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Thank you to our members!

We sincerely hope that the year 2011 was a great one for all of you and we wish you good health and happiness in 2012. Hopefully the Mayan calendar is wrong and we make it past December 21st this year ©

The 'health' of our OGS chapter in 2011 began on a positive note and we continued to grow throughout the year. Our membership in 2011 increased by a stunning 50% and for that we have YOU to thank!

We continue to ask for your input and ideas for content in the newsletter, so if you have something to share or something in particular you'd like to see included in these pages, please let us know. This is not my newsletter, it is OUR chapter newsletter.

In this issue, you begin to see a little bit of info on the 53rd regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI). This 1000-man Civil War regiment was the only one to be organized in and deployed from Jackson county during the war. As you will read in coming issues, it also became one of the most noted Ohio regiments to fight for the Union, beginning in April 1862 on a battlefield named for a small church in Tennessee. It was a battle that became, to that point, the bloodiest in American history and 200+ Jackson county men were on the front lines those two tragic days. Luckily, I have photos of some of these men that will appear in the newsletters to come in 2012.

If you have photos of Civil War ancestors who served from or are buried in the county, please send a copy of them to us along with their service info so that they may be honored for their service in the newsletter.

This issue also includes a brief update on progress in the James cemetery as well as some expanded chapter news for this quarter, the Pioneer and Looking Back features, as well as other 'stuff'. Please note that this is the last newsletter for 2011 so please stay with us in 2012 by renewing your membership today!

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

From the Jackson Herald, June 29, 1954

A Patriot of The Revolution

Walter Davis Sleeps Quietly Now Established Home in Jackson Co.; Family Still There

On a pretty knoll overlooking the Salt Creek valley in Jackson county, midway between the Pleasant Valley and Savageville churches is a quiet weed-grown family burying ground. In the corner of this 40-foot square plot lies Walter Davis, "a patriot and soldier of the Revolution", as his epitaph recites on the crumbling marble monument.

There Walter Davis sleeps among his kinfolks in the most serene and scenic region in southern Ohio, the green Salt Creek meadows walled in by high sandstone cliffs while the gentle breezes have been singing his requiem for a hundred and ten years.

Walter Davis died in 1844 after having lived 90 eventful years, during which the Ohio country had been discovered, the Indians pushed back, the shackles of British rule shaken off partly by his own efforts and the new state and county organized and peopled by the western migration, perhaps the most eventful period since time began.

Fought in Famous Battles

It was in old Virginia that Walter Davis enlisted in the patriot army of General George Washington. He was a private first in the 10th Virginia Regiment, later designated as the 6th Virginia Regiment. He was assigned to Capt. James Williams' company. That was on Dec. 10, 1776, when he enlisted for three years.

He served later in Captain Thomas West's Company, and again in Lieut. Thomas Persons' Company. In December, 1778, he re-enlisted for the duration of the war, transferring in December, 1779, to Capt. Nathan Lamme's Company. That was the last time his name appeared on the muster roll of the Continental Army.

Walter Davis fought in several famous battles in the campaigns to expel the British, that culminated in the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Born Two Hundred Years Ago

This soldier was born in 1754, just 200 years ago. His birthplace is not known, nor his parentage. His wife was named Mary, but her last name is not preserved. He died Jan. 8, 1884, long after he had emigrated to Jackson county.

His wife Mary lived to the age of 90 also, and her tombstone by the patriot's grave merely records that "Here lies Mary, consort of Walter Davis who died Feb. 26, 1854 in the 90th year of her age."

In the same plot are buried their son, William Davis, who died April 17, 1862 at the age of 65. Evidently he was born in 1797. His wife, Sarah Davis is by his side. She died in 1875 at the age of 76.

Their son, William Davis, grandson of the Revolutionary soldier, is buried in the same plot in an unmarked grave, and so is his wife, together with several children. William and Sarah had a son, John K. Davis, who was the father of Milton and George Davis, brothers of the fourth generation, who have lived four score years on the farm their greatgrandfather the Revolutionary patriot, took up when it was public land.

Last spring Milton and George Davis were still living in the log house their grandfather built on the site of his parents' rude pioneer cabin. Then they moved b-home in which six generations had lived in what has long since been known as Davis Hollow. Now Milton and George live in a modern cottage up the Savageville Hollow, a mile from state Route 35 at the schoolhouse.

George Davis never married but Milton's wife is dead. He has a son, Milton, who has had 12 years service in the U.S. Army, and now is stationed with his wife and two children at Newport, R.I. His daughter, Mrs. Mina Scarles, lives at Columbus.

George Davis is 71 and still keeps a good foxhound and likes a foxchase over those precipitous hills of Liberty and Jackson twps. Milton Davis is part 80, how much he doesn't say. Both still love a good horse and promised Wendell Willis to come in and see his fine blooded saddle horses. They are proud of their ancestry dating back to the struggling Colonies and their fighting forefather.

In a musty and faded book at the Probate Court at Jackson in the courthouse is a copy of the will of Mary Davis, wife of Walter. It is dated Feb. 4, 1854, only three weeks before she died. She evidently had mothered several children, but she bequeathed her small estate to two sons and their wives, William and Sarah, and David C. and wife Margaret. And "to the rest of my children \$1 each."

Are there any other descendants of Walter and Mary Davis of the fifth or sixth generations still living in Jackson county?

PR editor's note: Walter Davis and his family are buried in the Davis Farm cemetery in Jackson township about 10 miles north of Jackson on U.S. route 35. The modern rest stop is almost directly across the highway from the cemetery.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Aug. 15, 1900

PR editor's note: This article by Dr. David Hoffman is a continuation of his pioneer recollections of Jackson that appeared in the last Poplar Row newsletter

Oskaloosa, Iowa, August 10, 1900

In my last communication I gave a description of the town, location of the houses, and the early occupants thereof. A few of the earliest settlers did not own property and perhaps, were overlooked by the author of the history of the county recently published, as they were never prominent citizens. Prior to 1816, two colored people settled there known as Uncle Sam and Aunt Milly Grimes. Samuel imbibed on all occasions when he could get it, but was harmless and was considered honest. Aunt Milly had the confidence of every one, was ready at all times to assist in sickness and when extra work was necessary. She was devotedly pious but very ignorant. At speaking meetings she always participated and afforded us boys no little amusement by her remarks and demonstrations.

Some time before I was born, my father carried on what was afterwards known as the Noel Tan Yard, and kept a hotel. Wm. Stickles from Centre County, Pa., worked in the Tan Yard, and when he quit, my father paid him off Saturday night. Court was to commence on Monday, and in those days the lawyers rode the circuit and reached the county seat on Sunday. Stickles assisted in the taking care of the horses and from that day, without any arrangement, he remained as one of the family. Provision was made in my mother's will for his maintenance, and he lived with Eli Moore until his death. He was a faithful and true friend.

Another old citizen was Edward Stoy, who lived and died at Judge David Mitchell's. Whether he ever married or not, I cannot say.

In my other letter, I spoke of Mr. Reeves having a store where the Isham House now stands, but forgot to mention that James Nelson, an Irishman, was his partner, and his brother John clerked for them. What became of James I do not know, but John for several years lived near Ottumwa in this state and died there.

Christopher Long was another old settler but moved away some seventy years ago. I never heard anything about him from the time he left until 1892, I was called to Keokuk County to perform a surgical operation on an old lady, and was surprised to learn she was his widow. She remembered all the old citizens, the names of their children, and I was compelled to answer more questions than you can find in the Westminster catechism.

During the decade from 1830 to 1840, many persons from the country, from other counties and other states moved into town, who now might very appropriately be called old citizens, and I presume the present generation have forgotten many of them. Among them were Asa Shinn, N. T. Cavett, Aaron and G. B. Walterhouse, John Nelson, J. M. and Courtney Martin, Dr. A. W. and C. Isham, James and Samuel Montgomery, B. Brown, Jas. and K. Shepherd and their

father, Rev. Wm. J. Ferguson, Rev. T. Richardson, and a family of Boranes, John and James Dyer, Wm. Gillespie, G. M. Adams, H. H. Helphenstine, Thos. Elliott, Eli Moore, Abraham and Bartemas French, Jacob Westfall, John and Andrew Stephenson, Joseph Powell, F. P. Whitaker, Jos. Throckmorton, Sabin Griffis, Joseph Hill, James E. Whitman, Elkanah Clark, John Duncan, J. B. Gilliland, Richard Richards, Wm. Stockham, Henry Cotterman, Wm. Rose, J. W. Hannah, and others I possibly have overlooked.

Prior to 1830, there was no church edifice in town. All the meetings were held in the Court House. I think about 1834 or 5 the Methodists built a frame church directly south of Vincent Southard's residence, fronting on Portsmouth street, which they occupied until 1852 or 3, when it was removed and they built a brick. The latter was built during the pastorate of Rev. Wesley A. Prettyman. They had no bell and called the congregation together by blowing a horn. Of the early Methodist ministers, I remember John H. Power, J. B. Findley, John Truitt, John Ulin, Francis Jennings, J. W. Ferree and Benjamin Ellis.

Some time after the first Methodist Church was built the Presbyterians erected a brick church north of Main Street opposite McQuality's hotel. Their first pastor I think was Ellerly Bascom. The next church was built by the Baptists south of the N. T. Cavett residence. Their first pastor was Felix Ellison. The Protestant Methodists built the next in the south part of town a little south west of the John James house.

Their first stated pastor was Wm. Hatfield although Rev. Reynolds organized the church and was a supply for some time. I promised in my last to describe our first school house which I will do with the understanding that your School Directors do not patent it. It was built of unhewed logs, chinked and daubed, about 16 by 24 feet, one story, very low, ceiled with undressed plank. The floor was of the same kind. On the south side a log was taken out about 15 feet long.

A sash was put in and covered with greased paper to admit the light. There we had our writing desk, a wide board placed slanting. At the end of it was a window, the upper sash of which consisted of six glass 8 by 10 and the lower part was boarded up. On the north side there was another window of the same kind.

The door was in the centre of the north side, made of rough unjoined boards and hung on wooden hinges. The benches were made of logs split in two, smoothed off, with wooden pins for legs. They had no backs to them and were so high that the feet of the smaller children could not reach the floor by several inches. There was a fireplace in the east end. The chimney was what was called "cat and clay."

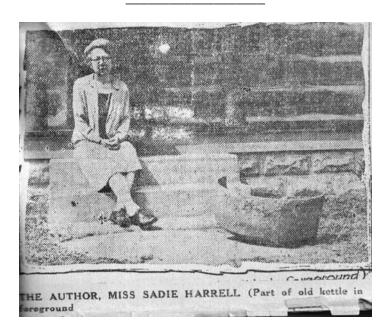
There was a very small stove in the west end. That was the place where we 'learned the rudimens." Twice a day we were lined up and required to spell, and it was considered a great honor to get to the head of the class. Almost every Friday afternoon two would be selected as Captains and they would choose the scholars and have what they called a spelling race. It was an exciting time ad every fellow would do his best. In that day we had no teachers or Professors but "School Masters" and 'School Mams." In my next I will take you into the country and introduce you to some of the old timers.

D.A. HOFFMAN

From the Jackson Sun-Journal, July 16, 1929

Old Salt Camp Cabin Is Restored

Sun-Journal EDITOR'S NOTE – Three generations of the Harrell family lived in and loved the vicinity of Salt Creek, Jackson County, near the town of Jackson, where Daniel Harrell I, settled when he came from Virginia at the close of the eighteenth century, and where he worked with other pioneers extracting salt from briny spring water. The Harrells today, as a memorial to their father, grandfather and greatgrandfather, conceived the idea of restoring to habitable condition the boyhood home of their father, which was the home of their grandfather and in Salt Creek valley, where Daniel Harrell I, first set up a home. Pictures on this page show the cabin and give an artist reproduction of the old-time salt camp. The article was written by Miss Sadie Harrell, of Jackson, a member of the fourth generation of Ohio Harrells.



One of the greatest troubles that the pioneers had to contend with was the extreme scarcity of salt. At the time of the first settlements it was sold for six to eight dollars a bushel, and had to be packed on horseback a great distance.

The Indian war was hardly ended, when Jackson county

was visited on account of her then famous salt works. The year 1798 saw several parties busy at these springs securing the needful and very necessary article of salt.

The early settlers of Jackson county were mostly from Virginia and the inviting vales of Jackson found favor in the eyes of the pioneer. One of these was Daniel Harrell, who brought with him his young wife, Mary James Harrell.

As soon as their rude home was finished he found employment at the salt works. The exact site of this cabin is not definitely known, but is thought to be about one mile west of the salt works, which were situated in the valley near the county infirmary.

Crossing the creek on his way home one cold evening in March, 1813, Daniel slipped from the icy foot-log and fell into the chilly water. Having nearly a mile to go in order to reach home he contracted a severe cold and lived only a few days. He was buried in a spot by the old Smith Lane where it crossed the B. & O. railroad on land now owned by Steele. There are 40 or 50 graves of the salt boilers at this place.

His young wife and small children were left to battle life as best they could. On August 13, 1813, another child was born to the lately bereaved mother and was named Daniel for the father, who had not lived to love his little son. Bravely the mother kept up the struggle for a few years, but was finally compelled to place the children in other homes, and according to custom young Daniel was "bound out" to a family by the name of Black near Beaver, Ohio.

The agreement made at that time was that young Harrell was to remain with this man until the age of 21, when he would be given a horse, saddle and bridle, and be released from further obligation.

When the time had almost expired and the day for fulfilling the contract was drawing near and inopportune disagreement arose and an angry dispute ensued.

Such was the unyielding spirit of this pioneer stock that Daniel Harrell disclaimed to accede to unreasonable demand just in order that he might stay the few remaining weeks and reap the benefits of his contract

Gathering his few personal belongings together he set out and walked 20 miles to the home of his mother, who in the meantime had married again to a man by the name of Thompson and was living then on a farm near and about one mile east of where Freedom church now stands.

Not long was Daniel in this neighborhood until he became deeply interested in the young granddaughter of James Dawson, another pioneer settler, who had served over three years in the 15th Virginia Regiment of Regulars and had come into this region with many other veterans of the Revolutionary war.

This little granddaughter accustomed to the wilds of pioneer life was wont to play on the wooded hillside by her home, and swing on the long grape vines that hung from the tall trees.

Frequently she would slip up the gulch and watch the deer that came to the salt-lick on the opposite hillside. By the time she had grown into beautiful young womanhood, Daniel had secured several hundred acres of land lying next to that of his mother and began building a cabin thereon. This is situated in Franklin township, which is the best agricultural township in the county and the one in which Salt Creek itself rises.

The logs of the cabin were 20 feet long, of large size, and hewn from the great virgin forest of oak that covered all this region at that time.

Soon Daniel Harrell and fair Melinda Dawson were married, began housekeeping with tables, chairs, and all furniture of handmade variety.



The cooking was done by the open fire in kettles and pots suspended on a crane, or in fire-covered ovens. Melinda's first dishcloth was a handful of tow or coarse flax. Their monetary wealth when they went to housekeeping consisted of one dollar.

Here in the wilds of the un-cleared region they prospered and accumulated largely in the wealth of stock and land. Ten sturdy children came to bless their home. One named John died when a youth. The others grew to man and womanhood and all reared large and prominent families of their own. They were: Abijah, Clarinda, James, Nancy, Daniel B., Jacob, Annie, Mary, and Henry.

This worthy couple have long passed to their reward, but the logs of the cabin which so long was home to them and their family are still in perfect condition. The massive oak timbers have been secured from the present owner of the land and together with the old stone chimney have been carefully removed and erected again on the premises of the late Daniel B. Harrell of Walnut Hills, who is the third Daniel Harrell.

Taking up this line of descent from the early salt-boiler pioneer, Daniel Harrell III, as soon as he became old enough, answered his country's call and enlisted as a soldier of the Civil war in Company G, 88th Regiment O.V.I.

He was located at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, at the time of Lincoln's assassination. As the funeral party was enroute to Springfield, Ill., for burial, stops were made at various places that the people might look upon the face of the martyred dead. One such stop was at Columbus, Ohio, and Daniel Harrell was called out as one of a military escort to accompany the body from the depot to the statehouse, then detailed as special guard, standing four hours at the head of the casket as the body lay in state under the dome of the capitol while thousands passed in silent sorrow. That duty alone, would be honor enough for one man. When mustered out of service he returned home and soon thereafter married winsome Nancy Ann Cool who had waited true to plighted faith.

Into this home came nine children. One named Cora died in childhood. All the others survive and are: Mrs. J. S. Corn of Antioch; Rev. W. D. Harrell of Florida; Mrs. E. P. Willoughby of Jackson; Mrs. D. C. Turley of Dayton; Florence B. Harrell of Cincinnati; Sadie Harrell of Jackson; Pearl Harrell of Dayton; O. J. Harrell of Los Angeles.

These descendants conceived the novel idea of restoring to habitable condition the cabin that was the boyhood home of their father. The great stone fireplace will have its crane and andirons, while the interior is colonial in aspect and has the modern comforts of furnace, electricity, bath and sun-parlor. All this far back from the noisy highway.

The site so chosen on the premises of the late Daniel Harrell, III, for the pioneer home of Daniel Harrell II, situated as formerly with southern exposure, makes it possible for one standing in the doorway to look off toward the east to the very spot where Daniel Harrell I lies buried in the Salt Boilers graveyard by old Smith Lane.

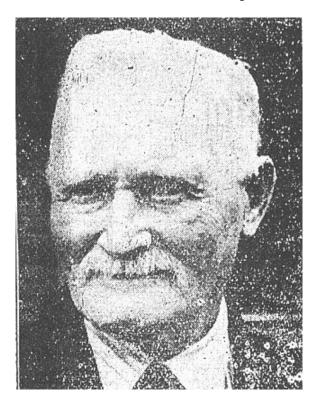


Civil War veterans who served from or are buried in Jackson county



Captain Stephen D. Morgan

He was born February 26, 1843 in Jefferson township to Welsh parents. He served first in Company D of the 76th OVI and later Co. E of the 179th OVI. Fought at Shiloh



William Cummins (1846-1938)

Known as "Uncle Billy". Last Civil War veteran who lived in the city of Jackson. He served in Company C of the 179th OVI. Buried in Fairmount cemetery



Loamma Rigdon (1830-1864) & family

He served in Company E of the 27th OVI. Killed in a skirmish in Decatur, Alabama on March 16, 1864. Buried in the James cemetery. Pictured here with wife Elizabeth (Brown) and son William Rigdon. Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Nathan Brown, a soldier in the Revolutionary War who is buried in Woodson cemetery. Photo and data courtesy of Janet Liptak



Charles C. James (1843-1901)

Served as a Sergeant in Company K of the 36th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Buried in Fairmount cemetery. Son of John D. James and grandson of Major John James

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 October-December period from 1861, 1886 and 1911

150 years ago

From the Jackson Standard, Nov. 14, 1861

Capt. David Dove's Cavalry Company

The following is the Muster Roll of Capt. David Dove's Company of Virginia Mounted Volunteers, now at Camp Bodes, two miles from Parkersburgh, Virginia:

	OFFICERS:			
Captain	David Dove			
1 st Lieutenant	John Walden			
2d Lieutenant	James A Umpleby			
1 st Sergeant	Jasper A Smith			
Qtr. M. Serg't	Wm. H. Burnsides			
Sergeants 1 st	James W Ricker			
do 2d	Samuel S Hawk			
do 3d	George Pugh			
do 4 th	Martin Kramer			
Corporals 1 st	H. H. Marshman			
do 2d	E. McMillan			
do 3d	A. Lauderback			
do 4 th	R. J. Hammons			
do 5 th	Jefferson How			
do 6 th	D. E. F. Jones			
do 7 th	Alonzo Tarr			
do 8 th	H. L. Nickell			
Buglers 1 st	D. W. Cherrington			
do 2d	N. J. Hoover			
Farrier	Paul M Lovejoy			
Saddler	C. W. Branson			
Wagoner	D. W. Cherrington			

PRIVATES:

Akon John	McMillan Murray				
Bartoe David	MÇavy Martin D				
Brunton William	Myers Joseph				
Brooks William	Millhuff Jacob P				
Claar Samuel	Milliken James				
Ellis Pierson V	Poor John W T				
Flowers Andrew J	Poor Gabriel L				
Fullerton Geo. W	Prim Benjamin				
Farrar Daniel S	Polley Addison J				
Faires Cyrenius B	Peppers George				
Garvin William	Patten John				
Goddard Peter	Rickabaugh John H				
Glen Wilhem W	Radcliff John M				
Grossman Alex	Sampson George W				
Garret Albert B Sutherland M. O					
Gard Scott	Spurrier William				
Gardner John J	Smith James H				
Hudricker Gustavo Smith Jonah					
Hopely John	Smith David				

Hull Reuben F	Stewart George A
Helpthenstine JF	Tucker William E
Hale George W	Throckmorton B
Harding Joseph J	Weed Columbus
James John R	Weed Andrew J
Lackey Jugurtha	Weed Charles M
McArven William J	Weed William H
Miller Thomas	Willis Cyrus H
McKeever Thomas	Warman Cornelius
McMillan Andrew	Warman Thomas

The health of the Company is good, and the boys are in good spirits. The Regiment will soon be amply clothed and equipped supplies being daily received. Persons having friends in the Regiment, will for the present, address them at Parkersburgh, Va., 2d Va. Cavalry, in care of the Captain of the Company to which they belong.

PR editor's note: 175 men from Jackson county served in the 2nd (West) Virginia cavalry

Capt. Benjamin Callaghan, of Cross Roads in this county, has one son in the Federal army at Summersville, Virginia, one at Camp Diamond, and one son in the Secession army in Missouri. The Captain says he thinks he has done as much for the war as "any other man".

From the Jackson Standard, Oct. 10, 1861

We spoke some time ago about drunken officers in the army. This vice still prevails to some extent. One of them recently fell out of a third story window at the Swan House in Parkersburgh and broke his arm.

It is a pity they do not all fall out of third story windows and break their worthless necks. The country could well spare them.

Lieut. W.A. Walden of Capt. Dunham's Company arrived here yesterday and will remain this week. He will receive ten more recruits. This Company is in the 36th Regiment, which is now at Camp Piatt, ten miles from Charleston, Va. The Regiment is commanded by Col. George Crook, a military man.

The Regiment will be armed with Enfield rifles. This is one of the best regiments we have seen.

PR editor's note: 179 men from Jackson county served in the 36th regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War

From the Jackson Standard, Nov. 28, 1861

The following is a list of the officers and privates of Capt. Messenger's Company, now in Camp Diamond:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:

Captain	H. C. Messenger
1 st Lieutenant	Calvin D.Brooks
2d do	Francis B. Gilbert

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:

1st Serg	eant	Geo. N. Gray
2d	do	James H. Boyce
3d	do	Samuel N. Misner
4^{th}	do	Patrick H Garrett
5 th	do	Henry Dykes
1 st Cor	ooral	John P
2d	do	Geo G. Liston
3d	do	Abraham R Eicher
4^{th}	do	John Swanson
5 th	do	Geo. Moser
6^{th}	do	Thomas Ragan
7^{th}	do	Wm. E. Blackheart
8^{th}	do	A. C. McNeal
Comm	issary	Foster Lyle

	PRIVATES:					
Obed	Ackley	Samuel Garrett				
John	Ackley	Joseph Gilbreath				
Richard	Allen	Asbury Green				
Jesse	Ankrom	Walter B Hook				
Barnard	Ankrom	John Heskett				
Geo.	Buchanon	J. Hockinghammer				
Charles	Burgess	Thomas Hood				
John	Meade	Samuel Hood				
Hugh	May	James Henson				
David		Wm. W. Johnson				
Wm. P	Mix	Ezekiel H Jarvis				
James	Morrison	Phineas Kinney				
Wm.	McDonald	Phillip Logan				
Patrick	Meade	Stephen Lockhard				
James	Nunley	Sylvanus Lockhard				
Wm.	Oliver	Thomas Lawton				
Joseph	Peters	James McNallis				
	Peterson	Anthony Malone				
Robert	Patterson	John Moser				
Cyrus	Ross	Enoch R Russell				
Isaac	Roberts	Ami W. Swanson				
Abrahan	n Rankin	John Shoultz				
David	Randalls	Hugh Swaney				
Thomas	Butcher	John Sinclair				
Allen	Bowler	Abraham Scott				
	Barbee	Hagan E Soule				
Joseph	Brewster	Smith Stephenson				
Thomas	Butler	Patrick Traner				
James R	Cooke	Charles Thomson				
John C	•	Wm. B. Ulz				
Jackson		John Wilson				
Jacob	Funk	Alex. Walker				

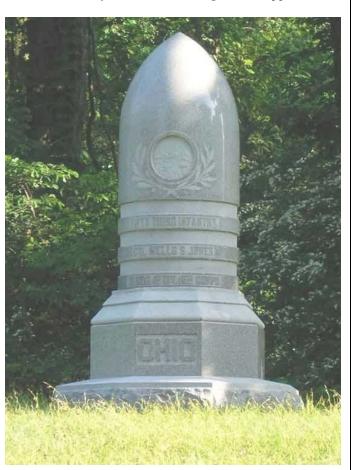
John V. Farber Gary Welker William Tolbert Henry Zimmerman

It is well known that Capt. Messenger's Company was made up the quickest of any on the ground, and of a very fine set of men—from the popularity and public confidence in community. If any young men would like to enlist with a fine set of fellows, good officers and good usage, here is a chance for 17 more good men, as the Capt. would be glad to fill up his Company to the maximum allowable by law.

PR editor's note: These men (with more to follow) formed Company D of the 53rd OVI. Quite a few of these soldiers died during the war, including Captain Henry Messenger. A large monument honoring him is located on the left at the top of the hill as you drive into Fairmount cemetery in Jackson.

Camp Diamond, where the 53rd OVI trained and were encamped from September 1861 until February 1862 when they left by train for the battlefields, was located at the old Diamond Furnace, which sat about 1/4 mile west of High Street on West Main Street near Givens Run (a tributary of Salt Creek) in Jackson.

Nearly 30% of the soldiers in the 53rd OVI did not survive the war and another 20% were wounded, many severely. Below is a photo of the monument honoring the 53rd OVI on the grounds of the Vicksburg National Military Park in Vicksburg, Mississippi.



125 years ago From the Jackson Journal, Oct. 20, 1886

STEPHEN M. TRIPP

The Republican candidate for County Commissioner was born May 28th, 1836, in this county where he has ever since resided. He is a son of Wm. A. and Nancy A. Tripp. He was reared on a farm and had the limited education that a farm life in the earlier days afforded, but by application and industry he has acquired an excellent business education. He is one of Jackson County's solid and practical farmers, and he is honored and respected by all who know him. He was a brave soldier during the war, doing his duty without flinching. He was elected Commissioner of Jackson County in 1883, and his first term of office is just approaching its close. He has filled the office of Commissioner with distinguished ability. He has ever been watchful of the county's interests, and has not allowed anything to swerve him from the plain path of his duty as a public official.

JOSEPH HALE

Is the Republican candidate for Infirmary Director. He was born in Gallia County on the 23rd day of June, 1837. He is the eldest son of Robert and Mary Hale. He belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Jackson County, his great grandfather having settled in this county in the year 1800, being one of the first settlers of the county. Mr. Hale has always been a farmer. He has served one term as Infirmary Director and is now a candidate for re-election. Mr. Hale has made a competent Infirmary Director, and the fidelity and zeal that has distinguished his official career should win him the support of every thoughtful, intelligent voter in the county.

From the Jackson Journal, Nov. 17, 1886

A SAD ACCIDENT! An infant burned to death

The dwelling occupied by Mr. Vorus Stevison, his wife and six children, about 1½ miles north of town near the Brown school house, was burned to the ground about noon on last Wednesday. An infant about 4 weeks old, that was the sole living occupant of the house at the time, was consumed in the flames. Mrs. Stevison, the mother of the infant, had gone out in the fields to dig some turnips, leaving the child on the bed near the fire.

Before leaving the house, Mrs. Stevison replenished the wood fire that was glowing in the fire place. It was probably a spark from this that set the

bed clothing on fire, and from that the flames to the building. When Mrs. Stevison, upon returning to the house, entered the room where she had left her baby, she found it all on fire. Every effort to save the infant was unavailing, and it had to be abandoned in the flames. The house with all its contents were totally consumed.

From the Jackson Journal, Dec. 23, 1886

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LimerickGeorge W. Cole
SavagevilleJohn W. Wills
SwiftsvilleFrank W. Plummer
Long BranchAlvin L. McComb
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Yours pedagogically, H. V. Speelman

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From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Oct. 11, 1911

DESCENDANTS OF A VERMONT COLONEL OF THE REVOLUTION LIVE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Mrs. Mahala Green Visits Jackson For The first Time In About Forty Years To Spend A Few Days With Her Granddaughter

Mrs. Mahala Greene of Lee returned home last Wednesday after a visit with her grand daughter Mrs. Carp Stevenson of this city who is a daughter of George H Greene. This was the first visit of Mrs. Greene to the county seat in about forty years. She is now eighty-four years old.

She is the widow of Christopher Greene who was a grandson of Colonel Christopher of the Vermont Line in the War of the Revolution and was also collaterally related to General Nathaniel Greene.

Mrs. Rees Lewis of Jackson township is her daughter.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Oct. 18, 1911

ANOTHER PETER WILLIAMS BIBLE

Dr J. B. Griffith has brought in an old Peter Williams Bible which has been in the possession of the Griffith family for ninety six years and possibly longer, for there appears upon the inside of the cover this statement "Samuel Griffiths his Bible April 9, 1815 Old Stile".

The first leaves are missing but the title page of the New Testament show that it was printed at Caermarthen in South Wales in 1770. It was printed for the Reverend Peter Williams by Ioan Ross.

The Peter Williams Bible was one of the first printed for the use of the Welsh that contained references, explanatory notes and maps, and every Welsh family of the nonconformist churches who could spare the means bought a copy. In the early days of the past century one of these Bibles was the principal possession of many a family, and the only book in the homes of hundreds of people.

At the close of the New Testament there appears a metrical translation of the Psalms from the pen of Edmund Prys whose object was to adapt them for singing in churches.

This old copy contains a number of notes of births in the Griffiths family, together with some other matters of family interest. Among them are notices of the births of Thomas, Margaret and Ana Griffith, in 1834, 1837 and 1842 respectively.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Sept. 20, 1911

A Jackson Man Calls Attention To A Neglected Graveyard

Editor Standard Journal: On my way home from the basket meeting at Brunton's grove I stopped and took a look through the old McDowell's Run graveyard and was surprised to see that there is no care being taken of it.

A few years ago part of the graveyard was vacated so that a street might be opened out. The graves in the vacated plat were opened and the bodies or what was left of them were transferred to Fairmount cemetery. The rest of the graveyard was left unfenced and has been since then neglected until now it is becoming a thicket of brush and weeds, and seems to be a dumping ground for a lot of garbage. *PR editor's note: this is the Bunn cemetery*

This is a disgrace to the town of Jackson and ought to be looked after, for many of the pioneers of our town are buried there, and their last resting place should be held sacred and well cared for by the present and the coming generations.

I don't know whether the duty of caring for it belongs to the township or the city, but whichever it is ought to get busy and thoroughly clean up the burial place and then put up a neat fence around it.

S E Brookins

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Nov. 15, 1911

In Memory of Hancy Matilda Jenks

Hancy Matilda Jenks was born March 31, 1816, near Three Rivers, Massachusetts. Her father, Samuel Burt, came to Massachusetts from New Hampshire, and married Rebecca Perry. To them were born three sons, John, Hamilton and Samuel, and four daughters, Hancy, Rebecca, Samantha and Mandana. In 1816 Samuel Burt migrated with his family to Jackson county, Ohio, bought a farm about a mile east of Wellston and on that farm erected and operated a water mill, known as the "Old Burt Mill", one of the earliest mills in the county.

At this pioneer home Hancy lived through childhood, and on November 14, 1833 married Shepard Jenks. Mr. Jenks a few years later purchased the "Old Burt Mill" which he operated until 1853 when he moved his family to the western part of Jackson county. Here in partnership with Daniel Perry he bought the Cassidy Steam Mill at Leo, Ohio. After running it for a number of years he sold to his partner and near the mill purchased a farm where he lived until his death July 2, 1874.

To Hancy and Shepard Jenks were born ten children, Alfred, Wesley, Martha, Susan, Alvira, Stillman, Mary, Ximenia, Truman and Grant, of whom four survive, Truman Jenks, Vigo, Ohio, Mrs. Martha Smith, Boulder, Col., Mrs. Mary Ervin, Vigo, Ohio, and Mrs. Ximenia Starr, Austin, Ohio.

While still a girl the subject of this sketch united with the Methodist Episcopal church at a camp meeting near Hamden, Ohio, and throughout the remainder of her life she lived a consistent and devoted member of that denomination.

After the death of her husband she made her home with her children. After years of failing strength due to the advance of extreme old age, she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Ervin, ten minutes before two o'çlock Thursday afternoon, November 2, 1911, aged 95 years, 7 months 1 day.

Besides her four surviving children, she left to mourn her death nineteen grand children and a host of friends. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church, Vigo, Ohio, Rev H K Wilson officiating, assisted by Rev Wiseman. Interment was in the Bundy cemetery, one mile north of Wellston, Ohio, near her childhood home.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Dec. 27, 1911

In Memory of William Brice Rice

William Brice Rice, the oldest son of James and Elizabeth Rice, was born in Monroe county, West Virginia Dec 6, 1819 and was a little less than one year old when his parents moved to Jackson county, Ohio, settling in the woods on the land entered from the government. This oldest son grew up sturdy and strong, as one of the pioneers.

At or near the age of 21 he was married to Sarah Ann Lucas, October 15, 1840. To this union were born 8 children Susanna, Robert E, James A, William L, Richard, Mary E, Benjamin F and Cynthia J. Susanna, the oldest was married to Walter McGhee. She died in the year 1908; James A died 1858; Mary E died 1871; B. F. died 1907; Cynthia died 1892. Five are dead, three living.

His first wife died April 5, 1891. He was married the second time to Mrs. Emily Plummer Oct 10, 1896. He united with the New Light, now Christian church, shortly after his marriage, making a service of over 71 years with this church.

He was a man of strong constitution, and having lived over four score and twelve years—far beyond the time allotted to man, without any pain he gradually grew weaker and weaker, until the morning of Dec 6, 1911 he passed out into the Great Beyond, and in his last hours he expressed his confidence in his Redeemer.

He leaves his aged wife, 3 sons, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, with a great many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was 92 years and 10 days old.

From the Jackson Standard-Journal, Nov. 8, 1911

William Rowe Hurst, M. D.

Wilson Rowe Hurst, son of Nelson and Sallie (Payne) Hurst, was born in Ross county, Ohio, December 23, 1837, and passed to the land of the everliving from the Protestant Hospital, Columbus, October 24, 1911, in the 74th year of his age.

The Hurst family in the days before the Revolution were freeholders in the colony of Maryland and in the year 1800 Levi Hurst, grandfather of the subject of this memoir emigrated from the state of Maryland and in 1805 settled on land in Ross county, Ohio, which is still held by his descendants. In 1810, Levi Hurst built the first brick house in Chillicothe.

The Payne family were emigrants from Massachusetts, pre-empting land on which the city of Wellston now stands. Douglas Payne, son of David Payne, was the grandfather of Rev. A.P. Cherrington. Three daughters were born to David Payne, one of whom married Hon. H.S. Bundy and became the mother of Mrs. Harvey Wells and Mrs. Joseph B. Foraker. Another daughter married Jacob Hawk, while the third, as has been noted, became the wife of Nelson Hurst and mother of David L, Caroline, Wilson R., Joseph, Amanda, Douglas Trimble and Charles Bundy Hurst, all of whom with the exception of the elder sister survive to mourn the loss of a brother.

Wilson R. Hurst was graduated from Western Reserve University, medical department in the class of 1862. He earned the money which paid his way through college by teaching school in Ross and Pickaway counties. Immediately following his graduation he entered the service of our then greatly imperiled government as an assistant surgeon, performing his first duties on the bloody field of Shiloh. In 1863 he began the practice of medicine in Piketon and for nearly half a century his healing ministry was extended far and wide.

He was converted while but a child and for three score years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. A man of strong convictions, he always stoutly stood for what he believed to be right. He was opposed to sham and display. He loved simplicity. He had a mighty passion for music, poetry and art and all the gentle and refining things of life were cultivated by him.

On June 20, 1866, he was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Louisa Ellen Patterson. For more than 45 years these two together journeyed toward the heavenly canaan. Now his pilgrim feet have carried him safe into the heritage of the faithful. Four children were born of this union: Mrs. E.R. Stafford of Jackson, Scott of Columbus, Mrs. H.M. Beatty of Newark, and Louise at home. These with five grandsons, one granddaughter and a great company of other relatives, survive to revere the memory and emulate the virtues of a just man made perfect.

He was a member of the Pike County Medical Society. For more than four years he suffered intensely.

Welcome to new members this quarter

- Betty Albert Ireland Centerville, OH
- Louise White Wilmington, OH
- Bob Lewis Beaver, OH
- Margaret Snider Thornville, OH
- Bill Stokes Lynchburg, VA
- Polly Todd Vermillion, OH

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4th quarter 2011 chapter news

- **DUES REMINDER:** In 2011 we changed to a calendar year system for dues renewal so that everyone's dues come up for renewal on January 1st for this year. If you are a very recent <u>new</u> member who filled out a 2011 membership application and thus should receive all four newsletters for 2011, then your dues for 2012 are due as well. If you have any questions, email Anthony Coyan at acoyan@gmail.com or call me at 740-777-1318. We truly appreciate ALL of our members and hope that you continue with us in 2012 as we have new Jackson county genealogy info to share with you!
- If you did not, for whatever reason receive one or more issues of the 2011 newsletter, please let me know. We did have a problem with a few newsletters being returned to us by the USPS because they got jammed in the USPS sorting machines. Make sure you let us know of any change of address too when they occur!
- Our speakers at the monthly meetings for the quarter were as follows. In December, Rose Walters, the Jackson County Recorder, gave a tour of the Recorder's office in the courthouse showing folks what records are available and how to use them in doing research.

In November, Jim Oiler, Commander of the Cadot-Blessing camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), spoke about the history of the SUVCW and gave some interesting facts about the Civil War.

In October after the business portion of the

meeting, attendees made the short walk from the library to the Lillian Jones museum's Carriage House to do some research.



Rose Walters at the Recorder's office in the courthouse

- Our chapter has purchased two rolls of microfilm of the old *Hamden Enterprise* newspapers covering the years 1880-1883, 1886, and 1898-1902. These will be available soon at the microfilm reader in the Jackson city library for use by researchers.
- Larry Patrick, our JOCGS website administrator, is working on setting up the "members only" area of our website. It should be up and running in the first quarter of 2012. Initially, we will have recent backissues of our newsletter, chapter meeting minutes, newspaper clippings from the 1922 and 1924 Jackson *Standard-Journal* newspapers (which have never been available on microfilm), and thousands of pages of family history files that we are in the process of digitizing. There will be much more to come in the "members only" area as data is compiled
- We are fortunate to have been loaned two rolls of microfilm of the early land and chattel tax lists for Jackson county from 1819-1838 for all years. We have completed extracting the info for the years 1819-1825 and will making these available both in printed form as well as on CD very soon. The years 1826-1838 will follow as time permits us to compile these important genealogy records.
- It was hoped that the First Families of Jackson County organization would be launched in the 4th quarter but that effort was temporarily put on hold when we came into possession of the early tax lists on microfilm. Our goal now is a mid-1st quarter 2012 launch of the First Families for folks to begin completing applications for submittal and review. You must be a direct descendant of a pioneer settler who can be shown to have resided in Jackson county at some point from it's formation in 1816 through December 31, 1830 in order to qualify for admission
- At the end of 2011, the JCOGS general fund balance was \$6226.81. The James Cemetery fund balance

was \$1977.94. The good news is that over \$500 from CD and calendar sales is being transferred into the cemetery fund so that the actual balance is at \$2542.10 as this issue goes to press on January 15th. Our hope is to order another 100 feet of fencing (\$3000 cost) to continue installation in April down the east side of the cemetery towards Triumph Street. Below is a photo of the east side fencing (on the left) as it looks currently:



If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the James Cemetery fund, you can be assured that 100% of your donation will go towards purchasing much-needed materials for the restoration project. All work is being done by volunteers. Our goal is to have the cemetery restored, to the extent possible, and totally enclosed with fence by the county's bicentennial in 2016.

- The copy machine we have used for nearly 15 years has been a dependable workhorse for us, but it has limitations. For one, it is not a color copier. Thus, we have passed a motion to purchase a new color copier and starting with the spring 2012 issue of the newsletter, members who have it mailed to their home should see an improvement in the quality of it
- HOWEVER, we are encouraging our members currently being mailed the newsletter to consider having it sent to you via email in Adobe PDF format, IF you have an email address. Some advantages are that the electronic version is completely word-searchable if you want to instantly find a specific surname, etc. **Second**, the photo quality is much clearer and crisper. You can even use the "zoom" function in Adobe Reader to magnify a photo for greater detail or easier reading of text. Third, having it emailed to you saves our chapter money. It costs us about \$1 per issue to print and mail out a newsletter. This amounts to hundreds of dollars annually and it is money we could be using on worthwhile local genealogy projects such as installing street signs in Fairmount Cemetery or acquiring genealogy-related books and microfilm. **Fourth**, the emailed version is easily printable on your computer printer if you want a paper copy, so you can have BOTH the digital and paper versions! **Fifth**, the email version saves an ever-diminishing natural resource. Our trees! So please consider it.
- JCOGS 2012 membership cards will not be sent unless you need one for some reason. If you would

like one, please send a SASE and we'll mail one to you.



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We would kindly request that members et al receiving the email version of our newsletter to <u>PLEASE</u> refrain from forwarding it to friends/family. It deprives us of new members and much-needed revenue to fund local genealogy projects. Thanks for your consideration!

Coalton school teachers

These photos were taken ca. 1900. Extracted from <u>The History of Coalton and Coal Township</u> which we offer as a publication both in print copy as well as on CD in word-searchable Adobe PDF format. The names in the pictures are from left to right, NOT right to left as is stated below each photo



Back Row — Right to left: Miss Myrta Brohard, Miss Corna Hutchison, Miss Hannah Lloyd, Miss Gertrude Fisher.

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Back Row - Right to left: Miss Bessie Williams, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Mr. O. T..

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