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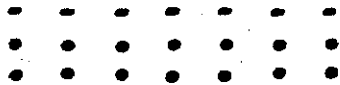
New SEAL
inside.

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Lawrence County Genealogical Society
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74th Chapter
of
Ohio Genealogical Society

MEETINGS FOR 1986

Briggs Lawrence County Library,
Ironton, Ohio.
Jan 7 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Feb 1 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCING !!!!!!!

We are proud to announce Lawrence County's new officers - for 1986-87.
President - Barbara Rutledge
Vice President - Donna Murdock
Recording Sec'y - Vera Murnahan
Corresponding Sec'y - Phil Thuma
Treasurer - Betty Burcham

Happy Happy Holidays!

I hope that all of you have the very best Holiday Season, with good times, the goodies you like, and your friends and loved ones with you.

Health, Happiness and Love

Danna.

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION.....

Those of you who are within driving distance - we are having a "Holiday Lunch", Saturday, December 7, at the home of our member, Betty Knipp, who lives in Hanging Rock. Ham and fresh rolls will be provided by the Society and everyone is to bring a covered dish. We will meet at Briggs-Lawrence County Library at 1:00 p.m. and will be lead to Betty's house from there.

ATTENTION.....

THE LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO SEAL

The three symbols found on the Lawrence County Seal, designed by the Lawrence County Genealogical Society, were selected because of the significance of the originals in the developing history of the county of Lawrence.

THE CHARCOAL IRON FURNACE

The Hanging Rock Iron Region extending into West Virginia, Kentucky, and the southern most part of Ohio, is a vast mineral region containing iron ores, coal, limestone, and fire clay. Ironton, founded by the famous iron master, John Campbell, is the center of this region. During the Civil War, all production of the Hecla Furnace went to the Fort Pitt Works at Pittsburg, for casting heavy ordnance and field guns. All the furnaces worked at capacity to furnish iron for the war.

Seventeen of the Charcoal Iron Furnaces were located in Lawrence County. They produced pig iron which was used to manufacture many items, from household goods to war machines and hardware. The iron produced by the regions furnaces from 1818 to 1916 was found to be not only better than other irons produced in the United States, but also superior to the best English made iron. The Hecla Furnace product was found to be of the superior quality needed for great strength and durability equaled only by two other furnaces - one in Spain and the other in Asia Minor.

The Union Furnace, the first one in Lawrence County, was built by John Means in 1826, several miles North of Hanging Rock. This was also the first furnace North of the Ohio River. The last furnace in Lawrence County to close down was the Pine Grove Furnace.

THE ROME BEAUTY APPLE

Growing conditions in Lawrence County were found to be excellent for growing fruit trees, including the apple. In 1816 Joel Gillette went to Rufus Putnam Nursery in Marietta, Ohio, and picked up a bundle of apple seedlings, to take home for planting on his farm in Rome Township. While he was planting the seedlings, he noticed one quite different from the rest. He gave this "worthless" twig to his young son, Alanson, who then planted it on the river bank about two miles above Proctorville. After a few years Joel Gillette's orchard was producing well. Alanson remembered the tree he had planted, and went to check on it, finding it loaded with beautiful bright red apples, clustered as thick as grapes. This same apple became known by the name of the township in which it was grown - being called the ROME Beauty. It is a hearty late ripening apple that keeps well and is good for baking and cooking and eating fresh. The popularity of the Rome Beauty Apple is such that it spread out of Lawrence County and has become a standard product in many apple orchards, not only in our country but in others as well.

THE RIVER BOAT

Big and small boats of all kinds moved up and down the Ohio River delivering quantities of people and cargo to the landings and docks of Lawrence County. There were skiffs, flat boats, packet boats, passenger boats, and ferries to recall a few. Two of the well known names in the River Boat business, Davidson and Bay are found in the following quotes from material written by David F. Thomas, another Lawrence County river boat man. "Between 1860-1880 men born in Lawrence County, Ohio controlled approximately 75% of the packet boat trade on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Mr. W. F. Davidson, from South Point, Ohio, was the largest single owner of boats in his day, owning more than 40. Records show that Lawrence County, Ohio men at one time controlled more steamboat property than any other County on inland rivers; and some of the best pilots, masters, and engineers came from Lawrence County, Ohio." "...George Bay lived in Proctorville, and his brother, William lived in Ironton, Ohio. They were known all over the western waters as the leading steamboatmen on the Ohio River."

(Presented to the Lawrence County, Ohio Commissioners November 6, 1985.)

Lawrence seal is official



On November 6, 1985, the Lawrence County Commissioners adopted the seal designed by our organization as the Official seal of Lawrence County. Members Barbara Rutledge, Betty Burcham, Dale Burcham, John Jones, Phil Thuma, Lee Daniel, Ruth Daniel, and Mary Ellen Clark were present as president Danna Deaton presented a short history of the symbols used and a framed copy of the seal for the commissioner's chamber.

The Historical Society's president Dr. John Hany and LuAnn Blagg were there as representatives supporting us 100%. They have adopted the seal and are using it on the cover of the reprint of **THE LAWRENCE COUNTY LAKE AND HARDESTY ATLASES OF 1882 and 1887.**

Lee Daniel, our very talented member, rendered the final version of the seal in a combination of pencil, indian ink and acrylics. [Thanks, Lee!]

Queries

MASSIE
HACKWORTH
RUCKER
SNYDER
ELCESSOR
ACKINSON

Seek information on these families who resided in Lawrence Co., Ohio: Moses A MASSIE and wife Rebecca DILLON, both born ca. 1819. Thomas HACKWORTH b 1835 KY and wife Anna ACKINSON b 1834 Pa. James E. Kite d. 1826 and wife Margaret "Peggy" RUCKER. John Henry SNYDER and Mary Ann Elcessor married 1821 Cabel Co., W.Va.
****C. Jeannine Southers, 201 Rothwell Drive, Wilmington, DE 19804 ****

CRAWFORD
BEAM
WAKEFIELD

Seeking information about James CRAWFORD who died May 1, 1887 Burlington, Ohio. Need to know name of mother, father's name was James CRAWFORD. Also seeking any information on George W. Bean married Marinda WAKEFIELD. Need info on Wakefield family of Lawrence Co., Ohio. She was possibly sister of E.W. Wakefield.
****Nancy Virgin, Rt 2, Box 580, Worthington, KY 41183****

JAYNES

Information needed for David Jaynes presumably born 1881. Need this confirmed. Also need death dates and where buried.
****Helen M. Scott, Rt 1 Box 557-A, Fayetteville, Wv 25840****

BILLUPS

Must exchange information for the surname of BILLIPS/BILLUPS in order to piece together the family charts without some assistance. Billups lived in Va., W.Va. & Ohio etc.
****Mary Jane Skoglund, 342 East College St., Kewanee, Ill. 61443****

FERRELL
STURGILL

Need parents of Rhoda, daughter of W. Farrell, born 27 Oct 1819, died 4 Sept 1882. Married to William King Sturgill, Sept 1839.
****Margie A. Lenyo, 3149 Sanford Drive, Portsmouth, Ohio****

MEEK
VANHOOSE
BURKE
GALLAGHER

Need information about the parents of Ella B. MEEK (Madison Meek and Sara Vanhoose) and James E. BURKE (John Burke and Bridget Gallagher) who were married on 14 January 1882(3) They were parents of four girls, twins 27 April 1883, girl 8 Dec 1885, and a girl 2 Dec 1887. They lived at 309 South 9th Street, Ironton, Ohio.
****Aileen M. Novak, 3935 Eleanor Dr. North Olmstead, Ohio 44070****

QUERIES

CONE
WINTON
DICKEY

Researching Cone, Winton, Dickey family.
Burlington, Marion (Aid Loc. 1800/50.
****Mayburt E. Riegel, 4151 Cleveland #37,
Columbus, Ohio 43224****

ROACH
MASSIE

Would like to know the parents of Margaret ROACH,
wife of Jonathan MASSIE. Margaret was born ca. 1799
in Virginia, later moved to Ohio. She is buried
in Fairview Cem. Walnut Twp. Gallia Co., Ohio.
****Mrs. Rosalie Bowen Adams, 5710 Cartagena Dr.
Houston, Texas 77035****

BLANKENSHIP
RIGDON

Need parents of Ezekiel BLANKENSHIP B. 9 Mar 1809
in Ohio. m 4 Apr 1828 to Lydia Ann RIGDON.
Fleming Co., Ky. Had 11 children, youngest son
b. 30 July 1850 Ohio. Ezekiel died on way to
Illinois of Cholera, buried on banks of Miss.
Family went on to Quincy, Ill.
****Bernice Mathews, 3538 D-E 56th Street,
Maywood, California 90270****

MANNON
SIMMONS

Seeking parents of Moses MANNON and Mary "Polly"
SIMMONS who married in Windsor twp. Lawrence Co.
Ohio on 10 Jan 1822. Also need names of children
born before 1833.
****Mrs. Lenore Kingrey Ferrell, P.O. Box 289,
Hewett, W. V. 25108****

ROACH
MITCHELL
DAVIS

Need to contact any descendents or any information
of David Roach, b. Va. 1791, m. Elizabeth 1808,
d. Lawrence Co. Ohio. Mason twp. after 1860. Also
any information of Frederick Mitchell m Francis
Davis July 1823, Pike Co., Ohio d. Jany Co. IND. 1845
****Ella Dunlap Patte, 540 Avenue B.
Billings, Montana 59101

TURNER

TURNER, Allen age 6 in the 1860 census taken Aug
16 in Greenup Co. KY. Will anyone with information
please write. ****Edith Turner, P.O. Box 121
Kremlin, Mt 59532.

BENNETT
McCLAPLIN

Need information on parents of: Tryphena J. Bennett
born Feb 5, 1841, Lawrence Co, Ohio. m. Giles D.
McClaplin Apr 7, 1867 or 1868 in Covington, Ky.
Moved to Fillmore Co., Nebraska from Gallia Co. Ohio,
about 1869. Had children: Fanny Ledocia, Joseph
Perry, William Orson, Jepha Clark, and John Oliver.
Moved to Republic Co. Kas. by ca. 1873. Died
Republic Co. 4 July 1878. Possibly related to
Wiseman, Arthurs, Thompson of Lawrence Co. Ohio
****LaDenne Wickersham, 409 Russell,
Salina, Kansas 67401****

WELCH
AUCKERMAN
WILLIAMS
LEWIS

WELCH, Wm b. ca 1823 in Adams Co., Ohio d. 1872
in Ironton m. in 1846 in Ironton, Ohio to Julianna
AUCHERMAN b. 1827 Adams Co. Ohio d. 1887 in Ironton,
Oh. Children there is record for: Lara (1847) m.
Wm. J. WILLIAMS; Albert (1849); Rebecca (1850) m. Wm.
LEWIS; Wm Edwd (1859); John (1861); Thomas Charlton
(1862); Melinda (1863); Emeline (1868-70); Emma (1872).
Would like to correspond with any possible relatives
or interested individual.
****Christine Welch Harrison, 3211 9th St. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44710****

HILGER
WHITE
Whitsell

Seek information on Peter Hilger b. 1849 in
Germany m 1) Elizabeth Whitsell and had children
Louisa b July 12, 1873; Valentin b Aug 20, 1871
Decatur twp. Lawrence Co. Ohio m. 2) Luella White
had son George b Mar 3, 1877 in Upper twp. Lawr.
Co. Ohio. and then in 1900 was in Hocking Co., Ward
twp. where he died Feb 12, 1924.
****Mrs. Dorotha Kidwell Nowell, 412 Clark St.
Morgantown, W.V. 26505****

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