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Message From The Presidents Desk



Will spring ever get here? We look forward to continuing work on Wakefield Cemetery. I have just found a distant connection to the Wakefield family. The stone I dug up, Parthenia Judd Wakefield, was my relative. She married Benjamin Austin Wakefield, son of Peter. It's a small world?

We look forward to helping Bill Pratt and the Lawrence County Bicentennial Committee. We loved his speech at the last meeting. 2016 is going to be fun. I'll keep you up to date on the plans. The theme for our float this year is the Civil War. We could not include all veterans names last year, so please send us your ancestors and we will put them on this year. Pictures are really exciting too.

New members are joining the Society and the lineage Societies are increasing in numbers. Tell your friends and family about us. Everyone is welcome. I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Becky Wilson Thissen

President

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Speaker
3-7-15	1:00 p.m.	Meeting	Briggs Library Ironton	Jay Russell
5-25-15	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade	Ironton, OH	Theme: "USA Strong"

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Lawrence Co. Commissioner Bill Pratt Joins the Society

At our January meeting, we welcomed Bill Pratt, Lawrence County Commissioner and Bicentennial Committee chairman. He walked us through the Pratt family history and his ancestral roots in both farming and politics. Then he discussed the goals of the Bicentennial Committee as they plan celebrations and events to commemorate Lawrence County's 200th birthday in 2016. The first major event in the works is rebuilding the original county courthouse in Burlington. The Committee is also assisting in cleaning up the Macedonia Church in Burlington and fund raising for a historical marker at Olive Furnace. Society members Carl Murdock and Nicole Cox are both on this Committee and will keep the Society up to date on how we may be involved.

Mr. Pratt was given an honorary one year membership to the Society.



Mr. Pratt takes questions from Society member Betty Knipp.

Remembering the 1937 Flood

The *Ironton Register* described the devastation of the flood of '37 vividly, "mud covered streets, shattered windows, huddled refugees, bare house foundations, crumbling structures and roads covered by debris."

An estimated 100 homes in Ironton, Coal Grove and Hanging Rock were swept away, with hundreds others damaged and thousands of people rendered homeless. Five buildings came down. One of them, Hudson-Pillar Hardware at Second and Lawrence streets, burned at midnight during the height of the flood. The Bunn building at north Second and Railroad streets, collapsed on February 2nd and killed Mrs. Agnes Jones – the only direct fatality of the flood in Ironton.

Both the Deaconess and Marting Hospitals were crowded as the flood waters raged. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Jamieson, while a few days later, Mrs. Fanny Henry died at 94 years old. Her body was brought to the emergency headquarters of the Ohio National Guard.

The Christ Episcopal Church parish house provided forty-two beds with five nurses and served 300 meals a day. First aid stations were set up at St. Joseph, Kingsbury and Whitwell schools.

By January 22nd, the river was at 63 feet and rising steadily. Mr. James Miller died on January 26th and, on the day of his burial, his home washed away. The following day the river crested at 70 feet 5 inches, surpassing the 1913 record of 67 feet 10.5 inches. By comparison, the 1884 high water mark was 33 feet, and the 1887 waters reached 50 feet. Society member Harold Lunsford recalls his experience of the flood while living in Chesapeake. "The water was up to the last step on our porch. When we needed to get to the store, a boat came right up to the porch to get us." His family's home was the only one on his road not inundated with water and he stayed busy helping friends and neighbors. He vividly remembers air planes delivering medical supplies and other needed items to the area.

By the time the water began to recede, ninety percent of Ironton was covered, with damages totaling \$3 million. Within a week of what is now known as the worst flood disaster of the Ohio River Valley, the community had made noticeable efforts in clearing roadways and repairing homes. As we look back 78 years later, we have not forgotten the lessons of the past. Ironton residents recently approved a \$2 million flood protection levy. As Ironton's founder, John Campbell, challenged, "Why shouldn't it go on? We have the capacity...why should we not have the energy?"

Submitted by Nicole Cox

Member Submissions

Sophia Hamburg

Birth 8 Feb 1884 in Elizabeth, Lawrence, Ohio

Parent's residence was Etna Furnace.

Death Feb 1958 in Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida

(Sarasota was where the Circus folk went in the winter time.)

Ringling Brother's Circus (www.circushistory.org/Bandwagon/bw-1958Nov.htm)

Great Aunt Sophia Hamburg, Clarence Hamburg's Daughter: She left home in Ironton Ohio at the age of 16 to join the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus and became a world renowned high wire walker act.

She married first to Cyrus Thomas McConnel Jr in 1916 at the age of 32 in Chicago. Cyrus passed away in 1921.

She married second to John J. Meck in 1922 in Ironton.

From 1935 to 1958 she and John lived in Sarasota, Florida till her death in 1958. John passed the following year.

Submitted by Harry and Kathy Wright



Family Reunion

I am trying to get the word out about our family reunion in June, and trying to contact other descendants of the Poston, Broughton, and Murnahan lines to gather more information for my research. I need to reach people who aren't on Facebook and the other genealogy websites.

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Mark your Calendars

The Ohio Genealogical Society's 54th annual conference will be held April 9-11, 2015 at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square in Columbus, OH, with pre-conference activities kicking off on April 8th.

From their website:

Pre-conference activities on Wednesday, April 8, include tours and research opportunities at the Ohio History Center, tours of the Ohio Statehouse, and several workshops at the hotel. From Thursday through Saturday, family historians of all experience levels can select from over 90 presentations on a wide variety of topics to enhance their genealogical skills and understanding of their ancestors. The conference features 44 expert speakers from across the country. Tracks include:

Thursday: *Organizing & Productivity, Problem-Solving Strategies, Records & Resources, Across the Ocean, Sharing Family History, and Forensic Genealogy*

Friday: *Skill Building, Technology Tools, German Ancestors, Methods for Success, Military Research, and African American & Southern Ancestors*

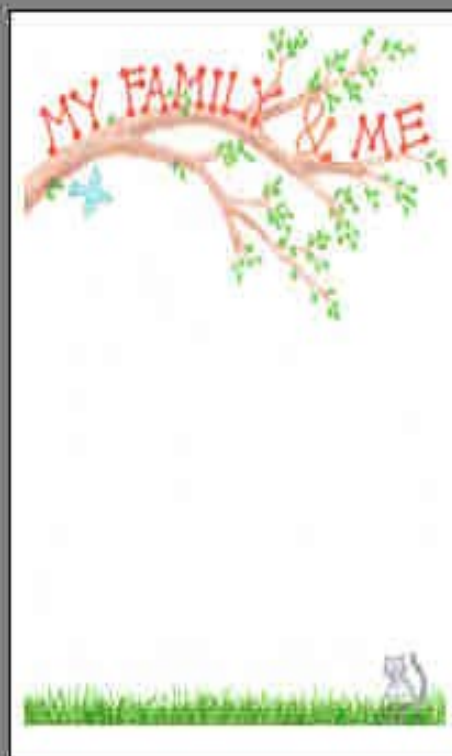
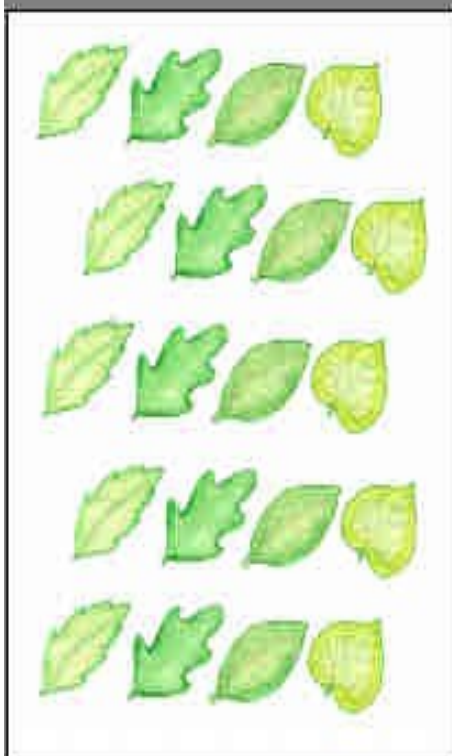
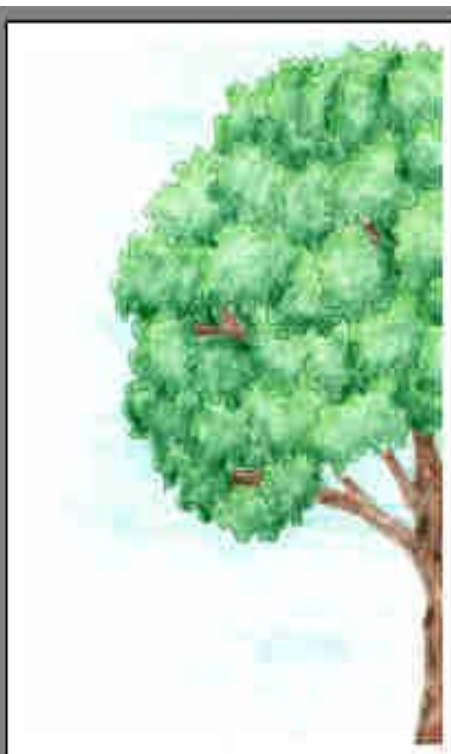
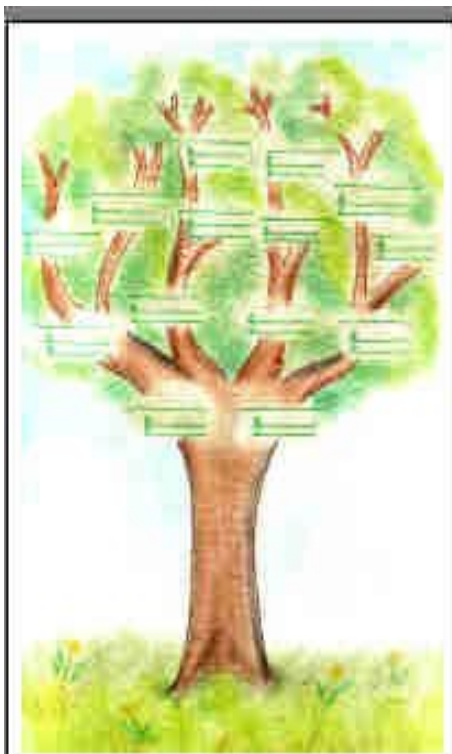
Saturday: *Getting Started, Records & Resources, DNA/Genetic Genealogy, Ohio Ancestors, Research Challenges, and Preserving Your Heritage*

For more information visit: <http://www.ogs.org/conference2015/>

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, March 7th**, 1:00 p.m. at Briggs Library, Ironton, with guest speaker Jay Russell of the Ohio Genealogical Society. He will be discussing tombstone preservation. Also, the Bicentennial Committee will be having a meeting prior to the Society meeting and plan on sticking around for our meeting.

For our little genealogists....

Cut out the pictures below to make your own Genealogy Book.



For our little genealogists....

Ask your family members to help fill out this family tree chart.

your grandpa _____	your grandma _____	your grandpa _____	your grandma _____
birthday _____	birthday _____	birthday _____	birthday _____
place of birth _____	place of birth _____	place of birth _____	place of birth _____

**KIDS,
MAKE YOUR OWN
FAMILY TREE**

your dad's name _____	your mom's name _____
birthday _____	birthday _____
place of birth _____	place of birth _____

your name _____
birthday _____
place of birth _____

Saying Goodbye

Naomi Ruth Herald Deer passed away at King's Daughters Medical Center on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, unexpectedly. Naomi was born on Aug. 6, 1931 in Lawrence County, to Nellie Burns (Davidson) Herald and Alonzo B. Herald from Floyd County, Kentucky, where Nellie was a traveling nurse who worked for Lawrence County General Hospital, in Ironton. Naomi is survived by her husband, Gerald Homer Deer, whom she married on July 22, 1950. Naomi graduated from Ironton High School with the class of 1950. She also attended classes at Ohio University. Southern. Naomi was born in the home of George and Adaline Burns of Ironton. She was a secretary for the Rock Hill Local School District, and retired as a secretary for the Briggs Lawrence County Public Library where she helped developed the genealogy department.

She was preceded in death by her two children and a grandson, Vicki Lynn Deer Brooks Allen and Gerald Anthony Deer and Eric Anthony Deer. She is survived by five grandchildren, Bethany Hope Reed (Respiratory Therapist at Mount Carmel West Hospital) and Allison Ruth Brooks (Jessica Kirkpatrick) who is currently an instrumental music teacher for the Columbus City School District, both of Columbus, Ohio, Jeremy Lee Deer (Construction/Plumbing at Thompson Construction and Utilities) who resided with her, James Heath Garrett Deer (C and B Marine), both of Ironton, and Joshua David Deer (Sports Athletic Coach), of Naples, Florida. She has two great grandchildren, Landon Vincent Anthony and Levi James Garrett Deer of Ironton.

Naomi was a strong and participating member of the Lawrence County Historical Society, where she started the original Woodland Cemetery Historical Walk, as she focused on the history of the cemetery and the historical people of Ironton. She also had a love of writing historical stories, which were published weekly in the Ironton Tribune paper. She has also been referenced and credited in writings about Lawrence County.

Naomi's immediate family would like to thank the people who have sat with her and us, and all the thoughts and prayers given. Our grandmother was smart, funny, stubborn, caring, and the most amazing wife, mother, and grandmother anyone could have. She never met a stranger and was well respected in her community. She, along with our grandfather, made sure that us grandchildren never wanted for anything. One thing that this family has known and has grown up with is love.

Naomi's funeral was held at O'Keefe Bakers Funeral home in Ironton on Thursday, Feb. 19. Public visitation was from 10am-1pm. Funeral was at 1 p.m. with Tim Throckmorton, officiating. Burial was be at Pine Grove Cemetery.

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Queries

Charles Thomas Johnson

Trying to find out information on my great grandfather. Charles Thomas Johnson. He lived in Lawrence County most of his life. Born 28 June 1871, in Gallia County to Andrew (A.J.) b 1825 & Susan Kerns also living in Lawrence County). He married my great grandmother Lucy Ora McMillian (McMillen) in Gallia County. They lived in Lawrence County and had 2 daughters Sylvia & Goldie. I can only find proof of Sylvia born in Lawrence Co. My grandmother Goldie is a mystery with no record of birth, divorce or social security number. Charles (Charlie) died in 1907 according to a letter my grandmother Goldie wrote and is in the Lambert Papers at Marshall. She said "Died on Federal Creek at the Alf Dillon place, on a hill of throat trouble. Charlie & his daughter Goldie b 2 Apr 1906 are a mystery. Any help would be appreciated.

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AUCKERMAN-SHAVER-RHODES/ROADS-ALLIS-ROBBINS-URICK-HARRISON-BROOKS-ROLLINS-BELL-WOLBERT

Desire information on AUCKERMAN, John (1786-1874) m. Annie Dorethea SHAVER (ca 1790-1846) in Frederick Co., VA 1810. They came with Jacob RHODES/ROADS to Highland Co, OH in 1811. John and Annie lived in Highland, Adams and Lawrence Co.'s OH. Annie D. in 1846 in Lawrence Co. and John in 1874 in Hanging Rock. Where were they buried? John was in War of 1812 in Highland Co. Additional children: William (Matilda ALLIS); Mary Catherine (John ROBBINS); Jacob (Rachel ROBBINS); Mary (Nimrod CONEWAY); Sarah; Solomon; John (Anna Marie URICK); Samuel (Sarah HARRISON); David (Minerva BROOKS); Elizabeth; Juliana (William WELCH); Hannah (David ROLLINS); Rebecca (Jesse BELL/Christian WOLBERT); Daniel; Joel. Any information on any of these families, please contact:

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WELCH-SHAVER-AUCKERMAN-WILLIAMS-VAN HORN-LEWIS- SNODGRASS-TUCKER-McKNIGHT

William WELCH(1823-18720, SON OF John and Laura ? WELCH, and his wife Juliana AUCKERMAN (1827-1887) were both born in Adams Co. OH. She was the daughter of John and Annie (SHAVER) AUCKERMAN. William and Juliana were married in 1846 in Lawrence Co. OH. They also died there. William, a Civil War Vet. Is buried in Henry Cemetery. Their children, all born in the Ironton area are: Laura (WILLIAMS) 1847; Albert (Hannah VAN HORN) 1849; Rebecca (LEWIS) 1850; Melinda 1856; William Edward (Isabella SNODGRASS) 1859; John 1861; Thomas Charlton (Ella TUCKER) 1862; Melinda 1866; Emeline 1868; and Emma 1872. James T. McKnight was appointed as the minors guardian upon Juliana's death. Where was Juliana buried?
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