

LAWCO LORE

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

Message from the President's Desk



Dear Society Members,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your President for the last several years. I will be turning over the gavel to a new President at the March 3 meeting. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience to lead the organization. And I thank each and every one of you for your assistance, engagement and attendance at meetings. **YOU** make this Society the great place it is for studying and preserving Lawrence County genealogy and history.

My work and involvement with and for the Society will be continuing in many different ways. I encourage you to come to meetings, read the Lore, and submit your family histories to our Editor for publication. We do our genealogical research not just for the fun of it, but also to share it with others who are interested in LawCo families. The county dates back to 1816 and many of our families came even before the county was formed. That is a long and rich history and we need to preserve that history for future generations.

I am especially pleased that the Society started the cemetery preservation work on the historic Wakefield Cemetery during my term as president. I hope that we can continue to take care of our old cemeteries. Our ancestors rest there and we need to keep honoring their memories. Our March 3, 2018 speaker will be discussing this very subject. Let's take her ideas and suggestions to help with our cemetery projects!

My personal welcome to the new President and I will work with her to share all the records I have amassed during the last few years. I wish her great success!

One final message—be sure your genealogy research is preserved for posterity by submitting an application by September for one of our Lineage Societies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DEADLINES

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Errata sheet....

Your editor is very embarrassed....has no excuse for herself....and humbly apologizes....

The December edition as viewed in the email version omitted the last line of Fran Wheeler's article about her favorite teacher, Charles Emmett Lunsford. The last line which should have been included said "His son Ralph was also one of my wonderful teachers. Mr. Lunsford influenced me in many ways, and I worked to set a good example for my many students."



Also, the article shown in this issue on page 6 by Jamie Hunt should have appeared in the December issue but got lost in the editor's (poor) filing system. I know you will enjoy it now.

WHO DOESN'T LIKE A GOOD DIARY....

It took Mary Coburn Dewees and her family five months, traveling by wagon, boat and foot, to move from Philadelphia to Lexington, Kentucky. Arriving in the 1775 timeframe, Mary's family would have been among Lexington's earliest residents. Here is an excerpt from her journal:

"The weather hazy but calm Call'd up by the watch about 5 OClock A. M. to look at fort Muskingum it being hazy could discover nothing but the lights at the fort and a vast body of cleared Land, at day break was agreeable serenaded by the drums and fifes at the fort beating & playing the revele It sounded very pleasing tho at a Considerable distance at 10 OClock we got to the little Kanhawa half past one got to ... little Hock Hocking river, at 4 we passed the big Hockhocking, a little before dark got Opposite Flyns old station a Clever little place on the Bank of the river with a large corn field on each side at dark came to Bellwell a place founded by Mr. Tilton late of Phila. 'Tis the most delightfull situation I have seen on the Ohio, there are about a dozen snug little Cabbins built on the Bank in which families reside, with each a field of corn and a garden, with a small fort to defend them from the Savages; this settlement began about 2 years ago, distant from fort Pitt 220 Miles on the Virginia shore....At 6 OClock A. M. got to the Guyandot river, but not being called up lost the sight of it, you can't imagine how much I regret the time lost in sleep it deprives me of seeing so many of the Beauties of nature - Just as we were going to Breakfast we came to a smal[l] river call'd the Indian Quindot; at 9 OClock came to Tweel pool river & soon after to Big sandy Creek on the Other side of which the Kentucky lands begin. at 3 OClock passed little Sandy River 30 Miles Below big sandy. Came to the Sciotto in the Evening: Came 100 miles this day."

EDITOR'S NOTE: This and more wonderful stories about women pioneers can be found at

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.....

March is Women's History Month. It is a good time to think about what women in past years endured. When Becky Thissen sent the following picture of the "Women's Auxiliary" of the Lawrence County Medical Society, which she found in Don Russell's scrapbook, it made me think about the fact that, since we now have so many women who are doctors, a "Women's Auxiliary" comprised of the wives of male doctors is a bygone concept.



So, I thought a little history lesson on women in the medical profession would be appropriate. Elizabeth Blackwell, born in England in 1821, but moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1838. She was the first American woman to gain admission to a medical school, the small medical college called in Geneva, NY. The faculty had not wanted to admit women, but they put the issues to a vote of the students who unanimously voted for her admission. According to accounts at the time, the vote was made as a joke and her classmates were totally surprised when she showed up to class. In 1849 she became the first woman to graduate medical school in the United States. Other pioneer women soon followed her, including Elizabeth's younger sister, Emily Blackwell, as well as Maria Zakrzewska, Mary Putnam Jacobi, and Ann Preston. The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania opened in 1850, the first of several institutions devoted primarily to the medical education of women. And by 1900, 19 women's medical colleges and 9 women's hospitals had been established. *Information taken from MomMD.com*

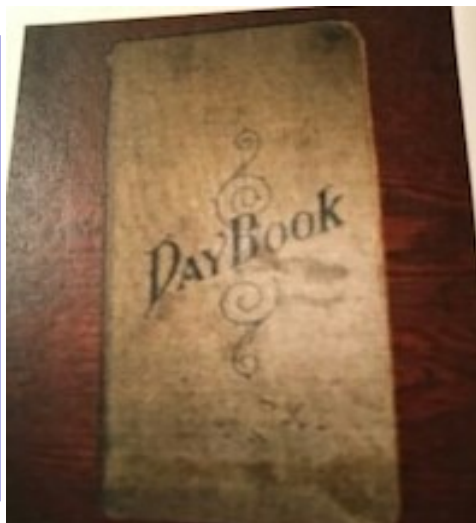
Fortunately Dr. Blackwell was only the first in a now long line of women who have become doctors. **LawCo has a trio of women who were "pioneers" in the profession. The three daughters of William Marting and Erma C. Drayer all became doctors: Dr. Ann Marting Alstott, Dr. Miriam R. Marting and Dr. Esther Marting Fabing. I hope someone who reads this is a descendant of these fine women and will write a biography of them for the next issue of the Lore. Send the article to T3Wilson@aol.com**

SCRAPBOOKS AND GENEALOGY.....



JODI WRIGHT speaking at the January 2018 meeting. Picture by Rebekah Thissen.

Right: Circa 1910 Day Book discovered by Jodi Wright which led to her interest in Scrapbooking as a genealogy research



The Story of the Scrapbook A Genealogy Journey Presented by Jodi Wright

Our thanks to Jodi Wright for speaking to our members at the January 2018 meeting. Jodi volunteers as a docent at the 1810 House in Portsmouth, Ohio. As she was leaving her work one day, she noticed an old book on a side table. Who did it belong to? Jodi started to search for clues. There were handkerchiefs, valentine cards, and photos in the book with Day Book on the front. The book had dates back to 1910. What is a 100 year old book with Roanoke, VA ties doing in Portsmouth, Ohio? It had the name of Christine Bothwell in it and contained photos of Christine and her siblings. Jodi marched off to the library and courthouse to search for information about this family. She found that Christine's siblings were Louise, Gordon, and Jane Bothwell. After much research, Jodi found who Christine and these siblings married. As it turned out none of these siblings had children. Jodi found them all buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth. Everyone had a marker except Louise who was the last sibling to die. Jodi went to a monument company and bought and placed a stone for Louise beside her husband. The meeting attendees had tears in our eyes when Jodi finished telling us about this great genealogy journey!

WATERLOO SCHOOL 1909.....

IF YOU ARE RELATED TO
ANY OF THESE STUDENTS
OR THE TEACHER, WE
WOULD LOVE TO HAVE
YOUR STORY.



Taken in Mill Yard

POST CARD

*Horn Mill
Lydia Boggs
Fay Stewart
Theodore Vermillion*

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*Eva Giffert Boggers Teacher,
Stella Marshall Truss in front of Flour Mill
Eda Boggs is back ground,
Bert Boggers.*

*Waterloo School
1909*

UNSOLVED MURDER IN LAWCO...1942

October 15, 2017 marked the 75th Anniversary of the murder of Miss Pearlle Zoe Brammer on County Road 65, known at that time only as Slate Run Road, Proctorville.

Zoe, as she was known to everyone, was born on this same farm at Slate Run back in 1878 to Mark Henry Brammer (1852-1928) and Caroline Brammer Brammer (1856-1893).

On that horrible night in 1942, Zoe 63, lit her lantern as she did every evening and took it to the barn so she could milk her cows. But apparently someone was waiting on her this particular night. The person or persons attacked her in the barn and left her for dead. They



Photo of Zoe Brammer's tombstone at Langdon Cemetery, Getaway by David Parsons as submitted to Findagrave.com

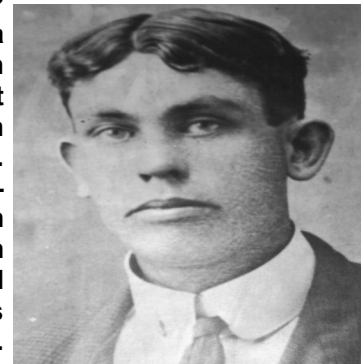
walked over to the house which was about 75 yards from the cowshed, entered and covered the windows with a quilt so no one could see in and then they ransacked her house looking for money, jewels or anything of value.

The next morning, neighbors Shirley Clark and his wife Minnie found her mangled lifeless body on the barn floor and summoned the police to investigate. Over the next few weeks, several neighbors were questioned including my husband's grandfather Caughlie Hunt. All persons were released without charges of wrong doing and the case remains unsolved today.

On a personal note: My husband Rusty and I has owned this farm for the past sev-

ARE YOU OF MELUNGEON DESCENT?

If your ancestors came from Southwestern Virginian or Eastern Tennessee, you may have Melungeon blood. Don't know the genealogy of Melungeons? I didn't either—at least not until a few years ago when I heard a presentation on the subject in Greenup, KY. Much research has been done on Melungeons. They are a mixed race, but researchers are not sure what the mixture is. They were in America as much as one hundred years before the English. They called themselves "Portygee" (Portugese). They had distinctive characteristics. Even Daniel Boone mentioned Welsh speaking, blue eyed "Indians" in his early travels. Melungeon people and Melungeon customs exist yet today. Their physical traits may include a knot on the back of their heads known as the Anatolian Bump, a Ridge at the back of the first four teeth. They are called Asian Shovel Teeth. They may have had sleepy dreamy eyes called "The Asian Eyefull." Double jointedness and high arches. Dark circles under the eyes. Examine the picture of my grandfather, George Willis Riggle to see may of these features.

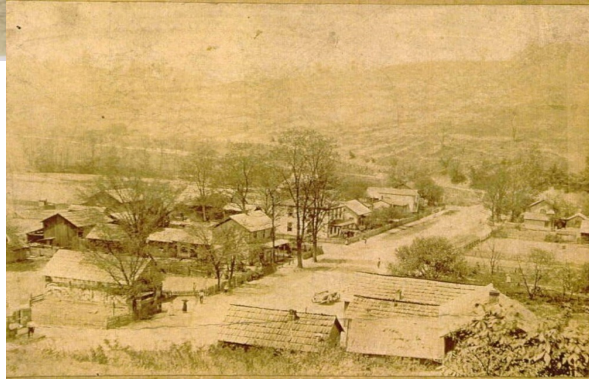


A WALK THROUGH LAWCO HISTORY...IN PICTURES



No—You would not want to walk through this one. Waterloo Flood 1937. Picture submitted by Don Delawder.

Below: Monitor Elementary School on Memorial Street, Coal Grove. Circa 1910. Courtesy of Henry S. Dillon.



Above: Scottown, circa 1880-1890. Courtesy of Henry S. Dillon whose grandparents originally had this picture. They were born and raised a short distance from where this



ROBERT N. WISEMAN COLLECTION

Many thanks to Robert Wiseman for posting this upon learning that the Aid Church, founded in 1825, would be torn down. Keep it in your memories. Does any one know who lived in that house at the left of the picture? Picture taken about 1925.

PLEASE
SHARE
YOUR OLD
PICTURES
WITH US.
WE LOVE TO
SEE HOW
LAWCO
LOOKED IN
THE DAYS
OF OUR AN-

WORLD WAR I.....



Red Poppy

DID YOU KNOW..... 2018 is the centennial celebration for the end of World War I. In each issue this year we will be featuring an item about that war. **WE WELCOME ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS WHO SERVED IN THAT WAR.**

At long last our World War I veterans will have a Memorial in Washington, D.C. honoring their service. Ground was broken on November 9, 2017 at Pershing Park, a small, often-overlooked area dedicated to the famous World War I general, John "Black Jack" Pershing.

At 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW. The Memorial will be a bronze wall 65 feet long and 11 feet high featuring 38 figures marching to the future. Dedication is expected this year. And the centennial of this war provides us the opportunity to give the long overdue recognition to the 4.7 million Americans who served in the Great War. They served with the same valor and courage as other veterans and their sacrifice was great. 204,000 Americans returned home wounded and 116, 516 died in the war.

Donations for the memorial project may be made and useful information about centennial events around Ohio can be accessed at the official website: <http://www/worldwar1centennial.org>.

A Lawrence County Native who died in World War I... **FRANK J. GOLDCAMP**



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The following appeared in the Semi-Weekly Register on June 11, 1918, page 7. The headline for the Semi-Weekly Register on April 12, 1918 read as follows: FRANK J. GOLDCAMP IS KILLED IN FRANCE.

Frank J Goldcamp attended St. Mary's College in Dayton, Ohio., and was a member of Watterson Council, Knights of Columbus. He enlisted in the Sixth Regiment, U.S. Engineers at Akron, Ohio. on Decoration Day in 1917. He embarked for France on December 3, arriving in France on the 19th or 20th. Sergeant Edgar Gray Swingler led a patrol out into "No Man's Land" on the night of march 28, 1918, and was wounded in battle. After laying "out there" through the night, two comrades, attempted to drag him back to safety, one of them being killed by the Germans, the other seriously wounded. Frank J. Goldcamp was killed by the Germans who opened fire when

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Frank Goldcamp and Carl Duncan when the two reached Swingle's prostrate form and started to drag him back to the American lines. Private Duncan wrote a letter to his brother that ended up in The Springfield Sun describing Gray Swingle's death and the sacrifice of his comrade Private Goldcamp. I thought I would write and tell you how I was wounded. Well, we went into the trenches the night of March 28th, and during the night Sergeant Gray Swingle of Newark, Ohio, led a patrol out into No Man's Land, looking for Hun Scouts. Somehow he became separated from his bunch and was shot through both legs by the Huns. The patrol returned without him and could give no account of him. "The next day our officers began looking for him with field glasses. They spotted him away out in No Man's Land. Soon they wanted two huskies to go out and drag him in. So a lad named Goldcamp from Ironton, Ohio, and I volunteered. "We got him safely and had dragged him about 125 feet when the Huns opened fire on us. They hit the sergeant again and then one bullet hit Goldcamp in the leg and another in the body, while one got me in the side, Goldcamp died instantly and I rolled over a couple of times and turned my helmet toward the enemy, lying head first. "They fired several more shots, but I laid real still and they soon stopped. I told you in a former letter, I guess, about them digging up the dirt. This is how God saved me from capture by the Huns. For in less than ten minutes after I left the spot where I was wounded the Hun's came over the top. and came to right where I was lying. "It seemed almost like a miracle to me that I was not captured. I certainly am thankful to God that I am where I am. "This is a fine day and I am doing well, so don't worry about me."



**Frank J. Goldcamp
burial site at Somme**

Yours,
Carl G. Duncan,
Lakeside General Hospital, No 9 Ward 4 British E. F.

COME TO THE MARCH 3 SOCIETY MEETING....

Learn from a pro about cemetery preservation. **MISTI SPILLMAN** will be the guest speaker. She is the owner of Reviving Cemeteries, LLC and the executive director for the Preble County, Ohio Historical Society. She received her masters degree at Wright State University in public history. In the program she will discuss how she became involved in cemetery restoration and the numerous projects she has done in the last six years.

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