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Dear Friends,

As most of you know, we are back in business in a limited capacity.

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.

IMPORTANT!!!!! CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

The building next door is slated to be under demolition with preparation starting on January 23. Our meeting is the 25th. Be prepared when you come for the meeting to possibly seek parking on the street. We will us the FRONT DOOR only for entrance and exit at our meeting. Don't let this stop you from attending. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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

JANUARY 25, 2023 APRIL 26, 2023 JULY 26, 2023 OCTOBER 25, 2023

OUR NEXT MEETING

Genealogists may not see eye to eye on the Perfect Organizational System for data and sources, but they will certainly agree that they would rather spend time finding ancestors than filing papers. The challenge is to create a system that suits the personality and habits of the user and is easy to create and maintain.

At our next meeting, we discuss and share ideas about ways to get your research in order.

Come prepared to learn and share.

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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 Library at 740-852-0994 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

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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

. National Genealogical Society

One of the main goals of the National Genealogical Society is to educate the public about family history research. In our Free Genealogy Resources section, we offer a number of different and important educational resources. Here you will find free genealogy charts, templates, and tutorials on the US Census and How to Borrow Books from the NGS Book Loan Collection.

We have organized helpful tips, articles, and recommended resources for every level of family researcher.



NGS is a website for researchers at all levels. Individual membership is \$75 per year. The group website has resources that cannot be found elsewhere as well as several tutorials.

Membership includes a quarterly magazine.

Visit ngsgenealogy.org



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MEETINGS

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. REGULAR METTING PLACE IS THE SECOND FLOOR NEEDING ROOM OF THE LADISON COUNTY AIRPORE, U.S. ROUTE 40, JUST WEST OF STATE ROUTE 35.

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GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE LONDON, OHIO, PUBLIC LIBRARY

PHE SOURCE: a Quidebook of American Genealogy; Published

by Ancestry Publishing Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1964.

Edited by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny

The London Public Library is now the home of a new Microfilm reader and many census films. More information on this to follow in the next newsletter. my musband assisted Patrick McLean, the orginal surveyor, in laying out the town lots of London. It was no easy job, by the way. In company with several others they loaded their horses down with surveyor's tools, saddlebags, etc., and started on a two weeks survey on a new road from London and Sandusky. On account of the abundance of wild turkeys and other game in this heretofore untrodden wilderness, there was no trouble in procuring an abundance of meat. When the party reached Sandusky, the owner of the inn had prepared for them an excellent dinner of nice meats and cranberry pie.

When I first came to the settlement there was not a fence in the county-nothing but woodland with heavy underbrush and hazel bushes, separated by wild, rolling prairies. The grass grow very high, and it was an amusing sight to see a dozen Indians on a exciting deer chase. They would mount their pretty little ponies, give a characteristic savage yell, or "holler", as we called it, and were off in a jiffy after the panting deer. Every once in a while we could see their bobbing heads above the waving grass. Sometimes, when the grass was long and dry the red hunters would set it on fire, in order to frighten the game out of the prairie. The high roaring flames, accompanied by a dense volume of smoke, would sweep along the grassy prairies carrying destruction in their path and exciting the settlers with fears of a general conflagration. Indeed it was no uncommon occurrence for both men and women to turn out and fight the fire fiend all night to save their cabins and clearings from the destructive flames. We would carry water in buckets, or whatever came handy, and quench the approaching fire, assisted by our nearest neighbors, if we chanced to have any. On one occasion, I remember the water gave out, and we were in a delemma- no water, and the fire nearing our little cabin. As a last effort, we knocked in the head of a barrel of vinegar, and with it, in lieu of water, succeeded in saving our property.

We did the most of our trading in Chillicothe, but after some time there was a grocery established in London, known as Gwynne's grocery. I think it was on the site of the old National Hotel on High Street, and a little of almost everything was kept there. Earmers would sell their fattened hogs to Gwynne for \$1 50 per cwt., and trade out the price of them. Groceries were not very cheap then, but still the people lived as well as they do at the present time. Coffee would cost 50 and 62 cents per pound, and the best Imperial tea \$4 per pound. Frequently we would send to Chillicothe after goods not kept in London. My husband has several times purchased a quart of sacramental wine for the old circuit rider who would make us

periodical visits.

Only three families lived in that part of the county in that time-Captain Vincent's, Andrew Willoughby's and our family. Our nearest neighbors lived over on Deer Creek, where we would gather herbs and roots for cases of sickness among us. Later, as new comers came in we would help them put up their cabins and clear their place. If one of the neighbors would get sick, it was nothing uncommon to see the women friends doctor and sit up with them during their illness, while the men would carry on the farming of the sick man until his recovery.

Old Joe Stothard's house was chosen as a place of voting, but the election excitement was not as heated as now. True, each man liked to speak his sentiments, but he would not waste his time on politics as is done at the present time. Neighbors were social and always willing to help each other, freely and gratuitously. We would have our log-rolling-clear a field of logs and old trees-our apple-parings, quiltings and corn huskings. We all experienced pleasure in assisting one another. After corn huskings, the farmers would take their grain to the nearest market and get sometimes not more than 25 cents per bushel for wheat, while corn would bring 9 pence per bushel.

The neighbors would bring in their wheat to our large barn and thresh it with flails. Mr. B. was quite a carpenter, and was often called by new-comers to hew "puncheons" for their new houses. He was an "Esquire" (Justice of the Feace) for over thirty years, and was for a long time a county commissioner, being a member of the County Board at the time the present Court House was built. As a Justice, trials would be held before him almost every Saturday, in the old house near Concord Chapel. In the summer, chairs were set on the porch and door-yard and Justice was administered in the open air. If a case was sent to Court, (there being no Court in this county), witnesses were summoned to appear in Chillicothe, where Court was held. But as a rule people did not like to "law".

Chillicothe was a great trading post then, the State Legislature meeting there until 1316. Old Governor Worthington lived within a mile of the town and was a near neighbor of the Blizzards. He was a grand old man, kind and liberal.

Preaching was held in a school house near where Concord now stands, and Richard Goslee was one of the church pillars.

Dr. Toland was then a young hearty specimen of manhood, and together with old Dr. Stears, were the only physicians in the county. The latter lived near where London now stands.

Among the old settlers may be mentioned Richard Gosslee, John Jestis, Jos. Gillespie, Dave Dye, the Housmans, Countses and Johnsons.

The venerable old lady from whom these reminiscenses of the past have been gathered, is now in her 94th year, and is in the enjoyment of a fair degree of health. Her hearing, sight and appetite are all good, but she suffers to considerable extent with rheumatism. She has done a great deal of hard work, and has never had but two dresses made in her life time. When young she would stack hay and drop corn with the agility, independence and experience of a man. She has never been a coward-it was not a characteristic of the family. Her brother has often mustered for battle, and on one occasion the company to which he belonged was surrenderd to the British in the war of 1812, but afterwards, the brave young man made his escape and came back home. Grandmother Blizzard is now living with the widow of a deceased son, James Blizzard, in London. Her living children are: Levin W. Blizzard, Mrs. Sallie Crawford, Mrs. Betsy Corson, all of this county, and Wm. Blizzard and Mrs. Mary Wowkman, of Missouri.

Madison County Democrat February 2, 1881

It is with much regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Millie Blizzard, relict of Burton Blizzard, a well known early pioneer and office holder of this county. The old lady has been in bad health for several months past, and for some time previous to her death became paralyzed. She passed away peacefully and quietly, aged nearly ninety-four years, on Sunday morning last, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter in law, Mrs. Almira Blizzard on North Oak street.

Mrs. Blizzard was born near Cambridge, Maryland, on January 18th, 1788, and was a member of the old Willoughby family. She attended the funeral services of Gen. George Washington, held in the church of England, at Cambridge, in December 1799. After the death of her relatives, she removed to the old Gov. Worthington farm in Ross county, 0., (in 1814), accompanied by her brother, Levin Willoughby. Here she married to Burton Blizzard, and after a few years came to this county, and settled on a clearing near where Hon. David Haskell now resides. From that time to the present, the deceased has been a continuous resident of Madison County.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, and the remains were interred in the Concord cemetery in Range township.

Madison County Democrat November 2, 1881

RANGE

Mrs. Susian Counts, relict of Peter Counts, was born in Fayette County, Nov. 2, 1812. She now lives at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nathan Gillespie, Range township. This lady has remarkable vitality and enjoys life and a fair state of health at the age of 96.

Redmond Cantwell, aged 90, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, on Feb. 12, 1819. He crossed the ocean in 1848. Is hale and hearty at present and attended church at London on Christmas day.

William Price, aged 86, residing at Range, was born at

Frankfort, Ross county, Ohio, May 21, 1823.

Louisa C. Koontz, aged 86, has been a lifelong resident of Madison county, and enjoys fair health.

Jacob Kulp, aged 81 years, was born near Northtown, Pa. He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Minshall, near Sedalia.

COOK

John G. Charles, aged 81, was born Feb. 29, 1828, about four miles from Philadelphia, Pa., which was then but a small town. He can remember when there was but one railroad in Philadelphia. Mr. Charles moved to Fairfield county when about nine years old, and lived there until a young man, when he moved to New Holland, O., and worked at the trade of a shoemaker until 28 years ago, when he moved to the H. L. Marcy farm, near Cook, and has lived in this vicinity ever since. He has always enjoyed the best of health until two years ago, when he had quite a spell of stomach trouble, but is in good health now for one of his age.

Rebecca Rummell Kellough, aged 94, was born April 10, 1816, in Shenadoah county, Virginia. She came to Madison county, March 1, 1865, and has lived here the greater part of 43 years. She is the mother of two children, Mrs. Mary McClean and J. W. Kellough; has quite a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grand-children, the youngest of which is Virginia Helen Kellough, of Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Kellough is comparatively active and persists in doing some housework, although bending with the infirmities of great age. She can still read and write and states that she "hopes to keep her health as long as she lives." She is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Sam McClean, at Indianapolis, but will return to her .. home at Cook as soon as pleasant weather comes.

ANTIOCH

Daniel Oglesbee, aged 89, was born in Green county, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1819, and has been a resident of Madison county 74 years, having moved here at the age of 15. He is the father of four children and lives with his daughter Miss Phocbe, on his farm near Antioch. Mr Oglesbee has been in poor health for some time, but at present is able to walk about the house, and can relate some interesting stories of the condition of the country when he moved here. UNDER OWNER

Robert 3. Hontgomery, aged 33, was born one mile east of Newport, Oct. 6, 1825, and when 10 years old he moved to Pleasant township, Madison county, where he resided until two years ago, when he went to make his home with Esther E. Bell at Grove City.

DEERCREEK

James Plimell, aged 80, of Upper Glade, was born Oct. 8, 1828, in Madison county, within a few yards of where he now resides, on the Gregg road, between London and West Jefferson. He enjoys good health.

Ransome Watrous, aged 91, formerly of Lafayette, is now residing at Magnetic Springs.

James Plimell, aged 80, of Deercreek township, was born Oct. 8, 1828, and lived all his life on the farm where he now resides.

LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Timothy Sullivan, aged 86, was born in County Cork, Ireland, and has lived in Madison county for 50 years. She is passing her declining years with her son, Jerry Sullivan, near Lafayette.

PLUMWOOD

Sarah S. Bradley, aged 87, formerly Sarah A. Jones, was born near Deer Creek in 1822.

TRADERSVILLE

William Teter, aged 81, was born at Bridgeport, W. Va., Nov. 25, 1827, came to Ohio in 1850, and has resided in Madison county ever since. He was married to Mary Kennedy, daughter of Judge Kennedy, June 9, 1853. She was called to her heavenly home May 30, 1886. Since then he has been cared for by his adopted daughter, Mrs. L. C. Brown, and family.

OAK RUN

Daniel Boyer, aged 81, Oak Run township, was born

Daniel Boyer, aged 81, Oak Run township, was born
March 7, 1828, in Ross county, and has resided in Oak Run
township for about 75 years. He is the father of 12 children,
10 of whom are now living. His wife is a few years his
junior, and both enjoy good health.

James Clark, of Oak Run township, aged 82, was born
Aug. 16, 1827, in Frederick county, Maryland. He settled
in Somerford township in 1840, and was married to Martha
J. Foster, Feb. 28, 1860. They went to housekeeping on the
old McClimans farm, in Range township, and in 1861 moved
to the farm where he now resides to the farm where he now resides.

Continued from the June 1984 newsletter..... Roster of our old folks who still find delight in living Eighty years and older... Madison County Democrat.. 19Mar, 1909

To be continued ...

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OLD TIME MARRIAGES

THE DEMOCRAT, LONDON, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1890
The following, in addition to those already published in
this paper, are copied from the record of marriage licensed on
file in the Probate Judge's office:

1828

Samuel Anderson and Nancy Thomas, Jan. 10 Joseph Ward and Milly Wingate, Feb. 7 David Heath and Nancy Thomas, Jan 31 Wm. Atchison and Wancy Moore, March 6 William Guy and Adwlaide Fullington, Jan. 28 Samuel Sandusky and Lucinda Dicus, Feb. 25 Geo. Snodgrass and Hannah Fox, Feb. 7 Wm. Kelso and Sarah Helphenstine, April 15th William Stone and Elizabeth Halloway, April 15 Amos A. Minshall and Catharine Kelso, April 15 Isma Timmons and Sarah Adams, April 15th Isaac Miller and Fanny Halloway, April 15 Obil O. Beach and Julana Wheeler, April 10th Samuel Mantle and Rachel Luzadder, March 2 Jonas Bradley and Elizabeth Davis, April 24th John McDonald and Maria Boyd, May 19 Malachia Lane and Elizabeth Rion, April 17th Henry Burris and Hetty Lattimore, May 8th Abner Arnold and Mary Ellington, March 30th James Allen and Elizabeth Bussell, July 5 Thomas Conley and Savelia Groves, June 20th Gardner Herring and Moriah Morain, July 2d Jesse Chandler and Agnes Dickinson, April 15th Embrees Canfil and Rhoda Tutter, Aug. 14th Thomas Harvey and Eliza Grayhum, Aug. 26 (1826) Joseph Chambers and Henry Hammond, April 6 Hose Gorton and Rebecah Harris, April 17th Jonathan Waldo and Nancy Newland, July 24th Roland Wilson and Lucinda Douglass, Sept. 11th John Paign and Catharine Vannest, August 7 Maxwell Murray and Jane T. Gibson, Oct. 29th

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(Index to obituaries in 1834, 1850-1853, 1856, 1862-1865, 1870,	
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through 24 October 1834, London Sentinel 1 June 1850 through	
22 February 1851), Madison Reville 8 March 1851 through 25 Feb 1854	
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	
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Madison County Democrat 5 Jan 1876 through 27 Dec 1876	
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Madison County Democrat 2 Jul 1884 through 29 Jun 1898	
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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.	
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