

# LAWCO LORE

THE LAWRENCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
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## Message from the President's Desk



It's going to be an exciting summer! By the time you read this, Ironton will have already kicked off the summer with its famous Memorial Day Parade, the oldest such parade in the nation. So, now that it is summer, it is time for all genealogists to get out and scout those country roads we remember from childhood, find old cemeteries, attend family reunions, picnic at those old favorite spots, and eat homemade peach ice cream. Don't forget your camera and cemetery kit when you go on those outings. Before you go, read the article on page 7 about Carl Murdock's November presentation about what to include in your cemetery kit. Then record your pictures on FindAGrave.com, a valuable website for everyone interested in family history and, best of all, it is free of charge. And, our Lawco Society has a jam-packed summer of activities also—July 1, Kelli Bergheimer will unlock those mysteries about DNA testing and how to understand your DNA test results and use them for finding new ancestors and verifying ones you already have found. Don't miss her presentation at our regular meeting that day at 1:00 pm at The Briggs Library. (Thanks to our members who attend her workshop in Greenup, KY and recommended her to us.) Remember you don't have to be a member to attend. Come out and bring your friends. Be sure to bring your DNA results and ask Kelli for advice. Our annual "lock-in" will be July 28th at the Briggs Library. Come and enjoy supper with us. Come explore the Hamner Room. I find new things every time I visit. Look at the high school yearbooks and bricks from well-known Lawco buildings. Fran Wheeler is donating her brick from the old Waterloo High School. Ann Russell Wise has donated some of the papers of her father, Donald Russell, former School Superintendent.

President Rebekah Wilson Thissen

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Where	Speaker	In this issue:
July 1, 2017	1:00 pm	Bimonthly Meeting	Briggs Library	Kelli Bergheimer will discuss DNA	New Members.....3
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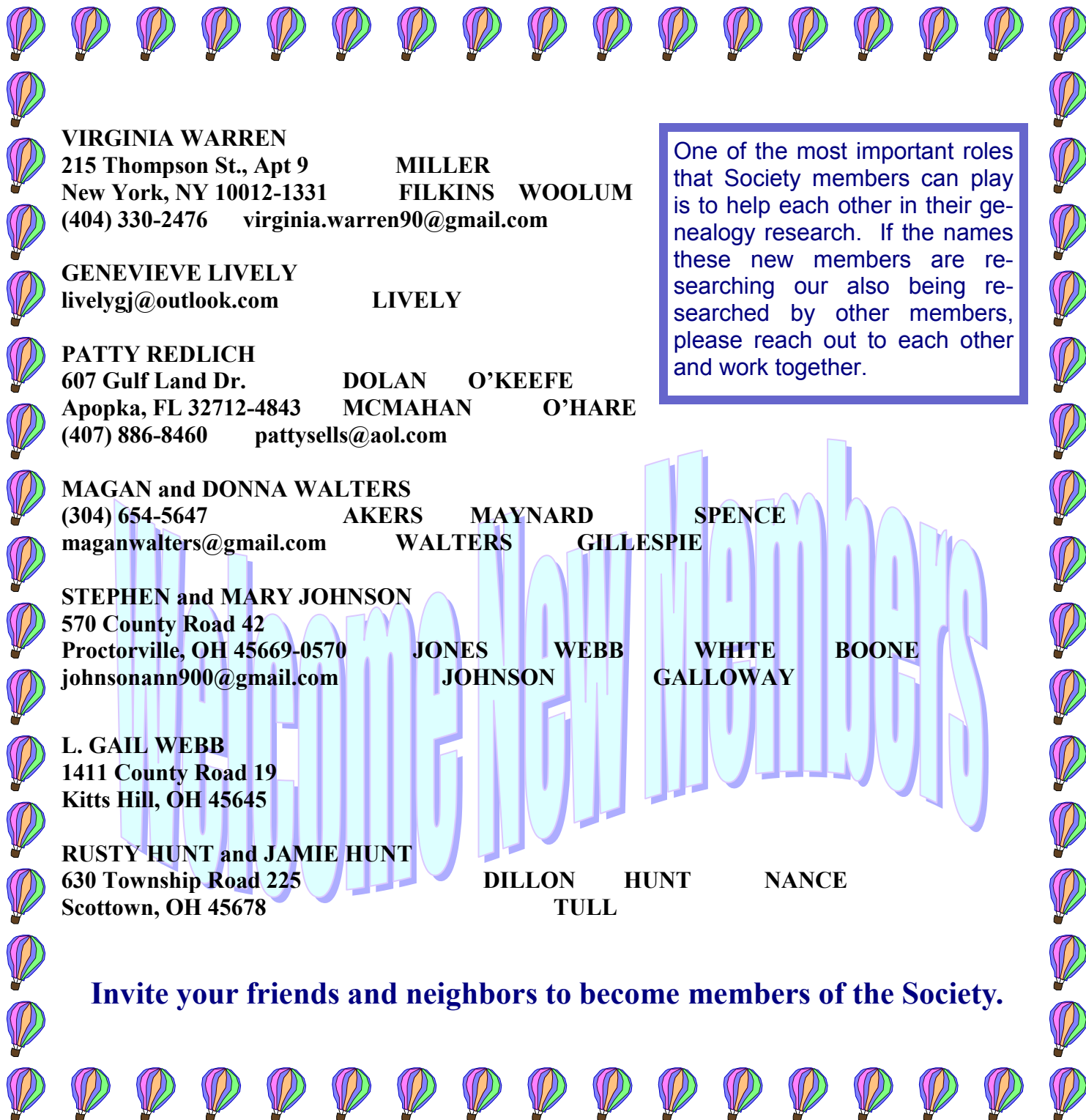
**Friday — Saturday 10 AM — 5PM**

**NOW CLOSED MONDAY / TUESDAY**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the LawCo Gen Society.**



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One of the most important roles that Society members can play is to help each other in their genealogy research. If the names these new members are researching our also being researched by other members, please reach out to each other and work together.

**Invite your friends and neighbors to become members of the Society.**

## THE LINEAGE SOCIETY.....

Did you notice all those medals in President Thissen's picture on page 1? Those are the medals she received as a member of the Lawco Lineage Societies. No doubt one of the greatest honors and privilege of genealogy research is to be able to prove your lineage back to an early date in Lawrence County. We honor the diligent research of our members by asking them to apply for membership in our Lineage Society by demonstrating that they are descended from either a person who was a First Family of Lawrence County (lived here by Dec 31, 1840); a person who served in the Civil War, a Settlor and Builder of the county (lived here between Jan 1, 1841 and Dec 31, 1870), or a Century Family (lived in the county after Jan 1, 1871 and prior to 100 years before the year in which the applicant applied). See page 9 for the 2017 application process.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW LINEAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS.....

In November 2016 the following members were inducted into the three Lineage Society (shown in this order are the names of the inductee, the official number of the application, the ancestor(s) through whom they qualified for membership in the lineage society and the date the ancestor was proved to be in Lawrence County): (see picture on page 9)

#### FIRST FAMILIES

Carolyn Jane King Higgins  
# 425 George Winters 1831  
# 426 Elizabeth Bruce Winters 1831

Gregory Allen Higgins  
# 418 Edward Broom (Sr.) 1818  
# 419 Jane Harris Broom 1818  
# 420 Edward Broom 1836  
# 421 John Higgins 1829  
# 422 Sarah Payne Higgins 1829  
# 423 Jonathan Ward 1835  
# 424 Christopher T Ward 1836  
# 427 Simon Christian 1828

#### CIVIL WAR FAMILIES

Ann Russell Wise  
# 80 Thomas Gilruth

#### CIVIL WAR FAMILIES, cont.

David Alan Bradley  
# 62 George Bird/Burd

Mary Frances Ross Wheeler  
# 79 James Short Co. E 173rd O. V. I.

#### SETTLORS AND BUILDERS

Carl T Murdock  
# 91 Franklin P Gibson 1852  
# 92 Mary Ann Adkins 1855SBLC # 22

Mary Francis Ross Wheeler  
#86 Levi Waugh 1850

Gregory Allen Higgins  
# 87 James Rust 1850  
# 88 Delila Willmore Rust 1850  
# 89 Albert Thomas Rust 1857  
# 90 Emaline Gore 1849



## Migration from Virginia.....

A brief article by the Editor in the March issue of Lawco Lore (Vol. 34, No. 1) inquired about migration of some early Lawrence County families from Bedford County, also mentioning a neighboring county, Franklin. Families mentioned were Martin, Blankenship, Hall, Earles, Willis, and Freeman. It asked if others could share input on migration routes.

### Migration through Kanawha County

A major route to southern Ohio from Bedford, Franklin, and nearby counties in Virginia was the Ohio Branch of the Great Indian Warpath, also known as the Kanawha Trail. This branch traversed what is now West Virginia in a northwesterly direction. It followed New River part of the way and then met up with the Kanawha River, which passed through Kanawha County on its way to Ohio. Along the way were trails made by deer and buffalo that accessed salt licks along the River. Kanawha County was a major source of salt in the United States, especially during the War of 1812 when the British blockaded salt imports. Its salt industry was centered a few miles upriver from Charleston. Some of the Virginians migrating to southern Ohio stopped and stayed

for awhile in Kanawha County, perhaps enticed by the opportunity to make some money working in the salt business. This was true for some mentioned below.

### Willis

The patriarch of the Willises who settled in Lawrence County is Henry Willis Sr. born about 1758 in York County, PA, and in 1764 moved with his family to what is now Franklin County. About 1779 he set out on his own, moving 60 miles west to Greenbrier County where he raised his family. His land bordered the east side of New River, just across from the southeastern edge of present-day WV to an area that became Monroe County in 1799 and Giles County, VA in 1829. Of his 12 children, 10 moved to southern Ohio about 1800- 1826, almost all to Lawrence County. They were Joshua (m. Mary Blankenship), Isaiah (m. Nancy Blankenship), George (m. Susannah Rucker), Martha (m. Edward Ward), Tabitha (m. Charles Cooper), John (m. Rebecca Cooper), Hugh (m. Mary Dilley), Henry Jr. (m. Mary Tucker), Andrew (m. Mariah Corbin), and Mary (m. William Corbin). Records show that at least five of them lived for a time in Kanawha before moving on to OH: John (1813-1826), Hugh (1812), Henry (1812), Andrew (1824), and Mary (about 1819). Many of the families with whom they interacted, in Greenbrier/Monroe and Kanawha Counties, were early settlers of Lawrence County.

### Corbin

The patriarch of Lawrence County's Corbin family is David Corbin, born about 1772 in Culpeper County, VA. He lived in Kanawha County about 1814-1826 before moving to Lawrence County. A notation on his 1816 tax record ("licks") indicates he was working in the salt business. Six of his children settled in Lawrence County: Sophia (m. Thomas Neal), William (m. Mary Willis, then Margaret Dunlin), Mary (m. John Pemberton), Mariah (m. Andrew Willis), Elizabeth (m. William Pemberton), Elliott (m. Lucinda Earles), and George W. (m. Frances M., possibly a granddaughter of Samuel Layne Sr., and then Nancy L. Howerly on Dec. 20, 1851 in Kanawha County). In 1828, David moved to Lawrence County, where he married again and had more children.

Submitted by David W. Willis (Map added by the Editor)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first of a multi-part article. Be sure to read the September 2017 *Lawco Lore* for the next segment which will discuss the migration of the Pemberton and Blankenship Families and provide some useful additional sources for research.

## COME TO MEETINGS, HEAR INTERESTING SPEAKERS.....

### Our May 2017 meeting featured Gail Webb.....

Gail is the President of The Lawrence County Historical Society and Museum. The Museum is located in the Colonel George S. Gray house at 506 South 6th Street in Ironton. Col. Gray served in both the 53rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry and the United States Navy during the Civil War. His wife, Elizabeth, was the granddaughter of abolitionist John Rankin who died in this house in 1886. The Lawrence County Historical Society acquired the house and furniture some of which includes original furniture belonging to the Rankins. The house is in the style of an Italian villa.

The Museum has collections which feature the iron forging of the region, Victorian era clothing including wedding gowns. There is also a permanent medical display honoring Dr. Dean Massie and one dedicated to Nannie Kelly Wright, the only female ironmaster. Annual events held at the Museum include a candlelight Church Walk in December, annual Bean Dinner and for genealogy lovers, a Woodland Cemetery Ghost Walk on Sept. 30.

Gail welcomed all county residents and visitors to come to the Museum and walk through a little bit of LawCo history. Hours are 1 pm to 4 pm Sat. and Sun., April through mid-Dec. or by appointment by calling (740) 532-1222.



### Our Saturday, July 1 meeting will feature.....



Our July 1, 2017 meeting will feature Kelli Bergheimer, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild from Powell, Ohio. She will address deciphering and using DNA results in genealogical research.

Kelli is a writer, teacher, editor, small business owner, national speaker and nature photographer. Her love for genealogy derived from her organizational and archivist role in her own family. She currently runs three small businesses: Writers Etc., a K-12 math and science textbook editing company, Geo-Centric Learning, a geography-based middle school curriculum company, and Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with its accompanying blog, YouTube channel, and online store. Visit <http://messonthedesk.com/wordpress> Kelli has a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Masters degrees in Education and Management and is currently working on her PhD in Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

Come to the Briggs Library at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 1, 2017 to hear Kelli.

### Our Friday, July 28 "Lock-in".....

Every summer the Lawrence County Genealogical Society sponsors a "lock-in" for research purposes. This is a special time for all family researchers (novice, experienced and everywhere in between) to come together for a six-hour block of time and really concentrate on their research. It is a time to help each other and share information and research methods. This year it will be July 28 at the Briggs Library Hamner Room, Ironton, Ohio from 6:00 pm to Midnight. Supper will be available. The Society provides the meat, drinks and utensils. If you like, you may bring salads, vegetables or desserts—or just bring yourself.

## LOCATING AND DOCUMENTING OLD CEMETERIES.....



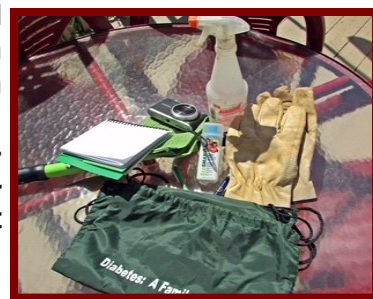
*Carl Murdock speaking at the November meeting*

Carl Murdock, Treasurer of the Lawco Genealogical Society, shared his expertise in locating and documenting old, abandoned and forgotten cemeteries with members at the November meeting. He said, "Once we find them, we take photos of the tombstones and the overall cemetery. Then we add the cemetery and burials (called memorials) to the Findagrave.com website, a site that lists graves all over the world and is accessible by everyone free of charge." In Lawrence County, we are also working to add names to a database of all burials in the county which we want to have available for all researchers at the Briggs Library. Carl's presentation helped us understand what resources can be useful in finding old cemeteries. Among those resources are: Names of cemeteries shown on early death certificates and old obituaries; published cemetery listings such as the one Lawco Gen. Soc. did in the 1980s; old deeds at the recorder's office may show property transfers for land set aside for burial purposes; Map plats such as the Lake Atlas of 1887 which shows land owners and many of those may set aside land for family burials; online sources; and the best source—local people who live in the neighborhood or someone who has hunted on the land may have run across old burial sites. Carl gave the example of a Perry Township cemetery he located because a neighbor told him about it. When he went to the site, he found five graves in a plot that had a wrought iron fence around it. He said he refers to it as the "Woods Cemetery" because that was the family that is buried there.

Carl said that sometimes he knows the general area of the cemetery. He cautioned us to always get permission from the landowner before entering the land because he had found that some landowners do not want us on their property even for the worthy cause of documenting old cemeteries! Once permission is obtained, he told us what to look for to find the specific location: From the closest main road, look up toward the top of the hillside; if you see a grove of cedar trees, start climbing toward them; as you approach the ridge of the hill, if you see creeping myrtle that is the likely location of a cemetery. He said that it stays green all year but in the spring it will be covered with little blue flowers. Yucca is also often found around old cemeteries and in Spring you may see daffodils or peonies. Carl related that he was at an old cemetery and found it covered with daffodils—he said it was a beautiful sight to see.

**What to wear when cemetery hunting:** Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, good hiking shoes or boots and gloves. There will be a good chance you will be fighting briars and underbrush so dress for it.

**What equipment to take:** Carl's cemetery bag contains: note pad and pencils; camera, spray bottle of water and a soft brush to gently clean tombstones if needed; clean, soft rags; a trimmer of some sort to clean around tombstones; a GPS device to get a reading of the location; and bug repellent for mosquitoes, gnats, chiggers and any other critters he may encounter. He also takes a hoe which he has that he can also use as a walking cane. AND most important, take a companion. You never know what you might get into on your search!



*Carl's cemetery bag*

**When to hunt:** Early spring and late fall are best especially if it is a neglected and overgrown cemetery. You are less likely to come across snakes if you go in the early spring and late fall. Carl said he had only encountered one snake on all his trips and "luckily for me it kept moving."

Reported by Rebekah Wilson Thissen

## QUERIES FROM OUR MEMBERS.....

We always welcome queries from people who are searching for help with their genealogical research. Anyone who has useful information to help these researchers is encouraged to contact the researchers at the emails/phone numbers provided in the query. Send your queries to T3Wilson@aol.com, Lawco Lore Editor. Be sure to put the words "LAWCO LORE" in the subject line of your email. They will appear in the next issue.

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Submitted by Pat Allen Ogier Ferguson: I am trying to find the parents of James ALLEN b. (maybe Nov) 1772 in Virginia. He died in 1840 in Lawrence County, Ohio. He married Anne COLLIER b. 1780 (Hanover, VA) - 29 May 1842 (Perry, Lawrence County, Ohio) on 20 Jan 1794 in Pittsylvania County, VA. Their children were: Runnells 1800-before 1860 who married Phoebe Perdue; James b. 10 Sep 1807 (Franklin Co, VA) - d. 23 Dec 1887 (Lawrence County, OH) who married Anna Collier on 19 Apr 1827 in Upper Township, Lawrence Co, OH. (She was born 24 Jan 1807 in Perry, Lawrence County and died 1866 in the same place; Robert b. 1810 in VA; William Harrison b. 21 Dec 1812 in Franklin Co, VA who married Lucretia Alford 25 May 1834 in Lawrence Co, OH and died 4 Jan 1894 in Deering, Lawrence Co, OH. Help?! hrogier44@yahoo.com

PLEASE HELP. I'VE  
HIT A BRICKWALL.




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Submitted by Christine Welch Long: Desire information on John AUCKERMAN (1786-1874) m. Annie Dorothea SHAVER (ca 1790-1846) in Frederick Co, VA 1810. They came with Jacob RHODES/ROADS to Highland County, OH in 1811. John and Annie lived in Highland, Adams, and Lawrence Counties. She died in Lawco; he died in Hanging Rock. Where are they buried? John also in War of 1812 from Highland County. Children: William m Matilda Allis; Mary Catherine m John Robbins; Jacob m Rachel Robbins; Mary m Nimrod Coneway; Sarah m. Joel Robbins; Solomon, John m Anna Marie Urick; Samuel m Sarah Harrison; David m Minerva Brooks; Elizabeth, Juliana m William Welch; Hannah m David Rollins; Rebecca m Jesse Bell/Christian Wolbert; Daniel, Joel. Any information contact Christine at 39 Auburn Ave. SE, North Canton, OH 44709 or cwelch@neo.rr.com.

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Also submitted by Christine Welch Long: William WELCH (1823-72), son of John and Laura ? Welch, m in Lawrence County, OH in 1846 to Juliana Auckerman (1827-87) both born in Adams County, OH. Both died in Lawco. She was daughter of John and Annie Shaver Auckerman. William, Civil War veteran, buried at Henry's Cemetery. Their children all born in the Ironton area: Laura b 1847 m ? Williams; Albert b 1849 m Hannah Van Horn; Rebecca b 1850 b ? Lewis; Melinda b 1856; William Edward b 1859 m Isabella Snodgrass; John b 1862; Thomas Charlton b 1862 m Ella Tucker; Melinda b 1866; Emeline b 1868; Emma b 1872, had guardian James McKnight appoint after mother's death. Where was Juliana buried? And any other information about this family. Any information contact Christine at 39 Auburn Ave. SE, North Canton, OH 44709 or cwelch@neo.rr.com.

[Queries are continued on page 10]



## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LINEAGE SOCIETY.....

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting 2017 applications for the Lineage Society. Applications are due Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Persons whose applications are successful will be inducted into the Lineage Society at the November 4, 2017 meeting.

The different categories in the Lineage Society are:

- First Families of Lawrence County (ancestor who lived in the county by December 31, 1840)
- Civil War Families (direct ancestor or collateral relative who served in the Civil War and resided in or served from Lawrence County)
- Settlers & Builders of Lawrence County (ancestor who lived in the county between January 1, 1841 and December 31, 1870)
- Century Families (ancestor who lived in the county after January 1, 1871 and prior to December 31, 1917).



The Rules related to the applications are very specific and require submission of actual proof of the facts presented. It is not something that you can out together at the last minute! So start now and honor your ancestor by applying for admission to these prestigious societies. The Applications that must be completed and the Rules for the applications can be found on the website at [lawrencegenealogy.org/forms](http://lawrencegenealogy.org/forms). A sample of the pertinent rules is as follows:

....The nature and extent of the evidence submitted as proof in all applications shall be sufficient to prove that the applicant is directly descended from the ancestor(s) named in the application, and shall be sufficient to differentiate between any two persons of the same name residing in the same area at the same time.

....Evidence from vital statistics, courthouse or other government records, and church records usually is considered excellent proof. Other evidence such as Bible records, diaries or letters, censuses, newspaper clippings, county histories and family records contemporary to the facts reported are considered as "corroborating evidence."

....Oral, written, or published family traditions may be in error and cannot be accepted as evidence. Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical records or compilations, family group sheets and charts, family reunion records and similar material are not considered proof unless the document is contemporary with the information being proved and is supported by other evidence.

....Old letters or family records can be accepted as proof for only the facts that the writer could logically know as contemporary knowledge. Identification of the writer and the document date is necessary as is a statement of the document's provenance. Unsupported information from an amateur or professional genealogist is not acceptable, including such records printed in genealogical, historical, or similar publications.

**So, START YOUR APPLICATION NOW!**



*David Bradley receiving his medal from Becky Thissen.*

**Note to those who receive the Lawco Lore by U.S. mail: If you would like to start receiving the Lore by email rather than mail please jot a note to Don Clark at lawcoloreman@aol.com. We appreciate you considering this option. If you choose to receive the Lore by email you will get it as a pdf (Adobe) attachment to an email.**

### **QUERIES, continued from page 8:**

Submitted by Kevin Hayes: My 2nd great grandfather, William H Hayes, was born in Lawrence County, son of Frederick Hayes, Jr. and Elizabeth Ferris. William and two of his brothers, Joseph M. Hayes and George Marshall Hayes, moved to Jeanerette, Louisiana for work in the late 1800s. Sometime between 1900 and 1920, all three of them disappeared. William's children grew up in LA and eventually formed the branch for my family tree. Joseph's wife and children moved back to the Midwest. George was married and had 1 child. His wife and child disappeared as well. I have not been able to find what happened to William, Joseph, or George and his family. William's wife and Joseph's wife both show up as widowed in later census records, but I have not found any information on how their husband's died, where they are buried, or anything regarding their deaths. We've speculated that they may have had an accident where they worked or there was an epidemic of some kind, but to date, we have no proof of this. Contact Kevin at KHayes440@aol.com

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Submitted by Neil Rutman: Looking for marital status and death date for Silas Marlin (or Martin) Barber (b. Mar 1862), son of Thomas C. barber and Jane Elizabeth Moore. Silas is last found in the 1900 census in Fayette Township, Lawrence County, Ohio as a single man living in the household of his brother, Stephen Barber. Contact NeilR@uca.edu

What happened to brothers Charles E. Johnson (b. 1884) and Andrew Johnson (b. 1888) in Lawrence County. They were the sons of Welcome Johnson (1843-1921) and Margaret Hammond (b. 1841—died before 1921). They are last found in the 1900 census for Lawrence Township, Lawrence County, Ohio living with their parents. They are not listed among the children of Welcome in his obituary. Contact NeilR@uca.edu

**We greatly appreciate all the members who contributed articles, queries and pictures for this issue of the Lawco Lore. We welcome other members' contributions for future issues. The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions for grammar, privacy, decency and to make them fit in the space available. Submit items at any time to the Editor at T3Wilson@aol.com. Put the words "LAWCO LORE" in the subject line of your email. THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2017 ISSUE IS AUGUST 15, 2017.**

## Bloir/Blower/Blore Family in Lawrence County....

My second cousin, David Bradley, has long been researching the family of his grandmother Sarah Elizabeth Blower (1888-1972) who was born June 30, 1888 in Rome Township, Lawrence County. She is shown living in Lawrence County in the 1900 with her father, Thomas Blower (1857-1933), then a widower. Further research proves that her mother, Susan (Susannah) Elizabeth Bird died when Sarah was only 10 years old. Susan is buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Proctorville. her daughter Sarah and her husband Enoch Bradley are buried in the same cemetery.

After his wife's death, Thomas Blower, continued to live in Lawrence County until he is found in the 1910 census living in Unity, Piatt County, Illinois with his four unmarried children, James (1881-1917), Estella (1885-, ) Clark (1891-1977 ) and Bert (Albert) (1894-1976). He returned to Lawrence County and is buried next to his wife at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Thomas Blower was the son of David Capron Bloir (1828-1917) and Sarah Ellen Reynolds (1838-1890).

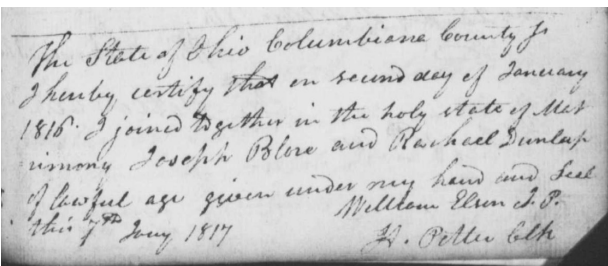


Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ

that David moved to Macon County, IL in about 1885, where he died at the home of his son Joseph. While living in Lawrence County, David was an elder of the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ. That same newspaper account, records his birth as in Carroll County, Ohio. David's son



David Capron Bloir and Sarah Ellen Reynolds



Marriage record of Joseph Andrew Blore and Rachel Dunlap

was named for his grandfather, Joseph Andrew Bloir, who married Rachel Dunlap on Jan. 2, 1816 in Columbiana County, Ohio. As listed in the 1860 Census, Joseph Andrew Bloir was born in Scotland in 1790 and was a shoemaker.

According to some researchers, David's middle name gives a clue to his mother's maiden name, Jane Capron, and a clue for further research in Scotland as the maternal line is researched. Some researchers show Joseph's father as Robert Bloer, Sr. who, along with Robert Bloer, Jr., became United States citizens in Philadelphia, PA on Feb. 13, 1798. I have seen no definite proof of this connection, but it makes a great lead for more research.

Submitted by Mary G. Wilson (Pictures courtesy of David Bradley)

**EDITOR'S NOTE: WE WOULD LOVE TO PUBLISH SIMILAR ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO ME AT [T3WILSON@AOL.COM](mailto:T3WILSON@AOL.COM) WITH LAWCO LORE IN THE SUBJECT LINE.**



## HISTORY (end of an era in history), FUN, and HONORING OUR VETERANS in Lawrence County, Ohio May 2017.....

Down with a piece of Lawrence County History....



*The old Ironton-Russell being destroyed in May 2017. This was the next to the last blast to take down the bridge which was replaced by the new Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge. See March 2017 Lawco Lore for story. Photo by Nicole Cox.*

Ironton Memorial Day Parade, the oldest continuously running Memorial Day parade in the United States (since 1868). This year was "Peace through Strength."



*Carl T. Murdock*

*This parade picture taken by Lawco Genealogical Society Member Carl Murdock, honors local veteran Carl Malone. (Any Malone family members reading this? — the family goes back a long way in Lawrence County.)*



**And what would a parade be without high school bands.....bet they didn't do this in the 1868 parade....** Photo courtesy of Tim Gearhart

We would like to feature pictures from Lawrence County Family reunions in the September issue. Send your photos to T3Wilson@aol.com by August 15.



## 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

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