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An important reminder! If you have not yet renewed your dues for 2012, you are receiving this issue as a courtesy of the JCOGS because we value you as a member and don't want to lose you. But because of time involved in emailing, postal mailing, printing and mailing costs, etc, please be advised that this will be your last issue if we don't hear from you! We hope that everyone, including current and 2011 members, enjoys this issue of *Poplar Row*.

Better late than never – I hope

I truly apologize for being late with our first quarter 2012 newsletter. I received several emails from our members inquiring about it and even got a couple of threats of bodily harm - just kidding! I appreciate your patience and my goal is to have the 2nd quarter issue out around mid-July.

I've decided to change the format of the newsletter this quarter in order to share part of a fascinating group of genealogy material that was donated to our chapter in February by Sigrid Sample Piroch of Foxburg, PA. She had grandparents who grew up in the Wellston area in the late 1800's/early 1900's and inherited some great old photos and a very rare copy of a "Special Industrial Edition" of a *Wellston Telegram* newspaper issued in January 1895.

This 24-page, large format *Telegram* issue, as you will see, is not your typical newspaper. It was heavily biographical in nature and included well over 100 real photos of area citizens and scenes, printed on heavy-bond, high-quality paper.

Included in this issue of *Poplar Row* is perhaps 1/8 of the contents of the newspaper. A couple of the articles had to be shortened, and thus are incomplete, because of the way the columns were laid out.

I am working on trying to have the entire newspaper (approximately 14" x x22") digitized in order to make it available to interested folks not only on CD but perhaps on high-quality paper stock as well.

I am undecided at this point whether to make the next newsletter a continuation of some of the contents of the newspaper or to go back entirely to the format of preceding newsletters that include the "Pioneer Recollections" and "Looking Back in the Past" features. Or perhaps include a combination of both. In other words, I'm seeking your input. What would you prefer to see? Please email me and let me know!

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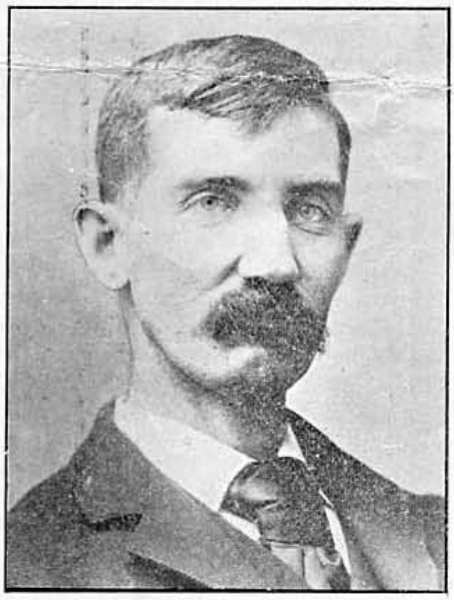

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Hugh Barnhill.

Wellston would not feel complete, in a business way, politically, socially, or otherwise, if plain, matter-of-fact Hugh Barnhill were to move to other fields (which he has no idea of doing). Mr. Barnhill has been identified with the city and her best interests for about eleven years now, does a prosperous business in the book and stationary line among a people who all know and like him, is possessed of a charming wife and a trio of promising children, and there is nothing to lure him to other fields.

He was born in Washington township, this county, September 8, 1860. The country schools, and a course at Lebanon, together with an experience as schoolmaster, have given him a good education. He is intimately associated with the Wellston Building & Loan Association, as Director, and is a leading spirit in Masonic circles.

In 1892, he was chosen as Chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee. From then until the present he has served in that capacity, and he may well feel a pride in the showing made by his lieutenants during his three campaigns.

Elmer E. Smith.

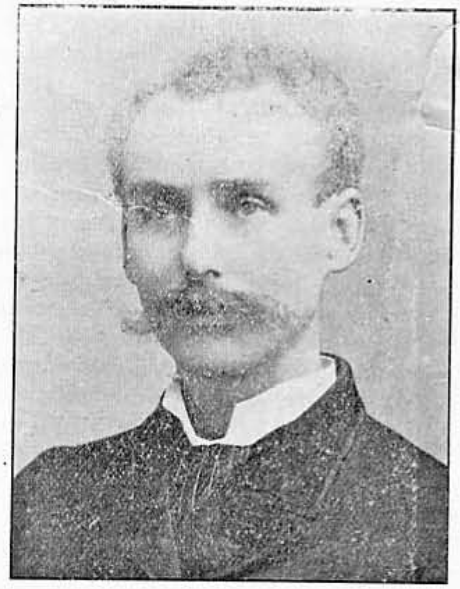
The subject of this sketch was born at Wales P. O., in Greenfield township, Gallia county, Ohio, just 30 years ago. Mr. Smith's father was of English descent, born in this county, and has lived in Gallia county for 40 years. His mother was born in Ireland.

E. E. Smith spent two winters at Rio Grande college, and afterward took advantage of a thorough commercial and business course at the Lebanon college. In 1886 he made his first attempt in the business world, coming to Jackson and clerking for Montgomery & Smith.

He came to Wellston in February, 1892, and installed himself in the dry goods business of F. A. Carraci & Co., in the new Bank block. The business was heralded as a branch house of C. A. Smith & Bro., of Gallipolis A year later Mr. Smith disposed of his interest in the Gallipolis concern, and this left him with the store here in Wellston all his own. It still continues so.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Gray, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Gray, of Jackson, in January, 1891. Their union has been blessed with two children.

Mr. Smith is what might be termed



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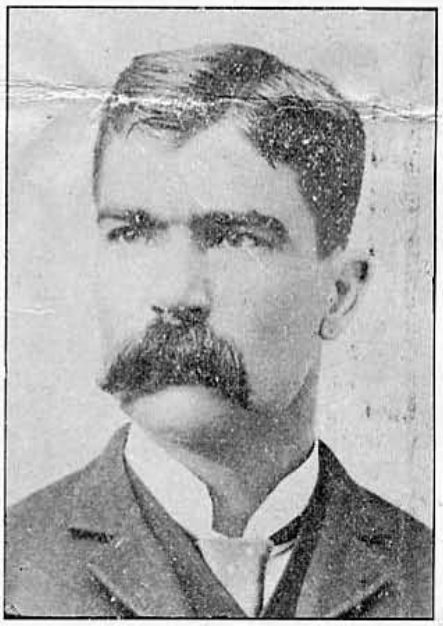
a strict home man. He is a member of the Methodist church, is one of its supporters, is a member of the Royal Arcanum and K. of P. Lodges, and is known by all as a christian gentleman. He is as well known as any man in this city, and he has built up a trade here of which he may well feel proud.



James J. Bennett.

Herewith is presented an admirable likeness of a man known to many people, and only well known to be highly esteemed. A man who, by the possession of that article known as "horse sense," intermingled with a kind word for all, malice toward none, has gained for himself a place in the hearts of his neighbors of which he is justly proud.

Mr. Bennett's first glimpse of this world o' woe was at Keystone Furnace, this county, May 9, 1859. His education was received at the common schools, supplemented with three terms at Rio Grande College. He began the profession of teaching at seventeen and continued to wield the rod of learning until elected Recorder of this county, in Oct., 1885, by a plurality of 927. He was re elected Nov., 1888, by the increased plurality of 1136.

At present Mr. Bennett is engaged in the real estate business, in this city, a venture into which field he made two years ago. His office is located in the building with that of Hon. H. S. Bundy, and he is doing a large and lucrative business.

Mr. J. J. Bennett is, without a doubt, one of the most popular men in Jackson County, and the man who has no enemies must, of necessity, be all that a man should be.

From the *Wellston Telegram* "Special Industrial Edition", January 1895, pg. 5. Photo taken looking west on Broadway Street. Pennsylvania Avenue passes in the foreground

Photograph by Pelbank.

Broadway.

A city's streets, avenues and thoroughfares are large guides as to its progress. True, Wellston, because of her rapid growth, has paid too little heed to this part of her appearance. Still her Ohio and Pennsylvania Avenues, Second street and Broadway are well kept. On them the major portion of business is done, the more prominent buildings are found. Pennsylvania avenue has the fine residences of H. S. Willard, D. J. Harry, Theo. Fluhart, Mrs. Mary Austin, J. C. H. Cobb, A. B. Leach, J. H. Sellers, Dr. E. B. Jones, Dr. J. O. Hawkins, Dr. J. B. Spencer, Mrs. Rachel Sylvester, Jasper Dempsey, C. M. Richards, J. M. Patridge, Peter Gallagher and John Forester. The cut here presented shows a part of Broadway. In the foreground stands the office and press rooms of THE TELEGRAM. In order are seen the law office of Hon. H. S. Bundy, Marsh Bros. Bakery, L. H. Bingham's grocery, the new Wehrenberg block, Broadway Hotel and the International Hotel. Opposite these appear the First National Bank, The Union Railroad House, and the mammoth store of the Wellston Coal Company. Beyond these, built up solidly westward, are many fine residences, as well as humble homes. They are centralized by the west school building, a cut of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Picturesque Pilgy's Knob lies at Broadway's western limit. Among the residences worthy of mention are those of D. L Williams, W. R. Delay, Leonard Stephenson, Mrs. McCartney, Joe. Gooding, W. B. Drake, Mrs. Nora Campbell, T. J. Morgan, Fred Cook, J.W. Wallace and W. B. Cherrington.

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First Baptist Church.

Almost from the beginning of Wellston's history, Baptist interest has had a foothold here. For a time it was a very feeble band that struggled on, but perseverance won better things now being seen. The earliest services were held in the old G. A. R. hall on what is now Ohio Avenue, then known as Liston street. In this hall, on Feb. 28, 1886, the church was regularly organized under the name of The First Baptist Church of Wellston. Rev. W. D. Hendrickson, who had preached in the hall as a missionary, for several years was the organizer of the church and its first pastor. The total membership was only seven. Shortly after the formal organization was effected, the place of meeting was changed to the Thompson hall on Second street. Here it was that Rev. Mr. Hendrickson resigned his pastorate Oct. 10, 1886, on account of ill health. With only the Bible school kept up, and this in the new Presbyterian church building, no other pastoral work was had until 1888. In the Autumn of that year, Rev. J. E. Thomas came upon the field to revive the waning interests. A small hall on B street was secured, and regular services again resumed in January, 1889. Mr. Thomas was the pastor giving the church one-fourth time services for a year with no compensation. To him is due great credit, for the work done by him has resulted in the present healthy church. Rev. S. S. Denny, who was the next pastor, served the church for over two years. Mr. J. W. Roberts was pastoral supply during the summer of 1892, it being his vacation from college duties at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. Rev. A. E. Relyea was pastor from Dec. 1, 1892, to Aug. 1, 1893. During this time the lot on which the new stone church building is being erected, was purchased. After Mr. Relyea's departure, only occasional preaching services were held until Jan. 1, 1894, when the hall in the Scott block was taken. There revival services were held in January and February by Rev. Charles L. Collins, who became the church's pastor, April 1, 1894. Plans for a new building were almost immediately entered upon, which are to be consummated in the substantial stone structure now being erected on Pennsylvania avenue. This, when completed, will have cost about $12,000, and will be one of the most admirable churches in the state. It has basement rooms for Bible school and social purposes, an auditorium and lecture room capable of seating about 500 people. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy, the coming Spring. Present membership of the church is 87.

Photograph by Townsend.

CHARLES L. COLLINS.

The present pastor, Charles L. Collins, is a native Ohioan, his birth place being at Richfield, Summit county. His preparation for the ministry was had at Denison University, at Granville, Ohio. Cuts of the church and pastor appear herewith.

Porter McMillen

Is one of Wellston's most deserving younger men, thoroughgoing, enterprising, persistent in all he attemps. A trusty friend, and esteemed employe, a capable business man, his worth is patent to all. Mr. McMillen was born in Washington Township, this county, Dec. 31, 1862. His parents were thrifty farmers, and seemed to have planned a life in agricultural pursuits for him He was given about five months of school each year, in the country district schools. At 19 years of age, he began teaching, continuing in this difficult occupation but a short time. Reverting, then, to book-keeping he has followed this work ever since. There were first one and one-half years with The Fluhart Coal and Mining Company, five years with the Wellston Furnace Company, and one and one-half years with the Wellston Coal Company. The last named company still retain his valued service, and would not willingly release him.

Mr. McMillen has had some connection (although it has been slight) with political life. He made a winning race for mayor of this city, but kept the office only ten days, prefering the lucrative employment of private life to the honors of public life. A candidate for the honors of State Representative, he was defeated. After all, it is in private life that his best qualities are to be seen and his best successes won.

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Patridge & Ray, Jewelers.

Among the most enterprising firms of the county is that of PATRIDGE & RAY, Jewelers, of this city. From the humblest beginning twelve years ago, when the senior member of the present firm began the business alone, it has attained metropolitan extent. It is known as one of the solid financial concerns of the county. Its methods of dealing, always square and fair, have now the admiration of all concerned—even competitors giving them due meed of praise.

The personnel of the firm is familiar. The senior partner, John Marshal Patridge was born in Milton township, this county, in the year 1862. His parents were James W. and Carilla Patridge. They gave the son the advantages of the public schools, reared him under the influences of rugged farming life, and sent him forth thus strengthened in mental and physical fibre, to battle with the world. Choosing the jewelry business, he at once embarked therein.

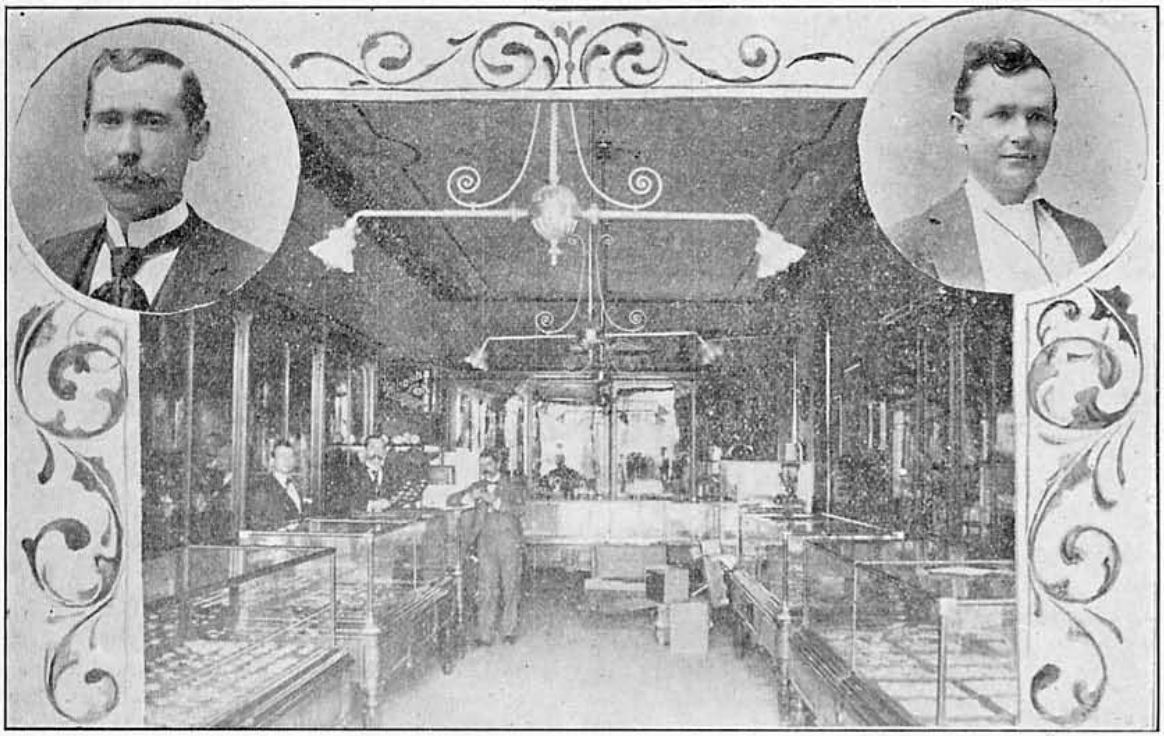
Charles D. Ray was born at Hamden, Vinton county, 1869. After a boyhood spent at home, with the usual school training, he worked several years at a jewelry repairing bench. Going thence he pursued a thorough course in the Parsons Horological Institute, Peoria, Illinois, graduating in 1892. This school is the oldest and, as generally conceded, the best of its kind in the United States. Mr. Ray is justly proud of the education received there.

The business, from which has grown the present success, was begun November 11, 1882. It then occupied a frame building which stood on the site of the present postoffice block. The firm name was "J. M. Patridge, Jeweler." June 6, 1883, an interest in the business was purchased by J. O. Patridge, brother of the founder of the house, and the style of the firm became "Patridge & Brother." For six years, or until July 15, 1889, this partnership continued, when Mr. Ray purchased the interest held by J. O. Patridge. Under the firm name of "Patridge & Ray," the business has continued to the present, increasing in magnitude year by year.

In 1892 the erection of the Union Block, at the corner of Ohio Avenue and Second street, was begun. At its completion, the business was transferred to the elegant room planned especially for it, in this block. The date of the removal was February 27, 1893. The beauty of the room, the magnificence of the stock displayed, and the faces of the partners are finelly portrayed in the cut which accompanies this article.

Diamonds, precious stones, watches, clocks, silverware, optical goods, and all the countless things that go to make up a first-class jewelry establishment are always displayed in profusion. For several years, also, the firm has dealt in musical instruments, pianos and organs, in which line they have built up quite a trade. They sell the Clough & Warren organ which has no superior in America or Europe. Their pianos are the renowned EVERETT, which have captured all contests in which they were ever placed.

Throughout the firm's history, they have never tired in the race for success, and an established business which has more than kept pace with the growth of the city is the splendid result.



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J. M. Patridge. Interior of Business Room. Chas. D. Ray.

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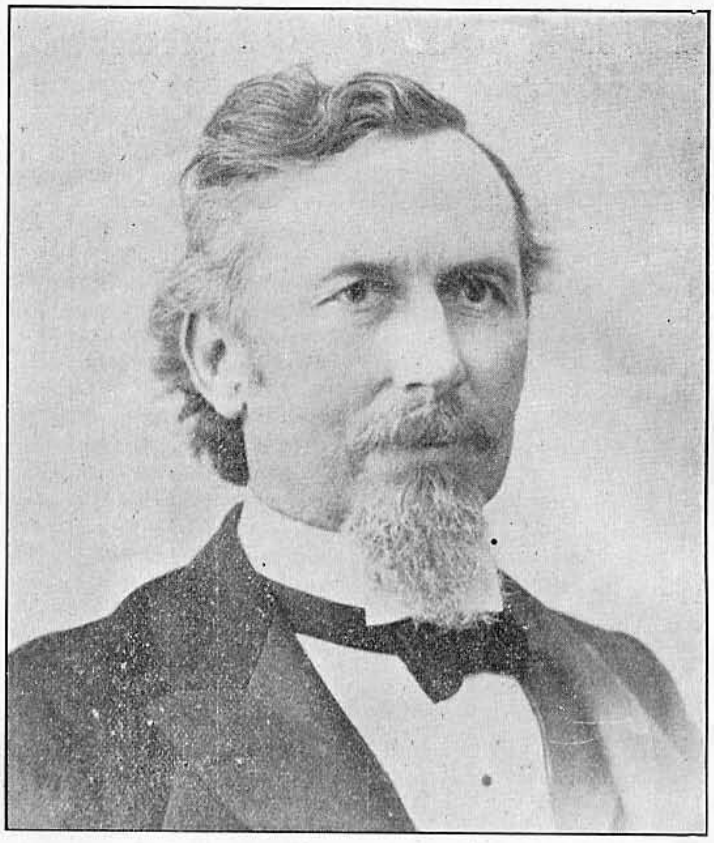

Hon. M. T. Vanpelt,

Representative from Jackson county, was born on a farm, and primarily educated in district schools. His ancestors were quakers, from whence he derives that sincerity of manner which is characteristic of the sect. At the commencement of hostilities, Mr. Vanpelt was but fourteen years of age. He, however, determined to join the army, but his father opposing him because of his extreme youth, he ran away and enlisted with Capt. M. Buck, Company H, 1st Ohio Cavalry, which was organized at Hillsboro in 1861, and with which our subject served until 1865, over four years, having veteranized with other members of the company. We present a picture of young Vanpelt taken in winter of '62 and '63 at Chattanooga, Tenn., and after he had seen considerable service, having already passed through some battles. It is from an old daguerreotype, and will bring to the minds of many a mother how her own boy looked in his regimentals; and perhaps it may bring a tear, too, for the many brave lads who never returned. Mr. Vanpelt has been a great sufferer from the physical disabilities, the result of the hardships endured through his long service. At his discharge, being still under age, he was entitled with other young soldiers, to a free course in the Ohio University. He attended three terms afterward going to the Northwestern University at Indianapolis, Ind. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar at Jackson, Ohio. He afterwards removed to Wellston, where he formed a law partnership in 1885 with Hon. H. S. Bundy, father-in-law of ex-Governor Foraker. Mr. Vanpelt served two years as city solicitor, or, until at his own request, the council repealed the law creating the office. He commands an exclusive practice in his profession. In 1893 Mr. Vanpelt was elected to the Seventy-first General Assembly. He is a man of the people, and one whose future political promotion is assured.

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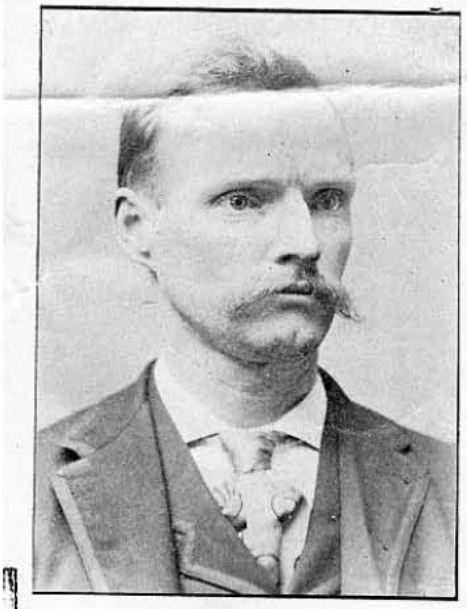

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E. E. Donaldson.

To the citizens of Wellston it is wholly unnecessary to say that scarcely a more deserving business man than Mr. Donaldson lives within our borders. He was born Sept. 23, 1862, at Logan, O. His father, Gilbert Donaldson, was a farmer and the son remained upon the farm until he was 25 years of age. In his ninth year his mother died, and when but 18 the father also passed beyond. For seven years after this Mr. Donaldson had charge of the farm. Later, he held in succession, clerkship at New Straitsville, Bessie Furnace, and New Straitsville again. August 10, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Sallie Carrick. After a year's farming and several years clerking at Nelsonville, removal to Wellston was had, and Mr. Donaldson began the hardware business which has grown to its present large extent. R. F. Goddard is his efficient clerk. A speciality is made of all builders' supplies. Only the highest grades of goods are handled, and the increasing trade of the house shows the wisdom of this plan. Mr. Donaldson is a member of the M. E. church, and a prominent Mason. He is secretary of the local Masonic lodge.

From the *Wellston Telegram* "Special Industrial Edition", January 1895, page 12. The right margin is slightly cut off because the page was too large to be scanned by your editor. This newspaper measures 14" x 22"

First National Bank.

A town is often judged, among other things, by its bank or banks, and if the city whose prospects seem brightest and best (Wellston) can be judged always by its bank, the city is sure of a lofty estimate. In the First National Bank, Wellston has an institution which ranks highest among moneyed interests of the county. It stands well among all in the state. Its surplus is larger than any other Jackson county bank. Its place of business is admirable in every appointment and facility.

The story of the Bank is full of interest and runs as follows: J. H. Sellers, now the efficient Cashier of the Bank, began a private bank here in 1886, and so continued for five months. The start was made in an apartment of the old Bundy House. Merging the private institution into a National Bank, October, 1886, quarters were taken up in the 3-story brick (afterward burned) which occupied the site of the present Bank building. This structure, though not built for banking purpose was transformed so as to serve the purpose admirably. Partitions and vaults were put in, and a complete banking house was made. This building was occupied Dec. 1, 1887. Fire wiped out the structure March 3, 1891. Then the Milton office, and the Clutts building now occupied by a notion store were used until the completion of the Bank's own building Nov. 10, 1891.

The present banking home is a pleasant, roomy structure, of admirable capacity, well furnitured, lighted, ventilated and heated. In winter a hot water system furnishes proper as well as ample heat. Ample safety deposit boxes are furnished the patrons of the bank. The interior of the counting room is shown in our cut, as well as the officers of the bank. The building's exterior is presented in our "Broadway." E. E. Smith & Co. occupy elegant store rooms, and the Knights of Pythias have their Castle Hall in the second story.

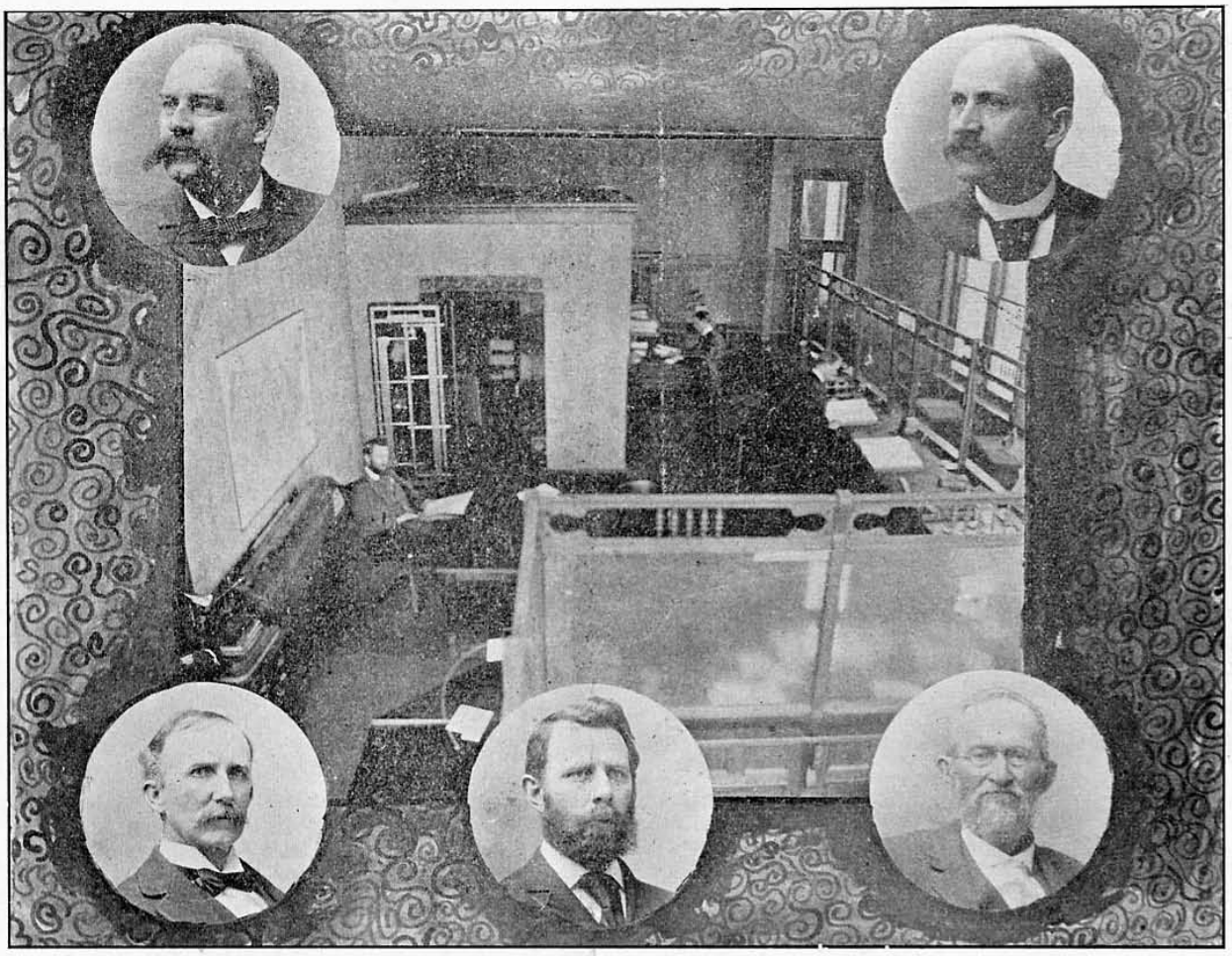
The Bank's personnel includes the following gentlemen: H. S. Willard, Pres't, whose portrait is in the upper left hand corner of the cut, began business here when the place was known as Milton P. O. He is largely interested in coal and coal-lands here and elsewhere, and is Sec'y and Treas. of the Superior Coal Co. He is a man of large business experience.

R. W. Goddard, Vice Pres't, was also an early resident of the place, formerly a prosperous merchant here, and now Sec'y and Treas. of the Wellston Foundry Co. His likeness is shown at the upper right hand corner of the cut.

John S. McGhee was one of four to own the farm lands where Wellston now stands and so ranks with the oldest settlers.

T. J. Morgan, another Director, has long been identified with the coal interests of the county, and is now General Manager of the Wellston and Milton Coal Companies.

The Cashier, J. H. Sellers banking at his early home, G Ohio, and has been a resident ton for nine years. He is a of Denison University, Class a thoroughly competent busi Mr. Geo. C. Sellers, as boo and James Gooding, as M complete the office force.



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H. S. WILLARD T. J. MORGAN. J. H. SELLERS. R. W. GODDARD. JNO. S M'GHEE

Below is given the last st the First National Bank of showing the Bank's conditi close of business December 1

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	
Premium on U. S. bonds	
Banking-house, furniture & fixtu	
Other real estate & mortgages own	
Due from Banks	
" " Reserve Agents	
CASH—Bank Notes	$2,50
Nickels and Cents	108
Specie	7,700
Legal Tender	5,200
Redemption Fund	
Total	
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	
Surplus and Undivided Profits	
National Bank notes outstanding	
Due to Banks	$5,254
Individual Deposits	149,669
Total	

Photograph by Pelhank.

H. S. Rupp, Jeweler.

The jewelry house of H. S. Rupp is a favorite one with lovers of the finest goods made in the several lines usually offered to patrons of such establishments. Located in an unpretentious building, Mr. Rupp yet carries one of the largest and best stocks of fine jeweler's sundries one can find anywhere. For over thirty years he has been in the business which has now become part and parcel of his life. He was born in Gettysburg, Penn., April 13, 1844. His parents, Michael and Nancy Rupp, were natives of New England, and possessed all the thrift of early residents of that section of our country. At seventeen years of age, the son went to Pittsburg, remaining there seven years and learning the jewelry trade with J. W. Roberts. Then moving to Piqua, this state, he entered a partnership with one of his cousins which relationship continued several years. Going thence to Cambridge City, Ind., he engaged in a business with C. M. Baily continuing until 1882, when he came to Wellston. Almost in the beginning of the business of J. M. Patridge, he was associated with him. Two years were next spent in business for himself, in the frame building opposite the Post Office on Ohio avenue. About three years ago, Mr. Rupp took his present location on Second street where he expects to remain.

With him his son, Harry P. Rupp, is fast becoming master of the trade to which he is devoting himself. Harry's nativity was at Cambridge City, Ind., July 15, 1873. Remaining there until 1891, he graduated from the high school with the class of that year. Besides his occupation in the store he is an ardent devotee at music's shrine, and has marked ability. He is leader of the popular local Mandolin and Guitar Club, and gives instruction upon these instruments.

J. B. Nutt & Co.

The senior member of this firm, who are general merchants of this place, is James B. Nutt. Although Ohio is the state of his adoption rather than his birth, he is yet distinctively a representative Jackson Countian. He was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1847, son of James and Margaret Nutt. With his parents he came to Madison township, this county, in 1853. Here, his only schooling, from one to three months each winter, up to his sixteenth year, was had. He was married October 1, 1867, to Miss Emma Jones, and to them eight children were born, seven of whom are still living. In 1870, Mr. Nutt and parents removed to Pike county where they occupied adjoining farms until early in 1873. It was during their brief stay there that both parents passed to the beyond. Returning to Jackson in 1873, Mr. Nutt engaged in undertaking with the firm of H. H. Marshman & Co. for a period of four years. He was also interested in Furnace and Foundry enterprises there until his moving to Wellston in 1884. Here he entered a business in General

Photograph by Pelhank.

J. B. NUTT.

Merchandise with J. G. Vandervort, under the name of J. G. Vandervort & Co., continuing the relation until 1889. The interest of Mr. Vandervort was at that time purchased by Mr. W. H. Pierce, and the firm styled J. B. Nutt & Co., as it has been known ever since. Mr. Pierce's interest was held but one year, however, when Mr. Nutt became sole proprietor of the business. The present partnership, with W. B. Cherington began March 23, 1893, and is a most successful one, the firm being widely known as most reliable in every respect. Their business is among the largest of any house in the county.

Mr. Nutt's first wife died March 19, 1888, the funeral services being the first held in the then new Presbyterian church. His second marriage was to Miss Cornelia Hanna, of Rocky Hill, May 30, 1890.

D. S. Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson was born at Petersburg, Highland county, this state, Oct. 9, 1839. His parents, Judge John Stevenson and Elizabeth Stevenson were Virginians, and he remained with them until 20 years of age. In 1850 he came to this county, and took up his residence at Berlin Cross Roads. There he taught school for about two year, and later managed the Union store of that place. Here he was married to Miss Alice Kinnison, Sept. 13, 1859. She lived only about one year dying in August of the following year. Jan. 1, 1862, he married a second time, this time Mrs. Sarah Taylor, nee Miss Sarah E. Lasley. To this last union four children have been born. During the war of 1861-65, Mr. Stevenon did some noble services although he was refused admission to the ranks of

Photograph by Pelhank.

regular soldiery on account of physical disability resulting from a weak lung. Not to be kept out entirely, however, he organized a company of home guards and did good work with them. He also went with a company of teamsters to Kentucky, where he had charge of the "corral" and "train" until his health compelled him to leave his post and come home.

In 1867, he took charge of a large store at Clifton, W. Va., and one year later, bought it in partnership with Mr. S. A. Lasley. This business continued for five or six years when by the failure of others Mr. Stevenson lost heavily and gave up his business. He was then Sheriff of Mason county for four years which position he filled with credit. The years of 1887-8 were spent by Mr. Stevenson at Fort Berthold, Dakota, where he had charge of the Indian Farming Department. Erom 1888 until 1892, he was again in W. Va. with a prosperous business firm as general manager. Since coming to Wellston in 1892, he has proven himself a worthy citizen in every sense of the word. For four months he served as city marshal to fill the term of Mr. Steve Edwards who was incapacitated for service by illness. At present he is with Mr. E. E. Evans, the Second St. grocer. Pleasant, kind, he is known as a friend to all.

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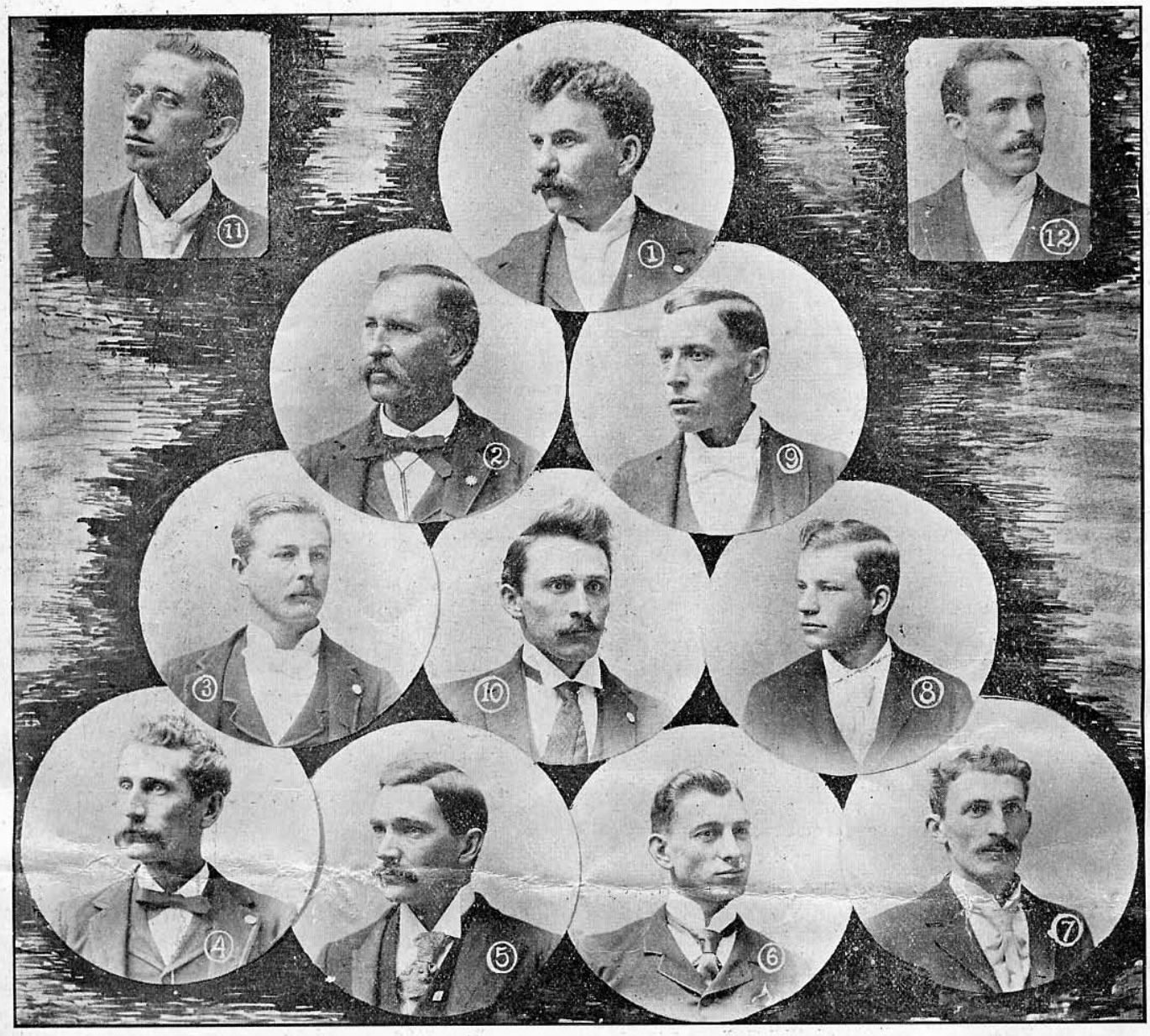
Poplar Row editor's notes: Due to the layout of this old newspaper, a couple of the following articles had to be truncated because of limited space in this newsletter.

WELLSTON LODGE, NO. 170, K. OF P.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1895.



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3—T. M. Sellards, M. of F.
4—R. S. Burns, M. of W.
5—S. J. Benner, I. G.
6—C. W. Brandau, O. G.
7—C. T. Easterday, Prel.
8—G. C. Sellers, M. of E.
9—W. O. Jones, M. at A.
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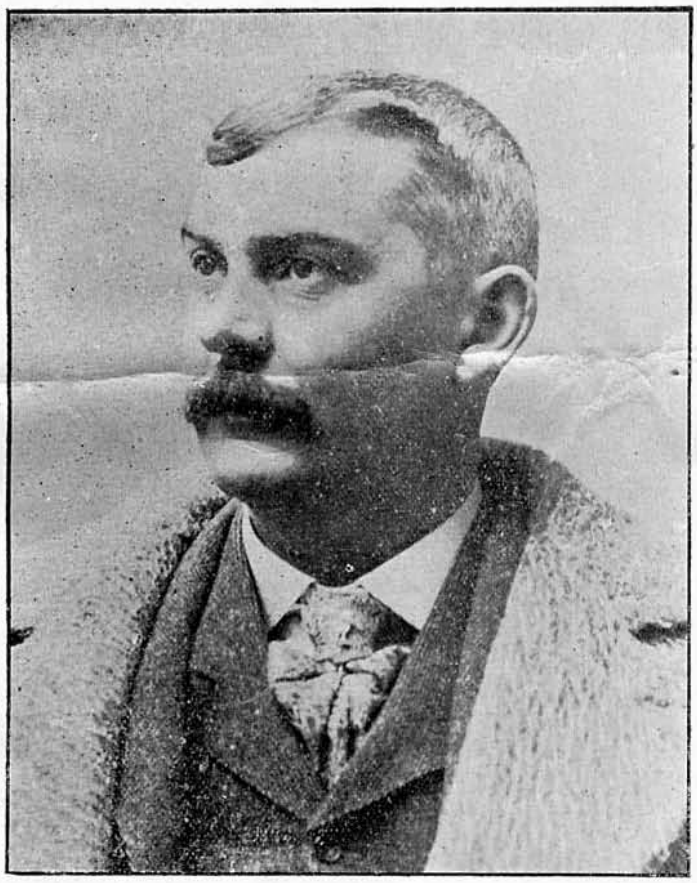

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W. O. Yard.

Men like Oscar Yard are the kind of men that build towns, that make something out of nothing, that become wealthy while doing something for someone else. No one will try to gainsay that W. O. Yard has been one of the most energetic builders of the Wellston that is today. Honest to a fault in all his business dealings, the possessor of an energy and pluck that is the envy of many, he is capable of transforming a barn into a palace, an alley into a boulevard, an idea into a fortune. Every cent he possesses was made by hard work and without "backing," and while he does not pose as a wealthy man, he is one of Wellston's "solid" citizens.

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INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

Mr. Yard was born at Hanging Rock, Lawrence county, this state, August 9, 1856. About fifteen years of his boyhood were spent there, when he began life for himself. Starting from his home, he went as far as Memphis on a shanty boat. Here he worked long enough to save a sufficient sum of money to begin life in earnest. For two years he acted in the capacity of cook on a river steamer plying between Pittsburg and New Orleans. At seventeen, Mr Yard began service as cook on the steamer "Red Cloud," a Missouri river boat. He made one trip, going as far as Ft. Benton, Montana. Offered a position in the Overland hotel, he remained there 18 months. Later, by honest endeavor, he gained the good will of many friends which gave him sufficient backing to purchase the Overland which he managed with notable success for over two years. A clerkship in a general store followed this hotel experience. In January, 1885, Mr. Yard returned to Ohio.

After a year on the farm, one at Ironton, a second year on the farm, Mr. Yard came to Wellston in the Spring of 1887. His first venture here was with Dr. J. B. Spencer, in the Wellston Livery. In 1890, he rented the Bundy House which has since been christened "The International." Six months later he purchased the property at a very low figure when Wellston's prospects seemed poor indeed. His action was looked upon as one of certain loss, possibly ruin. Soon, however, the skies brightened, and Mr. Yard was in the lead. In 1892, another depression was on. Undaunted, Mr. Yard bought the Opera House. Next came the purchase of the Arlington hotel, now the Union House, managed by Mr. D. F. Glynn. It is just such purchases that keep a town from going down when once the ebbing tide sets in. Wellston owes much to W. O. Yard for the timely buying-in of these properties.

Recently, extensive improvements have been made in the Opera House, making it one of the best in Southern Ohio. Seldom in a place of this size does one find so complete a house. With its new stage furniture, its fine seating, its cozy balcony, the Grand is a source of real pride alike to the proprietor and the public. Business rooms in the building are occupied by Griffith & Evans, druggists; Hugh Barnhill, bookseller, and Scurlock & Wills, the barbers.

The International, too, has had marked improvements in the past six months. Electric call bells have been put in the entire house. Throughout, new furnishings have been put in. The rooms have all been newly painted and papered.

Baths are furnished the patrons. In short, the International is a house worthy of the best patronage. Mr. B. F. Moseman is clerk and acting manager, and he is the right man in the right place. Cuts showing the hotel and opera house appear herewith, also likenesses of Mr. Yard and Mr. Moseman.

Photograph by Pelhank.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

Last summer Mr. Yard opened what he proposes to make one of the finest parks in Ohio. It is located near the pumping station, east of town, and will

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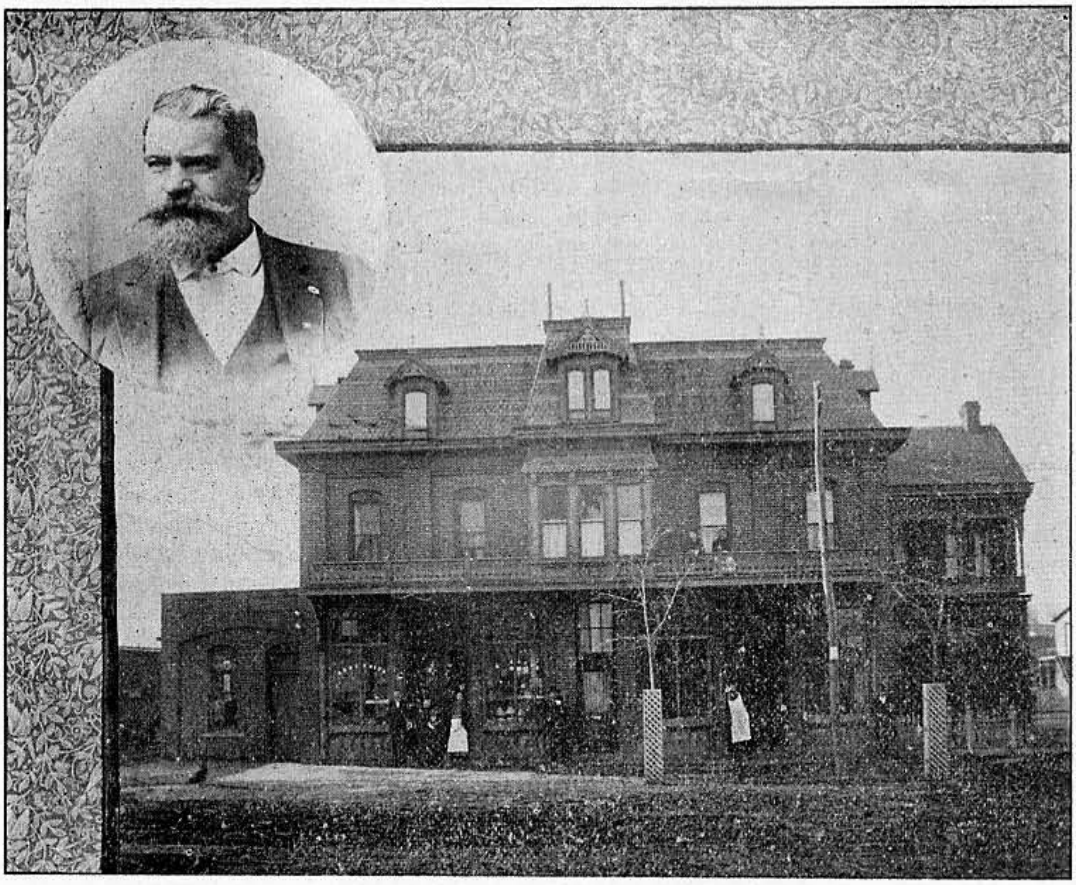
$3000. He turns out all kinds of mill and shop work for the commonest dwelling and the finest mansion alike. A large lumber yard is in connection. He is general contractor and builder, having put up many of the city's fine buildings in brick and wood. He owns the P. O. building which was erected in 1894. He is now putting up a large ice plant, near his store which will have a capacity of 17½ tons daily, and will be opened March 15, proximo. The plant will be known as "The Wellston Ice and Cold Storage Company," and will supply, through agencies this and adjoining counties. There will be four cold storage rooms, each 15x20 feet.

Mr. Leach was married Oct. 22, 1874, to Miss Mary A. Brohard, of Jackson Tp., and to them have been born nine children, five of whom are now living. In municipal affairs he has been an important factor for several years, serving the best interests of the Democratic party and the city. He has been Councilman for five years. At present he is Vice President of Council and Chairman of the Street, Judiciary and Light committees. His services to the city are invaluable, and he is counted upon for conserving the town's best good, by all regardless of party relations.

In several fraternities he stands high. In Masonry he is a 32 degree man, having both the Scottish and York Rite degrees. With his wife and two daughters he is also a member of the Eastern Star degree of that order. He belongs to the Subordinate and Encampment lodges of Odd Fellowship and the Rebeccah degree. He includes also a membership in the lodges of K. of P., Royal Arcanum, Mystic Circle, and the order of Lumber Dealers.

Such is an outline sketch of the career of one honored by us all, and esteemed as a man among men.

Arthur B. Leach



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Poplar Row editor's note:

Arthur Bigbee Leach was a descendant of Revolutionary war soldier George and wife Nancy Bigbee (Bigby) Leach. George and Nancy are buried in the Bundy-Paine cemetery just north of Wellston. Family legend has it that George Leach returned home from the Revolutionary war with a sword which had a pine tree and rattlesnake engraved on the blade. Adding credence to that is a newspaper article I have that states Arthur B. Leach was in possession of that sword in his later years (he died in 1932). Assuming that sword is still somewhere in the family, they are in possession of a priceless family heirloom worthy of a museum. If anyone has info on the sword, please email us so we can perhaps get a photo of it

Welcome to new members this quarter

- Sharon Cruse - Rockwood, MI
- Nina Haning - New Lexington, OH
- Karin Kelly - Fort Worth, TX
- Gary & Patricia Austin - West Liberty, OH
- Emilie Ayers - Carrollton, OH
- Maureen Brook - Mesa, AZ
- Jim Essman - Washington C.H., OH
- Michael Kesinger - Winter Haven, FL
- George McKinnis - Columbus, OH
- Shannon Phillips - Jackson, OH
- Susie Simon - Ohio

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First quarter 2012 chapter news

- **Note:** If you receive the paper version of this newsletter that is mailed to your home and you also have an email address, please send your email address to me at acoyan@gmail.com . There are a couple of reasons why we'd like to have it on file (and we don't share our member's info with other groups). First, we may want to contact you between newsletters in order to advise you of some chapter news of special importance. Second, we have begun to upload material to the JCOGS website that only members can access and we need your current email in order to issue you a password.
- We are saddened to announce that one of our chapter members, Donald Everhart Johnson (1927-2011) of Fort Worth, TX., passed away on December 17, 2011.
- We received some wonderful old photos of local families from a couple of our members that we will either put in the newsletter or on the website soon. A couple are of Civil War soldiers from Jackson county. As a reminder, if you have photos of family members who served in the Civil War here and/or are buried in Jackson county, please share copies with us so that we can share them with others
- Mike Deaterla, a recent chapter president of ours, is asking for your prayers on behalf of his young adopted daughter, Marlee. She suffers from tuberous sclerosis and recently has undergone a lot of complicated and serious surgery. This disorder is a rare multi-system genetic disease that causes non-malignant tumors to grow in the brain and on other vital organs such as the kidneys, heart, eyes, lungs, and skin. Our prayers go out to the family
- Be sure to check out the latest revision to our attached JCOGS publications list. We recently completed the land and chattel tax lists for Jackson county from 1819-1826. We can also now offer all of the Wellston High yearbooks as well as many of the Jackson High yearbooks in print form. We also have been fortunate to find four of the rare Coalton High yearbooks that are now available on either CD or in print form.
- In the last newsletter, we announced that we would be ordering more fencing for the James cemetery. At that time we had about $2600 in the cemetery fund, but since the first of January, we have been fortunate to receive several sizeable donations. An order has been placed for $6100+ worth of fencing material and in the next newsletter we hope to update you with photos on the latest installation if we can get it done before the 'dog days' of summer are upon us. Thank you to those who have been so gracious to allow us to continue this project by your generosity! But we are now only halfway there with the fencing needed to completely enclose the cemetery and we continue to

work towards raising the additional $16,000 necessary to buy the remaining 450 lineal feet of fencing. Please note that your donations are eligible for a tax deduction since we are a non-profit organization.

- Speaking of the 'members only' area of the JCOGS website, Larry Patrick, our website admin, has done an excellent job in creating that section of the site for us. Currently members can view the complete 1886 chattel tax assessment for Jackson county, obits and other important genealogy-related articles from the previously unavailable 1924 Jackson *Standard-Journal*. There's also over 150 family history files (in excess of 1000 pages total thus far) that have been donated to our chapter by individuals as far back as our chapter's inception in 1980. We have another 400 or so files to digitize and they will be put online as we complete the work. Members can also view back issues of our newsletter as well as meeting minutes for the chapter. And there's more to come. Just one more reason why we hope you see the benefits of being a member!
- **Reminder:** Kroger Community Rewards program participants must re-enroll annually after May 1st. So if you haven't yet done so, please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com , click on "OHIO" and click on "Enroll". Type in JCOGS in the search box when designating an organization. If you don't currently have a Kroger Rewards card or are not a member of the Community Rewards program, you may either sign up online or go to the service desk of the Kroger store where you shop. The JCOGS receives a quarterly check from Kroger, based on the amount purchased by enrollees who have designated us as the beneficiary
- Our featured speakers at the monthly meeting in the 1st quarter were in January, Seth Michael, County Clerk of Courts, who spoke on the materials available at the courthouse in his area. One interesting note he mentioned was the possible purchase of another building that might be used to store old county records currently stacked in the courthouse basement and clock tower. The records could then be made available to anyone during hours that would be manned by volunteers. What a godsend this would be for genealogists if Seth can pull this off! Feel free to give him a call and express your support for such an endeavor. His number is 740-286-2006.

The February meeting was cancelled at the last minute because of an overnight snowfall that made driving hazardous.

In March, Dale Exline, a certified professional surveyor, gave a presentation on how lands in the county and the state were originally laid out and how this info from old deed records and tax lists can used today to locate land that an ancestor may have resided on as far back as the early 1800's.

Thanks to Ruth Hayth, our program chairperson, we have some great speakers lined up for 2012 so bring a friend and come to one of our meetings!

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Members and the public are encouraged to submit copies of five-generation charts. These will be included in Poplar Row, in a three-ring binder at the Jackson City Library, and available for research purposes, unless otherwise requested or specified.

As our membership form inside indicates, we request permission to print members' names and contact information, unless submitting members request this information not be shared. We do not share such information with any commercial enterprise. The Jackson County OGS meets the **second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.** in the Potter Room at the Jackson City Library, 21 Broadway St., Jackson, OH 45640.

We would kindly request that members et al receiving the email version of our newsletter to **PLEASE** 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!

Pedigree Chart for Otto Floyd McCoy

Otto Floyd McCoy
b: 28 Jan 1905 in Jasper, Illinois, USA
m: 16 Jan 1929 in Sibley, Osceola, Iowa, USA
d: 19 Sep 1991 in Estherville, Emmet, Iowa, USA
Bu: 23 Sep 1991 in Dickinson, Iowa, USA

Emerson Ethridge McCoy
b: 06 Mar 1861 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
m: 11 Nov 1891 in Winterrowd, Effingham, Illinois, USA
d: 05 Jan 1939 in Spirit Lake, Dickinson, Iowa, USA
Bu: 07 Jan 1939 in Dickinson, Iowa, USA

Ida Belle Holm
b: 24 Jan 1865 in North Muddy, Jasper, Illinois, USA
d: 17 Jul 1951 in Superior, Dickinson, Iowa, USA
Bu: 19 Jul 1951 in Dickinson, Iowa, USA

William Creighton McCoy
b: 09 Jul 1837 in Hamilton, Jackson, Ohio, USA
m: 25 Mar 1860 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
d: 27 Nov 1911 in Newton, Jasper, Illinois, USA
Bu: 29 Nov 1911 in North Muddy, Jasper, Illinois, USA

Nancy Jane Ward
b: 15 Sep 1837 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
d: 31 Dec 1915 in South Muddy, Jasper, Illinois, USA
Bu: 02 Jan 1916 in Jasper, Illinois, USA

Adam Holm
b: 04 Nov 1817 in Stark, Ohio, USA
m: Bef. Oct 1840 in Jasper, Illinois, USA
d: 04 Oct 1896 in Newton, Jasper, Illinois, USA

Mary Ann Wagoner
b: 1824 in Pennsylvania, USA
d: 11 Apr 1868 in Jasper, Illinois, USA

Michael McCoy
b: 22 May 1800 in Millersport,...
m: 07 Mar 1822 in Jackson, Ohio,...
d: 08 Nov 1869 in Hamilton,...
Bu: 10 Nov 1869 in Jackson,...

Elizabeth Elvira Mercer
b: 22 Aug 1802 in Mason, West Virginia, USA
d: 19 May 1886 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
Bu: 21 May 1886 in Jackson, Ohio, USA

John Ward
b: 16 Sep 1799 in Shenandoah, Page, Virginia, USA
m: 1823 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
d: 14 Mar 1875 in Franklin, Jackson, Ohio, United States

Nancy Mary Nelson
b: 10 Jul 1803 in Jackson, Ohio, USA
d: 10 Aug 1856 in Franklin, Jackson, Ohio, United States

John Holm
b: 07 Apr 1792 in Washington,...
m: 24 Oct 1815 in Stark, Ohio, USA
d: 18 Sep 1828 in Crawford, Ohio,...
Bu: Sep 1828 in Bucyrus,...

Margaret Peggy Warner
b: 13 Sep 1797 in Maryland, USA
d: 10 Feb 1854

Jacob L. Wagoner
b: 1797 in Pennsylvania, USA
m: 30 Oct 1821 in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA
d: 22 Feb 1873 in Jasper, Illinois, USA

Susannah E lizabeth Cline
b: 1797 in Safe Harbor, PA
d: Abt. 1856 in Jasper, Illinois, USA

Otto F. McCoy was my father.

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History of Industry in Jackson County - by Frank C. Morrow (1953). Great photos & info. 291 pgs. On CD.....**$15.00**

If These Stones Could Talk - by Jackson county native Calvin G. "Jerry" Lyons. Published 2010. 283 pgs.....**$27.00**
This book tells individual stories of WWII American Veterans buried in our overseas cemeteries. Individual vignettes and photos of each veteran and their families bring into sharp focus the sacrifices of the "Greatest Generation" of Americans and their families. In many cases, several decades past before the orphaned children of these deceased veterans were able to learn about their fathers. Also included in the book is a CD of patriotic music provided by the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Highly recommended by three high-ranking retired military officers. One chapter is devoted to Jackson county WWII vets

new! **Jackson County land & chattel tax lists from 1819-1826** - Extracted from the original county Auditor's tax duplicates. The lists from 1819-25 include landowners only. The 1826 lists contain both land and chattel taxpayers. Info contained includes the resident, non-resident and original landowner (if stated), range, township, section & acres owned. Available in 8 1/2" x 11" softbound format only. 107 pages.....**$25.00**

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