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Public Library
 Jackson
 Ohio

Dear Librarian:

I am searching family history of the Humphres-Humphries-Humphreys family who lived in Jackson County, Oh. from about 1820-1890.

A Joseph Humphries Sr. and his wife Nancy (Spencer) Humphries both died in 1830, leaving five orphans, one of whom was Joseph (Jr.) who m. Sarah Littrell 24 Sept 1846. She died in Aug. 1865, and 11 June 1868, he m. Elizabeth Hurst.

On 1 Oct 1890 he was accidentally killed in a cinder crushing activity. His well-marked grave is in Fairmount Cemetery. Records there show the lot was purchased at that time by Elizabeth Humphries Hank.

One of the orphaned sisters was named Elizabeth, but D.A.R. records show two marriages for her - to David Miles - ? date - and to Lemuel Waugh in 1853.

Question - Just who is this Elizabeth who purchased the lot? (You would suppose it to be this second wife, but

it doesn't appear that way.)

I was wondering if you might give me some names of "old-timers" perhaps with surnames I have mentioned, who might know of a family I could contact. Have tried working through the local genealogical society, but have had very little success.

Would appreciate any suggestions you might offer. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Claire (Humphreys) Loudon

P.S. Is there an interested high school student you could recommend to do some courthouse record searching?

C. L.

MRS CLAIRE LOUDEN
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1 March 1982
 Wheaton IL
 Chapter address

Dear Mrs. Loudon;

I am answering your letter of 15 Feb. 1982 to the Jackson Public Library because the librarian has asked me ~~to~~ to explain that the library does not have the experience or the personnel to do genealogy research. I am president of the Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and the library refers all genealogical inquiries to me, and in turn I ask the members at our meetings if they can help the various requests for research. So I will at the 15 March 1982 meeting ask if any one ^{will} wants to help you here in Jackson County, Ohio. Normally I would offer my services to you but being this year's President has caused me to reduce my work load in research. I have at this time five different people I am working for plus three on my own family lines. So it would not be completely fair to you if I accepted your search myself, if I cannot give a good effort on behalf of a person in their search I just won't do it. Although I do specialize in Jackson Co. Ohio and I am in the Court House about three or four days a week doing research. I could as I come across information pertaining to your search I could write it down and pass it along to you. And as I have finished with one of my clients I could in the near future take up your search for you.

You might wish to join our Genealogical Chapter and place inquiries in our news letter. our dues are \$5.00 per year and we print our news letter every other month (copies will be ^{over})

the next issue) and we have members in 25 States, Japan and quite a few counties in Ohio so you would be able to reach a lot of people at one time. at the present time we have about 96 members, and about three a month are joining. We started ^{OUR CHAPTER} in May of 1980. Our address is:
 Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
 P.O. Box 807, Jackson, Ohio 45640 We would like you to join in with us. This past Feb we purchased two micro-film readers for the library in Jackson and we have ordered all U.S. census film on Jackson County, Ohio and should have it in the library by the last part of March 1982. that will make research a little easier in this area. Mrs. Loudon I will ask our High school History teachers to see if any students are willing to take on research for you, but since school hours are so close to the local house hours I doubt if a student could have enough time for research after school, but maybe some could be available this summer, I will ask for you. Jackson County Ohio birth and death records started in 1867, marriage started in 1816 and estate records started in 1824. I hope I have explained every thing well enough for you and if not please don't hesitate to write back and ask me to clear any thing up for you. Also please keep in touch with me from time to time. In the mean time loads of luck in your research and until I hear from you I remain yours truly

William L. Weston Sr.
 President J.C.C. O.G.S.

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March 7, 1982

Mr. William G. Weston, Sr.
President of Jackson County Genealogical Society
Jackson
Ohio

Dear Mr. Weston

Thank you for your considerate and informative reply to my letter of 15 Feb. I appreciate your offer to perhaps mention my family names before your group in hopes that someone may be able to help. Anything you can do will certainly be helpful.

Family names affiliated with Jackson County are LIVERY, HUMPHRES (various spellings) LITRELL, SPENCER and RUSSELL. The Lively line is quite complete; in fact, I might be able to help someone with those persons. Humphreys-Humphries-Humphres is reasonably well worked out, as is Russell. Littrell-Literal and Spencer fall far short.

John Littrell is found on the 1820 federal census, with perhaps a wife and some children. (No names listed, of course.) D. A. R. marriage records of Jackson County show on 24 Sep 1846, Sarah Littrell married Joseph Humphries, marriage performed by Geo. W. Hale, J. P.

Cynthia Littrell is known to have married Geo. Rice in Jackson Co. (obituary of her daughter, whom I remember as a child.) All indications are (date-wise) Sarah and Cynthia were sisters. Their daughter, Jane, was b. in 1848, and married John A. Wiseman.

Any other knowledge of John Littrell and his family is absent, except that Sarah died in August, 1865. No records of any kind are found regarding this death. She may have died in Berlin (Roads) since there is an indication that Joseph had a mill there for three years, shortly after his return from duty in the Civil War. He is buried in Fairmount Cemetery, but neither of his wives is there. 1) was Sarah Littrell and 2) was Elizabeth (Hurst) Humphries.

Nancy Spencer, probably the daughter of Andrew Spencer, m. Joseph Humphries in Nicholas County, Va. 21 Jan 1819. They appear on the 1820 census with one small child. Both parents died in 1830--she before the census-taker came around and he in July, 1830, leaving five children: John W.; Nancy Mariah who m. Augustus Justice and later lived in Meigs County; Elizabeth; Joseph Jr. who m. Sarah L.; and Nancy.

The Livelys came into Jackson County in 1827 from Greenbriar Co. W. Va. That genealogy is well worked out. Lorenzo Dow Lively m. Eleanor Russell, daughter of Randall Russell and Martha Graham Russell.

Humphries and Spencers were in Jackson County in the 1820's as shown by tax records. I will gladly share information should any of your people be interested.

In summary, Who knows anything about John Littrell, and particularly Sarah Littrell Humphres? Also Nancy Spencer.

Enclosed is my check to pay dues to your society. Thank you for the invitation to join. Just hope I may also contribute something of value to your group.

Yours truly,

Claire H. Loudon

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Feb. 25, 1984

Public Library

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Dear Librarian:

I should like very much to get some information on the death of my gr-grandmother who died in August, 1865. Since Ohio did not keep death records until 1866, I seem to be unable to secure any information. Could you answer any of the following questions:

SARAH LITTERAL-LITTREL, wife of Joseph Humphres
d. in August 1865.

- 1) What was the name of undertakers (mortuary) in Jackson that year? Where might ^{these} mortuary records be found now?
- 2) She died either in Jackson or Crossroads (Roads it is called now, about 6 miles n. e. of Jackson.) Is it likely an undertaker of that day would extend services that distance?

He was buried in 1890 in Fairview Cemetery, Jackson, but she is not on that lot.

ANY help or suggestions would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Claire C. Loudon
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P. S. What would have been the newspaper being published in Jackson in 1865, where an obituary might be found?

C. L.

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FAIRMOUNT
OR
FAIRVIEW ?