

# LAWCO LORE

**THE LAWRENCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
CHAPTER 74 OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

## Message From The Presidents Desk



Happy holidays to everyone and their families. Winter is here and our Wakefield Cemetery project is on hold until spring. We had a wonderful Lineage Banquet with a great speaker and inductees. Great work. Starting in the next newsletter, we will publish 10 people and their proven ancestors. We will start with No. 1. I hope this will help someone in the future. Scanning of applications will begin and they will be on the Briggs Library site under collections. Someone in Calif. who is unable visit the library will be able to see them.

Hunting season is starting and I'm sure there are forgotten cemeteries in these hills? If you find one, let us know and we will check to see if it is recorded. You may be the only one who knows about it or where it is located.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this an exciting year for The Lawrence County Genealogical Society. 2015 here we come!!

Becky Wilson Thissen

President

## Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Speaker
1-3-2015		Meeting	Briggs Library Ironton	Bill Pratt

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Tuesday — Thursday 10 AM — 8PM

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## Queries

Interested in exchanging data with anyone researching this extended family from Lawrence Co.

Lawrence "Luke" Kelly, b. 3 Apr 1757 Shenandoah Co., VA married to Mary Keyser b. 5 Aug 1760 Lancaster Co., PA.

Their children:

- John Kelly b. 3 Jun 1780 Page Co., VA married Abigail Lambert.
- Elizabeth Kelly b. 11 Mar 1784 in VA married Nathaniel Davisson.
- Joseph Kelly b. abt. 1785 in VA married Kittie Dollarhide.
- Reuben B. Kelly b. abt. 1788 in VA married Delilah Stewart.
- Charles Kelly Sr. b. abt. 1790 in Russell Co., VA married Mary Harshbarger.
- Joshua Kelly b. abt. 1790 in Russell Co., VA married Mary Lee.
- Mary "Polly" Kelly b. 6 Jul 1793 in Russell Co., VA married Vincent Powell. Could they be first or second cousins??

I am attempting to prove, or disprove, a family legend that my Revolutionary War soldier ancestor, Rev. Edward Kelly of Russell County, VA, was a brother of Lawrence "Luke" Kelley and Luke's brother Darby Kelly. I am hoping that you have some information which may help me on this quest. Even if you can assist me, I would very much like to have my query published to see if I get any hits from others researching this family. Luke had children but his brother Darby died a bachelor from everything I have been able to find about him.

E. Paul Morehouse  
epm1812@neo.rr.com

\*Editor's Note: Sharon Kouns has done extensive research on this family and her research shows that William Kelley, Sr and wife Nancy had the following children: Edward, Nancy, Margaret, William, Luke, Darby and James. I've found it helpful to research both Kelly/Kelley spellings. If anyone has additional information, please send to Mr. Morehouse.



Photo of Luke Kelley's headstone at "Union Landing, OH" viewable on Find a Grave under "Kelley-Collins Cemetery" in Lawrence County. There are two Darby Kelley's listed here as well as several others with the same last name.

Luke Kelley is William Dollarhide "WD" Kelley's grandfather. WD Kelley was Nannie Kelley's father in law, whom you'll read about on the next page.



## Kelley Revives Center Furnace



Nestled in a quiet valley on the edge of Elizabeth Township, is a peculiar grassy triangle seldom visited by travelers. This crossroads of State Route 522 and County Road 41 South is a slowly fading memory of what many remember as the village of Superior. But a century before it was Superior, it was Center Furnace. If you had stood in this triangle in the mid 1800's, you would have been surrounded by about 300 residents, many tending gardens, hanging laundry on the line, sharing stories on wooden porches, while some awaited a doctor due to the typhoid fever outbreak. Notable Center Furnace resident, George Washington Rightmire, was born here in 1868 and went on to become the sixth president of the Ohio State University.

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## Kelley Revives Center Furnace

Another resident, John Franklin Hanning, was tragically killed at the age of 18 during a hunting accident in 1880. His family is the namesake for what would later be known as Hanning Hollow. His final resting place is in the Center Furnace-Superior Cemetery on the hillside beyond where the furnace was. The hills, now covered in fall foliage, were once barren landscapes, stripped to provide charcoal to the heart of the community. Located just around the curve from the triangle, and adjacent to Bear Run, stood the roaring, blazing Center Furnace. Built in 1834 and put into blast in 1836, this furnace – the 10<sup>th</sup> built in Lawrence County – produced about 4,500 tons of iron annually. Center Furnace rode the wave of supply and demand, mostly under the Center Mining and Manufacturing Company, with management in the hands of W. D. Kelly and sons, Lindsey and Ironton Austin Kelly. In the post-Civil War era, many of the furnaces were permanently shut down and dismantled. Center Furnace was idle but stockpiling ore and limestone to fuel other furnaces, including the Kelly's Grant Furnace in Ironton.

It was here, in the midst of abandoned houses, a rundown company store, vacated post office and a quiet, stone furnace, that a wealthy socialite saw potential.

Nannie Kelly, wife of Center Furnace manager Lindsey Kelly, attended a public auction at the courthouse and, after bidding just under \$20,000, made the furnace hers. This decision, both a business move and a personal endeavor, put Nannie Kelly into the history books as a bold, legendary pioneer – the only female ironmaster in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. By the turn of the century, steel and cement were favored over cast iron. Mrs. Kelly, now grieving the loss of her husband and only son, sold the furnace and surrounding property to the Superior Portland Cement Company for \$100,000 and a position on the board of directors.

It was here that she met who would become her second husband, Daniel Gregory Wright. While most communities blew away when the furnaces blew out, Center Furnace evolved, persevered and prospered as the village of Superior. A place where families were raised, gardens tilled, hard working men provided for their families and memories were made...and not forgotten.

Submitted by Nicole Cox, as part of the Lawrence Co. Bicentennial celebration  
Photo courtesy Lawrence County Historical Society



## One Thrill of Genealogy

When I first thought I would like to do research on my family, I figured I would not be able to get past my grandparents. Was I wrong! When digging into our family history, we may find information that we find hard to believe. Even one of my sisters said, "Oh, it's hard to tell what she will dig up!" We do not need to feel embarrassed or ashamed. I enjoy finding information about my ancestors and wish I could find more about some of them. The positives definitely outweigh the negatives. Through my research I have found two wonderful cousins. Had I not become interested in genealogy, I would not have the weekends Becky and I share, the cemetery work, the memories of a trip to Florida, and the hours of research we enjoy together. I would not have the conversations I have with David when he calls me on his coffee breaks at work, the trip up a steep hill to a cemetery, or the drives along some narrow country roads I never knew existed. I am so thankful they are a part of my life, and I love them very much. Keep researching, genealogy friends, and maybe you will find some wonderful cousins, too.



Submitted by Fran Wheeler

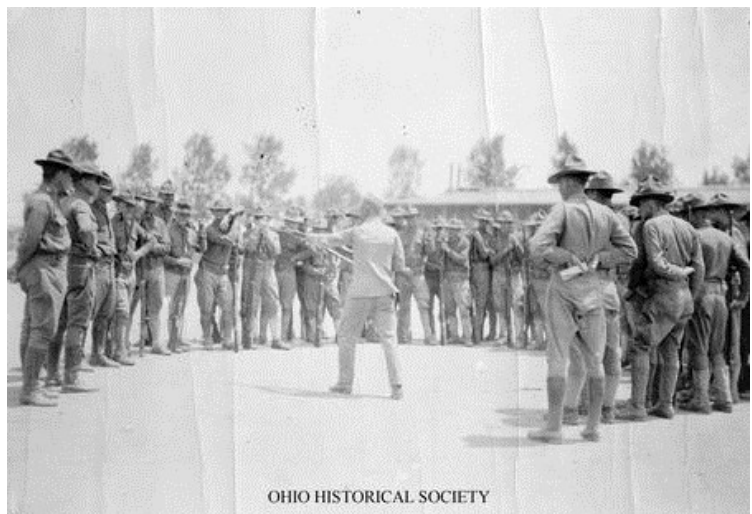
## Camp Sherman



John Ratcliff Doerres explains the significance of Camp Sherman as a WWI training center in Chillicothe, OH.

Mr. Doerres aims to honor and preserve the land on which Camp Sherman was located.

When the United States entered the First World War in April 1917, the nation was not fully prepared for the war effort. As a result, the government scrambled to create a system for training troops. Camp Sherman, located near Chillicothe, Ohio, was one of the new training camps and ultimately became the third largest camp in the nation during the war.



*Info and photo courtesy Ohio Historical Society/Ohio History Connection*

## 2014 Lineage Society Banquet and Induction

At the reception held November 1, 2014 at Briggs Library, the Society enjoyed a wonderful spread of food and desserts while learning about Camp Sherman. Following that presentation we recognized new members of the Lineage Society. Below is a list of the new inductees who received metals and certificates for each proven ancestor:

### First Families

FFLC #146—Jack E. Hamlin

FFLC #147—Rose Thompson Fox

FFLC #148—Patricia Ann Allen Ferguson

FFLC#149—Lori Ann Shafer

### Settlers and Builders

SBLC #17—Lori Ann Shafer

### Civil War Families

CWFLC #56—Jack E. Hamlin

CWFLC #57—Lori Ann Shafer

### Century Families

CFLC #10—Lori Ann Shafer



Lori Shafer receiving a “Settlers and Builders” certificate for proving four of her ancestors were in Lawrence County between 1840-1870. Congrats to Lori for all your hard work!



## 2014 Lineage Society Banquet and Induction

Mr. Jack Hamlin was happy to receive his certificates for “First Family” and “Civil War Families.”

He was able to prove his ancestor, Simeon Sumpter, pictured at right, resided in Lawrence County prior to 1841.



Photo caption reads, from left to right: Mollie Ferguson, Simeon Sumpter, William Henry Ferguson and Alice M. Ferguson.

*Photos courtesy Jack Hamlin.*

## Photo Submissions



Robert Wiseman shared this on the Law. Co. Genealogy Facebook page and says, "A distant Leffingwell cousin who lived in the Ashland/Catlettsburg, Kentucky but I think later moved to northern Ohio. There was a picture posted by F.k. Brown of a reunion of The 14th & 22nd Kentucky in Sept. of 1884 but I don't recognize him in it. Thought this might be of interest to CW & local groups. "

## For our little genealogists....

Enjoy looking for some of the terms used when researching family history....otherwise known as “genealogy.”

A “genealogist” is someone who traces or studies the descent of people or families.

## WORD SEARCH

Here is a list of words often used in the Family History Library.

Can you find all of them in this puzzle?

*(Be sure to check all directions!!)*

M	S	I	M	K	I	N	S	L	T
L	I	P	E	D	I	G	R	E	E
I	C	C	E	N	S	U	E	D	X
F	E	P	R	D	U	H	S	R	U
O	N	M	G	O	S	X	E	M	P
R	S	B	I	P	F	C	A	A	D
C	U	O	U	C	O	I	R	P	G
I	S	O	X	R	R	O	C	S	R
M	R	K	D	O	O	K	H	H	E
G	O	S	C	H	U	R	C	H	E

CHURCH  
RECORDS  
CENSUS  
RESEARCH  
PEDIGREE  
GROUPSHEET  
MICROFILM  
BOOKS  
MAPS  
MICROFICHE



## For our little genealogists....

- ° Ask your family members to help fill out this family tree chart.
- ° Ask some of your older relatives what life was like when they were growing up.
- ° Do you know where your family originated from?

**My Family Tree**

**Grandfather**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grandmother**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grandfather**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grandmother**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**You**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lawrence County had 3,357 Serve in the Civil War

Stories submitted by Peggy A. Wells and Martha J. Kounse

Ironton Tribune, 4 July 1976, Sunday

When news of Fort Sumpter's fall in April 1861 reached the county, Union meetings were called through which men enlisted for three months or three years. Leaders were John Campbell, Ralph Leete, Col. E. Nigh, Dr. B. F. Cory, W. W. Johnson, C. G. Hawley, Thomas McCarty, C. W. McCoy and C. Hall. Ironton City Council issued a proclamation wanting no hostilities with its neighboring towns in Kentucky and Virginia, and had it delivered to each town. The county commissioners appropriated \$5,000 as a fund to help support, as needed, families of volunteers from the county.

By July 18, 1861 there were 535 Lawrence Countians away on active duty, many of them serving in western Virginia (now the state of West Virginia). Home Guard units sprung up in Ironton (German Co. of volunteers) and in every village with 174 regimented in Proctorville. Just across the river from Proctorville at Guyandotte, Va., what was termed as "the meanest Secessionist Hole" along the Ohio River, existed. By October, 1,210 countians were away in service, representing over one-third of the county's voting population.

In November, a battle raged for possession of Guyandotte between Union troops who had occupied the town and a Rebel Guerrilla Cavalry which resulted in the burning of the town. Lawrence County men fought in many of the major battles of the war and the many fallen were to be later honored at Ironton's first Memorial Day ceremonies in 1868, three years after the war ended.

In all, 3,357 Lawrence Countians served in the Civil War including 224 from Aid Township, 106 from Decatur, 233 from Elizabeth, 205 from Fayette, 105 from Hamilton, 180 from Lawrence, 258 from Mason, 274 from Perry, 251 from Rome, 153 from Symmes, 233 from Union, 268 from Windsor, 152 from Washington, 206 from Upper and 507 from Ironton.

*Reprinted from:*

<http://www.lawrencecountyohio.com/civilwar/stories/civilwar1976.htm>

### On this date in history.....

The Royersville Tunnel, formerly known as “Vesuvius Station” was completed in December 1851. This costly addition to the 13 mile Iron Railroad route took twenty nine months to complete.



*Photo source: <http://www.rrpicturearchives.net/> (Aaron Coyan collection)*

By 1892, it was reorganized as the Iron Railway and established a barge service to transport its cars across the Ohio River.

By 1905 this line was part of the DT&I which also used this 1,050 foot long tunnel, though it was prone to frequent cave-ins. DT&I locomotive 405 can be seen here exiting the south end of the Royersville Tunnel.



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