - 6 May 1904
Gier, Gerald - Emerald Twp., Paulding Co. - 7 May 1901
Glass, Mabel C. - Paulding Co. - 2 May 1899
Goering, Chas. - Defiance and Indiana - 22 Oct 1877
Going, Anna - Lyons, Burt Co., Neb. - 26 Nov 1893
Gorden, Olive - Crane Twp., Paulding Co. - 3 Mar 1905
Gouter, Maynard Fay - Bryan, Williams Co. - 24 Aug 1907
Grant, Chloie M. - Monroe Twp., Putnam Co. - 17 July 1885
Gray, John Robert - Bloom, Wood Co. - 3 June 1901
Greenwood, Frank C. - Pulaski, Williams Co. - 6 Dec 1870
Grenswalt, Ralph Parker - Cepio (Scipio?), Allen Co., Ind. - 5 July 1898
Griswell, Dora - Newville, Dekalb Co., Ind. - 18 June 1900
Guthrie, George - Chicago, Ill. - 29 May 1893
Gutzwiler, Rosa - Everrest, Kingman Co., Kan. - 16 Aug 1884
Hagerman, Rolla - Center Twp., Williams Co. - 23 June 1888
Hall, Edward Franklin - Continental, Putnam Co. - 4 Nov 1897
Hammond, Helen G. - Franklin, Dekalb Co., Ind. - 7 June 1906
Hanover, Lanoir - Brown, Paulding Co. - 3 Feb 1902
Harman, Hannah - Pleasant, Henry Co. - 19 Aug 1869
Harmon, Mathilda E. - St. Joe Twp., Williams Co. - 19 Nov 1898
Harter, Sarah E. - Brown, Paulding Co. - 4 July 1887
Harvey, Carry - Union Co., Ind. - 12 Dec 1893
Haskins, D. A. - Antwerp, Paulding Co. - 10 Jan 1871
Haston, Hazel - Williams Center, Williams Co. - 17 Feb 1905
Heilman, Helen M. - Pleasant, Henry Co. - 27 Sept 1904
Heisler, Lillian Ann - St. Joe, Williams Co. - 14 July 1905
Helberg, Arthur - Monroe Twp, Williams Co. - 9 July 1904
Hipp, L. H. Donelda - Auburn, Ind. - 15 Apr 1901
Hooe, Harold Henry - Henry Co. - 3 June 1899
Hopkins, William - Oberlin - 13 Jan 1885
Hor, Willis Edwin - Flat Rock, Twp., Henry Co. - 8 Feb 1902
Hownestine, Esther Margery - Stark Co. - 5 July 1901
Hudkins, Abraham J. - Pulaski, Williams Co. - 28 Jan 1902
Hulz, Etta Firm - Center Twp., Williams Co. - 22 Oct 1892
Humberger, Clarence - Williams Center, Williams Co. - 4 July 1905
Imber, Irena - Kelles Isle, Erie Co. - 23 Apr 1888
Jackson, Firmer L. - Fayette, Williams Co. - 19 Apr 1897
Johnson, Freeman Ada - Van Wert Co. - 25 June 1903
Johnson, Lela Mildred - St. Joseph, Williams Co. - 10 Jan 1893
Jokai, Ladian - Napoleon, Henry Co. - 10 Nov 1870
Jones, Earl Wallace - Van Wert Co. - 19 July 1886
Kaley, Lionne May - Leiters Ford, Fulton Co., Ind. - 6 Sept 1903
Karnes, Lula Grace - Paulding Co. - 20 Oct 1887
Karr, Alvin - Toledo - 6 Dec 1893
Kelley, John - Paulding Co. - 6 July 1880
Kettenring, William Carl - Lucas (Co.?) - 12 Mar 1887
Kiessling, Lena Alma - Tillman, Okla. - 1 Jan 1909
Kimberly, James Benjamin - Henry Co. - 31 Dec 1881
Kimmel, Otho Harold - Washington, Paulding Co. - 6 Jan 1904
Kinsmer, Freda M. - Auglaize, Paulding Co. - 24 Sept 1898
Kintner, Charley A. - Jackson Twp., Steuben Co. - 23 Dec 1886
Kiser, Harry Lucian - Celina, Williams Co. - 22 Aug 1892
Klaar, Blanche Eliza - Toledo, Lucas Co. - 24 Jan 1896
Kline, Winnie - Paulding Co. - 23 Jan 1898
Klingler, Harold Nolan - Newville, DeKalb Co., Ind. - 4 Apr 1902
Knapp, Everett C. - Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind. - 2 Sept 1900
Knisley, John Frances - Wilmington, DeKalb Co., Ind. - 28 Jan 1896
Knapp, Everett C. - Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind. - 2 Sept 1900
Knisley, John Frances - Wilmington, DeKalb Co., Ind. - 28 Jan 1896
Kolb, Edward Joseph - Englewood, Calif. - 22 Apr 1887
Krabill, Maud Elsie - Pulaski, Williams Co. - 26 Apr 1892
Kraft, Clara Wilhelmina - Seneca Co. - 7 July 1905
Kramer, Tony E. - Napoleon, Henry Co. - 6 Nov 1896
Krill, Sarah - Stafford Twp., Williams Co. - 25 Sept 1888
Kuszmaul, Charles F. - Emerald, Paulding Co. - 11 May 1888

L
Large, William Henrie - Ashtabula Co. - 27 Oct 1903
Larson, Ella - Bryan, Williams Co. - 18 Aug 1892
Leach, C. W. - Mansfield, Richland Co. - 17 Apr 1906
Lee, Harry W. - Fostoria, Seneca Co. - 23 May 1902
Leininger, Bessie Alice - Henry Co. - 12 Apr 1895
Leitheiser, Gladys C. - Perrysburg, Wood Co. - 5 Sept 1905
Lenley, Garman - Bryan, Williams Co. - 12 May 1900
Lenz, Paul Ernest - Blue Creek Twp., Paulding Co. - 10 Nov 1907
Lichty, Avon Ellen - Paulding Co. - 15 Mar 1913
Lindeman, Amelia - Flatrock Twp., Henry Co. - 16 Oct 1893
Longe, Leffa - Fulton Twp., Fulton Co. - 13 Apr 1897
Longsworth, Beatrice S. - Carryall Twp, Paulding Co. - 18 Apr 1906
Loomis, Henry Edward - Seneca Co., O. - 14 Apr 1877
Loomis, Lulu May - Bula, Benzie Co., Mich. - 20 July 1903
Louderbach, Herchel R. - Marion Co. - 27 July 1893

M
McBride, Carl Grover - Lucas Co. - 25 Feb 1884
McBroom, Agnes T. - New York City, New York - 3 May 1900
McCabe, Velma O. - Brown Twp., Paulding Co. - 27 Sept 1905
McCullough, Beulah Mae - Putnam Co. - 10 June 1903
McCully, Theo. Earl - Paulding, Paulding Co. - 31 Aug 1900
McGovern, Curtis - Continental, Putnam Co. - 9 July 1895
McKown, Hazeltine M. - Paulding Twp., Paulding Co. - 23 Dec 1899
Machen, Alphonus - Cleveland - 19 Jan 1887
Maloney, Nellie Marie - Toledo - 15 May 1903
Manges, Zena - Carryall Twp., Paulding Co. - 12 Apr 1893
Mansfield, Grover C. - Brown Twp., Paulding Co. - 21 Feb 1889
Mansfield, Riley - Auglaize, Paulding Co. - 6 July 1893
Mansfield, Zoma Otis - Scioto Co - 10 Sept 1899
March, Clarence Vernon - Flatrock Twp., Henry Co. - 29 June 1906
Marihugh, Victor - Paulding Co. - 8 June 1900
Marple, Joseph H. - Mound City, Pulaski Co. - 10 Sept 1897
Marshall, Willie - Bucyrus, Crawford Co. - 19 May 1890
Martin, Fay Francis - Union Co. - 4 Dec 1872
Martin, Hobart - Fort Wayne, Ind. - 1 Dec 1896
Martz, Infant male - Minneapolis, Minn. - 27 Mar 1902
Mason, Orpha R. - Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind. - 8 Apr 1900
Mast, Etta - Emerald Twp., Paulding Co. - 19 Sept 1896
Mathia, Infant female - Center, Williams Co. - 13 June 1886
Mattocks, Frank Edward - Auglaize, Paulding Co. - 16 July 1902
Meyer, Marhia, Bareto (Bartlow?) Twp., Henry Co. - 9 Oct 1904
Meyer, Maxine Marguerite - Fairfield Co. - 12 June 1933
Miler, Port Nelson - Paulding Co. - 18 Apr 1905
Miller, Elmer Herschel - Williams Co. - 14 Oct 1900
Miller, Bryan John - Lucas Co. - 21 Nov 1895
Miller, Forest D. - Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind. - 17 Sept 1900
Miller, Merrie - Omaha, Neb. - 27 Aug 1894
Miller, Paul E. - Latty Twp., Paulding Co. - 4 Nov 1906
Miller, Ruthie May - Union Twp., Hancock Co. - 11 July 1905
Miller, Victor - Paulding Co. - 21 Apr 1902

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Lived 91 Years on Same Farm

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From daveshistorycorner.blogspot.com
Monday, August 15, 2016

Blog by Dave Bennett (Article originally published in the Defiance Crescent-News 15 Oct 1932)

Ninety-one years of residence on the same Defiance county farm where she was born is the record of Mrs. Laura V. Maugel, of Farmer Township. Her memory goes back prior to 1850, when the settlers in this vicinity lived in the forest and secured meat from the wild hogs and wild turkeys. Mrs. Maugel is the former Laura Valera La Cost.

She was born Sept. 24, 1841, in a log cabin that stood only a few rods from her present frame dwelling in section 8, Farmer township.

Her father was Edward La Cost; a French Canadian. Losing his parents in early childhood, he was sent to an orphan’s home, being afterwards bound out to work for his board and clothes until he should have attained the age of 21. But he was not satisfied with the treatment given a bound boy, and at the age of 16 he ran away and went to the vicinity of Potsdam N.Y. Later, he found work during the summer around Canton Ohio with farmers and spent his winters in schools.

In 1835, he joined a band of men including Spencer and Rice Hopkins, Ona and John Rice, Dr. Ona Rice, Jacob Conkey, Ezra Crary and William Pierce, who made their way from Potsdam to Defiance in search of new homes.

Women folk of the party were left at what was known then as the Reserve near Cleveland. The men came to Defiance and then followed a faint Indian trail northwest until they reached the vicinity of what was to become the village of Farmer.

Here about Nov. 21, 1835, they set to work erecting crude three-sided shelters of logs with the open side flanked by a great pile of dry logs to furnish heat for the rigors of winters.

With temporary shelters finished, the men proceeded to select their farms and to begin clearing sites for log cabins. La Cost selected for his farm the 80 acres on the southeast corner of section 8. John Rice chose an 80 acres near where Lewis Stambaugh now lives, and Randall Lord took up a 40 acres, part of the present Walter Connelly farm. Mrs. Maugel says that Rachel Ann Tharp, a daughter of Elisha Tharp, claimed to have been the first white child born in Farmer Township. She was born in 1837 and died in a St. Louis hospital in 1922.

In 1840 Edward La Cost was married to Dora Elvira Hopkins, a daughter of Laura Rice Hopkins, who had bought the farm which lies just across the road in section 17. In September of 1841, Laura Valera La Cost was born. She married Alexander Maugel, a veteran of the entire Civil War campaign, who died in 1891. To this union was born one son, Roy, with whom this pioneer woman currently makes her home. He has one son, Donald, living in

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June Chapter Meeting

Members and guests of the Defiance County Genealogical Society (DCGS) met on June 27 to share odds and ends of genealogical tidbits and historical stories revealing glimpses of the past.

One members shared his discovery of the history of Sunset Gardens, a lively dance hall east of Sherwood built in August of 1928. Music bands came to the Gardens from Fort Wayne, Toledo, and all over, including an all-black band called the New Orleans Ramblers. Even though it was during Prohibition, there were suspicions that liquor could be obtained there. The building burned down in 1930, and the cause was ruled as arson.

Another one of those long-forgotten places was the village of Domersville in Adams Township, which at one time had a grocery store, a blacksmith shop, a post office, and other buildings.

Some people brought antiquated items and told the stories about their items and the connection to Defiance County. One man displayed a 200-year-old furniture maker’s brace drill and told how it was used. A woman displayed a cookbook printed during Defiance’s celebration of Ohio’s bicentennial year, and she told of meeting former Pres. Dwight Eisenhower at a Defiance College commencement. Still another woman showed her family heirloom Bible from 1876, along with an 1845 naturalization certificate and an 1847 marriage certificate.

Some members brought pictures to the meeting, such as a 1913 photo of St. John the Michael Chapel, and also an early picture of the Defiance County Courthouse. Another woman displayed a beautiful, framed art work, showing the family history chart of Adelaid and Millard Gray dated Dec. 27, 1913, which she had recently purchased at the Goodwill store. Though she is not personally related, she is in hopes that a descendant of the Grays may someday reclaim this heirloom.

A member who lives on Beerbower Road decided to research the family for whom the road was named.

Humorous stories were also part of the program. As we all know, “black sheep” are often discovered when doing family research. There was much laughter as a funny story was read from a prominent Defiance man’s journal written in 1904, describing his first experience visiting Coney Island, N. Y., and his ride on a “loop the loop” roller coaster.

There was also a reminder about the 50th anniversary of AuGlaize Village, a restoration project of the Defiance County Historical Society.

A visitor from Fort Wayne attended the meeting because he is looking for information and relatives from the Blair family, Blair Cemetery and Blair Road out of Sherwood.

JULY Visitation

On a beautiful July 25 summer evening, ten members and guests journeyed to the site of a restored log house owned by the Jones family just east of Defiance County. The home was originally built in 1856 of huge native timbers which grew on the homestead.

The builders were German immigrants fleeing from war and forced inscription in Germany. The home was still owned by the original family until the turn of this century, although it had been remodeled several times. For example, the location of the stairway was changed at least three times. The home was very spacious for the time in which it was built and had original furnishings built by the original settlers.

In addition to the home itself, the current owners also have an extensive collection of antique tools and machinery.

Advice for Genealogists

*If you don’t want your descendants to put a twisted spin on your life story, write it yourself!*

*To get your family tree done the fastest, run for political office. Your opponents will have it completed way before the election.*

*If at first you don’t succeed, search, search again. That is why it termed “re-search.”*

*Don’t take life seriously. Every genealogist knows nobody gets out alive.*
The 1880 Mortality Schedule--
An Alternative 1890 Census Record

As you may or may not know 1890 census records were lost. The Eleventh United States Census was taken beginning June 2, 1890. The data was tabulated by machine for the first time. Most of the census records were destroyed in a 1921 fire.

To locate an ancestor, a researcher must use other resources. One often used resource for men in the 1890 Veterans Census. Another source, close to 1890, is the 1880 Mortality Schedule which details deaths that year by county. It provides the age, sex, birth place, birth places of parents, the month of the death, and the occupation is known.

The following is a partial listing from the 1880 Mortality Schedule for Defiance County. Surnames beginning with A through Kibble appeared in the summer issue of Yesteryears’ Trails.

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Williams County.

Mrs. Laura Maugel says each pioneer carried out from Defiance two blankets, a skillet, sack of corn meal, coffee and coffee pot and an ax and gun. They slept in their blankets in the crude shelters back of blazing log heaps and were not molested by either Indians or animals. The Indians, according to Mrs. Maugel, were removed to reservations across the Mississippi prior to her birth.

Her first schooling was obtained in a log corn crib on her uncle's farm where she, Selden, Araby, Truman, and Mary Hopkins were given the first elements of an education by Sabrina Hopkins.

These pioneers were not troubled with wild animals; in fact the greatest danger seemed to have been from domestic animals gone wild. An occasional hog would stray away from the unfenced farm sites and mingle with other hogs that formed droves from which it was the custom to get much of the winter supply of pork, and killing of these wild hogs had a tendency to make them savage. It was these droves that caused the parents the most anxiety concerning their children.

It was the custom of each household to keep a savage dog which accompanied the children who played in the forest from morning until night. If anxiety was felt concerning the children, one whistled to the dog. If they came, all was well, and if they didn't come, the parents looked them up.

She remembers no incident in which a child was harmed, and says the children so loved their savage playmates that had the dogs encountered savage beast, the children no doubt would have remained to assist their dogs when wolves drew nearer. Sheep were always back in the yards before dusk. Night after night, she witnessed her father arise from his bed, take the musket that always was handy, and go out into the night to frighten away prowling animals that threatened the peace of the woodland farmstead.

Mrs. Maugel has an interesting volume of genealogy covering ten generations of her family, and she says that the Hopkins family are members of the same branch of the family that founded Johns Hopkins University.
DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY BANQUET
Honoring First Families of Defiance County

Monday, October 24, 2016
St. John United Church of Christ
6:00 PM 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 have to be a member to attend.

If you would like to only come for the program and not the dinner, you are welcome to do so. PLEASE phone for reservations to be assured a seat. Call Cecelia Brown at (419) 658-2483 for more information.

Certificates and pins will be presented to new members of First Families of Defiance County. The after dinner speaker will be: Mary Alice Roth on her 17 First Family Members.

The banquet will be plate-style which includes Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, roll, pumpkin dessert and drink.

**The price is $15.00 per person for the meal. Please use the form below for meal reservations. Checks should be made out to DCGS. The deadline for reservations and money is Saturday, Oct. 15th.**

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FIRST FAMILIES DEFIANCE COUNTY BANQUET
Monday, Oct. 24, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Name ______________________________ Total # in party __________

Address_________________________________________________Phone_______________

Please print all names for name tags
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Number attending dinner and program________

Amount enclosed @ $15.00 per person $___________

**Reservations and money are due by October 15, 2016.**

Please send to: DCGS, PO BOX 7006, Defiance OH 43512
Name_______________________________ Phone________________
Address____________________________________________________
City___________________ State________________ Zip_____________

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Defiance County Genealogy Society
PO Box 7006,
Defiance, OH 43512-7006
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 ctc.

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