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From the Desk of the President

I would like to introduce myself as your new president of the Lawrence County Genealogical Society. It will be an honor to serve the society and help preserve the history of Lawrence County. I lived as a child on a small farm near Aid. My roots are in Lawrence County and its lore.

I am a member of the First Families of Lawrence County and First Families of Ohio. I am also a member of the Civil War Families of Lawrence County. I encourage anyone who is eligible to become members of the First Families or the Civil War Families to send in applications. We will be glad to explain exactly how you qualify and help you in any way.

As we move into spring and summer, we will be cleaning the Peter Wakefield Cemetery, located on the Love farm on Route 775. We will gather there on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 A.M. Peter Wakefield was the first justice of the peace of Lawrence County. Come join us; every-

one is welcome.

We are also working on gathering names and photos of Civil War veterans for the Memorial Day Parade float. Send names and/or pictures of any of your family members who served in the Civil War to the society, Don Clark, or me. You may also leave them in the Hamner Room at Briggs Library. Make sure you make plans to join us at the parade.

We would love to see you at our meetings. The next one is Saturday, May 3, at 1:00 P. M. at the Briggs Library in Ironton. We are hoping for new members and love for people to give us new ideas for making genealogy a part of your family.

Sincerely, Becky Wilson Thissen

2014-15 Officers



From left: Betty Knipp-Trustee, Nicole Cox-Recording Secretary/Newsletter Editor, Carl Murdock-Treasurer, Becky Thissen- President & Don Clark- Corresponding Secretary. Not present : Trustees Harold Lunsford and Anne Shuff
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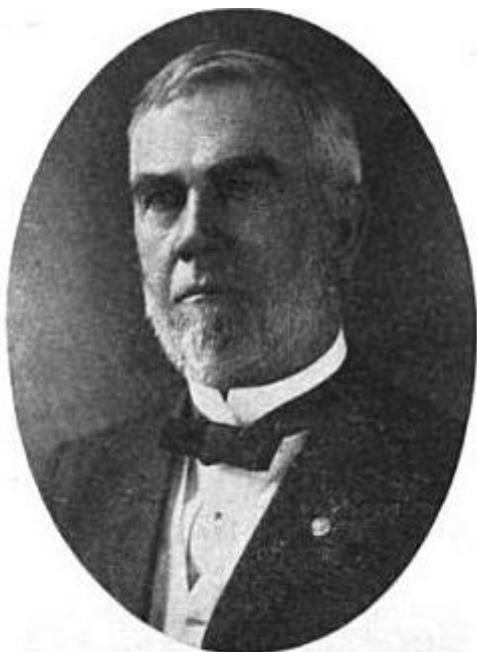
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WAKEFIELD CEMETERY SCHEDULED for CLEAN-UP

The Cemetery Clean Up Committee will host a work day at the cemetery on Saturday, April 5th beginning at 9 a.m. The cemetery is located on the Franklin Love farm in Windsor Township. It is on the hillside above the west side of Ohio Rt 775 (near the seven mile post). Wear sturdy pants and shoes and bring heavy work gloves. The photos below were taken from a position on approx. the center of the west side line. The remains of the former chain link fence are visible. There are many trees of all sizes and several varieties of briars. Most of the markers are down and need to be cleaned and reset or possibly replaced. See page 14 for map



CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS**"Samuel Brady Steece"**

S. B. STEECE.

Samuel Brady Steece, born May 6, 1844 in Frederick Co. Maryland, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steece. Mr. and Mrs. Steece came from Maryland to Wheelersburg, Ohio, and after a brief residence there, the elder Mr. Steece took his family to Caroline Furnace, Ky., having assumed the management of that iron manufacturing plant. Mrs. Steece died at that place when young Brady was four years of age, and at that time the family moved to Ironton, Ohio. Mr. Steece was in the Civil War and until his death and even now, there is a bullet from a Confederate gun embedded in the flesh of one of his arms, he having sustained this wound at Stevenson's Depot, Virginia. He was a Republican in politics. Brady Steece was Postmaster of Ironton for 18 to 20 years and after which he entered the

mercantile business and continued for thirty years. His chief industrial efforts were centered in the Belfonte Iron Works Company and the Ironton Portland Cement Co., he being the originator and one of its heaviest stockholders. On May 30, 1867, he married Miss Ella Willard, daughter of James O. and Anna Seeley Willard. Their marriage was the first wedding to be performed in the Presbyterian Church in Ironton. They were the parents of five children; Mrs. John K. (Anna) Richards, whose husband at one time was Solicitor General of the United States, Harry E. Steece of Los Angeles, California, A. C. Steece, Mrs. Helen Ball and S. B. Steece, Jr., all of this city. He was proud of the members of his family who wore the blue of the navy and the khaki of the army. Mr. Steece was a companionable, whole-souled friend. No man better enjoyed a joke and no man took a keener delight in fraternizing with his comrades of the dark day of '61 to '65. The funeral will be held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the late home on North Fifth Street and the services will be conducted by Rev. E. B. Townsend, who will come from Camp Sherman for this purpose. The burial will be in the Steece lot at beautiful Woodland Cemetery. (In part - Ironton Semi-Weekly Register, October 29, 1918). S.B. Steece died October 28, 1918 in Ironton.

According to the Ironton Register, the Ironton Cement Company was founded in 1901 by S.B. Steece and others. The deed books show the property was purchased by the Ironton Cement Co. from the Hecla Iron and Mining Company, which owned Hecla Furnace, on October 1, 1901. Alpha Portland Cement took over in 1924 and closed for financial reasons on August 20, 1970.

See Alpha Cement Photos next page

Share YOUR Civil War Ancestors' Photos and Stories!

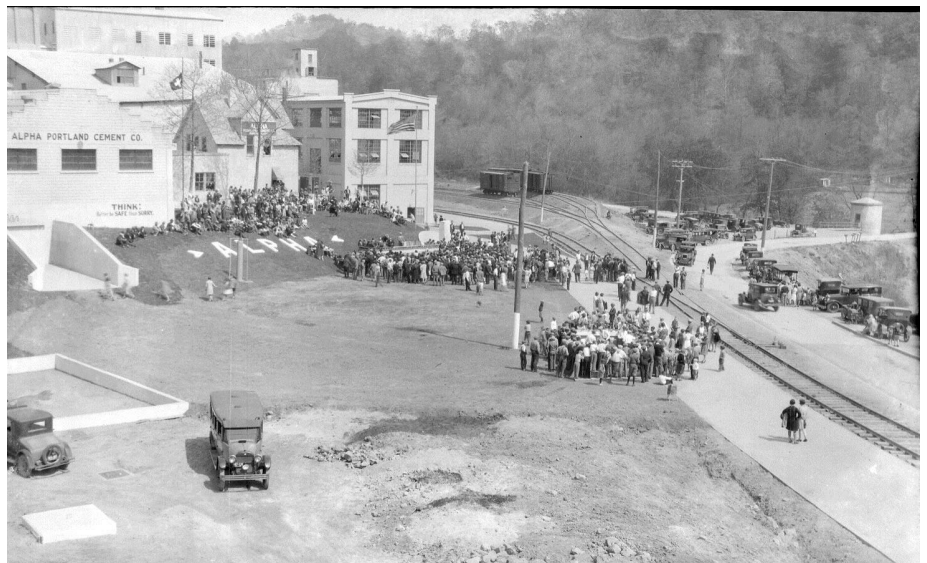
The society wishes to honor all individuals who lived for part of their life in Lawrence County and served in any capacity during the Civil War. We are compiling their stories and hope to publish at some future date. We plan to honor as many as possible on this years float in the Ironton Memorial Day Parade.

We also honor them by documenting our descent and joining the Civil War Families of Lawrence County Ohio. The application is available at Hamner Room of Briggs Library in Ironton, by mail, or on line at the society web site: www.lawrencegenealogy.org



Photo above courtesy Nicole Cox

*Photos at right and below
courtesy Don Delawder*



"Ranger" Davidson, founder of South Point, remains pivotal character in history

The following is taken from the "History of South Point Village" written by Art Ferguson and published by the South Point Centennial Committee in 1988.

More of this story is viewable at :

<http://www.villageofsouthpoint.com/Ranger.html>

Keelboating in 1798 to the southern tip of the future state of Ohio was the second major move westward by William "Ranger" Davidson. He was then 51 years old. Born November 20, 1747 in Suffex County, Delaware, he was the son of Lewis and Comfort Warrington Davidson. Lewis named William after his own father and grandfather. Genealogists identify the elder William as "Emigrant" because of his emigration from Scotland to Maryland by way of Ireland in 1649. With the surname William so common in Davidson history, South Point's founder is referred to as "Ranger" because of his Revolutionary War service in Pennsylvania's Westmoreland County Militia, Continental Line, known as the "frontier rangers." As a young man he moved from Delaware to the Pennsylvania frontier where land holdings are recorded in his name. His second major move westward was in 1798 to South Point which was part of the Northwest Territory's Washington County with the seat located at Marietta. He probably took advantage of the river's high, swift spring current to carry him to the land that he had received for military service. Statehood for Ohio was still five years away and it would be 18 years before Lawrence County would be formed with Burlington as its seat. During the latter part of those years, South Point would be part of Gallia County. Davidson landed on the northern Ohio shore directly opposite the mouth of the Big Sandy River. He knew by his map that the Big Sandy separated the old state of Virginia from the new commonwealth of Kentucky. He could see the mouth of Catletts Creek flowing into the Ohio just below the Sandy's mouth. It was named after a pioneer settler on the Kentucky side and a city would one day bear Catlett's name. As Davidson built his cabin, he

retreated at night to the point between the two rivers for a better defense against any renegade Indians roaming the area.

The land Davidson claimed fronted a mile of river and stretched far back to the hills and contained giant poplar, oak and beech trees as well as other timber valued for building a homestead. Lesser stands fringed the deep, dark glades and bordered open marshes where buffalo had shaped ponds. It was rich sandy loam and extended downstream from Fayette into Perry township, making him the first land owner in both, but the first settler in Fayette. South Point's founder died November 16, 1811 after carving a vast farmland out of the wilderness. His home was located on the riverbank facing the old river road near the junction of today's Second Street and Hooper Street. The old river road, which would have been First Street had the village existed at that time, has since disappeared because of erosion. It was officially abandoned as a right-of-way in 1896 and the few feet of width still atop the embankment reverted to the fronting properties.

Children by William Ranger's first marriage to Rosanna Hutchinson were John, Lewis, Comfort, David and Mary. Through his second marriage to Barbara McDole, the following were born: Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abraham, Thomas, William Warrington, Jesse, Rose, Joseph William and Cynthia. Of this Margaret, Sarah, Abraham, Thomas, William Warrington and Joseph William remained with the land in around South Point, marrying into other pioneer families and producing lines of descendants that touched almost every resident of South Point until the post World War II residential "boom" resulting from industrialization.

William Davidson Memorial Plaque



Meetings for 2014

Will be at 1 PM on Saturdays: May 3, July 5, Sept. 6, and Nov. 1 (Annual Lineage Dinner)

Carrie Eldridge will speak at the May 3 meeting:

Husband, I Need a New Dress (Life in the 1700's)

The Society will enter a float in the Ironton Memorial Day Parade.

Civil War Soldiers of Lawrence County will be our theme this year

Nicole Cox will speak at the July 5 meeting: The Iron Furnaces of Lawrence County

Our **Annual Picnic and Hamner Room Lock-In**: Friday Aug 1 starting at 6 PM

WILLIS Civil War Service

In the 1800s, WILLIS was a common name in Lawrence County. Almost every Willis in the County could trace their descent from one of seven brothers who had settled there in the early 1800s. The brothers' names were Joshua, Isaiah, George Washington, John, Hugh, Henry, and Andrew.

The father of these seven brothers was Henry Willis of Rich Creek, Giles County, Virginia (ca. 1758-1812). His genealogy is in two books by David W. Willis: (1) *Henry Willis of Long Island, Vol. 1: 1550-1800* (2008), and *Henry Willis of Long Island, Vol. 3: Southern Ohio Branch* (2013). The books can be found in the Briggs Library:

Together, the seven brothers had about 50 children. The Willis name expanded quickly. Serving in the Civil War from Lawrence County were twenty-five Willises—an incredible total—who were sons and paternal grandsons of the seven brothers. Shown in a table at the end of this article is a list of these men. The list shows each man's lineage from Henry Willis of Rich Creek, the dates he served, his unit, his rank, and significant events.

Biographies of several of these men will be published in this and the next several issues of *Lawco Lore*. The following is a biography of the eldest of the 25 servicemen—Hugh Willis, son of Joshua.

Hugh Willis (*Joshua*², *Henry*¹)
Private, Company C, 5th West Virginia Infantry

Hugh Willis, son of Joshua Willis, was born September 3, 1817, in Aid Township. He enlisted on September 2, 1861, at age 43, and was discharged on September 15, 1864. His colorful recounting of his first war experience was published on May 3, 1888, in the *Ironton Register*:

I was a member of Co. C., 5th West Va., and the close call that I will tell you of occurred at Poe's hill, about 8 miles beyond Barboursville, in September, '61. Our regiment had been getting after the rebels pretty lively, who soon made a stand, at a very good place for a defense. Well, we got into line of battle and advanced, and soon stopped to do a little firing. In those times, as any old soldier knows, a tree comes mighty handy, not only as a protection but as a rest to aim your gun by. I had got behind a persimmon tree, and had fired a couple of shots, when a ball struck the side of the tree and scattered the bark into my mouth and eyes. While I was clawing it out,

a comrade next to me, says "get away, let me try that tree," and just as he was aiming, a bullet struck the tree close to his face and filled his mouth with pieces of the bark, that so frightened and annoyed him that he didn't fire.

Pretty soon, we were ordered away from there to make a flank movement. Our little column was sent to get behind the rebs, and we succeeded finely. We reached the top of the hill, and made a dash on the reb position at the foot. The rebs fled, taking a quartering course up the hill so as to get away from us and still escape from those in their front. While doing this, they scattered pretty well, and I saw one reb flying like a deer and I made an effort to intercept him. He was running along the hillside and I downward, and he observed me, and saw too I had the advantage, so he dropped his gun so as to run faster. Then I dropped mine for I was bound to make him my prisoner, and sure enough I was soon on him and grabbed him. He struggled to get away and we clinched and for some time tussled and scrambled and tore around the hillside at a lively rate. He was full of steel and very wiry, and I had all I could do to hold on to him. While the tussle was going on, we were both losing breath all the time, and gradually slipping down the hill, until we came to a little bluff or jumping off place, eight or ten feet high, and down that we rolled, each fellow nearly fagged out.

I was so near exhausted that I was determined to end the conflict right there, so I ripped out my jackknife, and opened it, and holding it up over the reb, whom I had down, I said, "surrender or I'll cut your throat from ear to ear," and then the fellow yielded. He got up and I marched him off to the Colonel. He was a sad looking spectacle for I had torn the shirt clear off of him in the melee. The Colonel took charge of him, and the man afterwards joined our regiment, and made a good soldier. His name was Wm. Peyton.

The same day I captured another reb, who had sought the seclusion of a privy to escape the notice of the 5th Va. boys. I surrounded the works myself, demanded their surrender, and the garrison to give up its arms. This the reb did, but he only had a pocket knife, his gun being thrown away when he entered the fortifications. That prisoner was Eb Fuller, who also joined our regiment and made an excellent soldier. Mr. Fuller now lives in West Va., not many miles from here, and has become a man of influence and wealth, but I reckon he'll never forget the time Hugh Willis surrounded him and took him prisoner.

Hugh Willis' father, Joshua Willis, was the eldest of the seven Willis brothers. Om 1807, Joshua married Mary Blankenship in Gallia County, which at that time encompassed what is now Lawrence County. In 1811 Joshua settled permanently in Marion, in the southeast part of Aid Township, near Symmes Creek.

Joshua had eleven children. Eight of his Willis-surname descendants served in the Civil War. They included, besides his son Hugh, seven paternal grandsons—Edward Willis, John Wesley Willis, Joshua B. Willis, and Thomas Jefferson Willis (all sons of Elza Willis); Isaac Newton Willis and James Henry Willis (sons of Andrew Willis); and John Wesley Willis (son of Thompson Willis).

Joshua died April 21, 1869. The following excerpt from his obituary sheds light on his early life in and around Lawrence County:

Joshua Willis...died March 28, 1869, at the residence of Elza Willis, his son near Marion, Aid Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. Josh Willis was born...in Monroe County, now West Virginia.... Came to Guyandotte about 1800. He helped to raise the first log cabin built at that Place, was one among the first immigrants in Quaker Bottom [located in the far southeast part of Lawrence County, in what is now Proctorville], lived at Russell's Place (now called Getaway) in 1808, moved to Marion in 1811. In 1812 he was building the Wilson Water Mill at Marion. The first Mill built in Lawrence County, Ohio. He was drafted in the War of 1812. When he hired his brother Hugh to go substitute and he continued to finish and run the Mill. He helped to build the salt works in Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio in 1824. He also took a contract on the Ohio Canal, near Licking Summit. Cut off the timber: 120 feet in width, one mile in length and then grubbed up the stumps 60 feet. He had a strong constitution and remarkable good health. His teeth were all sound when he died.

The early years of Hugh's adulthood were spent helping his father Joshua get established in the community. On March 1, 1902, one year before his death, Hugh wrote the following:

I was born in Aid Township on the homestead at Marion, County of Lawrence, State of Ohio, Sept 3, 1817 and worked on the farm with father. When Spring came I helped mother to make sugar. She sent sister Arimetha to Loss Creek for water to fill the pots when the syrup was done. Sister stayed too long, Mother sent me to look after her and I went to the place where she was sent to get the water and she had fallen in and was drowned and I took her out of the water and carried her to Mother at the camp in the bottom where father's orchard was. Uncle Henry Webb was there and rolled her in a barrel and brought her back to life.

When I was 16 years of age in the year of 1833, I went with Father to work at Vesuvius Furnace and quarried lime rock in the water. The mornings were so cold the wedges would stick to my fingers. I worked at the furnace in winter and back to the farm in summer. I hauled ore and pig iron from Vesuvius to Hanging Rock six years for Father. In the year 1838 Father and I cut fifteen hundred sawlogs. I hauled them in to Loss Creek and we run them down in the back water to Symmes Creek and on to Clarks Dam and the money Father received for those logs paid the expense of entering four 40 acres of land. Then we went to work at the furnace again...

... I was hauling ore to the furnace and [the Company man] weighed it and several loads had lost weight and at the same time I had increased the amount of each load and Father told me to have the scales balanced which I did and drove on to weigh the ore. I turned back to the wheel horse. I heard the roller on the beam click. I jumped forward and caught him cheating me in the weight. I drew my horse whip and as he run to his office I gave him a lick across his legs about every other step to his door. The boys just laughed and he never came to weigh my ore anymore. He cheated me out of several hundred pounds in several loads.

In 1839, Hugh began to further his education. He recounted the following about how he acquired his knowledge of math:

I entered the academy at Burlington and remained in school six months and took the second degree of graduate signed up by the officials of the institution, George C. Beaman, teacher, and a grand teacher he was. I turned my attention to the science of mathematics. I sat under the great beech trees on the banks of Symmes Creek and Loss Creek on the hillside and there I took some of the best and most lasting lessons I ever got in figures.

During the 1840s and 1850s, Hugh worked as a teacher and as a clerk on a steamship. He was well liked in the community. The following are from the Society pages of the *Ironton Register*:

March 2, 1876. "Mr. Hugh Willis makes himself heard in today's columns."

August 30, 1877. A humorous comment was made concerning Hugh's rare absence from a meeting of local teachers: "There seems to be something missing—either B. D. Mitchell or Hugh Willis."

January 13, 1887. The following comment was made concerning a meeting of the Marion Debating and Literary Society: "Hugh Willis is always on hand with his budget of wit and humor."

After retiring from teaching in 1885, Hugh served as Postmaster at Forest Dale, Ohio.

Hugh died March 23, 1903, in Lawrence County. Children of Hugh and his first wife, Phoebe Crowley, were Elza Willis, Joshua Hamilton Willis, Mary Jane Willis, Isaac C. Willis, Hugh Willis Jr., George W. Willis, and Albert Willis. Children of Hugh and his second wife, Harriet Louise Stratton, were Olive Fern Willis, Lillian Willis, and Amanda Willis.

More information about Hugh, his ancestors, and his descendants, can be found in the book *Henry Willis of Long Island, Vol. 3: Southern Ohio Branch* (David W. Willis, 2013). Available for \$55

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Hugh Willis Civil War Discharge as recorded in the Lawrence County, OH Records Office in Discharges Volume 2 on pages 268 and 269

x Hugh Willis
x Certificate of Discharge Summers

To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye that Hugh Willis, a Private of 1st Lieut. M. S. Hopkins Company 66th Bat^t of Veteran Reserve Corps Volunteers, who was enrolled on the 27th day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty one to serve three years, or during the war, is hereby Discharged from

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the service of the United States, this 15th day of September, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, by reason of Expiration of Service. (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.) Said Hugh Willis was born in Lawrence County, in the State of Ohio, is forty four years of age. Five feet 7¹/₄ inches high, Dark complexion, Black eyes, Black hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at Columbus, Ohio, this fifteenth day of September, 1864.
 U. S. O. No 991

S. A. Keann Lieut 16 th U. S. Inf. A. C. No. 1, N. Dept.	M. S. Hopkins, 1 st Lt. V. R. Co. Commanding the Company.
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Said Soldier was transferred from Co. G. 5th Va. Vol. to (66th Co.) 24th Battallion V. R. Co. Genl. Order No 394, W. Dept. A. C. O. December, 12th, 1863. Summers

Paid in full, including Bounty L. P. Wolcott, P. M. Va. S. A.

State of Ohio, Lawrence County, ss.
 Recorder's Office Summers

Recorded January, 19th, 1865.
 James A. T. Tinsman Recorder.

**Willis-Surname Descendants of Henry Willis of Rich Creek
 Who Served in the Civil War from Lawrence County**
 Table on following page

Given Name	Lineage from Henry ¹	Active Service	Unit	Remarks	
Charles ⁴	William ³ /John ²	Apr.61—Aug.61	Co. E, 18 th OH Inf.	Pvt.	
		Sep.61—Mar.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	Captive 9 mos.
Edmund Henry ⁴	William ³ /John ²	Aug.62—Jun.65	Co. H, 91 st OH Inf.	Pvt.	Wounded
Edward ⁴	Elza ³ /Joshua ²	Jun.62—Jun.65	Co. H, 9 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	Captive 10 mos.
Geo. Henry ⁴	Hamilton ³ /Geo. Wash. ²	Sep.61—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	Disabled
Geo. Washington ³	Andrew ²	Sep.62—Jun.65	Co. H, 91 st OH Inf.	Pvt.	Wounded
Geo. Washington ³	Geo. Washington ²	Dec.63—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
		Nov.64—Jul.65	Co. D, 1st WV Inf.	Pvt.	Captive 4 mos., died on way home
Greenberry ⁴	Thompson ³ /Henry ²	Sep.61— Oct.64	Co. H, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
		Oct.64—Jun.65	Co. A, 1st WV Inf.	Pvt.	
Greenberry ⁴	Henry Jeff. ³ /Geo. Wash. ²	Sep.61—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
Hamilton Hugh ⁴	Geo. Washington ²	Sep.61—Nov.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Capt.	Wounded
		Nov.64—Jul.65	Co. E, 1st WV Inf.	Capt.	
Henry ⁴	Greenbury ³ /Henry ²	Jul.61—Jun.64	Co. F, 2nd KY Inf.	Sgt.	
Henry ⁴	Thompson ³ /Henry ²	Jul.62—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf..	Pvt.	
		Oct.64—Jul.65	Co. E, 1st WV Inf.	Pvt.	Wounded
Hugh ³	Joshua ²	Sep.61—Sep.64	Co. C, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
Isaac Newton ⁴	Andrew ³ /Joshua ²	Sep.61—Feb.64	Co. C, 5 th WV Inf.	Cpl.	
		Feb.64—Sep.64	Co. G, 5 th WV Inf.	Sgt.	
		Sep.64—Jul.65	Co. G, 1 st WV Inf.	1 st Sgt	
James Henry ⁴	Andrew ³ /Joshua ²	Jul.63—Feb.64	Co. D, 45 th KY Inf.	Pvt.	
		Feb.64—Feb.65	Co. H, 45 th KY Inf.	Cpl.	
John ⁴	Henry Jeff. ³ /Geo. Wash. ²	Jul.62—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	Wounded
		Oct.64—Jun.65	Co. E, 1st WV Inf.	Pvt.	
John H. ⁴	William ³ /John ²	Sep.61—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
John Wesley ⁴	Thompson ³ /Joshua ²	Jun.61—Jan.64	Co. H, 5 th WV Cav.	Pvt.	
		Jan.64—Jun.65	Co. H, 6 th WV Cav.	Pvt.	Captive 10 mos.
John Wesley ⁴	Elza ³ /Joshua ²	Mar.64—Jun.65	Co. H, 9 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
Joshua B. ⁴	Elza ³ /Joshua ²	Sep.61—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
Oliver Dink ⁴	Geo. Wash. ³ /Geo. Wash. ²	Aug.64—Jun.65	Co. A, 173 rd OH Inf.	Pvt.	
Sylvester ³	Andrew ²	Aug.62—Dec.63	Co. H, 91 st OH Inf.	Pvt.	
Thomas Jefferson ⁴	Elza ³ /Joshua ²	Feb.64—Jun.65	Co. D, 91 st OH Inf.	Pvt.	
William ³	John ²	Sep.61—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	2 nd Lt.	
William ⁴	William ³ /John ²	Jul.62—Oct.64	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	
		Oct.64—Jun.65	Co. E, 1st WV Inf.	Cpl.	
William Taylor ⁴	Geo. Wash. ³ /Geo. Wash. ²	Sep.61—Dec.61	Co. E, 5 th WV Inf.	Pvt.	Died Dec.61



Members attending the Jan. 4, 2014 meeting: from left: Mary Ellen Bryant, Betty Burcham-seated, Becky Thissen, Carl Murdock, Nicole Ratliff Cox, Betty Knipp, Fran Wheeler, Don Delawder, Barbara Rutledge, Dorothy and Harold Lunsford. *Photo by David Bradley*



Members attending the March 1, 2014 meeting: from left: Ed Carpenter, Nicole Cox, Carl Murdock, Fran Wheeler, David Bradley, Betty Knipp, Becky Thisen, and Donald Clark.
Photo by Lori Shafer, Briggs Library Staff

OGS 2014—Genealogical Expedition

Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH



GenEx 2014 will be full of surprises. The warm up to the conference begins on Wednesday, 30 April, with six different workshops on a wide variety of topics. On Thursday morning, we are honored to have J. Mark Lowe and Dr. Deborah Abbott lead our attendees on a unique and adventuresome keynote address. Besides the usual tracks on Ohio, technology, beginning genealogy, ethnic research, and methodology, we are excited to be offering three full days on African American research. We'll also be offering a brick wall breakfast on Friday, 2 May, where attendees can ask the experts their puzzling genealogical questions. Don't forget to stop by the vendor hall to look over the latest genealogical wares, which will be centered around session rooms.

To learn more about the conference, visit www.genex2014.org. Didn't receive your conference itinerary in the mail? Call the OGS office at (419) 886-1903 and a registration booklet will be on its way to you. Your passport to the past awaits you at the 2014 OGS Conference! And don't forget, early bird rates end soon.

Conference Highlights

Serengeti Social

On Thursday, 1 May, join us at the Serengeti Social where you can gather with fellow conference attendees for a relaxing and fun evening. Grab a sweet treat at our ice cream bar. Or better yet, help us solve a mystery as we play a live Clue game!

Ohio Pig Roast

When was the last time you attended a pig roast at a conference? Yes, a pig roast. Join us on Friday, 2 May, for this fun-filled evening that includes a treasure hunt, entertainment, and door prizes. It's our way of celebrating the 55th anniversary of OGS!

Publications for Sale by the Society:

Ohio residents must add sales tax, at their home county rate, on the order total, including any shipping charges. Please show county and rate on your order.

"1820 Federal Census of Lawrence County, OH"
by John Jones - \$6.00 + S&H

"1830 Federal Census of Lawrence County, OH"
By Donald R Clark - \$9.00 + S&H

"Lawrence County Tax Lists 1818 & 1821"
by John Jones - \$10.00 + S&H

"Lawrence Township Cemetery Inscriptions"
by John Jones - \$10.00 + S&H

"Windsor Township Cemetery Inscriptions"
by John Jones - \$12.50 + S&H

"Rome Cemetery Inscriptions, with Rome Township to 1850" by John Jones - \$12.50 + S&H

"Earliest Marriage Records of Lawrence County, Ohio, Vols. I, II, & III combined (1818-1843)"
by Vera Murnahan - \$10.50 + S&H

"Lawrence County Declaration of Intent and Naturalization Records"
by Donna Murdock - \$11.00 + S&H

"Index to Volumes I and II: Military Discharges"
recorded between Sept 30, 1864 & Aug. 21, 1919
by Donald R. Clark—\$9.00 + S&H

Lawco Lore back issues: 1st issue ordered- \$2.00
additional issues in same order- \$1.50 **includes S&H**

"Catholic Cemeteries of Lawrence County, Ohio"
compiled by Lowell Slimp - \$18.50 + \$3.50 S&H

Lawco Lore—The First Decade—1984-1993
Reprint -not indexed-523 pgs. \$49.00 + \$5.00 S&H

"History of Lawrence County, Ohio 1990"
3rd printing - 398 pages, every name index
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