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

Message From The Presidents Desk



Fall is near and time to start work in our cemeteries. We are still working on indexing cemeteries in Lawrence County. Most have not been indexed since 1983. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Our November meeting will be our Lineage banquet. Come and meet our new inductees. We will display the new applications so you can see how to complete yours for next year.

Members will be available to answer questions.

If you know a great speaker for one of our meetings, let me know and I will try to arrange it.

See you in November.

Becky Wilson Thissen

President

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Speaker
11-7-15	1:00 p.m.	Lineage Banquet	Briggs Library	

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2015 Hamner Room Lock-In

This year's Hamner Room lock in was a success! A few new faces joined the fun including one guest, Jim Saunders, from Oregon, whose ancestor worked at the Vesuvius Iron Furnace. After a plentiful meal, the group gathered in the Hamner Room to peruse maps, marriage records, microfilms, yearbooks and old newspapers.



From the Ironton Register...

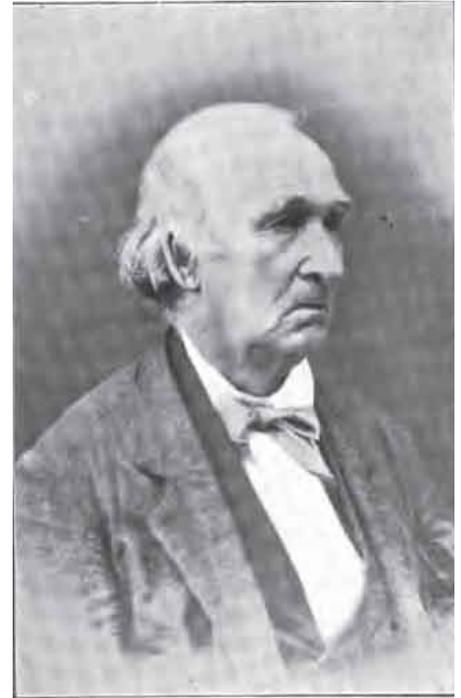
August 30, 1891—Ironton's "founding father" John Campbell, dies at age 83.

John Campbell, the founder of Ironton, was born at Georgetown, Ohio, January 14, 1808. He was a farm boy and received the ordinary school education of those days. When he was a young man he went to clerk in the store of Mr. Humphreys, father of W. S. Humphreys, who later lived in Ironton. This was at Ripley, Ohio about 1828. Afterward he started a store with Mr. Humphreys at Russellville. He was described then as a fine looking young man, devoted to business, and universally respected. Getting tired of the slow life of a storekeeper, in a quiet village, he left Russellville, and invested his savings, about \$600, for a part interest in the Ohio river steamer Banner, and took possession as clerk on the boat.

The Ohio Iron and Coal Co. was organized among about 20 furnace men and others prominent in the region. As soon as the new town was laid out, people flocked here seeking employment, many attracted by the moral, as well as its industrial promise. Relative to the morals of the new town, one important provision was ordered into the deeds of all land sold by the Ohio Iron and Coal Co. It read: "that in case ardent spirits be sold in the premises, there shall be a forfeit of the property to the company, on payment to the owner of one half of the appraised value."

The study and forethought given the new town by the genius Mr. Campbell included provisions for churches, school houses, for manufacturers -- for every healthful influence and infused his energy into everybody. Every good work he encouraged with money and personal influence. His good nature and his clear insight of things made him the ideal founder of a new town. He despised shams and delusions, and built only on honest worth and merit.

The funeral of John Campbell was held on Tuesday, September 1, 1891 ... The newspaper said "for a square, the people congregated in throngs, testifying to the universal respect in which he was held. The attendance included everybody, of all beliefs, colors, conditions, the rich and poor, the old and young. Never was there such a funeral in this town. In the large parlor where the casket rested were the City Council, the county officary and the Bar. All the rooms and spacious halls of the residence were filled with people.



JOHN CAMPBELL

Excerpt taken from "Ironton's Early History"
(<http://lawrencecountyohio.com/ironton/stories/rememberjc.htm>)

Lawrence County Ghost Stories "The Skeleton"

<http://www.lawrencecountyohio.com/ghosts/stories/skeleton.htm>

Last Saturday afternoon, some of the workmen engaged on the excavation for the foundations of Hayward's Block, came upon the bones of a human skeleton, of a portion of them, at least, and the position they were in indicated that the rest lay buried just beyond, in ground that was not disturbed. The point of discovery was at the north corner of the foundation, close to Rachel creek and twelve feet below the surface.

The workmen were startled when the bones were unearthed. Bystanders viewed with peculiar emotions the fleshless fragments of a human form, and physicians in the neighborhood were called to confirm the opinion of all who saw them, that part of a human skeleton has been found. The find was made more ghastly by the presence of an old boot that turned up along with the skeleton. It was a sensation for the hour and the fine fragments were removed to Hayward's store and became the subject of many conjectures until somebody remembered a skeleton Dr. Cory once had in a stable that stood over the spot where the bones were found, which helped to clear away the mystery.

They indeed belonged to the Doctor's skeleton, for he confirmed the theory when he came down town Monday, and the bones had been ruthlessly consigned to a rubbish pile on the street. The discovery brought up many incidents of former days, when Ironton was very young. The Doctor had a small drug store then, in a frame building on the corner where Hayward's grocery now stands. The post office was there also, and Dr. Cory was postmaster. In the early sixties he sold the property to Wm. Gonder, and for many years it was occupied by Gonder's bakery. Ed Bixby viewed the grim remains and laughed as he recalled how in those days he used to climb with Will Gonder to the loft of the old stable in which this skeleton was kept in a box behind the ladder. As they passed the box, Will would remark with dreadful caution, "Look out now, he'll catch you." And Ed would leap to the top of the ladder with increasing terror at each step.

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The reporter sought out Dr. Cory soon after, and asked him to give a history of the skeleton. He was in a pleasant muse over the events of a quarter of a century ago, that had been revived by the incident and replied with a merry countenance. "Yes, I can tell you all about it, but I have seen the day when I would not. The Skeleton's that of a man found drowned in the river, whom E. J. Folwell, who then a township trustee, helped me carry up the bank from near the East Ironton landing, over 25 years ago.

The corpse was past recognition, and we buried him on the lot on upper 2nd street where Mr. Horschel lives now. John McMahon owned the property then. We had a great time keeping the matter quiet, but succeed admirably. When decomposition had progressed far enough, I dug up the bones and put them in a box in my stable, but never put them together. Lots of people saw me digging, but thought I was doing garden work. Azro used to get the boys in the stable and have lectures on the skeleton. He was reported to me once for frightening some of them with the skull and a lighted candle. I've got the same skull yet, I believe, out in my stable on the hill, but the rest of the skeleton I neglected to take with me when I moved from 3rd and Centre, and when I inquired for the bones sometimes afterward, I was informed by Gonder's folks that the boys had buried them."

"That's the history of the bones. I hadn't thought of them until this morning for many, many years, and indeed you are the first person, besides "Lish" Folwell, who ever knew where I got them."

They were reinterred very near the spot where the workmen disturbed their long sleep.

Ironton Register, July 21, 1887

Charles Horn

Charles Horn succeeds E.W. Bixby as president of First National Bank

Charles Horn, who entered the First National Bank as a messenger in 1877, was Tuesday afternoon elevated to the presidency of that institution to succeed the late Edwin W. Bixby, at the meeting of the board of directors, Joseph Falter was chosen cashier, to succeed Mr. Horn, Frank Wieteki was given the general books and Clifford Crance the individual books.

Mr. Horn is one of the best known men in banking circles in this section. His elevation is recognized as a reward for merit and hard and efficient work and it will be a source of gratification to his many friends.

The Morning Irononian, July 21, 1915



Charles Horn, Former Banker, Dies Last Night

Charles Horn, for years was closely connected with Ironton's business and industrial life, died Thursday at 10:45 p.m. in the Marting hospital, where he had been seriously ill during the last two weeks. He was removed to the hospital June 18 from his home at 423 1/2 Center Street. Death came to Mr. Horn at the age of 79 years, following a life of usefulness to his community. His career started in 1879 when he became a messenger boy at the old First National Bank. He worked his way from the bottom to the top position, having served as bookkeeper, teller, cashier and then president. He was named president 52 years after entering the banks service.

Mr. Horn was born in Ironton on September 18, 1860 and joined the bank immediately after being graduated from Ironton High School. He was a son of Henry and Dorthea Horn, was baptized and confirmed in the Luthern church and was a former member of the Elks and Rotary Club. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Ines Horn and three children, Leonard of Worcester, Mass., and two by a former marriage, Mrs. Dorothy Clements of Ashland and Sydney of Foxboro, Mass., one daughter, Louise, of his second marriage died in 1930.

The Ironton Evening Tribune, June 29, 1940

Submitted by F.K. Brown

Lawrence County Ghost Stories "Devil Cow"

The year was 1828, just 12 years after the organization of Lawrence County from Scioto and Gallia counties. The incident, though it may seem harrowing today, was not an unusual occurrence for the early years of the 19th century.

The people, many of whom considered it "part of a day's work" to fight off the Indians, believed strongly in forms of witchcraft.

In this specific cow-burning incident, the animal in question was charged as having "canine madness" after it was observed "frantic, running, and pitching at everything."

But after further observation, onlookers said she was "not mad, but bewitched."

Soon after the poor cow was covered with fuel, logs, brush, and then set afire. Whispers from the observers were heard saying "I never saw any creature so hard to die!"

Night having set in before the burning was finished, the owner and his family went back to the house to watch to ascertain if witches could be seen about the burning embers.

Late at night the watch called to the other family members and pointed out two shadowy figures dancing and hopping around the pile of still-glowing embers. The next morning the witnesses brought neighbors to see the fire . . . and the leering footprints of the ugly witches they had seen the night before.

This complete story is related in a court case in the Lawrence Common Pleas Court in 1828, found in "Historical Collections of Ohio," Volume II, pages 57-59, which is part of the extensive collection of historical and genealogical materials available at Briggs – Lawrence County Public Library in Ironton.

Ironton Tribune, October 15, 1967

Originally submitted to the Lawrence Register by Lorna Marks

Woodland Cemetery Historical Ghost Walk

If you'd like to hear more Lawrence County ghost stories, make sure to attend this year's Woodland Cemetery Historical Ghost Walk. This is not a scary event (the Haunted Tunnel covers that!), rather it is a historical walk where "tourists encounter Underground Railroad Conductors, Iron Masters, ballerinas, Civil War veterans etc. Approximately 75 people will portray various individuals buried there."

This is a fun, free, family-friendly event that will take place Saturday, September 26th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Shuttle buses are available to escort people from the cemetery entrance (at Liebert) over to the first stop. Programs will be available to purchase for a few dollars.

Make the most of the weekend by checking out the Hamner Room before the Ghost Walk...it is open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Fridays and Saturdays.



Photo from last year's event...
(Above) Kay Rader telling the story of legendary female ironmaster Nannie Kelly Wright.



(Right) Mr and Mrs Bob Cleary portraying Dr. Joseph William Lowry and wife Sarah Jane Clark Lowry.

Photos courtesy Nicole Cox

Lineage Applications

I've been working on my lineage applications and am finding all kinds of neat things about my ancestors. How is *your* research going?

Remember if you get "stuck" you can email me your inquiries at nratliff@gmail.com and also check out our Facebook page for help. Look for "Lawrence County Genealogical Society, OGS Chapter."

Good luck and happy hunting! - Nicole

Lineage applications are available to download from our web site:
LawrenceGenealogy.org/forms

Here's a breakdown of the groups your family may qualify for:

"Century Families of Lawrence County"

Ancestor who resided in Lawrence County between Jan. 1, 1871 and December 31 of the year ending 100 years prior to the current year.

"Civil War Families of Lawrence County"

Name of Soldier, Direct Ancestor or Collateral Relative

"First Families of Lawrence County"

Ancestor who resided in Lawrence County by 31 December 1840

"Settlers and Builders of Lawrence County"

Ancestor who resided in Lawrence County between 1 January 1841 and 31 December 1870

Starting with yourself, list your main ancestral lines on the pages provided on the application. List proof documents (marriage certificates, birth/death certificates or records, census records, etc).

A \$20 application fee is required for each application.

Once approved, you will receive recognition, a medal and a certificate at the annual Lineage Banquet.

Publications for Sale by the Society:

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by John Jones - \$6.00 + **S&H**

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By Donald R Clark - \$9.00 + **S&H**

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3rd printing - 398 pages, every name index
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"Hardesty Lake Historical Atlas of Lawrence County"
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Remember dues expire December 31st unless paid ahead!

Need help tracking down an ancestor? We can help! Send us your inquiries and let's work together to break down that "brick wall."