

Lawco Lore



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It's the time of year when we seem to pick up and/or perk up our personal interests - after a lazy summer. Many of us have gained new information this summer. Pass it on!

A reminder to everyone - Get your ancestor charts and surname cards to us and to O.G.S. It is important to do this. By having all this information on file in our own library facility and in the O.G.S. Library, you may find that grandparent you have looked for on someone else's card.

A very special welcome to our new members. 114 strong!!

Regards - Danna

COURT HOUSE ATTIC DAYS:

Once a month, usually the 3rd Wednesday, Dr. George Bains comes to the Lawrence County Court House to supervise and assist with cleaning and sorting out the old records there. Several from our Chapter as well as Caryn Shoemaker and some from the Scioto County Chapter have worked on this. If you would like to help, wear 'work' clothes, something on your head, possibly a face mask, and come on down! Contact Phil Thuma, Betty Burcham or Phyllis Hamner for the exact date and times. This is really a worthwhile project.

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74th Chapter
of
Ohio Genealogical Society



MEETINGS

October 6 (Saturday) 2:00-4:00 P.M.
November 3 (Saturday) 2:00-4:00 P.M.
December 1 (Saturday) 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Although we usually alternate our meetings between Saturdays and Tuesdays, we will have our November meeting on Saturday also because of Election Day.

Also, our January meeting will be cancelled because it falls on New Years Day.

We plan to have our Christmas Party at our December meeting. More about that later.

NOTICE * NOTICE

The 1818 and 1821 Tax List Books publication date has been postponed due to personal illness in the family of John and Isabel Jones. We will give you the date available possibly in the next Lawco Lore.

We will be working on a special project in the Clerk of Courts Office at the Court House. Betty Burcham will be in charge of this. If you can help, contact her at her home.

Our Lawco Lore Newsletter will be printed bi-monthly. We do need any articles, and especially queries, from all of you. Please bring them to the meetings or send them to Donna Murdock or Betty Compston. We also plan to put out a special edition for December which will list our membership.

HELP US GROW!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

JOIN NOW! Your membership will extend through December 31, 1984. Memberships start with January 1 and ends December 31. Dues are \$5.00 a year, single membership, or \$8.00 per year for family.

If you are already a member give this to a friend.

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ COUNTY _____

CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for membership to Lawrence Co. Genealogical Society.

AT PUBLICATION TIME -
114 MEMBERS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY
CHAPTER OF O.G.S. CAN WE HAVE
125 BY JANUARY 1??



LAWRENCE COUNTY

Lawrence County was organized December 20, 1816, from part of Gallia County. It consists of 456 square miles and is divided into fourteen townships.

Lawrence, Ohio's southernmost county, was named in honor of Captain James Lawrence, famous for his dying command, "Don't give up the ship."

At the end of the Civil War, Lawrence County had a population of 23,000. (2,747 men from the county served in the War.) The population according to the 1970 census is 58,400.

BURLINGTON

The town, which was plotted at the southernmost bend of the Ohio River was named Burlington in honor of Captain Lawrence's Home, Burlington, New Jersey.

In 1817 Edward Tapper laid out the town of Burlington. It is located in Fayette Township and was the county seat prior to Ironton.

The first use of a telephone west of the Appalachian Mountains was a conversation carried on at Burlington using silk thread as the telephone line.

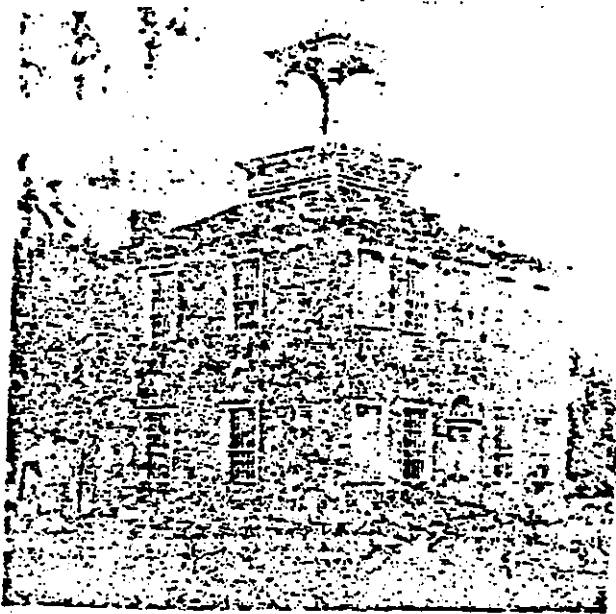
A log jail at Burlington constituted the county's first jail. The jail was faced with stone and is still in existence. It is currently private property.

The contract for building the Court House was let February 7, 1818. The cost of construction \$1,696.00.

In 1851 plans to build a new court house and jail were made and to move the county seat from Burlington to Ironton.

(Copied from the booklet prepared by the Lawrence County Bicentennial Commission 1976)

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The first court house was located at Court and Front Streets in Burlington.

FRENCH
SLAVENS

Seek information of Francis Marion FRENCH b 1844, Elizabeth Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio and Mary SLAVENS b 1852, Ohio parents of all children born Lawrence City, Ohio. Ch: Charley b 1868, John b 1867, Arzy b 1872, Daniel b 1874, Lacey b 1876, Mary b 1878, Jarva b 1881, Lena, and Willard b 1888.
...Ruth Clewis, 901 N Camino Seco , Tucson, Az 85710...

FOSTER
DUNCAN
GILLOSS
PINKERMAN
HILLMAN
DARE
THOMPSON
NILMAN
PERKINS

Seeking parents, birthplaces, etc. of Major Bartlet Foster b ca 1778/80 (where?) d 1822/28 in Lawrence Co., Ohio m Elizabeth "Betsy" _____ b 1780 Va. Ch: Jacob m _____ Duncan, ?Rosalinda m _____ Gilloss, James m _____ Elkins, ?Nancy m Pinkerman, Thomas m _____ Hillman, Susanah? m Dare, Daniel m _____ Thompson, ?Elizabeth m _____ Nilman, Bartlett m _____ Perkins. Is this Major Bartlett FOSTER who was in Fluvanna Vo., Va in 1810??
...Mrs Barbara Thompson, 7188 Baker Lane, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472...

KINGREY
BROWN

Seek wife of PETER KINGREY b Mar 15, 1770 Bedford Co. Penn. d May 16, 1872 Lawrence Co., Ohio. Daughter Catharine b 1 Jan 1821 m Andrew BROWN 20 Aug 1835, Lawrence Co., Ohio. Seeking Catharine's mother's name.
...Donna Murdock, 1411 So. 7th St., Ironton, Ohio 45638...

BOYD
SITES

Need parents of Levi BOYD b Jan 1, 1859, Va. d March 9, 1919 Lawrence Co., Ohio m Mary Sites.
...Harlan Willis, 1325 So. 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638...

A tidbit from Thelma Reeder, 412 No Hartley St., W. Covins, Ca. 91790.
ALWAYS be alert for a variation in the recording of names.. the following is a good example: In the 1870's in the Law Co OH birth records we find the wife of Johy Myers listed as Coona GESWEIN, Condy GESWEIN, Cumunda GESWINE and Gando GESWINE at the births of her various children! Also we find the ABELE listed as ABLEY ABLEY and APPLEBY.

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