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Local pioneers and cemeteries

While scouring through the old newspapers for the 2nd quarter period from 1886 and 1911, the Memorial day holiday was a repetitive theme and I was fortunate to find many articles for this PR issue that dealt with our Jackson county pioneer settlers, their deaths, and burials in many of our local cemeteries.

One mention in particular, by *Standard-Journal* editor D.W. Williams in 1911, caught my eye. He stated emphatically the location of the oldest cemetery in Jackson county, and the fact that there are "scores" of early pioneer salt boilers buried there.

The Memorial day weekend is also traditionally when graduations occur and local high school alumni get together to reminisce and talk about "the good old days" when we were young. Again, I was fortunate to come across a couple of neat articles on some graduating Wellston (1911) and Jackson (1886 and 1911) classes - with photos and a few names to the faces.

This issue of Poplar Row also begins the long series of newspaper articles that appeared, beginning 150 years ago in 1861, giving a local perspective of the Civil War, which commenced on April 12th. Eight days later, a large meeting was held in Jackson and within two weeks after that, the "Jackson County Guards" - the county's first group of volunteers - had been formed and awaited orders to go off to war.

Of particular interest in future issues may be the soldier's letters from the battlefields back to Jackson county, many of which appeared in the local newspapers and to my knowledge many are previously unpublished, at least not by our chapter.

I want to give a special thanks to Sandy Fackler, who has helped in transcribing many articles for recent Poplar Row issues. Other have helped recently as well and I'll acknowledge them next. Thanks Sandy!

Personal Recollections of Jackson County Pioneer Families

Editor's note: The following is the latest installment in an ongoing series of articles extracted from the old Jackson county newspapers written about some of the early pioneers of Jackson county. Generally, spelling and punctuation are as they appear in the articles

From the Jackson Standard, March 10, 1915

Dr. William Phillips

*Surrenders to the Inevitable after Months of Failing Health:
Jackson's Oldest Physician - a Descendant of an Old Jefferson Township Pioneer*

Dr. William Phillips, who had been failing health for about 18 months, died Monday morning March 8 at his home on Park View heights. The funeral will be held at 1:30 PM, March 10 at his home with Ridgeway and Thomas as undertakers.

He leaves a wife, one son Oakley Phillips, and two daughters Mesdames W.C. Webb of Hamilton, O. and G.W. Wells of Long Beach, Cal.

*James Phillips, born August 24, 1774
Joseph Phillips, born October 5, 1801
John Phillips, born November 24, 1822
Dr. William Phillips, born August 2, 1847*

The Phillips family, which is one of the oldest in the county, was founded by James and Elizabeth Lewis Phillips, who came from Kanawha Co., Va. to Jefferson township in 1814, a little while after Peter Seel's coming. They settled near Seel and raised a large family. James Phillips married Elizabeth Lewis Nov. 15, 1796. His death occurred June 12, 1822.

One of their sons named Joseph was born in Virginia Oct. 5, 1801. He married Mary Mackley June 25, 1821 and they had a large family of ten children. The mother died March 9, 1852 and the father Feb., 22, 1876. Londen the youngest son is living in Detroit.

Their oldest son John Phillips was born at the old Phillips homestead Nov. 24, 1822, and died Oct. 5, 1906 at Oak Hill. He was married to Mary Dulaney, grand daughter of one of the Welsh pioneers of Madison township Sep. 10, 1845, and seven children were born to them, of whom William the subject of this sketch was the oldest. He was born Aug. 2, 1847. Two of his sisters, Mrs. Charles Reed of Dayton and Miss Minerva Phillips living with him survive. The mother died June 18, 1874.

Young Phillips had few educational advantages at first, but he qualified himself to teach, and he taught school in various districts for several years. He chose medicine for his profession and when he began to practice, he met

with immediate success on account of his modern point of view in dealing with diseases.

After graduation at Medical College, he early located at Beaver, but later moved to Jackson coming here in the early Nineties. His life since has been a part and a prominent one in the life of the town. His public services as Councilman and Director of the Light Plant will not be forgotten soon. He was one of the town builders and he will be missed.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, April 5, 1911

The Dever Family in the West

The Dever family and its connections have been prominent in the affairs of this section of the country since the early pioneer days. Their descendants in this section now are numbered by hundreds. Wm. M. Dever, mentioned below, recently visited in this city and county and made many warm friends who will be interested in the following article:

Mr. Wm. M. Dever, formerly of Marshall Co., Illinois, but now living at 504 E Locust St., Bloomington that state, is proud possessor of a priceless document that connects him through an unbroken chain of ancestors, to the time of Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga, N.Y. in October, 1777.

The ancient paper, written in a strong hand and still plainly legible, is kept by Mr. Dever in the family bible and is now as yellow as parchment, having been written by his father more than seventy years ago.

Time has concealed the many important facts from a large number of descendants scattered throughout different states in the west, which the little record has silently and sacredly kept. Some of them we give as recorded by the silent pen.

John Dever was born October 22nd, 1756. Was a soldier under Washington and was with Gen. Gates at the time of Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga in 1777. He was a leading citizen and a prosperous man of his day. He kept very close to Nature and was a great lover of horses and cattle.

Hannah Dever, his wife born June 25th, was a daughter of Dr. Coverly, a surgeon in the Revolutionary Army, and their two sons James and Wm. were in Hull's surrender.

He came to the Northwestern Territory in 1799 and settled two miles west of Lucasville, and eighteen miles north of Portsmouth, on the Scioto River. The younger brother George settled a little later near Jackson, Ohio. Many of his descendants are still living in that vicinity of whom Judge Noah J. Dever of Portsmouth, Ohio is one.

Of the immediate family there are five grand children still living; J.B. McDowell of Fairbury, Neb; N B Dever, O'Neill, Neb; Miss M F Dever, Lacon, Ill.; Mrs Sarah Wessel of Burlington, Wash, and W.M. Dever of Bloomington, Ill.

John and Hannah Dever had eight children. James, his son, came to Illinois in 1830, and his son John in 1833. Both settled in Marshall county near Lacon. W. M. Dever was then a child about two years of age.

John Dever Sr. is buried in a cemetery on the old home place in Ohio, and his soldier record is on his tombstone, also square and compass. The old homestead on the Scioto is still owned and occupied by his descendant, W.T. Dever, a great grandson.

This is in many ways a remarkable family record. One of which no man could feel ashamed, but of which any man might feel justly proud. One in which the ancestors erected a proud and honored standard that has not been marred or lowered by the descendants.

George Dever, the younger brother of John (Sr), on his removal from Virginia settled first near Sandusky, Ohio, where his children had the benefit of the early schools of that vicinity. After serving in the War of 1812, he removed to Jackson county, Ohio.

He had several daughters and two sons, Solomon and Noah. Both left numerous descendants, many of whom are still in Ohio and others have gone out to almost every state in the union. During the Civil War the family was represented in its soldiery. In civil life they have always been an industrious, enterprising, law-abiding and generally prosperous people. -- *Portsmouth Blade*

PR editor's note: George Dever appears in the 1820 and 1830 census in Jackson county. Some of the surname descendants of daughters of George and his son Solomon Dever appear to include Lyons, Gilliland, Craig, and Kerns (Kearns or Keirns?) and McKitterick in Jackson county

From the Jackson Standard, April 1, 1886

Obituary

ISHAM - Mrs. Eunice Melcher Isham was born in Exeter, N.H., Dec. 1, 1797. She came to Marietta, Ohio, with an uncle who was in business there. When 18 years

of age, and after remaining there a year, she came to Portsmouth, O., to make her home with a brother.

In the year 1822 she was married to Mr. A.M. Faulkner, and came to Jackson to live. She had united with the First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, and assisted in the organization of the Jackson Church, of which she was the earliest member.

Mr. Faulkner having died, she was married a second time, to Dr. Asa W. Isham. Mrs. Isham was identified with the entire history of Presbyterianism in this community, being in her earlier life a most active and efficient member. She was a woman of good judgment and sterling qualities of character, and exerted an influence for good and religion, which will live after her. She passed to her reward Friday, March 26, 1886.

The Jackson Presbyterian Church was organized by the Rev. Hiram R. Howe, who was located at the forks of Raccoon Creek, and did evangelistic work in the region about. His first visit to Jackson was in the fall of 1835. He stopped with Dr. Asa W. Isham, who was not then a professor of religion.

Samuel Montgomery and a young lawyer named Hughes had met him at his Raccoon Church and invited him to Jackson. Eunice Isham and Rachel French were members of the Portsmouth Presbyterian Church and these were the only Presbyterians in Jackson. The town had a population of about 200 and found its chief interest in the salt works nearby. The church was organized in 1836.

Mr. Howe was engaged for half his time at a salary of \$100 per annum. The church was organized at the house of Dr. and Mrs. Isham, the Dr. having become a member prior to this. The services were held in the old Court House. There was hardly any Sabbath among the people, and many used the day for trading and racing horses. Dr. Isham, Thomas Niccolls, and Christian Beam were the Elders.

The present Church building was erected on a lot given for the purpose by Dr. Isham, and was begun under Rev. Bascom, the second minister, and was finished under Rev. Isaiah Ford. The death of Mrs. Eunice Isham closes the record of the first members of the Presbyterian Church in Jackson county, Ohio.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, June 28, 1911

***Nathaniel Canter Passes to the Great Beyond
A Member of One of Jackson County's Oldest Families
Succumbs After a Long Illness***

Death came suddenly to Nathaniel Canter, an aged veteran and farmer, at his home about 20 miles from here, early Thursday morning. Mr. Canter, who was 73 years of age, was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs, and his death came at once.

For many years he had been a resident of Scioto county, and was a Civil War veteran. After the war he took up the life of a farmer in this county, and has since followed it. Besides his venerable wife, he is survived by two sons; Cyrus, a minister residing in the northern part of the state and Thomas, of Wellston, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Rawlings. He was a member of the Methodist church and was faithful until death.

The above notes, which appeared in the (Portsmouth) Blade, refer to the brother of Mesdames Catherine Lyons and Hannah Smith of this city. G.M. Canter of Hamilton is a brother and two other brothers survive, Jonathan of Scioto county, and John W. Canter living in Alabama.

All were the children of Solomon and Mary (Comer) Canter, who were the parents of nine children. They were pioneers of Hamilton township and saw it changed from a wilderness to habitable country.

Nathaniel Canter served in Co. K of the 194th OVI and one comrade, J.M. Evans lives in this city. Canter united with the church at 16 years of age and remained a member until his death. His funeral was held at Hamilton June 23 and his son Rev. Cyrus Canter of Crooksville officiated.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, March 8, 1911

In Memory of Lavina Peterson Butler

Lavina Peterson was born in Jackson, May 30, 1825. She was the 3rd child of James and Mary Florrow Peterson. Her father was born in 1802 in Jackson and was the son of William Peterson, one of the earliest salt boilers. Her mother was born in Virginia. Her parent's family consisted of seven children viz, Jonathan, William, Lavina, James, Thomas, Joseph and Mary, of whom only Joseph survives. He lives in this city and is 79 years old.

The subject of this sketch was married in December 1845 to Henry Butler who died in this county in 1869. She was left with 4 four children, three having died in infancy, and settled in Kansas in 1877. Her daughter Mary married John Bennett and lives at Enterprise, Kansas. Sarah married S.J. Poore and lives at Abilene, Kansas where the aged mother died February 1911. Here sons are James Butler of Topeka, Kansas and William Butler of Farmington, New Mexico.

PR editor's note: *Lavina Peterson Butler's father, James*

Peterson Sr., is present in Scioto township in the 1820 Jackson county census. According to Jackson county marriage records, James Peterson Sr. married Mary Carrow in late 1820. It appears that one of Lavina's brothers, James Jr., raised at least 3 daughters (Evangeline, Mary and Cynthia) in Jackson county.

Lavina's only sister, Mary Peterson, married George Foster in Jackson county in 1851. Mary appears to have been the mother of at least 4 children: Joseph, Legrand, Samuel and Alice. Lavina's pioneer parents, James and Mary Carrow Peterson, are buried in Pleasant Grove cemetery in Liberty township

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Feb. 26, 1890

The Sad Death of Sanders Buckley

Mr. Sanders Buckley, of Franklin township, was killed by lightening about 5:30 PM Feb., 19th, while riding on the Winchester road about 1 1/2 miles east of Irwin's Station. Mrs. Robert Johnson of Banner, an aunt of Mr. Buckley's, has been ill for some time and he had been waiting on her every other night for several weeks.

Last Wednesday, he started to go home and when he reached Camba he met his cousin, Miss Leticia Buckley and she and Miss Nora Evans induced him to accompany them on a visit to the Franklin Valley school. Late in the afternoon, Miss Buckley and himself started for home, each on horseback. The storm came up and he concluded to accompany his cousin home. They had almost reached the house of Mrs. Leander Cherington when he asked, "are you getting wet Tishie?" Just then the blinding of the lightening surrounded them.

The next thing that Miss Buckley remembers was the plunging of her horse. She finally quieted her horse and jumping to the ground, she ran back to her cousin to find him and his horse dead. She was not injured at all, though she was slightly shocked. It is remarkable that she escaped, as both were riding side by side. Mr John Jacobs was looking out at them coming up the road and saw Mr. Buckley fall. He was the first to reach them.

The shock and the excitement came near overcoming Miss Buckley but she rallied, and then Mr. Buckley's remains were taken to his home. His remains were interred in the Buckley graveyard on Friday, Feb., 21st, the burying being very largely attended. Mr. Sanders Buckley was born on April 5th, 1861 in Franklin township. He was a young man of excellent qualities and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The Buckleys

It may be in order, in this connection, to speak a few

words about this numerous family of worthy people. Mr. William Buckley, the pioneer, came to this county in the year 1816. He came here from Springfield, Ohio, where he had suffered a loss from fire, but he was a native of Greenbrier county, Va. Mr. Wm. Buckley was the father of eleven children viz: Mary, Jane, Martha, Elizabeth, Sabina, Sarah, Nancy, William, John, Margaret and Isaac.

Jane became the wife of Robert Smith, the father of W.B. Smith of Rocky Hill. Martha became the wife of John Sanders, deceased. Elizabeth became the wife of Samuel Gilliland, deceased. Sabina became the wife of Harrison Shumate. Messr's Wm. and John Shumate are two of their sons. Sarah became the wife of Jas. Stephenson of Hamilton township. Nancy is the wife of Mr. Robert Johnson of Franklin township. William was married to Hannah Gray. There were born to them 11 children. Sanders, the young man killed, being the 6th child and the first to die. John was married first to Frank Scurlock and after her death to Nancy J. Johnson. He is the father of 11 children, 7 of whom are now living in this and adjoining counties.

Mr. Job Buckley is the head of another family. He is the son of Isaac Buckley and came to this county from Virginia in 1828. He was married to Rebecca McClure. There born to them 11 children, five of whom are yet living viz: Edward I., William W. Buckley and Mrs. B.B. Evans of Franklin township, Mrs Delia Rice and Mrs. Margaret Reed of Pike county.

From the Wellston Telegram, March 8, 1911

***John S. McGhee, Pioneer, passed away Friday
Spent Whole Life Here - Was Eighty Seven Years Old and
Had Been Identified With all Important Enterprises of the
County***

After a long illness which had been critical for almost a year past, John Sanders McGhee, one of the oldest residents of the county passed away very quietly at his home just south of this city Friday morning. Just a year ago Mr. McGhee's children were called home as it was thought the end was near, but his iron constitution threw off the ravages of disease and he rallied sufficiently to drive up town several times during the summer. For several months he had been very feeble but the last few days his condition had improved and his death which was very peaceful came suddenly before his children could reach his bedside from their homes.

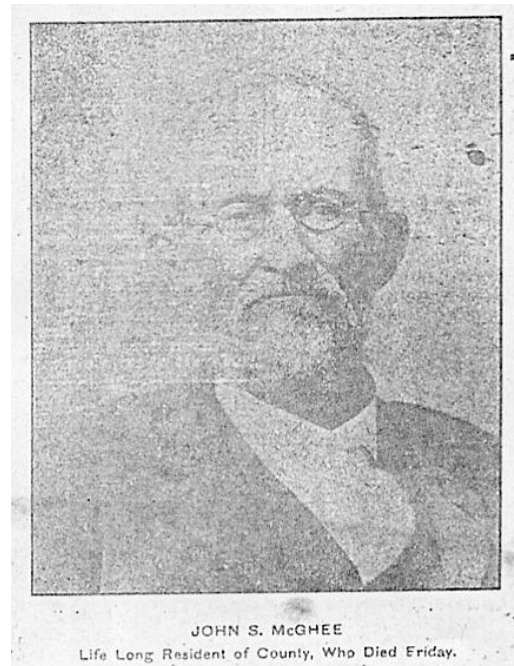
More than eighty seven years ago, Mr. McGhee was born in this county where he had always lived. He was the last of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. John McGhee, who emigrated from Virginia and whose family is now

represented in this county by several grandchildren, the children of John S. McGhee, J.M McGhee the son of Wm. McGhee, F.R. McGhee and Mrs F.B. Kibby, the children of Ulin McGhee and Mrs J.W and E.C. Wallace, the daughters of Samuel McGhee and by a great grand daughter Miss Cynthia Lasley, whose grandmother was one of the five daughters of the pioneer.

Mr. McGhee was associated with his brother Wm. McGhee in the management of Lincoln Furnace for a number of years but shortly after the Civil War retired to his farm south of Wellston where he lived until his death. He had been identified with all the progressive movements of the county and served two terms during the 80's as County Commissioner. He was also one of the three viewers who laid out the network of pikes which cover the county.

Mr. McGhee was first married to Miss Eliza Bunn of Jackson and after her death married Miss Electa Phillips, who with their eight children have been in constant attendance at his bedside. A daughter by his first marriage, Mrs. Viola Stiffler, died several years ago and two children by his 2nd marriage have preceeded him in death. The surviving children are Henry, Grant, Will, Mesdames Ophelia Carraci, Eliza Lockard, Kate Gettles and Miss Sally McGhee of this city and Mrs D.A. Walker of San Antonio, Texas.

The funeral services were held at the home, Rev. R.T. Stimmel officiating and were largely attended, many of Mr. McGhee's old friends riding on horseback from the farthest parts of the county to pay their last respects to him. His 3 sons and 3 sons-in-law, J.A. Lockard, F.A. Carraci and Will Gettles served as pallbearers. Interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery in charge of Leach.



JOHN S. MCGHEE
Life Long Resident of County, Who Died Friday.

Looking Back in the Past in Jackson County, Ohio

The following is an ongoing series of articles transcribed from old Jackson county newspapers having to do with local events of the day in this April-June period from 1861, 1886 and 1911

150 years ago

From the Jackson Standard, May 30, 1861

Died, at Jackson on the 26th inst., Dennis Swanson, aged about 90 years. The deceased was a native of Virginia, but resided in Gallia county near Centreville for about 40 years. He resided, in this place, with his son for the last two years.

From the Jackson Standard, May 23, 1861

Obituary

Martha W. Criswell, the wife of Alexander Criswell of Jackson, died at an early hour of the morning of the 19th of May and was buried at Jamestown on the evening of the next day. She was born in Virginia and came when very young to this state. Her father's name was Wikel. She was 28 years of age, left 4 living children, one had gone before. Here memory will be cherished. She was remarkable for mildness of spirit, an exemplary Christian, a faithful wife, a good mother, a kind neighbor and wonderfully patient in affliction. Before interment, her remains were carried to the Methodist P. Church and her funeral was preached by J. McFarland the Pastor to an attentive congregation.

PR editor's note: It was previously unknown to the JCOGS that Martha Criswell was buried in the James Cemetery. No gravestone has been located to date

From the Jackson Standard, April 18, 1861

Notice in Partition

Lorenzo D. Lake, Nathaniel G. Lake, John A. Lake, Isaac N. Lake, Silas J. Lake, Maria Sheward and Isaac Sheward her husband, Rachel E. Jackson and William Jackson her husband, Sarah M. Henderson and Robert Henderson her husband, all of Jackson county Ohio; Jacob S. Lake, Hannah G. Elliot and Watson Elliot her husband, all of Dacotah county Minnesota; Benjamin F. Lake of Des Moines county, Iowa; Eliza L. Armstrong and Joseph Armstrong her husband of Tazewell county, Illinois will take notice that a petition was filed against them on the 18th day of March, A.D. 1861 in the court of common pleas, within and for the county of Jackson and State of Ohio, by George W. Lake and is now pending wherein the said George W. Lake demands partition of the following real estate to wit:

Lots number forty-six (46) and forty-seven (47) of township number six (6) in range number eighteen (18), commonly called Scioto Salt Reserve in Jackson County, Ohio and that at the next term of said court, George W. Lake will apply for an order that partition may be made of said premises.

Date March 18th, 1861 by W.A. Walden, his attorney

From the Jackson Standard, April 18, 1861

PR editor's note: Six days after the firing upon Fort Sumter, this "call to arms" was issued in the local newspaper

Lovers of Your Country Attend!

Our long cherished government is in danger, by reason of the attempt of one portion of the States to secede from the balance and to enforce that secession by force of arms. We therefore, call upon all who are in favor of Our Country as it was established by Our Fathers, to meet with us Saturday the 20th, inst., at one o'clock P.M. in the town of Jackson, to take council together for the welfare of Our Country:

D. Mackley, J.J. Hoffman, J.W. Longbon, Alauson Robbins, Joseph Rathburn, John Chestnut, H.H. Fullerton, T.P. Sutherland, T.B. Dickason, Geo. D. Sutherland, C.C. Jones, Wm. McDaniel, Wm W. Gilbert James Chestnut, Anson Hanna, James Dyer, M. Sternberger, W.N. Burke, Jacob Westfall, J.B. Watson, Geo B. Walterhouse, J.M. Martin, John L. Long, C.M. Martin, Joseph Andrews, James Nelson, A. Scott, R.W. Caldwell, John Branson, D.W. Winfough, T.C. Mitchell, John H. Stephenson, Fr. Smith, Hiram Reigle, O.C. Miller, Edward Snider, Benjamin Trago, W.D. Trago, S. Saylor, H.C. Messenger, A. Criswell, James S. Meachem, R.H. Ford, D.W. Peck, Walker Bennett, Peter Ewing, T.R. Mathews, W.H. Dunham

From the Jackson Standard, May 9, 1861

News from the Army

The "Jackson County Guards" will leave this place soon perhaps before we go to press this week, and we have made arrangements with several of the men who are able to write to us once a week. These letters will be highly interesting, especially to those who have friends and relatives in the army, and will add greatly to the value of the paper at this time.

Officers and Privates of the Jackson County Guards:
Captain John J. Hoffman, 1st Lieutenant David Dove, 2nd Lieutenant John Andrews, 3rd lieutenant Samuel Hawk,

Ensign John Walden, 1st Sergeant G.W. Whitman, 2nd Sergeant S.H. Misner, 3rd Sergeant John H. Martin, 4th Sergeant Ephraim Gard, 5th Sergeant William H. Burn-sides, 1st Corporal Martin Cramer, 2nd Corporal John Dauper.

Privates:

R.H. Hamilton, C.R. McCarty, Jas. M. Lewis, E.J. Hammons, Thomas Harwood, John McGhee, D.H. Cherrington, Jefferson Canter, F.S. Wallace, Frank Smith, W. Aiten, Asa A. Farrar, Joseph Myers, Levi Arnold, Edward J. McCorkhill, Wm. K. Rose, John Graham, C.P. Stephens, Andrew Miler, Levi Mosney, Cleveland Lackey, David E.T. Jones, Samuel Goheen, John W. Poor, A.F. Shields, Benjamin P____, J.H. Langsdale, Francis Burns, R.D. Shields, John Rice, Charles Martin, Thomas McKeever, N.G. Simmons, Andrew Ervin, W.J. McArran, H.M. Sexton, Milton Brown, Creighton Ward, Andrew Jackson Daily, Harrison Miler, Jefferson Howe, P.M. Lovejoy, Uri S. Keith, Thomas Plummer, Harrison Cummins, James D. Roberts, F. Helphenstine, Samuel Sowers, T.J. Leach, James Milliken, W.S. Bundy, A. Criswell, W.H. Smith, A.B. Garrett, Edward Snyder, Josiah Simmons, William Bennett, H. Farrar, A. Louderback, William O'Rourke, Richard A. Meeks, Mitchell Canter, Harrison Nickell, William Sell, Martin Howe, William Fielding, W.H. Keister, Thomas McCormick, Jordan Chafins, Joseph Burke, Samuel McClasky, Richard Jones, Henry Bushbaum, James A. Umpleby, Nathaniel F. Hoover, Thomas Swan, James L. Kelly, Augusta Clemons, Andrew Simmers, D.S. Barton, John Tilly, Joseph Simmons, Henry Gillespie, Alex Johnson, John Williams, Harvey Stephenson, Vincent Radcliff, Joseph Coy, Emerson McMillan, Murray McMillan, Henry Miller, T.M.C. Cole

PR editor's note: These 104 men were the first volunteers to answer the call to war in 1861 from Jackson county. The Jackson County Guards initially became part of the 18th regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. A local GAR post was later named for Jefferson Howe

From the Jackson Standard, May 30, 1861

Thanks, on behalf of the "Jackson County Guards", to Mrs. H.F. Austin for a bountiful supply of refreshments.

Before our boys left on last Saturday morning, they were liberally supplied by our grocers with tobacco and cigars, and several of our citizens gave them money, which we hope they will apply to a good purpose while in camp.

Flag Presentation

On last Friday morning at nine o'clock, the flag procured by the ladies of Jackson for the "Jackson County Guards" was presented to the Company in front of the residence of Elihu Johnson, Esq., on Main Street. The flag was presented by Miss Pauline Johnson on behalf of the ladies of Jackson, and was received by Capt. J.J. Hoffman on behalf of the Company and by him handed to Ensign John Walden....

Capt. Hoffman was very much affected, and we could not distinctly hear his reply. There was a large crowd of our citizens present and the Jackson Brass Band performed "The Red, White and Blue" and "Hail Columbia" from the plaza in front of Messrs. Dungan and Longbon's office. The flag is a very neat one and was purchased in Cincinnati. In addition to the stars and stripes, it has written on both sides: "Presented by the ladies of Jackson"

Military Matters - Our Boys are Gone

Captain Hoffman received orders last week to move his Company at once to Camp Scott at Athens. On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock we noticed them falling into line to the tune of "Dixie Land". Messrs. Day and Saylor then took their likeness when they marched up to Main Street where each member was presented with a Testament, procured by the ladies of Jackson. Accompanied by the Jackson Brass Band and a large crowd of citizens, they marched to the depot, when the hour of trial came.

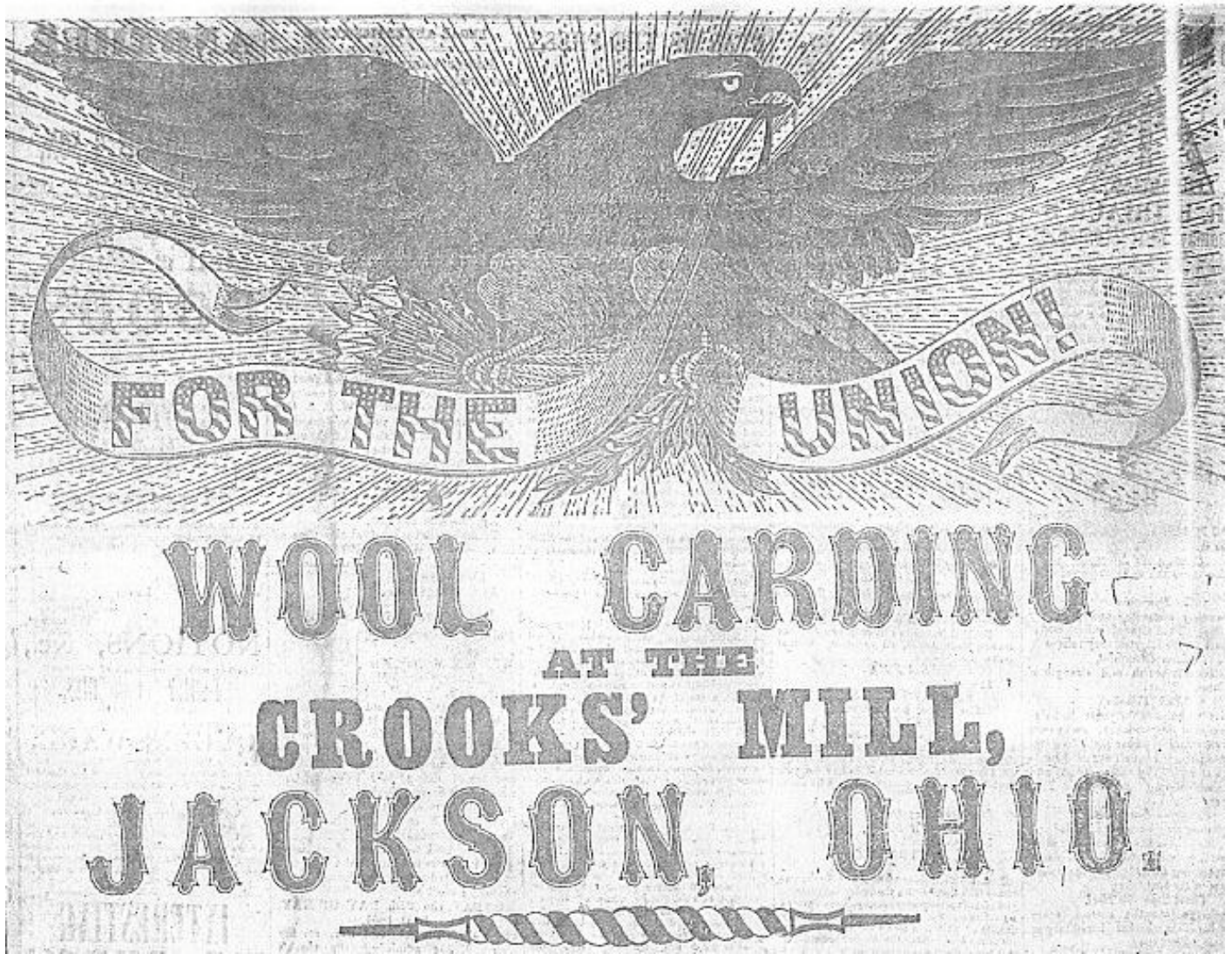
Mothers parting with sons, sisters with brothers, and friends with friends and neighbors, the scene was most solemn and impressive and there were few in that great crowd who could refrain from tears. The boys were much affected at parting with those who were so dear to them, but they bore the parting with stout hearts. The whistle sounded and amid the waving of the last adieu, the train rolled on.

From the Iron Valley Express, June 20, 1861

The following are the names of the persons composing the Brass Band, now attached to our regiment - the 18th - in Camp near West Union, Virginia:

G.W. Waltz, Lafayette Hawk, Charley French, Black. Dodridge, Wm. Davis, Alfred H. Will, W.E. Bratton, Chas. Reynolds, J.K. Jones, G.W. Cavett, C.C. Isham, David M. James

Messrs. C.C. Isham, David M. James and G.W. Cavett are members of "Day's Cornet Band" of this town; and all of the other persons, above named, are members of the "McArthur Brass Band"



PR editor's note: The above ad appeared in the Jackson Iron Valley Express on May 9, 1861

125 years ago

From the Jackson Journal, April 7, 1886

Official Directory of Jackson County

- Judge** - Court of Common Pleas.....James Tripp
- Clerk** - Court of Common Pleas.....Frank Crumit
- Representative** B.F. Kitchen
- Auditor**.....B.B. Evans
- Sheriff**.....J.M. Lively
- Probate Judge**.....H.C. Miller
- Prosecuting Attorney**.....A. Leach Jr.
- Recorder**.....James J. Bennett
- Treasurer**.....George Reisinger
- Commissioners**....John E. Jones and Stephen M. Tripp
- Surveyor**.....E.C. Jones
- Infirmary Directors**.....Peter Bunn, S.P. Dixon, Joseph Hale Jr.
- Coroner**.....J.F. Morgan

From the Jackson Standard, June 24, 1886

Death of Nelson Kelley

Nelson Kelley, a large, powerfully-built colored man, well known in this community, died very unexpectedly last Saturday night or Sunday morning. He had been working in Ruf's Tannery all day and was uptown after nine o'clock at night. Going home he retired to a small building, some ten by twelve feet, in the yard of his residence, where he has been in the habit of sleeping in the warm weather.

His family did not call for him at breakfast time, preferring to let him rest. As he did not come in at dinner time a member of the family went to call him, but could get no response. The door of the shanty was then forced open, and he was found lying upon the small bed or lounge, dead. He had evidently been dead some hours, as the body was cold when found.

He had complained for a long time of heart trouble, and

there could not be any doubt that the immediate cause of his death was heart disease. Mr. Kelley was a giant in physical stature, perhaps one of the strongest men in the county. He was about 55 years of age. He was a courteous, pleasant gentleman in his conduct toward others, and was universally esteemed. His wife died some three years ago. They had four children, two boys - Elmer and Charles - survive him. Both are young men. Mr. Kelley came to Jackson in 1854, from Virginia. He had four brothers - Abraham, Milton, Harvey and William. All these are dead but Milton.

There was a post mortem examination which developed nothing more than was known before. The remains were buried on Monday, funeral by A.W. Long. The G.A.R. post, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral; also the Colored Odd Fellows Lodge of this place. We can remember Nelse Kelly for a generation, ever since he used to "fill gum" at Trago's brickyard - where the residences of J.C. Cahoon, W.H. Horton and S.M. lake now stand - and he always had the bearing of a big-hearted, noble fellow. It will be lonesome without Nelse. He was a good citizen.

From the Jackson Standard, May 6, 1886

Miss Emma Sutton of Meadow Run, Milton township, gave birth to a child a short time ago, which was afterward found in a sack, hidden in a piece of woods. An investigation developed the fact that the child had been suffocated and the testimony of a witness, Mas. Scott, was that she saw Mrs. Mollie Bracy, sister to Miss Sutton, place the child under a bed-tick and sit upon it.

After she took it out and placed it in a corner of the room, the young mother saw it move, and requested her sister to "kill the darned thing," which Mrs. Bracy did by putting it under the tick again and sitting upon it until it was dead. The women were arrested and placed in Jail at this place. It is a horrible case, all the way through.

From the Jackson Journal, May 19, 1886

The graduating class of the High School this year consists of the following persons: C.A. Dyer, Benson Evans, George Gibson, Mame Williams, Jennie Glidden, Susa Davis, Ora Evans, Minnie Farrar, Ida Cook, Carrie Henson, Clara Dauber, Amanda Long, and Rosa Kendall. The class, it will be seen, numbers just thirteen and is the largest class that ever graduated from Jackson High School. It is said to be an unusually bright class and will be an honor to our Public Schools. The graduating exercises will take place on Thursday evening, June 10th.

100 years ago

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, June 14, 1911

In Memory of John Reed

John Reed was born Nov., 29, 1830, in Mintenheim Germany, died June 9, 1911 at his home in Hamilton township, Jackson county, Ohio, aged 80 years, 6 months and 10 days, he being the son of Burgot Reed and Catherine Reed (nee Eisnaugle) who were the parents of five children - 3 sons and 2 daughters, the deceased being the fourth child.

He came with his parents to this county when three years of age. They first settled in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where his father died some years afterward. His mother lived to be a very old age, and died in Stark county, Ohio. He came to Hamilton township, Jackson county, O., about 1843, with his brother-in-law Christopher Pflieger, with whom he made his home until February 1856, when he was united in marriage to Caroline Lotz, she being a sister to Mr. John Motz.

In 1858, he bought and moved to the home where he continued to live until his death, where he and his companion fought the battles of life together for most of the 55 years of their married life. At said home they raised their family of children. They were the parents of twelve children, 8 sons and 4 daughters - an infant, Catherine, Henry, John, Frankland and Philip (twins), William, Mary, George, Joseph, Caroline and Charlie, six of whom have preceded him to the great beyond. All of those who are deceased died young except Frank, who had grown to manhood.

He is survived by his companion, four sons, John of Indianapolis, Ind., William of Beech City, Ohio, Philip and Charlie of Hamilton township and 2 daughters, Catherine, wife of Warren Gilliland of said township, and Caroline, wife of Jehiel Mapes of Jackson, Charlie being the only one of the children at home.

His two sisters Mary and Elizabeth settled in said township, Mary having married Christopher Pflieger, being the mother of Philip and Lewis Flaker of said township, and Elizabeth married Philip Meldick, she being the mother of P.H. Meldick of said township. His brother, Henry Reed was here in Hamilton township during a part of the Civil War. They are all deceased.

The deceased leaves 23 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was taken in as a member of the Reformed Church at St. John's, this township, in 1845. Continued a member of said church the remainder of his life. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father.

1911 Jackson High School graduating class - can you ID any of the unnamed students?



Girls: Garnet Adele Mohler, Ruth Adele Lamb, Marianna Richards, Hazel Marie Rice, Anna Maude Jones, Jenney Maude Lamb, Beatrice Alexander, Anna Florence Martin, Elizabeth Davis Matthews, Mary Grace Morgan, Eva Esther Wartenbee, Myrna Neville, Blanche Cole, Ruth Esther Shaffer, Catherine Jane Morgan, and Jessie Belle Richardson

Boys: Everett M. Barton - President, James Edgar Kinnison Jr., Louis Edward Pickrel, John Edward Foster, Edward W. McGhee Jr, John Edwin Roderick, Paul Edward Shaffer, Daniel Wesley Morgan, Orville L. Lake, Arthur B. Gray, Ora Benson Rice, and William Edwin Williams Jr.

From the Wellston Telegram, May 24, 1911

Largest Graduating Class - Fifteen Girls and Sixteen Boys Finish Wellston High School Course Last Week

The fifteen girls and sixteen boys who constituted the 24th graduating class to pass out from the local High School, were the center of all festivities last week. Thursday morning the Methodist church was filled with relatives and friends, many who had come from a distance to hear the Class Day exercises. The addresses which given complete in other columns, were delivered most satisfactorily while music was furnished by the class quartette composed of Messrs. Davidson, Doody, Wills and Pope, and Miss Walker and Mr. Davidson. Watt Hobt of the class of 1912 very briefly and fittingly paid a farewell tribute to the outgoing class.

In the evening, Dr. M.V. O'Shea of the department of education of the University of Wisconsin, delivered the graduating address. After music by a quartette, consisting of S.M. Kelly, W.C. Downs, Herb Poore and Dr. E.T. Dando, the president of the Board of Education W.J. Huske awarded diplomas to the following graduates:

Katharine Gertrude Duffy, Mary Winifred Gallagher, Gretta Marian Goddard, Lucille Gooding, Mary Estella Hogan, Gladys Monette McCartney, Anna Magdalena Ortel, A. Mae Pierce, Essie Dora Scott, Ethyl Marie Stewart, Mayme Adale Walker, Anna Mae Waters, Laura Pearl Wells, Georgia Ada Wortman, Zoe Willis

George Erwin Davidson, Daniel Davis, Linn Carrolton Davis, Zora Pleasant Davis, Joseph Patrick Doody, Will Christie Davis, Joseph Peter Gallagher, Charles Earl Littler, Patrick Leo Millette, Charles Robert Pope, George Kern Serrott, Guy Earl Simmons, Earl William Souders, Rex Ervin Wakefield, Ripley William Wells, and Emmett Jesse Wills



Laura Wells

Linn Davis



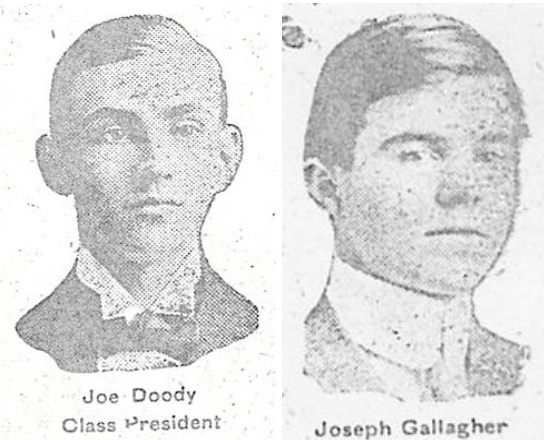
Lucille Gooding

Mae Pierce



Patrick L. Millette

Zora Davis

Joe Doody
Class President

Joseph Gallagher

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, May 31, 1911

In Memory of Mrs. Peachey Burns

Peachey Anne Elizabeth Burns was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, May 15, 1813 and she departed this life April 30, 1911 at the age of 97 years, 11 months and 15 days. Her name before marriage was Peachey Anne Elizabeth Patton. She married at the age of 21 years to James Burns. He died in the year 1878 at the age of 105. To this union was born 11 children, 7 girls and 4 boys namely; Permelia, Malinda, Andrew, Sarah, Eliza, Matilda, Martha, Joseph, Samantha, Franklin and George, of which 9 are living and 2 dead. The oldest child is 75 years old and the youngest 48. To this number were born 51 grandchildren. She united with

the Baptist church when quite young and in after years she joined the Christian Order church, where until death she held her membership.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.W. Campbell on the 3rd day of May in the GAR hall at Limerick. The burial was in the McCune Cemetery

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, April 19, 1911

PR editor's note: D.W. Williams, noted historian and editor of the Standard-Journal, wrote the following regarding his belief on the location of the oldest cemetery in the county. This location would be somewhere north of Boone's Rock and the dead-end of north High Street in Jackson according to Bob Ervin

While writing of cemeteries it may be noted, that the McKitterick hill on whose slope sleep several score of the Salt Boilers will be cropped this spring. This old graveyard is the oldest in the county, and practically all of the grave markers have disappeared, but the outlines of some graves can be traced.

The last tombstone, that of Daniel F. Deane, killed at a log rolling was still standing in 1889 when I came to Jackson but it was broken many years ago. One of the persons buried there was a Negro who was lynched one night for murdering a Salt Boiler who had imposed upon him.

A number of men were murdered at the Salt Works, before the county was organized in 1816, but by this time even their names have been lost. I published all the data available at the time in my history of the Scioto Salt Works, but every year brings a few more notes to light.

Miscellaneous newspaper articles

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Feb. 24, 1915

A Letter Written by Joseph Eubanks Before the Cars Came to Jackson

Feb. 23, 1852: Dear son and daughter. We embrace the present opportunity of informing you that we are all well at this time, and we hope these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessings. We received your letter dated Nov. 11, 1851, and we were glad to hear from you. We were sorry to hear that you had so much sickness in your family and are glad to see you're better.

George has got well and he has grown to be almost a man. You wanted to know if grandfather is alive. He died last November. John Heath is living on his own place about a mile from me and they are all well. We

want you to come see us this fall. Aunt Martha and her family are well. Sarah is at the Franklin Furnace. She went down 2 weeks before Christmas and she is living with Sanford Nally. Wilson has been working at Samuel Overly's this winter.

I expect the cars will run from Jackson to Portsmouth by next October on our railroad, and we expect to have one from Richmond, Va., and it will run not more than one mile from my place, and it is to run from Richmond to Bainbridge, Ohio. George and Ripley are going to school and George will soon be able to write a letter to you. He and Ripley are learning very fast.

We remain yours: Joseph Eubanks, Catherine Eubanks

Standard-Journal editor's note:

The above letter was written on a sheet of foolscap paper as was the custom in those days, which was then folded with all the writing inside and sealed with wax. The address on the outside reads thus: Aron Lloyd, Portland Court House, Jay County, Indiana.

The letter was sent by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eubanks to the family of their daughter Polly, who had married Aaron Lloyd and were living in Jay County, Indiana. After their deaths it passed to their son George Lloyd, and Mr. Ripley Eubanks secured it from his nephew when he visited him last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eubanks lived at the old Eubanks homestead near Glassburn school house, where their son Ripley lived until last fall. He is the Ripley named in the letter. The school stood on the hill above the Eubanks house. The letter was written for Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks by the teacher there that winter, who was Amos Nichols, father of David Nichols of Liberty.

Wilson mentioned in the letter was the father of the brothers Samuel D. Eubanks, John W. Eubanks and Ben Eubanks. Sarah became the wife of William Mapes and died in Jackson a few years ago. She was the mother of Jacob, Jehiel, John, George and Abe Mapes.

Contributed to Poplar Row by Darlene Ford : Feb. 9, 1855, Jackson County, Ohio – The Ragland Family

Editors "Jackson Standard:

Gentlemen – It will be recollected that some three or four weeks since, as agent, I removed some sixty-eight emancipated Slaves from the State of Virginia, who had been liberated by the will of William Ragland, dec'd.

Some feeble attempts were made to hinder their settle-

their settlement; but the intelligent and law-abiding citizens of the community discountenanced such a course, and the negroes were permitted peaceably to occupy the lands purchased for them in this county, with the money provided for that purpose by their late master. But since their settlement here some designing persons have put in circulation, certain false reports, respecting their character and disposition, and which I fear will result prejudicially to them, if not corrected by those who know their real and true character. I have known said negroes a long time, and am able to say, from my knowledge of them, that said reports are untrue. If they prove an injury or troublesome to the neighborhood in which I have settled them, a great change in principle will have to come over them. Raised to view honesty and truth as virtues, and themselves as such, with gratification to their owner and honor to themselves. Many of them are consistent members of the Baptist Church, as their certificates will show. Trusting that these improper impressions may not operate to their disadvantage, and hereby thanking the citizens of Ohio for their kindness to me during my short stay, I bid them as affectionate farewell.

Yours truly, A. J. PERKINS

From the Jackson Semi-Weekly Sun, March 7, 1910

Abijah Hughes aged Eighty Eight years visits Jackson Monday. His Family Record

Abijah Hughes and his daughter, Mrs. Henry Slater of Monroe, were Jackson visitors Monday. Mr. Hughes lived for some time with his children in this city but about a year ago he went down to Monroe where he is now making his home with his daughter.

Mr. Hughes is the father of many children and grandchildren and he challenges anyone who can beat his record. Mr. Hughes was born in Bloom township, Scioto county, March 20, 1822. The family moved to Madison Furnace in this county and in 1849 he married Abigail Roberts, to whom were born the following children in their order. William, deceased; James L., deceased; George of this city; Mary, wife of Henry Slater of Monroe; Martin of Oak Hill; Mrs. Ellen Loudermilk of Wellston; Mrs. Anna Anderson of Pattonville; Lincoln, of Monroe; Josephine, wife of Dan Ward of this city; the next was a child who died in infancy; Catherine, wife of Ben Ford of Iowa; Tom of Oak Hill and Lizzie, wife of U.S. Eubanks of this city, fourteen in all.

Besides the above named children he has 76 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren and according to his statement there will be more within the next few years.

Mr. Hughes went to Jefferson in 1854 and lived there until a few years ago. He was a collier and worked at the trade for over 50 years. Mr. Hughes is in his eighty eighth year and is enjoying very good health. He has a good home with his daughter. He stated that his grandfather lived to be 109 years of age.

PR editor's note. Abijah Hughes was a grandson of Henry Hughes Sr., who was a Revolutionary War soldier and a pioneer First Families settler of Jackson county

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, May 30, 1900

Remember the Dead

The beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the departed, dates back to prehistoric times, but it remained for Americans to set apart a memorial day. The anniversary is again at hand, and the following paragraphs were written in the hope that they may entertain the living, while reviving memories of the dead.

THE FIRST DEATHS – the earliest settlers at the Scioto Salt Licks found many charred tree trunks still standing in the cleared ground on the ridge which is now occupied by the business part of Jackson. There are so many monuments to white prisoners who had died at the stake. The exact number of those unfortunate will never be known, but anyone that has studied the history of the sixty years war between the Ohio Indians and the white pioneers of the Alleghenies will readily concede that fully one hundred persons may have perished thus, within the present limits of the city. The large number is thus accounted for.

Bands of Shawanese, Ottawa, Wyandots, Delawares and other Indian tribes came to the Licks every summer to make salt. The drudgery at the kettles was squaw's work and while the women cooked and the older warriors smoked, gambled or hunted parties of young braves made incursions into the Virginia Mountains, and brought back many scalps and not a few white prisoners. The boys were generally spared for adoption and the women for drudges, but the majority of the men in fact all who failed to win favor with their captors, were tortured at the stake.

These barbarous executions generally occurred on the high ground on or near the site of the Public Square. The Indians cut off the top of the small tree leaving the trunk for a stake to which the victim was tied. The torture then began and did not cease until life was extinct. These executions were regarded by the Indians as entertainment and the tribes expected every returning war party to furnish at least one victim, especially if the party had lost a man on the foray. In as much as the Licks were the first safe stopping place after crossing the Ohio, a number of whites must have been tortured

here each year, particularly between 1755 and 1785, when the border warfare was most bitter. It was the Indian custom to gather the remains of such victims and give them burial, but the spot has not yet been discovered.

THE OLD GRAVEYARD – The first white settlers that died at the Licks were buried on the hill, which is a part of the McKitterick farm. The graveyard lies east the old Indian trail from the Licks to Chillicothe. The place was selected by the whites because it had been used as a burial ground by the Indians. There is no record of the names of those buried there, but the number must have exceeded fifty. The graves were marked with native sandstone, many of which crumbled in time, while others were carried away by collectors. Names and dates were cut on a few, but the great majority bore only initials. A visiting collector asked permission years ago to take away the stone bearing the oldest inscription, but Mr. John McKitterick, Sr. refused.

A few days afterward it was discovered that the stone had disappeared and it was suspected that the stranger had stolen it. For half a century the graveyard remained uncultivated, but after the ground was cleared, the stones disappeared rapidly. Ten years ago, when I first visited the place, only two were left. One of them bore the following inscription: "D.F.D., Sept. 23 1802." Daniel F. Dean was killed at a log rolling. He was a large and powerful man, but on that unlucky September day, he lost his hold while raising a heavy log and it rolled back and crushed him, killing him instantly. Many of those buried here were men who were murdered at the Salt Works. Some of the earliest salt boilers were lawless men, and the morals of the community were at a par with those of the wildest mining camp of the early gold days.

It was a common occurrence from 1795 to 1803 to find the corpse of someone murdered overnight, floating in a salt water tank, and to discover later, that one or two others had departed between two suns without leaving their addresses. The last of these murders was committed by a negro. He was caught and lynched, the lynching taking place near the Mitchell rocks. His remains were interred in the old graveyard, which caused it to fall into disrepute. Many of the earliest burials were made without coffins, but they came into use later. They were made of good old oak, and one of them lasted over sixty years, for Mr. G.C. McKitterick remembers when the grave fell in. I have been informed that members of the family named Hill living in Liberty township, have been buried here, but the information has not been verified.

A FORGOTTEN GRAVEYARD – The salt furnaces were built in the valley from James A. Lackey's farm up

to the infirmary. Pieces of the old salt kettles used at the furnace on Lackey's farm were plowed up in the spring of 1900. The salt boilers at the upper furnaces found it inconvenient to bring their dead to the "Old Graveyard" and they began to bury in a spot near Smith's lane, where it crosses the railroad, on land now owned by W.H. and M.K. Steele. There are forty to fifty graves at this place, but none of them are marked. Peter Bunn, who is now in his eightieth year, says that two of his infant brothers and another little boy named Walden were buried there. Mrs. Sophia Mitchell remembers that she attended the burial of a little daughter of John Radcliff at this place, when she was a mere child about seventy years ago.

THE BUNN GRAVEYARD – This old burial ground occupies the greater part of out lot 26, and a part of out lot 27 in the south half of the original town of Jackson. The lots were laid out by Gabriel McNeal, the county surveyor on May 23, 1819, but the spot had been selected for a town cemetery before that date, for Charles O'Neil was buried there May 17, 1810. Mrs. Sophia Mitchell states that her mother Mrs. Tacy Bunn attended his funeral, and that this burial was the first in the cemetery. The spot was selected on account of its location and the character of the soil. It lay a quarter of a mile from the new town of that day, but it could be reached without crossing low or wet ground. The high ground selected forms a little hummock, which was more than half surrounded by water at that time, and therefore unsuitable for building purposes. The soil was sandy, free from slate or rock and thoroughly drained, considerations that appealed to the pioneers. The sale of the lots in the south half of Jackson occurred in June 1819. Out lots 25 and 27 were purchased by Peter Bunn, the first for \$31 and the second for \$25.25. The title remains in the family to this day.

The Bunn's came originally from Germany and settled near Baltimore. Peter Bunn Sr., born in Maryland, moved with his family to Ross county in this state about the beginning of this century. Four of his children, Peter Jr., Samuel, Hannah and Polly settled in this county. Peter Bunn Jr. was born near Baltimore Jan. 1, 1780. He married Tacy Howe in this county Feb. 29, 1824. Five daughters were born to them. Mary Ann died an infant. Sophia, who became the wife of Dr. D.H. Mitchell, was born May 20th, 1826, Elizabeth who became the wife of John Ratcliff was born February 4, 1828, Eunice who married John Smith was born October 16, 1829 and Tacy who married Henry C. Hale was born July 27, 1836. Elizabeth is dead but two of her children Mr. Peter Radcliffe and Mrs. W.H. Steele survive.

The other three daughters are still living, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Smith in this city, and Mrs. Hale at Warrensburg, MO. Their father died July 19, 1853,

aged 72 years, 6 months, and 19-days. His wife survived until Jan. 4, 1881, dying at the age of 78-years, 8 months, and 29 days. Both now lie side by side in the burial ground bought by Mr. Bunn in 1819. The oldest tombstone in it is that of Charles O'Neil. It is a flagstone and the inscription reads as follows:

"In the memory of Charles O'Neil who departed this life
May 16, 1819, aged 26 years"

O'Neil was County Treasurer at the time of his death. Although a young man, he became a victim of the insalubrious climatic conditions at the Licks. A number of other county officers suffered a like fate as the following inscriptions indicate.

Sacred to the memory of Jared Strong, who departed this life December 20, 1827, aged 43 years, 7 months, 10 days. Sacred to the memory of William Ransom, born September 20, A.D. 1794, died December 8, 1832 aged 38 years, 2 months, 19 days. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". In memory of Absalom M. Faulkner who departed this life September 18, 1829, aged 31 years, 7 months, 10 days.

Strong was the first Representative of this county, and held many other positions of trust. Ransom was Treasurer of the county for about twelve years, dying in office. Faulkner, who was a Freemason was Clerk of Courts for about six years and died in office. Henry May Faulkner, his little son, died the same day and his infant son Jacob Offnere died December 13, 1829. The fatality among county officers was great in those days, for the records show that in addition to those named above, Sheriff William White died in 1824. Other prominent people in early Jackson, who died in the twenties were Edmund Richmond who died February 16, 1820, aged 55 years, 5 months, and 6 days, and Huldah his wife who died August 21, 1823, aged 50 years, 3 months and 18 days. The Richmond's were an influential family here for years. There were four brothers in all, named Seth, Nathaniel, David and Edmund. I have not been able to learn what became of the other three.

A woman that deserves to be mentioned was the wife of Thomas Scott, who was Prosecuting Attorney in 1830-2. The inscription on her tombstone reads as follows: "In memory of Elizabeth Scott, consort of Thomas Scott, who departed this life December 13, 1822, aged 48 years." A large wide spreading elm tree now grows near her grave. It sprouted after her burial, but is now shades a space sixty feet in diameter. It should be cared for and preserved.

Not far away lie the remains of the first wife of Daniel Perry, who was Sheriff of this county two terms. The inscription reads thus: "In memory of Jane, consort of Daniel Perry who died February 1, 1833 in the 20th year of her age". The graves of two children of Daniel and Susan Perry, named Cornelia and Isham, are on the same

lot, also that of Perry's brother Simeon, who died February 28, 1825 in the 32nd year of his age. The majority of those buried here before the Fifties died before reaching old age, which goes to show that the climate was fatal to whites until Salt Creek valley was cleared and drained. The following additional inscriptions bear out this deduction:

In memory of Charles Wells, son of Charles and Jane Wells who died October 8, 1828, aged 37 years of his age

Harriet B. wife of C.R. McCarly died July 8, 1847, aged 37 years, and 11 months

Clarinda T. wife of John Dyer died July 25, 1838, aged 25 years, 9 months, 18 days

Eliza A wife of John Botkin died November 12, 1852 aged 23 years, 7 months, 5 days

In memory of Emanuel Brooks who died May 8, 1843 aged 56 years

In memory of Ann, consort of Emanuel Brooks, who died October 29, 1841, aged 47 years

No very old people were buried here until the Fifties. One of them was John Martin who was the first permanent settler of this county that spent the greater part of his life here. He was the founder of a family which is now numerous in the county. His remains have been removed to Fairmount Cemetery. Others were Gideon E. Harvey who died November 13, 1881 aged 91 years, 7 months and 2 days; Catherine his wife who died November 18, 1851 aged 55 years; Capt. John Bennett who died August 2, 1874 aged 83 years, 2 months, 15 days; Ann wife of John Bennett, who died December 31, 1843, aged 45 years, 2 months, 27 days, Minerva Bennett who died June 4, 1891, aged 70 years, 9 months, 22 days, Samuel Rush born August 1, 1806, died February 6, 1884.

More than 700 persons have been interred in this cemetery, but the graves of the great majority were left, unmarked, and even the names of many of them have been forgotten. For instance, 217 bodies were removed in March, 1900 to Fairmount, of whom only 64 were known. The unknown removed and left, included some men and women who were once prominent in this county. Mr. Peter Bunn remembers that he helped to dig the grave of one of them way back about 1835, viz, Joseph Schellenger, uncle of Ex-Auditor William Schellenger and brothers. Schellenger had served with Samuel Bunn, the father of Peter Bunn, in the war of 1812. It is asked as a favor, that all who know the names and history of persons buried in unmarked graves in this cemetery, furnish the data for publication.

Welcome to new members this quarter

- Deborah Knight – Canyon Country, CA
- Betty Rudzek – Festus, MO
- Thomas White – Columbus, OH
- Michael Canter – Clinton, OH
- Carmen Carter – Martinsburg, WV
- Lawrence Chamberlain – Clinton Township, MI
- Karen Schwartz – Albuquerque, NM
- Opal Danner - Lilburn, GA

Membership queries

- MORRIS, MORRIS, HALTERMAN, SMITTLE, MOORE, CARMICHAEL, HUMPHREY, MANRING, POOR, CRABTREE, GRAHAM, THROCKMORTON, HARTLEY: Linda Bombaci – email: charlesbombaci@aol.com
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- David RICHARDS and wife Nancy MOREHEAD RICHARDS lived in Lick and Coal Twps: Sylvia Brown Walters – email: twalthome@zoominternet.net
- TRIPP, RATCLIFF, COX, RAINS, ARGANBRIGHT: Marion Tripp – email: scrtripp@gmail.com
- EUBANKS, HUGHS: Marshall Eubanks – email: ntcsse@live.com
- William Henry BOWMAN (1851-1942) md Laura Ann SNOOK (1855-1932) in Jackson county on Oct. 3, 1873: Winnetta Kennedy – email: winbird36@windstrem.net
- KAUFMANN, REED, GROVES, MAPLE, WINTERS, DOWNEY, BAKER, REAZSER, REASOR, STROSNIDER, EXLINE, DAUGHTERTY, AULT, McCANN, HURD, LEHMAN, VANFOSSON, GILLILAND, FRACKLEY, BECKETT, JAHN, SCHEIBNER, MARTIN, RUDOLPH, EIDER, GROVES, St CLAIR, DEMPSY: George Kaufmann – email: gbkaufmann@comcast.net
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- SCHROTH, JUNG, WILLIAMS, NICHOLS: Rex Stroth – email: jrstroth@yahoo.com

- Nancy Ursula SEAGRIST/SEACREST. James LEVERING, "Molly" JENKS (of WV): Jayne Banks – email: jbanks@infowest.com

2nd Quarter 2011 chapter news

- At our April meeting, Ruth Hayth, a founding member of our OGS chapter, was honored for her 30 years of dedicated service. She was presented with a plaque, refreshments were served and many friends and family celebrated with her. Thank you Ruth!!!
- In late June, the JCOGS donated the rare 1911 Jackson high school graduating class picture to the local Lillian Jones museum for permanent display. If you can help ID those in the picture not already named, please contact us
- At the June meeting, members voted to purchase 7 rolls of microfilm of the Oak Hill Press newspapers for the years 1919-1933. The film has been ordered from the Ohio Historical Society and will be placed in the Jackson city library for patrons when it arrives
- Our chapter has completed digitization of our 30 years of the Poplar Row newsletter and these are now available for sale. Surname indexes for the 1981-2004 issues were compiled by Karen Davis and these are searchable on the JCOGS website
- In addition, all of the Wellston high school yearbooks from 1950-1977 have now been digitized and are available on CD. Cost per year is \$10 for one year and \$9 per year for two or more years.
- At the end of May, our general fund balance was \$5424.25 and the James cemetery fund balance was \$929.01. Record and persistent rains in April and May made for a literal "washout" as far as work in the cemetery was concerned. Work in the NE quadrant continued in June as volunteer time permits
- The JCOGS is reestablishing our "First Families of Jackson county" organization after many years of being dormant. A committee, comprised of Mike Deaterla, Bev Griffiths and Anthony Coyan, has been chosen and our initial meeting to begin setting guidelines for admission is set for July 2nd. Darlene Ford, the First Families chairperson for the Franklin county OGS chapter is acting in an advisory role to us. Two things already set are that a candidate has to be a current dues-paid member of our chapter and that they have to be able to submit satisfactory evidence that they are a direct descendant of a pioneer settler who can be shown to have resided in the county on or before December 31, 1830. Once guidelines have been set and the admission form created, we will notify our members and post information on our website. There seems to be a lot of interest from people interested in joining this First Families organization

- The Kroger company has long had a Community Rewards program that "gives back" to non-profit organizations such as ours. The JCOGS recently enrolled in the program and if you are a Kroger shopper, we'd like to encourage you to register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select our organization as the beneficiary of your shopping trip. Each quarter, Kroger issues a check to our organization based on the dollar volume of its Community Rewards members who have chosen us!
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with our organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please be advised that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register once you have your card and have gone to the website shown above
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter the organization number or name of the organization, select organization from the list and click on confirm. Our organization number is 81687 and our organization name is JCOGS
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our group until after your register your card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.
- As a REMINDER, if you are a member of the Community Rewards program already, be advised that every May you must go to the website and re-enroll as your membership will have expired. If you need to do that, just remember to please select our organization. Thanks!



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