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Dear Friends,

Our hours are 10:00 a.m. on Mondays only or by appointment.. Our lack of volunteers is preventing us from having more hours. If you have an interest, and would like to learn more about our library, consider becoming a volunteer.

SOME WISH LIST ITEMS:

Epson 812 black and color ink

Copier Paper

A small refrigerator

Our phone is not working right now, so if you need to contact us, use Facebook or call my cell at 614-560-4219.

Yvonne Yerian Hiteshue

MCGS President

MEETING TIMES CHANGED

We will now be having our meetings quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in our library.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 26, 2023

OCTOBER 25, 2023

JANUARY 31, 2024

APRIL 24, 2024

OUR NEXT MEETING

Whether Ohio was a final destination for your ancestor or a stop along their journey west, published genealogical resources for the state and the Western Reserve are important for many family historians. At this meeting, we will discuss the go-to Ohio-based resources within five categories: histories, genealogies, land, tax, and military. Learn about essential published sources that discuss family groups and help us to trace Ohio ancestors through time and place.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. The meetings are held at the Madison County Genealogical Society Library, 20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio, 43140 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is ample parking at the rear of the building and the entrance is handicap accessible.

VISITING

THE MCGS LIBRARY

We are located at 20 S. Walnut St., London, Ohio, in Suite 108 (formerly classroom 9) in City Hall (former London Schools primary building). There is plenty of parking at the rear of the building and the entrance is along the drive.

Our hours are:

Monday: 10:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

The library will be closed whenever the schools are closed for snow days.

There is a copier available at .15 per copy. Copies from the microfilm reader/printer are \$.25. No photos are permitted.

For visitors traveling from a distance, please contact the president at 614-560-4219 or message us on Facebook to make special arrangements. When leaving a phone message, please speak slowly and clearly so that we can get your name and phone number.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our page on Facebook to keep informed of activities and events. <https://www.facebook.com/Madison-County-Ohio-Genealogical-Society->

Email us at mcohgs@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is \$10.00 per year and includes an electronic quarterly newsletter.

Joint membership is \$14.00

(An individual member and one additional member living in same household) and includes an electronic quarterly newsletter.

Newsletter subscription is an additional \$5 - a hard-copy quarterly newsletter mailed to the member's home.

Please inform us as soon as possible of any address changes so you may continue to receive the newsletter and to ensure we have your current information on record for our files.

RESEARCH

Queries by mail:

All research queries should be sent to Madison County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 102, London, OH 43140 -0102 and should:

- include a five generation chart
- include contact information with phone number and email
- be limited to 3 questions

include a \$10 check made out to Madison County Genealogical Society for the first hours of research

Additional charges: \$10 for each extra hour of research, as well as cost for obituary copies, photocopying fees, and mailing costs.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

We welcome material to share in our newsletter. Photos, family charts, family histories or perhaps you would like to write a guest column. Please send material to MCGS, attn.: Newsletter to mcgsoh@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Time to Renew for 2023

Annual dues for MCGS membership are for 12 months beginning in January to December 31. It is time to renew your membership. There is a membership form on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Please send your dues ASAP. Your dues are essential to enable us to pay the rent! Remember our ONLY source of income is from dues and donations.

GENEALOGY TIP

Fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html (aka Old Fulton Postcards)

If you have ancestors from anywhere in New York state, and sometimes from the surrounding states, you've got to look at this site. Run by one intrepid and enthusiastic person, it has scanned newspapers from the area going back 200 years and sometimes more. The scanned pages are attached to a search field that will find any name or other words you put in it, making searching for articles on your ancestors easy. You will discover all kinds of previously unknown family information on this website.



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NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE O.G.S.
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

INDIVIDUAL.....\$7.00

MEETINGS

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
PLACE IS THE SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM OF THE MADISON COUNTY
AIRPORT, U.S. ROUTE 40, JUST WEST OF STATE ROUTE 38.

MAILING ADDRESS

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE LONDON, OHIO, PUBLIC LIBRARY
Flavell, Carol Willsey. Ohio Genealogical Guide, Second
Edition, revised. Indianapolis, Ind., Heritage House, 1979.

Galbreath, Charles B. History of Ohio. vols 2-5. (vol.1,
missing) Chicago, Ill.: American Historical Society, Inc.
1925 (Index to 5 vol. set xeroxed from vol 1 is shelved with
the set).

Harshman, Lida Flint, pub., Index to the 1850 Federal Popula-
tion Census of Ohio Ann Arbor, Mich.: Edwards Bros., Inc.
1972.

Khouw, Petta and Genealogy Staff, the State Library of Ohio.
County by County in Ohio Genealogy, revised ed. Columbus, Ohio
State Library of Ohio, 1978

Lindelov, Mary and Pam Melick. The State Library of Ohio
Technical Services Department Serial List, Columbus, Oh:
State Library of Ohio, 1979.

Ryan, Daniel J. and Emilius O. Randell. History of Ohio
5 vols. New York: Century History Company 1912

Ohio Historical Society. Indian Chiefs of Ohio. A collection
of monographs, portraits. Columbus, Ohio n.d.

OLD TIME MARRIAGES

The following, in addition to those already published in this paper, are copied from the record of marriage licenses on file in the Probate Judge's office:

1825

Allen Jones and Mary Dockem, Dec. 22
Moses Moore and Sarita King, Oct. 6
Stephen Moore and Caroline Bebee, June 16th
Leven Jones and Ann Truitt, Dec. 8
Geo. Bucker and Polly Webb, Dec. 13
John T. Miller and Elizabeth Nichols, December 22d

1826

Nathaniel Griffin and Mary Patrick, January 5
Chas. Higgins and Delila Chapman, February 2
David Reese and Madalina King, Feb. 7
Jonathan Tipton and Malinda Dennison, Jan. 26
Wm. McGow and Lavina Jones, March 10
Robert Thomas and Jane Scott, Feb. 16
Joseph Pierce and Elizabeth Stroup, Feb. 16
Cyrus Timmons and Nancy Stroup, March 13th
Wm. Davis and Nancy Linton, April 6th
Michael Robey and Natilda Dennison, Feb. 14
Scofield Bradford and Sarah Corder, March 12th
John Hand and Lois King, Feb. 22
Nehemiah Gates and Prescilla Clement, March 30
James Dockem and Elizabeth Clement, April 13
Patrick Freaks and Susan Hanshaw, June 3d
Robert Thomas and Nancy Tomlinson, April 6
Jefferson Melvin and Margaret Campbell, May 11
George Crawford and Dorotha Jones, May 4th
Daniel Hanson and Janes Acres, April 2
Henry Athey and Mary Willoughby, April 20th
Thomas McDonald and Adginis Simpkins, July 13
John Blue and Sarah Baldwin, July 30
Benjamin Loudonback and Sally Baker, July 31
Bartholomew Melvin and Elizabeth Addair, Aug. 1
Francis Thompson and Mary Ann Counts, May 9
Jacob Applegate and Orea Simpkins, June 8th
John H. Spain and Nancy Baldwin, Aug. 9th
John H. Coon and Ruth Clemmens, September 3d
Baldwin Willcut and Polly Springer, September 26
Wm. Coon and Rosanna Atcheson, September 28
James Ray and Patsy Hutson, June 6
Solomon Davidson and Catharine Price, June 20
Sinnnet Reakin and Betsy Selsor, Oct. 19
Abraham Reese and Tursey King, Oct. 12
Matthew Earl and Susanna Sypherd, Nov. 28
Joseph Morse and Esther Keys, Oct. 19th
Wm. Guy and Clarriet Fullington, Oct. 19
Asa Bates and Lydia Jones, Nov. 22
Thos. Prentis and Nancy Turner, Dec. 6
Joseph H. Garwood and Angeline Calver, Nov. 11
John Timmons and Catharine Jones, Dec. 21st
John Waggoner and Caroline Clark, Oct. 19
David Garton and Martha Rickman, Dec. 16th
Wilson Hand and Susannah Busack, Dec. 5th

Copied from The Democrat, London, Ohio, Wednesday, May 7, 1890

MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRAT
LONDON, OHIO, WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 26, 1881

OLD TIME TALKS

Mrs. Millie Blizzard, the subject of this sketch, was born on the 18th day of January, 1788, near Cambridge, Maryland. Her father's name was Job Willoughby and her mother's maiden name was Mary Mills. They were quiet and industrious settlers, devoting their time to farming mostly, on a small piece of land, about two miles from Cambridge. Mr. Levin Willoughby, an old pioneer of Madison County, was a son of this couple and a brother of Mrs. Blizzard's. The country around her birthplace was wild and mountainous and a great deal of trouble and fear were caused by the frequent depredations and stealing of the hostile indians. On one occasion a number of red skins while on their periodical raid stole away a white woman, an aunt of Mrs. Blizzard's, and placing a gag over her mouth hid her under a load of furs and skins until they had passed out of the reach of the settlers. She was compelled to remain a prisoner among them for nearly three years, when she finally made her escape and returned to her friends in Virginia. During that time she became so accustomed to their uncivilized manners that it was some time before she could be induced to wear sufficient clothing.

When she was about eleven years of age, or in December, 1799, the sad news of the death of Gen. George Washington was spread over the country. Congress being convened at Philadelphia, adopted joint resolutions recommending the people of the Union, to assemble in their respective localities "to testify their grief by suitable eulogies, orations and discourses, or by public prayer," and to wear crape on their left arms for thirty days. Thus the great General's funeral sermons were preached over the Union on one and the same day. She attended the services held in the Church of England in Cambridge on that day. The place of worship was draped in deep mourning, long black streamers pending from the ceiling from altar to vestibule. The Order of Free Masons being desirous of showing their respect for their departed brother, preformed their peculiar ceremonies by forming in two files at the door, facing each other, and crossing swords, slowly passing through the steeled arch in front of the church, where with their regalia, cross keys, open Bible, etd., they presented an impressive spectacle to the eye, never to be forgotten.

Many incidents are related by the old lady, showing the extra-ordinary clearness of her memory of events occurring at that early age. After the death of her parents she emigrated to Ross County, Ohio, in 1814, accompanied by her brother Levin Willoughby, now dead, her sisters and several others, seeking homes and fortunes. They traveled the whole distance in wagons, experienced many trials and hardships, reaching their destination in five weeks from the time of starting. They settled on the old Governor Worthington farm, five miles from Chillicothe, which place and Columbus at that time were the only trading posts in this section of Ohio. They lived in a small log cabin as comfortably as possible, and did some farming.

To be continued.....

THE LATE ABRAHAM SIMPSON'S WILL

The will of the late Abraham Simpson, of Deercreek township, was admitted to probate last Monday. The will is dated Aug. 17, 1882, and bequeaths:

- Item 1: To his beloved wife all his household goods, beds and bedding, books, pictures, etc.; also his gray horse, side saddle, buggy, harness, etc, and all the land he owns on the north side of the West Jefferson, South Charleston and _____ road, in Deercreek township, she to hold said land during her lifetime; also one cow and two stalls in his new stable on the south side of the road, with privilege of having corn and other feed for her stock; also as many hogs as she shall, within ten days after his decease, select.
- Item 2: To his son, Aurelius Simpson, he gives his silver watch, received from his fathers estate.
- Item 3: To his son Lafayette Simpson, he gives his walking cane, with name thereon.
- Item 4: To his daughter, Sarah A. Withrow, he gives his watch seal and steel watch chain.
- Item 5: Directs that his land lying south of said road be rented by his executor and that one-half of the rent money be paid to his wife, the other half to go toward paying taxes on all the lands, making needed improvements, and if any residue is left that is to be divided between his sons and daughters; and if his wife shall depart this life before the present owner of the land lying north and adjoining his land, to wit: Thomas Bales, shall die, then he directs that his executor shall continue to rent the lands (including also the land on the north side of the road) during the lifetime of said Bales, and after paying taxes, repairs, etc., to pay the money to his children.
- Item 6: Directs that after the death of his wife and said Bales that his real estate be sold at private or public sale and the proceeds divided among his children; Fidelia Hornbeck, Lafayette Simpson, Sarah A. Withrow, Elizabeth F. Defenbaugh and Aurelius Simpson- one fifth to each-or, if any shall die leaving no lawful issue, then his or her share shall go to the others.
- Item 7. Directs the sale of his personal property, not otherwise willed, and collection of all notes, accounts, etc., and out of the same to pay just debts, funeral expenses, erect a suitable tombstone, etc., the balance, if any, to be divided among his sons and daughters.
- Item 8: Nominates and appoints his son, Lafayette Simpson, executor of the estate.

MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRAT AUGUST 2, 1893

REMEMBER.....TIME TO PAY THE DUES FOR 1984.....
NO NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT TO ANYONE NOT
ON THE 1984 MEMBERSHIP LIST, AFTER MAY 15, 1984.

ROSTER OF OUR OLD FOLKS WHO STILL FIND DELIGHT IN LIVING
EIGHTY YEARS AND OLDER
MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRAT, MARCH 19, 1909

CONTINUED FROM THE AUG. 1983, NEWSLETTER

Ex-Probate Judge Oliver P. Crabbe, aged 83, was born on Big Darby and spent most of his life in Madison County. Excepting his eyesight he enjoys fair health. He served 18 years as probate judge and also three terms as county recorder and suditor.

Mrs. Helena Bidenbach, aged 84, was born in Rheinisch, Bavaria, Feb. 13, 1825, and has lived in London for 50 years. She is the widow of George Bidenbach, and lives with her son-in-law, Charles Anderson, the hardware dealer, on East Fifth street. Quite strong and hearty, she enjoys her household duties.

William Crawford Minter, aged 93, was born near Cynthiana, Ky., March 2, 1826. When a lad of 13 years he came to Lafayette, this county, with his parents, who settled on a farm. He enjoys good health and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Van Wagener, London. He has a son, William, at Springfield.

Mrs. Minerva A. Acton, aged 82, was born May 22, 1827, in London, and has lived here all her life, with the exception of three years, which she spent in West Jefferson. She lives in the same block in which she was born. Mrs. Acton is bright and active and interested in all good service, in helping the church of her choice and doing many kindly deeds.

John Gilliland was born in Ohio, July 25, 1812, and his wife (Miss Almira Waldo) in Franklin county, May 5, 1819. They were married in the Opposum Run neighborhood in 1836. Mr. Gilliland taught school in early life. He came to London, 34 years ago and embarked in the shoe business in 1882. This couple enjoy good health. Mrs. Gilliland being particularly spry.

E. J. Gould, of London, aged 84, was born in Caldwell, N. J., on Jan. 6, 1815, and when a mere boy drove, with his parents, the entire distance by wagon from New Jersey to London, and a few years later he went in partnership with his brother William in the lumber business, and retained an interest until the planing mill burned in 1899. From 1875 to 1879 he also conducted large sawmills at Port Oxford, Ore., and while there he was amember of the state legislature. Since that time he has employed his time in the greenhouse business, assisted by his sons, Theo., Donald and Cecil.

George Ronemous, aged 85, was born in Martinburg, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1814. He was married at Plattsburg, O., and later came to London, where he has been for 44 years actively engaged in the tailoring business, 18 years of which have been spent in the Finley block. He is in fair health and makes his daily trips to his place of business, when the weather permits. He is the father of 10 children, eight of whom are living.

Aunt Mary Weber, of London, aged 82, was born in Wilburburg, Germany, Aug. 1, 1827. She arrived in New York City about 60 years ago on a sailing vessel, it taking 73 days to make the voyage. A few years later she was married in Columbus to Peter Weber, who conducted the old Weber house, now known as the Mollissey grocery, and moved to London, where she has resided about 56 years. She is the mother of six children, of whom five are living, two residing in London, Mrs. Barbara Peirce and Mrs. Cass Speasmaker, where Aunt Mary makes her home. here is no person in London better liked and more respected than the good-hearted Aunt Mary Weber. At present she is in poor health.

Madison County Genealogical Society

PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM **Some items are in limited quantities. Pricing is subject to change

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Obituary Inventories from the London, Ohio Papers, Volume 1 \$15.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

(Index to obituaries in 1834, 1850-1853, 1856, 1862-1865, 1870, 1871, 1873-1898, 1900-1901, 1913-1917) London Times and Madison County Democrat

Obituary Inventories, Madison County, Ohio, Volume 2 \$15.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

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Madison Chronicle 4 March 1854 through Feb 1858

Madison County Democrat 20 March 1862 through 27 Dec 1866

Madison County Democrat 3 Jan 1867 through 29 Dec 1870

Madison County Democrat 5 Jan 1871 through 25 June 1873

Madison County Democrat 2 July 1873 through 29 Dec 1875

Madison County Democrat 5 Jan 1876 through 27 Dec 1876

Madison County Democrat 3 Jan 1877 through 30 April 1879

Madison County Democrat 7 May 1879 through 28 Sep 1881

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Madison County Republican 1 Sep 1897 through 31 Oct 1912

London Times 4 Jun 1896 through 3 Oct 1912

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Madison County Democrat 2 Jul 1884 through 29 Jun 1898

Obituary inventories bundle – All the above Volumes 1-5 \$80.00+\$20.00 s & h _____

A Genealogical Index to Caldwell's Atlas of Madison County, OH \$55.00 + \$9.00 s & h _____

Laminated Map of London \$15.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

London County Seat of Madison County, Ohio: The town plat, deed records \$5.00 + \$2.00 s & h _____

The first owners of town lots from Deed Book 1 Recorder's Office,

Madison County Courthouse, London, Ohio

1930 Census Index \$20.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

Madison County, Ohio and the Civil War \$20.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

A compilation of a weekly series of articles entitled Madison County

In the War: Interesting reminiscences of 31 years ago as compiled from the records

and prepared for the Times readers which ran from Thursday, January 7, 1892

through Thursday, August 11, 1892. Also included for the reader's interest are additional articles giving statistics and names which will undoubtedly be of interest to researchers.

Disclaimer: These articles are printed from photocopies made from deteriorated old newspapers.

Publications Total _____

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

DATE _____

NAME _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Please deliver my newsletter by: **MAIL** _____ **EMAIL** _____ (emails are sent as a pdf file)

May we have your permission to share your contact information with other researchers? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Surnames being researched in Madison County _____

Are you currently a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

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