

**THE
DIEDERICH
FAMILY
GENEAOLOGY
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INTRODUCTION

It has been a rewarding experience assembling the information contained in these pages. I would like to thank all those who have assisted with pertinent information and remembrances that were incorporated here.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

1. This is the history of the Diederich Family since 1700. The written records from Germany go back only that far. I was able to go back 2 more generations from the original family tree listing.
2. In the beginning and in many cases, this record is a list of names, with birth, marriage, and death dates. Where possible, I have tried to include a bit of information, i.e. what they did or where they lived, about each person.
3. You will note the reuse of names in families. For example, at one time in 1870, there were at least 5 Matthias Diederichs living at the same time in the same area.
4. There are more family lines included here besides the "Diederich" family; I call these the "Allied Families". They are families who married into the "Diederich", and on who I had additional information that required adequate space to properly record their history.
5. The "Addendum's" are histories of North Ridgeville and Sheffield, Ohio. It is helpful to know not only, who but what environment shaped the family. The book "The Elm Tree Tales" (addendum 3) is wonderful reading.
6. In the old German records, the family name is consistently spelled "Diederichs". Once the family came to the U. S. the name changed to 3 different spellings: Diederich, Dederich, and Diedrick.
7. How important is one person? John and Susanna Diederich, Family 3.1, have progeny that number 2000+.
8. If you want to update your family information; add your family to the Allied Family list; or need an additional copy of this book (additional copies are \$10 each, postage included), please forward your request to: Sally Ledford, 5649 Troy Villa Blvd, Huber Heights, Ohio 45424

The following is a list of all those who, in the past have worked on this volume:

" The dates for this record were gathered by Mary Diederich, daughter of John and Gertrude of Sheffield, Ohio."

'This is dedicated to the memory of my parents,
John and Gertrude, who braved the ocean
storms and hardships of the Western Reserve
to found a better home for themselves and
their posterity.'

Mary Catherine Diederich
(completed in 1898)

We, the present generation of DIEDERICH Family, are grateful to those of previous generations who have spent time and energy in gathering the material for this genealogy, namely:

Mary Catherine Diederich, daughter of John and Gertrude of Sheffield, Ohio, the originator, compiled records from 1843 to 1898.

Edward A. Diederich carried this further from about 1910 to 1935. This copy was mislaid and not located until the late 1940's.)

Coletta M. Storey (nee Diederich) sister of Edward, brought the material up to date through 1970.

Catherine E. Moore (Belle) (nee Storey), daughter of Coletta M. Storey (nee Diederich) prepared and presented the Diederich tree data to K. Harold Ledford on November 10, 1974.

K. Harold Ledford worked on the material from November, 1974 to May, 1981.

Sallylee M. Ledford compiled the information from May, 1981 to present. Any updates are greatly appreciated.

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- 5-HOLY FAMILY, AVON, OHIO

GENERATION 1

Nicholas Diederich (d. 6/23/1740) and Anna Ursula (d. 11/5/1751) of Durbach

1. Nicholas Diederich born before 1730 Family 2.1

2. Anna Catherine Diederich married Johannes Peters Gilgenbach
of Retterath 7/2/1738

3. Maria Margaret Diederich married Jacobus Hoff of
Retterath 1/30/1740

4. Johannes Jacobus Diederich married Maria Catherine
Keiffenheim on 2/22/1740

These are possible siblings of Nicholas (Jr). They each were listed in the marriage listed as the children of Nicholas of Durbach. There may be others. There is information available about their children.

GENERATION 2

FAMILY 2.1 (1.1)

Nicholai Diederich (born before 1730, 1.1) in Durbach married Catherine Wirtz (born 1732) on 1/31/1752 in Retterath. Additional information on Catherine Wirtz is in Allied Family #1.

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| 1. John Diederich | b.2/21/1753 | Family 3.1 |
| 2. Matthias Diederich | b.7/1/1755 | Family 3.2 |
| 3. Peter Diederich | b.11/12/1757 | Family 3.3 |

GENERATION 3

FAMILY 3.1 (2.1)

John Diederich (2/21/1753 to 1810) married Susanna Herig (9/29/1767 - 4/10/1838) on 1/30/1787. Susanna is a 4th degree cousin. Susanna's family is Allied Families 2 and 3. They lived in Retterath, Rhennish, Prussia. It is now known as Retterath, Cochem, Germany.

1. Peter Diederich	b.2/1/1788	Family 4.1
2. Michael Diederich #2	b.4/24/1792	Family 4.2
3. Maria Diederich Stuarts	b.1/11/1790	Family 4.3
4. Margaretha Diederich Schmitz	b.1/28/1795	Family 4.4
5. Mathias Diederich #5	b.10/11/1800	Family 4.5
6. Catherine Diederich #6	b.2/21/1798	Family 4.6
7. John Diederich #7	b.11/5/1804	Family 4.7
8. Nicholas Diederich #8	b.1/22/1806	Family 4.8
9. Peter Diederich	b.2/7/1810	Family 4.9

FAMILY 3.2 (2.1)

Matthias Diederich (7/1/1755) married on 7/5/1791 to Anna Gertrude Paulus.

FAMILY 3.3 (2.1)

Peter Diederich (11/12/1757) married Anna Laux, of Mannebach, daughter of Nicholas and Marie Laux, on 2/10/1784. She died on 4/25/1785. He then married Maria Gundert Harig on 1/30/1788. She was the widow of Matthias Harig of Arbach. Peter died 1/27/1855 in Mannebach.

GENERATION 4

FAMILY 4.1 (3.1)

Peter Diederich (2/1/1788 to 1810) He died during an epidemic.

FAMILY 4.2 (3.1)

Michael Diederich (4/24/1792 to 5/12/1870) married Anna Marie Gundert of Arbach (d.12/6/1854). Michael and children emigrated to the U.S. in 1855. Michael died at 75 years in North Ridgeville. Anna died at the age 58 years. She was the daughter of Joahannes and Maria Gundert. Matthias Diederich (10/11/1800 - 2/15/1881) married on 4/8/1827 to Ann Catherine Peckart (1804 - 5/11/1874). They lived in Retterath, Germany, then moved to Land Kern, then they emigrated to America in 6/15/1847. They arrived in Sheffield 8/15/1847 and lived with John Diederich and family until they permanently settled on Center Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio, in December, 1847. Further information on this family is in Allied Family #5.

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FAMILY 4.6 (3.1)

Catherine Diederich (2/21/1798 - 3/24/1853) in Mannebach, Germany, married John Diederich of Mannebach, Germany (4th cousin). He died in 1848. See Allied family #19.

FAMILY 4.7 (3.1)

JOHN DIEDERICH (11/17/1804 to 12/2/1893) married on 10/30/1832 to Gertrude Saurens of Illerich, Germany (6/22/1814 to 8/1/1893). Further information on Gertrude Saurens is in Allied Family #6.

1. Mathias Diederich	b.11/14/1833	Family 5.1
2. Catherine Maria Diederich	b.9/13/1836	Family 5.2
3. Frank Diederich	b.3/13/1840	Family 5.3
4. Peter Diederich	b.1/17/1844	Family 5.4
5. Margaret Diederich	b.9/20/1846	Family 5.5
6. Nicholas Diederich	b.1/4/1849	Family 5.6
7. Gertrude Diederich	b.8/25/1851	Family 5.7
8. Anna Diederich Born	b.6/15/1854	Family 5.8
9. Mary Catherine Diederich	b.10/17/1859	Family 5.9

"In the Spring of 1843, the above named John and Gertrude being convinced that their native country would not furnish them the necessities of life in the future, resolved to seek a new home in far off America. Being the first in the family to make the attempt, the undertaking was no small one. To leave home, friends, and relatives, in fact all, and go thousands of miles into the unknown country is

an undertaking which deserves reflection by the present generation who are enjoying now the fruits of our forefathers exertions.

Strengthened by the best of motives they left their native country and embarked at Rotterdam, via Antwerp in a "bark" or boat named Maria. Thinking that the ship which bore the name of our Blessed Mother would be a safe conveyance, they set sail for their new home (NOTE: The ship they traveled on, the "Maria" arrived in New York harbor on July 24, 1843, and was captained by Mr. J. Brabander. The ship logs are on microfilm.) After a long and tedious voyage of 64 days they sighted land and with their three children Mathias, Catherine, and Frank, aged respectively 9, 6, and 3, they set foot on American soil in New York.

As Cleveland was their destination they at once prepared to continue the journey made by way of the Hudson River to Albany, thence along the Great Erie Canal, across the State of New York to Buffalo, from there by way of Lake Erie to Cleveland.

Here they arrived the August 2, 1843 and found shelter and lodging with a Mr. Wolff, who had come to Cleveland several years previously, and who was ever ready to extend his hospitality to newcomers.

In a few days, John Diederich joined a party of men who went out in search of land. They were directed west of Cleveland where it was said a number of German families had recently settled. So they reached East Avon and the home John Miller, near the present site of Trinity Church. Under his direction the party came to Sheffield where a German family named Laux was living, besides a number of English families who had settled in the place about 25 years before this time. As the Eastern section of Sheffield was rapidly settled by Germans, and as all were of one faith, our newcomers at once decided to make this their new home.

The family found shelter with the Laux family and also lived for several weeks in the log house on Barrows Road while a crude log house was being built. It was Fall before the family occupied their home. Winter being on hand, what could the family subsist on during that long season when nothing can be planted? Besides, the farm bought was one of unbroken forest which first must be cleared. Nothing was plentiful but wood. Providence did not send an angel direct, but his angels in human form who were always ready to alleviate the wants of these newcomers. What would our early German settlers have done had it not been for the kindly assistance of their English neighbors? They were ever ready to lend a helping hand, and asked no recompense whatsoever.

These good people have gone but their deeds have immortalized their names. Were there ever nobler people than Milton, Garfield, Robins, Burrell, Hiram Burrell, and their charitable wives and many others. This generation does not know them but their names linger in our households.

Many were the hardships endured by the pioneer settlers sixty years ago. There were no places where the roads should be, which since the first surveys had turned into a young wilderness. It is not to be wondered that some of the people in those days lost their way which had to be picked carefully on logs and stumps to avoid the water that stood in dense forests. Often the call of a lost person was heard to which the settlers would reply. And in that way the right path was found again by following the directions of the sound.

Although Sheffield was settled in 1815, it seemed a wilderness still to our parents in 1843. (One of the great drawbacks in the earlier days was the fever ague with which most of the people were more

or less afflicted.) This continued for some time with must loss of life. The good people prayed and pleased with St. Theresa of Avila and promised if their prayers were heard they would build a church in honor of her and keep October 15th as a holyday. Fore years it was a great festive day. For further information of St. Theresa's Church see addendum 1, also for information of St. Peter's Church see addendum 2). The altars were filled with flowers, a High Mass was said, and in general it was a family reunion and homecoming. It was known to many for years as Theresa Day."

In 1883, John and Gertrude celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary. All of the children, then living, 8 in number, grandchildren and many relatives were present for the occasion. They lived eleven years longer and reached the ages of 89 and 79 respectively.

FAMILY 4.8 (3.1)

Nicholas Diederich (1/22/1806 - 5/24/1895) married Gertrude Diederich of Mannebach German (4th cousin) (5/14/1808 - 8/15/1881). They lived in Grafton and Carlisle, Ohio. Further information on this family is in Allied Family #7 and the Knechtges family is in Allied Family #8.

FAMILY 4.9 (3.1)

Peter Diederich (2/7/1810 to 11/16/1859) married Anna Maria Mai on 7/31/1832 (2/7/1810 - 3/19/1857). They lived in Illerich, Germany.

MICHEAL DIEDERICH'S FAMILY

Michael Diederich (1793-1870) married Anna Maria Guntert (1803-1854 @ 51 ;years) of Arrabach. The family emigrated to America in 1855.

2.5.1 Nicholas Diederich b. 1830 in Arrabach married in 1853 to Maria Magdalena Emmerich b. 1829 at Mannabach.

2.6.1 Katherine Diederich (1853 - 1853)

2.6.2 Marie Catherine Diederich b. 1854 married in 1872 to Phillip Strohmeyer.

2.7.1 Katherine Strohmeyer Bennis

2.7.2 John Strohmeyer

2.7.3 Margaret Strohmeyer

2.7.4 Anna Maria Strohmeyer

2.7.5 Nicholas Strohmeyer

2.6.3 Joseph Diederich married on 11/1880 to Mary Nufer in Elyria

2.7.6 Helena Diederich, twin

2.7.7 Christian, Diederich, twin, died in infancy.

2.6.4 Katherine Diederich of Prussia was married to Nicholas Busch in 1878.

2.7.8 Peter Busch

2.7.9 Mary Catherine Busch

2.7.10 Michael Busch

2.7.11 Katherine Busch

2.7.12 Phillip Busch

2.6.5 Gertrude Diederich of Pussia married to Peter Wufer on 102/1879 in Elyria

2.7.13 Nicholas Wufer

2.7.14 Joseph Wufer

2.7.15 Magdalena Wufer

2.6.6 Margaret Diederich of Prussia, was married to Peter Smith of Avon in 11/1883 at Elyria by Rev. J. T. Schaffeld.

2.7.16 Jacob Smith

2.7.17 Gertrude Smith

2.7.18 Henry Smith

2.6.7 Emma Diederich of Prussia was married to Antone Weber of North Amherst at Elyria in 4/1885.

2.7.19 Magdalena Weber

2.7.20 Nicholas Weber

2.7.21 Rosie Weber

2.7.22 Mary Ann Weber

2.5.2 John Diederich of Mercer County, Ohio married Gertrude Schneider (d. 1891) of Cleveland.

2.6.8 Catherine Diederich

2.6.9 Mary Diederich

2.6.10 Emma Diederich

2.5.3 Maria Catherine Diederich (8/8/1832 - 7/17/1904) of Mercer County, Ohio married in 1855 to John Nicholas Schneider (8/8/1832 - 1/6/1883).

2.6.11 Helena Schneider married to Casper Schoenberger

2.6.12 John Schneider (3/25/1860 in Lorain, Oh - 4/23/1937 @ 78y 28d, buried in Coldwater) married to Mary Harlett (9/11/1863 in Knox County - 12/14/1943 in Coldwater) She is the daughter of Nicholas Harlett and Catherine Eiffert.

- 2.7.23 Catherine Schneider married Herman Fink. He is the son of Joseph and Mary (Borgerding) Fink. They didn't have any children
- 2.7.24 John Schneider (deceased)
- 2.7.25 Gertrude Schneider married on 10/10/1911 to William Fink (9/25/1889 - 1/16/1969).
 - 2.8.1 Mildred Fink b 5/24/1912 married on 11/26/1936 at Holy Trinity Church to Walter Stachler (11/14/1908-4/22/1982)
 - 2.9.1 Arlene Ann Stachler (4/10/1938 - 4/10/1938)
 - 2.9.2 Phyllis Jean Stachler b. 12/8/1939 married on 5/7/1960 to Lester Bensman.
 - 2.10.1 Mark Bensman b.4/11/1961 married on 6/16/1984 to Rita Clune b. 8/9/1953
 - 2.10.2 Karen Bensman b. 8/28/1962 married on 11/13/19/82 to Ronald Schlater b. 9/18/1959
 - 2.11.1 Bryan Schlater b.4/8/1984
 - 2.11.2 Matthew Schlater b. 8/14/1985
 - 2.11.3 Craig Schlater b. 11/9/1988
 - 2.10.3 Janice Bensman b. 8/13/1965 engaged to Randall Scott
 - 2.10.4 Connie Bensman b. 9/11/1965 married on 11/7/1987 to Douglas Rinderle b. 3/25/1964.
 - 2.10.5 Margie b. 2/19/1969 married on 9/30/1988 to Kevin Tischer b. 12/18/1966.
 - 2.9.3 Ronald Stachler b. 6/4/1942 married on 6/10/1967 to Shirley Freeman b. 7/28/1946
 - 2.10.6 Brent Stachler b.7/3/1969
 - 2.10.7 Jeffrey Stachler B. 12/30/1970
 - 2.10.8 Michael Stachler b. 12/18/1972
 - 2.10.9 Molley Ann Stachler b. 2/19/1979
 - 2.9.4 Donald E. Stachler b. 6/4/1942 married on 8/6/1970 to Mary Jane Baucher b. 1/26/1946
 - 2.9.5 Richard N. Stachler b. 9/25/1943 married on 10/8/1988 to Kathie Boeckman
 - 2.10.10 Heather Stachler
 - 2.10.11 Matthew Stachler
 - 2.10.12 Anna Stachler
 - 2.9.6 Mary Stachler b. 2/29/1945 married on 4/23/1966 to Robert Bye, now divorced.
 - 2.10.13 Mary Bye b. 3/11/1967
 - 2.10.14 Robert Bye b. 3/20/1969
 - 2.10.15 Bradley Bye b. 9/26/1970
 - 2.9.7 Barbara Stachler b. 7/5/1946
 - 2.9.8 John Stachler b. 10/24/1949 married on 5/23/1981 to Mary Phillips b.5/1/1956
 - 2.10.16 Michelle Marie Stachler b. 8/2/1983
 - 2.10.17 Damon Phillip Stachler b. 8/29/1986
 - 2.8.2 Clarence Fink b. 5/22/1915 married Alvera Bruns b. 5/20/1920
 - 2.9.9 Clarence Fink Jr. 4/3/1938 - 4/17/1938
 - 2.9.10 Alice Fink b. 6/4/1939 married on 8/3/1957 to Thomas Brown
 - 2.9.11 Kenneth L. Fink B. 3/25/1942 to Shirley Hunt.

- 2.8.3 Bertha Fink 6/14/1917 to 11/5/1918
- 2.8.4 Gerald Fink b. 2/19/1920 married on 3/17/1945 to Leota Davis b. 6/5/1921
 - 2.9.12 Diane Fink b. 10/19/1946
 - 2.9.13 Nancy Fink b. 5/19/1950 married William Kalf
 - 2.9.14 Jennifer Fink b. 7/24/1951
 - 2.9.15 Timothy Fink b. 5/27/1957 married on 10/1/1988 to Carol Beyke.
- 2.8.5 Elmer Fink b. 4/22/1922 married on 5/3/1947 to Dorothy Boehmer b. 9/2/1923
 - 2.9.16 Elaine Fink B. 5/24/1948 married to J. Duffenberger
 - 2.9.17 David Fink b. 5/5/1949 married Linda Stammen
 - 2.9.18 Susan Fink b. 9/3/1952 married Charles Bergman
 - 2.9.19 Steven Fink
- 2.8.6 Donald Fink b. 7/7/1925 married on 6/12/1948 to Ruth Kelley on 11/8/--
 - 2.9.20 Patricia Fink b. 4/11/1949 married Bill Shaffer
 - 2.9.21 Pamela Fink b. 4/11/1950
 - 2.9.22 Jean Fink b. 1/9/1952 married Mr. Kinniger
 - 2.9.23 Jody Fink b. 9/29/1954
 - 2.9.24 Daniel Fink b. 12/14/1955
 - 2.9.25 Rebecca Fink b. 7/27/1957
 - 2.9.26 Margaret Fink b. 11/19/1959
- 2.8.7 Velma Fink (7/19/1928 - 11/14/1984) married on 6/29/1949 to Walter Bruggeman b. 6/29/1927
 - 2.9.27 Linda Bruggeman b. 1/22/1950 married Mr. Valentine
 - 2.9.28 Michael Bruggeman 1/14/1951 - 9/9/1984
 - 2.9.29 Virginia Bruggeman b. 6/27/1952 married Mr. Meyer
 - 2.9.30 William Bruggeman b. 7/7/1954 married Mary Homan
 - 2.9.31 Marjorie Bruggeman b. 12/12/1955 married John Steinbrunner
 - 2.9.32 Mark Bruggeman b. 7/22/1957 married Mary Titschurch
 - 2.9.33 Mary Bruggeman b. 9/8/1958 married Mr. Winhover
 - 2.9.34 Charles Bruggemen b. 10/21/1960
 - 2.9.35 Arthur Bruggeman b. 1/6/1964
 - 2.9.36 George Bruggeman b. 6/21/1965
 - 2.9.37 Edward Bruggeman b. 4/1/1969
- 2.8.8 Arnold Fink b. 4/29/1932 married on 6/18/1955 to Irene Broerman b. 11/30/1931
 - 2.9.38 Deborah Fink b. 2/17/1957 married Dewey Wallance
 - 2.9.39 Larry Fink b. 9/22/1963
 - 2.9.40 Janice Fink b. 1/22/1965 married Robert Landers
 - 2.9.41 Connie b. 1/14/1967 married Keith Buckholder
- 2.8.9 Lois Fink b. 5/22/1936 married on 8/3/1957 to Willard Magoto
 - 2.9.42 Jerome Magoto b. 5/4/1966
 - 2.9.43 Amy Magoto b. 8/6/1968
 - 2.9.44 Todd Magoto b. 1/9/1971
- 2.7.26 Joseph Schneider
- 2.7.27 Veronica Schneider d. 1918 married to Joseph Beddingham
 - 2.8.10 one son Beddingham
- 2.7.28 Frank Schneider

- 2.7.29 Raymond Schneider
- 2.7.30 Alvina Schneider married Peter Kessen
 - 2.8.11 Ralph Kessen
 - 2.8.12 Kenneth Kessen
 - 2.8.13 LeRoy Kessen
- 2.7.31 William Schneider
 - 2.8.14 Carl Schneider
 - 2.8.15 Wanita Schneider married Mr. Moon
 - 2.8.16 Doris Schneider married Mr. Shenk
- 2.7.32 Loretta Schneider married Elmer Geier (deceased); married Leander Tangeman
- 2.6.13 Louise Schneider married to John Genard Mousouni.
- 2.6.14 Anna Schneider (d. 1948) married on 6/6/1913 to John Harlett (d. 6/17/1944 at age 82)..
 - 2.7.33 Henry Harlett b. 1888 married on 6/10/1913 to Catherine Kunkel
 - 2.8.17 Esther Harlett
 - 2.8.18 Madonna Harlett
 - 2.8.19 Agatha Harlett
 - 2.8.20 Dorothy Harlett
 - 2.8.21 Ralph Harlett
 - 2.8.22 Paul Harlett
 - 2.7.34 Leo Harlett b. 1890 married on 6/2/1914 to Margaret Sommer.
 - 2.8.23 Ann Harlett
 - 2.8.24 Lucille Harlett
 - 2.8.25 Rita Harlett
 - 2.7.35 Edward Harlett b. 1893 married on 2/15/1916 to Mathida Robbins
 - 2.8.26 Clarence Harlett
 - 2.8.27 Erma Harlett
 - 2.8.28 Mary Harlett
 - 2.8.29 Walter Harlett
 - 2.7.36 Rose Harlett (7/15/1897 - 1/13/1935) married on 11/8/1916 to Alois Huelskamp (7/13/1893 - 2/1974). They are buried at St. Joe.
 - 2.8.30 Alfred Huelskamp b. 3/14/1918 married Luella Tiell. They have 9 children and live in New Reigel, Ohio. He works in Tiffen. 3 of the sons are Tom, Don and Allen
 - 2.8.31 Ernest Huelskamp b. 12/21/1919 married in 1953 to Eileen Kemper. Eileen died in 1989. They live in Dayton, Ohio and Ernest works at the Post Office
 - 2.9.45 Paul Huelskamp
 - 2.9.46 Rebecca Huelskamp
 - 2.8.32 Margaret Huelskamp (11/22/1922-1929). She died of diphtheria.
 - 2.8.33 Alma Huelskamp b. 2/28/1925. She is a nun
 - 2.8.34 Theresa Huelskamp b. 1/9/1927 married Sylvin Brockman. They live in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Sylvin works in Union City, Indiana.
 - 2.9.47 Rosemary Brockman Bertke
 - 2.9.48 Edward Brockman
 - 2.9.49 Hilda Brockman
 - 2.9.50 Joan Brockman Sutton
 - 2.9.51 Roger Brockman
 - 2.9.52 Jerry Brockman

- 2.9.53 John Brockman
- 2.9.54 Dennis Brockman
- 2.9.55 Marilyn Brockman
- 2.8.35 Luella Huelskamp b. 10/20/1928 She is a nun
- 2.8.36 Mildred Huelskamp b. 7/25/1930 married Luke Will. They live in St. Peter.
- 2.9.56 Jim Will
- 2.9.57 Joyce Will Puthoff
- 2.9.58 Margaret Will Muhelkamp
- 2.9.59 Pat Will
- 2.9.60 Virginia Will
- 2.9.61 Mark Will
- 2.9.62 Joe Will
- 2.9.63 Mary Will
- 2.9.64 Carl Will
- 2.9.65 Steve Will
- 2.8.37 Arthur Huelskamp b. 3/30/1932 married in 1956 to Jane Bryrum. They live in St. Henry, Ohio.
- 2.9.66 Jeff Huelskamp
- 2.9.67 Cindy Huelskamp
- 2.9.68 Dawn Huelskamp
- 2.8.38 Eugene Huelskamp b. 1/10/1935 married Mildred Fullenkamp. They live in Ft. Recovery.
- 2.9.69 David Huelskamp
- 2.9.70 Ron Huelskamp
- 2.9.71 Nick Huelskamp
- 2.7.37 Ray Harlett b. 1900 never married
- 2.7.38 Rudolf Harlett b. 1904 married on 11/26/1926 to Agnes Hart
- 2.8.39 James Harlett
- 2.8.40 Betty Harlett
- 2.8.41 Robert Harlett
- 2.8.42 Mary Ann Harlett
- 2.7.39 Clara Harlett (1907-10/23/1987) married on 9/8/1934 to Richard Koverman
- 2.7.40 Agnes Harlett (1909 -1/6/1972). She never married and died of a ruptured esophagus.
- 2.6.15 Twin died in infancy
- 2.6.16 Twin died in infancy
- 2.6.17 Joseph Schneider
- 2.6.18 Infant died in infancy
- 2.6.19 Rosie Schneider married to Mr. Brunswick
- 2.6.20 Rudolf Schneider
- 2.5.4 Gertrude Diederich was married to Nicholas Yuchem of North Ridgeville in 1858. Nicholas was born on 9/25/1835 and died 12/27/1880. His death was caused by typhoid fever, a sickness he contracted while helping to care for the sick and dead during the epidemic. He was one of the leading founders of St. Peters Congregation at North Ridgeville, Ohio.
- 2.6.21 John Yuchem
- 2.6.22 Mary Yuchem, wife of Edward Bohmer.
- 2.6.23 Gertrude Yuchem, died in infancy.
- ***9 children died in infancy.

The following is taken from the "Fort Recovery Centennial History":

1. JOHN N. SCHNEIDER FAMILY by Mildred Stachler

John Nicholas Schneider, Sr. and Mary Catherine Dietrich, both born in Germany, came to the United States and settled in Lorain County. John was born October 20, 1824 and Catherine was born August 8, 1832. They were married in 1855. A brother of Catherine's John Dietrich, also came with them. Later on they came to Mercer County and settled northwest of Wendelin and John Dietrich settled around Zenz City (Sharpsburg). John N. and Catherine had ten children, namely: Magaline and John who were born in Lorain County and also Mary Louisa, Anna Marie (married John Harlett), twins who died in infancy, Rose and Rudolph.

On January 6, 1880, the father passed away at the age of 58, and Catherine lived with her son, John, until her death July 17, 1904.

On October 12, 1886, John N. married Mary Harlett, daughter of Nicholas Harlett and Catherine Eifert. Each had separate homes under one roof. John N. was born March 25, 1860 and died April 23, 1937, and Mary was born September 11, 1863 and died December 4, 1943.

John and Mary Schneider had ten children, namely: Catherine, who married Herman Fink, John (deceased), Veronica, who married Joseph Beddinghaus, Frank and Raymond (both deceased), Alvina who married Petter Kessen, William and Loretta who married 1) Elmer Geier F(deceased) then 2) Leander Tangeman.

Catherine had no children; Gertrude had nine: Mildred (Walter Stachler), Clarence (Alverna Bruns), Gerald (Leota Davis), Elmer (Dorothy Boehmer), Donald (Ruth Kelly), Velma (Walter Bruggeman), Arnold (Irene Broerman), Lois (Willard Magoto) and Bertha who died in 1918 (she was the third oldest). Veronica had only one son and she died in 1918; Alvina had three sons - Ralph (deceased), Kenneth and LeRoy; William had three children - Carl, Wanita Moon and Doris Shenk; Loretta had no children of her own but had two stepchildren.

John and Mary Schneider, along with four daughters, are buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetary, Coldwater, Ohio.

2. Mary Schneider's Obituary

She was married on 10/12/1886 and died from a stroke. She is survived by:

Mrs. Fink with who she lived
Mrs. Peter Kessen
Mrs. Albert Geier, all of Coldwater
Mr. William Schneider of Dayton
15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren
Brothers: John Harlett of St. Joes
William Harlett of Indianapolis
Frank Harlett of Tiffin

3. John Schneider's Obituary

He died at his home after a 5 year illness. Born in Lorain County but spent his life in Mercer County. He is survived by a widow and 4 children.

Mrs. Peter Kessen

Mrs. William Fink, all of Coldwater

Mrs. Elmer Geier of Sharpsburg

Mr. William Schneider of Fort Wayne

15 grandchildren

1 brother, Rudolf Schneider of Toledo and

1 sister, Mrs. John Harlett of St. Joe's

6 children deceased, Mrs. Joe Bellinhaus, Mrs. Herman Fink and 4 in infancy

Funeral at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater.

4. Joseph Fink Family by Mildred Stachler

Sebastian Fink, Sr., in company of two brothers and a sister, came to America in 1855 from Oberschneiding, Germany. The two brothers went on west and were never heard from again. Another brother stayed in Staubing, German.

Sebastian (1829-1907) married Mary Barthers (1829-1874). Six sons were born to the union, namely, Joseph, Wendeln, John, Sebastian Jr., Peter, Anthony, and a daughter, Anna Marie born on December 29, 1873, who lived 3 days. Mary, the mother died in the spring of 1874.

Not much is known of the Barthers family although John Fink, who never married, stayed with an aunt, Mary Barthers, who had a rooming house in St. Henry.

After the death of his wife, Sebastian, Sr., moved to Barkettsville, southwest on the Reinhard Fink Road which is in Darke County. He gave a portion of his ground for a school house which is known as the Fink school house on the northwest corner of State Route 705 and Reinhard Fink Road.

Joseph Fink (12/9/1860 - 9/3/1939) married Mary Borgerding (6/15/1893-3/14/1937) in April, 1882. They lived across from his father on Reinhard Fink Road. To this union were born 14 children: Bernard, Rose (Kothman), John, Herman, Elizabeth, William, Genevieve (Meyer), Frank (died in services and was buried overseas), Rebecca (Schenetz), Mathilda, Theresia, Ida (Fetz), Isadore and Leander. In 1915, they retired to Greenville where they bought small acreage. They are both buried in St. Mary's Cemetary, Greenville, Ohio.

5. William Fink by Mildred Stachler

William Fink (9/25/1889 - 1/16/1969), son of Joseph Fink and Mary Borgerding Fink, and Gertrude Schneider, daughter of John N. Schneider (3/25/1860-4/23/1938) and Mary Harlett Schneider (9/11/1863-12/4/1943) were married October 10, 1911.

To this union were born nine children, namely:

Mildred (5/24/1912) married Walter Stachler* (11/14/1908 - 4/22/1982) on 11/26/1936. (See Walter Stachler Family for their children and grandchildren.)

Clarence (5/22/1915) married Alverna Bruns (5/20/1920). Their children: Clarence JR. (4/3/1938 - 4/17/1938); Alice (6/4/1939) married Thomas Brown on 8/3/1957; and Kenneth L. (3/20/1942) married Shirley Hunt.

Bertha (6/14/1917-11/5/1918).

Gernald (2/19/1920) married Leona Davis (6/8/1921) on 3/17/1945. Their children: Diane (10/19/1946); Nancy (5/19/1950) married William Kalf; Jennifer (7/24/1951); Timothy (5/27/1957) married Carol Beyke on 10/1/1988.

Elmer (4/22/22) married Dorothy Boehmer (9/2/1923) on 5/3/1947. Their children: Elaine (5/24/1948) married J. Daffenberger; David (5/5/1949) married Linda Stammen; Susan (9/3/1952) married Charles Bergman, and Steven (7/28/1958-11/7/1959).

Donald (7/7/1925) married Ruth Kelley (11/8/--) on 6/12/1948. Their children: Patricia (4/11/1949) married Bill Shaffer; Pamela (4/11/1950); Jean (1/9/1952) married Kinniger; Jody (9/29/1954); Daniel (12/14/1955); Rebecca (7/27/1957), and Margaret (11/19/1959).

Velma (7/19/1928-11/14/1984) married Walter Bruggeman (6/29/1927) on 6/29/1949. Their children: Linda (1/22/1950) married

JOHN STACHLER FAMILY

John H. Stachler (5/11/1868 – 10/7/1960) and Mary (Wourms)Breig (9/20/1865 – 6/20/1942) were married 4/17/1893 and lived on a farm northwest of Sharpsburg, Ohio (or Zenz City as it was called in earlier days)/ To this union, five children were born: Raymond, dying in infancy; Ludwina (11/30/1895) was killed in a car accident 2/3/1968; Estelle (9/19/1897-11/14/1984) married Leo Pottkotter and had two children – Richard and Ruthella Kramer; Lawrence (8/1//1900-12-24-1980) and Walter (11/14-1908-4/22/1982) who married Mildred Fink. They had eight children – one deceased (she was born May 24, 1912). Mildred still resides on the farm.

John Stachler sang in the church choir and also worked in the oil fields in the vicinity. He also helped pike many of the roads in the area.

John and Mary were faithful members of St. Paul's parish, Sharpsburg and are buried in the Church Cemetary, as are Ludwina, Larence and a granddaughter (daughter of Walter and Mildred).

John Stachler was a son of Henry H. Stachler and Marie Heinrichs, both born in Germany.

PETER STACHLER

Peter Stacher (1802-2/2/1873) born in Germany, came to America in 1852. He bought 80 acres in Granville Township along State Route 127 north of the Ft. Recovery-Minister Road. He married Marie E. Dilloff (12/16/1801-5/26/1899). Of their five children, Henry J. Stachler, St., bought the farm from his dad and then later on sold it and bought 200 acres in Recover Township, west of Wendelin, Ohio.

Henry Stachler (9/15/1838-4/15/1905) born in Germany, married Dorthea Heinrichs (7/13/1838-2/1/1915).

Henry and Dorthea had 13 children, namely: Mary E (Henry Post), Catherine (died as a young adult), John H. Stachler – father of Lawrence and Walter Stachler of Fort Recovery, Mary Christina (Fred Galzer), Lucy (Herbert Backhus), Clara (Thomas Hart), Henry J, Jr., Adam, Mary A. (Charles Schafer), August, Joseph William, Catherine (Edward Coughlin) and Frank.

WALTER STACHLER FAMILY

Walter Stachler (11/14/1908-4/22/1982) and Mildred Fink (5/24/1912-1989) were married in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, Ohio on 11/26/1936.

In 1944 they moved to Fort Recovery where they purchased the farm, formerly known as the Wash Snyder place, on the Sharpsburg Road.

Walter managed the Sharpsburg Speeds, a baseball team in 1937 and 1938. He was also active in Church activities.

Walter was the son of John H. Stachler and Mary Brieg Stachler; Mildred is the daughter of William Fink and Gertrud Schneider Fink.

Walter and Mildred had eight children, namely:

Arlene Ann, born and died on April 10, 1938.

Phyllis Juean, born 12/8/1939, married Lester Bensman (5/10/1930 on 5/7/1960. They have five children: Mark –4/11/1961 married Rita Clune (8/9/1953) on 7/16/1984; Karen (8/28/1962 married Ronald Schlater (9/18/1959) on 11/13/1982 and they have 3 sons – Bryan (4/8/1984), Matthew (8/14/1985) and Craig (11/9/1988); Janice (8/13/1965) is engaged to Randall Scott; Connie (9/11/1967) married Douglas Rinderele (3/25/1964) on November 7/1984; and Margie (2/19/1969) married Kevin Fisher (12/18/1966) on 9/30/1988.

Ronald D. Stachler (6/4/1942) married Shirley Freeman (7/28/1946) on 6/10/1967. They have four children: Brent (7/3/1969), Jeffrey (12/30/1970), Michael (12/18/1972 and Molly Ann (2/19/1979).

Donald E. Stachler (6/4/1942) married Mary Jane Baucher (1/26/1946) on 8/6/1970.

Richard N. Stachler (9/25/1943) married, separated, and then married Kathie Boeckman on 10/8/1988. He has 3 step-children – Heather, Matthew and Anna.

Mary E. Stachler (2/29/1945) married Robert Bye on 4/23/1966 and is divorced. There are three children - Mary Ann Bye (3/11/1967), Rober Bye (3/20/1969) and Bradley Bye (9/26/1970).

Barbara Sue Stachler (7/5/1946).

John W. Stachler (10/24/1949) married Mary Cecelia Phillips (3/1/1956) on 5/23/1981 and they have 2 children – Michelle Marie (8/2/1983) and Damon Phillip (8/29/1986).

Walter is buried in St Mary's Cemetery, Fort Recover, Ohio.

HENRY AND NOR (NEIBERDING) HUELSKAMP FAMILY

Henry Huelskamp was born 7/6/1899 in St. Peter and died 1/29/1969 in Coldwater Hospital. His father John Juelskamp and his mother, Mary Heitkamp were born in Maria Stein. He had three brothers: William, Aloys, and Joseph and three sisters, Ann (Mrs. Fred) Roessner, Elizabeth, and Sophia, all deceased. He grew up on his father's farm in St. Peter located on the southwest corner of Burrville and Philothea Roads. He attended (Oakland) school, and after finishing school like all farm boys, he helped his father on the farm and also neighboring farmers. For a time he was with a threshing ring in Maria Stein helping his Heitkamp uncles. After about 1913, he worked in the foundry at New Idea in Coldwater until he was drafted for the army. After basic training at Camp Sherman, he was sent to France where he was in the thick of the fighting in the Argonne Forest driving the horse drawn ammunition wagons. After the war he bought the Dull farm in St. Joe at 1837 St. Joe Road.

On 5/5/1920, he and Eleanore (Nora) Nieberding were united in marriage in Coldwater, Nora was born in Philothea on 7/22/1898, the daughter of Bernard and Caroline (Stuckenborg) Nieberding. Her father was born in Philothea and her mother in Maria Stein.

She had four brothers _ William, Leo, August (Puss) all deceased and Aloys who lives in Maria Stein and four sisters – Ida who died at age 11, Rose (Mrs. Clarence) Bergman (deceased),

Ann (Mrs. Carl) King of St. Joe and Leona (Mrs. Norbert) Post of St. Anthony. Nora died in St. Mary's hospital 4/14/1976. Her father owned a farm on St. Henry-Burckettsville Road east of Philothesa. In 1909, they sold this farm and bought a farm northwest of Coldwater on St. Henry-Burckettsville Road. Nora attended school in Philothesa and Coldwater. They had 5 children, all born in St. Joe, Linus, Lester Leroy, Donald and Bernice. The children attended St. Joe grade school and Ft. Recovery High School.

Linus Huelskamp was born 5/21/1921. After he finished school, he worked for farmers. He drafted into the army and served in the cavalry in the Pacific Theater and was with the occupation army in Japan. After the war he again worked for farmers, until he took over the home operation for his father. Later he bought the homestead from his parents. He rents land from his brother Lester and neighboring farms and does custom combining, shelling and picking. On 9/6/1956 he married Juletta Homan in Philothesa. Juletta, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Osterholt Holman, taught school in Cranberry and St. Henry.

Lester Huelskamp was born 5/27/1923. While in the navy he served on the aircraft carrier USS Champlain. After his discharge he worked for the O'Conner Construction Co. changing the right of way of the Nickel Plate Railroad from Oakland through St. Joe. Then for a time he worked in Fairborn at Wright Patterson Airport. Finally, he was hired by Matt Schwieterman in Coldwater for whom he still operates a bulldozer. On public sale he bought the farm at 2763 St. Peter Road in St. Joe from Tony Kahlig estate where he resides with his family. On October 17, 1959, he married Mildred Watercutter, the daughter of Edward and Rose (Wuetbker) Watercutter in McCartyville. Their five school age children are Kenneth, Sharon, Dale, Diane, and Janet.

MATTHIAS DIEDERICH'S FAMILY

According to the 1850 census this family was as follows:

Matthias Diederich, 50 years old
Catherine Diederich, 48 years old
Gertrude Diederich, 19 years old
Margaret Diederich, 15 years old
Matthew Diederich, 11 years old
John Diederich, 9 years old
Adam Diederich, 5 years old

Matthias was a farmer and resided in Ridgeville township.

In the 1860 census Matthew Diederich was 20 years old and living with John and Anna Snyder, they had a daughter, Margaret, then 17.

NOTE: The following is a listing for the Mathias Diederich Family. I don't remember how this came to my possession. I think I found it at the Elyria Library under another family's history. In addition, this narrative seems to have been written around the 1920s, 1930s or 1940s.

5.4.5 (3.1) Mathias (10/11/1800 to 2/15/1891) married Catherine Peckard in 1827 at Retterath, thence moved to Land Kern where they lived up to the time of their emigration on June 15, 1847. They arrived in Sheffield, August 15, 1847, and lived with John Diederich and family until they permanently settled on Center Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio on December, 1847. Ann Catherine Peckard was born 2/24/1804 in Land Kern, Germany. This family was for many connected with St. Mary's Congregation at French Creek. In 1874, Catholics of North Ridgeville formed a new congregation, known as St. Peters Parish, under the direction of Rev. L. Molon of Elyria, Ohio. They and their family became some of the main support of the newly formed parish which has ever since prospered.

5.5.1 Anna Maria Diederich (b. 1830) married John Joseph Blazer of Avon. In a few years she died leaving 4 children.

5.6.1 Nicholas Blazer married Gertrude Durmen. They lived in North Ridgeville, where he died leaving a widow and five children.

5.7.1 Edward Blazer

5.7.2 Emma Blazer

5.7.3 Josephine Blazer

5.7.4 Frank Blazer

5.7.5 Clara Blazer

5.6.2 Peter Blazer married Mary Fluke of Avon. They have 3 grown up children and live in the West.

5.6.3 Joseph Blazer died as an infant.

5.6.4 Anna Maria blazer died as an infant.

5.5.2 Gertrude b. 1832 married to John Klein of Elyria on April 6, 1953. All belong to St. Peters. John Klein was stricken with blindness over 30 years before his death, which occurred in the winter

of 1895. This trial with many others he always bore with an admirable resignation. Adversities of every description did not mar the good humor which was his personal characteristic. He died suddenly in the winter of 1895 of heart trouble. His being blind together with other sickness which befell the family greatly reduced the means of the once well to do man. But the untiring labor of a devoted wife saved for them a home in their old age.

5.6.5 Anna Klein married John Schick of Berea. They have 5 children.

5.6.6 John Klein died at Elyria, Ohio at the age of 5.

5.6.7 Martha Klein married Lemuel Rose. She died September 9, 1896. She left a family of 5 children.

5.6.8 Edward Klein (twin) died in infancy.

5.6.9 Elizabeth Klein (twin).

5.6.10 Mary Klein married Frank Schich. They had 7 children.

5.6.11 Margaret Klein died in infancy.

5.6.12 Emma Klein married Frank Bohmer. They have 3 children.

5.5.3 Margaretha Diederich was born and died in 1834.

5.5.4 Margaret Diederich b. 1835 married Nicholas Kelling. She died in the winter of 1857 at aged 23 years.

5.6.13 Maria Anna died in infancy.

5.6.14 Gertrude Kelling married Christian Laubenthal of North Ridgeville.

5.5.5 Mary Ann Diederich born and died in 1837.

5.5.6 Mathias Diederich b. 1839 married Helena Thome (died August 25, 1872) in 1865 at French Creek. His second wife Catherine Meyers b. 1856 who he married on June 24, 1873. Catherine's parents emigrated to America in 1871.

5.6.15 Anna Diederich married John Schnitzler in North Ridgeville.

5.6.16 John Diederich died in infancy.

5.6.17 Gertrude Diederich married W. Foster and lives in Cleveland.

5.6.18 Emma Diederich lived in Cleveland.

5.6.19 Joseph Diederich died in infancy.

5.6.20 Mathias Diederich married Mary Motch of Avon in May, 1897, at St. Peters Church, North Ridgeville, Ohio by the Rev. N. Kirch, Pastor.

5.6.20 John Diederich married Mary Anna Gilles of French Creek.

5.7.6 Mathias Diederich

5.7.7 Gertrude Diederich

5.7.8 Adam Diederich

5.7.9 Nicholas Diederich

5.7.10 John Diederich (twin)

5.7.11 Margaret Diederich (twin) died at age 4.

5.6.21 Mary Catherine Diederich

5.6.22 John Stephan Diederich died in infancy.

5.6.23 Elizabeth Diederich

5.6.24 Helena Diederich

5.6.25 Alois Diederich

5.6.26 Francis Diederich died in infancy.

5.6.27 Gertrude Diederich died in infancy.

5.5.7 John Diederich b. 1842.

5.5.8 Adam Diederich b. 1845 and Anna Thome were married at St. Mary's Church on Sept. 22, 1868.

5.6.28 Mathias Raphael Diederich b. 10/24/1869 married Catherine Berris of North Ridgeville at St. Peters' Church by the Rev. N. Pfeil on May 20, 1890.

5.7.13 Cyrilla Diederich (2/6/1892 - 2/9/1892)

- 5.7.14 Edward Diederich b. 11/1/1892
- 5.7.15 Arelia Mary Diederich b. 11/7/1893
- 5.7.16 Ameila Hilda Diederich b. 10/31/1895
- 5.7.17 Celistine Diederich b. 11/1897
- 5.6.28 Elizabeth Diederich b. 1/24/1871 married Nicholas Biermaker at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. N. Pfiel on Feb. 12. 1890.
 - 5.7.18 Andrew B. Biermaker b. 12/6/1890
 - 5.7.19 Herbert M. Biermaker b. 12/1892, died 9/1893 in Cleveland.
 - 5.7.20 Cyrilla S. Biermaker b. 4/10/1894
- 5.6.29 Nicholas Francis Diederich b. 1/1/1874 - 1/26/1874
- 5.6.30 Charles Edward Diederich 8/7/1875 - 4/15/1876
- 5.6.31 Francis William Diederich b.10/19/1887
- 5.6.32 John Albert Diederich 9/30/1879 - 4/26/1881
- 5.6.33 Susanna Cecelia Diederich b. 12/28/1881
- 5.6.34 Katherine Matilda Diederich b. 6/13/1883
- 5.5.9 Nicholas Diederich b. 6/13/1847 married Emma Thome in Spring of 1860.
 - 5.6.35 Joseph Diederich married Julie Wagner of French Creek in January, 1896 by Rev. S. Falk.
 - 5.7.21 Luella Diederich b. 8/1897

JOHN DIEDERICH'S FAMILY

GENERATION 5

FAMILY 7.5.1 (4.7)

Mathias Diederich (11/14/1833) in Illerich, Germany to 6/3/1919 in West Park, married on 11/14/1857 to Emma Platten (1/14/1832-11/23/1893) of Cleveland at St. Peter's Church in Cleveland. Mathias was a ship carpenter in Cleveland.

1.Mary Catherine Diederich Shuck	b.8/29/1858	Family 7.6.1
2.Theresa Diederich	b.7/9/1861	Family 7.6.2
3.John Peter Diederich	b.8/23/1863	Family 7.6.3
4.Margaretta Christine Diederich	b.7/23/1867	Family 7.6.4
5.Helena Clara Diederich Weigel	b.3/25/1869	Family 7.6.5

FAMILY 7.5.2 (4.7)

Catherine Marie Diederich (9/13/1836 in Illerich, Germany to 11/27/1910 in North Ridgeville, Ohio). She is the person who started to keep track of this family's genealogy.

FAMILY 7.5.3 (4.7)

Frank Diederich (3/13/1840 in Illerich, Germany to 1931 in North Ridgeville) married on 7/25/1865 to Catherine Pauly of Elyria (b.9/14/1840) at St. Theresa's Church, Sheffield by Reverend N. Schmitz. Catherine is the daughter of Paul and Margaret Pauly of Brohl, Rhineland, Pfalz, Germany. Her family emigrated to Olmsted in 1847.

1.Joseph Peter Diederich	b.8/31/1866	Family 7.6.6
2.Anthony Mathias Diederich	b.2/6/1868	Family 7.6.7
3.Alvin Walter Diederich	b.8/4/1869	Family 7.6.8
4.Leo Felix Diederich	b.11/12/1871	Family 7.6.9
5.Paul Nicholas Diederich	b.7/6/1873	Family 7.6.10
6.Isidor Frank Diederich	b.5/8/1875	Family 7.6.11
7.Lucia Rosalie Diederich	b.6/4/1877	Family 7.6.12
8.Henry Urban Diederich	b.5/6/1879	Family 7.6.13
9.Dorothea Marie Diederich	b.1/18/1881	Family 7.6.14
10.Eleanor Mary Diederich	b.5/3/1882	Family 7.6.15

FAMILY 7.5.4 (.4.7)

Peter Diederich (1/7/1844 in Sheffield, Ohio to 4/18/1912) married on 5/19/1871 to Margaret Theresa Esch, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Esch of St. Peter's Church by Reverend Francis Westerholdt. On the 1860 census, Peters was listed in Sheffield as a 16 year old farm laborer on the farm of Joseph Townsend. Margaret passed away on April 12, 1872 leaving an infant daughter.

1. Theresa Gertrude Diederich b.4/4/1872 Family 7.6.16

Peter married Catherine Weixel, daughter of Lambert Weixel (Allied Family #17) and Barbara (nee Klauminzer) of Glenville, Ohio at St. Peter's Church on 11/27/1873 by Reverend Westerholdt of Cleveland. Catherine was born October 23, 1850, in Cleveland Flats and was baptized in Old St. Mary's. She died 5/9/1917.

2.Elizabeth Mary Diederich b.6/10/1875 Family 7.6.17
 3.Edward Alphonsus Diederich b.4/16/1877 Family 7.6.18
 4.Joseph Eugene Diederich b.4/5/1879 Family 7.6.19
 5.Clara Maria Diederich b.3/21/1881 Family 7.6.20
 6.Mary Canisia Diederich b.4/1/1883 Family 7.6.21
 7.Renilda Mary Diederich b.3/26/1885 Family 7.6.22
 8.Coletta Mary Magdalene Diederich b.5/22/1887 Family 7.6.23
 9.Olive Marie Diederich b.6/3/1889 Family 7.6.24
 10.Leander Joseph Diederich b.6/6/1892 Family 7.6.25

FAMILY 7.5.5 (4.7)

Margaret Diederich (9/20/1846 in Sheffield to 12/20/1874 in Lawrenceburg,Tenn.) Margaret entered the community of the Sanquienerist at Maria Stein, Mercer County, Ohio on 3/20/1872. From there she was transferred to Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee on March 14th to teach in a nearby established colony. Her health failed at once so that her return was not possible. She died the following December 20th at 28 years of age. Her name in religion was Sister Florina.

FAMILY 7.5.6 (4.7)

Nicholas Diederich (1/14/1849 in Sheffield to 3/1923 in Sheffield) married on 10/16/1877 to Anna Burkhardt (1860 to 11/7/1879), daughter of Andrew and Mary Burkhardt, at St. Theresa's Church, Sheffield, Ohio by the Reverend A. Dambach.

1.Carol Ferdinand Diederich b.7/21/1878 Family 7.6.26
 2.Othilia Maria Diederich b.10/28/1879 Family 7.6.27

Nicholas married Catherine Schneider of Dover, Ohio on November 29, 1884, at St. Theresa's Church, Sheffield, Ohio, by Reverend John Schoefeld. Catherine (1/29/1864 - 12/13/1920).

3.Theresa Helen Diederich b.10/20/1885 Family 7.6.28
 4.Juletta Diederich b.1/11/1887 Family 7.6.29
 5.Lidwina Catherine Schuster b.7/3/1888 Family 7.6.30
 6.Zitta Gertrude Diederich b.10/20/1889 Family 7.6.31
 7.Amanda Mary Diederich b.11/6/1891 Family 7.6.32

8. Leonarda Ellen Diederich	b.3/23/1893	Family 7.6.33
9. Alban Andrew Diederich	b.3/20/1895	Family 7.6.34
10. Marcellus Benedict Diederich	b.2/15/1900	Family 7.6.35

The following is from the "History of Lorain County, Ohio":

NICHOLAS DIEDERICH, one of the leading representative agriculturists of Sheffield township, is a native of same, born in 1849.

His father, John Diederich, was born November 28, 1805, in Germany, and was there married October 29, 1832 to Gertrude Saurens, also a native of the Fatherland, born June 22, 1814. In 1843, the family sailed from Antwerp to New York, whence they proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, reaching the city August 4. In November of the same year the father bought and settled on the farm in Sheffield township, now occupied by his son Nicholas. Nine children--four sons and five daughters--were born to John and Gertrude Diederich, as follows: Matthias, born 11/15/1833, now a ship carpenter in Cleveland; Catherine, in Sheffield; Peter, in Cleveland; Margaret, who died in December, 1874, in Tennessee; Nicholas; Gertrude in Milan, Ohio; Anna C., wife of Anton Born, of Avon township, Lorain county; Frank, at North Ridgeville, and Mary C., living in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. The parents are yet living.

Nicholas Diederich, the subject proper of these lines received a fair common school education, and was trained to the pursuits of the farm. He now owns a fine property of seventy-six acres highly cultivated land, and does an extensive general farming business.

In 1878, Mr. Diederich was married to Miss Ann Burkhart, who died November 7, 1880 and in 1885 our subject wedded Catherine Schneider, to which union six children were born, as follows: Thresea, October 2, 1885; Juliet, January 11, 1887, died March 17, same year; Lidwina, July 3, 1888; Zitta, October 20, 1889; Amanda, November 6, 1891, and Leonardo, March 23, 1893. In politics, Mr. Diederich is a Democrat, and has served as township trustee since 1881, having been recently reelected for another term; for several years he has been a member of the school board."

FAMILY 7.5.7 (4.7)

Gertrude Diederich (8/25/1851 in Sheffield to 7/14/1895 in Milan, Ohio). She died after a long and lingering illness. She was well prepared with all the rites of the church and passed away on Sunday afternoon at the age of 44 years.

FAMILY 7.5.8 (4.7)

Anna Diederich Born (6/15/1853 in Sheffield to 1927) married on 10/21/1873 to Anton Born (1838-1906, was 68 years old) at St. Peter's Church, Cleveland.

1. Charles Joseph Born	b.3/19/1875	Family 7.6.36
2. Raymond Aloysius Born	b.1/7/1877	Family 7.6.37
3. Florina Born	b.10/27/1878 twin	Family 7.6.38
4. Anna Gertrude Born	b.10/27/1878 twin	Family 7.6.39
5. Albert Peter Born	b.10/31/1880	Family 7.6.40
6. Theckla Marie Born Neuffer	b.3/21/1884	Family 7.6.41

7. Renilda Catherine Born

b.3/20/1886

Family 7.6.42

8. Urban Walter Born

b.2/23/1889

Family 7.6.43

FAMILY 7.5.9 (4.7)

Mary Catherine Diederich (10/17/1859 - 9/1917) She was a true religious in the world, having taught school, all grades and religion in St. Theresa's, Sheffield; St. Patrick's, West Park; and Assumption on Brookpark Rd. Her Later years were spent nursing the sick. She passed away at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

GENERATION 6

FAMILY 7.6.1 (7.5.1)

Mary Catherine Diederich Schuck (8/29/1858 - 6/8/1907) married in 1889 to Anton Shuck.

1. Cyril Schuck b.5/25/1890 Family 7.7.1

FAMILY 7.6.2 (7.5.1)

Theresa Diederich (7/9/1861 - 8/21/1861)

FAMILY 7.6.3 (7.5.1)

John Peter Diederich (8/23/1863 to 9/21/1934 in North Ridgeville) married 9/10/1895 to Frances Heising (died 11/1919) of Canton, Ohio, at St. Mary's Church, Cleveland.

1. Justin Peter Diederich b.6/10/1896 Family 7.7.2
2. Audoen Diederich b.8/23/1903 Family 7.7.3

FAMILY 7.6.4 (7.5.1)

Margretta Christine Diederich Mittinger (7/23/1867 - 3/19/1907) married on 6/1904 to Lee Mittinger (died 7/1962) at St. Mary's Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

FAMILY 7.6.5 (7.5.1)

Helen Clara Diederich Weigel (3/25/1869 to 4/20/1892) married on 6/18/1891 to George Weigel at St. Mary's Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Helen died leaving an infant daughter.

1. Helena Leonarda Weigel b.4/3/1892 Family 7.7.4

FAMILY 7.6.6 (7.5.3)

Joseph Peter Diederich (8/13/1866 in Elyria to 5/17/1952) married in 10-1901 to May Taylor (d. 1924 or 1925) at St. Mary's Church, Elyria, Ohio.

1. Thomas Anthony Diederich b.10/14/1903 Family 7.7.5
2. Richard Frederich Diederich b. 5/9/1905 Family 7.7.6

FAMILY 7.6.7 (7.5.3)

Anthony Mathias Diederich (2/6/1868 in Elyria to 6/27/1938) married on 8/1/1895 to Theresa Auer (d. 7/17/1925) at St. Mary's Church.

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| 1. Verene Diederich | b.9/1/1896 | Family 7.7.7 |
| 2. Walter Franklin Diederich | b.8/18/1897 | Family 7.7.8 |
| 3. Marion Diederich Hanson | b.8/1/1913 | Family 7.7.9 |

FAMILY 7.6.8 (7.5.3)

Alvin Walter Diederich (8/4/1869 in Elyria to 5/4/1951 in North Ridgeville) married on 9/27/1898 to Catherine (Kitty) Mahoney (d.7/14/1946 in South Wales).

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| 1. Mildred Allen Diederich | b.4/27/1900 | Family 7.7.10 |
| 2. Ralph Charles Diederich | b.11/16/1901 | Family 7.7.11 |
| 3. Frank Howard Diederich | b.7/23/1904 | Family 7.7.12 |
| 4. Celia Winifred Diederich | b.10/24/1905 | Family 7.7.13 |
| 5. Albert Matthew Diederich | b.7/22/1909 | Family 7.7.14 |
| 6. James Arthur Diederich | b.2/24/1911 | Family 7.7.15 |

FAMILY 7.6.9 (7.5.3)

Leo Felix Diederich (11/12/1871 in Elyria to 10/10/1942) married on 5/30/1893 to Mary Louise Ternes (d.4/13/1948) at St. Mary's Church, Elyria, Ohio by Rev. J. J. Schaffeld

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| 1. Clarence Felix Diederich | b.3/26/1894 | Family 7.7.16 |
| 2. Julia Fabiola Diederich Neville Hobin | b. 4/1/1896 | Family 7.7.17 |
| 3. Raymond Lawrence Diederich | b. 10/16/1897 | Family 7.7.18 |
| 4. Gladys Elizabeth Diederich Boyd Dandanell | b. 9/21/1899 | Family 7.7.19 |
| 5. Arthur Albert Diederich | b.7/16/1900 | Family 7.7.20 |
| 6. Herbert Edward Diederich | b.11/21/1904 | Family 7.7.21 |
| 7. Charles Leo Diederich | b.11/12/1906 | Family 7.7.22 |
| 8. Norman Francis Diederich | b.10/21/1908 | Family 7.7.23 |
| 9. George Robert Diederich | b.2/15/1910 | Family 7.7.24 |

FAMILY 7.6.10 (7.5.3)

Paul Nicholas Diederich (7/6/1873 in Elyria to 7/1/1936 in Toledo) married 6/6/1907 to Lillian O'Gorman (died in the 1960's) at Holy Rosary Church, Detroit, Michigan.

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| 1. Pauline Margaret Diederich LaPoint | b.11/14/1910 | Family 7.7.25 |
| 2. Robert Francis Diederich | b.2/1912 | Family 7.7.26 |
| 3. Mary Ruth Diederich Manders | b.9/13/1913 | Family 7.7.27 |
| 4. Virginia Catherine Diederich Reid | b.11/19/1916 | Family 7.7.28 |

FAMILY 7.6.11 (7.5.3)

Isidor Frank Diederich (5/8/1875 in North Ridgeville to 8/17/1948) married 7/22/1901 to Rose Blitz (3/8/1958) at St. Mary's Church, Avon, Ohio.

1. Adelbert Robert Diederich	b.4/9/1902	Family 7.7.29
2. Lucille Anna Diederich Uhrig	b.7/28/1905	Family 7.7.30
3. Irene Rose Diederich	b.6/8/1909	Family 7.7.31
4. Walter Francis Diederich	b.6/28/1914	Family 7.7.32

FAMILY 7.6.12 (7.5.3)

Lucia Rosalie Diederich (6/4/1877 in North Ridgeville to 4/6/1887).

FAMILY 7.6.13 (7.5.3)

Henry Urban Diederich (5/6/1879 to 11/2/1956 in Elyria) married Fern Moorese Bottomer.

FAMILY 7.6.14 (7.5.3)

Dorothea Maria Diederich (1/18/1881 to 2/10/1881) in North Ridgeville.

FAMILY 7.6.15 (7.5.3)

Eleanor Mary Diederich Schuster (5/3/1882 in North Ridgeville to 2/14/1916) married on 10/12/1910 to John Schuster (d.1966) at St. Peter's Church, North Ridgeville, Oh. John Schuster married again in 1917 to Ledwina Catherine Diederich (Family ----)

1. Adelbert Joseph Schuster	b.3/2/1912	Family 7.7.33
2. Arnold Schuster	b.9/28/1915	Family 7.7.34

FAMILY 7.6.16 (7.5.4)

Theresa Gertrude Diederich (4/4/1872 to 6/10/1872)

FAMILY 7.6.17 (7.5.4)

Elizabeth Mary Diederich (6/10/1875 to 7/3/1960). Elizabeth devoted the earlier part of her life caring for the sick and the aged. From 1934 to 4/1/1964 her vocation was to serve as a priest's

FAMILY 7.6.22 (7.5.4)

Renilda Mary Diederich Scherschel (3/26/1885 - 7/7/1969 in Bedford, Indiana) married on 4/26/1910 to Karl William Scherschel (d.9/18/1942) at St. Francis Church, Cleveland by the Reverend Metternich. For further information on the Scherschel Family see Allied family #19.

1.Mary Catherine Scherschel	b.10/18/1911	Family 7.7.51
2.Edward William Scherschel	b.9/12/1912	Family 7.7.52
3.Agnes Marie Scherschel	b.10/13/1913	Family 7.7.53
4.Charles Cyril Scherschel	b.12/17/1916	Family 7.7.54
5.Marcella Ottilia Scherschel Bledsoe	b.1/29/1918	Family 7.7.55
6.Angela Elizabeth Scherschel	b.2/14/1915	Family 7.7.56
7.Gertrude Josephine Scherschel	b.7/23/1919	Family 7.7.57
8.Francis Marie Scherschel	b.11/11/1920 twin	Family 7.7.58
9.William Karl Scherschel	b.11/12/1920 twin	Family 7.7.59
10.Ralph Anthony Scherschel	b.10/8/1922	Family 7.7.60
11.Rita Ann Scherschel	b.10/12/1924	Family 7.7.61

FAMILY 7.6.23 (7.5.4)

Coletta Mary Magdelene Diederich Story (5/22/1887 - ____) married on 9/19/1916 to John Martin Storey (d.5/25/1970) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Cleveland by Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. O'Reilly (later the Bishop of Scranton, Pa.)

1.Catherine Edna Moore Belle	b.3/28/1918	Family 7.7.62
2.Father John Richard Storey	b.2/16/1920	Family 7.7.63
3.Coletta Marie McGuire	b.4/22/1923	Family 7.7.64
4.Dorothy Ann Downey	b.2/9/1925	Family 7.7.65

FAMILY 7.6.24 (7.5.4)

Olive Marie Diederich (6/3/1889- ____). Olive, a registered nurse, entered the religious community of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor at the Bronx, New York, on June 8, 1933. Professed April 13, 1934, she received the name of Sister M. Abrosse O.P. Her life has been dedicated to nursing the sick poor. She went into active retirement at Mariandale, Ossinng, New York, in 1970. Her resume is Personal #2.

FAMILY 7.6.25 (7.5.4)

Leander Joesph Diederich (6/6/1892 -4/2/1920) He passed away on Good Friday at St. Francis Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

FAMILY 7.6.26 (7.5.6)

Carl Ferdinand Diederich (7/21/1878 to 2/1/1881)

FAMILY 7.6.27 (7.5.6)

Othilia Maria Diederich (10/28/1879 to 12/1/1879)

FAMILY 7.6.28 (7.5.6)

Theresa Helen Diederich (10/2/1885 in Sheffield to 3/19/1933 in North Ridgeville).

FAMILY 7.6.29 (7.5.6)

Juletta Diederich (1/11/1887 to 3/17/1887)

FAMILY 7.6.30 (7.5.6)

Lidwina Catherine Diederich Schuster (7/3/1888 - ____) married on June 27, 1917 to John Schuster (d. 1966) at St. Theresa's Church, Sheffield, Ohio. John had been the husband of Eleanor Diederich who passed away in 1916. Lidwina was a good and faithful wife and mother to Eleanor's two sons.

FAMILY 7.6.31 (7.5.6)

Zitta Gertrude Diederich (10/20/1889 in Sheffield to 4/18/1918)

FAMILY 7.6.32 (7.5.6)

Amanda Mary Diederich Kelling (11/6/1891 - ____) married on 4/23/1925 to John Peter Kelling (7/10/1951 in Elyria) at St. Theresa's church, Sheffield, Ohio. Amanda Mary was a housewife and a gentle woman who loved people and made easy acquaintance. She assisted them where she could. For further information on the Kelling Family see Allied Families #11.

1. Herman Kelling

b.10/8/1926

Family 7.7.66

FAMILY 7.6.33 (7.5.6)

Leonarda Ellen Diederich (3/23/1893 in Sheffield to 4/13/1918).

FAMILY 7.6.34 (7.5.6)

Alban Andrew Diederich (3/20/1895 in Sheffield to 5/4/1899). He died in a log cabin fire.

FAMILY 7.6.35 (7.5.6)

Marcellus Benedict Diederich (2/15/1900 - 1/12/1974) married on 8/10/1927 to Katherine Myers (d.7/30/1959) at St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville by Reverend John Rhein. For further information on the Myers family see Allied families #12.

1. Wayne Francis Diederich	b. 3/10/1932	Family 7.7.67
2. Nancy Kathryn Diederich	b.4/28/1934	Family 7.7.68

FAMILY 7.6.36 (7.5.8)

Charles John Born (3/19/1875 to 9/5/1957) married in 11/1901 to Lillian Webb of Elyria.

1. Alfred Born	Family 7.7.69
2. Gertrude Born Robison	Family 7.7.70
3. Carl Born	Family 7.7.71
4. Edward Born	Family 7.7.72

FAMILY 7.6.37 (7.5.8)

Raymond Born (1/7/1877 - 1900)

FAMILY 7.6.38 (7.5.8)

Florina Born (10/27/1878 - 1883)

FAMILY 7.6.39 (7.5.8)

Anna Gertrude Born (10/27/1878 - 1881)

FAMILY 7.6.40 (7.5.8)

Albert Born (b.10/31/1880)

FAMILY 7.6.41 (7.5.8)

Theckla Marie Born Neuffer (b.3/21/1884) married on 10/1/1901 to Nicholas Neuffer at St. Mary's Church, Elyria, Ohio.

1. Lester Neuffer	b.2/16/1903	Family 7.7.73
2. William Neuffer	b.3/4/1905	Family 7.7.74

3. Leo Neuffer	b.1/26/1908	Family 7.7.75
4. Helen Neuffer McGhee	b.11/11/1911	Family 7.7.76

FAMILY 7.6.42 (7.5.8)

Renilda Catherine Born Jackson (3/20/1886 to 4/23/1968) married on 8/30/1909 to Frank Jackson at St. Ignatius Church, Cleveland.

1. Grace Jackson Krause	b.10/12/1910	Family 7.7.77
2. Walter F. Jackson	b.10/30/1912	Family 7.7.78
3. Dorothy Jackson Hein	b.1/17/1916	Family 7.7.79
4. Marie Jackson		Family 7.7.80

FAMILY 7.6.43 (7.5.8)

Urban Walter Born (b.2/23/1889) married on 1/18/1912 to Florence Jarvie at St. Mary's Church, Elyria, Ohio.

1. Virginia Born	b.10/17/1914	Family 7.7.81
2. William Born	b.5/19/1919	Family 7.7.82
3. Mary Born	b.11/14/1922	Family 7.7.83
4. Thomas Born	b.12/3/1930	Family 7.7.84

GENERATION 7

FAMILY 7.7.1 (7.6.1)

Cyril Schuck (5/25/1890 - 4/30/1895)

FAMILY 7.7.2 (7.6.3)

Justin Peter Diederich (6/10/1896 - 5/15/1945)

FAMILY 7.7.3 (7.6.3)

Audeon Diederich (8/23/1903 - 3/11/1970) married on 11/17/1925 Aurelia Pitts at St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville by Rev. John Rhein.

1. Eugene Diederich	b.9/17/1926	Family 7.8.1
2. Raymond Diederich	b.2/7/1929	Family 7.8.2
3. Robert Diederich	b.10/23/1931	Family 7.8.3
4. Loyola Diederich	b.12/15/1933	Family 7.8.4
5. Natalie Diederich	b.10/27/1935	Family 7.8.5
6. Martha Diederich	b.10/13/1937	Family 7.8.6
7. Patricia Diederich Bradley	b.10/1/1939	Family 7.8.7

FAMILY 7.7.4 (7.6.5)

Helen Leonarda Weigel (4/3/1892 - 5/30/1892)

FAMILY 7.7.5 (7.6.6)

Thomas Anthony Diederich (10/14/1903 - 10/1945)

1. Thomas Diederich		Family 7.8.8
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FAMILY 7.7.6 (7.6.6)

Richard Frederick Diederich (5/9/1905 - 8/16/1946) married 6/26/1933 to Mary Comyns at St. Thomas Aquinas Church by Rev. Thomas Mahon.

1. Ann Diederich Burton	b.12/29/1937	Family 7.8.9
2. John Diederich	b.9/30/1939	Family 7.8.10
3. Jean Diederich	b.4/22/1941	Family 7.8.11

FAMILY 7.7.7 (7.6.7)

Verne Diederich (9/1/1896 - 10/1928)

FAMILY 7.7.8 (7.6.7)

Walter Franklin Diederich (8/18/1897 - 7/1908)

FAMILY 7.7.9 (7.6.7)

Marion Diederich Hanson (b.8/1/1913) married 5/11/1935 to Chris Hanson at St. Ignatius Church by Rev. Frances Diederich

1.Sue Hanson Gallagher	b.3/4/1936	Family 7.8.12
2.Jane Hanson Livingood	b.6/25/1937	Family 7.8.13
3.Bonnie Hanson	b.7/8/1944	Family 7.8.14
4.James Hanson	b.6/12/1949	Family 7.8.15
5.Maribeth Hanson	b.10/1/1956	Family 7.8.16

FAMILY 7.7.10 (7.6.8)

Mildred Allen Diederich (4/27/1900 - 10/19/1903)

FAMILY 7.7.11 (7.6.8)

Ralph Charles Diederich (11/16/1901 - 10/3/1903)

FAMILY 7.7.12 (7.6.8)

Frank Howard Diederich b. 7/23/1904. Francis was ordained to the priesthood at the American College, Louvain, Belgium on 7/12/1931. He celebrated his first solemn Mass on August 2, 1931 at St. Peters Church, North Ridgeville. His assignments have been St. Paul's, Akron for 14 years; St. Thomas Aquinas, Cleveland for 3 years and became the founding pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Akron, on May 25, 1948.

FAMILY 7.7.13 (7.6.8)

Celia Winifred Diederich b. 10/24/1904. Celia entered the Community of Norte Dame at Cleveland in February, 1923, and was professed on August 15, 1925, receiving the name of Sister Rosaleen.

FAMILY 7.7.14 (7.6.8)

Albert Matthew Diederich b.7/22/1909 married on 9/21/1932 to Mary A. Brown.

1.Roseleen Marie Diederich Smith	b.4/1/1934	Family 7.8.17
2.George Alvin Diederich	b.11/27/1936	Family 7.8.18
3.Deanna Jane Diederich Lottman	b.11/1/1937	Family 7.8.19
4.Mary Kathleen Diederich	b.6/16/1940	Family 7.8.20
5.Donna Mae Diederich	b.10/25/1943	Family 7.8.21
6.Margaret Ann Diederich	b.11/6/1947	Family 7.8.22

FAMILY 7.7.15 (7.6.8)

James Arthur Diederich (2/24/1911 to 9/19/1970) married Christine Stark

1.Robert Diederich		Family 7.8.23
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FAMILY 7.7.16 (7.6.9)

Clarence Felix Diederich b. 1894 married Elsie Hellfinger

1.Leo Felix Diederich	b.1917	Family 7.8.24
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FAMILY 7.7.17 (7.6.9)

Julia Fabiola Diederich Neville b. 1896 married 6/14/1917 to Armin Neville d.7/3/1926.

1.James Neville	b.9/13/1918	Family 7.8.25
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FAMILY 7.7.18 (7.6.9)

Raymond Lawrence Diederich b. 10/16/1897 married Mary Culligan

FAMILY 7.7.19 (7.6.9)

Gladys Elizabeth Diederich Boyd Dandanell b.9/21/1899 married 9/1/1923 to Frank J. Boyd. Gladys was married the second time to Albert Dandanell.

1.Franklin Clarence Boyd	b.3/29/1930	Family 7.8.26
2.Barbara Elaine Boyd	b.4/22/1936	Family 7.8.27

FAMILY 7.7.20 (7.6.9)

Arthur Albert Diederich b. 7/16/1901 married Martha Margaret McGettigan

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| 1. James Diederich | | Family 7.8.28 |
| 2. Daniel Diederich | | Family 7.8.29 |
| 3. Edward Diederich | | Family 7.8.30 |
| 4. Arthur Diederich | | Family 7.8.31 |

FAMILY 7.7.21 (7.6.9)

Herbert Edward Diederich b. 11/21/1904 married on 1/22/1923 to Gertrude Taubert.

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| 1. June Diederich Cubranich | b.7/2/1924 | Family 7.8.32 |
| 2. Lynn Diederich Alberone | b.8/29/1931 | Family 7.8.33 |

FAMILY 7.7.22 (7.6.9)

Charles Leo Diederich b. 11/12/1906 married on 7/3/1929 to Rose Mary Peace.

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| 1. Rose Mary Diederich Carson | b.11/18/1931 | Family 7.8.34 |
| 2. Charles Leo Diederich, Jr. | b.2/17/1935 | Family 7.8.35 |

FAMILY 7.7.23 (7.6.9)

Norman Francis Diederich b.10/21/1908 married on 6/28/1941 to Agnes Marie Gaertner at Our lady of Peace Church by Rev. Thomas J. O'Reilly.

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| 1. Norman Francis Diederich, Jr. | b.3/17/1942 | Family 7.8.36 |
| 2. Anne Marie Diederich | b.4/8/1943 | Family 7.8.37 |
| 3. Mary Elizabeth Diederich | b.8/31/1945 | Family 7.8.38 |
| 4. Carolyn Louise Diederich | b.10/25/1948 | Family 7.8.39 |

FAMILY 7.7.24 (7.6.9)

George Robert Diederich(2/15/1910 - 8/30/1950) married in 1942 to Catherine Bolig.

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| 1. Robert Diederich | | Family 7.8.40 |
| 2. Edward Diederich | | Family 7.8.41 |
| 3. Gregory Diederich | | Family 7.8.42 |

FAMILY 7.7.25 (7.6.10)

Pauline Margaret Diederich LaPoint b.11/14/1910 married on 2/8/1948 to Claude LaPoint.

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| 1. Gary Robert LaPoint | b.8/29/1948 | Family 7.8.43 |
| 2. Kathleen Ann LaPoint | b.6/26/1950 | Family 7.8.44 |

3.Frederick Michael LaPoint b.9/16/1951 Family 7.8.45

FAMILY 7.7.26 (7.6.10)

Robert Francis Diederich (2/1912 - 6/8/1912)

FAMILY 7.7.27 (7.6.10)

Mary Ruth Diederich Manders b. 9/13/1913 married on 6/8/1958 to Edward Manders.

1.Robert Paul Manders	b.8/1/1936	Family 7.8.46
2.Thomas Charles Manders	b.10/30/1938	Family 7.8.47
3.Judith Ann Manders	b.1/19/1940	Family 7.8.48
4.James Edward Manders	b.1/5/1942	Family 7.8.49
5.Marjorie Lou Manders	b.10/8/1948	Family 7.8.50
6.Jeanette Marie Manders	b.10/26/1953	Family 7.8.51

FAMILY 7.7.28 (7.6.10)

Virginia Catherine Diederich b.11/19/1916 married on 10/1950 to James Joesph Reid.

1.Paul Marie Reid	b.9/3/1951	Family 7.8.52
2.Patricia Ann Reid	b.12/16/1952	Family 7.8.53

FAMILY 7.7.29 (7.6.11)

Adelbert Robert Diederich (4/9/1902 - 8/31/1904)

FAMILY 7.7.30 (7.6.11)

Lucille Anna Uhrig b.8/28/1905 married 5/26/1925 to Melchior Uhrig.

1.Charles Aloysius Uhrig	b.5/20/1928	Family 7.8.54
2.Eileen Ann Uhrig	b.1/3/1929	Family 7.8.55
3.Janet Rose Uhrig	b.11/21/1933	Family 7.8.56
4.Germaine Claire Uhrig	b.12/30/1938	Family 7.8.57

FAMILY 7.7.31 (7.6.11)

Irene Rose Diederich (6/8/1909 - 8/9/1909)

FAMILY 7.7.32 (7.6.11)

Walter Francis Diederich b.6/28/1914 married 11/26/1938 Josephine Kriebel at St. Theresa's Sheffield by Rev. Albert Senger.

1.Norma Jean Diederich Rote	b.8/11/1939	Family 7.8.58
2.Richard Diederich	b.11/18/1941	Family 7.8.59
3.Alan Diederich	b.3/8/1943	Family 7.8.60
4.Rita Diederich	b.6/20/1948 twin	Family 7.8.61
5.Raymond Diederich	b.6/20/1948 twin	Family 7.8.62
6.Carol Diederich	b.10/31/1953	Family 7.8.63
7.Paula Diederich	b.10/20/1958	Family 7.8.64

FAMILY 7.7.33 (7.6.15)

Adelbert Joseph Schuster b. 3/2/1912 married on 4/18/1964 to Marion Tilbert at St. Peter's Church, North Ridgeville, Ohio.

FAMILY 7.7.34 (7.6.15)

Arnold Schuster b.9/28/1915 married on 3/31/1951 to Julianna Gutschimdt

1.John Arnold Schuster	b.5/29/1952	Family 7.8.65
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FAMILY 7.7.35 (7.6.18)

Robert Edward Diederich (2/3/1908 - 3/25/1926)

FAMILY 7.7.36 (7.6.20)

Joseph R. Aloysius Scherchel (6/21/1904 - 3/30/1980) married on 9/28/1910 to Alice Mildred Sites.

1.Thomas Roger Scherschel, MD	b.4/19/1933	Family 7.8.66
2.David Joseph Scherchel	b.2/23/1938	Family 7.8.67

FAMILY 7.7.37 (7.6.20)

Virginia Elizabeth Scherschel b. 4/4/1906

FAMILY 7.7.38 (7.6.20)

Paul William Scherschel b. 11/14/1908 married on 5/15/1933 to Rose Agnes Likevec; married on 2/21/1983 to Rose Mary Trent.

1.Paul William Scherschel	b.11/23/1934	Family 7.8.68
2.Marie Scherschel Gerdson	b.3/25/1936	Family 7.8.69
3.Anne Rose Scherschel Franz	b.9/3/1939	Family 7.8.70
4.Justin Frederick Scherschel	b.8/15/1942	Family 7.8.71

FAMILY 7.7.39 (7.6.20)

Alfred Eugene Scherschel b. 3/30/1909 married 9/11/1939 to Luella Smith

1.Raymond Scherschel	b.8/24/1941	Family 7.8.72
2.Eugene Scherschel	b.11/11/1942	Family 7.8.73
3.Janet Catherine Scherschel	b.8/28/1945	Family 7.8.74
4.Judith Scherschel	b. 6/28/1948	Family 7.8.75

FAMILY 7.7.40 (7.6.20)

Catherine Mary Scherschel Salatel (11/13/1910 - 5/15/1968) married on 12/28/1934 to Bernard Salatel d.2/12/1988 at St. Vincent De Paul's Church in Bedford, Indiana.

1.Margaret Rose Salatel	b.8/16/1940	Family 7.8.76
2.Bernard Joseph Salatel	b.8/9/1942	Family 7.8.77
3.Mary Catherine Salatel Lee	b.12/28/1945	Family 7.8.78
4.Ann Ruth Salatel Mazanec	b.8/18/1948	Family 7.8.79

FAMILY 7.7.41 (7.6.20)

Ruth Ottilia Scherschel Balombin b. 5/26/1913 married on 10/25/1942 to Joseph Balombin d. 4/1988 at St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

1.Jane Frances Balombin	b.9/18/1943	Family 7.8.80
2.Joseph Robert Balombin	b.2/12/1945	Family 7.8.81
3.Clara Ruth Balombin	b.4/24/1948	Family 7.8.82

FAMILY 7.7.42 (7.6.20)

John Peter Scherschel, M D (6/25/1915 - 10/16/1984) married on 12/31/1939 to Theresa Steele.

1.John Kent Scherschel, M D	b.1/28/1943	Family 7.8.83
2.Steven Lane Scherschel	b.8/11/1946	Family 7.8.84
3.Gregory Lee Scherschel	b.11/28/1948	Family 7.8.85
4.Mark Eric Scherschel	b.12/10/1949	Family 7.8.86
5.Matthew Scott Scherschel	b.2/3/1952	Family 7.8.87
6.Kim Peter Scherschel, M D	b.6/8/1954	Family 7.8.88

FAMILY 7.7.43 (7.6.20)

James Scherschel b. 2/18/1918 married 9/3/1941 to Blanche Chase

1. Martha Sue Scherschel	b.8/9/1942	Family 7.8.89
2. Anthony James Scherschel	b.3/2/1944	Family 7.8.90
3. Jeanette Marie Scherschel	b.10/26/1945	Family 7.8.91
4. Daniel Dean Scherschel	b.9/8/1948	Family 7.8.92
5. Samuel Lee Scherschel	b.2/28/1949	Family 7.8.93
6. Leo Thomas Scherschel	b.11/6/1952	Family 7.8.94

FAMILY 7.7.44 (7.6.20)

Roy Charles b.9/24/1918 married on 6/8/1941 to Gladys Dorothy Robbins b. 8/12/1922 at St. Vincent De Paul's Church in Bedford, Ind.

1. Phillip Charles Scherschel	b.6/26/1942	Family 7.8.95
2. Kenneth Dale Scherschel	b.1/23/1944	Family 7.8.96
3. Mary Carol Scherschel East	b.8/19/1946	Family 7.8.97
4. Donald Joseph Scherschel	b.5/21/1949	Family 7.8.98

FAMILY 7.7.45 (7.6.21)

Angela Mary Wagner Ledford (8/28/1909 -6/27/1996) married on 9/6/1930 to Kenneth Harold Ledford (9/26/1908 - 4/14/1966) at St. James Church in Lakewood. For further information for Ledford family and Knoerr family see Allied families #13 and Knoerr family see Allied families #14.

1. Mary Ann Ledford Drobnak	b.2/15/1934	Family 7.8.99
2. K. Harold Ledford	b.7/20/1935	Family 7.8.100
3. Janet Elizabeth Ledford	b.7/28/1939	Family 7.8.101
4. Kathryn Arleen Ledford	b.1/2/1943	Family 7.8.102
5. Carol Margaret Ledford	b.1/8/1944	Family 7.8.103
6. Laurel Rita Ledford	b.4/11/1945	Family 7.8.104
7. Daniel Joseph Ledford	b.12/18/1948	Family 7.8.105
8. Germaine Delores Ledford	b.5/4/1949	Family 7.8.106
9. Barbara Bernadette Ledford	b.1/8/1951	Family 7.8.107

FAMILY 7.7.46 (7.6.21)

Raymond Edward Wagner (2/12/1911 - 8/8/1965 in Akron) married on 10/8/1949 to Mary McGivern at St. Jarleth's Church, Chicago, Ill.

FAMILY 7.7.47 (7.6.21)

Lucille Coletta Votsch (b.12/17/1912) married on 3/31/1948 to Victor Votsch

1.Victor Votsch	b.6/1/1949	Family 7.8.108
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FAMILY 7.7.48 (7.6.21)

Frances Xavier Wagner (b.12/3/1914) married on 2/15/1948 to Martha Maher at St. Stephen's, Cleveland by Msgr. Gerz.

FAMILY 7.7.49 (7.6.21)

Mary Jean Wagner Speer b. 12/21/1919 married on November 21, 1940 to Warren Speer at St. James Church in Lakewood by Fr. James Hennessey. Warren Speer was Chief Mail Clerk, until his retirement from the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad in 1975. He died on 8/31/79. The Speer family moved to Lakewood Ohio from New Jersey in 1931 following their jobs at the Erie Railroad.

1.Cecilia Marie Speer	b.9/13/1941	Family 7.8.109
2.Susan Mary Speer Furth	b.10/16/1942	Family 7.8.110
3.Warren J. Speer Jr.	b.8/30/1944	Family 7.8.111
4.Timothy John Speer	b.11/11/1946	Family 7.8.112
5.Paul Gerard Speer	b.1/25/1948	Family 7.8.113
6.Michael Lawrence Speer	b.8/10/1950	Family 7.8.114
7.Peter William Speer	b.5/10/1953	Family 7.8.115
8.Anne Marion Speer	b.10/30/1954	Family 7.8.116
9.Amy Elizabeth Speer	b.9/19/1956	Family 7.8.117
10.Sara Lynn Speer	b.2/3/1959	Family 7.8.118

FAMILY 7.7.50 (7.6.21)

Margaret Mary Wagner Baxendale b. 8/23/1922 married on 12/8/1945 to Robert H. Baxendale at St. Paul's, Daytona Beach, Florida.

1.Richard Arnold Baxendale	b.9/11/1946	Family 7.8.119
2.Mary Catherine Baxendale	b.9/20/1948	Family 7.8.120
3.Robert H. Baxendale, Jr.	b.1/18/1949	Family 7.8.121
4.Patricia Ann Baxendale	b.3/15/1950	Family 7.8.122
5.Eugene Patrick Baxendale	b.3/9/1951	Family 7.8.123
6.David Joseph Baxendale	b.3/26/1952	Family 7.8.124
7.Eileen Marie Baxendale	b.9/15/1953	Family 7.8.125
8.Joanne Baxendale	b.11/28/1955	Family 7.8.126
9.Scott Edward Baxendale	b.8/4/1965	Family 7.8.127

FAMILY 7.7.51 (7.6.22)

Mary Catherine Scherschel b.10/18/1911. Mary entered the Ursuline Community in Cleveland and was professed on 8/23/1955 receiving the name of Sister Mary Borromeo. Her life has been dedicated to teaching.

FAMILY 7.7.52 (7.6.22)

Edward William Scherschel b. 9/12/1912 married 4/28/1942 to Alice Pauline Crabb at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana.

1.Karl Edward Scherschel	b.11/18/1943	Family 7.8.128
2.Harold William Scherschel	b.3/24/1946	Family 7.8.129
3.Bernard Allen Scherschel	b.2/20/1948 twin	Family 7.8.130
4.Benjamin Allen Scherschel	b.2/20/1948 twin	Family 7.8.131
5.Timothy Leander Scherschel	b.3/29/1950	Family 7.8.132
6.Ann Renilda Scherschel	b.4/24/1954	Family 7.8.133
7.Gary Kevin Scherschel	b.11/12/1956	Family 7.8.134

FAMILY 7.7.53 (7.6.22)

Agnes Marie Scherschel b. 10/31/1913

FAMILY 7.7.54 (7.6.22)

Angela Elizabeth Scherschel b.2/14/1915

FAMILY 7.7.55 (7.6.22)

Charles Cyril Scherschel (12/18/1916 - 2/16/1918)

FAMILY 7.7.56 (7.6.22)

Marcella Ottilia Scherschel b. 1/29/1918 married on 10/25/1952 to Raymond Bledsoe

FAMILY 7.7.57 (7.6.22)

Gertrude Josephine Scherschel Phillips b. 8/23/1919 married on 8/18/1942 to Gerald Phillips at St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana.

1.Peter Gerald Phillips	b. 8/23/1944	Family 7.8.135
2.Therese Gertrude Phillips	b.3/13/1946	Family 7.8.136
3.Mary Anne Philips Brock	b.11/14/1948	Family 7.8.137
4.Catherine Marie Phillips	b.10/23/1950	Family 7.8.138
5.Bernadette Phillips	b.11/9/1951	Family 7.8.139
6.Patricia Rose Phillips	b.2/8/1953	Family 7.8.140

7. Agnes Alexandria Phillips	b.4/25/1954	Family 7.8.141
8. Joseph Paul Phillips	b.10/31/1958	Family 7.8.142

FAMILY 7.7.58 (7.6.22)

Frances Marie Scherschel (11/11/1920 - 12/8/1920)

FAMILY 7.7.59 (7.6.22)

William Karl Scherschel b. 11/12/1920 married 8/10/1949 to Maxinne Curren at St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana

1. Diana Sue Scherschel	b.8/20/1951	Family 7.8.143
2. Rose Marie Scherschel	b.10/13/1952	Family 7.8.144
3. Frances William Scherschel	b.9/9/1953	Family 7.8.145
4. Anthony Ray Scherschel	b.9/15/1954	Family 7.8.146
5. Dennis Charles Scherschel	b.11/26/1955	Family 7.8.147
6. Sharon Scherschel Johnson	b.5/10/1957	Family 7.8.148
7. Karen Denise Scherschel	b.6/16/1959	Family 7.8.149
8. Beth Ann Scherschel	b.4/21/1962	Family 7.8.150

FAMILY 7.7.60 (7.6.22)

Ralph Anthony Scherschel b. 10/1922 married 9/10/1955 to Louise Chernoff

1. Steven Scherschel	b.12/19/1957	Family 7.8.151
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FAMILY 7.7.61 (7.6.22)

Rita Ann Scherschel b. 10/12/1924

FAMILY 7.7.62 (7.6.23)

Catherine Edna Moore Belle b. 3/28/1918 married on 1/31/1942 to John d. Moore d. 11/6/1951 at Our Lady of Angels Church by Fr. John Storey. Catherine married Frank A. Belle on 6/20/1959. Mr. Belle had one daughter, Beverly, who died 11/30/1962.

1. James Joseph Moore	b.8/20/1944	Family 7.8.152
2. John Daniel Moore Jr.	b.11/6/1947	Family 7.8.153
3. Daniel Thomas Moore	b.6/11/1950	Family 7.8.154
4. Joseph Patrick Moore	b.5/18/1952	Family 7.8.155

FAMILY 7.7.63 (7.6.23)

John Richard Storey b. 2/16/1920. John was ordained to the priesthood 5/31/1947 and said his first Mass at St. Clement's, Lakewood, on 6/1/1947. His assignments have been St. Francis (Superior Ave.), Holy Cross (Euclid), Diocesan Retreat House, St. Dominic's, pastor of St. Aloysius and pastor of St. Mary (Bedford).

FAMILY 7.7.64 (7.6.23)

Coletta Marie Storey McGuire b. 4/22/1923 married on 12/30/1950 to Thomas McGuire.

1.Thomas Francis McGuire	b.6/28/1952	Family 7.8.156
2.John Richard McGuire	b.7/6/1953	Family 7.8.157
3.Richard Paul McGuire	b.2/15/1955	Family 7.8.158
4.Girard Marion McGuire	b.12/1/1956	Family 7.8.159
5.Patrick Martin McGuire	b.4/4/1959	Family 7.8.160
6.Peter McGuire	b.2/3/1963	Family 7.8.161

FAMILY 7.7.65 (7.6.23)

Dorothy Ann Storey Downey b.2/9/1925 married on 8/21/1948 to Julian Bryan Downey.

1.Julian Bryan Downey IV	b.1/17/1950	Family 7.8.162
2.John Martin Downey	b.11/27/1951	Family 7.8.163
3.Mary Elizabeth Downey	b.1/15/1954	Family 7.8.164
4.Katherine Ann Downey	b.3/8/1957	Family 7.8.165
In May, 1968, the children of Julian's brother Alan, and his wife Betty (Amersbach), (both killed in a car accident) became the wards of Dorothy and Julian.		
5.Julie Downey	b.12/9/1953	Family 7.8.166
6.Bryan Julian Downey	b.10/26/1956	Family 7.8.167
7.Martha Downey	b.10/26/1958	Family 7.8.168
8.Alan Downey	b.11/9/1959	Family 7.8.169
9.Kathy Downey	b.1/23/1962	Family 7.8.170
10.Barbara Downey	b.2/17/1964	Family 7.8.171
11.John Downey	b.4/26/1966	Family 7.8.172

FAMILY 7.7.66 (7.6.32)

Herman J. Kelling b.10/8/1926 married 5/25/1963 Jane Baker Takacs (she had 3 children, included here), at St. Agnes, Elyria, Ohio. Herman: spent 19 months in the Army at the close of World War II, stationed in Oahu, Hawaii; was a member of St. Agnes Church, Elyria, for 35 years; At that time was instrumental in starting the first grade school CYO football team in Elyria which comprised all the Catholic schools; was a member then of the Senior CYO, a group who graduated from high school till married; received the Eagle of the Cross award from the Cleveland Diocese, recognition for working with the CYO programs; worked 15 years as an electric motor repair then retired from Elyria Post Offices working as a window clerk after 24 years of service; moved into St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elyria after being married became active in Church life and the Holy Name Society;

received the Holy Name Society's Bronze Medallion Award from Bishop Pilla for being involved in this activity. Interests: Church, Travel, and Genealogy.

1. Mark Edward Takacs	b.5/16/1952	Family 8.173
2. Renee Marie Takacs	b.9/20/1953	Family 8.174
3. Jennifer Jane Takacs	b.10/4/1956	Family 8.175
4. Joseph Martin Kelling	b.9/18/1964	Family 8.176
5. John Peter Kelling	b.12/9/1967	Family 8.177

FAMILY 7.7.67 (7.6.35)

Wayne Frances Diederich b. 3/10/1932 in Lorain, Ohio, married Geraldine O'Connor b. 5/26/1934 in Lorain Ohio, on May 25, 1957. Geraldine is a descendent of Nicholas Diedrich. See Allied family number #7.

1. Kathryn Diederich	b.10/9/1958	Family 7.8.178
2. Paul Diederich	b.1/16/1960	Family 7.8.179
3. Margaret Ann Diederich	b.10/4/1962	Family 7.8.180
4. Joseph Diederich	b.2/18/1964	Family 7.8.181

FAMILY 7.7.68 (7.6.35)

Nancy Diederich b.4/28/1934 married on 11/18/1967 to Robert Lohrer 9/27/1933.

FAMILY 7.7.69 (7.6.36)

Alfred Born

FAMILY 7.7.70 (7.6.36)

Gertrud Born Robison

FAMILY 7.7.71 (7.6.36)

Carl Born

FAMILY 7.7.72 (7.6.36)

Edward Born

FAMILY 7.7.73 (7.6.41)

Lester Neuffer b. 2/6/1904

FAMILY 7.7.74 (7.6.41)

William Neufer b. 3/4/1905

FAMILY 7.7.75 (7.6.41)

Leo Neufer b. 1/26/1908

FAMILY 7.7.76 (7.6.41)

Helen Neufer McGhee b. 11/11/1911 married John McGhee on 7/14/1936

FAMILY 7.7.77 (7.6.42)

Grace Jackson Krause b. 10/12/1910 married Ernest Krause on 4/12/1944

FAMILY 7.7.78 (7.6.42)

Walter F. Jackson b. 10/30/1912 married Frieda Hoegler 8/24/1935

FAMILY 7.7.79 (7.6.42)

Dorothy Jackson Hein b. 1/7/1916 married Ray. G. Hein on 6/11

FAMILY 7.7.80 (7.6.42)

Marie Jackson

FAMILY 7.7.81 (7.6.43)

Virginia Born b. 10/17/1914

FAMILY 7.7.82 (7.6.43)

William Born (5/19/1919 to 12/14/1947)

FAMILY 7.7.83 (7.6.43)

Mary Born 11/14/1922

FAMILY 7.7.84 (7.6.43)

Thomas Born b. 12/3/1930

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FAMILY 7.8.1 (7.7.3)

Eugene Diederich b.9/17/1926

FAMILY 7.8.2 (7.7.3)

Raymond Diederich b. 2/7/1929 married 11/24/1955 to Olga Smith b.9/29/1935 at St. Jude's, Elyria by Rev. John Carrabine.

1.Allan Diederich	b.9/25/1956	Family 7.9.1
2.David Diederich	b.1/19/1958	Family 7.9.2
3.Gregory Diederich	b.6/7/1959	Family 7.9.3
4.Joseph Diederich	b.12/1/1960	Family 7.9.4
5.Michael Diederich	b.12/4/1961	Family 7.9.5
6.Anne Marie Diederich	b.6/1/1963	Family 7.9.6
7.Paul Diederich	b.8/1/1965	Family 7.9.7
8.Debra Diederich	b.2/9/1969	Family 7.9.8

FAMILY 7.8.3 (7.7.3)

Robert Diederich b.12/23/1931

FAMILY 7.8.4 (7.7.3)

Loyola Diederich b.12/15/1933

FAMILY 7.8.5 (7.7.3)

Natalie Diederich b.10/24/1935

FAMILY 7.8.6 (7.7.3)

Martha Diederich b.12/13/1937

FAMILY 7.8.7 (7.7.3)

Patricia Diederich Bradley b. 10/1/1939 married Grover Cleveland Bradley on 6/20/1961 at the Chapel on Lowry Air Base, Denver, Colorado by Rev. Donnelley.

FAMILY 7.8.8 (7.7.5)

Thomas Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.9 (7.7.6)

Ann Diederich Burton b.12/29/1937

FAMILY 7.8.10 (7.7.6)

John Diederich b.9/30/1939

FAMILY 7.8.11 (7.7.9)

Jean Diederich b.4/22/1941

FAMILY 7.8.12 (7.7.9)

Sue Hanson Gallagher b.3/4/1936 married on 5/5/1956 to John Gallagher

FAMILY 7.8.13 (7.7.9)

Jane Hanson Livingood b.6/25/1937 married on 2/1960 to Garry Livingood.

FAMILY 7.8.14 (7.7.9)

Bonnie Hanson b.7/8/1944

FAMILY 7.8.15 (7.7.9)

James Hanson b.6/12/1949

FAMILY 7.8.16 (7.7.9)

Maribeth Hanson b.10/1/1956

FAMILY 7.8.17 (7.7.14)

Roseleen Marie Diederich Smith b. 4/1/1934 married on 6/21/1952 to Kenneth Smith

FAMILY 7.8.18 (7.7.14)

George Alvin Diederich b. 11/27/1936 married on 4/21/1957 to Thelma Heath.

FAMILY 7.8.19 (7.7.14)

Deanna Jane Diederich Lottman B. 11/1/1937 married on 12/1/1956 to Richard Lottman.

FAMILY 7.8.20 (7.7.14)

Mary Kathleen Diederich b.6/16/1940

FAMILY 7.8.21 (7.7.14)

Donna Mae Diederich b.10/25/1943

FAMILY 7.8.22 (7.7.14)

Margaret Ann Diederich b.11/6/1947

FAMILY 7.8.23 (7.7.15)

Robert Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.24 (7.7.16)

Leo Felix Diederich b.1917

FAMILY 7.8.25 (7.7.17)

James Neville b. 9/13/1918 married on 10/15/1942 to Isabelle Richter

FAMILY 7.8.26 (7.7.19)

Franklin Clarence Boyd b.3/29/1930 married to Mary Lou Freling

FAMILY 7.8.27 (7.7.19)

Barbara Elaine Boyd

b.4/22/1936

FAMILY 7.8.28 (7.7.20)

James Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.29 (7.7.20)

Edward Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.30 (7.7.20)

Gregory Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.31 (7.7.20)

Arthur Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.32 (7.7.21)

June Diederich Cubranich b. 7/2/1924 married on 3/23/1948 to Julius P. Cubranich

FAMILY 7.8.33 (7.7.21)

Lynn Diederich Alberone b. 8/29/1931 married on 6/26/1955 to Augustine Alberone

FAMILY 7.8.34 (7.7.22)

Rose Mary Diederich Carson b. 11/18/1931 married on 6/7/1952 to William John Carson

FAMILY 7.8.35 (7.7.22)

Charles Leo Diederich, Jr., B.2/17/1935 married on 2/22/1956 to Gloria Fontanel

FAMILY 7.8.36 (7.7.23)

Norman Diederich, Jr.

b.3/17/1942

FAMILY 7.8.37 (7.7.23)

Anna Marie Diederich b. 4/8/1943 entered the Ursuline Community and was professed on 8/13/1962.

FAMILY 7.8.38 (7.7.23)

Mary Elizabeth Diederich b.8/31/1945

FAMILY 7.8.39 (7.7.23)

Carolyn Louise Diederich b.10/25/1948

FAMILY 7.8.40 (7.7.24)

Robert Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.41 (7.7.24)

Nelson Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.42 (7.7.24)

Edward Diederich

FAMILY 7.8.43 (7.7.25)

Gary Robert LaPoint b.8/29/1948

FAMILY 7.8.44 (7.7.25)

Kathleen Ann LaPoint b.6/26/1950

FAMILY 7.8.45 (7.7.25)

Frederich Michael LaPoint b.9/16/1951

FAMILY 7.8.46 (7.7.27)

Robert Paul Manders b. 7/1/1936 married on 6/8/1957 to Donna Militzer

FAMILY 7.8.47 (7.7.27)

Thomas Charles Manders b.10/30/1937

FAMILY 7.8.48 (7.7.27)

Judith Ann Manders b. 1/19/1940. Entered Nortre Dame Order on 2/1958, professed 8/1958. She is Sister Jacqueline.

FAMILY 7.8.49 (7.7.27)

James Edward Manders b.1/15/1942

FAMILY 7.8.50 (7.7.27)

Marjorie Lou Manders b.10/8/1947

FAMILY 7.8.51 (7.7.27)

Jeannette Marie Manders b.10/26/1953

FAMILY 7.8.52 (7.7.28)

Paula Marie Reid b.9/3/1951

FAMILY 7.8.53 (7.7.28)

Patricia Ann Reid b.12/16/1952

FAMILY 7.8.54 (7.7.30)

Charles Aloysius Uhrig b. 5/20/1927 married Catherine Ann Delzeith on 6/19/1954

FAMILY 7.8.55 (7.7.30)

Eileen Ann Uhrig Linden b. 1/3/1929 married on 4/28/1951 to Lawrence Linden.

FAMILY 7.8.56 (7.7.30)

Janet Rose Uhrig Slack b. 11/21/1933 married on 2/2/1956 to Melvin Slack.

FAMILY 7.8.57 (7.7.30)

Germaine Claire Uhrig Matus b. 12/30/1938 married Robert Matus on 11/10/1956.

FAMILY 7.8.58 (7.7.32)

Norma Jean Diederich Rote b. 7/11/1939 married on 6/13/1959 to James Rose.

FAMILY 7.8.59 (7.7.32)

Richard Diederich b.11/18/1941

FAMILY 7.8.60 (7.7.32)

Alan Diederich b.3/7/1943

FAMILY 7.8.61 (7.7.32)

Rita Diederich b.6/20/1947 twin

FAMILY 7.8.62 (7.7.32)

Raymond Diederich b.6/20/1947 twin

FAMILY 7.8.63 (7.7.32)

Carol Diederich b.10/31/1953

FAMILY 7.8.64 (7.7.32)

Paula Diederich b.10/20/1958

FAMILY 7.8.65 (7.7.34)

John Arnold Schuster b.5/29/1952

FAMILY 7.8.66 (7.7.36)

Thomas Roger Scherschel, M D, b.4/19/1933 married Carol Schulz on 10/20/1956.

FAMILY 7.8.67 (7.7.36)

David Joseph Scherschel b. 2/23/1937 married Otilia Burkorsky on 1/25/1964.

FAMILY 7.8.68 (7.7.38)

Paul William Scherschel (11/23/1934) married on 1/4/1958 to Ann Drepo

1.Pamela Ann Scherschel Temple	b.12/28/1958	Family 7.9.9
2.Karen Scherschel Miller	b.1/20/1960	Family 7.9.10
3.David Paul Scherschel	b.3/14/1964	Family 7.9.11
4.Mary Rose Scherschel	b.7/9/1965	Family 7.9.12
5.Kristina Scherschel	b.2/26/1968	Family 7.9.13

FAMILY 7.8.69 (7.7.38)

Marie Scherschel Gerdson b.3/25/1936 married on 9/22/1962 to Paul Gerdson(d.8/1978)

1.Paula Marie Gerdson Wallace	b.2/22/1964	Family 7.9.14
2.Edith Ann Gerdson	b.3/18/1966	Family 7.9.15

FAMILY 7.8.70 (7.7.38)

Anne Rose Scherschel Franz b. 9/3/1939 married on 6/4/1960 to William Franz

1.Steven Henry Franz	b.3/15/1961	Family 7.9.16
2.Stephanie Franz	b.1/28/1963	Family 7.9.17
3.Christopher Paul Franz	b.11/7/1965	Family 7.9.18
4.Robert Franz		Family 7.9.19
5.Darlene Franz		Family 7.9.20
6.Marie Franz		Family 7.9.21

FAMILY 7.8.71 (7.7.38)

Justin Frederick Scherschel b. 8/15/1942 married on 11/26/1966 to Louise Kamaski

1.Laura Suzanne Scherschel	b.6/26/1961	Family 7.9.22
2.Louis F. Scherschel	b.8/11/1977	Family 7.9.23

FAMILY 7.8.72 (7.7.39)

Raymond Scherschel b. 7/24/1941 married on 1/25/1964 to Judy Hatfield

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| 1.Laura Lynne Scherschel | b.6/20/1966 | Family 7.9.24 |
| 2.Mark Erin Scherschel | b.3/29/1968 | Family 7.9.25 |

FAMILY 7.8.73 (7.7.39)

Eugene Scherschel b.11/11/1942 married on 6/12/1965 to Jeanne Delaney

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| 1.Jeanne Marie Scherschel | b.4/2/1968 | Family 7.9.26 |
| 2.Craig Allen Scherschel | b.2/22/1970 | Family 7.9.27 |
| 3.Kristy Ann Scherschel | b.12/10/1972 | Family 7.9.28 |
| 4.Denise Aileen Scherschel | b.3/28/1976 | Family 7.9.29 |

FAMILY 7.8.74 (7.7.39)

Janet Catherine Scherschel McClean b. 8/28/1945 married on 9/29/1963 to Don McClean

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| 1.Tina Marie McClean | b.4/9/1964 | Family 7.9.30 |
| 2.Rhea Lynn McClean | b.12/25/1966 | Family 7.9.31 |

FAMILY 7.8.75 (7.7.39)

Judith Lynn Scherschel b. 6/27/1947

FAMILY 7.8.76 (7.7.40)

Margaret Rose Salatel Dempsey b. 8/16/1940 married on 4/24/1965 to Terry Dempsey.

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| 1.Lisa Catherine Dempsey | b.4/30/1969 | Family 7.9.32 |
| 2.Tina Marie Dempsey | b.12/10/1970 | Family 7.9.33 |
| 3.Karen Therese Dempsey | b.4/2/1973 | Family 7.9.34 |

FAMILY 7.8.77 (7.7.40)

Bernard Joseph Salatel b. 7/19/1942 married on 1/23/1965 to Nina Sutton.

FAMILY 7.8.78 (7.7.40)

1. Michael Salatel	b.10/6/1969	Family 7.9.35
2. Daniel Salatel	b.5/9/1971	Family 7.9.36
3. Carol Salatel	b.4/8/1972	Family 7.9.37
4. Rachael Ann Salatel	b.2/16/1975	Family 7.9.38
5. Sheryl Salatel	b.4/8/1977	Family 7.9.39
6. Samuel Salatel	b.4/25/1981	Family 7.9.40

FAMILY 7.8.79 (7.7.40)

Mary Catherine Salatel Lee b. 12/28/1945 married on 8/17/1968 to Don Lee.

1. Brian Thomas Lee	b.12/14/1972	Family 7.9.41
2. Justin Andrew Lee	b.7/26/1974	Family 7.9.42
3. David William Lee	b.6/30/1978	Family 7.9.43
4. Tobias Christopher Lee	b.9/1/1981	Family 7.9.44

FAMILY 7.8.80 (7.7.41)

Ann Ruth Salatel Mazanac b.8/18/1948 married on 8/1/1970 to Don Mazanac.

1. Timothy Mazanec	b.7/8/1971	Family 7.9.45
2. Matthew Mazanec	b.7/6/1972	Family 7.9.46
3. Heather Mazanec	b.12/27/1973	Family 7.9.47
4. Jonathan Kristopher Mazanec	b.6/1/1976	Family 7.9.48

FAMILY 7.8.81 (7.7.41)

Jane Frances Balombin b. 9/18/1943 in Brooklyn, NY.

FAMILY 7.8.82 (7.7.41)

Joseph Robert Balombin b. 2/12/1945.

FAMILY 7.8.83 (7.7.42)

Clara Ruth Balombin b. 4/24/1947

FAMILY 7.8.84 (7.7.42)

John Kent Scherschel (1/27/1943 - 11/27/1971 at Juneau, Alaska) married on 12/26/1965 to Lynne Brewer.

1. Johanna Lynne Scherschel	b.11/6/1969	Family 7.9.49
2. Christina Dianne Scherschel	b.1/24/1972	Family 7.9.50

FAMILY 7.8.85 (7.7.42)

Steven Lane Scherschel b. 7/1/1946 married on 4/12/1969 to Donna Schookman

1.Kellie Verena Scherschel	b.3/28/1971	Family 7.9.51
2.John Allen Scherschel	b.4/8/1973	Family 7.9.52
3.James Eric Scherschel	b.5/14/1976	Family 7.9.53
4.Jeffery Scott Scherschel	b.1/17/1978	Family 7.9.54

FAMILY 7.8.86 (7.7.42)

Gregory Lee b. 11/27/1948 married on 6/12/1971 to Peggy Hutton

1.Dana Lee Scherschel	b.5/22/1974	Family 7.9.55
2.Gretchen Ottilia Scherschel	b.8/29/1978	Family 7.9.56
3.Joshua Kent Scherschel	b.6/19/1980	Family 7.9.57

FAMILY 7.8.87 (7.7.42)

Mark Eric Scherschel b. 12/10/1948 married on 5/10/1980 to Susan Larkin

1.Mark Eric Scherschel, Jr.	b.7/18/1982	Family 7.9.58
2.Christopher Kent Scherschel	b.7/17/1984	Family 7.9.59

FAMILY 7.8.88 (7.7.42)

Matthew Scott Scherschel b. 2/3/1952

FAMILY 7.8.89 (7.7.43)

Kim Peter Scherschel, MD, b. 5/7/1954 married on 6/30/1979 to Marty Ray Martin.

1.Luke Scherschel	b.9/2/1983	Family 7.9.60
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FAMILY 7.8.90 (7.7.43)

Martha Sue Scherschel Soukota b. 7/9/1942 married on 6/27/1964 to Joe Soukota.

1.Joseph James Soukota	b.3/10/1966	Family 7.9.61
2.Jason Grant Soukota	b.2/8/1972	Family 7.9.62

FAMILY 7.8.91 (7.7.43)

1. Anthony James Scherschel	b.4/1/1968	Family 7.9.63
2. John Anthony Scherschel	b.9/23/1970	Family 7.9.64
3. Jeffrey Allen Scherschel	b.10/18/1975	Family 7.9.65

FAMILY 7.8.92 (7.7.43)

Jeannette Marie Scherschel Childress b. 10/26/1945 married Michael Harold Childress.

1. Jauniece Rhord Childress	b.9/27/1971	Family 7.9.66
2. Camino Childress	b.8/1/1977	Family 7.9.67

FAMILY 7.8.93 (7.7.43)

Daniel Dean Scherschel b. 9/8/1947 married on 11/30/1968 to Sandra Mitchner

1. Gregory Dean Scherschel	b.3/12/1971	Family 7.9.68
2. Kara Marie Scherschel	b.5/9/1974	Family 7.9.69

FAMILY 7.8.94 (7.7.43)

Samuel Lee Scherschel b. 2/27/1948 married on 6/6/1970 to Cynthia Lang

1. Therese Ann Scherschel	b.11/12/1974	Family 7.9.70
2. Brian Christopher Scherschel	b.10/27/1975	Family 7.9.71
3. Scott Frederick Scherschel	b.4/28/1977	Family 7.9.72

FAMILY 7.8.95 (7.7.44)

Leo Thomas Scherschel b.11/6/1952 married on 8/12/1972 to Patricia Miller.

FAMILY 7.8.96 (7.7.44)

Phillip Charles Scherschel b. 6/26/1942 married on 11/30/1963 to Sara Towns.

1. Vonda Kay Scherschel Stevens	b.10/22/1964	Family 7.9.73
2. Jeffrey Scott Scherschel	b.12/8/1965	Family 7.9.74
3. John Eric Scherschel	b.9/19/1967	Family 7.9.75
4. Andrea Marie Scherschel	b.4/14/1974	Family 7.9.76

FAMILY 7.8.97 (7.7.44)

Kenneth Dale Scherschel b. 1/23/1944 married on 6/8/1963 to Carol Fish

1. Michelle Dawn Scherschel Snyder	b.1/27/1966	Family 7.9.77
2. Jacquelyn Lynn Scherschel	b.7/21/1968	Family 7.9.78
3. Kristie Rae Scherschel	b.5/17/1974	Family 7.9.79

FAMILY 7.8.98 (7.7.44)

Mary Carol Scherschel East Jackson b. 7/9/1946 married on 6/20/1964 to Mike East; then married on 2/8/1970 to Tim Jackson.

1. Brian David East	b.11/19/1964	Family 7.9.80
2. Brent Daniel Jackson	b.7/15/1972	Family 7.9.81
3. Julie Jackson	b.3/1/1979	Family 7.9.82

FAMILY 7.8.99 (7.7.45)

Donald Joseph Scherschel b. 5/21/1949 married on 4/21/1975 to Bonnie Graham b. 12/21/1953.

1. Mathew Scherschel	b.12/28/1973	Family 7.9.83
2. Janie Scherschel	b.2/10/1978	Family 7.9.84
3. Julie Scherschel		Family 7.9.85

FAMILY 7.8.100 (7.7.45)

Mary Ann Ledford Drobnak b. 2/15/1934 married on 11/23/1968 to Andrew Drobnak b. 1/9/1932. She is a teacher, he is a salesman. For further information on the Drobnak family see Allied Family #14.

1. Kenneth Drobnak	b.12/7/1969	Family 7.9.86
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FAMILY 7.8.101 (7.7.45)

K. Harold Ledford b.7/20/1935, married on 6/1/1957 to Rosalinda Eleanora Kendall. He met her while stationed with the Air Force in England. She was born on 1/1/1939 in San Remo, Italy, one step ahead of the advancing German Army. A few days after birth, she and her mother had to board on of the last ships leaving for England. They had to leave all their luggage at the port. Rosalind was raised in Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk England. They divorced in 1981. Harold married Lea Fischer (b.4/19/1936) on 1/4/1982.

Harold retired from the Air Force during June, 1978 and became a defense contractor. He now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. Rosalind works for the Department of Defense at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. While in the Air Force this family lived in Norfolk County, England: Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado; Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas; Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville,

Arkansas; (a second time) Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado; Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Harold traveled to many location in the US and around the world during his tenure in the Air Force. In 1978, he retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sargent (this is the highest rank for an NCO). He went to work for Harris Corporation and Emerson Corporation, defense contract divisions.

1.SallyLee Marie Ledford	b.3/31/1958	Family 7.9.87
2.Dale Benedict Ledford	b.3/15/1959	Family 7.9.88
3.Christopher Mathias Ledford	b.10/5/1960	Family 7.9.89
4.Karl Dominic Ledford	b.12/26/1961	Family 7.9.90
5.Jane Chantel Ledford Adkins	b.2/2/1966	Family 7.9.91
6.Erik Frances Ledford	b.6/9/1970	Family 7.9.92

FAMILY 7.8.102 (7.7.45)

Janet Elizabeth Ledford Zellich Conti b. 7/28/1939 married 10/28/1961 Joseph M. Zellich. She remarried Dominic Anthony Conti. Janet and Toni are retired from AT&T and reside in Arizona.

1.Jeffrey Joseph Zellich	b.11/27/1962	Family 7.9.93
2.Julie Elizabeth Zellich Adams	b.2/22/1964	Family 7.9.94

FAMILY 7.8.103 (7.7.45)

Kathryn Arleen Ledford Urmetz b. 1/2/1943 married on 6/26/1965 to James Louis Urmetz. They reside in Cleveland.

1.Cynthia Lynn Urmetz	b.6/16/1968	Family 7.9.95
2.Louis Kenneth Urmetz	b.9/19/1970	Family 7.9.96
3.Christopher Jacob Urmetz	b.9/19/1970	Family 7.9.97
4.Philip Lewis Urmetz	b.9/19/1970	Family 7.9.98
5.Laura Ann Urmetz	b.8/17/1975	Family 7.9.99

FAMILY 7.8.104 (7.7.45)

Carol Margaret Ledford Liedtke b. 1/8/1944 married on 6/8/1973 to Patrick George Liedtke b. 9/13/1944.

1.Christine Liedtke	b.1982	Family 7.9.100
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FAMILY 7.8.105 (7.7.45)

Laurel Rita Ledford Dobbins b. 4/11/1945 married 4/15/1963 to Walter Ernest Dobbins b. 9/30/1939.

1.Walter Ernest Dobbins	b.12/12/1963	Family 7.9.101
2.William Ernest Dobbins	b.2/9/1965	Family 7.9.102

FAMILY 7.8.106 (7.7.45)

Daniel Joseph Ledford b. 12/17/1947 married on 7/10/1993 at Calvary Church, Kettering, Ohio to Barbara Beeler. He was in the Marines and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He became the Chief Software Engineer for BASS, Inc, in Dayton, Ohio. He resides in Xenia, Ohio.

FAMILY 7.8.107 (7.7.45)

Germaine Dolores Ledford b. 5/4/1949. She was a stewardess for Captial Airlines from 1968 through 1975. She became an artist residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She now lives in Cleveland.

FAMILY 7.8.108 (7.7.48)

Barbara Bernadette Ledford Bauer Berns b. 1/8/1951 married 9/23/1968 to Lance Richard Bauer (divorced 10/12/1970) remarried 4/6/1974 to John Gus Berns (now divorced).

1. Sherry Lee Berns Diamond	b.12/31/1968	Family 7.9.103
2. John Gus Berns, Jr.	b.4/26/1975	Family 7.9.104

FAMILY 7.8.109 (7.7.49)

Victor Michael Votsch b. 6/1/1949 married on 12/20/1969 to Stephanie Parino b. 1949.

1. Victor Nicholas Votsch	b.7/4/1970	Family 7.9.105
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FAMILY 7.8.110 (7.7.49)

Cecilia Marie Speer b. 9/13/1941. She is a nurse at Lakewood Hospital in Lakewood, Ohio. Cecilia was named in honor of both grandmothers. Mary Canisia Diederich Wagner who was called Marie and Cecilia Farrell Speer who was called Cis as was her namesake. Cis has spent her career at Lakewood Hospital as a Licensed Practical Nurse working in the Pediatric and Psychiatric Wards. A true angel of mercy she is always there to help out with the family whenever there is a need.

FAMILY 7.8.111 (7.7.49)

Susan Mary Speer Furth b. 10/16/1942 married on 9/11/1965 to Guy Francis Furth. Guy was in the insurance business.

1. Mara Magdelyn Furth	b.9/10/1966	Family 7.9.106
2. Jeanne Clare Furth	b.4/30/1969	Family 7.9.107

3.Patricia Amy Furth	b.4/14/1971	Family 7.9.108
4.Guy Walter Furth	b.4/9/1973	Family 7.9.109
5.Gary Warren Furth	b.1/31/1977	Family 7.9.110

FAMILY 7.8.112 (7.7.49)

Warren J. Speer, Jr., b. 7/30/1944, married on 9/19/1970 to Carol Ann Ketvertis b. 10/6/.

1.Karen Marie Speer	b.3/27/1975	Family 7.9.111
2.Kathy Marie Speer	b.6/27/1977	Family 7.9.112
3.Warren Michael Speer	b.3/20/1981	Family 7.9.113

FAMILY 7.8.113 (7.7.49)

Timothy John Speer b. 11/11/1946.

FAMILY 7.8.114 (7.7.49)

Paul Gerard Speer b. 1/25/1948 married on 6/7/1969 to Linda Marie Naccarota b. 7/26/1946.

1.Matthew Paul Speer	b.6/20/1972	Family 7.9.114
2.Jared Andrew Speer	b.4/6/1974	Family 7.9.115

FAMILY 7.8.115 (7.7.49)

Michael Lawrence Speer b. 8/10/1950.

FAMILY 7.8.116 (7.7.49)

Peter William Speer b. 5/10/1953 married 9/6/1975 to Ruth Mary Hughes b. 7/7/1953.

1.Peter William Speer, Jr.	b.2/11/1977	Family 7.9.116
2.Emily Kathryn Speer	b.4/28/1978	Family 7.9.117
3.Kristin Elizabeth Speer	b.11/1/1981	Family 7.9.118

FAMILY 7.8.117 (7.7.49)

Anne Marian Speer Bielecki b. 10/30/1954 married on 9/7/1974 to Darrell Bielecki b. 3/8/1954 at St. Clements Church. Anne is a dental assistant and Darrell is a Master Plumber.

1.Beth Ann Bielecki	b.4/20/1976	Family 7.9.119
2.Megan Marie Bielecki	b.10/18/1977	Family 7.9.120
3.Daniel Joseph Bielecki	b.1/25/1980	Family 7.9.121

FAMILY 7.8.118 (7.7.49)

Amy Elizabeth Speer Babis b. 9/19/1956 married on 10/11/1974 to Michael John Babis b. 12/12/1954.

1. Sharon Marie Babis	b.2/24/1974	Family 7.9.122
2. Andean Ann Babis	b.6/11/1978	Family 7.9.123
3. Michael Warren Babis	b.10/23/1979	Family 7.9.124

FAMILY 7.8.119 (7.7.50)

Sara Lynn Speer Curtan b. 2/3/1959 married John Curtan at St. Clement's Church on 10/28/88. Sara is a Registered Nurse.

1. Jason Michael Speer	b.8/20/1977	Family 7.9.125
2. Saia Stephan Curtan	b. 6/29/91	Family 7.9.____

FAMILY 7.8.120 (7.7.50)

Richard Arnold Baxendale b. 9/11/1946 in Brunswick, GA, married on 11/12/1977 to Mary Kay Mazier b. 9/5/1956

1. Richard Arnold Baxendale, Jr.	b.9/18/1982	Family 7.9.126
2. Paul Michael Baxendale	b.4/17/1986	Family 7.9.127
3. Lindsey Louis Baxendale	b.9/3/1988 twin	Family 7.9.128
4. Danielle Mary Baxendale	b.9/3/1988 twin	Family 7.9.129

FAMILY 7.8.121 (7.7.50)

Mary Catherine Baxendale Coe b. 9/20/1947 married on 5/28/1971 to Robert F. Coe b. 6/7/1944

1. Todd Robert Coe	b.9/2/1973	Family 7.9.130
2. Dawn Marie Coe	b.3/3/1975	Family 7.9.131
3. Chad Alan Coe	b.5/18/1976	Family 7.9.132

FAMILY 7.8.122 (7.7.50)

Patricia Ann Baxendale (3/15/1950 - 3/15/1950)

FAMILY 7.8.123 (7.7.50)

Eugene Patrick Baxendale b. 3/9/1951 married on 8/17/1974 to Linda Sikora b. 12/24/1949.

1.Nathan Peter Baxendale	b.2/4/1978	Family 7.9.136
2.Jared Baxendale	b.12/4/1979	Family 7.9.137
3.Aaron David Baxendale	b.4/2/1982	Family 7.9.138
4.Leah Catherine Baxendale	b.12/1/1984	Family 7.9.139
5.Molly Marie Baxendale	b.10/10/1988	Family 7.9.140

FAMILY 7.8.124 (7.7.50)

David Joseph Baxendale b. 3/26/1952 married 6/7/1974 to Dorothy Miller 11/29/1953.

1.Chad Edward Baxendale	b.3/26/1976	Family 7.9.141
2.Amber Marie Baxendale	b.5/11/1979	Family 7.9.142
3.Jenalee Ann Baxendale	b.8/9/1986	Family 7.9.143

FAMILY 7.8.125 (7.7.50)

Eileen Marie Baxendale Sashko Janowitz b. 9/15/1953 married on 4/16/1974 to Mark Sashko (div. 1982), remarried Richard Janowitz b. 8/8/1952.

1.Brian Paul Sashko	b.7/21/1975	Family 7.9.144
2.Joshua Michael Sashko	b.8/21/1977	Family 7.9.145
3.Christine Sashko	b.10/1/1979	Family 7.9.146

FAMILY 7.8.126 (7.7.50)

Joanne Baxendale Lach b. 11/29/1953 married on 9/4/1982 to Andrew T. Lach (div. 1991).

1.Amy Married Lach	b.9/14/1983	Family 7.9.147
2.Patricia Ann Lach	b.9/14/1985	Family 7.9.148
3.Kevin Andrew Lach	b.2/4/1988	Family 7.9.149

FAMILY 7.8.127 (7.7.50)

Scott Edward Baxendale b. 8/4/1965 married on 10/31/1992 to Patricia Ahern b. 9/18/1965. They reside in Chicago.

FAMILY 7.8.128 (7.7.52)

Karl Edward Scherschel b. 11/17/1943 married on 6/18/1966 to Carol Lewis.

1.Eric Brandon Scherschel	b.9/13/1970	Family 7.9.150
2.Kristie Ann Scherschel	b.4/24/1974	Family 7.9.151

FAMILY 7.8.129 (7.7.52)

Harold William Scherschel b. 3/24/1946 married on 6/5/1971 to Judy Baker.

1.Kathy Ann Scherschel	b.10/7/1974	Family 7.9.152
2.Tamera Ann Scherschel	b.12/10/1976 twin	Family 7.9.153
3.Teresa Ann Scherschel	b.12/10/1976 twin	Family 7.9.154

FAMILY 7.8.130 (7.7.52)

Bernard Allen Scherschel b. 2/20/1948 married on 8/19/1972 to Bobbie Snow.

1.Kosharen Joey Scherschel	b.1/31/1974	Family 7.9.155
2.Stormi Dawn Scherschel	b.6/18/1975	Family 7.9.156

FAMILY 7.8.131 (7.7.52)

Benjamin Allen Scherschel b. 2/20/1948 married 9/25/1981 to Rose Provanzano.

1.Ana Lisa Scherschel	b.12/1983	Family 7.9.157
2.Benjamin Allen Scherschel		Family 7.9.158

FAMILY 7.8.132 (7.7.52)

Timothy Leander (3/29/1950 - 4/5/1950)

FAMILY 7.8.133 (7.7.52)

Ann Renilda Scherschel b. 4/24/1954

FAMILY 7.8.134 (7.7.52)

Gary Kevin Scherschel b. 11/12/1956 married on 10/18/1980 to Shiela Arford.

1.Andrea Scherschel		Family 7.9.159
2.Joshua Scherschel		Family 7.9.160

FAMILY 7.8.135 (7.7.57)

Peter Gerald Phillips b. 8/23/1944 married 6/25/1966 to Gloria Hodges

1.Cheryl Elise Phillips	b.3/28/1969	Family 7.9.161
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2. Anthony David Phillips b. 6/17/1973 Family 7.9.162

FAMILY 7.8.136 (7.7.57)

Therese Gertrude Phillips Owens b. 3/13/1946 married on 10/30/1971 to James Owens

1. Brian James Owens b. 3/16/1976 Family 7.9.163
2. David Thoms Owens b. 7/16/1978 Family 7.9.164

FAMILY 7.8.137 (7.7.57)

Mary Ann Phillips Brock 11/14/1948 married on 8/8/1970 to Patrick Brock.

1. Mindy Marie Brock b. 11/12/1975 Family 7.9.165

FAMILY 7.8.138 (7.7.57)

Catherine Marie Phillips Sharp b. 10/23/1950 married on 7/25/1970 to Herman Sharp

1. Cathy Ann Sharp b. 2/9/1971 Family 7.9.166
2. Nancy Diane Sharp b. 8/23/1974 Family 7.9.167

FAMILY 7.8.139 (7.7.57)

Bernadette Phillips McGregor Lytton b. 11/9/1951 married Scott McGregor on 4/3/1971; married Jeffrey Lytton on 4/11/1975.

1. Jeffrey Scott McGregor b. 4/12/1972 Family 7.9.168
2. Jonathan Jordon Lytton b. 4/28/1976 Family 7.9.169

FAMILY 7.8.140 (7.7.57)

Patricia Rose Phillis Rynders b. 2/8/1953 married on 8/19/1976 to Ronad Rynders.

FAMILY 7.8.141 (7.7.57)

Agnes Alexandria Phillips Hammel Stigall b. 4/25/1954 married to Tom Hammel on 12/23/1972; married Jack Stigall.

1. Jacinda Celeste Hammel b. 7/14/1973 Family 7.9.170

FAMILY 7.8.142 (7.7.57)

Joseph Phillips b. 10/31/1957 married Cindy

1.Christopher Phillips

Family 7.9.171

FAMILY 7.8.143 (7.7.59)

Diana Sue Scherschel Duncan b. 8/20/1951 married on 6/27/1970 to William Duncan

1.Nichole Renee Duncan

b.8/19/1976

Family 7.9.172

FAMILY 7.8.144 (7.7.59)

Rose Marie Scherschel b. 10/13/1952. Rose entered the Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove, Indian 8/1972.

FAMILY 7.8.145 (7.7.59)

Frances William Scherschel b. 9/9/1953 married on 7/19/1986 to Lisa.

FAMILY 7.8.146 (7.7.59)

Anthony Ray Scherschel (9/15/1954 - 3/13/1959).

FAMILY 7.8.147 (7.7.59)

Dennis Charles Scherschel b. 11/26/1955 married on 6/7/1980 to Debbie Rust.

1.Paul Nicholas Scherschel

b.1/1/1982

Family 7.9.173

2.Ashley Marie Scherschel

b.4/5/1983

Family 7.9.174

FAMILY 7.8.148 (7.7.59)

Sharon Scherschel Johnson b. 5/10/1957 married on 6/16/1978 to Bob Johnson.

1.Justin Johnson

b.1/17/1979

Family 7.9.175

2.Anthony Tyler Johnson

b.5/27/1980

Family 7.9.176

3.Kensley Lorraine Johnson

b.10/15/1983

Family 7.9.177

4.Marisa Johnson

b.9/15/1990

Family 7.9.178

FAMILY 7.8.149 (7.7.59)

Karen Denise Scherschel Phillips b. 6/16/1959 married on 10/2/1977 to Timothy Phillips.

1. Joshua Edward Phillips	b. 7/9/1980	Family 7.9.179
2. Joseph William Phillips	b. 4/17/1982	Family 7.9.180

FAMILY 7.8.150 (7.7.59)

Beth Ann Scherschel Sanders b. 4/21/1962 married on 5/29/1983 to Larry Sanders; married Gary ____ in 1987.

FAMILY 7.8.151 (7.7.60)

Steven Scherschel	b. 12/19/1957
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FAMILY 7.8.152 (7.7.62)

James Joseph Moore	b. 8/20/1944
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FAMILY 7.8.153 (7.7.62)

John Daniel Moore b. 11/6/1947 married Celia Ferry on 10/8/1971 in St. Christopher's Rocky River by Father John Storey.

FAMILY 7.8.154 (7.7.62)

Daniel Thomas Moore b. 6/11/1950.

FAMILY 7.8.155 (7.7.62)

Joseph Patrick Moore b. 5/18/1952

FAMILY 7.8.156 (7.7.64)

Thomsa Francis McGuire b. 6/28/1952.

FAMILY 7.8.157 (7.7.64)

John Richard McGuire b. 7/6/1953

FAMILY 7.8.158 (7.7.64)

Richard Paul McGuire b. 2/15/1955

FAMILY 7.8.159 (7.7.64)

Girard Marion McGuire b. 12/1/1956

FAMILY 7.8.160 (7.7.64)

Patrick Martin McGuire b. 4/4/1959

FAMILY 7.8.161 (7.7.64)

Peter McGuire b. 2/3/1963

FAMILY 7.8.162 (7.7.65)

Julian Bryan Downey IV, b. 1/17/1950 married Deborah Lawson on 8/26/1972.

FAMILY 7.8.163 (7.7.65)

John Martin Downey b. 11/27/1951

FAMILY 7.8.164 (7.7.65)

Mary Elizabeth Downey b. 1/15/1954

FAMILY 7.8.165 (7.7.65)

Katherine Ann Downey b. 3/8/1957

FAMILY 7.8.166 (7.7.65)

Julie Downey b. 12/9/1953

FAMILY 7.8.167 (7.7.65)

Bryand Julian Downey b. 10/26/1956

FAMILY 7.8.168 (7.7.65)

Martha Downey b. 10/26/1958

FAMILY 7.8.169 (7.7.65)

Alan Downey b. 11/9/1959

FAMILY 7.8.170 (7.7.65)

Kathy Downey b. 1/23/1962.

FAMILY 7.8.171 (7.7.65)

Barbara Downey b. 2/17/1964.

FAMILY 7.8.172 (7.7.65)

John Downey b. 4/26/1966

FAMILY 7.8.173 (7.7.66)

Mark Edward Takacs b. 5/6/1952

FAMILY 7.8.174 (7.7.66)

Renee Marie Takacs b. 9/20/1953

FAMILY 7.8.175 (7.7.66)

Jennifer Jane Takacs b. 10/4/1956

FAMILY 7.8.176 (7.7.66)

Joseph Martin Kelling b. 9/18/1964

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FAMILY 7.9.1 (7.8.3)

Allan Diederich b. 9/25/1956

FAMILY 7.9.2 (7.8.3)

David Diederich b. 1/19/1958

FAMILY 7.9.3 (7.8.3)

Gregory Diederich b. 6/7/1959

FAMILY 7.9.4 (7.8.3)

Joseph Diederich b. 12/1/1960

FAMILY 7.9.5 (7.8.3)

Michael Diederich b. 12/4/1961

FAMILY 7.9.6 (7.8.3)

Anne Marie Diederich b. 6/1/1963

FAMILY 7.9.7 (7.8.3)

Paul Diederich b. 8/1/1965

FAMILY 7.9.8 (7.8.3)

Debra Diederich b. 2/9/1969

FAMILY 7.9.9 (7.8.68)

Pamela Ann Scherschel Temple b. 12/28/1958 married Tyler Templey on 6/30/1979.

FAMILY 7.9.10 (7.8.68)

Karen Scherschel Miller b. 1/20/1960 married Kim Miller on 6/30/1979.

FAMILY 7.9.11 (7.8.68)

David Paul Scherschel b. 3/14/1964

FAMILY 7.9.12 (7.8.68)

Mary Rose Scherschel b. 7/9/1965

FAMILY 7.9.13 (7.8.68)

Kristine Scherschel b. 2/26/1965

FAMILY 7.9.14 (7.8.68)

Paula Marie Gerdson Wallace b. 2/22/1964 married 3/19/1983 to Jeff Wallace

1. Stephanie Marie Wallace b.9/17/1983 Family 7.10.1

FAMILY 7.9.15 (7.8.69)

Edith Ann Gerdson b. 3/18/1966

FAMILY 7.9.16 (7.8.70)

Steven Henry Franz b. 3/15/1961 married Jenny Olson on 10/23/1982

1. Sara Michalene Franz b.2/26/1983 Family 7.10.2

FAMILY 7.9.17 (7.8.70)

Stephanie Franz b. 1/28/1963

FAMILY 7.9.18 (7.8.70)

Christopher Paul Franz (11/7/1965 - 11/7/1965) Lived 5 hours.

FAMILY 7.9.19 (7.8.70)

Robert Paul Franz b. 6/14/1967

FAMILY 7.9.20 (7.8.70)

Darlene Franz b. 4/27/1977

FAMILY 7.9.21 (7.8.70)

Marie Franz

FAMILY 7.9.22 (7.8.71)

Laura Suzanne Scherschel b. 6/26/1971

FAMILY 7.9.23 (7.8.71)

Louis F. Scherschel b. 8/11/1977

FAMILY 7.9.24 (7.8.72)

Laura Lynne Scherschel b. 6/20/1966

FAMILY 7.9.25 (7.8.72)

Mark Erin Scherschel b. 3/29/1968

FAMILY 7.9.26 (7.8.73)

Jeanie Marie Scherschel b. 4/2/1968

FAMILY 7.9.27 (7.8.73)

Craig Allen Scherschel b. 2/22/1970

FAMILY 7.9.28 (7.8.73)

Kristy Ann Scherschel b. 12/10/1972

FAMILY 7.9.29 (7.8.73)

Denise Aileen Scherschel b. 3/28/1976

FAMILY 7.9.30 (7.8.74)

Tina Marie McClean b. 4/9/1964

FAMILY 7.9.31 (7.8.74)

Rhea Lynn McClean b. 12/25/1966

FAMILY 7.9.32 (7.8.76)

Lisa Catherine Dempsey b. 4/30/1969

FAMILY 7.9.33 (7.8.76)

Tina Marie Dempsey b. 12/10/1970

FAMILY 7.9.34 (7.8.76)

Karen Therese Dempsey b. 4/2/1973

FAMILY 7.9.35 (7.8.77)

Michael Salatel b. 10/6/1969

FAMILY 7.9.36 (7.8.77)

Daniel Salatel b. 5/9/1971

FAMILY 7.9.37 (7.8.77)

Carol Salatel b. 4/8/1972

FAMILY 7.9.38 (7.8.77)

Rachel Ann Salatel b. 4/8/1977

FAMILY 7.9.39 (7.8.77)

Sheryl Salatel b. 4/8/1977

FAMILY 7.9.40 (7.8.77)

Samuel Salatel b. 4/25/1981

FAMILY 7.9.41 (7.8.78)

Brian Thomas Lee b. 12/14/1972

FAMILY 7.9.42 (7.8.78)

Justin Andrew Lee b. 7/26/1964

FAMILY 7.9.43 (7.8.78)

David William Lee b. 6/30/1978

FAMILY 7.9.44 (7.8.78)

Tobias Christopher Lee b. 9/1/1981

FAMILY 7.9.45 (7.8.79)

Timothy Mazanec b. 7/8/1971

FAMILY 7.9.46 (7.8.79)

Matthew Mazanec b. 7/6/1972

FAMILY 7.9.47 (7.8.79)

Heather Mazanec b. 12/27/1973

FAMILY 7.9.48 (7.8.79)

Jonathan Kristopher Mazanec b. 6/1/1976

FAMILY 7.9.49 (7.8.83)

Johanna Lynn Scherschel b. 11/6/1969

FAMILY 7.9.50 (7.8.83)

Christina Dianne Scherschel b1/24/1972

FAMILY 7.9.51 (7.8.84)

Kellie Vernea Scherschel b. 3/28/1971

FAMILY 7.9.52 (7.8.84)

John Allen Scherschel b. 5/14/1976

FAMILY 7.9.53 (7.8.84)

James Eric Scherschel b. 5/14/1976

FAMILY 7.9.54 (7.8.84)

Jeffrey Scott Scherschel b. 1/17/1978

FAMILY 7.9.55 (7.8.85)

Dana Lee Scherschel b. 5/22/1974

FAMILY 7.9.56 (7.8.85)

Gretchen Otilia Scherschel b. 8/29/1978

FAMILY 7.9.57 (7.8.85)

Joshua Kent Scherschel b. 6/19/1980

FAMILY 7.9.58 (7.8.86)

Mark Eric Scherschel II b. 7/18/1982

FAMILY 7.9.59 (7.8.86)

Christopher Kent Scherschel b.7/17/1984

FAMILY 7.9.60 (7.8.88)

Luke Scherschel b. 9/2/1983

FAMILY 7.9.61 (7.8.89)

Joseph James Soukota b. 3/10/1966

FAMILY 7.9.62 (7.8.89)

Jason Grant Soukota b. 2/8/1972

FAMILY 7.9.63 (7.8.90)

James Lincoln Scherschel b. 4/1/1968

FAMILY 7.9.64 (7.8.90)

John Anthony Scherschel b. 9/23/1970

FAMILY 7.9.65 (7.8.90)

Jeffrey Allen Scherschel b.10/18/1975

FAMILY 7.9.66 (7.8.91)

Jauniece Rhord Childress b. 9/27/1971

FAMILY 7.9.67 (7.8.91)

Camino Childress b. 8/1/1977

FAMILY 7.9.68 (7.8.91)

Gregory Dean Scherschel b. 3/12/1971

FAMILY 7.9.69 (7.8.92)

Kara Marie Scherschel b. 5/9/1974

FAMILY 7.9.70 (7.8.92)

Therese Ann Scherschel b. 11/12/1974

FAMILY 7.9.71 (7.8.93)

Brian Christopher Scherschel b. 10/27/1975

FAMILY 7.9.72 (7.8.93)

Scott Frederick Scherschel b. 4/28/1977

FAMILY 7.9.73 (7.8.95)

Vonda Kay Scherschel b. 10/22/1964 married Kenneth Stevens 1/21/1984.

FAMILY 7.9.74 (7.8.95)

Jeffrey Scott Scherschel b. 12/8/1965

FAMILY 7.9.75 (7.8.95)

John Eric Scherschel b. 9/19/1967

7.9.76 (7.8.95)

Andrea Marie Scherschel b. 4/14/1974

FAMILY 7.9.77 (7.8.96)

Michaeli Dawn Scherschel Snyder b. 1/27/1966 married on 10/29/1983 to Mark Snyder
1. Mark Snyder b. 3/30/1984 Family 7.10.3

FAMILY 7.9.78 (7.8.96)

Jacquelyn Lynn Scherschel b. 7/21/1968

FAMILY 7.9.79 (7.8.96)

Kristie Rae Scherschel b. 5/17/1974

FAMILY 7.9.80 (7.8.97)

Bryan David East b. 11/19/1964

FAMILY 7.9.81 (7.8.97)

Brent Daniel Jackson b. 7/15/1972

FAMILY 7.9.82 (7.8.97)

Julie Jackson b. 3/1/1979

FAMILY 7.9.83 (7.8.98)

Matthew Scherschel b. 12/28/1973

FAMILY 7.9.84 (7.8.98)

Janie Scherschel b. 2/10/1978

FAMILY 7.9.85 (7.8.98)

Julie Scherschel

FAMILY 7.9.86 (7.8.99)

Kenneth Drobnak b. 12/7/1969. He is a musician and has graduated from New Mexico State with a Masters degree. He currently resides in Phoenix, Arizona and is a school band director.

FAMILY 7.9.87 (7.8.100)

SallyLee Marie Ledford b. 3/31/1958 at Sculthorpe AFB, England. The author of this book. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

FAMILY 7.9.88 (7.8.100)

Dale Benedict Ledford b. 3/15/1959 at Sculthorpe AFB, England. After serving in the Navy, he became a defense computer technician. He resides in Thailand.

FAMILY 7.9.89 (7.8.100)

Christopher Mathias Ledford b. 10/5/1960 at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado. He is married to Linda and has an adopted son named Jimmy.

FAMILY 7.9.90 (7.8.100)

Karl Dominic Ledford b. 12/26/1961 at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. He married Rebecca Ann Snyder b. 7/22/1964 on 8/13/1988. They reside in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

.Alex Dominic Ledford	b.9/2/1990 twin	Family 7.10.4
2.Holly Elizabeth Ledford	b.9/2/1990 twin	Family 7.10.5

FAMILY 7.9.91 (7.8.100)

Jane Chantal Ledford Adkins b. 2/2/1969 married on 6/3/95 to Chris Adkins b. 10/2/1968. They were married at St. Peter's Church, Dayton, Ohio. Both graduated from Ohio State. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

FAMILY 7.9.92 (7.8.100)

Eric Frances Ledford b. 6/9/1970. He is a student at University of Cincinnati.

FAMILY 7.9.93 (7.8.101)

Jeffrey Joseph Zellich b. 11/27/1962 married on 4/27/1989 to Dawn Marie Fischer. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

1.Abbey Rose Zellich	b. 7/10/1993	Family 7.10.6
2.Spencer Zellich	b.	Family 7.10.____

FAMILY 7.9.94 (7.8.101)

Julie Elizabeth Zellich b. 2/22/1964 married on 10/12/1991 to Brian Adams b. 10/9/1961. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1.Emma Elizabeth Adams	b.11/21/1994	Family 7.10.7
2.Samuel Foster Adams	B. 10/16/1997	Family 7.10.____

FAMILY 7.9.95 (7.8.102)

Cynthia Lynn Urmetz Castor b. 6/16/1968 married on 4/3/1993 to Daniel Alan Castor b. 2/5/1969. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

1.Elena Kathryn Castor	b.5/2/1995	Family 7.10.8
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FAMILY 7.9.96 (7.8.102)

Louis Kenneth Urmetz b. 9/19/1970 (C)

FAMILY 7.9.97 (7.8.102)

Christopher Jacob Urmetz b. 9/19/1970 (A). The mother is Kimberly Banko b. 12/21/1973.

1.Brittnay Ann Urmetz	b.9/14/1993	Family 7.10.9
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FAMILY 7.9.98 (7.8.102)

Phillip Lewis Urmetz b. 9/19/1970 (B) married 7/21/1995 to Karrie Lynn Martin b. 6/9/1972.

1.Emily Urmetz	b.3/22/1993	Family 7.10.10
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FAMILY 7.9.99 (7.8.102)

Laura Ann Urmetz b. 8/17/1975. Charles J. Molnar b. 10/5/1976 was the father. Laurie's priority was to have Angela raised in a stable family environment. Therefore she choose to give the baby up for adoption. Laura married _____.

1.Angela Urmetz	b.8/12/1991	Family 7.10.11
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FAMILY 7.9.100 (7.8.103)

Christine Liedtke b. 1982.

FAMILY 7.9.101 (7.8.104)

Walter Ernest Dobbins b. 12/12/1963 married on 9/1/1990 to Denise Thiery. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

FAMILY 7.9.102 (7.8.104)

William Ernest Dobbins b. 2/9/1965.

FAMILY 7.9.103 (7.8.107)

Sherry Lee Berns Diamond b. 12/31/1968 married on 11/6/1993 to Bobby Kenneth Diamond. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

1. Alexandra Angela Diamond	b. 12/17/1994	Family 7.10.12
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FAMILY 7.9.104 (7.8.107)

John Gus Berns, Jr. b. 4/26/1975

FAMILY 7.9.105 (7.8.108)

Victor Nicholas Votsch b. 7/4/1970

FAMILY 7.9.106 (7.8.110)

Mara Magdelyn Furth Gliozzi b. 9/10/1966 married Aldo Gliozzi b. 9/20/1963 on 9/2/1989 at St. Luke's Church in Lakewood, Ohio.

1. Aldo Guy Gliozzi	b. 8/4/1991	Family 7.10. __
2. Claire Theresa Gliozzi	b. 1/12/1994	Family 7.10. __

FAMILY 7.9.107 (7.8.110)

Jeanne Clare Furth b. 4/30/1969

FAMILY 7.9.108 (7.8.110)

Patricia Amy Furth b. 4/14/1971

FAMILY 7.9.109 (7.8.110)

Guy Walter Furth b. 4/9/1973

FAMILY 7.9.110 (7.8.110)

Gary Warren Furth b. 1/31/1977

FAMILY 7.9.111 (7.8.111)

Karen Marie Speer b. 3/27/1975

FAMILY 7.9.112 (7.8.111)

Kathy Marie Speer b. 6/27/1977

FAMILY 7.9.113 (7.8.111)

Warren Michael Speer b. 3/20/1981

FAMILY 7.9.114 (7.8.113)

Mathew Paul Speer b. 6/20/1972

FAMILY 7.9.115 (7.8.113)

Jared Andrew Speer b.4/6/1974

FAMILY 7.9.116 (7.8.115)

Peter William Speer Jr.

FAMILY 7.9.117 (7.8.115)

Emily Kathryn Speer b. 4/28/1978

FAMILY 7.9.118 (7.8.115)

Kristin Elizabeth Speer b. 11/1/1981

FAMILY 7.9.119 (7.8.116)

Beth Ann Bielecki b. 4/20/1976

FAMILY 7.9.120 (7.8.116)

Megan Marie Bielecki b. 10/8/1977

FAMILY 7.9.121 (7.8.116)

Daniel Joseph Bielecki b.1/25/1980

FAMILY 7.9.122 (7.8.117)

Sharon Marie Babis b. 2/24/1974

FAMILY 7.9.123 (7.8.117)

Andrean Ann Babis b. 6/11/1978

FAMILY 7.9.124 (7.8.117)

Michael Warren Babis b. 10/23/1979

FAMILY 7.9.125 (7.8.118)

Jason Michael Speer b. 8/20/1977

FAMILY 7.9.126 (7.8.119)

Richard Arnold Baxendale Jr 9/18/1982

FAMILY 7.9.127 (7.8.119)

Paul Michael Baxendale b. 4/17/1986

FAMILY 7.9.128 (7.8.119)

Lindsey Louise Baxendale b. 9/3/1988

FAMILY 7.9.129 (7.8.119)

Danielle Mary Baxendale b.9/3/1988

FAMILY 7.9.130 (7.8.119)

Todd Robert Coe b. 9/2/1973

FAMILY 7.9.131 (7.8.120)

Dawn Marie Coe b. 3/3/1975

1. Megan Coe

b.7/14/1995

FAMILY 7.10.16

FAMILY 7.9.132 (7.8.120)

Chad Alan Coe b. 5/8/1976

FAMILY 7.9.133 (7.8.121)

Michelle Renee Baxendale b. 8/13/1977

FAMILY 7.9.134 (7.8.121)

Bradley Robert Baxendale b. 5/21/1979

FAMILY 7.9.135 (7.8.121)

Bryan Robert Baxendale b. 5/21/1979

FAMILY 7.9.136 (7.8.123)

Nathan Peter Baxendale b. 2/4/1978

FAMILY 7.9.137 (7.8.123)

Jared Baxendale b. 12/4/1978

FAMILY 7.9.138 (7.8.123)

Aaron David Baxendale b. 4/27/1982

FAMILY 7.9.139 (7.8.123)

Leah Catherine Baxendale b. 12/1/1984

FAMILY 7.9.140 (7.8.123)

Molly Marie Baxendale b. 10/10/1988

FAMILY 7.9.141 (7.8.124)

Chad Edward Baxendale b. 3/26/1976

FAMILY 7.9.142 (7.8.124)

Amber Marie Baxendale b. 5/11/1979

FAMILY 7.9.143 (7.8.124)

Jenalee Ann Baxendale b. 8/9/1986

FAMILY 7.9.144 (7.8.125)

Brian Paul Sashko b. 7/21/1975

FAMILY 7.9.145 (7.8.125)

Joshua Michael Sashko b. 8/21/1977

FAMILY 7.9.146 (7.8.125)

Christine Sashko b. 10/1/1979

FAMILY 7.9.147 (7.8.126)

Amy Marie Lach b. 9/14/1983

FAMILY 7.9.148 (7.8.126)

Patricia Ann Lach b. 9/14/1985

FAMILY 7.9.149 (7.8.126)

Kevin Andrew Lach b. 2/4/1988

FAMILY 7.9.150 (7.8.128)

Eric Brandon Scherschel b. 9/13/1970

FAMILY 7.9.151 (7.8.128)

Kristie Ann Scherschel b. 4/24/1974

FAMILY 7.9.152 (7.8.129)

Kathy Ann Scherschel b. 10/7/1974

FAMILY 7.9.153 (7.8.129)

Tamera Ann Scherschel b. 12/10/1976

FAMILY 7.9.154 (7.8.129)

Teresa Ann Scherschel b. 12/10/1976

FAMILY 7.9.155 (7.8.130)

Kosharen Joey Scherschel b. 1/31/1974

FAMILY 7.9.156 (7.8.130)

Stormi Dawn Scherschel b. 6/8/1975

FAMILY 7.9.157 (7.8.131)

Ana Lisa Scherschel b. 12/1983

FAMILY 7.9.158 (7.8.131)

Benjamin Allen Scherschel, Jr.

FAMILY 7.9.159 (7.8.134)

Andrea Scherschel

FAMILY 7.9.160 (7.8.134)

Joshua Scherschel

FAMILY 7.9.161 (7.8.135)

Cheryl Elise Phillips b. 3/28/1969

FAMILY 7.9.162 (7.8.135)

Anthony David Phillips b. 6/17/1973

FAMILY 7.9.163 (7.8.136)

Brian James Owens b. 3/16/1976

FAMILY 7.9.164 (7.8.136)

David Thomas Owens b. 7/16/1978

FAMILY 7.9.165 (7.8.137)

Mindy Marie Brock b. 11/12/1975

FAMILY 7.9.166 (7.8.138)

Cathy Ann Sharp b. 2/9/1971

FAMILY 7.9.167 (7.8.138)

Nancy Diane Sharp b. 8/23/1974

FAMILY 7.9.168 (7.8.139)

Jeffrey Scott McGreagor b. 4/12/1972

FAMILY 7.9.169 (7.8.139)

Jonathan Jordon Lytton b. 4/28/1976

FAMILY 7.9.170 (7.8.141)

Jacinda Celeste Hammel b. 7/14/1973

FAMILY 7.9.171 (7.8.142)

Christopher Phillips

FAMILY 7.9.172 (7.8.143)

Nichole Renee Duncan b. 8/19/1976

FAMILY 7.9.173 (7.8.147)

Paul Nicholas Scherschel b. 1/1/1982

FAMILY 7.9.174 (7.8.147)

Ashley Marie Scherschel b. 4/5/1983

FAMILY 7.9.175 (7.8.148)

Juston Johnson b. 1/17/1979

FAMILY 7.9.176 (7.8.148)

Anthony Tyler Johnson b. 5/27/1980

FAMILY 7.9.177 (7.8.148)

Kensley Lorraine Johnson b. 10/15/1983

FAMILY 7.9.178 (7.8.148)

Marisa Johnson b. 9/15/1990

FAMILY 7.9.179 (7.8.149)

Joshua Edward Phillips b. 7/9/1980

FAMILY 7.9.180 (7.8.149)

Joseph William Phillips b. 4/17/1982

FAMILY 7.9.181 (7.8.178)

Kyle Peter Jensen b. 12/7/1994 in Rochester, New York.

FAMILY 7.9.182 (7.8.179)

Kristen Elizabeth Diederich b. 7/4/1983 in Norristown, PA.

FAMILY 7.9.183 (7.8.179)

Michael Paul Diederich b. 2/10/1985 in Warwick, Rhode Island.

FAMILY 7.9.184 (7.8.181)

Marcellus Benedict Diederich, II b. 5/14/1994 in Washington, DC.

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FAMILY 7.10.1 (7.9.14)

Stephanie Marie Wallace b. 9/17/1983

FAMILY 7.10.2 (7.9.16)

Sarah Michalene Franz b. 2/26/1983

FAMILY 7.10.3 (7.9.77)

Mark Snyder b. 3/30/1984

FAMILY 7.10.4 (7.9.90)

Alex Dominic Ledford b. 9/2/1990 twin

FAMILY 7.10.5 (7.9.90)

Holly Elizabeth Ledford b. 9/2/1990 twin

FAMILY 7.10.6 (7.9.93)

Abbey Rose Zellich b. 7/10/1993

FAMILY 7.10.7 (7.9.94)

Emma Elizabeth Adams b. 11/21/1994

FAMILY 7.10.8 (7.9.95)

Elena Catherine Caster b. 5/2/1995

FAMILY 7.10.9 (7.9.96)

Emily Louis Urmetz b. 3/22/1993

FAMILY 7.10.10 (7.9.97)

Brittnay Ann Urmetz b. 9/14/1993

FAMILY 7.10.11 (7.9.98)

Angela Urmetz b. 8/12/1991

FAMILY 7.10.12 (7.9.103)

Alexandra Angela Diamond b. 12/17/1994

FAMILY 7.10.13 (7.9.131)

Megan Coe b.7/14/1995

THE NICHOLAS DIEDRICK'S FAMILY

This was taken from the genealogy that was put together as follows: (I added the numbers in order to better track family members.) This family changed the spelling of the name to "DIEDRICK". With much assistance from various family members, the committee which has put this current listing of KNECHTGES (DIEDRICK) together consists of:

Barbara Ann Ursem, granddaughter of Katherine Knechtges Stacks

Mary Ellen O'Connor Carmel, granddaughter of Margaret Knechtges
O'Connor

Gerald O'Connor Diedrick, granddaughter of Margaret Knechtges
O'Connor

Please forward any corrections to: Mrs. Wayne F. Diedrick, 989 Reeves Rd, Elyria, Ohio 44035 or 339 F Jeffrey Rd, Willimantic, Ct 06226

In addition of the son John Diedrick's line came from a listing acquired. I don't remember who gave me this list or where I got it from. All it listed were names, no dates. One copy made its way from Earl Mahl who got it from Frather Diedrick, former pastor of St. Mary's Church in Elyria.

QUARRY - on May 15, 1881, Michael Knechtges started working for the Black River Stone Company. The Miller family had a controlling interest in the quarry which was on the southside of the B&O Railroad tracks. Michael managed the quarry for years and was succeeded by his son John William. The original Black River Stone Company was bought by another company sometime during this period and the name was changed to the Grafton Stone Company. Michael told that there were a very few stones in the Lorain County Courthouse on which he has not laid a rule.

HOMESTEAD - Joseph, Gertrude, Mary and Jake were born in a cabin near the intersection of Parsons and Whitehead Roads. This was in Carlisle township. The family then moved about 3 1/2 miles closer to Elyria, still in Carlisle Township to a log cabin on what was called the Plank Road or Lagrange Road. Here were born a babe, Catherine, Margaret, Emma Anna, and John. Frank, Francis and Celia were born in the stone house on the Indian Hollow Road by the quarries. The family moved into the house about 1886. The birth records (baptisms) down to Jake are probably at St. Mary's, Elyria. At that time the priest traveled to the individual homes for the ceremony.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH - In 1835, a Catholic church, St. John of the Cross was established in Laporte. Along in the early 1860's, Catholic families flocked into Grafton when the Big Four Railroad was under construction and nearby stone quarries employed many workers. In 1863, the mission at Laporte was closed and the Catholics hauled the building to Grafton when permission was granted to organize Immaculate Conception Church. This building was used for many years as the parish hall. Work on the stone church began in 1863 and was completed in 1881. According to Margaret Knechtges O'Connor's diary the bell of the Catholic Church was blessed at Grafton on 5/18/1886. Michael Knechtges, it is said, ordered a statue of the Blessed Virgin to be placed over the main altar. The pastor placed a statue of the Sacred Heart instead. In 1862, Myles Knechtges has a statue of the Blessed Virgin placed in its stead.

This record is taken from the diary kept by Margaret Veronica Knechtges O'Connor from 1887 - 2/1892.

10/15/1801 Grandpa (Servantus) Knechtges born. Died 9/9/1879.
12/23/1892 Grandma (Anna Mary Josephine) Knechtges born. Died 7/9/1889.
1806 Grandpa (Nicholas) Diedrick born. No date for death.
1809 Grandma (Gertrude) Diedrick born. Died 8/14/1887.

Grandpa and Grandma Knechtges were married 4/14/1828. Came to America in 1841.

2/9/1829 Aunt Anna Mary Appalona born.
8/29/1833 Ma (Anna D.) born. Sponsors: Grandma's sister Anna and Grandpas brother Michael.
12/3/1834 Uncle Anthony born. Died 10/18/1957.
7/5/1837 Pa (Michael K.) born. No sponsors given.
1/20/1838 Uncle John born.
6/21/1859 Pa and Ma were married (Michael and Ann)
The diary shows the first child died.
4/16/1861 Joseph Peter born. (Sponsors: Uncle Peter Joseph and Aunt Catherine Wiler.
8/13/1862 Gertrude born. Sponsors: Uncle John Diederch and Aunt Gertrude Boey.
10/14/1863 Mary Ann Josephine born. Sponsors: Uncle Matt Diedrick and Grandma Anna Knechtges.
12/14/1864 Jacob born. Sponsors: Uncle Jack Diedrick and his wife.
Baby died.
1/11/1869 Catherine Gertrude born. Sponsors: Uncle Henry Knechtges and Grandma Diedrick.
3/22/1870 Margaret Veronica born. Sponsors: Grandpa Knechtges and Mrs. Matt Diedrick.
5/15/1871. Pa started working in the Black River Stone Company.
188-- Bought by another company. Changed name to Grafton Stone Company
4/2/1872. Emma Anna born. Sponsors Grandpa Diedrick and his sister Margaret.
1/3/1874 John William born. Sponsor: Patrich Boey and Mrs. John Diedrick
11/27/1879 Francis Michael born. His twin died. Sponsors: Mr. Michael Smith and wife.
4/9/1881 Cecilia Elizabeth born. Sponsors: John Wiler and his wife.
4/13/1884 Ma, Gertie, and Celia went to Pittsburgh. Celia had a runny sore. Visited a shrine.
11/28/1888 Catherine Diedrick died.
5/17/1886 The bell of the Catholic church was blessed at Grafton, Ohio. Rev. G. P. Houck officiating.
6/16/1889 Hail stones about 2x1 inches fell. Made lemonade.
8/15/1889 Pa and Ma went to see Dr. Wolcott (a Grafton Doctor). Ma being sick.
8/18/1889 All making lace for Gertie's undercloths. Kate cleaned cellar.

These notes were copied from the diary of Dorothy O'Connor Nunnink

8.4.8 Nicholas Diedrick (1/22/1808 to 5/24/1895 in Grafton, Ohio) married Gertrude Diedrick of Mannebach, German (5/14/1808 to 8/15/1881) (4th cousin).

They left Germany for America, July 5, 1855. Jacob Weiler, Catherine Diedrick's husband, and also her little son John, 11 months old, were in the party which came over. They came across on the Sir Robert Peel sailboat, Captain Gifford in charge, which adult was allowed 20 cubic feet and each child 10 cubic feet on the boat. The passage cost \$34.50 per adult and \$28.00 for each child, making a total of \$295.50 for the entire party. This sum was paid by Nicholas Diedrick, the father. They came

to Scheduled, Ohio, where John Diedrick, a brother of Nicholas, lived. They soon bought and paid for (with money they brought from Germany) a farm in LaGrange, Lorain County, Ohio.

8.5.1 Catherine Diedrick Weiler (1829-1916) married Jacob Weiler

8.6.1 John Weiler b. 1854

8.5.2 Ann Diedrick Knechtges (8/29/1834 to 10/28/1895) married 6/21/1859 to Michael Knechtges (8/5/1838 to 11/25/1923). For further information on the beginning of the Kechtges family see Allied family #15.

8.6.2 First child - died at birth

8.6.3 Joseph Peter Knechtges (4/16/1861 - 3/24/1939) married 2/1895 to Anna Clear (1889-1936). The priest who received their marriage vows was Father Clear, Anna's brother, who at one time served the Grafton parish. They had no children.

8.6.4 Gertrude Knechtges Flood (8/13/1862-6/9/1949) married 10/29/1889 to Edward Flood (1862-2/3/1948). He was a railroader and a carpenter.

8.7.1 Clarence E. Flood (11/15/1890 to 4/8/1956) married 8/14/1915 to Eleanor Montegue b. 3/22/1894. He was a furniture contractor.

8.8.1 Mary Grace Flood Hendrickson (b.5/28/1916) married 8/30/1939 to Howard Hendrickson (8/6/1910-9/23/1960). She is a librarian; he as a purchasing agent for the Federal Reserve Bank.

8.9.1 April Mary Hendrickson Di Santo b.1/15/1942 married 8/22/1964 to Michael Di Santo b. 1/6/1941. She was a teacher librarian; he is an attorney.

8.10.1 Thomas Louis Di Santo b.8/6/1965

8.10.2 Susan Marie Di Santo b. 11/25/1966

8.10.3 Brian Joseph Di Santo b. 3/29/1969

8.9.2 Donna Sue Hendrickson McKenney b. 8/26/1944 married 6/22/1968 to Thomas E. McKenney b. 5/26/1943. She is a former secretary; he is a reporter

8.10.4 Brian Patrick McKenney b. 6/23/1969

8.9.3 Howard L. Hendrickson III b. 2/8/1948. He is a prelaw student at Xavier.

8.7.2 Arthur E. Flood b. 5/22/1918 married 10/12/1946 to Marge Olga Parhacik (12/6/1969 to 4/29/1968). He is an investigator for the Common Pleas Court.

8.6.4 Joanne Flood b. 2/16/1948

8.6.5 Robert E. Flood b. 8/5/1951 twin

8.6.6 Richard E. Flood b. 8/5/1951 twin

8.6.7 Brian Flood b. 2/12/1959

8.5.3 Harvey J. Flood b. 10/13/1920. He is a parking lot owner.

8.5.4 John William Flood b. 12/18/1921 married 10/1/1949 to Mercedes MacIvor (2/1/1928 to 11/18/1968). He is an attorney for the U S Treasury Department.

8.6.8 Mary Mercedes Flood b. 11/3/1950

8.6.9 Mary Elizabeth Flood b. 12/18/1951

8.6.10 Mary Stuart Flood b. 2/5/1954

8.6.11 Mary Ursula Flood b. 10/6/1955

8.6.12 John Douglas Flood b. 9/19/1956 twin

8.6.13 William Donald flood b. 9/19/1956 twin

8.6.14 John William Flood II b. 5/25/1958

- 8.6.15 Mary Noel Flood b. 1/29/1965
- 8.6.16 Mary Ellen Flood b. 9/8/1966
- 8.6.17 Michael Keegan Flood b. 11/16/1968
- 8.8.5 Marjorie Gertrude Flood b. 3/11/1923
- 8.5.6 Virginia Flood Farrell b. 9/15/1924 married 9/25/1948 to Donald J. Farrell. He is a sales engineer.
 - 8.6.18 Kathy Farrell 10/28/1949 to 4/25/1954
 - 8.6.19 Eileen Farrell b. 1/3/1951
 - 8.6.20 James Farrell b.11/8/1952
 - 8.6.21 John Farrell b. 3/18/1955
 - 8.6.22 Susan Farrell b. 8/5/1958
- 8.5.7 Clarence E. Flood Jr. b. 3/29/1928 married 8/28/1949 to Patricia Donovan b. 1/28/1929. He is an attorney.
 - 8.6.23 James Patrick Flood b. 9/1/1950 married 8/30/1969 to Dana Lee Dorff b.8/18/1949. He is a student.
 - 8.7.4 Branden Edward Flood b.2/18/1980
 - 8.6.24 Mary Patricia Flood b. 4/10/1952
 - 8.6.25 Kathryn Ann Flood b. 8/28/1953
 - 8.6.26 Virginia Agnes Flood b.3/19/1955
 - 8.6.27 Thomas Arthur Flood b. 6/16/1958
 - 8.6.28 Anne Aleanor Flood b. 9/18/1962
- 8.5.8 James M. Flood b. 2/25/1928. He is an attorney.
- 8.5.9 Robert Richard Flood b. 12/10/1935 married 6/20/1959 to Laruelice Fox. He is an architect at Cleveland State University.
 - 8.6.29 Melinda Flood b. 5/23/1963
 - 8.6.30 Aaron James Flood b. 11/22/1965
- 8.7.2 Lillian M. Flood, died 1/3/1905 at about age 12.
- 8.7.3 Arthur J. Flood b. 5/11/1894 married 5/25/1946 to Sadie R. McGovern b.1903.
 - 8.5.10 Edward Arthur b. 8/12/1948
- 8.7.4 Anne L. Flood married Boyd Keifer. She was a member of the pioneer class at Ursuline College.
- 8.7.5 Marie Flood Matthews b. 4/20/1900 married 6/26/1923 to John J. Mathews. He is chairman of the board of Lakeside Supply Company, Cleveland.
 - 8.5.10 Josephine Mathews 4/29/1924-5/2/1924
 - 8.5.11 John J. Mathews Jr. b. 4/17/1925. He is a social history writer for the Cleveland Board of Education.
 - 8.5.12 Regina Mathews b. 3/10/1927 married 11/27/1952 to John Anthony Charvat. He is a salesman.
 - 8.6.31 John A. Charvat Jr. b. 9/5/1953
 - 8.6.32 Gina Marie Charvat b. 8/23/1955
 - 8.6.33 Mary Beth Charvat b. 2/18/1957
 - 8.6.34 Patrick Charvat b. 3/11/1958
 - 8.6.35 Kathleen Charvat b. 8/21/1959
 - 8.6.36 James Charvat b. 11/30/1960
 - 8.6.37 Bernice Charvat b. 1/12/1961
 - 8.6.38 Meg Charvat b.1/21/1962
 - 8.6.39 Joseph Charvat b. 10/31/1964
- 8.5.13 Kenneth J. Flood Mathews (7/26/1928 - 12/8/1950). He died during the Korean War.

8.5.14 David Mathews b. 1/18/1930

8.5.15 Laurence Mathews b. 9/16/1931 married on 1/31/1953 to Mary Louise Davis b. 10/12/1934.

8.6.40 Christine Marie Mathews b. 11/27/1953

8.6.41 Therese Ann Mathews b. 11/20/1954

8.6.42 Judith Ann Mathews b. 10/13/1955

8.6.43 James Frances Mathews (3/4/1958 - 3/5/1958)

8.6.44 Laurence Gerard Mathews b. 5/16/1959

8.6.45 Kenneth John Mathews b. 5/24/1960

8.6.46 Anne Marie Mathews b. 12/17/1962

8.6.47 John Joseph Mathews b.6/2/1966

8.5.16 Marilyn Mathews Driscoll b. 2/26/1936 married on 6/18/1955 to Stephen Driscoll. He is a salesman.

8.6.48 Stephen J. Driscoll b. 4/26/1956

8.6.49 Dennis M. Driscoll b. 1/27/1958

8.6.50 Brian Driscoll b.6/22/1959

8.6.51 Kathleen M. Driscoll b. 3/14/1961

8.6.52 Mary Lynn Driscoll b. 4/15/1963

8.6.53 Patricia M. Driscoll b. 8/19/1965

8.7.6 Lucille R. Flood (1/30/1900 - 1/26/1947) She was a treasurer in a stock brokerage company.

8.7.7 Father James A. Flood (9/26/1902-6/23/1968). He was a priest. His funeral Mass was at St. Peter Church in Cleveland with Bishop Issenmann on the throne and Bishop Cosgrove celebrating the Mass. Bishop Cosgrove went to Calvary Cemetery with the family.

8.6.4 Mary Josephine Knechtges (10/14/1863 - 6/28/1954)

8.6.5 Jacob Knechtges (12/14/1858 - 7/23/1958) married on 11/26/1891 to Teresa O'Connor (5/20/1865 - 10/2/1952). During his long active life he had operated a grocery store for 45 years and later a general store, known as Knechtges and Gorman. He also was one of the founders of the Grafton Lumber and Coal Company. Jacob was one of the organizers of the Grafton Savings and Deposit Company and served as its president from its establishment in 1917 until January, 1958.

8.4.8 Harlan Joseph Knechtges b. 9/6/1892 married on 10/12/1920 to Mary Margaret Clare Kirkbride (9/4/-- -11/20/1943). He worked for the New York Central Railroad as assistant of auditor of freight revenue. He later married on 8/30/1957 to Marion Helena Grace (5/18/1903 - 4/3/1968).

8.5.17 Thomas Clare Knechtges b. 3/10/1922. He is a doctor of medicine serving as staff pathologist at Dearborn Veterans Hospital. He also teaches at the Wayne State University Medical School.

8.5.18 Patricia Marie Knechtges Rose b. 10/3/1923 married to Robert Rose. He is a supervisor in the passenger department of Penn Central Railroad.

8.6.54 Mary Patricia Rose

8.6.55 Robert Rose, Jr.

8.6.56 Barbara Rose

8.6.57 Susie Rose

8.6.58 Donald Rose

8.6.59 Mark Rose

8.6.60 John Rose

- 8.5.19 Harlan Joseph Knechtges Jr. (11/8/1925 - 4/8/1945). He was killed in World War II in Germany.
- 8.5.20 Gerard Gilbert Knechtges b. 2/14/1927 married Frances Conklin b. 8/15/1927.
- 8.6.61 Gerard Knechtges b. 11/9/1963
 - 8.6.62 David Knechtges b. 3/11/1965
 - 8.6.63 Kathleen Knechtges b. 5/12/1968
- 8.5.21 Marian Clare Knechtges Gumbleton b. 10/16/1921 married Gerrard L. Gumbleton.
- 8.6.64 Gerrard Gumbleton
 - 8.6.65 Michael Gumbleton
 - 8.6.66 Timothy Gumbleton
 - 8.6.67 Thomas Gumbleton
 - 8.6.68 Peter Gumbleton
 - 8.6.69 William Gumbleton
 - 8.6.70 Mary Clare Gumbleton
- 8.4.22 Mary Theresa Knechtges (11/11/1930 - 11/11/1930). She was baptized in the hospital.
- 8.4.22 Marion Knechtges (2/28/1894). She became Sister Casimir.
- 8.4.23 Gertrude Knechtges b. 5/11/1894 married George Walch.
- 8.4.24 Chauncey John Knechtges (8/29/1897 - 2/7/1962) married to Catherine Ann Ward.
- 8.5.22 Jacob John (Jack) Knechtges b. 5/29/1927 married Angie Gomez b. 7/30/1929. He is a pharmacist.
- 8.6.71 Karen Lynn Knechtges b. 9/7/1953
 - 8.6.72 Judith Ellen Knechtges b. 5/3/1955
 - 8.6.73 David Scott Knechtges b. 4/2/1960
- 8.5.23 William Ward Knechtges b. 10/9/1928
- 8.5.24 Jeanne Marie Knechtges Kowalski b. 2/20/1929 to Richard Donald Kowalski b. 1/28/1928.
- 8.6.74 Deborah Kowalski b. 10/2/1951
 - 8.6.75 Christine A. Kowalski b. 9/19/1952
 - 8.6.76 Lauren K. Kowalski b. 1/26/1955
 - 8.6.77 Richard Andrew Kowalski b. 2/6/1956
- 8.5.25 Charles Frances Knechtges b. 12/15/1932 married Darlene Marie McCowan.
- 8.6.78 Kathleen Marie Knechtges b. 6/11/1959
 - 8.6.79 Amy Marie Knechtges b. 9/5/1962
 - 8.6.80 Wendy Marie Knechtges b. 10/7/1963
 - 8.6.81 Lynn Marie Knechtges b. 6/7/1970
- 8.5.26 Kathleen Ann Knechtges b. 3/19/1938. She became Sister Mary Ambrose, S.N.D. Her resume is under Personal History.
- 8.4.9 Marcella Knechtges b. 10/12/1898. She became Sister Roselima, H.H.M.
- 8.4.10 Myles Knechtges (5/18/1902 - 10/22/1966) married 9/29/1927 to Eleanor Kissling (3/22/1902 - 6/5/1955). He was the owner of Elyria Concrete and Lorain Ready Mix.
- 8.5.27 Ellen Jane Knechtges Lundquist b. 6/7/1929 married 7/12/1958 to Paul G. Lundquist b. 1/12/1927. He is a salesman for Elyria Concrete.
- 8.6.82 Cathleen Lundquist b. 7/3/1959

- 8.6.83 Susan Lundquist b. 9/4/1960
- 8.6.84 Timothy Lundquist b. 8/16/1962
- 8.6.85 Brian Lundquist b. 8/16/1962
- 8.5.28 Michael Knechtges b. 8/16/1951 married on 1/30/1954 to Nina Spicuzza b. 8/28/1931. He is president of Elyria Concrete Company.
- 8.6.86 Michelle Knechtges b. 2/17/1957
- 8.6.87 Michael Knechtges b. 8/22/1960
- 8.6.88 Mary Ellen Knechtges b. 11/14/1961
- 8.6.89 Ann Marie Knechtges b. 8/10/1963
- 8.6.90 Maureen Knechtges b. 10/12/1965
- 8.5.29 James Knechtges b. 4/22/1934 married 5/23/1959 to Mary Kathryn Newsome b. 2/26. He is the president of Lorain Ready Mix.
- 8.6.91 Karen Knechtges b. 2/23/1960
- 8.6.92 Mary Carol Knechtges b. 12/19/1962
- 8.6.93 James P. Knechtges b. 8/8/1964
- 8.5.30 Joan Knechtges b. 3/3/1937 twin
- 8.5.31 Nancy Knechtges Nicholas b. 3/3/1937 (twin) married 9/8/1962 to Robert C. Nicholas b. 9/28/1932. He is a salesman.
- 8.6.94 John Nicholas b. 6/18/1963
- 8.6.95 Paul Nicholas b. 6/4/1967
- 8.6.96 Mary Nicholas b. 11/12/1969
- 8.5.32 Alice Knechtges b. 12/13/?. An organist.
- 8.5.33 Clement Knechtges b. 4/4/?
- 8.5.34 Gilbert Knechtges b. 1/30/? Died when he was six months old.
- 8.6.6 Child died at birth.
- 8.6.7 Katherine Knechtges Stacks (1/11/1869 - 3/6/1928) married 1/30/1900 to Joseph Stacks (12/5/1872 - 12/16/1938). He was a licensed engineer.
- 8.4.14 Eulalia Stacks Uline (12/5/1900- 2/25/1965) married 11/24/1926 to Syvester J. Uline (8/24/1900 - 7/29/1957). He was a machinist.
- 8.5.35 Donald Joseph Uline (11/5/1927-9/10/1952) married 1/26/1952 to Rosemary Boehnlein b. 10/2/1926. He is a tool and die maker.
- 8.6.97 Donald Joseph Uline, Jr. b. 1/3/1953
- 8.5.36 Robert Uline b. 5/6/1931 married 4/16/1955 to Ruth Steroniek. He was a draftsman.
- 8.6.98 Deborah Uline b. 10/12/1956
- 8.6.99 Scott Allen Uline b. 7/5/1958
- 8.6.100 Andrea Uline
- 8.6.101 Michelle Uline
- 8.5.37 Bernard Uline b. 2/16/1940 married 7/7/1962 to Beverly Guist b. 9/17/1942. He is a truck driver.
- 8.6.102 Jacqueline Uline b. 3/20/1963
- 8.6.103 Donna Uline b. 9/19/1964
- 8.6.104 Carol Uline b. 12/17/1965
- 8.6.105 Elaine Uline b. 9/17/1968
- 8.4.15 Helen Stack Ursem b. 3/24/1902 married 6/11/1929 to Ralph Edward Ursem (4/18/1901-12/20/1959). He was a tank oil salesman, and she was a secretary.
- 8.5.38 Mary Carthryn Ursem b. 12/16/1930. She is a registered nurse who joined the order of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. She is now stationed at St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, as Assistant Director of nursing.

- 8.5.39 David Ralph Ursem b. 1/31/1938 married 6/22/1962 to Rosaline Olejko b. 9/15/1939. He is a design engineer. She is a practical nurse.
- 8.6.106 John David Ursem b. 8/16/1964
- 8.6.107 Cynthia Marie Ursem b. 8/4/1968
- 8.6.108 Kathleen Marie Ursem b. 10/18/1969
- 8.4.16 Laverne Stacks Grieg (5/9/1909-10/18/1969) (twin) married in 1927 to Mina Grieg.
- 8.4.17 Leroy Michael Stocks b. 5/9/1909 (twin) married 9/12/1934 to Helen Margaret McNally b. 10/2/1910. He is a tool and die maker.
- 8.5.40 Mildred Marie Stack Chavez b. 10/31/1937 married 10/28/1966 to Louis Chavez, MD (10/22/?). He is a physican.
- 8.6.109 Louis Chavez b. 9/14/1961
- 8.6.110 Michael Chavez b. 11/26/1962
- 8.6.111 Stephen Schavez b. 3/14/1964
- 8.5.41 Sandra Stacks b. 10/15/1947 married 4/4/1970 to Dennis Gidich b. 4/28/1947.
- 8.4.18 Pearl MarieStacks (6/1/1907 – 1/17-1945) married April 26, 1937, to Roy Robinson (4/10/1905). He worked at the General Industries Corp. Elyria. They had no children.
- 8.4.19 Mildred Stacks (3/22/1906 - 2/26/1932) She attained the highest grade in her graduating class at Elyria High School. She was a secretary at the American Lace Company in Eylria.
- 8.6.8 Margaret Knechtges O'Connor (3/22/1870 - 9/21/1940 married 5/1897 to Francis O'Connor (6/4/1968 - 2/12/1941. She was a teacher and he was a farmer.
- 8.4.20 Irene Mary O'Connor (3/7/1898) She became Sister M. Josepha, H.H.M.
- 8.4.21 Gerald John O'Connor (10/8/1899 – 1/17/1970) married 6/12/1928 to Marie Florence Ursem (5/22/1899). He operated O'Connor Office Machines Sales & Service in Elyria. They had 6 children.
- 8.5.41 Edward John O'Connor (6/1/1929 - 6/21/1929)
- 8.5.42 Rosemary Ann O'Connor Lear b. 6/27/1930 married James Ronald Lear b. 7/12/1930. She did bookwork for her husband's excavating business.
- 8.6.112 Ruthann Lear b. 9/6/1948
- 8.6.113 James Robert Lear b. 10/15/1950
- 8.6.114 Bonnie Jean Lear b. 3/5/1955
- 8.6.115 Jeffrey Gerald Lear b. 10/25/1956
- 8.6.116 Vivian Sue Lear b. 2/24/1961
- 8.5.43 James Joesph O'Connor b. 8/23/1932 married on 5/21/1960 to Helen Rodak b. 12/27/1937. He operated his fathers' office equipment business.
- 8.6.117 Denise Marie O'Connor (5/11/1961 - 5/12/1961)
- 8.6.118 Sharon Lee O'Connor b. 10/29/1962
- 8.6.119 James Joseph O'Connor b. 7/7/1965
- 8.6.120 Timothy O'connor b. 6/26/1968
- 8.5.44 Geraldine Marie O'Connor Diedrick b. 5/26/1934 married 5/25/1957 to Wayne Frances (Skip) Diederch b. 3/10/1932. She teaches and he is a teacher-coach. This is the same family that is listed in the Allied family #11. She is a direct descent of Nicholas Diedrick and he is a descendant of Nicholas's brother John Diedrick.
- 8.6.121 Katheryn Marie Diedrick b. 10/91/1958
- 8.6.122 Paul Joseph Diedrick b. 1/16/1960

- 8.6.123 Margaret Ann Diedrick b. 10/4/1962
- 8.6.124 Joseph Edward Diedrick b. 2/18/1964
- 8.5.45 Richard Charles O'Connor b. 1/11/1936 married 9/8/1962 to Eleanor Lane Grimes. He manages Lawson Food Store.
 - 8.6.125 Charles John O'Connor b. 9/3/1963
 - 8.6.126 Terase Marie O'Connor (12/31/1964-12/31/1964)
 - 8.6.127 Marie Frances O'Connor b. 1/14/1966
 - 8.6.128 Susan Ann O'Connor b. 6/26/1967
 - 8.6.129 Anthony Charles O'Connor b. 1/13/1970
- 8.5.46 Joanne Louise O'Connor Wulfoop b. 2/18/1939 married 2/15/1958 to William Wulfoop b. 4/29/1938. She is a teachers aide.
 - 8.6.130 William T. Wulfoop b. 3/30/1959
 - 8.6.131 Terrance Wulfoop b. 7/7/1961
 - 8.6.132 Timothy Wulfoop b. 7/9/1962
- 8.4.22 James Frances O'Connor b. 9/4/1901 married 10/15/1924 to Gertrude Johns b. 10/13/1902. He worked for General Industries of Elyria.
 - 8.5.47 Thomas Neil O'Connor b. 1/14/1928 married 6/3/1948 to Hattied Mae (Cheri) Stair b. 7/25/1926. He is a Labor Relations Manager.
 - 8.6.133 Timothy James O'Connor b. 6/5/1949, a Seminarian.
 - 8.6.134 Michael William O'Connor b. 11/28/1951
 - 8.6.135 Terrance Robert O'Connor b. 3/11/1953
 - 8.6.136 Kevin Gerard O'Connor b. 10/5/1955
 - 8.6.137 Molly Margaret O'Connor b. 3/11/1960
 - 8.6.138 Christopher John O'Connor b. 7/9/1966
 - 8.5.48 Robert A. O'Connor b. 9/11/1930 married 11/3/1951 to Agnes L. Jones b. 5/8/1930. He is a truck broker.
 - 8.6.139 Marcia Ann O'Connor b. 8/23/1955
 - 8.6.140 William Joseph O'Connor b. 6/25/1963
 - 8.5.49 Mary Jean O'Connor Ternes b. 10/19/1931 married 1/26/1952 to John W. Ternes b. 1/16/1929. He is a farmer, bulldoze operator.
 - 8.6.141 Kenneth Alan Ternes b. 5/3/1953
 - 8.6.142 Nancy Jean Ternes b. 3/17/1955
 - 8.6.143 Judith Ann Ternes b. 11/14/1957
 - 8.6.144 James Roy Ternes b. 4/27/1959
 - 8.6.145 David John Ternes b. 8/24/1961
 - 8.5.50 Margaret Ann O'Connor (10/22/1940 stillborn)
- 8.4.22 Margaret Mary O'Connor Becker (8/5/1903 -5/19/1955) married 11/30/1929 to Paul James Becker (1/23/1900 - 7/22/1940). She was a secretary and he was a tinner. Later Margaret married Joesph A. Reinders b. 9/8/1899 on 6/28/1952. Joseph was involved in manufacturing and construction.
 - 8.5.51 Stanley J. Becker b. 4/10/1932 married 8/17/1957 to Judy Blackburn b. 7/29/1938. He is a plasterer
 - 8.6.146 Paul James Becker b. 11/27/1959
 - 8.6.147 Joseph J. Becker b. 5/26/1961
 - 8.6.148 Michael Joseph Becker b. 10/21/1968
 - 8.5.52 Philip John Becker b. 1/16/1934. He is a hardware store owner in Grafton.
- 8.4.23 Dorothy O'Connor Nunnink b. 9/17/1905 married 6/29/1935 to Hilary Nunnink b. 6/11/1902. She is a former secretary, he is a steamfitter.

- 8.5.53 Mary Margaret Nunnink Kotowski b. 9/26/1937 married 9/1960 to James Kotowski b. 4/19?
 8.6.149 Phillip Edmund Kotowski b. 1/3/1961
 8.6.150 Susan Marie Kotowski b. 6/10/1964
- 8.5.54 Theodore Nunnink b. 12/9/1939 married 6/25/1960 to Carmen Rodriquez b. 3/1/1940. He is a plumber.
 8.6.151 Karen Nunnink b. 7/8/1962
 8.6.152 Christine Nunnink b. 4/24/1965
- 8.5.55 Kathryn Gertrude Nunnink Murphy b. 10/13/1947 married 9/5/1964 to Dennis Michael Murphy b. 3/20/1947. He is an apprentice plumber.
 8.6.153 Michael Dennis Murphy b. 12/30/1965
 8.6.154 Timothy Joseph Murphy b. 8/21/1967
- 8.4.24 Alan Peter (Karl Alyious) O'Connor (5/24/1907 - 5/26-1959) married 11/20/1937 to Geraldine Marie Donahue b. 5/5/1909. He worked for the U S Post Office.
 8.5.56 David Alan O'Connor b. 10/21/1940 married 7/30/1966 to Sara Louise Moore b. 1/31/1940. He is a stockbroker with Kidder, Peabody and Company in Chicago.
 8.5.57 John O'Connor b. 11/25/1939 married 8/1/1964 to Jeanette O'Donnell b. 3/3/1942. He is a salesman; she is a registered nurse.
 8.6.155 Mary Kay O'Connor b. 5/10/1965
 8.6.156 Kelly O'Connor b. 9/15/1966
 8.6.157 Michael O'Connor b. 1/29/1968
- 8.5.58 C. Patrick O'Connor b. 11/18/1940 married 8/5/1967 to Karen M. Yearly. He is an accountant and she is a registered nurse.
 8.6.158 Jennifer Marie O'Connor b. 5/9/1968
 8.6.159 Andrew Patrick O'Connor b. 5/26/1970
- 8.5.59 Mary Ellen O'Connor Carmel b. 1/6/1942 to David Gordon Carmel. He is a barber.
 8.6.160 Richard Carmel b. 8/7/1966
 8.6.161 Maureen Carmel b. 4/28/1969
- 8.5.60 Maureen Ann O'connor Carmon b. 10/7/1943 married 6/22/1968 to Jacob Allen Carmon b. 10/12/1945. He is a pipe fitter and she is a former secretary.
 8.6.162 Christopher Allen Carmon b. 5/8/1969
- 8.4.25 Mary Ann O'Connor Sim b. 7/26/1909 married 9/17/1938 to John Joseph Sim b. 3/17/1910. He is a storekeeper.
 8.5.61 Barbara Ann Sim Knittel b. 1/18/1941 married 5/14/1960 to John James Knittel b. 5/26/1939. He is a plumber.
 8.6.163 Ann Marie Knittel b. 6/27/1961
 8.6.164 Marcia Jeanne Knittel b. 8/9/1962
 8.6.165 Kevin John Knittel b. 9/18/1965
 8.6.166 Karen Sue Knittel b. 2/2/1967
- 8.5.62 Howard J. Sim b. 1/25/1944 married 5/6/1967 to Judith Ann McMullen B. 9/15/1944. He is a toolroom machinist.
 8.6.167 John Joseph Sim b. 1/10/1968
 8.6.168 Raymond Michael Sim b. 6/24/1969
- 8.4.26 Myrtle Josephine O'Connor Plate b. 3/20/1911 married 8/17/1940 to Russel John Plato b. 7/28/1904. He worked as a heater operator, seamless mills.

- 8.5.63 William Plato b.1/15/1942, a priest.
- 8.5.64 Paul A. Plato b. 1/19/1943, a priest.
- 8.5.65 Jean Marie Plato b. 7/2/1944, a teacher
- 8.5.66 Dennis Michael Plato b. 8/17/1947
- 8.5.67 John Henry Plato b. 3/15/1952, twin
- 8.5.68 Margaret Rose Plato b. 3/15/1952, twin
- 8.5.69 Robert Joseph Plato b. 9/19/1954
- 8.4.27 Jeanne Katherine O'Connor Webber b. 7/7/1913 married 9/2/1937 to Gerald Joseph Webber b. 8/14/1913. He is a plasterer and a fireman.
- 8.5.70 Donald Eugene Webber b. 8/16/1938 married 9/2/1961 to Judy Fern Dennis b. 1/14/1944. He is a salesman.
 - 8.6.169 Kimberly Kay Webber b. 1/3/1963
 - 8.6.170 Donna Louise Webber b. 7/9/1965
 - 8.6.171 Gerald Eugene Weber b. 10/20/1966
 - 8.6.172 Thomas Edward Webber b. 7/4/1968
- 8.5.71 Joseph John Webber b. 1/11/1941 married 8/30/1958 to Jeanne Marie Kirsch b. 12/17/1941. He is a bi-level loader.
 - 8.6.173 Daniel John Webber b. 2/15/1959
 - 8.6.174 David Joseph Webber b.3/22/1961
 - 8.6.175 John James Webber b. 1/3/1964
 - 8.6.176 Jeffrey Michael Webber b 11/15/1966
- 8.5.72 Linda Jeanne Webber Seward b. 7/22/1943 married 9/4/1965 to Douglas James Seward b. 5/17/1943
 - 8.6.177 Michelle Ann Seward b. 10/6/1966
 - 8.6.178 Catherine Jeanne Seward b. 5/17/1968
 - 8.6.179 Ted Douglas Seward b. 9/12/1969
- 8.5.73 Michael John Webber b. 5/27/1952
- 8.5.74 Maryann Webber b. 7/8/1954
- 8.4.28 Donald Joseph O'Connor b. 5/13/1916 married 9/11/1940 to Mary Louise Dambaugh b. 2/7/1914. He is an accountant.
 - 8.5.75 Patricia Ann O'Connor b. 10/30/1943, a registered nurse.
 - 8.5.76 Charles Edward O'Connor b. 6/7/1947
 - 8.5.77 Virginia Marie O'Connor b. 9/17/1949
 - 8.5.78 Marilyn Louise O'Connor b. 11/12/1950
 - 8.5.79 Maureen Ann O'Connor b. 12/19/1952
 - 8.5.80 Deborah Lynn O'Connor b. 2/14/1954
- 8.6.9 Emma Ann (Anna Mary Margarete) Washington (4/2/1872 - 4/10/1966) married 11/20/1900 to Thomas A. Washington (7/29/1875 - 10/21/1937). He was twice mayor of Grafton, clerk of the Grafton School Board and Postmaster from 1940-1949. They had no children, but raised Doris Prindle Downs.
- 8.6.10 John Knechtges (1/3/1874 - 10/23/1933) married 5/9/1900 to Nellie Bankes (11/6/1874 - 10/21/1937). He succeeded his father Michael in managing the Grafton Stone Company. He was also a cashier at the Grafton Savings and Deposit Company. He, Jacob and William, his brothers and 8 others joined to form the banking company in 1917.
 - 8.4.29 Marguerite Knechtges (3/27/1901 - 9/14/1936).
 - 8.4.30 Eugene Knechtges b. 10/2/1902 married 11/9/1946 to Irene S. Smith b. 9/25/1909. He is a receiving clerk.
 - 8.5.81 Joseph E. Knechtges b. 2/12/1948
 - 8.5.82 Thomas C. Knechtges b. 10/1/1949

- 8.4.31 Mabel Knechtges b. 1/27/1905. She is assistant secretary at Elyria Savings and Trust Company.
- 8.4.32 Robert M. Knechtges (4/27/1907 - 6/9/1945) married 8/15/1936 to Ruth Falconer b. 3/9/1906. He was a service engineer.
 - 8.5.83 John F. Knechtges b. 10/10/1940
 - 8.6.183 Jamie Knechtges
 - 8.5.84 Paul E. Knechtges b. 5/16/1943 married Marcia Lusk
- 8.4.33 Angela Knechtges b. 5/4/1909, a teacher
- 8.4.34 Edwin J. Knechtges b. 10/9/1915 married 4/25/1940 to Geneva Swan b. 3/24/1914. He is an account.
 - 8.5.85 Richard C. Knechtges b. 1/7/1941
 - 8.5.86 Donald P. Knechtges b. 2/12/1942 married 9/27/1969 to Ingrid Forsberg b. 2/10/1945.
 - 8.5.87 Mary Kay Knechtges b. 1/4/1945
- 8.6.11 Frank Knechtges (11/27/1878 - 7/16/1960) (twin)
- 8.6.12 Francis Knechtges (11/27/1878 - died when three weeks old)(twin)
- 8.6.13 Cecilla Elizabeth Knechtges (4/9/1881 - 4/7/1945)
- 8.5.3 John Diedrick (1837-1927) married Katherine Laubenthal
 - 8.3.14 Gertrude Diedrick died in infancy.
 - 8.3.15 Mary Diedrick Fitzpatrick (1868 -1943) married Michael Fitzpatrick
 - 8.4.35 Estelle Firtzpatrick Franklin married Burt Franklin
 - 8.5.88 Mary Franklin Thompson Brennamen
 - 8.6.184 Robert Thompson
 - 8.6.185 Richard Brennamen
 - 8.5.89 Richard and Pat Franklin
 - 8.6.186 Richard Franklin Jr.
 - 8.6.187 Chris Franklin
 - 8.6.188 Ann Franklin Nicoloff
 - 8.6.189 Katherine Franklin
 - 8.5.90 Ted Franklin
 - 8.6.190 Ted Franklin Jr.
 - 8.6.191 Betsy Franklin
- 8.4.35 Florence Fitzpatrick married Joseph Wagner
 - 8.5.91 Robert Wagner
 - 8.6.192 Robert Wagner Jr.
 - 8.5.92 Jack Wagner
 - 8.6.193 Kristen Wagner
 - 8.6.194 Karen Wagner
 - 8.6.195 Kimberly Wagner
 - 8.5.93 Russ Wagner
 - 8.6.196 Terry Wagner
 - 8.6.197 Keven Wagner
 - 8.6.198 Keven Wagner
 - 8.6.199 Darell Wagner
 - 8.5.94 Shirley Wagner Harrigan
 - 8.6.200 Tim Harrigan
 - 8.6.201 Julie Harrigan
 - 8.6.202 Dennis Harrigan
 - 8.5.95 James Wagner married Mary Lou Urig

- 8.6.203 Jay Gregory Wagner
- 8.6.204 Debbie Wagner
- 8.6.205 Scott Wagner
- 8.6.206 Christopher Wagner
- 8.4.37 Emma Fitzpatrick
- 8.4.38 John and Clara Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.96 Jerry Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.207 John Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.208 Jill Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.97 Donald and Mary Alice Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.209 Mariel Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.210 Mike Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.211 Matthew Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.212 Marty Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.213 Melanie Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.98 Mike and Ruth Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.214 Kevin Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.215 Tim Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.99 Jim and Polly Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.216 Brian Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.217 Colleen Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.100 Bob and Dieane Fitzpatrick
 - 8.6.218 Dara Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.101 Anne Fitzpatrick
 - 8.5.102 Mary Fitzpatrick Newman married William Newman
- 8.3.15 Margaret Diedrick b. 1871 married Frank Boylan
 - 8.4.39 Katherine Boylan Fried
 - 8.4.40 Frank Boylan
 - 8.4.41 Dorothy Boylan Mockler married John Mockler
- 8.3.16 Gertrude Diedrick b. 1872 married John Smith
 - 8.4.42 Helen Smith Diedrick married Lester Diedrick
 - 8.5.103 Tessie Diedrick Cook married Dick Cook
 - 8.6.219 Debbie Cook Ehlers married William Ehlers
 - 8.6.220 Richard Cook, Jr.
 - 8.6.221 Cindy Cook Sweeney married Chip Sweeney
 - 8.6.222 Cathy Cook
 - 8.6.223 Chris Cook
 - 8.5.104 Donna Diedrick Wach married Joe Wach
 - 8.6.224 Joe Wach
 - 8.6.225 Mick Wach McGowan married Dave McGowan
 - 8.6.227 Thomas Wach
 - 8.5.105 Malcolm and Nancy Diedrick
 - 8.6.228 Malcom C. and Mary Jo Diedrick
 - 8.6.229 Missy Diedrick
 - 8.6.230 Laura Diedrick
 - 8.6.231 Cindy Diedrick
 - 8.6.232 Ryan Diedrick
 - 8.5.106 Chris Diedrick Welch married Keven Welch
 - 8.6.233 Katie Welch

- 8.6.234 Kyle Welch
- 8.5.107 Mark and Barb Diedrick
- 8.4.43 Loretta Smith Brennan married Frank Brennan
 - 8.5.108 Barbara Brennan Eisele married Fred Eisele
 - 8.6.235 Don Eisele
 - 8.6.236 Fritz Eisele
 - 8.6.237 Kelly Eisele
 - 8.6.238 Karlen Eisele
 - 8.6.239 Kim Eisele
 - 8.6.240 Kari Eisele
- 8.4.44 Malcom and Cell Smith
 - 8.5.109 Mary Lou Smith married Stan Ashyk
 - 8.6.241 Andrea Ashyk
 - 8.6.242 Amy Ashyk
 - 8.6.243 Jon Ashyk
 - 8.5.110 Wally and Sandy Smith
 - 8.6.244 Kim and Dennis
 - 8.7.5 Wilhelm
 - 8.7.6 Chris
 - 8.6.245 Rob Smith
 - 8.6.246 Mike and Terri Smith
 - 8.7.7 Danielle Smith
 - 8.6.247 Hiedi Smith
- 8.4.45 Olive Smith
- 8.4.46 Richard and Rose Smith
 - 8.5.111 Richard J. Smith Jr.
 - 8.6.248 Richard J. Smith III
 - 8.6.249 Robert Smith IV
 - 8.5.112 Frieda Smith
 - 8.5.113 Stephanie Smith
 - 8.5.114 Thomas and Gayle Smith
 - 8.5.115 Keven and Judy Smith
 - 8.5.116 Mary Margaret Smith Atherton married Arthur Atherton
 - 8.5.117 Michelle R. Smith
 - 8.5.118 Kathleen Smith
- 8.4.47 Bob and Sybil Smith
 - 8.5.119 Jack and Marty Smith
 - 8.6.250 Mary Jane Smith
 - 8.6.251 Cindy Smith
 - 8.6.252 Joey and Debbie Smith
 - 8.5.120 Jim and Dorothy Smith
 - 8.6.253 Denise Smith
 - 8.6.254 Diane Smith
 - 8.6.255 David Smith
- 8.3.17 Anna Diedrick b. 1874 married Charles Kritzell
- 8.4.48 Anitha Kritzell Gormley married John Gormley
 - 8.5.121 Beverly and Clifford Anthony
 - 8.6.256 Richard Anthony
 - 8.6.257 Larry Anthony

8.6.258 Kathy Anthony
8.6.259 Jennifer Anthony
8.6.260 Janice and Don Jones
8.6.261 Kelly Anthony
8.5.122 Rosemarie McCarthy
8.6.262 Pat McCarthy
8.6.263 John McCarthy
8.5.123 Don and Joanne Gromley
8.6.264 Donnie Gromley
8.6.265 Anitha Gromley
8.5.124 John and Carol Gromley
8.6.266 Joan and Mike Welman
8.7.8 Jason Wellman
8.5.125 Richard Gromley
8.5.126 Charles and Sylvia Gromley
8.6.267 Dale Gromley
8.6.268 Debbie Gromley
8.6.269 David Gromley
8.6.270 Darell Gromley
8.4.49 Gladys and Ted Ruth
8.5.127 Dave and Cherly Brendon
8.4.50 Esther Mohr
8.5.128 Susand and Gary Richetto
8.6.270 Heather Richetto
8.4.51 Gertrude and Maurice Kritzell
8.5.129 Bob and Colletta Kritzell
8.6.271 John Kritzell
8.6.272 Linda Kritzell
8.6.273 Tom Kritzell
8.6.274 David Kritzell
8.5.130 Joan and Harry Kritzell
8.6.275 Lisa Kritzell
8.6.276 Emilie Kritzell
8.4.52 Frances and Al Ulrant
8.5.131 Joanne Ulrant
8.5.132 Al and Anne Ulrant
8.6.277 Mark Ulrant
8.6.278 Chris Ulrant
8.6.279 Gail Ulrant
8.6.280 Al Ulrant Jr.
8.5.133 Gloria and Walter Lach
8.5.134 Ann and Norman Lawrence
8.6.281 Patty Lawrence
8.5.135 Mary and Dick Bailor
8.6.282 Rick Bailor
8.3.18 John Diedrick (1876-1943) married May
8.4.53 Gilbert and Sara Diedrick
8.5.136 Tom and Barb Diedrick
8.6.283 Todd Diedrick

8.6.284 Kimberly Diedrick
8.6.285 Scott Diedrick
8.6.286 Michele Diedrick
8.6.287 Barry Diedrick
8.6.288 Brand Diedrick
8.5.137 John and Floe Diedrick
8.6.289 Dale and Laura Diedrick
8.7.10 Jennifer Diedrick
8.7.11 Pat Diedrick
8.6.290 June and George
8.6.291 Franklin and Sara Diedrick
8.7.12 Erica Diedrick
8.6.292 Molly and Bob
8.7.13 Josh
8.6.293 Jay Diedrick
8.6.294 Tammy Diedrick
8.5.138 Lee and Jan Diedrick
8.6.295 Robert and Donna Diedrick
8.6.296 Mary Jane and Bruce Eldridge
8.7.14 Beth Eldridge
8.7.15 Mark Eldridge
8.7.16 Paul Eldridge
8.7.17 Kitty Eldridge
8.7.18 Becky Eldridge
8.4.54 Catherine and Bud Cheevers
8.5.139 Denny Cheevers
8.5.140 May and Bill Lentz
8.6.297 Mary Kay Lentz
8.6.298 Kathy Lentz
8.6.299 Jenny Lentz
8.4.55 Jack and Rose Diedrick
8.4.56 Bob and Dorothy Maringer
8.5.141 John and Diane Maringer
8.6.300 Rachel Maringer
8.6.301 Jonathan Maringer
8.5.142 Rick and Karen Maringer
8.6.302 Christian Maringer
8.6.303 Jonathan Maringer
8.6.304 Michael Maringer
8.5.143 Karen and Tim Harvey
8.6.305 Brian Harvey
8.6.306 Joshua Harvey
8.5.144 Ted Marringer
8.3.19 Louise Diedrick b. 1879 married Will McGuire
8.4.57 Joe and Doris Grace
8.5.145 Jim and Mary Grace
8.6.307 Joey Grace
8.5.146 Jean Grace
8.5.147 Bill Grace

- 8.3.20 Amelia Diedrick b. 1880 married Paul Roling
 - 8.4.58 Kenneth and Genevieve Roling
 - 8.5.148 Shirley Roling
 - 8.5.149 Jeannie and Bob Baumann
 - 8.6.308 Susan Baumann
 - 8.6.309 Patty Baumann
 - 8.6.310 Carrie Baumann
 - 8.4.59 Lucille and Richard Squires
 - 8.4.60 Mazine and Clarence Smith
 - 8.5.150 Sharon and Don Sugaski
 - 8.6.311 Lynn Sugaski
 - 8.6.312 Laura Sugaski
- 8.4.61 Rose Diederick b. 1882 married Art Kuchenrither
 - 8.5.151 Max and Bertha Kuchenrither
 - 8.6.313 Larry and Peggy Kuchenrither
 - 8.6.314 Mary Kuchenrither Nass
 - 8.6.315 Michel Kuchenrither
 - 8.6.316 Marilyn Kuchenrither
 - 8.6.317 Jack and Sharon Kuchenrither
 - 8.5.152 Marion and Joe Ursem
 - 8.6.318 Ed and Darlene Ursem
 - 8.6.313 Elaine and Benjamin Hoffman
 - 8.6.314 Mark and Heather Ursem
 - 8.6.315 Lisa Ursem
 - 8.5.153 Marilyn and Ron Peloquin
 - 8.6.316 Victoria Lynn Peloquin
 - 8.6.317 Ronald (Chip) Peloquin, Jr.
 - 8.6.318 James Joseph Peloquin
 - 8.6.319 Jennifer Lynn Peloquin
 - 8.6.320 Kevin Lee Peloquin
 - 8.5.158 Tom and Candy (Andrea) Ursem
 - 8.6.321 Tom Ursem Jr.
 - 8.6.322 Joe Ursem II (Josh)
 - 8.6.323 Zachary
 - 8.6.324 Laurel
- 8.3.22 Josephine Diedrick b. 1884 married George Smith
 - 8.4.63 Adelbert and Elsie Smith
 - 8.5.159 Allen Smith
 - 8.5.160 Bob Smith
 - 8.4.64 Marjorie and Cliff Smith
 - 8.5.161 Marcia Hignett
 - 8.6.325 Matthew Hignett
 - 8.6.326 Michelle Hignett
 - 8.6.327 Micheal Hignett
 - 8.5.162 Barbara Smith
 - 8.5.163 Greg and Jean Smith
 - 8.6.328 Nicole Smith
 - 8.4.65 Don and June (Jackson) Smith; and Mary
 - 8.5.164 Judy and Ken Murray

8.6.329 Annette Murray
8.6.330 Michelle Murray
8.6.331 Patty Murray
8.6.332 Kathy Murray
8.6.333 bill Murray
8.6.334 Jim Murray
8.6.335 Amy Murray
8.6.336 Steve Murray
8.6.337 Mike Murray
8.6.338 David Murray
8.5.165 Linda and Dave Simons
8.6.339 Karen Simons
8.6.340 Julie Simons
8.6.341 Sherrie Simons
8.6.342 Tom Simons
8.6.343 Michael Simons
8.5.166 Carol Smith
8.5.167 Dan and Belinda Jackson
8.5.168 Laurie and Lee Sheffield
8.3.23 Carol Diedrick b. 1886 married Margaret Dietz
8.4.66 Fred and Jane Diedrick
8.5.169 Regina Diedrick
8.5.170 Ruth and Don Lewis
8.6.344 Jennifer Lewis
8.6.345 Rebecca Lewis
8.6.346 Lori Lewis
8.5.171 Judy and Jim Fitzgerald
8.5.172 Don Diedrick
8.4.67 Gert and John Wirscham
8.5.173 Jim and Jan Wirscham
8.6.347 Michael Wirscham
8.6.348 John Wirscham
8.6.349 Michelle Wirscham
8.5.174 Margaret and Bob Quinlan
8.6.350 Ann Marie Quinlan
8.6.351 David Quinlan
8.5.175 Anne and Denny Rascov
8.6.352 Denise Rascov
8.6.353 Jeffrey Rascov
8.5.176 Rita and Tom Kaberna
8.6.354 Katie Kaberna
8.6.355 Keven Kaberna
8.5.177 Tom and Sharon Wirscham
8.6.356 Aaron John Wirscham
8.5.178 Mary Wirscham
8.4.68 Bob and Betty Diedrick
8.5.179 Billy Diederch
8.5.180 Mary Ann Diedrick
8.5.181 Cathy and Hal Long

- 8.6.357 Julie Long
- 8.6.358 Melissa Long
- 8.6.359 Thomas Long
- 8.5.182 Joe and Pat Diedrick
 - 8.6.360 Matthew Diedrick
 - 8.6.361 David Diedrick
 - 8.6.362 Laura Diedrick
- 8.5.183 Bob and Sandi Diderich
 - 8.6.363 Jimmy Diedrick
 - 8.6.364 Sara Diedrick
 - 8.6.365 Lisa Diedrick
- 8.5.184 Tim Diedrick
- 8.5.185 Mark and Teri Diedrick
 - 8.6.366 Eva Diedrick
 - 8.6.367 Kevin Diedrick
- 8.5.186 Dennis Diedrick
- 8.5.187 Fred Diedrick
- 8.4.69 Carl and Dorothy Diedrick
 - 8.5.188 Ken and Linda Diedrick
 - 8.6.368 Keith Diedrick
 - 8.5.189 Charles Diedrick
 - 8.5.190 Donna and Pat Humphrey
 - 8.6.369 Kevin Humphrey
 - 8.6.370 Kathleen Humphrey
 - 8.6.371 Brian Humphrey
 - 8.5.191 Barbara and Dan Dornbeck
 - 8.6.372 Amy Dornbeck
 - 8.6.373 Steve Dornbeck
 - 8.6.374 Greg Dornbeck
 - 8.5.192 Ted and Jennifer Diedrick
 - 8.6.375 Eric Diedrick
 - 8.6.376 Peter Diedrick
 - 8.6.377 John Diedrick
 - 8.6.378 Anna Diedrick
 - 8.6.379 Rebecca Diedrick
 - 8.5.193 Patty and Randy Feekins
 - 8.6.380 Stephanie Feekins
 - 8.6.381 Katherine Feekins
 - 8.5.194 Mary Lou and Randy Kula
- 8.5.4 Mathias Diedrick (1844 - 1894)
- 8.5.5 Jacob Diedrick (1849 - 1/22/1923) married Catherine Knechtges (10/10/1851 - 1940) another of Servantius Kechtges daughters.
 - 8.6.1 Mathilda Diedrick
 - 8.6.2 Veronica Diedrick
 - 8.6.3 Arthur Diedrick
 - 8.6.4 Frank Diedrick married
 - 8.7.1 Child Diedrick – died young of hemophilia

ALLIED FAMILY #1

THE WIRTZ FAMILY

Matthias Wirtz (d. 2/14/1766) married Maria (d. 9/26/1757)

Their children were:

1. Catherine Wirtz (b. 1732) She married Nicholai

2. Infant (8/17/1733-2/12/1734)

3. Infant (12/1734-3/19/1736)

4. Stillborn (4/23/1737)

5. Maria Wirtz (5/1/1738)

She married John Werhahn (died 4/26/1762) on
11/14/1758. She then married John Lawx on
11/15/1762.

ALLIED FAMILY #2

THE HERIG FAMILY

Jacob Herig (d.11/14/1754) of Arbach

- a. married Margaret (d. 5/26/1741)
 1. JOHN HERIG born prior to 1732
 2. Mathias (b.7/17/1734) married 1/31/1764 Maria Gundert d. 6/19/1787
 3. Stillborn (2/14/1737)
 4. Peter (b.5/14/1738)
- b. married 11/27/1742 Anna Maria Simonis from Saasen in Ursfield (d. 6/10/1743)
- c. married 9/17/1743 Gertrude Diedrick-fourth cousin died 5/7/1763
 1. Maria Margaret (b. 12/20/1744) married 7/23/1765 John Wagner (4th cousin)
 2. Maria Catherine (3/23/1747 to 11/9/1752)
 3. Susanna (9/6/1749 to 4/28/1778) married Mathias Schaeffer.
 4. Peter (10/29/1751 to 10/6/1752)
 5. Ana Maria b. 12/17/1754

JOHN HERIG (born prior to 1732-died 1810)

- a. married 2/5/1754 Maria Werhahn in Villa Trevirengi (Retterath) d. 2/10/1759
 1. Mathias (b.6/14/1755) married Catherina Diedrick m. 7/16/1788
 2. Margaret (b.7/30/1757) married 10/2/1778 Steven Gundert
- b. married 7/24/1759 MARIA SCHAEFFER in Retterath
 1. Michael (b.2/7/1761)
 2. Maria Margaret (b.11/5/1763) d. before 3/1765
 3. Maria Margaret (b.3/15/1765)
 4. SUSANNA (b.9/29/1767) married JOHN DIEDRICK 1/30/1787. She died 4/10/1838 in Mannebath
 5. Catherine (12/4/1769 - 1/24/1773)
 6. John (b.5/29/1772) married 2/7/1797 Gertrude Laux Jan (widow)
 7. Catherine (10/12/1774 - 11/14/1777)
 8. Gertrude (2/26/1777 - 12/29/1778)

In the original history it is stated "The father of Susanna, nee Herig, died in 1810 at the advanced age of 103 years. He retained his faculties to the end and was ill only one hour, expiring peacefully in his armchair." I don't think the age of 103 is correct. In order to die at 103 in the year 1810, it means he was born in 1707. This is not consistent with the age of his parents as well as his brothers and sisters. In addition it means he would have been 54 years old when his children were born.

ALLIED FAMILY #3

THE SCHAEFFER FAMILY

Henry Schaeffer (d. 11/26/1762) married Christina (d.3/11/1786). They lived in Arbach.

1. Michael married 5/22/1764 to Anna Catherina Gundert; married
2/16/1773 to Marie Sturtz

2. MARIA SCHAEFFER (b.12/5/1734) m. JOHN HERIG
d.2/14/1797

3. John (b.4/19/1738)

4. Child (d.3/16/1744)

5. Anna Maria (2/25/1743 - 8/16/1744)

6. Mathias (b.9/18/1745, d. 2/10/1795) married 6/7/1768 Susanna Herig (see Jacob
Herig) d. 4/28/1778); married Catherina Kugeler 9/9/1778

7. Peter (b. 9/5/1750, d.6/15/1787) married Gertrude Diedrick
2/16/1773; married Margaret Enig 7/23/1781

ALLIED FAMILY #4

THE SAURENS FAMILY

Christian Saurens married Maria Catherine Munich of Illerich (d.10/11/1837)

Gertrude b. 6/22/1814 in Illerich married on 10/30/1832 to John

Diedrick d. 8/1/1893 in Sheffield.

Gertrude appears to be the only child.

ALLIED FAMILY #5

THE KNECHTGES FAMILY

John Knechtges (6/28/1766-2/21/1844) married Gertrude Beaschbog (11/27/1781-4/27/1845).

Servantis Knechtges (10/15/1801-9/9/1878) married Anne Mary Josepha Mueller (12/23/1812-7/9/1889). They were married 4/14/1828.

Anna Maria Appolonia Knechtges (2/9/1929 to 1832). She died when she was about 3 years old. She was climbing through a wooden fence when a rail fell on her chest and crushed her.

Peter Joseph Knechtges (12/20/1932 - 11/8/1916) Bachelor.

Anton Knechtges (12/3/1834-10/18/1857). Anthony died of pneumonia as a young man after trying to catch his horse and buggy in a rain storm. The vehicle had been loosened by a jealous suitor of a mutual girlfriend.

MICHAEL KNECHTGES (7/5/1834-11/25/1923) MARRIED 6/21/1959 TO ANNA DIEDRICK (8/29/1833-10/28/1895). They were married in Holy Trinity Church, Avon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. She is the daughter of Nicholas Diedrick in Allied Family #7.

Mary Gertrude Knechtges Boey (10/10/1840-7/3/1921). Her children were Frank, Mamie, John, and Charles.

Anna Mary Knechtges (4/29/1843-8/17/1947).

Joseph Knechtges (3/10/1846-2/13/1848)

John Peter Knechtges (6/14/1848-1/21/1918). He died in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He had a daughter named Laura Clark.

CATHERINE KNECHTGES DIEDRICK (10/10/1851-194?). Her children are Veronica, Mathilda, Frank and Arthur. She married JACOB DIEDRICK (1849-1/22/1923) who is also the son of Nicholas Diedrick in Allied family #7.

Henry Knechtges (4/8/1854-5/11/1897).

HISTORICAL NOTES OF SERVATIUS

Servatius was instrumental in naming the parish at Avon, Holy Trinity. The original Holy Trinity church, school, rectory and cemetery were on the west side of Jaycox Road (originally called Mason Road) one half mile south of route 254 (Detroit Road). There was also a gas well on the property. The buildings were on the front half of the rectangular property. The cemetery is still at the rear of the property.

Father Striker was sent to the build the Church. After some time it was decided that the land would not afford a good foundation for a permanent parish church and buildings. The present Holy Trinity Church is on the corner of route 254 and Nagel Road to the east of Jaycox Road.

Servatius Knechtges and his wife Mary Anna Josepha Mueller Knechtges are buried there, as is their son Anthony. Servatius' grave is marked by a tombstone, rectangular with a rounded top. The stone has been broken in half -- at one time one half rested on the base of the stone. The writing on it is in German script. AS on July, 1970, the stone had been mended. The marker on his wife's grave is in good repair, only slightly tilted. The cemetery is well kept.

In later years, a son, Peter, took over the old homestead. Eventually he moved to Cleveland to live with his sister's family, Mary Gertrude Boey, and is buried in Calvary cemetery.

The first parochial school in the Cleveland diocese was located across from the cemetery where Servatius is buried. Emma Knechtges Washington at one time taught in this school.

Much of the above information was told to John (Jack) Matthews, Jr. by Emma Knechtges Washington on October `1, 1958.

The event of Servatius' naturalization as an American citizen took place on May 30, 1848. The words of the document follow:

STATE OF OHIO, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

Be it remembered, that at a term of the Court of Common Pleas, begun and held in Elyria, within and for said county, on the 30th day of May, AD, 1848, personally came Servatius Knechtges, an Alien and subject of the King of Prussia and made application to be naturalized under the Laws of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by sufficient testimony, that the said Servatius had made his declaration of intention to become a Citizen of the United States, according to the law, at least two years before this application; that he has been a resident of the United States, for at least five years last past, and of this State for at least one year last past, and also that, during that time, he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order of the Constitution of the United States, and is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, thereupon the said Servatius made oath, in open Court, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and adjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to Frederick William the 4th, King of Prussia.

Therefore the said Servatius Knechtges is hereby declared a Citizen of the United States and entitled to enjoy all privileges and immunities as such.

ALLIED FAMILY #6

SCHELOSKI FAMILY

Right now very little is known about this family.

They emigrated from Germany and settled in Erie, Pennsylvania. The 1890 census shows the following:

Volume 85, Sheet 13, ED 101, line 6.

Scheloski, John	b.9/1854	age 45	address: 820 West 22nd St, laborer
wife, Martha	b.1/1854	age 46	
seamstress, Kunz, Ida	b. 1/1883	NR	
Johanna (?)	b.1/1881	age 18	
Joseph Scheloski	NR	NR	brother of John

My grandmother, Angela (Wagner) Ledford recalls visiting several Scheloski aunts at 3001 Pine street, in Erie Pennsylvania.

This is a very difficult name to trace. To give you some idea, she had 7 children, her last name is spelled differently on each of their birth certificates.

ALLIED FAMILY #7

THE WAGNER FAMILY

William Wagner married Caroline. The emigrated to Lakewood from Germany. The only child of this couple known at the present time is Aloysius.

Aloysius Wagner (5/23/1839 -5/23/1892) married Josphine Scheloski (3/18/1844-8/23/1904)

1. Mary Wagner Osborne (10/3/1868 to 1948). She had 3 children named Margaret, Edward, and Archie.
2. William Wagner (9/11/1870 to 2/12/1920), Never married.
3. John Wagner (8/19/1873 -6/1952) Never married.
4. Lena Wagner (3/5/1876 -2/25/1886) died at 9 yrs old.
5. Anna Wagner Kriss (7/18/1878-8/5/1941) married Ed Kriss. They had 4 children named: Russell, Hazel, Howard, and a girl.
6. Henry Wagner (11/18/1880 - ?) Had five children
7. ARNOLD J. WAGNER (11/15/1882 -12/9/1951) MARRIED MARY CANISIA DIEDRICK.
8. Simon Wagner (8/3/1886-8/12/1946) married a widow with 2 children, never had any additional children.

The following narative was done by my 2nd cousin, Susan (Speer) Furth.

A NARRATIVE OF
ARNOLD J. WAGNER
1882-1951

by Susan Furth

This paper is a retropective view of my maternal grandfather, Arnold Joseph Wagner. Grandpa died in 1951 before I was 10 years old so my memories of him are very dim. I never really knew him so this journey back is an interesting and pleasant one for me.

My mother, Mary Jean Wagner Speer, shares my interest and for the first time in my life I am happy to say mother has helped me with my homework. We have worked together gathering historical data from the many resources available to us in Cleveland. (These resources are listed in the bibliography).

The most vivid memories I have of my grandfather are the smell of the cigar he was always smoking, and sitting on his knee bouncing up and down while he sang "Dum de dum de dum".

Grandpa was born at home in Cleveland on 1 Brick Street, on November 5, 1882, with a midwife named Mary Moxie in attendance (County Archives, 1992). He was the seventh child of Alois and Josephine Wagner.

Alois, was 43 years old when Grandpa was born. He was born in Germany and was a stonecutter by trade. We have not been able to find when he and his William and Caroline Wagner immigrated from Germany. Josephine, nee Schlosky, was also born in Germany and was 38 years old when Grandpa was born. She was to bear her last child, a son John Simon at the age of 42.

Josephine and Alois were married on November 28, 1867 at St. Peter's Church in the city of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County. (Cleveland Diocese, 1992, Archives 1992, Church of the Latter Day Saints, 1992).

St. Peter's, built in 1854, was the first German Catholic church found in Cleveland. Father John H. Lurh, who married Alois and Josephine, (Cleveland Diocese Archives, 1992) was ministering to the German community from 1853 at the church of St. Mary on the Flats on the west side. In 1854, the congregation moved to the new St. Peter's church on East 17th and Superior (Encyclopedia of Cleveland, 1987).

We haven't been able to find out anything else about Alois and Josephine beyond 1867. Josephine's maiden name has not been spelled the same way twice, even on her children's Baptismal documents. This is strange considering all eight children were baptized at the same church, St. Joseph Franciscan church on Woodland Ave (Cleveland Diocese Archives, 1992). This may suggest that she could not spell or write her name in English.

Young Arnold, shown in photo 2, and his mother, Josephine shown in photo 3, are on the second picture page. These pictures are mounted on heavy cardboard and were taken around 1885 at the Zeleny Studio on Woodland Ave.

Arnold's cover picture was made from the picture in photo 2, when he was about three years old. The photo is actually a large metal button with a safety pin on the back. Written on the back of the button are the words "Armour Soap Company, Chicago". It's possible this picture button may have been a premium offered by the Armour Soap Company as an incentive to buy their products.

1886 was an eventful year for the Wagner family. On February 25, Lena, Arnold's older sister died of Typhoid Fever at the age of ten and was buried at Woodland Cemetery (County Archives, 1992). The youngest child, John Simon was born on August 3rd (Diocese of Cleveland, 1992).

Arnold's father died of Asthma on May 23, 1892 at 54 years of age and was buried at Woodland Catholic Cemetery. At the time Arnold was almost 10 years old and the family was living at 638 Forest (County Archives). Arnold didn't talk about him much but did say his father was mean (Interview, Speer 1992). In 1893 the family was still living on Forest. Arnold's older brothers were working, John was a boltmaker and William, a chemist (City Directory, 1893). Arnold attended St. Joseph School until about the third grade (Interview, Speer, 1992.)

In photo 4, Arnold is all dressed up in a suit with a large white lace collar, cuffs, and a handkerchief. The picture might have been taken to commemorate his confirmation in 1898 when he was 16 years old. He took his father's name, Aloysius for his Confirmation name. (Diocese of Cleveland, 1992). The identity of the other child is unknown.

Arnold's life was centered in his neighborhood with his own kind of people, these people were German and Catholic. The Catholic church and social life went hand in hand and was shared with other young men and women of German extraction.

Photo 5, shows the Majestic Social Club Inc., Arnold remained close friends with the men in this group from his early school days at St. Joseph's until his death. Mary Jean Wagner Speer found this picture at an estate sale at the home of Joseph Huber, one of the Majestic club members in Rocky River in 1982 (Interview Speer, 1992).

The first time Arnold is listed in the Cleveland City Directory is in 1899, he was a salesman living at 177 Irving with his mother. The name of Irving was changed to east 25th Street (Van Tassel and Grabowski, 1987). From 1900 - 1904 his is listed as living at 175 Irving and his occupations were Clerk, Sales for N O Stone and Tinner (City Directories, 1899-1904).

Josephine died August 30, 1904, and was buried at Calvery Cemetary (County Archives, 1992). One of the mysteries yet to be uncovered is why she wasn't buried with her husband and daughter at Woodland Cemetary.

After his mother's death Arnold moved to 22 Old Ensign and lived with his sister Anna Kriss and her family. In 1905, he worked as clerk. In 1906 Cleveland street names were changed and Old Ensign became Willson then East 55th Street (Van Tassel and Grabowski, 1987). 1907-1909 Arnold lived at 5712 Ensign Ave. SE, empolyed as a Clerk and Salesman. During this time he married Mary Canisius Diedrick. (City directories 1905-1909). Everyone called her Marie.

Phone 6, is Arnold and Marie Diedrick's wedding picture. They were married August 19, 1908 at Holy Trinity Church. The bride's sister, Colletta Diedrick was maid of honor and George Zimmerman was the best man.

Their first child, a daughter, Angela was born August 28, 1909. In 1910 they moved to 2523 East 81st SE. From 1911 - 1918, Arnold and his young family lived at 7616 Decker Avenue in the rear house. The house is shown in photo 7. Both houses were owned by Mary Diedrick's parents, Peter and Katie Diedrick. Peter and Katie lived in the from house. Katie is sitting on the front porch swing. Judging by the furniture on the porch and the pillows placed at the top of the steps the family must have enjoyed the porch a great deal. During this time Arnold's career advaned from clerk and salesment to Secretary, Treasurer, and then Manager of the OK Dorn Shoe Company located downtown at 224 Public Square (City Directories 1911-1918).

While they lived on Decker three more children were born. Raymond, the first son was born February 11, 1911, Lucille on December 17, 1913 and Francis on December 3, 1914.

In 1918, Arnold and Mary decided to buy a house. The amenities they wanted included central heating, a fireplace and a clothes chute. The old friends from the Majestics tried to convince them to move near them. Ed Hack wanted them to move to Brooklyn but they couldn't find a house with everything they wanted. Henry Alge tried to influence them to move near him in Lakewood. Alge won out, they bought a new house around the corner from the Alge family. The house, located at 17440 Woodford Avenue had everything they wanted, central heating, a fireplace and a clothes chute.

Photo 8, is the new house on Woodford as it looked in 1918. Angela Wagner Ledford was 9 years old at the time and recalled that the streets were not paved when they moved in.

The Cuyahoga County plat books and tax records from 1919 list Mary K. Wagner as the owner of the property (County Archives, 1992). Another mystery - why wasn't the house in both Arnold and Mary's names.

After they moved to Woodford Avenue in Lakewood two more children were born. Mary Jean on December 21, 1919 and Margaret Mary on July 24, 1923. He bought his first car, a used 1914 Overland Touring car in 1920. A picture of an Overland Touring car is shown in Photo 9. (Speer interview, 1992).

Arnold lived in the house on Woodford the rest of his life but his places of employment changed reflecting the changes in economy. From 1920-1934 he was listed as manager of Ground Gripper Shoes. Ground Gripper, an orthopedic show store was located on 1832 East 6th from 1921 - 1928. In 1929 the store moved to 927 Chester Avenue, in 1934 it moved to 1250 Huron. In 1935, Arnold was listed without an occupation and Ground Gripper was gone, no longer listed in the business section of the city directories. (City Directories 1920 - 35). The depression had taken its toll, Ground Gripper was taken over by Peterson Shoes.

Arnold bought a brand new Chevrolet in 1928. The car is pictured in photo 10. His son Ray, about 17 at the time, is proudly sitting behind the wheel of the new car. He told his mother he would take her where ever she wanted to go in the car. She watched him drive, then taught herself how to drive by practicing in the driveway (Speer Interview, 1992).

During the depression Arnold would work part time and pay back money to the unemployment bureau. He hated not working. He was accustomed to working 6 days a week from 9 am to 6 pm. He would get dressed up in his three piece suit and rush off to catch the Clifton streetcar to go downtown to work. He would return home for dinner at 7 pm. the children would run to meet him at the streetcar stop at the end of the day. (Speer Interview, 1992).

Every night dinner was served at the dining room table. The table was set with linens, silver, water glasses and good food. Mary was a good cook and Arnold loved to eat. At the end of the meal Arnold would sop up his bread with the extra gravy.

In the evening he would smoke his cigar, read the paper and listen to the radio in the living room. He had to cock his head to one side to hear because he suffered a hearing loss in his left ear. The family took three newspapers a day. The Cleveland Plain Dealer, The Cleveland Press and the Cleveland News.

On Sundays the family would go to church. The children were required to attend the children's mass. After church Arnold would take the family for a ride. Every week in the newspaper, he would circle the one tank type of trip and off they would go for a Sunday afternoon adventure.

Once he took the family around Lake Erie traveling from Cleveland to Detroit over to Canada to Niagra Falls, then to Buffalo and then back to Cleveland. They spent two nights at tourist homes along the way. Another memorable trip was to Luna Park. This was a special trip arranged by the downtown Kiwanis for members and families.

Marie's relatives had a farm in Bedford, Indiana, Arnold went once to visit but after that he stayed at home in the city while the rest of the family would visit in the summer.

He attended several conventions for the Ground Gripper shoe company in Boston and would always return with gout.

If the family didn't take a trip on Sunday, he would rake the ciders in the driveway to keep them even. He was not known to be handy around the house, and believed in hiring union men to do the job instead of doing it yourself. His son-in-law, Warren Speer, was doing house repairs and Arnold told him he was taking a union man's job away by doing it himself (Speer Interview, 1992).

From 1936-38 he was a salesman at Peterson Shoes. In 1939 he managed the Shoe Health Institute at 1300 Euclid Avenue (City Directories 1936-39).

Photo 10, shows the Wagner Family in the backyard on Woodford Avenue in 1939. Arnold made his daughter Angela stand behind him because she was pregnant. In 1930 Arnold was listed in the city directory with no occupation.

He was very patriotic, he made sure his children would vote. The neighbors called him the "Little Patriot", not just because he was patriotic but because he was only 5 foot, 2 inches tall. He believed in Roosevelt and all the New Deal politics. "After I was married in 1940, Dad came over to tell me to vote and handed me a list of who to vote for". (Speer Interview, 1992).

He was a clerk, in 1942 for Peterson Shoes, 1924 E 9th. 1943-44 Arnold was a salesman for Bender Wilber Coon Shop Inc., 1924 E 6th Street. In 1947, he worked as a clerk at Ellis W. Gibson Shoes (City Directories, 1942-1947).

In 1948, Arnold and Marie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, photo 12. In honor of the occasion they took a train trip to California to visit Arnold's sister Marie.

Arnold and Marie loved to play bingo. They were playing bingo at a bingo parlor on west 117th on Detroit and they won the down payment on a new blue 1947 Plymouth sedan (Speer Interview, 1992).

Arnold Wagner shared a long full life with his family and close friends. He concluded his career as a shoe salesman at the Halle Brothers Department Store where he worked from 1949 until his death in 1951 (City Directories, 1949 -1951). He suffered a heart attack, stayed at St. John's hospital on west 85th and Detroit until he died a week later at the age of 69. (City of Cleveland, 1951).

We have made many discoveries doing this project, the least of which is that it takes longer than one quarter to garner all the information we need to complete this geneology of Grandpa. My paper may be finished but our search for information about the family will continue.

ALLIED FAMILY #8

THE KELLING FAMILY

The following is from the "History of Lorain County, Ohio";

"N. Kelling. The Kingdom of Prussia has given to the United States not a few of her steadiest, most progressive, useful and loygal citizens, and his volume would be incomplete were prominent mention not made of the gentlemen here names, a native of Prussia.

Mr. Kelling was born on March 22, 1829, a son of John and Catherine (Schuster) Kelling, also natives of Prussia, farmers, who in 1844, set sail with their family from Antwerp for the New World. Arriving from a voyage of fifty-two days at New York, they proceeded westward to Ohio, raching Sheffield township, Lorain County, in August, same year and here they settled on the farm whereon our subject now lives. The father died in December, 1885, the mother in March, 1887. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: George, married and resideing in Sheffield township; N., subject of this sketch; Michael married, and living in Sheffield township, Lorain County; John, married, and now in Pennsylvania; Joseph, married, and a resident of Elyria, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Anton Junglas of Salem, Michigan; Anton, married and residing in Elyria, Ohio; and Jacob, somewhere in the west.

N. Kelling, whose name opens this sketch, received his edcation at the schools of his native place, and was fifteen years old when the family came to America. In their new home in Sheffield township he assisted in clearing up the farm, and converting the forest wild in to smiling fields of golden grain. For a trade he learned that of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked some ten years in Cleveland; three years at Wellington, Lorain County, and built a church at East Avon. He also worked for a time at boat building. In 1865 he settled down to agricultural pursuits, and brought the old homestead of fifty=three and three-quarters acres of land, to which he has since added till he now owns 120 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. In 1854, Mr. Kelling was united in marriage, in Sheffield township with MARGARET DIEDRICK, who was born in Prussia in 1833, and died in Sheffield township, Lorain County, Ohio, in 1855. To this union was born one child, Gertrude, who is the wife of Chris Laubenthal, of Ridgeville and has four children. In 1858, Mr. Kelling married his second wife, MISS ANNA MARY DIEDRICK, who died in 1875, and by that marriage there were six children, as follows; Katie, wife of Thomas Monore, of Elyria, Ohio, has three children; Margaret, married to Andrew Ferner, died in March, 1884, leaving one son; Mary, wife of Peter Schneider, of Kansas, has three children; Thresa, wife of Michael Sterbene, has one child, John, married, resides in Elyria, Ohio; and Eva, in Atland, Ga. In 1875, Mr. Kelling married, for his third wife Miss Ferner Kunne, a native of Prussia, and five sons have born to them, named respectively: Andrew, PETER, Henry, Conrad, and Barney. In his political sympathies our subject is a Democrat, and he has been township trustee and supervisor. He has been postmaster of Cradall, Lorain County, since 1878, the office being at his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Kelling are member of the Catholic Church.

ALLIED FAMILY #9 THE KNOERR FAMILY

Much of this information came to me from Alice Marlene Musser Shaffer of RR #2, Bryan, Ohio.

1. Frederick Knoerr married Elisabeth Schafer.

A. Christian Knoerr (Knoor) (Knerr) (6/17/1832-1010/1877) died in Ottawa County in an accident. He fell from a building. He was farmer.

1. Eibe Friedrich (8/17/1854-10/12/1855) died of heart disease.

2. Joann Wilhelm (b. 2/6/1856)

3. Johann Christian b. 8/28/1858 married Mary E. Parker. In 1900 he was a resident of Jerusalem Township.

a. Eva Knoerr - mentally disabled.

b. Bertha M. Knoerr Ehlers married August Ehlers.

Mr. Ehlers family history is Allied Family #15.

1. Viola Ehler. Lived in Detroit. no children.

c. MARGARET MARTHA KNOERR LEDFORD
(6/22/1882 - 3/26/1940) married THOMAS LEDFORD.

4. Louisa Sophia (11/14/1860-1/24/1924). This is Mrs. Shaffer's line.

5. Catherine (Lammers?) born about 1860.

6. Minnie ?

7. Joseph b. about 1869

ALLIED FAMILY #10

THE HENRY EHLERS FAMILY

The following is taken from "The History of Ottawa County, Ohio, and Its Families" by the Ottawa County Genealogical Society;

Henry and Dorothea Koetz Ehlers lived in Ottawa County in the 1870's.

According to notes in their granddaughter, Lena Voelzke Ohm Wiechman's Bible, Henry was born in Beidendorf Wismar Mecklenberg, Prussia on January 18, 1838. Dorothea, known as Dora was born February 8, 1841. They were married November 17, 1861 in Prussia.

Another granddaughter, Arvilla Ehlers Mancina, said they came to America with Henry's brother Charles.

A note in Lena's Bible, in Henry's handwriting said they left Beidendorf on November 9, 1864, New York on December 8, then Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 17. There was a quarantine so the ship could not land in the in the United States. They landed in Canada and entered the states through there.

They came with a two year old son, Frederick. Three other children; Wilhemina, William and August were born in Milwaukee. The family moved to the Oak Harbor area in the 1870's.

Dora died October 22, 1877, and is buried in Roose Cemetery. Henry was left with four children to raise. He set about finding a new wife and mother for his children. In the spring of 1878, he married Henrietta Felske, now spelled Voelske. They became parents of a son Karl who died in infancy.

Frederick; Henry and Dora's oldest child was born July 28, 1862. He married Rosa Hanny on August 18, 1880. They became parents of three children: Lorine Mina, Emma and August. Frederick and Rosa lived on a large farm in Clyde, Ohio and bred horses.

Wilhemina, the second child was born February 8, 1865. She married John Voelzke, her step-mother's brother. Henry was John's sponsor to become a citizen of the United States. Wilhemina, known as Minnie, and John became parents of eleven children. They moved to Milwaukee after the birth of their first two daughters, Henrietta and Emma. They became parents of three more daughters, Lena, Amanda, and Arvilla.

Henry and Dora's third child, William married Anna Erdman. They became parents of four children: Alvin, Erna, Edna, and Arvilla.

William was a construction contractor. Among the buildings he helped construct are St. John's and Grace Lutheran Churches in Fremont, Ohio.

After the death of Anna, he married Christina Reichwein Magrum, a widow. After her death, William married Christinas' sister-in-law, Louisa Riechwein, also a widow.

August, the fourth child of Henry and Dora Ehlers was born August 26, 1871 married BERTHA KNOERR. They became parents of a daughter Alma.

After the death of Bertha, August married Anna Schultz a widow with two daughters.

August had sugar diabetes and took daily insulin shots. He died at the age of 90, a retired farmer.

ALLIED FAMILY #11

THE LEDFORD FAMILY

1. John Ledford, born in December, 1852 in New York, died on 7/18/1908 in Toledo, Ohio, and is buried in Calvery Cemetary. His parents came directly from England and Ireland. He married twice. The first time wa possibly to a French Candian in Michigan. She probably died after giving birth. To this first union was born Thomas Ledford. John remarried a German woman named Bertha and moved from Michigan to Toledo. Accoring to the City Directoy, Bertha and John appear in Toledo in 1883. They owned a series of bowling alleys, burlesque houses and hotels near the Union Depot. None are still standing. To this union was born Caroline.

A. Thomas G. Ledford (12/1878 to 1951) married Martha Knoerr (6/22/1882-3/26/1940). They lived in Lakewood, Ohio. He was a conductor on the street Trolley.

1. Hosea Ledford, born about 1905. Served in the military. Died of a heart attack.
2. KENNETH HAROLD LEDFORD (1908-1966) married ANGELA WAGNER (daughter of Mary Diedrick Wagner and Arnold Wagner).
3. Thomas G. Ledford Jr, born about 1916. He had a daughter. We don't know what happened to her. He died of cirosis of the liver.

B. Catherine Ledford Lee (6/1885 to 12/2/1926 (of intestinal cancer)) married George P. Lee (1883 to 8/5/1967).

1. Lawrence Lee b. 1905
2. Catherine Lee Robideau
3. Helen Schondell b. 1908

In Cleveland, Thomas G. worked as a conductor on the old Cleveland Railway Comapany known later as the Cleveland Transit System and, presently as the Regional Transit Authority. While raising their sons, Margaret Martha worked as the head housekeeper at the old Westlake Hotel, Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio. Thomas, their youngest, married Viola, and had one daughter, Lynn. She is an interior decorator in Lakewodd, Ohio and has two children. Her married name is known. Thomas died of cirrosis of the liver.

Hosea married Betty. They had no children. Grandma, Angela Ledford, remembered her because she kept her money in the top of her stocking. Hosea died of a heart attack.

Kenneth married Angela Mary Wagner 9/6/1930; they had nine children. As a school boy, Ken learned to play the violin. Soon he was a violin member of the original Guy Lombardo Band. When Guy Lombardo decided to take his band on a tour of the nation, Ken's mother would not permit him to leave Cleveland. Leter, Guy dropped the violin section from his band. As a younster, Mary Anne (first born daughter), sat on his violin, that ended his violin playing days. Just before Ken learned of his terminal cancer illness in 1966, he had made plans to take piano lessons on his lunch hour in downtown Cleveland. He wanted to surprise Angela for her birthday that year. In 1927, Ken started work as an office boy at Cleveland City Hall in the Utilities (Water) Department. In 1943, he left that department as executive secretary to the Utility Director and started his career as executive secretary to the Cleveland Transit Board (CTS), a position he held until his death from liver cancer

on April 14, 1966. After he was married, Ken completed his high school education and attended business school at night. He never received a college degree. In the early 1940's, Ken was also a classified Civil Defense worker. Angela remembers he had access to a lot of security. Mary Anne remembers how he always had his CD uniform and boots by his bed. Many nights he was called out to participate in unannounced Air Raid Drills. It was the time of World War II. From 1955 - 1966, Ken was involved in selling real estate for local realtors. In January, 1966, he had been notified that he was selected as the manager of the planned North Olsted Office of the Arthur Cramer Company. He was really excited. He planned to retire from his CTS job and pursue the new career. A job he really enjoyed! Angela, worked at Cleveland City Hall until Mary Ann was born in 1934. Her dad, Arnold Wagner, was quite upset with her at the time. Because of the depression married women were not permitted to work at City Hall. They would be taking jobs away from men with families. Why she was able to keep her job until 1934 is unknown. For several years she worked at Halle's Department store in the Westgate Shopping Center in Fairview Park, Ohio. Presently, she is active as Secretary for three Golden Age Groups in the western Cleveland suburbs. Travel, bingo, card games and meetings fill her well earned free time. Note: Angela died in June, 1996.

Kenneth and Angela resided at the following locations:

1935-1938	13834 Lyric Ave, Cleveland
1938-1940	13709 Wainstead Ave, Cleveland
1940-1942	18221 Flamingo Ave, West Park
1942-1946	17440 Northwood Ave, Lakewood
1946-1953	4266 West 215th St, Fairview park
1953-1984	4250 West 215th St, Fairview Park

They had 4266 W 215th Street built because the family was evicted from the previous address. WHY? The family was too big.

ALLIED FAMILY #12

THE DROBNAK FAMILY

Andrew John Drobnak I, a native of Markovce, Austria (later identified as Checkoslovakia, Moravia, Hungary and Bohemia) departed Europe from Breman, Austria and entered the United States on November 14, 1896. He married Susan Beseman at Matby, Pennsylvania where we assume Andre John was born. Andrew John I was a miner by occupation.

Historians have reported the Czech and Slovak immigrants after 1880 were largely unskilled workers who found employment in the mines, factories, and steel mills.

Eventually, Andrew John Drobnak I moved his family to Lynch, Kentucky where the Drobnak sons mined coal.

In 1971 as the family gathered after Susan Beseman Drobnak's funeral, Mary Anne Ledford Drobnak asked Susan's daughters **MISSING PART**. Another problem in locating data is caused by the fact that Czechoslovakia was once known as Moravia, Hungary and Bohemia (and now the Czech Republic). Much of this area was under communist rule and is now in a civil war which makes genealogical research, if indeed the records have have not been destroyed, almost impossible.

As a young man, Andrew John Drobnak II decided he did not want to be a coal miner so he moved to Cleveland, Ohio. He met and married Mary Doelinsky of Parma, Ohio. Their first home was on Northwood Ave, in Fairview Park, Ohio. After moving to Cleveland on West 98th Street, they decided to return to the same house on Northwood Ave., in Fairview Park. later, they moved their family to Farview Park's 224th Street where they lived until their deaths in the 1960s. Both Andrew John II and Mary died of lung cancer.

Their eldest son, Andrew John Drobnak III, a Kaufman's salesman, married Mary Anne Ledford. Their son, Kenneth Paul Drobnak is a musician.

Leonard, their second son, an AT&T employee married Elizabeth Ernest. Their two sons, Tom and John graduated from Toledo University. They have a daughter Diane, she has graduated from Bowling Green University.

Barbara, their only daughter, married Bill Brenchley, of Newton Falls, Ohio. About 1975, Bill and Barbara moved their family to Houston, Texas looking for employment. Their eldest son, Michael, is an architect in Oklahoma. David lives in Houston and is working as a mechanic. Kathy, their only daughter, graduated from high school in June, 1984.

Their youngest son, Paul, a computer technician, married Susan Hostal. After living in Westlake, Ohio for 15 years, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Paul and Susan divorced in 1990. Paul remarried Ellen ___ in June of 1994.

ALLIED FAMILY #13

A HISTORY OF JOSEPH AND KATHERINE MYERS FAMILY

This passage is taken from the above mentioned by Lois and Francis Smith.

Mathias Myers and Mary Dehn are natives of Coblenz, Germany. They married and immediately went to Antwerp and sailed to the United States. After a seventy two day voyage they landed in New York and arrived in North Ridgeville in 1847 and settled on Stoney Ridge Road, where they cleared the forest for their home and farm. A son and grandson served as trustees of the Township.

Mary's parents also came to North Ridgeville and lived on what is presently the Traut place on Stoney Ridge Road.

John Minnich and Anna Maria Younglas were married in Cochem, Germany, on the Moselle River. Anna's brothers left for the United States and after her parents passed away Anna and John decided to take their five children and join the brothers.

To save time in New York (getting their currency changed) friends rowed out and met the boat. John tossed his currency to them. As they turned the rowboat capsized and they were drowned, with John looking on helpless. John and Anna Maria traveled over the Erie Canal and on to Cleveland.

In Cleveland, they asked a priest for directions to the brothers. They were directed to Sheffield, "where a lot of German Catholics were settling". In walking out from Cleveland, they slept overnight in a field. In Sheffield, they happened upon John and Gertrude Diedrick who were former neighbors in Cochem. Gertrude was also a cousin to Anna. Gertrude invited them to their first meal in Sheffield, and went about taking saleratus biscuits (buttermilk and soda). Anna was sure she would like it in this country if one could bake break so quickly and whenever you wanted to. In Cochem, the village oven was assigned to the various families to be used at a particular time once a week.

Unhappy about losing their money and friends in New York, and not finding the brothers, but happy to have found a friend, John and Anna cleared some land and built a log cabin in the Harris-Oster Road area, now part of the Youngblood farm. In the fall they gathered Hickory nuts and sold them in Cleveland. With the money they purchased glass for the windows in their home. They also burned wood and took the ashes to Cleveland to sell for potash. They belonged to Holy Trinity parish, where a priest came from Norwalk every three months and stayed a week. Tradition tells us the Blessed John Neuman visited this parish, when making the rounds of all parishes in the Buffalo Diocese.

While in Sheffield two children, John and Katherine were born. All the while John and Anna asked everyone they met about Anna's brothers. Eventually they learned the brothers were on Stoney Ridge Road. As soon as they could, they set out to find the brothers. They were found near the Avon-Ridgeville township line. soon after, when Katherine was five years old, they purchased a nearby home and land from a "Mr. Taylor" who had purchased it earlier from the Connecticut Land Reserve. A great-grandson, Ralph Smith, presently lives in the home and operates the farm.

Anton, the oldest son, became of a marriageable age, but young women were scarce so John wrote to a friend in Germany, asking for his daughter and promised a home and land, adjoining his own. Nicholas, John and Gertrude went to Jay County, Indiana, and obtained farms by homesteading. Maggie married Matt Diedrick. They lived in LaGrange, Ohio, the home on Stoney Ridge Road and

later in Lorain, Ohio. Elizabeth died when a young girl and is buried with her father John, in the St. Mary Cemetery in Avon, Ohio. Anna is buried in St. Peter Cemetery, North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Katherine and John, along with other children in the area, including the Myers Children walked the 3 1/2 miles to Avon to attend the Catholic School. On Sundays, work was put aside and visiting took place. The family either went visiting or were visited by friends and relatives within a 4 or 5 mile range, traveled by foot.

Illerich, Germany, near Cochem, has also been mentioned as the home of John Minnich and Anna Maria Younglas.

The following was not in the above mentioned book by Ms. Smith, however it is taken from the "History of Lorain County" and provides additional information regarding this family.

Mathias Myers, one of the leading native-born residents of Ridgeville township, of which he is a trustee, first saw the light in 1848.

His father, Mathias Myers, was a native Coblenz, Germany, where he married Miss Mary Dehn, in the same place, and they then set sail from Antwerp for the United States. After a voyage of Seventy-two days they landed in New York and thence proceeded to Lorain County, Ohio, locating in Ridgeville township in 1847, the place being at that time wild woodlands. Here they opened up a farm of six acres, clearing and improving it until it became one of the best in the county. They had a family of nine children, as follows: Mathias; Philip, a carpenter in Elyria; Peter, married, residing in Ridgeville township; Emma, wife of M. Pitts, Jr., residing in Ridgeville Township; Maggie, wife of Joseph Blaser of Dover, Cuyahoga County; Adam, died at the age of sixteen, his death resulting from the kick of horse; Clara, deceased when three or four years old; and one that died in infancy. The father was called from the earth in March, 1893; the mother is yet living.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the schools of French Creek, and at the age of thirteen commenced working by the month, since when he was continued in agricultural pursuits, successfully conducting the homestead farm, which has been added to till now it comprises fifty-three acres. In 1874, he married, in Elyria, Lorain County, Miss Mary Berres, a native of Germany, daughter of Adam and Mary Berres, who about the year 1858 immigrated to America, settling in Ridgeville township, Lorain County, Ohio. To this union have been born two children - John Matthew and Amelia. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Roman Catholic Church at Ridgeville, of which he is treasurer; politically he is a Democrat and is now serving in a Republican township, his second term as trustee of same.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

1879 - Joseph Myers married Katherine Minnich. Their first home was in Thome's Garden on Stoney Ridge Road. A few years later they moved into the home with Grandma Minnich (Anna).

1880's - Joseph worked in the saw mill. Katherine worked in the Chair factory. Tying the wheat and oats into bundles. German Catholic Fire Insurance Brotherhood Association of Avon, Ohio. Typhoid Fever. Thank heaven the family escaped it. Joseph takes his turn caring for the priest.

1890's - The group gets together for hay-rides, and cards in the evening. The young ones congregated at Uncle Anton's - the broken chairs? "Oh, Shaw! Wasn't worth a sh-- or it wouldn't have broken". Joseph and Katherine take their turn boarding the teacher. In from the hot fields to

cool lobbered milk on homemade bread. The cooling ginger beer - water, sugar, a little vinegar and ground ginger. The "black strap" molasses. The trashing machine - bags and bags of wheat and oates to be toted - the straw pile, the wash bench with the wash basins - the table extended full length and filled 2 or 3 times. Churning butter - oh that good buttermilk! Saleratus biscuits and cookies! Picking bugs off potato plants. Celia at the organ when it was time to do dishes. Elizabeth's experiment with nightmares. "We'll write it down for you" to get Kathryn to bed at night. Cutting, shocking and husking corn. new corn husk mattresses. Sunday "we'll walk to Church" - the horses need a day of rest or "can't get the harnesses wet". Breakfast -side pork and fried potaotes - lettuce in season. Morning chores - trimming the wicks, filling the lamps, emptying the jars. Carrying the wood.

1905 - Bill courting Julia with horse, buggy and violin

1906 - Henry courting Clara without violin. The girls went to Belle Island - the boys followed.

1907 - Henry and Clara's trip to New York and Jamestown via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Father Stuber's horse - Ridgeville to Avon in 10 minutes. The modern washing machine with an agitator. Power? Elbow grease.

1908 - George drilling gas wells in Berea. Meets Hattie. The trips to Indiana to see relatives via the Nickle Plate Railroad. Hoeing the corn or stirring the stones?

1914 - Henry and Clara's "tin lizzie". Ed courting Elizabeth via the "Green Lin". John planting corn with overcoat on.

1918 - The pony. Picking bugs of the potato plants.

1919 - Gertrude driving the nun's crazy at the hospital. Playing church - zither, perfume and quilts for fixings. Celia teaching in the one room school - pupils? Wren courting Celia in the Jackson.

1921 - Gertrude riding into town on the Colonel's horse.

1923 - Gertrude and George of to Los Angeles and Seattle.

1925 - The trip to the Blue Hole.

1927 - Marc and Kathryn of to Yellowstone in the Buick.

1944 - Bob visited the ancestral homelands, but General Patton didn't give time to look around.

This booklet is humby submitted on August 19, 1969
by Lois and Frances Smith, who apolgize for any
errors and welcome all additions.

Chapter 1 Myers - Minnich marry.

Mathias Myers married Mary Dehn in Germany. They had nine children: Mathias, Phillip, Peter, Emma Myers Pitts, JOSEPH, Maggie Myers Blazer, Adam, died at the age of 16, his death

resulting from the kick of a horse, Clara died at age 3 or 4 and one child died in infancy. All were born in this country.

John Minnich married Anna Maria Younglas in Germany. They have seven children: Gertrude Minnich Weber, Nicholas, Anton, Maggie Minnich Diedrick, John and KATHERINE MINNICH MYERS. The last two children were born in this country and there was one daughter Elizabeth, who died as a young girl.

Joseph Myers (1/1/1855 - 7/1/1916) was married 1/22/1879 to Katherine Minnich (6/4/1855 - 2/13/1938). They had eight children: Clara, Julia, George, John, Elizabeth, Cecelia, Gertrude and Katheryn.

Chapter II First Generation of Descendants of Katherine and Joseph Myers

Clara Myers (9/1/1880 - 9/22/1956) married 5/28/1907 to Henry Smith (5/28/1878 - 10/1/1948).

1. Walter Smith
2. Frances Smith
3. Ralph Smith
4. Ruth Smith
5. Raymond Smith
6. Gertrude Smith
7. Lois Smith
8. James Smith

Julia Myers (3/24/1882 - 10/29/1968) married 8/29/1907 to William Youngblood (b5/25/1875)

1. Leora Youngblood
2. Irving Youngblood
3. One foster child, Rosella. 4 children died in infancy.

George Myers (4/16/1884 - 10/21/1852) married 11/25/1909 to Hattie Wensick (8/17/1885 - 9/24/1961).

1. Lawrence Myers
2. Leona Myers
3. Dorothy Myers
4. Marian Myers
5. Ruth Myers
6. Jean Myers
7. Alice Myers

John Myers (3/29/1886 - 4/24/1934) He never married.

Elizabeth Myers (b.4/22/1888) married 9/6/1916 to Edward Wilbert (4/28/1882 - 1/31/1931). She married John Horwedel (d. 2/11/1943).

1. Robert

Cecelia Myers (b.9/23/1894) married 8/10/1927 to MARCELLUS B. DIEDRICK (2/15/1900 - 1/12/1974)

1. Wayne Diedrick
2. Nancy Diedrick

Chapter III Second Generation (Grandchildren of Katherine and Joseph Myers)

Walter Smith (5/8/1908 - 1/6/1939) married 1/12/1932 to GENEVIEVE DIEDRICK (b.1/3/1908).
A foster child later adopted, Olga Pitts Smith, granddaughter of Emma Myers Pitts.

Francis Smith (b.2/6/1910)

Ralph Smith (b. 5/27/1911) married 10/12/1946 to Freda Rottman (b.9/21/1920)

1. Rosemary Smith
2. Paul Smith
3. Michael Smith
4. Jean Ann Smith
5. Laura Smith
6. Lynette Smith

Ruth Smith (b.12/9/1912) married 10/23/1937 to Robert McCahon (b.10/23/1911)

1. Orrin McCahon
2. Mary Susan McCahon

Raymond Smith died at the age of 9 months

Gertrude Smith died at the age of 18 months.

Lois Smith (b. 3/16/1920)

James Smith (b.5/25/1923) married 4/21/1956 to Corrine Westrick B. 5/9/1928

1. Janet Smith
2. Joann Smith
3. John Smith
4. James Smith
5. Joseph Smith
6. Jane Ellen Smith
7. Jeffrey Smith

Leora Youngblood (b.3/3/1909) married 5/28/1934 to Ben Blinn (b.6/15/1909)

Irving Youngblood (6/11/1910 - 12/15/1939) married 9/1/1937 to Regina Schneider b. 9/7/1913). On 10/22/1947 Regina married John Dea (d.6/6/1969).

1. Norman Youngblood
2. James Youngblood

Rosella Youngblood (b.4/4/1921) married 2/20/1941 to Carl Lattig (12/8/1906 - 11/22/1966)

1. Ralph Lattig
2. Norma Mae Lattig
3. Carol Ann Lattig

Lawrence Myers (b.7/20/1911) married 8/22/1937 to Marian Spaeth (b.12/11/1909)

1. Elizabeth Myers
2. John Myers

3. George Myers
4. Margie Ann Myers

Leona Myers (b.10/10/1912) married 2/22/1936 to Grant Rundle (b.4/16/1907)

1. Arthur Rundle
2. Joanne Rundle
3. Rita Ruth Rundle

Dorothy Myers (b.2/3/1914) married 11/25/1937 to Leo Ackerman (b.2/7/1910)

1. Sandra Ackerman
2. Carol Ackerman

Marian Myers (11/7/1916 - 7/27/1926)

Ruth Myers (b.5/7/1919) married 2/22/1941 to Leo Walters (b.11/9/1916)

1. Jolyn Walters
2. Allan Walters
3. Kathleen Walters

Jean Myers (b.12/3/1921) married 3/4/1946 to Wilson Stoskopf (b.10/8/1912)

1. Wilson Stoskopf Jr.
2. Alma Stoskopf
3. Daniel Stoskopf
4. Phyllis Stoskopf

Alice Myers (b.1/25/1920) married in 1946 to Glenn Urig.

1. Linda Urig
2. Norma Urig

Robert Wilbert (b.1/25/1920) married 7/15/1941 to Helen Wiemels (b.3/24/1922)

1. Donald Wilbert
2. Joan Wilbert
3. James Wilbert
4. Karen Wilbert, twin
5. Kenneth Wilbert, twin
6. Edward Wilbert
7. Raymond Wilbert

Val Burrer (b.5/3/1923) married 6/5/1948 to Emma Mosso (b.3/10/1922)

1. Valerie Burrer
2. Kathryn Burrer

Richard Burrer (b.11/28/1924) married 2/26/1946 to Margaret Knittle (b.6/20/1926)

1. Mary Lou Burrer
2. Thomas Burrer
3. Michael Burrer
4. James Burrer
5. Richard Burrer
6. Margaret Ann Burrer

Donna Burrer (b.8/10/1930) married 10/10/1953 to Dale Wakefield (b.5/31/1929)

1. Paul Wakefield
2. Mark Wakefield
3. David Wakefield
4. Anna Marie Wakefield

Georgine Steigerwald (b.5/15/1924 married 4/30/1949 to Joseph E. Rhoads, Jr. (b.7/2/1922)

1. Deborah Rhoads
2. Joseph E. Rhoads, Jr.
3. Thomas Rhoads
4. Mary Beth Rhoads
5. Barbara Rhoads
6. Karen Rhoads
7. Kathryn Rhoads

David Steigerwald (b.9/8/1925) married 2/14/1953 to Joan Walker (b.5/20/1928)

1. David Steigerwald
2. Jeffrey Steigerwald
3. Lynn Marie Steigerwald
4. Paula Steigerwald
5. Robert Steigerwald

Rosemary Steigerwald (b.12/28/1926) married 1/29/1949 to Chester B. Scott II (b.3/8/1927).

1. Paul Scott
2. Mary Ellen Scott
3. Margaret Ann Scott
4. Chester B. Scott III
5. Christopher Scott
6. Peter Scott
7. John Scott
8. Jean Marie Scott

Marjorie Steigerwald (b.6/6/1928) married 6/25/1949 to William E. Oatis (b.5/28/1926)

1. Gregory Oatis
2. Judith Oatis
3. Kathryn Oatis
4. Paul Oatis

Charles Steigerwald (b.4/22/1931) married in Germany 3/5/1955 to Jane Sessions (b.6/30/1932)

1. Julia Steigerwald
2. Elizabeth Steigerwald
3. Susan Steigerwald

Paul Joseph Steigerwald (12/25/1932 - 2/6/1959)

Jerome Steigerwald (b.6/13/1937) married 12/30/1961 to Eileen Majercik (b.5/30/1938)

1. Johanna Steigerwald

Wayne Diedrick (b. 3/10/1932) married 5/25/1957 to Geraldine O'Connor (b. 5/26/1934).

1. Katheryn Diedrick
2. Paul Diedrick
3. Margaret Ann Diedrick
4. Joseph Diedrick

Nancy Diedrick (b.4/28/1934) married 11/18/1867 to Robert Lohrer (b.9/27/1933).

Chapter IV Third Generation

Olga Smith (b.9/29/1935) married 11/25/1955 to RAYMOND DIEDRICK (b.2/7/1929)

1. Allan Diedrick
2. David Diedrick
3. Gregory Diedrick
4. Joseph Diedrick
5. Michael Diedrick
6. Anne Marie Diedrick
7. Paul Diedrick
8. Debra Diedrick

Rosemary Smith (b.5/4/1948) married 11/18/1967 to Joseph Deeks (b.1/24/1943)

1. Christine Deeks

Paul Smith (b.8/12/1949)

Michael Smith (b.7/27/1951)

Jean Ann Smith (b.8/20/1954)

Laura Smith (b.4/25/1957)

Lynette Smith (b. 3/28/1959)

Orrin Robert McCahon (10/30/1938 - 9/28/1958)

Mary Susan McCahon (b.11/23/1941) married Thomas M. Brown II (b.7/19/1940)

1. Thomas M. Brown III

Janet M. Smith (b.9/29/1957)

Joann L. Smith (b.7/23/1959)

John H. Smith (b.5/5/1961)

James A. Smith (b.10/27/1963)

Joseph E. Smith (b.6/24/1965)

Jane Ellen Smith (b.1/15/1967)

Jeffrey A. Smith (b. 5/28/1969)

Norman Youngblood (b.9/21/1938)

James Youngblood (b. 10/20/1939) married 10/21/1961 to Barbara Hoover (b.10/23/1939)

1. Craig Youngblood
2. Lynne Marie Youngblood

Ralph Lettig (b.9/21/1942) married 2/24/1968 to Lee Kistner (b.5/31/1945)

1. Thomas Allen Lettig

Norma Mae Lettig (b.8/8/1944) married 6/17/1967 to Donald Marshall (b.12/15/1939)

1. Craig Marshall

Elizabeth Myers (b.7/26/1940) married 11/6/1965 to Richard Kress (b.2/2/1943)

1. David Kress

John Myers (3/22/1943 -7/22/1968) married 8/23/1961 to Sheila Cebula (b. 9/15/1941).

George Myers b.4/18/1947

Margie Ann Myers b. 10/7/1950

Arthur Rundle (b.6/28/1939) married 1/28/1961 to Judy Dreger (b. 4/27/1941).

1. Deanne Rundle

Joanne Rundle (b.9/27/1941) married 1962 to Duane Weddell (b.2/28/1940)

1. Randy Weddell
2. Richard Weddell

Rita Rundle (b.10/11/1946) married 7/12/1969 to Kenneth Rhoads (b.11/2/1946)

Sandra Ackerman b.8/9/1943

Carol Ackerman b.5/24/1947

Jolyn Welter b.11/10/1943 married 6/22/1968 to Bruce Smith 11/3/1940.

Allan Welter b.7/4/1947

Kathleen Welter b.10/31/1951

Wilson Stoskopf, Jr. b. 10/1/1946

Alma Stoskopf b.4/8/1952

Daniel Stoskopf (3/28/1954 - 5/12/1954)

Phyllis Stoskopf b.4/28/1956

Linda Urig b.1/1947 married 8/9/1961 to Timothy Fout b. 4/25/1944

Norma Urig b.6/23/1950

Donald Wilbert b. 11/7/1946 married 10/25/1967 to June Novotny (b.6/3/1946)

1. Laura Lynn Wilbert

Joan Wilbert b.9/21/1948

James Wilbert b.10/2/1950

Karen Wilbert b.1/28/1953 twin

Kenneth Wilbert b.1/28/1953 twin

Edward Wilbert b.9/28/1956

Raymond Wilbert b.10/7/1960

Valerie Burrer b.5/19/1949

Kathryn Burrer b.2/16/1955

Mary Lou Burrer b.3/14/1947

Thomas Burrer b.3/13/1948

Michael Burrer b.6/7/1949

James Burrer b.3/21/1959

Richard Burrer b.7/30/1956

Margaret Ann Burrer b. 7/2/1961

Paul Wakefield b.7/25/1954

Mark Wakefield b.8/17/1955

David Wakefield b.3/10/1957

Anna Marie Wakefield b. 12/21/1960

Deborah Ann Rhoads b.2/18/1950

Joseph Rhoads Jr. b.6/12/1951

Thomas Rhoads b.9/30/1953
Mary Beth Rhoads b.1/31/1955
Barbara Rhoads b.10/16/1958
Karen Rhoads b.1/4/1960
Kathryn Rhoads b.12/28/1962
Jeffrey Steigerwald b.8/1/1955
Lynn Marie Steigerwald b.2/5/1957
Paula Steigerwald b.7/29/1959
Robert Stiegerwald b.7/30/1962
Paul Scott b.12/3/1949
Mary Ellen Scott b.5/23/1951
Margaret Ann Scott b.6/21/1952
Chester B. Scott III b.2/1/1954
Christopher Scott b.10/24/1957
Peter Scott b.6/21/1960
John Scott b.8/25/1961
Jean Marie Scott b.4/17/1964
Gregory Oatis b.6/8/1952
Judith Oatis b.5/28/1955
Kathryn Oatis b.9/9/1957
Paul Oatis b.8/24/1961
Julia Steigerwald b.11/30/1956
Elizabeth Steigerwald b.10/29/1958
Susan Steigerwald b.1/22/1960

Johanna Steigerwald b.5/11/1966

Kathryn Diedrick b.10/9/1958

Paul Diedrick b.1/16/1960

Margaret Ann Diedrick b.10/4/1962

Joseph Diedrick b.2/18/1964

Chapter 5 Fourth Generation

Allan Diedrick b.9/25/1956

David Diedrick b.1/19/1958

Gregory Diedrick b.6/7/1959

Joseph Diedrick b.12/1/1960

Michael Diedrick b.12/4/1961

Anne Marie Diedrick b.6/1/1963

Debra Diedrick b.2/9/1969

Christine Deeks b.11/4/1968

Thomas M. Brown III b.9/14/1967

Laura Lynn Wilbert b.8/2/1969

Craig Youngblood b.10/15/1963

Lynne Marie Youngblood b.6/16/1965

Thomas Allen Lattig b.3/14/1969

Craig Marshall b.4/14/1968

David Kress b.12/23/1966

Robert John Myers b.6/17/1962

Kenneth Myers b.10/21/1964

Deanna Rundle b.5/8/1963

Randy Wendell

b.11/22/1963

Richard Wendell

b.4/16/1965

ALLIED FAMILY #14

THE SCHERSCHEL FAMILY

GENERATION 1

FAMILY 1

1. Rudolf Scherschel married Barbara Sahrner
2. Joseph R. Scherschel
3. Nicholas Scherschel

GENERATION 2

FAMILY 2

Joseph R. Scherschel (2) (4/16/1943 - 11/18/1922) married on 8/20/1872 Otilia Esch (1/28/1848 - 5/29/1910) at St. Peters Church, Cleveland

4. Frederich Scherschel Family 3
5. Rudolph Scherschel Family 4
6. Otilia Scherschel (1/13/1879 - 2/12/1958)
7. Karl William Scherschel Family 5

GENERATION 3

FAMILY 3

Frederich Scherschel (4) (8/4/1873 - 7/5/1948) married 5/27/1903 to Clara Diedrick (2/21/1881 - 1/15/1953) at Holy Trinity Church by Rev. Peter Becker.

8. Joseph Aloysius Scherschel Family 6
9. Virginia Elizabeth Scherschel (b.4/4/1906)
10. Paul William Scherschel Family 7
11. Alfred Eugene Scherschel Family 8
12. Catherine Mary Scherschel Salatel Family 9
13. Ruth Otilia Scherschel Balombin Family 10
14. John Peter Scherschel Family 11
15. James Scherschel Family 12
16. Roy Charles Scherschel Family 13

FAMILY 4

Rudolf Scherschel (5) (12/28/1875 - 9/10/1933) married 1/18/1910 to Ida B. Mise.

17. Esther E. Scherschel b.12/19/1911
18. Grace Ida Scherschel b. 8/1/1913
19. Robert r. Scherschel Family 14
20. Frank E. Scherschel Family 15

21. Hugh A. Scherschel Family 16

FAMILY 5

Karl W. Scherschel (7) (12/7/1883 - 9/18/1942) married 4/26/1910 Renilda Diedrick (d.7/7/1969).

22. Mary Catherine Scherschel b. 10/18/1911. Mary entered the Ursuline Community 9/8/1932 in Cleveland, Ohio, and was professed 8/23/1935, receiving the name Sister Mary Borromeo. her life has been dedicated to teaching

23. Edward William Scherschel	Family 17
24. Agnes Marie Scherschel	Family 18
25. Angela Elizabeth Scherschel (2/14/1915 - 7/16/1983)	
26. Charles Cyril Scherschel	Family 19
27. Marcella Ottilia Scherschel	Family 20
28. Gertrude Josephine Scherschel	Family 21
29. Frances Marie Scherschel (11/11/1920 - 12/7/1920)	
30. William Karl Scherschel	Family 22
31. Ralph Anthony Scherschel	Family 23
32. Rita Ann Scherschel b. 10/12/1924	

GENERATION 4

FAMILY 6

Joseph R. Aloysius Scherschel (6/21/1904 - 3/30/1980) married on 9/28/1910 to Alice Mildred Sites.

33. Thomas Roger Scherschel, MD	b.4/19/1933	Family 24
34. David Joseph Scherschel	b.2/23/1938	Family 25

FAMILY 7

Paul William Scherschel b. 11/14/1908 married on 5/15/1933 to Rose Agnes Likevec; married on 2/21/1983 to Rose Mary Trent.

35. Paul William Scherschel	b.11/23/1934	Family 26
36. Marie Scherschel Gerdson	b.3/25/1936	Family 27
37. Anne Rose Scherschel Franz	b.9/3/1939	Family 28
38. Justin Frederick Scherschel	b.8/15/1942	Family 29

FAMILY 8

Alfred Eugene Scherschel b. 3/30/1909 married 9/11/1939 to Luella Smith

39. Raymond Scherschel	b.8/24/1941	Family 30
40. Eugene Scherschel	b.11/11/1942	Family 31
41. Janet Catherine Scherschel	b.8/28/1945	Family 32
42. Judith Scherschel	b. 6/28/1948	Family 33

FAMILY 9

Catherine Mary Scherschel Salatel (11/13/1910 - 5/15/1968) married on 12/28/1934 to Bernard Salatel d.2/12/1988 at St. Vincent De Paul's Church in Bedford, Indiana.

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|-----|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 43. | Margaret Rose Salatel | b.8/16/1940 | Family 34 |
| 44. | Bernard Joseph Salatel | b.8/9/1942 | Family 35 |
| 45. | Mary Catherine Salatel Lee | b.12/28/1945 | Family 36 |
| 46. | Ann Ruth Salatel Mazanec | b.8/18/1948 | Family 37 |

FAMILY 10

Ruth Ottilia Scherschel Balombin b. 5/26/1913 married on 10/25/1942 to Joseph Balombin d. 4/1988 at St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

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| 47. | Jane Frances Balombin | b.9/18/1943 | Family 38 |
| 48. | Joseph Robert Balombin | b.2/12/1945 | Family 39 |
| 49. | Clara Ruth Balombin | b.4/24/1948 | Family 40 |

FAMILY 11

John Peter Scherschel, M D (6/25/1915 - 10/16/1984) married on 12/31/1939 to Theresa Steele.

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| 50. | John Kent Scherschel, M D | b.1/28/1943 | Family 41 |
| 51. | Steven Lane Scherschel | b.8/11/1946 | Family 42 |
| 52. | Gregory Lee Scherschel | b.11/28/1948 | Family 43 |
| 53. | Mark Eric Scherschel | b.12/10/1949 | Family 44 |
| 54. | Matthew Scott Scherschel | b.2/3/1952 | Family 45 |
| 55. | Kim Peter Scherschel, M D | b.6/8/1954 | Family 46 |

FAMILY 12

James Scherschel b. 2/18/1918 married 9/3/1941 to Blanche Chase

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| 56. | Martha Sue Scherschel | b.8/9/1942 | Family 47 |
| 57. | Anthony James Scherschel | b.3/2/1944 | Family 48 |
| 58. | Jeanette Marie Scherschel | b.10/26/1945 | Family 49 |
| 59. | Daniel Dean Scherschel | b.9/8/1948 | Family 50 |
| 60. | Samuel Lee Scherschel | b.2/28/1949 | Family 51 |
| 61. | Leo Thomas Scherschel | b.11/6/1952 | Family 52 |

FAMILY 13

Roy Charles b.9/24/1918 married on 6/8/1941 to Gladys Dorothy Robbins b. 8/12/1922 at St. Vincent De Paul's Church in Bedford, Ind.

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| 62. | Phillip Charles Scherschel | b.6/26/1942 | Family 53 |
| 63. | Kenneth Dale Scherschel | b.1/23/1944 | Family 54 |
| 64. | Mary Carol Scherschel East | b.8/19/1946 | Family 55 |
| 65. | Donald Joseph Scherschel | b.5/21/1949 | Family 56 |

FAMILY 14

Frank E. Scherschel (20) born 9/19/1919 married Mary K. Payton 12/27/1941

66. Mike R. Scherschel Family 57

67. Susan L. Scherschel Family 58

FAMILY 15

Hugh A. Scherschel (21) born 8/5/1921 married Virginia Griffith on 6/6/1947

68. Richard L. Scherschel Family 59

69. Jean A. Scherschel b.3/7/1953

70. Thomas a. Scherschel Family 60

71. Scott D. Scherschel b. 8/12/1957

FAMILY 16

Edward William Scherschel (23) b. 9/12/1912 married 4/28/1942 to Alice Pauline Crabb at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana. Family 61

73. Harold William Scherschel b.3/24/1946 Family 62

74. Bernard Allen Scherschel b.2/20/1948 twin Family 63

75. Benjamin Allen Scherschel b.2/20/1948 twin Family 64

76. Timothy Leander Scherschel b.3/29/1950 Family 65

77. Ann Renilda Scherschel b.4/24/1954 Family 66

78. Gary Kevin Scherschel b.11/12/1956 Family 67

FAMILY 17

Agnes Marie Scherschel (24) b. 10/31/1913

FAMILY 18

Charles Cyril Scherschel (26) (12/18/1916 - 2/16/1918)

FAMILY 19

Marcella Ottilia Scherschel (27) b. 1/29/1918 married on 10/25/1952 to Raymond Bledsoe

FAMILY 20

Gertrude Josephine Scherschel Phillips (28) b. 8/23/1919 married on 8/18/1942 to Gerald Phillips at St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana.

79. Peter Gerald Phillips b. 8/23/1944 Family 68

80. Therese Gertrude Phillips b.3/13/1946 Family 69

81. Mary Anne Philips Brock b.11/14/1948 Family 70

82. Catherine Marie Phillips b.10/23/1950 Family 71

83. Bernadette Phillips b.11/9/1951 Family 72

84.	Patricia Rose Phillips	b.2/8/1953	Family 73
85.	Agnes Alexandria Phillips	b.4/25/1954	Family 74
86.	Joseph Paul Phillips	b.10/31/1958	Family 75

FAMILY 21

William Karl Scherschel (30) b. 11/12/1920 married 8/10/1949 to Maxinne Curren at St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Bedford, Indiana

87.	Diana Sue Scherschel	b.8/20/1951	Family 76
88.	Rose Marie Scherschel	b.10/13/1952	Family 77
89.	Frances William Scherschel	b.9/9/1953	Family 78
90.	Anthony Ray Scherschel	b.9/15/1954	Family 79
91.	Dennis Charles Scherschel	b.11/26/1955	Family 80
92.	Sharon Scherschel Johnson	b.5/10/1957	Family 81
93.	Karen Denise Scherschel	b.6/16/1959	Family 82
94.	Beth Ann Scherschel	b.4/21/1962	Family 83

FAMILY 22

Ralph Anthony Scherschel b. 10/1922 married 9/10/1955 to Louise Chernoff

95.	Steven Scherschel	b.12/19/1957	Family 84
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GENERATION 5

FAMILY 24

Thomas Roger Scherschel, M D, (33) b.4/19/1933 married Carol Schulz on 10/20/1956.

FAMILY 25

David Joseph Scherschel (35) b. 2/23/1937 married Ottilia Burkorsky on 1/25/1964.

FAMILY 26

Paul William Scherschel (35) (11/23/1934) married on 1/4/1958 to Ann Drepo

96.	Pamela Ann Scherschel Temple	b.12/28/1958
97.	Karen Scherschel Miller	b.1/20/1960
98.	David Paul Scherschel	b.3/14/1964
99.	Mary Rose Scherschel	b.7/9/1965
100.	Kristina Scherschel	b.2/26/1968

FAMILY 27

Marie Scherschel Gerdson (36) b.3/25/1936 married on 9/22/1962 to Paul Gerdson(d.8/1978)

- 101. Paula Marie Gerdson Wallace b.2/22/1964
- 102. Edith Ann Gerdson b.3/18/1966

FAMILY 28

Anne Rose Scherschel Franz (37) b. 9/3/1939 married on 6/4/1960 to William Franz

- 103. Steven Henry Franz b.3/15/1961
- 104. Stephanie Franz b.1/28/1963
- 105. Christopher Paul Franz b.11/7/1965
- 106. Robert Franz
- 107. Darlene Franz
- 108. Marie Franz

FAMILY 29

Justin Frederick Scherschel (38) b. 8/15/1942 married on 11/26/1966 to Louise Kamaski

- 109. Laura Suzanne Scherschel b.6/26/1961
- 110. Louis F. Scherschel b.8/11/1977

FAMILY 30

Raymond Scherschel (39) b. 7/24/1941 married on 1/25/1964 to Judy Hatfield

- 110. Laura Lynne Scherschel b.6/20/1966
- 111. Mark Erin Scherschel b.3/29/1968

FAMILY 31

Eugene Scherschel (40) b.11/11/1942 married on 6/12/1965 to Jeanne Delaney

- 112. Jeanne Marie Scherschel b.4/2/1968
- 113. Craig Allen Scherschel b.2/22/1970
- 114. Kristy Ann Scherschel b.12/10/1972
- 115. Denise Aileen Scherschel b.3/28/1976

FAMILY 32

Janet Catherine Scherschel McClean (41) b. 8/28/1945 married on 9/29/1963 to Don McClean

- 116. Tina Marie McClean b.4/9/1964
- 117. Rhea Lynn McClean b.12/25/1966

FAMILY 33

Judith Lynn Scherschel (42) b. 6/27/1947

FAMILY 34

Margaret Rose Salatel Dempsey (43) b. 8/16/1940 married on 4/24/1965 to Terry Dempsey.

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| 118. | Lisa Catherine Dempsey | b.4/30/1969 |
| 119. | Tina Marie Dempsey | b.12/10/1970 |
| 120. | Karen Therese Dempsey | b.4/2/1973 |

FAMILY 35

Bernard Joseph Salatel (44) b. 7/19/1942 married on 1/23/1965 to Nina Sutton.

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| 121. | Michael Salatel | b.10/6/1969 |
| 122. | Daniel Salatel | b.5/9/1971 |
| 123. | Carol Salatel | b.4/8/1972 |
| 124. | Rachael Ann Salatel | b.2/16/1975 |
| 125. | Sheryl Salatel | b.4/8/1977 |
| 126. | Samuel Salatel | b.4/25/1981 |

FAMILY 36

Mary Catherine Salatel Lee (45) b. 12/28/1945 married on 8/17/1968 to Don Lee.

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| 127. | Brian Thomas Lee | b.12/14/1972 |
| 128. | Justin Andrew Lee | b.7/26/1974 |
| 129. | David William Lee | b.6/30/1978 |
| 130. | Tobias Christopher Lee | b.9/1/1981 |

FAMILY 37

Ann Ruth Salatel Mazanac b.8/18/1948 married on 8/1/1970 to Don Mazanac.

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| 131. | Timothy Mazanec | b.7/8/1971 |
| 132. | Matthew Mazanec | b.7/6/1972 |
| 133. | Heather Mazanec | b.12/27/1973 |
| 134. | Jonathan Kristopher Mazanec | b.6/1/1976 |

FAMILY 38

Jane Frances Balombin (47) b. 9/18/1943 in Brooklyn, NY.

FAMILY 39

Joseph Robert Balombin (48) b. 2/12/1945.

FAMILY 40

Clara Ruth Balombin (49) b. 4/24/1947

FAMILY 41

John Kent Scherschel (50) (1/27/1943 - 11/27/1971 at Juneau, Alaska) married on 12/26/1965 to Lynne Brewer.

- 134. Johanna Lynne Scherschel b.11/6/1969
- 135. Christina Dianne Scherschel b.1/24/1972

FAMILY 42

Steven Lane Scherschel (51) b. 7/1/1946 married on 4/12/1969 to Donna Schookman

- 136. Kellie Verena Scherschel b.3/28/1971
- 137. John Allen Scherschel b.4/8/1973
- 138. James Eric Scherschel b.5/14/1976
- 139. Jeffery Scott Scherschel b.1/17/1978

FAMILY 43

Gregory Lee (52) b. 11/27/1948 married on 6/12/1971 to Peggy Hutton

- 140. Dana Lee Scherschel b.5/22/1974
- 141. Gretchen Otilia Scherschel b.8/29/1978
- 142. Joshua -----

Mark Eric Scherschel (52) b. 12/10/1948 married on 5/10/1980 to Susan Larkin

- 143. Mark Eric Scherschel, Jr. b.7/18/1982
- 144. Christopher Kent Scherschel b.7/17/1984

FAMILY 45

Matthew Scott Scherschel (53) b. 2/3/1952

FAMILY 46

Kim Peter Scherschel, MD, (54) b. 5/7/1954 married on 6/30/1979 to Marty Ray Martin.

- 145. Luke Scherschel b.9/2/1983

FAMILY 47

Martha Sue Scherschel Soukota (55) b. 7/9/1942 married on 6/27/1964 to Joe Soukota.

- 146. Joseph James Soukota b.3/10/1966
- 147. Jason Grant Soukota b.2/8/1972

FAMILY 48

Anthony James Scherschel (56) b. 3/2/1944 married on 10/14/1967 to Sherley Blasbel

- 148. Anthony James Scherschel b.4/1/1968
- 149. John Anthony Scherschel b.9/23/1970
- 150. Jeffrey Allen Scherschel b.10/18/1975

FAMILY 49

Jeannette Marie Scherschel Childress (57) b. 10/26/1945 married Michael Harold Childress.

- 151. Jauniece Rhord Childress b.9/27/1971
- 152. Camino Childress b.8/1/1977

FAMILY 50

Daniel Dean Scherschel (58) b. 9/8/1947 married on 11/30/1968 to Sandra Mitchner

- 153. Gregory Dean Scherschel b.3/12/1971
- 154. Kara Marie Scherschel b.5/9/1974

FAMILY 51

Samuel Lee Scherschel (59) b. 2/27/1948 married on 6/6/1970 to Cynthia Lang

- 155. Therese Ann Scherschel b.11/12/1974
- 156. Brian Christopher Scherschel b.10/27/1975
- 157. Scott Frederick Scherschel b.4/28/1977

FAMILY 50

Leo Thomas Scherschel (60) b.11/6/1952 married on 8/12/1972 to Patricia Miller.

FAMILY 51

Phillip Charles Scherschel (61) b. 6/26/1942 married on 11/30/1963 to Sara Towns.

- 158. Vonda Kay Scherschel Stevens b.10/22/1964
- 159. Jeffrey Scott Scherschel b.12/8/1965
- 160. John Eric Scherschel b.9/19/1967
- 161. Andrea Marie Scherschel b.4/14/1974

FAMILY 52

Kenneth Dale Scherschel (62) b. 1/23/1944 married on 6/8/1963 to Carol Fish

- 1. Michel Dawn Scherschel Snyder b.1/27/1966
- 2. Jacquelyn Lynn Scherschel b.7/21/1968

3. Kristie Rae Scherschel b.5/17/1974

FAMILY 53

Mary Carol Scherschel East Jackson (63) b. 7/9/1946 married on 6/20/1964 to Mike East; then married on 2/8/1970 to Tim Jackson.

1. Brian David East b.11/19/1964
2. Brent Daniel Jackson b.7/15/1972
3. Julie Jackson b.3/1/1979

FAMILY 54

Donald Joseph Scherschel (64) b. 5/21/1949 married on 4/21/1975 to Bonnie Graham b. 12/21/1953.

1. Mathew Scherschel b.12/28/1973
2. Janie Scherschel b.2/10/1978
3. Julie Scherschel

FAMILY 55

Mike R. Scherschel (65) b. 12/27/1945 married Nancy Kay Nixon 6/8/1968

170. Cheryl E. Scherschel
171. Dale R. Scherschel

FAMILY 56

Susan L. Scherschel Thompason (66) b. 12/27/1948 married Jerry D. Thompson 12/27/1967

172. Laura S. Thompson
173. Bruce Thompson

FAMILY 57

Richard L. Scherschel (67) b. 11/20/1950 married Norma Silva 6/16/1974

FAMILY 58

Karl Edward Scherschel (68)b. 11/17/1943 married on 6/18/1966 to Carol Lewis.

1. Eric Brandon Scherschel b.9/13/1970
2. Kristie Ann Scherschel b.4/24/1974

FAMILY 59

Harold William Scherschel (69) b. 3/24/1946 married on 6/5/1971 to Judy Baker.

1. Kathy Ann Scherschel b.10/7/1974
2. Tamera Ann Scherschel b.12/10/1976 twin
3. Teresa Ann Scherschel b.12/10/1976 twin

FAMILY 60

Bernard Allen Scherschel (70) b. 2/20/1948 married on 8/19/1972 to Bobbie Snow.

1. Kosharen Joey Scherschel b.1/31/1974
2. Stormi Dawn Scherschel b.6/18/1975

FAMILY 61

Benjamin Allen Scherschel (71) b. 2/20/1948 married 9/25/1981 to Rose Provanzano.

1. Ana Lisa Scherschel b.12/1983
2. Benjamin Allen Scherschel

FAMILY 62

Timothy Leander (72) (3/29/1950 - 4/5/1950)

FAMILY 63

Ann Renilda Scherschel (73) b. 4/24/1954

FAMILY 64

Gary Kevin Scherschel (74) b. 11/12/1956 married on 10/18/1980 to Shiela Arford.

1. Andrea Scherschel
2. Joshua Scherschel

FAMILY 65

Peter Gerald Phillips (75) b. 8/23/1944 married 6/25/1966 to Gloria Hodges

1. Cheryl Elise Phillips b.3/28/1969
2. Anthony David Phillips b.6/17/1973

FAMILY 66

Therese Gertrude Phillips Owens (76) b. 3/13/1946 married on 10/30/1971 to James Owens

1. Brian James Owens b.3/16/1976
2. David Thoms Owens b..7/16/1978

FAMILY 67

Mary Ann Phillips Brock (77) 11/14/1948 married on 8/8/1970 to Patrick Brock.

1. Mindy Marie Brock b.11/12/1975

FAMILY 68

Catherine Marie Phillips Sharp (78) b. 10/23/1950 married on 7/25/1970 to Herman Sharp

1. Cathy Ann Sharp b.2/9/1971
2. Nancy Diane Sharp b.8/23/1974

FAMILY 69

Bernadette Phillips McGregor Lytton (79) b. 11/9/1951 married Scott McGregor on 4/3/1971; married Jeffrey Lytton on 4/11/1975.

1. Jeffrey Scott McGregor b.4/12/1972
2. Jonathan Jordon Lytton b.4/28/1976

FAMILY 70

Patricia Rose Phillis Rynders (80) b. 2/8/1953 married on 8/19/1976 to Ronad Rynders.

FAMILY 71

Agnes Alexandria Phillips Hammel Stigall (81) b. 4/25/1954 married to Tom Hammel on 12/23/1972; married Jack Stigall.

1. Jacinda Celeste Hammel b.7/14/1973

FAMILY 72

Joseph Phillips (82) b. 10/31/1957 married Cindy

1. Christopher Phillips

FAMILY 73

Diana Sue Scherschel Duncan (83) b. 8/20/1951 married on 6/27/1970 to William Duncan

1. Nichole Renee Duncan b.8/19/1976

FAMILY 74

Rose Marie Scherschel (84) b. 10/13/1952. Rose entered the Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove, Indian 8/1972.

FAMILY 75

Frances William Scherschel (85) b. 9/9/1953 married on 7/19/1986 to Lisa.

FAMILY 76

Anthony Ray Scherschel (86) (9/15/1954 - 3/13/1959).

FAMILY 77

Dennis Charles Scherschel (87) b. 11/26/1955 married on 6/7/1980 to Debbie Rust.

1. Paul Nicholas Scherschel b.1/1/1982
2. Ashley Marie Scherschel b.4/5/1983

FAMILY 78

Sharon Scherschel Johnson (88) b. 5/10/1957 married on 6/16/1978 to Bob Johnson.

- 1 Justin Johnson b.1/17/1979
2. Anthony Tyler Johnson b.5/27/1980
- 3 Kensley Lorraine Johnson b.10/15/1983
4. Marisa Johnson b.9/15/1990

FAMILY 79

Karen Denise Scherschel Phillips (89) b. 6/16/1959 married on 10/2/1977 to Timothy Phillips.

1. Joshua Edward Phillips b.7/9/1980
205. Joseph William Phillips b.4/17/1982

FAMILY 80

Beth Ann Scherschel Sanders (90) b. 4/21/1962 married on 5/29/1983 to Larry Sanders; married Gary ___ in 1987.

FAMILY 81

Steven Scherschel (91)b. 12/19/1957 married Linda 7/26/1986

206.Brent Scherschel b. 4/29/1989

207.-----Scherschel b. 12/7/1990

OVERLAND JOURNEY FROM DAYTON, OHIO TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The morning of the 5th of September, 1884, was the time appointed by Rev. J. N. Reinbolt, our Provincial, that Brother's Louis Ernst, Philip Schneider and myself should part with our dear old Home, Nazareth; and our beloved friends the Brothers and inferior members of our dear Society.

After a spiritual preparation in our Chapel, we went to the dining-room to take our final breakfast, accompanied by a number of Brother's mothers, bystanders, etc.

Although the idea of such a distant and unlimited separation was rather serious, we nevertheless enjoyed pretty good appetite. We then bade farewell to the different Superiors and Brothers who were in the neighborhood at the time and started slowly for the city with our dear driver, Brother Dan and associate, Brother King. The trunks were already taken care of and checked for Cincinnati. We left Dayton at 6:45 (via C.H.D.)

The train rolled on nicely; each of us silently occupied with himself - partly in prayer and partly conversing still with those we left behind. By degrees, one after the other finished his meditation, and a short time after, the entire company was engaged in a real sociable chat; communicating to each other incidents of the past.

We arrived in Cincinnati in due time: Brother James Yeck was waiting in the depot - took us to the Brothers at St. Joseph's and tried to make it pleasant for all. Brother James then purchased our tickets to St. Louis and saw to our baggage. During the course of the day we visited the Exposition, the different communities of the Brothers in the city and some of the classrooms. Whilst taking supper were serenaded by the St Joseph's Boy-Choir. After supper all the Brothers from the three other congregations met here to wish us a happy journey and bid us farewell. At 9:30 our train left for St. Louis.

I can say nothing for the scenery between those two cities because we traveled during the night; and, besides, I was in a sleeper and had my eyes pretty well closed.

September 6th

By the time any of us were wide awake were at Odin, Ill. The country from here to St. Louis is lovely; soil very dark and productive. At 11 a.m. we crossed the Mississippi and entered St. Louis. We immediately went to the Grand Central Hotel and rented a room

After taking a hearty dinner Brother Louis and I went to Mr. D. Wishart, General Passenger Agent of the St. Louis and Frisco Line, to purchase our tickets to San Francisco. D. Wishart treated us very kindly; allowed us, as a special favor, 250 lbs. baggage on each ticket. A heavy burden passed of my shoulders when I had the tickets and checks were secure. At 7:30 pm, we took supper and then retired, thanking God that all passed so nicely.

September 7th, Sunday

We all went to Mass in the Cathedral. A very old church - poorly ventilated - and a good cleaning and renovation would add a great deal to its beauty. Today was one of the warmest days; in my memory at least. We were out and visited some of the principal streets and buildings.

St. Louis made a very good impression on all of us. I prefer it to Cincinnati; it resembles New York in many points. Has many large and magnificent stores, hotels, etc; The Post Office deserves special notice.

At 8:25 pm we left St. Louis in a beautiful, easy running sleeper - a regular parlor and cradle. After each of us said a rosary and some other prayers to obtain a happy journey we retired into our berths.

September 8th

Feast of the Blessed Virgin. Deo Gratias! Had a good nights rest. All felt well. Said our morning prayers and jouned our intentions with those of our fellow brothers - feeling confident, that they will not forget us before the altar of the Mother of God.

We got to Springfield, MO., in time for breakfast. After the passengers had here renewed their bodily strength, the train continued its course through Mo.

The country in lower Mo. and Southern Kansas is remarkably level - immense plains and judging from the splendid condition of all vegetation - very fertile. There I saw the largest apple orchard; the trees were well loaded too. Immense fields of corn right and left through entire Kansas.

The further we traveled West, the more it was advanced. Towards evening we met ripe corn, ready at several places it had been out.

At 6:55 pm, we arrived at Walstead, Kan. Here had to wait over 2 hours for the train from Kansas City which made connections with outs.

September 9th

Slept well. Morning bright and heavens very clear, rather cool. Nothing but endless prairies all along. Every now and then we met large herds of cattle. There seems to be plents(?); a great number of hay-stacks. Almost no houses and those we did see were very poor and very low stone huts.

Took breakfast at Coolidge, Kansas at 8:30, very good. Passed the state-line between Kansas and Colorado at 9 a.m., consista of a barb-wire fence. Herds of horses, flocks of buzzards and many prarie-dogs were also seen. (Train 3 hourse behind tim.) At 11:30 am, we were in LaJunte, Colorado, a railroad centre. After leaving this place we saw Pike's Peak plainly at a distance of 160 miles. Appeared distinctly in this shape, even the snow could be noticed. It is really wonderful how deceptive the distance is in mountainous and also desert regions. At one place in Arizona the conductor called my attention to a certain mountain which seemed to be close by, he asked me in what time I thought a person could walk to it. Well I looked at it and then said it could harly take a person 5 minutes. It appeared nearer than the gravel-pit does from the college inNazareth.

To my astonishment I had to hear that it was over 7 miles.

Through Colorado we traveled mostly over great elevations and large plateaus, covered with dwarf trees and small cactus. Occasionally we passed Mexican settlement; their houses were nothing but Dobi-huts. Dobi is a kind of brick made of clay and grass, dried in the sun instead of burnt as the red brick.

At Trinidad, we received our additional engine to take us up the Rockie Mountains of New Mexico. At 5:30 pm we took a meal which combined dinner and supper. (Train 4 hours behind time.) This was a day of fast for Brother Philip; in the morning he took no breakfast, postponed until dinner - but, there was no possibility of getting anything whatever the whole day.

September 10th

Early in the morning we met an Indian settlement. (Pueblos) They also live in Dobi-huts. Some time later in the day we met the Navajos. This tribe has no permianent settlement as the former ones; they rome about from place to place with their cattle.

In Arizona, we saw some Indians of the Mojave and Wallapie tribes, the expenses for their clothing does not run very high.

From Winslow to Ash Fork, Arizona, we had the honor of having General Crook, the great Indian fighter in our car. He is a very simple and pleasant man. Very interesting in his cinversations, naturally; ready to answer every question relating to Indians.

Towards evening we came into the pine forests near Belmont, Flagstaff, etc., Arizona, the loveliest and most inviting scenary of the whole route.

September 11th

At the Needles we took our breakfast. This village has its name from the sharp and high Peaks of the neighboring mountains.

From here we passed through regular deserts. No vegetation whatever. Beds of Alkalie and lava is the only thing which can be seen for about 10 hours ride. The most desolate and dreary country I have ever seen. I hardly believe that the Great Sahara Desert of Africa can be any worse! Not a shrub, blade of grass or drop of water for hundreds of miles. The small stations along the line must be supplied with everything by the trains which pass each day.

The Nevada mountains, which could be seen in the distance are also entirely barren, nothing but hills of rocks.

September 12th

Cloudy morning - cool - signs of civilization can again be seen, cultivating fields on both sides; makes a person feel at home again.

At Lathrop we took our breakfast and then bade farewell to our companion, Brother Hoffman, who had to change cars for Stockton.

The principal produce of California along the line, is wheat. we rode for hours almost through single wheat-fields. Here I hear of reapers which combine cutting, thrashing, fanning and stacking. A wagon can follow such a machine and pick up the filled sacks.

At 12:10 pm we arrived at Oakland. (Train 3 hours behind time). We crossed the bay in a beautiful ferry and then went to the Brooklyn Hotel where we remained until the steamer let. In the course of the afternoon we visited the different parties for whom we had or were to receive orders.

September 13th

Today we spent our time in seeing the most prominent places of the city of San Francisco. The most notable were the Baldwin Hotel - surpasses any of New York, the Cliffhouse from where we had a fine view of the Pacific Ocean and the large cliffs near the shore, these are covered with hundreds of sea-lions. Near by is the Golden Gate Park. It differs greatly from any Eastern Park. It may not be as rich as the Central Park of New York but surpasses it in floral beauty and drives between dense lines of Cedar and Pine. The Catholic Cemetary is situated on and around a high hill, on the top of it is a large cross, which can be seen from the parts of Frisco.

September 14th

Hear Mass in St. Ignatious Church - visited also the Cathedral, etc. In the afternoon I went to Oakland. I saw nothing worth penning down.

After writing a few letters and postals in the evening we retired into our nice beds, thinking that this will be our last night's rest we may perhaps have in our native land.

September 15th

Last day in the States. Got awake pretty early this morning. All fell well; a little anxious about our ocean trip.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CA TO THE S. ISLANDS

At 3 o'clock, precisely, the "Alemeda" left the Frisco landing. A half an hour later we passed through the "Golden Gate" and entered the blue waters of the Pacific. Whilst the vessel was moving on slowly, and we were gradually losing sight of land, I once more recalled to my mind all my relations and friends, and gave them, in spirit, a hearty shake-hand and farewell embrace; hoping to meet again in heaven, at least, if the Almighty wills no earlier time.

AT 5:30 pm we were called for dinner. All ent; appetite was praisable. After that we passed some time on deck, questioning each other who would be first to pay tributes to Neptune. After recommending ourselves to God, we tried, for the first time, to rest in the ship's berth.

September 16th

Brother Philip and I slept well during the first night on seas; felt somewhat dizzy after we were up. At 8:30 we took a pretty good breakfast as preparation for the sacrifices. At 10 o'clock I was forced to call upon Ulrich for help. Felt entirely relieved afterwards and until the end of the journey. After the lunch at 12:30, Brothers Louis and Philip prominaded to the bow of the ship - Brother Philip paid his tributes from those quarters. Ever after we all enjoyed good health and excellent appetite.

September 17th

Feast of St. Lambert. Who imagined last year or any other year that I would celebrate my names day upon the Pacific Ocean. The entire day passed nicely - saw nothing but the waters and the heavens besides a few sea gulls which followed us all along to the Islands.

September 18th

The sea very quiet - in fact it was remarkably calm during the whole trip. Always pleasent on deck. In the evening the Chief Engineer took us through the lower part of the vessel and explained to us the workings of the engine. After that the vocal artist assembled in the Social Hall and gave us some National Airs: "Din Miuft am Rjain!" "God Save the Queen" and others. The remainder of the voyage had about the same programmes.

In order that you may have a slight idea of our beautiful vess, the Alameda", I will here give a brief description of her. She was built in Philadelphia in the year 1883. The Hull is constructed of iron, and as shown by official record, is of 1939 tons burden. She has 39 State rooms with 115 berths, and is allowed to carry 185 passengers, viz: 115 first cabin and 70 steerage, besides a full compliment of officers and crew.

She is provided with one compound L. R. engine of 43862 in. diameter of cylinder and 4 3/12 stroke of piston, and 4 boilers 19 1/2 and 9 1/2 ft in length. Nominal horse power 3000. The other particulars, as life boat, rafts, etc., are in proportion.

I will also give here the daily bulletin of our voyage. Whoever wants to take the trouble of tracing our passage on water from San Francisco to the Sandwich Islands can do so by these figures:

N. Latitude	36.06	34.15	32.00	29.38	26.43	23.37	21.15
W. Logitude	127.39	133.39	139.10	144.39	149.39	154.03	158.00
Distance(miles)	237	308	316	316	316	302	269
Course	5.68	5.69	65	65	57	52	

September 22nd

Most of the passengers were up early to take a good look at some of the Islands which were in sight already.

Molokai (the Hapes Island) and the Main were to our left. We also noticed dimly, Pauk (the island on which Honolulu, the Capital is situated). Breakfast was served at 7 o'clock to be ready for the landing. If forgot to mention that we saw shoals of the flying fish and porpoises. It is interesting to see the latter leap out of the water. After breakfast we could fairly see the numerous extinct craters or volcanoes. The principal one at the entrance is called Koko-head, the next in value is the Diamond-head; both are barren mountains. After passing these our eyes rested upon high mountains covered with beautiful green of the guava tress, ferns and grass, along the foot of them were the

cocoa groves, quite a strange sight for foreigners. Honolulu could now easily be seen; a real garden of tropical plants and trees. The entire city seems to be situated in a large grove of the most beautiful trees. About 2 or 3 miles from the shore the vessel halted to wait for the Pilot and Doctor. At 8:30 the "Alameda" landed.

The wharf was crowded with all kinds of faces. I took a prominent place on the deck in order that I could easily be noticed by some of our people. I did not expect to distinguish them from the strangers since they all wear beards. And really, before the vessel was fastened I heard my name called by Reverend Leonard who greeted us affectionately and told us to have our satchels ready at the rear of the ship. As soon as the bridge was lowered we descended, had a warm shake-hand with Reverend Leonard and then immediately stepped into the carriage which was waiting for us. Brother Bertram was also at the wharf, but by some mishap (the crowd probably) he could neither find us nor Reverend Leonard. We met him then at the mission. After a short visit to the Very Reverend Bishop Hermann we rode to St. Louis College. The Brothers were all engaged in the classrooms, since school had begun on the 15th inst. already. Those who could do it without inconvenience left their boys to have a hearty welcome shake-hand. You may imagine that there was not very much school that afternoon. In the afternoon there was vacation, naturally. Reverend Sylvester and Brother Bertram were only too glad to give it.

We all went to Waikiki, a watering place about 4 miles from Honolulu, and took a good salt water bath; after which we passed the time in regular Pic-Nic style. The drive to this place, rather narrow, as all the roads and streets of this city are really lovely. All along are neatly built cottages with nice gardens of tropical plants and flowers. I was delighted with the sights.

On Thursday, I made my debut on horseback with Brother Bertram. We went up Nuuanu Valley to the Pali (precipice). One of the most popular places for excursions on the Island of Oahu. It is really something grand! High mountains on both sides, covered with trees and ferns; rich meadows and plantations at their base.

I have never seen the Yosemite Valley, but tourists compare this one with it. If the valleys in Switzerland are as attractive as this one, then I am not astonished that some of our people who are in Sion, etc., are so enthusiastic when speaking of their Switzerland. After a ride of 6 miles we arrived at the Pali, a tremendous, precipice many hundred feet deep; it makes a person dizzy to look down. Into this very precipice, King Kamekemia the first drove 1500 hostile natives when pursuing them. We did not remain here very long because the wind was strong.

At 2 o'clock pm we were back at the College again, made the distance to and from (12 miles) in a little less than 2 1/2 hours. It will not be necessary to tell you how I felt or what my trouble was after my return. Let it suffice if I say that there is "Primum Ropu Opun Slowannu": now did I wish to have a ride the next day.

You probably expect to hear something about St. Louis College! I cannot say much more than has been said last year already. The College, in one word, is in a flourishing condition; bears an excellent reputation in this city and in the entire Kingdom. There is present 300 day scholars and boarders. A set of five boys; very tractable and well behaving. The road is not spoken of at all. The surroundings are as you have seen them on the photographs; a little paradise. I must join in with Brother Thomas in saying the Brothers here have the finest place in the Province.

The climate is everything a healthy or sick man can desire in that line. It is not near as warm as in the States in summer, owing to the trade-winds.

Waikiki is even very cool at times; whilst I was there I kept the window closed during the night and made use of the blanket. The Brothers there live near the coast; have a full sea breeze continually.

During my stay here Brother Tom and I visited another Yosemite Valley; in my opinion it is more beautiful than the one I spoke of before. If I could be in your company for an hour I would tell you still more interesting things that I have taste for penning just now.

The Brothers of both places without exceptions are all delighted with their new homes. So far I have no desire for returning neither. I feel that I am improving slowly; and if you do not forget me in your pious prayers, I will improve still more.

At present I have 3 scholars for the violin, have charge of the college choir and orchestra; also started a choir with the Brothers. What will be next, I do not know; I will leave that for the next letter.

It will be about time to make a conclusion. You are probably as tired of reading this as I am of writing. I hope it gives you all information you desire about my person. If any reader of this wants more details about the Islands in general let him ask the questions.

All Brothers join in sending regards to each and every reader or listener on this letter.
Special regards to parents, relations, Brothers, candidates, etc.

The following additional information regarding Brother Lambert. It was from Brother Lawrence Scrivant, SM, Marianist Provincial Residence, Province of the Pacific, P O Box AC, Cupertino, CA 95015, phone 408-253-4841 to SallyLee M. Ledford, 576 Brandt Pike, #3, Dayton, OH 45404. The letter is dated July 13, 1991.

Dear Miss Ledford:

I'm happy to say that we have a little something about your great-great-uncle Brother Lambert Weixel. Brother Lambert lived the last two years of his life in Hawaii, where he died of Tuberculosis. Enclosed you will find an extract of the times he is mentioned in the annals of our house in Honolulu.

In those days, Hawaii was an independent monarchy, and not a part of the USA. The first Marianist arrived there in 1883, at what was considered a foreign mission. I'm enclosing a leaflet that summarizes the history of the Brothers in Hawaii. Your uncle was something of a pioneer, and a missionary to foreign lands.

From the memorial page enclosed, which was drawn up from the recollection of the old timers then still alive, you can see that Brother Lambert made a good impression despite the few years he spent in Hawaii.

If you are interested in any of the photos we have of Brother Lambert, just tell me the negative numbers and the number of copies of each you want. I can get black/white prints of the size shown on the enclosed Xerox of \$1.00 each.

Thanks for the copy of the letter written by Brother Lambert describing his journey to Hawaii. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it along.

Should you want further explanation about the Brothers in Hawaii or about anything in the documents I'm sending you, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

Brother Lawrence Scrivani, SM
Provincial Archivist

BROTHER LAMBERT WEIXEL, SM IN HAWAII, 1884-1886

Extracted from the Annals of the Community of Honolulu, Volume One, recorded by Brother Gabriel Bertram, religious superior.

1884

9/22 Brother Lambert Weixel (with two other Brothers) arrives in Honolulu on the steamer "Alameda". "Brother Lambert comes here principally for his health. Took him to Dr. Trousseau who examined him thoroughly and then told me in confidence that he could not last more than 2 years. Consumption." Brother Bertram.

9/25 Brother Lambert appointed sub-director of Honolulu Marionist community, but has no teaching assignment.

9/29 Brother Lambert takes steamer to Wailuku on the island of Maui for the sale of his health. He returns to Honolulu on November 1.

11/16 Brother Lambert, Louis and Betram go to the King's reception. The occasion is his birthday (King David Kalakaua).

12/13 Brother Lambert spits blood.

1885

5/16 House Council former for the the Brothers at St. Louis College, Honolulu. Brother Lambert among its members (The House Council assists the local religious superior in governing the religious community.)

7/8 Brother Lambert's health is growing poorer. No appetite whatsoever.

8/25 Brother Lambert goes to Lahaina on Maui to recuperate. He resides at the Catholic mission in that place

9/14 Brother Lambert takes on the St. Louis College choir and will give violin lessons if able.

10/12 Brother Lambert accompanies Brother Bertram to Wailuku and remains thill the 19th. His health poorer on return.

12/25 The College band plays at Christmas Mass at the Cathedral of Honolulu, and the College choir sings "remarkably well" with Brother Lambert directing.

1886

1/7 Brother Lambert forms a choir among the Brothers and holds first rehearsal.

2/7 "Brother Lambert ... gets no salary whatever andyet he has done a great deal for the reputation of the College on account of his musical talent." Brother Bertram.

3/26 Concert at the College. The Brothers choir sings well. Brother Lambert on his feet for two hours directing them and the boys choir.

6/28 Brother Lamberts asks to leave Honolulu for a rest.

9/ Brother Lambert in the government hospital at Wailuku (called Malulani Hospital and staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York). Exact date of entry not recorded.

10/11 Brother Lambert leaves Wailuku on account of Brother Lambert's low state of health. The Brothers alternated with each other to conduct "night watches" with Brother Lambert

10/19 Brother Lambert dies at 3:55 pm.

10/23 Brother Lambert buried in the Catholic cemetary of Wailuku. He is the first Marianist to die in Hawaii.

Margaret Diederich (9/20/1846 – 12/20/1874) entered the Sanquienerist in 1872 in Maria Stein, Ohio. This order is the Sister of the Precious Blood. Sister Florina was sent to Lawrenceburg, TN. She was a novice when she died.

Olive Marie Diederich (6/3/1889) She belonged to the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, Bronx, NY. She professed 4/13/1934 and retired in 1970. She is Sr. Mary Abrose.

(obituary)

Sister Mary Ambrose Diederich, O.P., of Mariadale, died Sunday at Phelps Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1889, and entered the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor order in 1933.

Sister Mary Ambrose had practiced nursing nearly 25 years before entering religious life. She was graduated from nursing school in 1910 and did post-graduate work in medicine and pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital, New York City. She also served as a director of public health nursing in Cleveland.

Entering religious profession in 1935, Sister Ambrose was a staff nurse, supervisor of nurses and superior in community convents in New York, Michigan and Ohio. She also did vocation work from 1954 to 1960. Her last assignment, from 1971 to her death, was as librarian in the mother house at Mariandale.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Coletta Storey of Cleveland, and nephews and nieces. Her Nephew, the Rev. John R. Storey, priest of the Cleveland diocese, will be celebrant of the funeral mass.

RESUME

1906-1907 Employed thru the day to finance my education at Night School in preparation for Nurses training.

1907-1910 Nurses training

1/1911-3/1912; 9/1912-9/1914; 3/1915-9/1916; 1/1919-1/1920 Private duty nursing, mostly hospital. Calls received from the Nurses Official Registry, District 4. Ohio State Nursing Association (ANA) Cleveland, OH

3/1912-9/1912 Head Nurse, Rainbow Hospital, South Euclid, Oh. This was the Orthopedic Division of Lakeside Hospital now the Western Reserve University Hospital, Cleveland, OH. This position was taken to enable me to care for my Father in his last illness.

9/1914-3/1915 (6 month) Post Graduate, Medicine and Pediatric Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City. Miss Clara D Noyes, Supt. of Nursing

9/1916-1/1919 Division of Health, Public Health Nursing, Cleveland TBC Infant Hygiene and Comm. Diseases

1/1918-8/1918 Leave of absence to care for brother (Leander) at TB Pt in Colorado. Private duty at Golckner Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

10/1918 Leave of absence to serve as an Emergency Nurse for the Flu Epidemic, Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Oh

1/1919 resigned Public Health Nursing because of a throat condition contracted at Camp Sherman.

1/1920-8/1921 Private Duty Nursing, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Spokane and Seattle, Washington; San Francisco & Los Angeles, California Calls received thru the Nurses Official Registry, Presentation for Membership in the ANA was sufficient credential to receive work.

1/1922-6/1933 Hourly Nursing, Home Delivery and Minor Operations as a private practice Nurse. Hourly Nursing various treatments on the hourly basis. For the delivery service and minor operations supplied all the sterile equipment, set up the room and assisted the doctor. During this period had over 1700 deliveries and made an average of 3-5 calls a day.

6/1924 (10 days) Lorain Ohio Torando Disaster. American Red Cross Disaster relief. As a Red Cross Nurse was in charge of the Dressing Station at Washington High School.. This included dressing station with a staff of 3 doctors and 7 nurses. Ambulance Service, Emergency Wards, Canteen and Morgue.

8/1926-8/1931 Owned and operated the West Side Registry for Physicians and Nurses (This was in our own home.

Lectures

On hourly nursing as a private practice and demonstrations on the setup for home delivery and Minor Operations to the students of: Cleveland City Hospital; and Lakewood City Hospital

On Red Cross enrollment and disaster relief, to the: Local committee on Red Cross Nursing, General Hospital, Mansfield, OH; St. Joseph Hospital Students and Alumnae, Lorain, OH; and St. Lukes Hospital Alumnae, Cleveland, OH.

Papers

“Hourly Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio as a Private Practice” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Nurses Association, Deshler Hotel, April 1924, Columbus, OH. Published in the American Journal of Nursing, June 1924.

“Care of the Obstetrical Patient in the home” OSNA Institute 1924, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, OH

“Which Makes the best hourly nurse, private duty or public health” Presented at the OSNA State Meeting 1928 Toledo, OH. Holding office in the State Association had reports and articles in the Ohio Nurses Review.

Organizations

Societies

Holy Trinity Church, Cleveland, Ohio
St. Thomas Aquinas, Cleveland, Ohio
Catholic Nurses Guild, President 2 terms
Social Mission Sisters Guild, President
Chairman of Sewing group, Clothing drive, etc.

Nurses Organizations Membership in the OSNA, District 4, ANA 1916-1933
Enrolled in the American Red Cross #33862 1918

Offices Held

1929-1930 Chairman, Private Duty Section Dist 4 OSNA
Member of the Board of Trustees Dis #4 OSNA
1929-1931 First term
1931-1934 Second term resigned in 1933
1931-1932 Chairman of State Section of Private Duty

- 1932-1933 Nursing OSNA Resigned in 1933.
- 1924-1933 Secretary, Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service for nine counties, This work was the enrollment of Nurses in the ARC
- 1924-1933 American Red Cross Sub-Committee on disaster relief. The work of this Committee was to mobilize nurses and equipment in the event of a Disaster. These positions are honor position given to nurses that have served in disaster work with no pay, the time required to keep up and ready for an emergency was about 16 hours a week.

Sister Rosalima Knechtges, at the Villa Maria Community Center, died at age 92 in Cleveland. She belonged to the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.

Father John Storey –

Father Howard Diederich b. 7/23/194-. He was ordained 7/12/1931 at the American College, Louvan, Belgium.

Celia Winifred Diederich b. 10/24/1904. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 2/1923. He professed on 8/15/1925. She is Sister Rosaleen. She died on 1/20/1999, in the Health Care Center. For 30 years she was Director of Aspirants and Mistress of Novices. She spent the last 27 years of her life in the Provincial Secretary's office. Sister left formation to impart information. Now she lives in the glory of transformation.

(obituary)

Sister Mary Roseleen Diederich entered religious life from St. Peter, North Ridgeville. Sister graduated from Notra Dame Academy. She earned her BS Degree from St. John College and her MA from the Catholic University. Sister taught at St. Mary, Bellevue; St Peter, Canton; St. Joseph, Randolph; St Mary, Elyria; Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleveland and Notre Dame Academy Elementary School. She was directress of the Notre Dame Aspirant School for 10 years, novice directress for 20 years and has been assistant provincial secretary since 1969.

Mary Catherine Scherschel b. 10/18/1911. She professed to the Ursline Community on 8/23/1955. She is Sister Borromeo.

Anna Marie Diederich b. 4/8/1943. She entered the Ursline Community on 8/13/1962. This narrative is from an article that appeared in the Plain Dealer by Fran Henry on 6/13/1903. (Sister Anne Marie Diederich, 50, is president of Ursline College.)

Once upon a time she was simply "Anne," a country girl picking berries in the wild, wooded acres around her home, the harvesting occasionally interrupted by horses from the nearby farm.

Beachwood, late 40's, early 50's.

Newcomers probably think this taxbase-blessed suburb has always been the fashionable shopping mecca of the immediate world. Not so. It was a Russell Township, so to speak, when her parents built their house in 1941.

Now, when Sister Anne Marie Diederich wants a little country R&R – like every month – she heads for a rustic cabin in the Mohican State Park region of central Ohio.

“There’s an outhouse, no running water and no phone,” says Diederich. She’s clearly partial to the enforced communication gap, standing firm as an alien in the Land of the Car Phone.

For that is what she is.

She took her stance when she joined the Ursuline Order after she graduated from Beaumont School for Girls in 1961. The order was founded in 1535, “when a woman need a man or a wall,” says Diederich.

But the Ursulines were a decidedly different breed: They lived among the people, wore the simple clothes of the day, and focused on the education and support of women.

“The congregation in Paris was being pressured to become cloistered so to the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, they added a fourth vow, education. It gave them reason to remain among the people,” she explains.

It was Diederich’s younger sister, “quiet and serious” Mary, whom their mother expected to join the convent.

“Catholic mothers always wanted one daughter to be a nun,” Diederich says.

I thought about being a sister in grade school (Gesu School in University Heights), but close to junior high school, I heard a myth that if you really wanted to be a nun, you wouldn’t be.”

So, Diederich consciously put the notion aside and carried on as an average teenage girl in the early ‘60s. She daydreamed about house plans, décor, silver patterns and china, all the while feeling queasy about her future.

“I remember being in a French class and I couldn’t concentrate.”

In and of itself, not in the least unusual. Happens all the time. However....

“I was saying to myself, ‘No, no, no. I’m not going to do this.’ I wasn’t peaceful, so I went to see my aunt, Sister Lawrence, and she recommended I talk with the general superior of her order, the Ursulines.

“I told my father I was going to be a nun and he said, “I’ll believe it when I see it.”

October 21, 1960, the Feast of St. Ursula, her father’s birthday and the day Diederich talked to Mother Marie and decided to become one of the following fall’s postulant class of 15. Peace reigned in her mind.

“My friends threw showers and gave me the things I’d need to enter the convent, like black bathrobes, black slippers, white nightgowns and thee long blue-gingham apron a postulant needed in 1961.”

She graduated from Ursuline College in 1966, and returned 20 years later to be its president.

Diederich took her final vows in 1969 with 14 classmates. She is one of five remaining in the order today.

“I don’t know anybody who is alive and breathing and dealing with what’s going on around them who coesn’t call the question: Is what I’m about making the kind of difference that matters to me?”

“What I said ‘yes’ to years ago is not what I say ‘yes’ to today. Today, there’s more depth of commitment. One is much less idealistic at 50 than at 18.

Amen.

Judith Ann Manders b. 1/19/1940 She professed in the Sisters of Notre Dame in 8/1958. She is Sister Jacqueline.

Rose Marie Scherschel b. 10/13/1952. She entered the Our Lady of Grace Convent in Beach Grove, Indiana in 8/1972.

Laurice Helen Diederich (Sister Mary Wilfred) died on 8/16/1998 in Geauga Hospital. Head Nurse for most of the 42 years she spent in nursing, Sister was characterized by efficiency, attentiveness, concern, kindness and dedication.

(obituary)

Sister Mary Wilfred Diederich, the former Laurice Diederich, entered religious life from St. Peter, North Ridgeville, in 1927 and was professed in 1929. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy, earned a bachelor's degree from St. John College and a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Louis University.

Sister Diederich taught for 16 years in the Cleveland and Youngtown dioceses, including St. Michael, Independence, St. Boniface, Cleveland, and St. Gregory, South Euclid. After receiving her nursing degree, she began her ministry to the sick at St. Mary Hospital in Humboldt, Tenn. When the provincial house infirmary was located at Marian Call, Cleveland, Sister Diederich served as head nurse and local superior. At the Chardon Provincial House, she was head nurse in the infirmary for 22 years. Since 1982 she has been school nurse at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, VA.

Father Francis H. Diederich This is an article that appeared about this person. Several of the people mentioned in it are also relatives.

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Fiftieth anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood will be celebrated in coming weeks by three diocesan priests.

Father Martin E. Cummins, pastor emeritus of St. Peter Parish, Akron, will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at 4:30 pm, Sunday May 31 in St. Martha Church, Akron. Bishops Anthony M. Pilla and Gilbert I sheldon, vicar for the Southern retion, will be co-celebrants. Afterward, there will be a reception in the parish hall.

His anniversary of rdnation is May 30, as is Father Jerome Schneider, who will celebrate with a Mass of thanksgiving at 11:30 am Sunday, May 31 in St. Peter Church. Father Schneider is paster emertius of St. Peter. He lives with is sister in Massillon.

Concelebrants at the Mass of thanksgiving will include Father Isadore Paulus, paster emeritus, St. Stephen Parish, and Marist Father Charles Girard, St. Peter Paster.

Father Francis H. Diederich will celebrate his anniversary with a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, July 12, the exact date of his anniversary. Mass will be 2 pm in St. Frances de Sales Church, Akron, where Father Diederich is pastor emeritus. Bishops Pilla and Sheldon will be concelebrants. Afterward there will be a reception in the parish hall.

Father Cummings was associate at St. Edward, Youngstown, St. Joseph Collinwood, St. Mary Akron, St. Joseph Cuyahoga Falls, and paster of St. Mary, Hudson. He was paster of St. Martin of Tours, Valley City, before becoming paster of St. Peter, Akron.

Father Schneider was associate at St. Peter and St. Boniface, before returning to St. Peter as associate in 1940. He became its pastor in 1945.

Father Diederich was associate, ST. Paul, Akron, and at St. Thomas Aquinas, before becoming paster of St. Francis de Sales, Akron, in 1948.

ADDENDUM #1

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH SHEFFIELD, OHIO

St. Theresa's church of Sheffield, Ohio was organized in 1845 by the Reverend Peter Griesch with the following membership:

John Miller and wife, Catherine
Christian March and wife
John Foster and wife
Peter Laux, and wife, Elizabeth
Henry Schwartz and wife, Magdalen
Peter Schneider and wife
Mathias Schueller and wife, Mariea Catherine
George Susgauer and wife, Catherine
JOHN DIEDRICK AND WIFE, GERTRUDE
Peter Rothgery and wife, Madgelen
Peter Urich
Andrew Bugeno
Peter Young
Leopold Miller
John Caughlin and wife, Anna
George Klingshern, and wife
Athony Dietsch and wife
John Kelling and wife, Catherine

At the organization it was agreed upon that every member pay one dollar with which they bought one acre of ground. On this ground they built a log church 24 feet by 30 feet which served as a place of worship until 1851. The new church is a frame structure 40 X 60 feet, costing \$1500. First mass was read on Christmas day, 1851.

One acre of land had been purchased of Capt. Aaron Root with the understanding that if he sold the farm he would donate another acre, which he did. So there now are tow acres of land which in part serves as a cemetery.

At the organization John Miller, Christian March, Peter Laux, and Peter Schneider were appointed first church Trustees. In 1879, the Church property was valued at \$4000. Since then there has been a substantial brick parsonage built at a cost of \$3000.

ADDENDUM #2

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO

St. Peter's Catholic Church of North Ridgeville, Ohio was organized in February, 1875 by the Reverend L. Molan of Elyria. It then embraced a membership of some 45 families. A church building was erected in the summer of the same year. As there was a good dwelling house on the lot purchased, there was no need of building a parsonage. It has served that purpose ever since.

On the same lot north of the church stood the old town hall which has ever since been used as a school house. In 1888 it was moved to the south side of the church where two adjoining lots and one dwelling house were purchased the same year. The house now serves as the teachers dwelling house.

Since the organization the membership has been redoubled. In 1890, the church was enlarged to twice its size.

Prominent among the organizers were:

William Faulhaber
MATHIAS DIEDRICK
Peter Thome
Peter Wieresch
Nicholas Juchem
NICHOLAS DIEDRICK
Mathais Meyers
Peter Meyer

ADDENDUM #3

THE ELM TREE TALKS

HISTORICAL TALES OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

BY FRANCIS SMITH

Introduction

The study of the heritage of North Ridgeville and its families has been a lifelong interest for Miss Frances Smith. Her Ancestors were numbered among the earliest German settlers in the northern part of the original township. Recently, she has collected notes from interviews with current and former residents, pages of data from historical research, clippings, anecdotes and memories from the past 30 years into this intriguing booklet -- the first "new" history of North Ridgeville in 25 years. It is especially appropriate that this work is being printed in 1985 -- the 175th anniversary of the first settlement in Ridgeville (1810).

As a long-time member and past president of the North Ridgeville Historical Society, Miss Smith has graciously and generously offered the book to the Society as a fund-raising project. The Majority of the proceeds will be used to create the Historical Society's Special Procurements Fund. The officers and members offer Frances Smith our sincere thanks for this contribution.

The even greater immediate benefit, however, is to the families of North Ridgeville -- present and former -- who may now read and enjoy these historically accurate and interesting glimpses related through the memory of a majestic elm tree which once grew on Stoney Ridge Road.

Jeff Sigsworth, President
North Ridgeville Historical Society

PREFACE

The age of the old Elm Tree is not known. Mother was born in 1880 and said it was a big tree as far back as she could remember. Through the years many families and children enjoyed the tree.

My memory of it is a huge tree that stood as an umbrella to shade the house and yard. Family reunions. Picnics. Children playing. Resting in the cool shade. And the swing that hung from a big limb. Children of all ages enjoyed it.

I often thought that old Elm Tree could tell some interesting stories if it could talk. And so the Elm Tree tells the stories. The tree finally succumbed in 1964 but lives on in the memory of many.

Some of the stories are tales told by my people and others whose people have been in the area from "way back". Other stories are based on information resulting from research in the Lorain County Recorder's Office, the North Ridgeville, the Elyria and the Loain County Historical Society Libraries. The Western Reserve Historical Society Library provided the information about Ely's store.

William's "history of Lorain County", "One Hundred and Fifty Years", by Doris Mills, et. al., and Dorothy Painter's "Wyllis Terrell's Memiors" document many things about Ridgeville's past.

Real names are usually used only if found in previous documented material. The intent of the tales is to give a picture of a developing community and a belief that all who have lived in the community contributed something to it. However, as the Elm Tree said, "I do have more stories. In the meantime, you find some to tell me".

I am grateful to Loretta Antl for reading these stories and her suggestions; to Russ DiNardo for his sketch of the Elm Tree' to Lois Sullivan for her encouragement and help, and to Mary Ann Sarasin and Dora Adams for typing the stories.

Francis M. Smith

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NORTHRIDGEVILLE TALES

THE LOTTERY

Joe and Bob were loading bales of hay onto the wagon on a hot, sultry day. When they got to the end of the row they stopped for a cool drink from their thermos, sitting in the shade of an ancient elm tree. They were startled at first but became interested when the Old Elm began talking:

Sometimes I get lonesome and spend a great deal of time reminiscing. I'm getting old and everything has changed. I even lost track of my age. But recently some men working at that nearby house measured me and said by girth was fifteen feet. When I was young, I was surrounded by trees. There were maple, elm, ash, locust tulip-tree, oak, walnut, butternut, chestnut, hickory, cherry, plum and more. Some grew to 150 feet tall. Closer to the ground, there were grapes, elderberries, blackberries, strawberries, and cranberries.

There were few people around. Indians hunted and traveled through the area on their way to the lake. The land supported vegetation and wild animals. The Indians used these according to their needs.

In 1806, some white men came with their compasses and chains, and strange things began to happen. They measured off and staked parcels of land into townships and sections. Word traveled from trees to the east that this had happened a few years earlier. Now the Connecticut Land Company set up a lottery of "draft" to divide that land in this area. Ephriam Root drew Ridgeville Township containing 14,733 acres and 2769 acres in Summit County. That was about \$.655 an acre. Ridgeville land was rated "inferior" to some, so the land in Summit County was added to "equalize" the value of Mr. Root's purchase with the others. Likewise, three Lake Erie Islands were added to Avon. Mr. Root, like some of the others, executed mortgages to the State of Connecticut to buy the land.

The Connecticut Land Company dated back to when the English Kings gave charters to the early colonies for land from "sea to sea". To get the States to sign the Articles of Confederation and relinquish their vague and often overlapping claims to land, Congress agreed the States could "reserve" a portion of their land. Connecticut's reserved land extended from the western boundary of Pennsylvania and from the lake to the northern part of Mahoning County and west to include Huron and Erie Counties. Connecticut gave the land in those two counties to people who were burned out and suffered greatly in the Revolution, and they became known as the Firelands. The rest of the land was sold to fifty men who formed the Connecticut Land Company and were "tenants in common". Land east of the Cuyahoga River was surveyed and subsequently sold, but that to the west was Indian Territory until the Treaty of Fort Industry in 1805. I was surveyed in 1806.

The entire Reserve was designated Trumbull County with Warren as the county seat. On February 10, 1807, Geauga County was organized. Cuyahoga County boundary lines were set up at the same time and included the present northeastern part of Lorain County. Civil responsibilities were vested in Geauga County until January 16, 1810. On January 22, 1811, Huron County's east boundary became the present Ridgeville-Elryia line. The same day the western Cuyahoga line was set at the east branch of the Black River. The error was corrected to the present city boundary at the next legislative session.

Lorain County was established in 1822, and started civil operation January 21, 1824. Because of the changing county boundaries, deed and legal papers for Ridgeville Township were recorded in those counties according to the dates of occurrence.

THE WHITE MAN MAKES HIS DEBUT

We trees had a grave foreboding when these surveyors appeared in Ridgeville in 1806. On May 10, 1810, we became greatly agitated. Thirteen men arrived Ridgeville. They chopped down some trees and built a log cabin on Section 15. That is between Bainbridge Road the railroad tracks, east of Root Road. We learned that three families had traded their New England farms for something over one-fourth of the township. Men from these families and others made the trip on foot. In Buffalo they bought tools and supplies they would need and had them sent to Cleveland by boat. One of the men also came on the boat to guard the purchases. The others met him in Cleveland and carried what tools they could the rest of the way. The remaining tools were brought out with pack horses. Leaving Cleveland, they traveled southward to the Newburg area to ford the Cuyahoga and Rocky Rivers. In Columbia Township they were greeted by former friends and neighbors. They then proceeded to their destination. From the first cabin the men went daily, each to his own land, but sometimes working together, and prepared for the arrival of their families. The Tilliston Terrell family was the first to arrive on July 6, 1810.

The early years were difficult. The log cabins were usually hastily erected while the family shared the cabin of an earlier settler. As soon as the walls and roof were in shape and hole cut for a door, the family moved in. When there was time, a floor of planks, split from logs was laid, and a window added. Windows were cut through the logs and usually opened and closed as a door. Glass windows were a luxury that was postponed until more basic needs were filled. Open fireplaces for heating and cooking were built of sticks, sometimes stones, bound together with clay from the ground in the area. Cabin fires were not unusual. Protecting domestic animals from wild ones was a problem.

After clearing the land and erecting a fence, wheat was sown broadcast among the stumps with a rude harrow. It was harvested with a sickle. The corn was planted by raising the ground slightly with a sharp hoe, a few kernels of corn placed under the hoe, then the ground pressed down over the kernels.

Winter was cold and during the summer the steamy forest was alive with mosquitoes and other bugs. Of course we trees thrived on the weather. There were so many of us we made a dense forest. People usually used axes to make notches in the trees when they went into the trees, when they went into the forest so they could find their way out. One day Mr. Beebe went in without his axe. He was looking for a horse that had strayed. Four days later Mr. Beebe found himself at the mouth of the Black River.

Added to the hardships was the War of 1812. Then men subject to military duty at the blockhouse in Columbia, leaving the women, children and older men at home. In September, 1813, word came that the British and American boats were gathering on the Lake. They we heard a terrible

noise from out there. A few days later we heard that Commodore Perry defeated the British on Lake Erie.

The men returned to their homes and planted winter wheat. In the spring corn, flax, and vegetables were planted. Occasionally a visit was made to the previously settled land to the east to have wheat ground into flour and feed for the livestock. The settlers brought back some necessities and sometimes, cows, pigs and sheep to add to what they already had. Sheep were sheared in the spring and the women and older girls washed and carded the wool, spun it into yarn and wove it into cloth. Finally the uncomfortable leather garments could be discarded.

Oxen were used more than horses for travel and work. Although slower, oxen were stronger, cheaper, easier to train and easier to care for. Like horses, they had to be shod. If they were injured or no longer able to be used for work, they could be fattened and used for food.

Living was a matter of hard work without "creature comforts". These people came to this area enticed by the story of "fertile land" and hoping to build a better life. There was nothing to be gained by growing more food than they could use since there was so little market in the area. However, there were two things they could do. They tapped the maple trees and made syrup and sugar. They cut down underbrush and trees and burnt them for the ashes. The ashes were leached, drained off and dried. The resulting product was called salts or pot-ash. It was used to make soap and glass.

Maple syrup and sugar and glass salts were taken to Cleveland in the earliest days, later to Elyria, where they were either sold or bartered for things the settlers needed.

Zenas Barnum came around 1815 and opened the first blacksmith shop. There wasn't much work for a blacksmith at that time so he made black salts and carted them to Pittsburgh with his oxen team, a round trip of about five weeks. He traded the black salts for nails and other things useful, to the early settlers.

As more people came into the area, the trees came to accept the gradual disappearance of the forest. We actually found the people interesting. They were as busy as the bees and ants that lived among the trees.

And now it's time for you boys to get back to work. I'll tell you more at another time.

WHAT A CONTRAST

Bob and Joe were really interested in the Elm Tree's story. They decided future visits would be on Sundays and evenings so as not to interfere with their work. Their father wasn't exactly happy that it took them so long to get the bales of hay into the barn and he was skeptical about the "talking Elm Tree".

The next Sunday, the Elm Tree welcomed Joe and Bob with more interesting stories:

In the spring of 1816 we trees saw a young man, a stranger, riding horseback along Center Ridge. Later, we learned he was Heman Ely who came by sulky from Massachusetts to Buffalo. He left the sulky there because he was told there were long distances of forest and no roads. Mr. Ely came to look after his and his father's estate in Elyria township. Mr. Ely made his home temporarily with Moses Eldred who kept a tavern on Center Ridge near the western township line. Heman contracted with a man from Newbrough in Cuyahoga County to build a large log cabin, a dam, a grist mill and a saw mill on the east branch of the Black River. The large cabin was for boarding the men engaged in construction of the mills. In the fall, Mr. Ely returned to Massachusetts and made preparations to return the next year.

Mr. Ely and his father, Justen, and some other men drew Elyria township in the Connecticut Land Company drawing. Heman bought out a man's share that bordered his father's. Together they owned 12,500 acres.

Heman returned in the spring with three or four men, a cook and a servant. He laid out plans for a village and hired surveyors and men from the neighboring townships to build roads. Mr. Ely came to Moses Eldred's place very few days to deposit and pick up mail until a post office was established in Elyria in 1818. Mail was carried to Cleveland and Fremont by horseback, until roads were improved and the stage coaches started carrying it in 1826.

In the meantime, improved roads and the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, wheat doubled in price from thirty five cents a bushel and corn from ten cents a bushel. When the tree stumps and roots were gone, improved farm tools could be used. This, along with better transportation, made farming more profitable.

IRON ORE, NOT SILVER

Around 1832, the news in tree language was "now they are digging up the soil and carting it away". We learned Heman Ely was following his father's advice to look for iron ore in the area. If any found, Heman should purchase the land, as it would be "more valuable than any silver mine". About 1830 iron ore was found in some of the bogs near the ridges in the area. Heman formed the Lorain Iron Company in Elyria and the plant with a smelting furnace was built near the west falls of the River and Furnace Street. He purchased several parcels of land that looked promising, and contracted to take ore off other properties in the area.

Some of the contracts for ore were for sites in Ridgeville. James Harper, in the area of Root and Teed Roads, received one hundred fifty dollars from the Iron Company. The company could take eight hundred and fifty tons of ore. When that had been taken, the company could continue for twenty years to take ore at the rate of fifty cents per ton.

The contract with David Powers in the area of west of Avon-Beldon Road and between Chestnut Ridge and the town line was more complicated. It appears that was more bargaining or "Yankee Trading" in this contract. Mr. Powers received one dollar at the time the contract was made and then was paid fifty cents a ton for "good quality ore" when it was dug. The contract required that the ore be dug "with as little waste and damage to the ore bed and to the premises as conveniently may be". In addition, Mr. Powers was to set up and maintain "a good gate for an entrance of teams of oxen to said ore bed".

In another contract Asahel Morgan, in the area of Center Ridge and Pitts Boulevard, received one dollar, then the Iron Company could dig and haul away at least fifty tons a year and pay Mr. Morgan one dollar a ton for good quality ore, "one half in cash and the other half in goods at cash price out of the store". The company was not to "commit any unnecessary wastes or damage to crops" and Mr. Morgan was to have "the privilege of hauling any of said ore to the company furnace in Elyria -- at a reasonable price" the times to be set by the company.

We trees have often observed that most people are enterprising and keep busy. They accompany one thing, then see it as a stepping stone to something else. So it was with Mr. Ely and the Iron Company.

A three story-brick-block building was erected, stretching from Mill Street to Washington Avenue. Here the finished iron was turned into tools and housewares. The building also housed a store. Transportation was improving and things the people were accustomed to in the east could be brought in, and local produce taken out to be marketed.

An unstable monetary and banking system led to an extensive use of barter. Men were paid \$1.25 to \$1.41 a day for "work done on the brick block" in 1833. Some of the men boarded in the log cabin Mr. Ely had erected on his first trip, while others like Mr. Pelton "boarded self" and was paid "one thirty dollar per cord" for chopping wood for the furnaces. According to his ledger, Mr. Ely hired a man to haul coal, probably from around Warren and Youngstown, where there was good coal.

The man "is to have a yoke of black oxen of the Company to use, he is to use them well and keep them well and if he shall deliver to the Company 250 bushels of good first rate coal he is to have the oxen as his own one half to be delivered by the first of April next and oth other half by first of July next".

Ridgeville people went to the Iron Company store for such things as stoves for heating and for cooking, sugar kettles, calomel, Syrup of Rubarb and Paruvian Bark. Sixty three cents would buy one half pound of tea, fifty cents a gallon of whiskey, fourteen cents a pound of nails, two dollars a stew kettle, fifty cents a pound of snuff, seventeen cents a yard of fine fabric, twenty five cents four ounces of opium. There were no laws regarding the sale of opium and other drugs at that time and there was a real need for opium because of pain and discomfort from injuries, cholera, and malaria. The anopheles mosquito was in the area dn malaria was a common complaint. The Peruvian Bark was made into tea and drank as medication for malaria.

The Furnace and iron ore caused quite a stir in the area and was a real, but short lived boom. An increasing number of steam boats were plying the Lakes carrying a better grade of ore from Minnesota and the Lorain Iron Company's ore and things made from it couldn't compete. The Company declared bankruptcy in 1842.

Heman then turned his thoughts to banking, in a time of national economic instability and no national regulation of banks. The first ment a breakdown in industry and business every few years, la phenomenon that accompanied the advancement of the Industrial age, but had little effect on the rural frontier areas. When "Old Hickory Jackson" vetoed the bill to rechart the Bank of the United States in 1836, backs chartered under state laws became numerous and issued paper money with no backing and must of it worth less than the paper it was printed on.

Under such conditions, Heman Ely and some other men decided the area could support a bank and established the Lorin Bank in Elyria. It did a reputable and prosperous business until it was reorganized as the First National Bank of Elyria in 1864 following the establishment of national currency.

The boys and the Elm tree agreed it would be better to stop here than to start another story. The boys said they would hurry home and write what they had been told.

THE RIDGEVILLE TOWN HALL

1882-1982

This book is the result of the joint efforts of the North Ridgeville Historical Society and the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city's best-known landmark -- its handsome red brick Town Hall on Center Ridge Road.

The North Ridgeville Historical Society and the Friends of the Library wish to thank all who contributed to the making of this book, especially the following: Ruth Bredel, Urban Buescher, ALBERT DIEDRICK, Harris Fortune, Dorothy Gates, Jean Gilder, Mark and Pat Hadaway, Doris Henson, Ethel Hershey, Will Krueger, Marcella Monschein, Rita Noll, Harry and Dorothy Painter, Florence Pais, Evelyn Schmittgen, Mary Ann Serazin, Jeff and Karen Sigsworth, Frances Smith, and Charles Stuart.

A HISTORY OF THE RIDGEVILLE TOWN HALL

The year 1882 is the date of the front of North Ridgeville's Town Hall. Why and how it was built may be found in the following articles in the ELYRIA CONSTITUTION and the ELYRIA WEEKLY REPUBLICAN appearing from March, 1882, through 1884. The writer of some of the articles was a Ridgeville correspondent signed "Rural" and some signed "L B".

ELYRIA CONSTITUTION, MARCH 16, 1882

THE TOWN HALL QUESTION IN RIDGEVILLE

"The voters in Ridgeville are to ballot upon the question of a new town hall at their April election, notices to that effect having been put up to authorize the trustees to levy a tax of two thousand dollars to purchase a suitable site and erect a building thereon."

The writer has what appears to him some reasons why it is not expedient at present to build. Our trustees do not pretend that a hall can be built for that amount of money; but say that, if the tax is voted, the Legislature will be invoked to pass a special act allowing the trustees to sell the bonds of Ridgeville Township for one, three or five thousand dollars, in addition to the two thousand voted; and it is presumed that it will require at least the three thousand addition, for some of its advocates say, "Give us a good one," and assign as a reason that it will enhance the price of real estate in the township and especially around the center. Others say that it would invite lecturers to our township, and one might be led to think, in hearing the subject enlarged upon, that Mrs. Livermore and Henry Ward Beecher (well-known lecturers in 1880) would be with us at least one half of the time. Now anyone knows that if we had a large house, public speakers that could command an audience would go to Elyria where there are people to make the same, so that if Ridgeville was fortunate enough to get one, he or she might with propriety be set down as third rate.

FIRST BUILDING USED AS TOWN HALL

"Ridgeville leased of Levi W. Terrell, for over thirty years, forty feet square of ground and placed a building there which has been occupied by the township for the purpose of a hall ever since, and no one has ever pretended until the present that it had not a legal as well as moral right to occupy as long

as it was wanted for that purpose. But we are not told by those who bought the land subject of the lease that it is good for nought. If this is true the township will have to make the best of it; but if not, the site is as good as can be obtained near the center, and is large enough for all practical purposes. Some years since, under the administration of Elder Jones, the house was put in good repair, lighted and seated, at the expense of the township, and was then the most pleasant and comfortable place for meetings in the township.

The township has ten school houses, six that are permanently built of brick, leaving four to be provided for, which should seem to be enough to occupy thee tax payers for the next four years to come, in addition to the heavy taxes of the county. Should the people decide to build, the writer would go as far as the Mills on the east and the Blaines on the west of the brige that we may have some suitable site to build on and not be required to place it on some low ground."

RIDGEVILLE, MARCH 10, 1882

ELYRIA CONSTITUTION, APRIL 13, 1882

"Ridgeville voted to build a town hall by a very decided majority (three to one). This is a step in the right direction. Nearly every township in the county has a town hall and our neighbors in Ridgeville concluded to fall in."

ELRYIA CONSTITUTION, MAY 4, 1882

"Since the authority given by the legislature to the trustees to sell bonds of Ridgeville Township to build a Town Hall, the fact becomes apparent that we are to have a spacious building. The site to build on joins the old Terrell house on the west."

ELYRIA CONSTITUTION, NOVEMBER 23, 1882

"The foundation for the new Town Hall is now done, together with the grading around it, which gives it quite a respectable appearance where it rests for another year until completion. One would think, on looking over the size of the building, a lecturer would require strong lungs to make that part of the audience to hear who occupy the remote part of the hall."

ELYRIA REPUBLICAN, OCTOBER 18, 1883

"Our Town Hall will probably be ready for entertainment by the first of 1884."

ELYRIA REPUBLICAN, NOVEMBER 8, 1883

"The Town Hall is being seated with opera chairs and will be ready for entertainment very soon."

ELYRIA REPUBLICAN, DECEMBER 13, 1883

"The Town Hall will be finished and turned over to the Trustees this week, and a meeting of citizens is called for Wednesday evening to arrange for a dedication."

"After the opening it will be ready for opera troups, concerts, etc. The hall will be seated with 298 opera chairs; has a good stage, with dressing rooms on each side; and is second to but one in the

county. Our trustees, who have had charge of its building, C. S. Mills, E. Thompson, and Edward A. Smith are deserving of much credit for looking to it, and seeing that the materials were good and the work well done."

ELYRIA WEEKLY REPLUBICAN, DECEMBER 24, 1883

"The booming topic of conversation for the last week has been the dedication of the new hown hall. This occurred as advertised on Thursday, December 20. The day was decidedly fine, and the people came with their wonderful baskets of provisions. We had a band and speeches and music, and dinner, then more speeches and more dinner -- at least, I saw chicken leg left on the stage.

By the by, let us pause to eulogize the speakers, who so wisely advised us to make such immediate and untiring use of our fine audience room, as shall a healthy moral atmosphere, in which we can breathe and breathe again, and be better for it.

Dr. William N. Briggs and the power behind him, awoke our patriotism by singing the air of "Yankee Doodle", and their whispered echo of the chorus was a very loud appeal to us to cling to our homes and liberties. We cannot forget the band who so kindly and noisily contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion. May they long live to blow sweet music. The exercises of the day were followed by a dance in the evening, which was certainly a success."

ELYRIA WEEKLY REPUBLICAN, DECEMBER 27, 1883

"Upon the invitation of Mr. Charles S. Mills, I made my way to be present and participate in the dedicatory service of the town hall shich has been erected at the center of Ridgeville during the past year.

This structure is situated on the south side of the main street, on an eligigble and commanding site. It is buildt of brick, with stone trimming, two stories high, with a tower of cupola, in modern and tasteful style of architecture. The lower story is designed for holding elections and general township business. The upper and second story is for public meetings, lectures, concerts, etc. being furnished with a stage or platform on the south end, and seated with chairs on the elevation rising back from the stage. It is a well constructed and well planned town hall, just such as the people of Ridgeville want, just as the people are willing to pay for.

The citizens of Ridgeville have done themselves great credit in planning, construction, and the erection of such a public building. On arriving at the Town Hall, we found the people had assembled in large numbers, both the young and the old, to take part in the dedicatory exercises, two bands of music, and William N. Briggs, Esq, with his vocal band.

Mr. Charles Mills, master of ceremonies, called the assembly to order, and after a march by the band, a suitable and appropriate piece by the chior. Mr. William N. Brigs, an old citizen and native of Ridgeville, delivered a dedicatory oration, which was full of history, facts, and fun, after which it was announced that refreshments, prepared by the ladies of Ridgeville, were waiting below and all were invited to partake. On reaching the floor below, we found three tables extending through the hall loaded with the fat of the land, cooked and arranged as the ladies of Ridgeville know how to do.

After partaking of the sumptuous repast, the master of ceremonies announced that all present were invited to go upstairs as there would be speading from sundry guests who were present. The

assembly withdrew reluctantly from the feast and located as requested in the auditorium above, where they were entertained by appropriate music from the band and choir. Speeches were made appropriate to the subject and the occasion by Mayor N. B. Gates (of Elyria), Dr. T. C. Warner, and Prof. F. S. Reefy of Elyria, and the Rev. Mr. H. W. Parsons, recently from the old country, pastor of the Congregational Church of Ridgeville. All the speakers commended the citizens of Ridgeville for their public enterprise to the erection of such a useful and convenient structure. Mr. Charles S. Mills, on behalf of the trustees of the township who by virtue of their office had charge of the construction of the hall, made a statement of its commencement, its progress, its construction, its completion, and its cost. It was commenced in the fall of 1882, it was built and paid for mostly by money raised on the town hall bonds issued for that purpose bearing five percent interest and would cost when completed with some other necessary fixtures and improvements, not far from \$12,000."

ELYRIA CONSTITUTION, DECEMBER 27, 1883

GALA DAY IN RIDGEVILLE, DEDICATION OF A FINE TOWN HALL

"Last Thursday was a proud day in the history of Ridgeville. It was the day set apart for the dedication of the new Town Hall erected at the center. We say a proud day because the citizens of Ridgeville can point with pride to the structure they have erected and dedicated to public use. The building is at once substantial, neat and well adapted to the purpose for which it was intended. It is strongly built of brick, 42 feet wide by 64 feet long, two stories high, with a basement for a furnace. The first floor contains a large hall and several smaller rooms, well adapted for election purposes, town meetings, dances and dining purposes on public occasions.

The second floor is an elegant auditorium with a handsome stage, fine opera chairs, with a seating capacity of 300 people. The room has excellent acoustic properties, is lighted by five chandeliers and heated by an Elyria smoke-consuming furnace.

A very commendable feature connected with this fine structure is the ample grounds that surround it, neatly graded up. It is the purpose to plant a grove of trees in the ground.

The building makes a fine architectural appearance. It is in good proportion, and both the architects and builders did their work well. It is a credit to Ridgeville and every citizen of the town can take a just pride in it.

There are a few parts left unfinished and when everything is completed the cost will foot up about \$12,000 which looks like a large sum of money to expend on a town house, but when we consider that it is built for the future as well as the present, this expenditure has not been unwisely made. The structure is a landmark of the thrift, public spirit and enterprise of all the citizens of Ridgeville. It is by far the best town house to be proud of it, especially those who assumed the responsibility of originating and carrying out the project."

THE DEDICATION

"The dedicatory exercises, together with the sumptuous dinner and merry dance in the evening, will long be remembered as an occasion of unusual interest in the history of Ridgeville.

The program was opened with music by the Ridgeville Cornet Band, followed with prayer by the Rev. H. W. Parsons, resident minister of the Congregational Church, then a stirring piece of music by a

select choir organized for the occasion under the direction of Dr. William N. Briggs, who also delivered the dedicatory oration, in which many good things were fitly spoken. The oration was followed by "Yankee Doodle" by the choir in a style that took the house down."

THE FEAST

"Then dinner was announced by President Charles S. Mills, and the audience repaired to the first floor and were seated to a repast fit for gods and kings, and right here be it said that the ladies of Ridgeville cannot be excelled in the wide world of cooking and serving good substantial dinners. There is no nonsense about a Ridgeville dinner. It is always a solid genuine feast of plenty of the very best, and what is better still, is the hearty, whole-souled hospitality the guests receive on such occasions. It is this unstinted hospitality that penetrates into one's better nature and makes him feel that there is something more to life than feasting; that man is an intellectual being, endowed with qualities of heart and mind of social enjoyment and the exercise of good will toward one another."

AFTER DINNER EXERCISES

"After feasting, the audience resumed the seats in the hall, when President Charles Mills announced a short address by Mayor N. B. Gates of Elyria. His Honor complimented the citizens of Ridgeville on the substantial manifestation of their enterprise in erecting so good a public building, and dealt somewhat on reminiscences of men and things connected with the town. At the close of his remarks the choir sang "Auld Lang Syne". When President Mills, on behalf of the Trustees, gave a condensed history of the erection of the building, from which we noted the following facts:

At the spring election of 1882 the vote stood two for town hall to one against it.
Cost of building spot (land), nearly two acres, \$600.00.
Plans for building furnished by Elah Terrell* and Mr. Morris of Columbus at 2 1/2 percent on contract price of building. (Terrell formerly from Ridgeville).
Contractors: James S. Terrell and James Sayers did the wood and iron work; B. Chappell, brick work and plastering, and John C. Miller to do the stone work. Price agreed upon \$9,448.24.
The foundation was put down in the fall of 1882, the brick work commenced in the spring of 1883, and the remainder just finished.
Furnace, chandeliers, seating, grading with other incidentals, will make the total cost, when all is complete, about \$12,000.

The President complimented Levi W. Terrell Esq. for his liberality in disposing of his grounds for the location on such liberal terms, also the L(ake S(hore) & M(ichigan) S(outhern) Railroad Company, for a substantial rebate on transportation of stone, to Mrs. John C. Miller, whose late husband was one of the contractors who died before completing his work. Mr. Mills said the old adage the "Corporations have no soul" does not apply to the L S & M S Railroad Company and that this corporation would pay 23 1/4 percent of the cost of the hall by way of taxation. The first tax levy of 2 1/2 mills in 1882 produced \$2,205.77; the second of 3 mills in 1883 is not yet reported, and this levy, if continued until 1888, will pay for the last bond.

After the reading of the Trustees' report, Rev. T. C. Warner of Elyria was introduced. Now, we don't mean to flatter our honored clerical townsman, but justice bids us say that he was the loin of the occasion. He just knows how to make an after dinner speech and laugh a vigorous digestion of chicken pie into operation. Now sentimentally eloquent, no irresistibly argumentative and powerful, then amusing, funny and yet philosophical, his thoughts crowded on in quick succession, and were

rendered in voice and action that would do a Booth or Forest honor. Long may he live to eat chicken pie, instruct, moralize, edify, amuse and delight mankind with his eloquence and philosophy of good will towards his fellows.

The choir sang "America", when Rev. Mr. H. W. Parsons was introduced, who made a complimentary little speech.

The next noteworthy feature was a song, "The Sword of Bunker Hill" by Rev. T. C. Warner, which proved two things: that Mr. Warner is a good singer and that the Town Hall has most excellent acoustic properties. The singer was loudly encored, when he responded with "My Mother's Hands".

This closed the exercises for the afternoon. The evening was spent in a good enjoyable dance by the young people.

"Elah Terrell, son of Jay and Etna (Park) Terrell, born 9/29/1851' died 2/16/1920 at Columbus, Ohio. Mariied Isabel Gay on 1/2/1884 at Elyria, Ohio.

The event was truly Ridgeville's gala day, a bright spot, a glorious landmark in the history of the town, long to be cherished in memory by all who participated in the occassion.

The editor of the CONSTITUTION would return his best and most cordial thanks and good wishes for personal favors and manifestations of good will shown him on this happy occasion.

EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE RIDGEVILLE TOWN HALL SINCE 1882

The following events illustrate the wide variety of activities which have taken place in the Town Hall since its construction in 1882. Between that date and 1975, the red brick Town Hall was a center of community events, both civic and social. Since 1977, the building has been the home of North Ridgeville's Community Theater and Public Library.

ELYRIA WEEKLY REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER, DECEMBER 27, 1883

"December 20, 1883, was a memorable day for all who attended the dedication of music, singing, speches, dinner at noon, more entertainment and speeches in the afternoon, supper at night and then dancing in the evening."

ELYRIA WEEKLY REPUBLICAN, JANUARY 24, 1884

"February 16th will be the last in a series of six lectures givenby Rev. T. C. Warner at the Town Hall in Ridgeville on Saturday night."

ELYRIA CONSTITUTION, AUGUST 7, 1884

"The sixth annual reunion and picnic of the Terrell and Beebe family will be held at the Town Hall in Ridgeville on Thursday, August 14, 1884, at 10 o'clock. As it is designed to make this meeting the annual celebration the settlement of our township, all of the good people of Ridgeville and the towns

around are invited to come up and participate in the doings of the day which will consist in part of speaking, singing, storytelling, general handshaking, renewal of old acquaintances, etc. The Town Hall will furnish dishes to set the tables with the exception of knives, forks and spoons, but it is expected that the baskets will contain what is calculated to make the inner man strong. So come one, come all."

ELYRIA INDEPENDENT DEMOCRAT, April 20, 1892

"Our Town Hall, which cost over fifteen thousand dollars, is very convenient to hold festivals in and for other purposes, but is thought that the expectations of some, when building, have not been realized. A serious defect is that the entrance doors open in, instead of out, which would in case of alarm of an audience, cause a blockade, thus preventing all means of escape. Verily, an ounce of caution is worth a pound of cure."

EYRIA REPUBLICAN, MAY 5, 1892

"Don't forget the May festival at the Town Hall, Friday evening".

EYLRIA DEMOCRAT, OCTOBER 18, 1892

"The heavy electrical storm of Saturday, June 18th, in passing this place struck the cupola of the Town Hall, also, some trees on the ridge, fortunately not doing much damage or injury to any persons so far as learned."

ELYRIA DEMOCRAT, OCTOBER 18, 1892

" Our Town Hall has been greatly improved by the erection of sheds at the back of the hall. This is indeed a great improvement as people who attend entertainments held there do not always like to have their horses hitched outside." (These sheds were replaced in 1917 by other sheds brought from Fields Methodist Church, which were later converted to city garages and, in 1977, were restored as a picnic pavilion.)

ELYRIA REPUBLICAN, May 16, 1895

"Mrs. Henry (Lydia) Luster is busily engaged in preparing a May entertainment to be given in Ridgeville opera house Friday evening May 24th, under the auspices of the L.O.T.M. A May pole, wound with familiar colors of red, white and blue, and some excellent music, prepared by Miss (Esther) Fortune, a Ridgeville well-known music teacher, will be the attraction of the evening. This is the 3rd entertainment of this kind that Mrs. Luster has been in charge of, and she being successful in the previous ones, we trust she will be successful in this one."

ELYRIA DEMOCRAT, JULY, 1895

"The Ladies Relief Corp will hold an ice-cream social at the Town Hall, Thursday afternoon and evening, July 25th. Hot coffee, rolls, and cake will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HISTORY, DECEMBER, 1897

"A two day celebration, December 19th and 20th, 1897 marked the 75th anniversary of the Congregational Church. Three religious services were dedicated that Sunday to the occasion. The next day an elaborate community program was given at the Town Hall. At this time, a check for \$370.00 to clear the debt was received from a former member, H. L. Terrell of New York."

ELYRIA DEMOCRAT

The Lorain County Farmers' Institute (The Farmers' Institute was organized in 1881 through the effort of W. I. Chamberlain -then Secretary of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture. The purpose was to promote better farming through these meetings, discussions and lectures.) held their annual two-day meetings each January or February in the Town Hall from 1897 until they disbanded. They had previously met in Elyria. The newspaper reported that the meetings in Ridgeville were well attended and that the people were "cordial and enthusiastic." The programs consisted of entertainment and speeches of special interest to farmers. The local schools (both public and parochial) were invited to perform; also, the Grange helped with the entertainment and the dinners. Sometimes the Congregational Church put on a dinner. Harris Fortune remembers these meetings as his family helped with the musical part of the program, and his father, George W., helped with the arrangements.

ELYRIA DEMOCRAT FEBRUARY 18, 1904.

"A party of Elyria young people came out to the Town Hall, Wednesday evening bringing their luncheon with them. Dancing was the chief amusement. They say Ridgeville is the place to go to have a good time."

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATIONS (BOXWELL EXAMINATIONS)

In the early 1900's, eighth graders from the ten Ridgeville School Districts attended a graduation held at the Town Hall. The programs included music, recitations, and essays and each of the graduates had to be part of the program. The nearest high schools to North Ridgeville were in Elyria and in North Olmsted until Ridgeville opened its first high school in 1924. This was remembered by Doris Henson and Harris Fortune.

Ethel Hershey remembers "spelling bees" being held in the Town Hall around 1920. She especially remembers spellers participating from Stetson Road School, Westend School, and Ridgeville Center School. About this time, she also remembers a "Tom Thum" wedding play put on by the Congregational Church as she played the part of the bride. The play was held at the Town Hall.

MARCELLA MONSCHEIN'S RECOLLECTIONS ABOUT 1911 (INFORMATION GATHERED FROM A "HISTORY OF THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY OF ST. PETER CHURCH")

When the Catholic Church was on Avon Belden Road, the Ridgeville Town Hall was used for social events, including the "Annual Fair and Dinner" of the Altar and Rosary Society. These dinners were quite an accomplishment, considering the small size of the Town Hall kitchen.

Committee members sought donations of chickens, milk, butter, baked goods, garden produce and money to buy oysters, coffee and such. Several days before the final fair preparations, in the belief

that cleanliness was next to godliness, the Town Hall was cleaned with zeal. The hall and its furniture were cleaned and booths for the handiwork erected. The few kitchen utensils were cleaned.

There was little working space in the kitchen: a cast iron range took up nearly a quarter of the room, and a long table stood between the stove and a west wall of cupboards. One window provided daylight and, at night, oil lamps on iron arms fastened to the wall supplied light. Members also brought lanterns for additional light. The outside door was between the stove and a small sink with a pitcher pump.

Two parallel rows of tables were used for the dinner tables. The Alter and Rosary Society booth was beyond the tables, fronting the Township Trustees' meeting room. Against the west wall was the Sodalitist's booth where their fancy work to be raffled was displayed. In the corner between the booths stood a huge pot-bellied stove that had to be stoked by hand. The coal had to be carried up steps from a pit bin beyond the wall in back of the stove. Husbands and sons were pressed into service for this work.

When supplies, such as tablecloths, cups or sugar became low, children or "runners", were asked to go to neighboring homes and borrow items. Also, persons who had hitched buggies and wagons, in the wagon sheds behind the hall were often asked to fetch another table or more chairs. Older boys helped with this.

About the time preparations were in full swing, the pitcher pump in the kitchen would cough a warning that the water in the cistern was getting low. Since the Town Hall had no well, the boys would form a bucket brigade to fill the tubs, wash boilers, and other large containers with water.

By late afternoon, the booths were in place and the dinner tables were ready. Because of the inadequacy of the kitchen, some foods were prepared at home and brought to the Town Hall at serving time.

The opening night featured an oyster supper, with Mrs. Henry Hall, the best oyster stew chef among the members, presiding over the kettles. The oyster supper was better patronized than the chicken dinner held on Saturday night, although both were profitable. The fair was a parish homecoming event and priest from neighboring towns were guests.

During this period in time, women wore long skirts, checked aprons with ruffles, shoulder ruffed pinafores, and dainty tea aprons. On Monday morning, never on Sunday, a clean-up crew assembled to dismantle the booths, take down the tables and chairs, and clean the Town Hall." Said Frances Smith

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM NOVEMBER 13, 1919

"School was opened in the Town Hall, Monday, with E. Wilson as teacher. He has 6th, 7th and 8th grades with 28 pupils."

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM FEBRUARY 19, 1920

"The trustees, school board, and Grangers held a meeting at the Town Hall Friday evening and decided that the Town Hall could not be used for school after March 1, 1920. They decided to transport the children to Stoney Ridge School."

RITA NOLL'S REMINISCENCES

Rita Noll remembers being the flower girl in 1921 for Father Roman Bacher's first Mass. Father Bacher was a local boy who grew up to be a priest here in his home town. His reception was held at the Town Hall.

OTHER REMINISCENCES

Harris Fortune remembers that Mr. Frank Sweet suggested an unusual design for the cover of the septic tank at the Town Hall. He used wire screen, scement and metal to make an ingloo-shaped cover.

Will Krueger remembers that the Ridgeville Grange met for many years at the Town Hall until their own building was completed in 1928. The Grange held their plays in the theater. He also remembers traveling opera companies who performed at the theater, as well as local talent performing in school PTA plays there.

Mr. Krueger says that in past years the Town Hall was heated by wood and coal stoves -- one upstairs and one downstairs. One stove, or furnace, that was in the Town Hall was purchased by Clarence Hamker, his son-in-law, and he is now dusing it to heat his home.

FROM THE RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' MINUTES

January 2, 1922: George Terrell, C H Slutter and George W. Fortune took office as trustees and C P Smith was clerk. At this time, J C Robinson was hired as janitor and semetry sexton for \$20 per month.

March 5, 1923: The freight bill from the NYC Railroad and Cleveland Builders for eight cars (railroad cars) of cinders was \$185.62.

January 3, 1928: Trustees George Terrell, George W. Fortune, and John Fitts and Clerk, Dan Harding, took office.

January 11, 1928: The Trustees received 3 1/2% interest from deposits at E S T Bank.

1930: The population of Ridgeville was 2,419.

CHORNICLE-TELEGRAM - BILL SECURES APPARATUS FOR NORTH RIDGEVILLE THROUGH EFFORTS OF THE RIDGEVILLE CIVIC LEAGUE.

Representative Cummings introduced a bill in the last legislature, that later became law, allowing townships to purchase fire equipment. The law said, "30% of residents of the township must sign a petition, then bonds may be issued, telephone wires established for fire purposes, and apparatus purchased as well as erected a building" Prior to the passage of the bill, townships were unable to own fire apparatus.

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM May 15, 1944

“Plans are under way for the annual Memorial Day Services to be held at the North Ridgeville Town Hall on May 30, 1944. Congressman Michael Feighan of Cleveland will give the address in the Town Hall at 10 am. Parents and friends of men and women in the armed services are especially urged to attend. The Ridgeville High School Band in uniform will play. Reverend E. Butterfield, pastor of the North Ridgeville Congregational Church, will speak at the Honor Roll, and the “War Dads”* will take up the collection. The Memorial Day Committee will meet again on May 24 to complete the plans.” *During World War II, the fathers of servicemen were organized and were called the “War Dads”.

KINDERGARTEN IN NORTH RIDGEVILLE

The kindergarten in Ridgeville was started at the Town Hall in September, 1946, with 18 or 20 pupils. All activities pertaining to kindergarten were performed by the Mother’s Study Group. A kindergarten board was formed, they organized a round-up of eligible students, hired a teacher, Dorothy May Gates of Elyria (who taught 8 years), furnished toys, supplies and snacks and provided assistants for the teacher. Kindergarten was held at the Town Hall for about 15 years. Alice Hoskins was an assistant to Dorothy Gates. After Dorothy Gates, Francis Mills was the kindergarten teacher, even after the class was moved to the Grange Hall on Avon Belden Road.

Mark Hadaway was one of the early kindergarten pupils in North Ridgeville. He remembers riding in a car pool with a lady whose car had a fold-down seat.

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM August 8, 1949

DIEDERICK REUNION HELD – “Member of the family were present from Cleveland, Bedford, Grafton, Euclid, Avon, Ridgeville, Bucyrus, and Elyria for the annual Diedrick reunion held yesterday in Ridgeville Town Hall. After a dinner with approximately 70 persons serviced, a business meeting was held. Election of officers for the next year resulted as follows: George Diederick of Elyria, President; Alva J Diederick of Ridgeville, Vice-President; Milton Vogler of Cleveland, Secretary and Treasurer. Contests and races provided the diversions of the afternoon; the 1950 reunion will be held the first Sunday in August at the Ridgeville Town Hall.

HARMONY HANG-OUT (late 1940’s)

Doris Henson recalls that the Town Hall was also a place for teenagers to get together. A club called Harmony Hang-out was formed. The meetings provided a time to listen to music, have refreshments, and enjoy fellowship. The group met Friday and Saturday evenings through the efforts of the Hermans, the Gannetts, and Fred Dorow, who gave their time and money to the project. Parents acted as chaperones and helpers when needed.

VOTING AT THE TOWN HALL

Doris Henson remembers seeing the voting booths lined up along the east wall of the Town Hall (IN March, 1813, the first township election was held, and the citizens of Ridgeville have been exercising their duty every since.) Albert Diedrick remembers voting at the Town Hall when he became 21 years of age.

CHRISTMAS TREE

At Christmas time since the 1950's, the Fire Department trims an evergreen tree in front of the Town Hall while the Scouts and friends and neighbors sing carols. The tree lights are lit to ring in the holiday season.

INCORPORATION AS A VILLAGE, THEN AS A CITY

At the end on 1958, Ridgeville Township was incorporated as a village. By August of 1960, the population of North Ridgeville was over 8,000, enough that the village could then be incorporated as a city. During this time, many changes took place at the Town Hall as the village and city councils were formed, the police department replaced the township constable, and the fire department was expanded.

WOMEN'S CLUB 1959

The North Ridgeville Women's Club was formed in 1959 and was federated. They met at the Town Hall from 1959 until the middle 1960's. Florence Pais said, "The club bought drapes for the downstairs of the Town Hall; an American flag and stand; and, while the first president, Queenie Haughwout, was in office, the club sponsored the printing of a map of Ridgeville showing property township.

THE RECORD (A RIDGEVILLE NEWSPAPER) May 12, 1960

"The Civic League met at the Town Hall on the second Monday of the month at 8pm. Have you noticed the new Council Chamber tables with "N.R." in the center? The tables are painted beige and will soon be adorned with the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, as North Ridgeville does not have a seal at this time. These tables were the gift of the North Ridgeville Civic League, Douglas Swan, president, and helpers Ronald Swan, Arthur Kelley, and Don Roche."

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM April 17, 1963

At this time the first major remodeling project in the history of the Town Hall was nearly completed. Several small rooms were needed to carry on city government. The ceilings were lowered without changing the outside of the structure in any way. The hall itself had been about 40 feet by 38 feet. After the offices were built, it measured about 40 feet by 25 feet. Four eight-foot fluorescent light fixtures were installed. Venetian blinds were added to hide the lowered ceiling from the outside. Charles Stuart remembers how crowded it was with the five offices.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HISTORIC INVENTORY APPLICATION

- The size of the Town Hall building is 42 feet wide and 64 feet long with two stories.
- The foundation is made of Amherst Sandstone in long slabs about six inches thick as seen above ground.
- The walls are red brick with two ribbons of smooth sandstone. The lower ribbon is slightly wider than the upper one and is located at the bottom of the arch over the window. The upper ribbon is even with the bottom of the top row of windows.
- The windows are long and narrow with four panes of glass, and over the top is a curved arch of sandstone and brick. The same arch is above the doors.
- Under the eaves, a wood brace in pairs about five inches apart and each set about three feet apart all around the roof. The eaves, braces and wood trim are all painted white.

- The lower part of the roof is slate. It is laid in a brick pattern on the top of this the roof is flat, covered with metal and tar. The metal on the tower or belfry is copper.
- There are two large red brick chimneys on the back of the building roof.
- The furnace was in the basement originally but there is a newer heating system now.
- The first floor has an entrance hall with two stairways (one on right and one on left side) leading to the second floor. The stairways and entrance are separate from the room on the first floor (now the library).
- In 1883 it was said, “The second floor is an elegant auditorium with a handsome stage, fine opera chairs with a seating capacity for 300 people.” The seats have now been refinished and a few rows of chairs near the stage have been removed; otherwise the same.
- The building was designed as a Town Hall by Elah Terrell. “The building was designed and strongly built to have a fine architectural appearance in good proportions with ample grounds to surround it.” And the cost was only about \$12,000 to build plus furnishings.

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THE TOWN HALL HAS STOOD FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS, A SYMBOL OF THE CIVIC PRIDE AND DEDICATION OF THE CITIZENS OF RIDGEVILLE. MAY IT CONTINUE TO STAND FOR ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS. 1882-2082
St. Peter's Church

This is from a column "Of Cabbages and Kings" by Connie Davis
The article was printed on 1/8/1980
The article is:

St. Peter's Church destroyed by fire in 1914

Every now and then I get involved in sleuthing an historical event as the result of someone's question or perhaps an old, unidentified. Picture. Sometimes I'm successful in tracking down the answer; sometimes not, but the quest is always challenging.

I was in First National Bank one day when Bill Cromling, president, showed me a postcard picturing this burning church. The card had been loaned to him by Doug Boutall, watchmaker at Brandau Jewelers. The question was which church and when did it burn?

The card had been printed by J. Adolphus Ebert, who operated a drugstore at 971 W. Broad St. Ebert lived on Third Street in a home occupying part of the present location of the county parking garage.

Bearing a once cent stamp, the card had been postmarked at 6pm on Feb 5, 1914, at Avon. It was addressed to the Rev. John A. Schritz, Dumont, Trvose County, Minnesota.

The message in faded green ink, was written in old German script, which has long be obsolete. Even Otto Schoepfle, C-T chairman of the board, couldn't read the script, although he is fluent in German.

Since the card was printed locally, it seemed probable that the church was of this area, also that the fire had occurred not too long before the postmarked date. Tracking through microfilm of the Elyria Evening Telegram, I found on Jan. 15, 1914, a front-page story headlined, "Church burns to ground in short time." Eureka!

This was the original frame building of St. Peter's in Ridgeville, erected about 40 years before 1914, said the newspaper account. It was located "on the road leading south from the center". Although the building was an old one, its contents were comparatively new and valuable.

It was completely destroyed by the fire with a loss of \$10,000, reported by the paper. The blaze had been discovered shortly after 9am on Jan. 15 by Mrs. John Yocum, who lived just west of the church.

"Although there had been no fire in the building since Sunday, it is suspected that tramps slept in the basement during the night and probably left a cigarette stub in the building" said the paper. Mrs. Yocum saw the flames in the rear, and gave the alarm. The entire populace of the village was soon on the scene, but despite the heroic efforts of hand brigades, it was soon apparent the church was doomed."

An appeal was made to the Elyria fire department but its apparatus was useless for lack of water. Evidently Ridgeville had no water lines then, so people passed buckets of water hand to hand in a futile effort to squelch the flames.

"Brave men risked their lives in an attempt to save the contents," reported the Telegram, and many altar furnishings, vestments and statues were salvaged "by sheer nerve on the part of parishioners." The congregation, the only Roman Catholic one in Ridgeville, numbered about 100 families.

The article concluded: "It is proposed to build a new church at a point on the Cleveland Road near the new schoolhouse."

By the way, in January of 1914 they were still working on the new Washington Avenue bridge, which replaced the one swept away in the great flood of March, 1913.

SHEFFIELD

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HOW THREE SEPARATE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPED

The original boundaries of Sheffield township, the first to be accepted for incorporation by Lorain County, when the county was organized in 1824, are shown on the attached map. The map shows the township as it was in 1896 and the boundaries of its subdivisions which existed in 1970. It shows the original lot numbers.

Changes took place in the following sequence:

1975 – Lots 51 and 52 were transferred to the village of Lorain in Black River township.

1894 – The property acquired by Johnson & Co. for a steel plant, which became the Cuyhoga-Lorain Works of the United Steel Corp., was annexed by Lorain and the western corporate line on the north side was withdrawn to Root Road.

1920 – Residents living east of the River voted to withdraw from Sheffield township as the village of Sheffield Lake. In other action the same year, the western boundary was further withdrawn 330 feet east of Root Road.

1933 - The municipality east of the river divided. The south end had sparse population and large farms, the north end had a greater population living on small lots and their interests were found to be incompatible. The north end became the City of Sheffield Lake following the 1960 census which reported a population of 6800. The south end took the name, Village of Sheffield.

Sheffield west of the river continues to be administered by township trustees.

Population reported in 1970:

The City of Sheffield Lake	8734
The Village of Sheffield	1730
Sheffield Township	7049
Total	17513

Many decisions concerning the sale of Ohio Lands were taken prior to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1787. The Congress of Confederation, which ruled until that time, needed money and had few ways to raise it other than by the sale of lands. Conflicting claims to the western territory based on roil grants to the original colonist of the original thirteen states had to be resolved before legal titles could be granted.

This was accomplished by the concession of all such claims with the exception of a tract of three million acres along the south shore of Lake Erie reserved by the State of Connecticut. The area, 6% larger than that of Connecticut itself, became the Western Reserve. The western section, granted to the state's citizens as reparations for damages suffered during the Revolution, is the Firelands.

The lands were sold by the state to The Connecticut Land Company, a private company. Once of its members was General William Hart. He in turn sold to the pioneers who settled here and who named the township after the place they came from in Massachusetts. These pioneers were members of puritan families who came to America from England in the decades between 1620 and 1640; they had the stern traits, the severe taste and the habits of industry associated with America's founding fathers.

A HISTORY OF THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF SHEFFIED

BY NORMAN DAY

Norman Day was born in 1803 in Sheffield, Massachusetts and was one of the nine children brought here by his father, Captain John Day. He married Julia Ann Root, a daughter of the pioneer Henry Root, in 1830. They lived on a farm on Lake Breeze Road, near the lake shore. They had seven children. None of their descendants are living now in Sheffield.

Mr. Day prepared his eye witness account of the beginnings of Sheffield for its 50th anniversary, celebrated in 1865. Copies were printed in 1876 but few of them remain. One of the main purposes of the present printing is to make Norman Day's history available to all those interested in Sheffield's beginnings.

In January, 1815 Capt. Jabbed Burble and Capt. John Day, of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass., purchased of Gen. William Hart, of Saybrook, Conn., township No. 7, in the 17th range of townships, Connecticut Western Reserve, State of Ohio, now Sheffield, Lorain County.

After the purchase by Burrell, Day and Smith, explored the township in June, and selected lots for themselves and friends. About the first of October, Capt. Smith and his oldest son, Douglas, then a lad seventeen years of age, left Massachusetts with a yoke of oxen and horse and necessary tools for clearing and cultivating a new farm. After starting, Capt. Smith left Douglas to pursue the tedious journey alone, while he went to Sackett's Harbor to visit friends, but overtook him again before he got to Ohio. On the eleventh day of November, they arrived at Wilbert Cahoon's in Avon. The next day being Sunday, they rested, and on the thirteenth day of November, 1815, they followed down French Creek without a trail, and commenced the first permanent settlement in the township on lot 64, the farm now owned by Frederic Kreble.

Previous to the purchase of the township by Burrell and Day, about 1812, General Hart made an arrangement with a young man, Timothy Wallace to commence a settlement, by which he was to have a choice of lots, proved Mr. Hart sold the township by lots. He selected lot 65, now owned by Robbins Burrell, improved a few acres, built a small house and then abandoned it. The cause was supposed to be fear of the Indians. Nothing more is known of his history. Captain Smith's nearest neighbors were John S. Reid and Daniel Perry, at the mouth of the river, four miles, Cahoon, of Avon, five miles, and Moses Eldred, of Ridgeville, seven miles distant. For comfortable lodgings, they spent some of their nights at the mouth of the river, and some at Cahoon's.

There was a road through the town on the lake shore, the road leading from Cleveland to Huron, and a wagon track from Ridgeville to the old fishing ground, at the upper end of the Big Bottom, where men and boys came from Ridgeville and Columbia every spring to catch fish. They were taken in the night in great abundance, while running over the ripple, with a touch made of hickory bark, and a spear. It was rare sport and furnished us with one of the necessities of life. In a few days after the arrival of Captain Smith and son, they were joined by two young men from their native town (New Marlborough), Samuel B. Fitch and Asher Chapman. These four men soon built a rude shanty where they spent the winter of 1815-1816, shut out from the outer world, dependent upon their own resources for amusement and enjoyment.

Captain Smith was a humorous, jovial man; enjoyed a job and was fond of a good story, well calculated to amuse himself and companions in their seclusion.

In February, 1816, Freeman Richmond settled on lot 2, now owned by Joseph Townshend. Mrs. Richmond was the first female settler. On the third day of April of this year, Henry Root and wife

and six children arrived in from Sheffield, Mass. The children's names were Aaron J., William Henry, Julia Ann, Jane, Frances and Mary. They lived three weeks in the shanty with Captain Smith, while they prepared a habitation for themselves. Mr. Root Settled on Lot 17, near where the German Church now stands.

Soon after the arrival of Mr. Root and family, Oliver Moon, from Avon, State of New York, located on lot 11; Milton Garfield, of Tyringham, Mass., on lots 73 and 74; William Richmond on lot 2 with his brother Freeman, and Willie Potter on lot 1.

On the 27th of July, Captain Day and family arrived. Their names were William, Rhoda, Maria, John, Norman, Fanny, James, Lydia, Kellogg and Frederick; and Edmond A. and Eleanor, born in Ohio.

CARRIED UP BLACK RIVER

On the 11th of August, Captain Burrell and family of eight children, and Solomon Weeks, a young man who had been an apprentice to Captain Aburrell, arrived by way of the lake, on the schooner Black Snake, and came up the river on Reid's ferry scow. Their names were Julia, Sarah M., Robbins, Lyman J., Saloma, Jabez L., Eliza and Mary Ann.

Messrs. Burrell and Day Shipped their heavy household goods and farming utensils at Schenectady, on a small, half-decked schooner of about fifteen tons burden, called the Fire Fly, built there by Anon Harmon, of New Marlborough, Mass. He sailed up the Mohawk, locked by the Little Falls; and thence by the Rome canal into Wood Creek; down Wood Creek into Oncida Lake; then down the outlet and Oswego River to Lake Ontario. At Queenston he unloaded and drew her out; loaded her on cart wheels, drew her cargo and reloaded; then proceeded through the Lake and up "Black River to the mouth of French Creek, and landed her cargo of salt and goods on the Big Bottom.

In the fall of 1816, Captain Smith went to Massachusetts for his family, and returned in March, 1817. In his family were eight children: Douglass, Isaac, Rachel, Eleazer, Harvey, Warren, Caleb and Reuel. Ariel Moore came from New Marlborough with Captain Smith and settled on lot 56 with three children: Lorinda, Lovina, and Abigail. In February of this year, Henry Austin and wife, from Owasco, State of New York, settled on lot 81, and Nathan Stevens and wife, from New Marlborough, on lot 84. In June, Davis Hecock and Erastus Hecock selected lots 85 and 86 and commenced improving the, keeping "bachelor's hall." About the same time Samuel Munson commenced on lot 72.

On the 5th of July, James Burrell, from Bloomfield, New York, arrived and settled on lot 69. His children were: Harriet, Cyla, Almorán and Alva J. Arnold Burrell and wife came from Binghamton, New York. His first residence was on lot 68.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS STARTED

Isaac Burrell, one of the proprietors, from Salisbury, New York, arrived on the 28th of February. In his family were six children: Eunice, Hiram, Jane, Augusta, Mary and Charlotte. In the spring of this year Daniel Perry, Esq., who came from Vermont to the mouth of Black River, in 1810, sold his farm there and moved into Sheffield with a family of nine children: Polly, Harvey, Sophia, Alexander Hamilton, Royal, Julius, Lester, Bushrod, and William, and located on lot 22. The Fleming family are old residents but not properly pioneers. In the winter of 1816, religious meetings were

commenced at the house of Captain Burrell, which consisted in reading a sermon, singing, and prayer by Mr. Hanchett, of Ridgeville, then working for Captian Burrell, for there was not at that time a male professor in the settlement. Whatever of moral and religious principles hangs about the native population of Sheffield is due to the influence of pious pioneer mothers. In the spring of 1817, Alvan Coe preached the first sermon. About the first of June, Rev. Jesse Hartwell, a Baptist Elder from New Marlborough on a missionary tour to the western part of the Reserve, held meetings on his way out and when he returned. In July, Mr. Treat of Windham, and Mr. Seward, of Aurora, Portage county, visited the settlement as missionaries.

In the fall of this year, 1817, Alvan Hyde, a young man of talent and piety, -- son of Rev. Dr. Hyde, of Lee, Berkshire County, Mass., -- was commissioned by the Berkshire Missionary Association to preach in the new settlements on the Reserve. He chose for his field of labor, Dover, Sheffield, and Ridgeville alternately. The settlers of Sheffield and Dover were from Berkshire county. The church at Dover was formed in his native town by his father, before they left in 1811. Mr. Hyde's labors, and the sudden death of Captain Smith made a deep impression on the infant settlement; a revival followed, and some were hopefully converted. On the 11st of May 1818, Rev. William Williams, a missionary from the Connecticut Missionary Society, assisted by Mr. Hyde, formed a Congregational Church.

FIRST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

The members were Nathan Stevens and wife, Mrs. Mary Burrell, wife of Captain Jabez Burrell, and their daughters Julia and Sara M., Mrs. Martha Smith, wife of Capt. Joshua Smith, William Smith, Samuel B. Fitch and Daniel Perry, thirteen in number. The first school was taught by Dr. Preston Pond, from Keene, New Hampshire. This school-house stood on the brow of the hill north of the center school-house. The first white child born in the town was Mary Ann Austin, August 20, 1817, died November 15th, 1831, in the town of Skaneateles, Onondaga county, State of New York. The first couple married were Samuel Munson and Phila Tyler, by Ebenezer Whiton, Esq., December 17th, 1818. Mr. Munson died August 6th, 1820. Mrs. Munson married Mr. Roods, and died at Niles, Cayuga County, New York, July 3rd, 1862.

When Dover was organized it included Avon and Sheffield to Black River, which was then the dividing line between Cuyahoga and Huron counties. The west side of the river was in Black River township. In 1818, Avon was organized with the name of Troy, including the east part of Sheffield, Jabez Burrell was elected Justice of Peace, June 22d, 1819, and re-elected August 13th, 1822. The first act of the Lorain County Commissioners, at their first session, in June 1824, was to organize the town of Sheffield. The first town meeting was held on July 10th, 1824. The offers chosen were Nathan Stevens, Clerk; John Day, Isaac Burrell and A. R. Dimmick, Trustee; Milton Garfield, Treasurer, and Jabez Burrell and Henry Root. Poor-masters. Nathan Stevens was the first magistrate after the town was organized. Captain Smith, the first settler, was the first to die. He fell victim to the ague and bilious fever, and died suddenly September 29th, 1817.

The infant settlement was shocked as the thrilling news spread from house to house: "Captain Smith is dead!!" Deacon James of Brownhelm, officiated at the funeral, giving out to be sung the good old funeral pieces "Hark from the Tombs," tune New Durham, and the nineteenth Psalm, "Lord, what a Feeble Piece," tune Florida. It was a solemn day, and the death of Captain Smith was deeply lamented. A burying ground was selected on the bluff near French Creek bridge where he was then buried, but being afterwards abandoned, in 1848 his bones were disinterred and deposited in the Ridge Cemetery. Mrs. Martha Smith—widow of Captain Smith—was married January 16th, 1826 to

General Isaac Hall of Pompey, --now LaFayette --Onondaga county, New York, where she lived to a good old age, and died October 18th, 1859. Douglass remained in Sheffield and died March 16th, 1862. Isaac lives in Hopkinsville, Iowa. Rachel married George W. Cotton, and died in Elyria, September 21, 1859. Mr. Cotton died March 28th, 1865. Eleazer died at Lafayette, New York, January 23rd, 1849. Harvey died in Newton, Calhoun County, Michigan, October 5, 1852. Warren lives in Michigan. Caleb died in Deli, Delaware County, Iowa, March 14th, 1861. Reuel lives in Logansport, Indiana. Samuel B. Fitch settled on lot 62. In September, 1818 he married Dolly Smith, of his native town New Marlborough. She died May 6th, 1845. Mr. Fitch married a second wife -- Miss Nancy Willard, of Pawlett, Vermont. She died November 4th, 1860. Mr. Fitch died September 15th, 1861. Asher Chapman, the last survivor of the four who spent the winter of 1815-18169 in the wilderness, first settled in Avon where Dr. Townshend now lives, moved to Amherst, then to Wisconsin, and finally died in Michigan in the early part of the present year--1865. Freeman Richmond and Willis Potter live in Amherst. William Richmond lives in LaGrange. Mrs. Richmond, the first female settler, died in the summer of 1819.

Henry Root Died April 6th, 1829. Mrs. Root died February 11th, 1859 at the advanced at of 87 years. Captain Aaron Root Died September 13th, 1865. Francis died September 6th, 1862. Mary (Mrs. Fitzgerald) died December 4th, 1859. William H. and Julia Ann (Mrs. Norman Day) are in Sheffield, and Jane (Mrs. Harvey Austin) is in Monroe, Michigan. Oliver Moon and wife, and John B. Garfield and wife are living on farms where they first located. Col. Milton Garfield died November 5th, 1862. His widow is still living in Sheffield. Mr. Dimmick lost his wife in May, 1829; married again, moved to Amherst and there lost his second wife; moved to Illinois and from there to Oregon, where he died in the spring or summer of 1864.

Captain John Day died October 8th, 1827. Mrs. Day died October 9th, 1854. Rhonda Maria died October 10th, 1825. These three deaths occurred each on Monday morning and they were severally buried on the day of the State election. Frederic died August 11, 1840. Of the nine survivors eight are residents of Sheffield, and one (Kellogg) is in Denmark, Iowa.

Mrs. Jabez Burrell died August 26th, 1831; Esq. Burrell married again in June, 1833, and died September 25th of the same year. Of their eight children six survive, Julia (Mrs. Humphrey) and Sarah M. (Mrs. Knapp), live in Windham, Portage county, Robbins is on the old farm, Lyman J. in California, Jabez L. in Oberlin, and Eliza (Mrs. Whittlesey) in Cleveland; Saloma (Mrs. Warner Strong) died in October, 1856. Mary Ann (Mrs. Robert E. Gillett) died July 31, 1837. Solomon Weeks lives in Allen township, Allen county, Indiana. Ariel Moor died February 10th, 1824; Mrs. Moore moved to Fredonia, New York, where she died a few years since. Lorinda (Mrs. Norman Bedortha) and her sister Lovina live at Saratoga. Abigail (Mrs. Burgess) went on a mission to India and died there.

Nathan Stevens and wife died in Michigan. Henry Austin and wife went back to their native town in 1820, and are both living.

Davis Hecock and Erastus Hecock left their river farms and located in the southwest part of the town. Davis died October 18th, 1858. Erastus is a resident of Sheffield, James Burrell died September 29th, 1855. Mrs. James Burrell died July 6th, 1862. Harriet (Mrs. John B. Garfield) is the only survivor of the family. Cyla died March 20th, 1818. Almorán died December 28th, 1841, and Alva J. died June 20th, 1833. Arnold Burrell and wife live in the township of Elyria.

Isaac Burrell died March 12th, 1860. Mrs. Burrell, the last of the pioneers who came into town with a family, died December 17th, 1864. Their six children all survive; Eunice (Mrs. Erastus Hecock), Hiram, on the old farm; Jane (Mrs. Butman) and Augusta (Mrs. William Day) live in Sheffield, Mary in Elyria, Charlotte (Mrs. Amander Moore) on Put-in-bay Island.

Daniel Perry, Esq., moved to Brownhelm, where he and Mrs. Perry lived to a good old age and died some years since. Six of their children live near the center of Brownhelm, one in Berlin, Erie County, one in Michigan and one in Wisconsin.

PETER MILLER EPISODE

The incidents, hardships, and inconveniences of pioneer life are so similar, that only one incident will be given. In the summer of 1821, Peter Miller, a lad of seventeen years, had been laboring near the center of Sheffield. Saturday afternoon he started to go home to his father's on the lake shore, in Avon. It was five miles through the wilderness, and much of the way his path was near a large swamp, infested with bears. When about one-third of the way through he saw a bear and two cubs. He shouted to scare them away, but bruin, fearing her cubs would be disturbed showed fight and came towards him. In early pioneer times it was said that a bear could not climb a small tree; and in an instant young Miller had selected a small, smooth elm and began to climb, but to his surprise and consternation, he saw the bear following him up the tree.; He climbed as far as he thought prudent to go, and when she got near enough, he began to kick her on the head. She grabbed his foot, then let go her hold on the tree, tearing the foot, and fell to the ground. She immediately started up the tree again. Miller could only watch her progress, vainly endeavoring to frighten her back. When she got within his reach, he used the other foot, and same game was played over again. The bear, determined not to lose her prey, ascended the third time. The boy frightened and exhausted, lost his hold, and both tumbled to the ground together. The bear, evidently alarmed at being so closely pursued from the tree, jumped a few places and turned to look at her intended victim. The boy looked her in the eye a moment, then, wisely concluded that his only chance was in flight, and ran for his life, casting anxious glances over his shoulder at his pursuer.; She followed awhile and gave up the chase. Young Miller got back to the settlement in a sad plight, bareheaded and barefooted and both feet badly mangled.

The neighbors rallied (the writer of this sketch was one of the party) with guns and dogs, determined if possible to be revenged on the aggressor. Following the boy's direction, they readily found the place and the tree, but bruin and her cubs had made their escape. Night came on, but Peter did not come home. Surely some evil must have befallen him! Parental anxiety could not be quieted till Mr. Miller and his friends with lighted torches, had threaded their way through the wilderness in search of the missing boy. They found him well cared for, and snugly in bed; having narrowly escaped a horrible death.

I have now given a brief but correct history of the settlement of the township, and of the prisoners by whom it was settled, embracing a period of fifty years. It may be interesting and instructive to take a more minute retrospect of the last half century, with discoveries in art and science, and the unparalleled increase of population and wealth of our country.

THE NEW AGE OF STEAM POWER

The first great discovery of the nineteenth century, and of the greatest utility, is the power of steam. The idea was originated back of this century, but the power began to be developed in 1807, by Robert

Fulton, when he built his famous boat on the Hudson, that would run three miles an hour without sails or oars; it was the wonder of the world. Steamers soon took the place of sail vessels on rivers, subsequently, to a great extent, on our lakes, and finally, on the mighty ocean; and now they float on every ocean, lake, gulf, bay, and large river on the globe. The steam engine has been improved upon, till now, instead of three miles an hour it is made to propel boats twenty miles an hour. The mighty power and utility were not long confined to the water, for in time it came into general use for driving all kinds of machinery, to grind our wheat, saw and plane our boards, make our doors, sash, blinds, and nails, print our papers, etc., etc.

IRON HORSE

Next came railroads, almost annihilating time and distance. Fifty years ago it took from fifteen to eighteen days to travel from Western Massachusetts to Cleveland on horseback or a-foot, and from six to eight weeks for families with ox-teams; now twenty-four hours' ride will carry us back to our native hills. Now there are thirty thousand miles of railroads in the United States, and three thousand in the State of Ohio. Most of the business done thirty years ago by teams, canals and vessels, is done now by the locomotive (iron horse). The next marvel of the age is the electric telegraph, invented by Professor Morse, about twenty five years ago, by which we send communications hundreds of miles, and get answers in less number of minutes than it used to take days. There are thirty five thousand miles of telegraph lines in the United States, and ninety-six thousand on the globe. There are nine hundred and fifty-five miles of submarine telegraph; the longest is three hundred and forty miles, across the Black Sea.

FUTURE BENEFITS ANTICIPATED

The laying of a cable and transmitting messages across the Atlantic has thus far proved a failure; and though I am neither a prophet, nor the son of a prophet I will venture to predict that it never will be accomplished; that it is beyond the power and ingenuity of man; though the two hemispheres will probably soon be connected by a line through British and Russian America and Behring's Straits to Asia and thence to all the great commercial cities of the world.

Next came the Daguerrean art with its improvements. In the wake of these greater inventions, have followed almost innumerable smaller ones. The farmer shared largely in the improvement of agricultural implements, from Wood's Cast Iron Plow, to the Hay Loader, making his horse hoe his corn, harvest and thresh his wheat, mow, rake, load and pitch his hay, saw his wood, etc. Besides the discoveries in science, the discovery of gold in California, Nevada, and Idaho; of copper, lead and iron about Lake Superior, coal in the Western States, salt in Saginaw, and the immense quantities of coal oil that have been accumulating for ages in the bowels of the earth, have all been hid till this nineteenth century, and have now come to light for the benefit and wealth of this generation.

In the last have century the population of the United States has increased more than four-fold, from eight million to thirty-five millions; the State of Ohio from three hundred thousand to nearly three millions; and the States and Territories west of us, in a still greater ratio. In 1815, when the city of New York had been settled two hundred years, it contained only ninety thousand inhabitants, and now in one-fourth of that period, it has increased to nearly one million. Buffalo at that time, must have had (judging from memory), from eight hundred to twelve hundred inhabitants, now it contains one hundred and eighty thousand. Cleveland had about two hundred, not it contains sixty-five thousand; Chicago, that in 1820 had a single French family, was laid out into a city in 1835, contains more than two hundred thousand inhabitants. Boston, Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New

Orleans have all shared in the general increase, but not in the same ratio as New York, Buffalo, Cleveland and Chicago. Our wealth has kept pace with our population, supposed to be \$30,000,000. We may with perfect propriety say as David said, "the lines have fallen to us to pleasant places; yea, we have a good heritage," purchased and bequeathed to us by our ancestors. Thanks to the Pilgrim Fathers who fled from persecution in the Old World, that they might establish a pure religion in the New, which we have so long enjoyed, and which we hope to transmit unimpaired to our children; thanks to our Revolutionary sires, who left the plow in the furrow, the plane of the bench, and goods on the counter, to go to war; thanks to the mothers who cheerfully gave up their sons, to the wives who gave up their husbands, and to the maidens who gave up their lovers, to gain our independence and secure to us political freedom and all the blessings, civil, social and religious that we have so richly enjoyed. We have had wars in our day; the war of 1812, with Great Britain, and a war with Mexico, in 1846, but they were of short duration, and but slight drawbacks on our national prosperity. But now we have just come out of a civil war, such as the world never saw before. Friends and brothers have met in deadly strife and shed each other's blood. Homes have been desolated, parents have grieved for fallen sons, sister's hearts have bled, the widow's wail has gone up, children's tears have watered the land for sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers that have fallen in battle, or been starved in rebel prisons. A portion of our beautiful country has been desolated and laid waste; we are involved in a debt of \$3,000,000,000 and have lost half a million of our young men, the bone and sinew of our nation. The price of all this blood and treasure is the emancipation of four million of bondmen, and American slavery is doomed forever; but brethren, our work is not yet done. We must send our sons and daughters, and roll out dollars to educate them, till they are capable of taking care of themselves; till they become intelligent and useful citizens.

TIME TO RE-VISIT NEW ENGLAND

Brethren, let us go back together to the sterile hills of New England, the place of our birth, where our ancestors lived and died; let us again visit their graves, made sacred by associations of the past and reminiscences of early life; let us go to our old homes on the hills and review them from cellar to garret; let us drink from the old oaken bucket, poised on the curb; let us stroll through the meadows and pastures, and lie down and drink at the bubbling springs where we used to quench our thirst; let us again linger by the rivers and brooks where we bathed and fished; let us pick berries by the stone wall, gather nuts from the groves, and fruit from our favorite trees. Then let us go to the old school-house on the hillside, and there call to mind the school fellows and playmates of our childhood and early youth. Come, let us go. The hills are there just as we left them, the graves of our ancestors are there, the wells and springs, the rivers and brooks, and old stone wall are there; the brambles where we picked berries, may or may not be there; the groves have been cut down and the fruit trees have perished by the tooth of time. The school-house on the hillside is still there, just where it stood 50 years ago, but our school fellows have been scattered over the world; many of them are in their graves, but few survive, and we, a part of that few, have met here once more to review life's journey from childhood to youth, from youth to mature age, and so on through business and turmoil, and joys and sorrows, down to hoary hairs.

EARLY SCENE RECOLLECTED

Among our earliest recollections were long discussions about New Connecticut, as the Western Reserve was then called. We remember the preparations for removing, the gathering of friends and neighbors, the day we started, the good-byes and farewells, the blessings invoked, the prayers offered, and in one case, by request of a pioneer mother, a sermon was preached from Exodus 33-15. "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." We remember, vividly, many incidents of

the long and tedious journey, our arrival in the wilderness, the clearing away the forest, turning it into fruitful fields, and inconveniences and privations of pioneer life, the chills and fevers that prostrated us weeks and months, the attachments formed and broken, and the loves requited and unrequited. We have followed the common routine of human life, we have married, reared families, given them in marriage, and our children's children are growing up around us. We have been industrious, have secured a competence, and are now enjoying the fruits of our toils. We have borne the burdens of life, and helped support the government that protects us; we have followed the faith of our ancestors, have sustained religious institutions, and now see our children virtuous and honest, and many of them pious; we have gathered around the dying bedsides of our fathers and mothers, and of some of our brothers and sisters; have smoothed their dying pillows, closed their eyes, buried them, and erected monuments to their memory.

We must now throw off our harness, and commit these sacred trusts to our children. Sons and daughters, we charge you today to be faithful to the trusts we now commit to your care. Be true to your God, true to your country, true to yourselves, and true to each other. Follow us just so far as we have followed Christ, and no farther. Sustain religious institutions and transmit them unimpaired to your children, that they and their children for generations yet to come, may rise up and call you blessed. Live together as fellow heirs of the grace of God, cast the mantle of charity over each other's faults, as you would have it thrown over your own. Be kind to us, your parents. We have cared for you when you were helpless, were your guardians in youth, and your counselors in mature life, and now we expect and believe you will care for us in our declining years – in our second childhood.

BLESSINGS ON NEW GENERATION

“Children, you have listened patiently and attentively while I have addressed the pioneer fathers and mothers; our sons and daughters; and now I have a word for you”

You are young and full of hope, looking forward, expecting to live many years, and be happy. Let me say, you will not all live to be old, but we hope you will all be happy. If you take the Bible as your guide and remember your Creator in the days of your youth, you have his promise that it shall be well with you. We hope that many of you will live longer than we have lived, that you will do more good and make a larger mark in the world than we have done, and that fifty years from this day, some of you will meet to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the settlement of this township.

By the love and respect you have for us, whose bodies will then have crumbled into dust, we charge you who are then living, and can do so, to meet here on the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, that you read so much of this history as may interest you, and that some one of you prepare to deliver a fitter more interesting address than I have been able to do. “Will you do it? Yes, we believe you will. Though many long years must intervene; your heads whitened, and your eyes dimmed by age, you will vividly remember this day; you will remember our old familiar faces as you look upon us here to-day; as you have seen us in the church, and as we have mingled with you in the Sabbath school.

Pioneer brethren and friends; we shall never again all meet in this world. To-day some last farewells will be said. Friend will look upon friend the last time. We have traveled life's journey together; we have often mingled our sympathies and tears; we have humbly bowed together at the altar of prayer, and there made solemn covenants with our God, and with each other. With shame we confess that we have broken our covenants; that we have sometimes fallen out by the way. It is human to err, but

it is Divine to forgive Brethren, today let every breach be healed; let envy and hatred, and all the baser passions be hushed; let us all forgive every one that has injured us, and let us from this day live together in peace and friendship, and walk humbly with our God, down to the valley and shadow of death, that we may meet again in the spirit world and be happy forever.

LATER HISTORIAN'S NOTE

“The one hundredth anniversary of Sheffield was celebrated August 11th and 12th, 1915. The program for the two-day reunion included a launch ride up Black River, and dancing in the grove which later became the James Day Park, a general assembly at the old church and a picnic on the lawn of the Burrell home which was attended by more than 300 residents, former residents and county friends.”

The building of the early house of Sheffield coincided with the Greek Revival in domestic architecture. In a study of “The Early Architecture in the Western Reserve” made by Thomas Edward O'Donnell for The Western Architect magazine in 1923, two of the Sheffield houses still standing were cited as examples of the use of classic forms in the design and proportions of the exteriors as well as in interior details. One is the Milton Garfield house, 4921 Detroit Road, later owned by Mr. And Mrs. R. I. Potter. The other is the Burrell house, 2792 East River Road.

Other houses in Sheffield influenced by the Greek Revival may also be found, some in good condition, some neglected. They may be recognized by the return of the entablature (roof line) around the gable end, by the symmetrical placement of windows and in some, by elaborate doorways.

REMINISCENCES OF SHEFFIELD

BY WILLIAM H. ROOT

A son of a pioneer, Henry Root, William H. Root was born in 1803 in Sheffield, Massachusetts. Like his cousin, Norman Day, Mr. Root is another citizen of early Sheffield who walked the distance between old Sheffield and the new. It was not to be expected that a boy of thirteen would be content to ride cooped up in a covered wagon when there was a whole new world to explore.

W. H. Root built the house at 3535 East Erie Ave. (now Lorain). Root Road is named for him. He served as auditor of Lorain County from 1855 to 1861. He wrote a number of historic reminiscences for the Elyria Republican in 1875, from which these extracts were taken.

The land, in its primitive state was very heavily timbered, more so than the adjoining towns. Most of the bottom land along the river was covered with an immense growth of timer, and this timer tied together with grape vines (still here as residents know) and, in the summer time, a most luxurious growth of herbage, in many places higher than a man's head.

...the Big Bottom (see map of French Creek Reservation for this site) is located near the center of the town. Four of the proprietors, namely Isaac Burrell, Jabez Burrell, John Day and Joshua Smith very wisely selected each a portion of their farms.

On this Bottom was the largest and best sugar bush in the county, one that had been used by the Indians (By the appearance for a long time, say fifty or one hundred years as the scars indicated.) And such noble old trees! Some of them four feet through at the ground and huge tops to match.

Corn had been raised on a portion of this bottom before any white man came here. Tradition has it that the Red Man made this spot a point. Here he made his sugar, caught his fish, raised his corn, hunted his wild game; and here he bartered his skins and furs with the French trader, near the mouth of the French Creek.

There were the remains of one of these French trading houses at the time we came here, but in a dilapidated condition.

The Indians left this part of the country at the breaking out of the war of 1812, and consequently no traders were here in 1816.

The best fishing ground on the river was at the upper end of this bottom and higher came, in later times, people from near and far to lay in their year's supply of that almost indispensable article of food.

THE MANNER OF CATCHING FISH

They were all taken at night. Each man or boy must provide himself with a spear and a torch; the torches made of hickory bark tied in two or three places with the mark of the elm to keep it in place. Each company of fisherman selected from among its number a captain, whose orders we were religiously bound to obey during his term of office, be it one or more nights. When he said "come out of the water" or, "light your torches: each was expected to obey. Pike were the principal fish caught on the rapids, although mullet, suckers, sheephead and some other kinds which were considered worthless were caught.

To show how abundant they were my brother and myself, one fourteen and one twelve years of age, took forty large spawn pike before twelve o'clock. This number could easily be doubled by an expert fisherman and I think as many as 100 were taken by a single individual.

HOW FISHE WERE PRESERVED

Salt at this time was scarce and consequently high. The first barrel we had, cost \$14. So we had to use economy in that article, and depend upon drying in the sun, after salting slightly. After the slight salting, the fish were placed on racks, made of poles, raised a little from the ground, and a slow fire built under them, that the smoke might keep off the flies that gathered around. Another way of drying was to fix racks in the house overhead, in or near the chimney, and so save the trouble of an outdoor arrangement. These pike when properly cured, were an excellent fish, and somewhat resembled codfish, and were prepared for the table in the same way that codfish are and were relished by all.

The first thing to be done (The Roots reached here the first of April) was to provide something to eat for ourselves and team. The latter was turned out to graze of the aforesaid Big Bottom, the herbage being up enough to give them a good bite, even at this early date. A man and myself were posted off, with each a horse, for corn, not to Egypt, but to Hadley's mills in Columbia. Our route was up French Creek, past William Cahoon's place, by way of Stoney Ridge, to Ridgeville Center; thence

easterly along the South Ridge Road, as far as Chester Beebe's, where we turned south into the woods and came out on Rocky River, near the mills. This was an all day's ride.

Whether we bought our corn in Ridgeville or at the mill, I am undecided, but at any rate we got a grist of corn somewhere, and returned home the next day.

The first barrel of flour we had came from Huron, and was put into bags and brought home on horseback—price \$16.

We bought a cow and a calf soon after our arrival, and on one half the milk she gave our family lived the first summer; the other half supported the calf during that time. The calf must be kept, in order to have the cow come home nights.

Our clothing was mostly made from flax and wool raised by ourselves and manufactured by our mothers and sisters. Our every-day wear was almost exclusively home made. A portion of the cloth, both linen and woolen, that was worn by the ladies of those times, had to be a little different in design from that worn by the men; consequently the ingenuity of the weavers were taxed to produce the most 'fancy article' from the different colors of the years brought to them to be wove. These colors were produced by making dyes from the bark of trees with a little alum to set the color, which could be obtained in any quantity desired from any washbank on the river.

Much of the linen cloth was bleached and made up in many ways for family users.

If our young ladies desired to possess a calico dress, all they had to do was to go to work and spin and weave, from flax and tow, just double the number of years of cloth they needed for said dress and exchange with the merchant their home production for his imported article. Six or seven yards made a dress.

Shoes and boots were a great luxury and boys and girls rarely indulged in such luxury. After cattle began to multiply and after tanners and couriers established themselves among us, later became plentier and the feet better provided for.

HISTORY OF SHEFFIELD'S SCHOOL

A log building which stood at the top of the south hill of the French Creek valley" served as both church and schoolhouse in the earliest days of the Sheffield settlement. William H. Root, writing in the Elyria Republican of Sept 18, 1875, refers to it as follows:

"It has been suggested that a monument be erected on the site of the old building, that we and our children might not forget the spot where our fathers and others gathered on Sundays, and other days, to invoke the divine blessing on themselves and their posterity through all succeeding generations; and, when we too, as boys and girls, gathered ourselves in schools – age, and in literary associations as well, for be it remembered that we, in that hold town had a name and fame of having the best school on the Western Reserve; and now we ask, why should we not have a monument?"

That was the auspicious beginning of the Sheffield school system. As the population grew, other schools were built to serve in the most settled neighborhoods. In 1878 when the population of the

township was nearing 1000, there were 8 red brick houses, valued at \$7000, attended by 286 students.**

Two remained in 1970. One, as the Sheffield Village Hall is pictured in this volume. The other was the school which once served as the parochial school directed by St. Teresa's Church. It became church property when the schools were consolidated in 1922.

CENTRALIZATION OF SCHOOLS

While the people east of the river had withdrawn from township government (which continued west of the river) in 1920, the schools remained under the jurisdiction of one school board which, in 1921, proposed and won the voters' support of a bond issue of \$180,000 to build three centralized schools. These were Brookside, occupied in 1923, Vincent, occupied the following year and Highland (which later became Clearview) also occupied in 1924. Students were transported in busses.

The three schools continued under the jurisdiction of one Sheffield school board until 1927 when the same pattern of separation which divided the communities was insisted upon, by the residents, for the schools, too. Those east of the river became those of the Sheffield-Sheffield Lake School District with its own board and those west of the river became those of the Clearview District with its own board.

Both systems expanded continuously to meet the needs of the growing population. In 1970 the list of schools with their enrollment were as follows:

The Sheffield-Sheffield Lake School District:

Brookside High School	786
Sheffield Middle School	694
Forestlawn Elementary	375
William Barr School	231
Tennyson Elementary	514
Knollwood Elementary	470

The Clearview District

Clearview, Junior & Senior High	919
Formerly Highland	
Durling Elementary	519
Vincent Elementary	479

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN 1970:

St. Thomas School, Harris road is open to children of Sheffield Village and the City of Sheffield Lake.

St. Vincent de Paul School, 21295 North Ridge Road, in Elyria township is open to children of Sheffield township.

THE GERMANS IN SHEFFIELD

BY ANGELA FORSTER HALUSEK

Mrs. Halusek is the great grand daughter of John Forster, the first of the Germans to come into Sheffield.

The German Migration into Sheffield started as early as 1870. In that year John Forster from Bayern, Germany arrived and purchased fifty acres of land from Aaron Root on which he built a log cabin.

Like others who followed him he was seeking a freer life. The Germans were young, ambitious, built not blessed with worldly goods. They came into a strange country where they didn't know the language. They came from all parts of Germany and spoke different dialects.

And why did they choose to leave their native land and come to this wilderness? The answer was obvious; they were tired of wars, they wanted peace. Prussia was preparing for war with Austria and they didn't want to be conscripted into the army. In fact, they hated war so much that it wasn't uncommon to find a man who had cut off a couple of his toes (he told the officials it was an accident) to stay out of the army.

John Forster was followed by the Ferners who also bought land. They moved in with the forsters until their cabin was built. In the meantime a Burkett family arrived and they too moved in with the Forsters. This meant that there were three families crowded into the kitchen, two rooms and a pantry. The beds were made of wood and mattresses were stuffed with corn husks. In spite of these conditions they were fortunate that they didn't have a water problem, French Creek was behind the cabin.

NEW ARRIVALS WELCOMED

This same hospitality was repeated over and over again as new families came. Each was welcome in a cabin of a family settled until one could be built for them. Everyone pitched in and helped the other.

CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

And so they came, until 1845 there were twenty families settled. Being a very religious group, they decided to build a church rather than continue services in a house. They were helped and encouraged by Rev. Peter Greist who organized a mission in 1845. Each member of the church paid one dollar toward the purchases of an acre of land from Aaron Root with the understanding that when he sold his farm he would donate another acre, which he did. The church then had two acres on which was built a log cabin twenty-four by thirty feet, which was used until a frame church was built in 1856. This frame church was destroyed by fire in 1907 and the present brick church was built and dedicated the following year.

The first trustees of the church were: John Miller, Christian Marks, Peter Laux and Peter Schneider. Among the members of were John Forster, John and Anna Diedrick, Mathew Schuler and Nicolas Kelling.

According to the church records which date back to 1854, the first burial was a three month son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kihm. The first baptism, on June 2, 1848, was Elizabeth Forester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Forster.

The first marriage was between John Farves and Anna Klingshirn on January 38, 1851. In fact, there were three marriages that day. Perhaps this is true the circuit priest came only occasionally from Peru, south of Norwalk.

The first resident priest of St. Teresa church was Rev. Armadeus Dambeck in 1881. Since Father Damback, there have been 12 resident priests. The longest terms was served by Father Adam Senger who came to Sheffield in 1909 and died in 1941. He is buried in Saint Teresa's cemetery. He was followed by Father Joseph Eiringer who served from 1941 until he was transferred in 1955. Father Grismer came from Elyria in 1970.

NEW PARISH FORMED

The membership grew to fifty five families by 1879. In 1962 there were seven hundred families. A new parish, St. Thomas, was started in that year and the parish was divided along the boundary of the railroad (then the Nickle Plate). Once again, St. Teresa became a small parish with one hundred and ten families.

Many of the members are descendants of the early families. One such was William Youngblood who died in 1962, aged 95. His grandfather was John Oster who came from Koblenz, Germany, in 1852 and settled on the site of the brick house where the Youngbloods lived. The road is named for him.

Besides hardships, these pioneers suffered their share of tragedies, too. A six year old boy drowned in Lake Erie in the 1850's. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer who had settled along the lake when they came from Alsace Lorraine. This was followed by another accident, Mathew Schuler, one of the first members of St. Teresa parish was killed at a barn raising.

But these pioneers were of rugged stock. In spite of hardships, many lived to be old. I'm sure that this incident will bear this out.

In 1856, John Minnich and his family arrived in New York from Koblenz, Germany. They had spent ninety days in a sailboat. They had arrived at St. Marys on the lake near Cleveland in September. A priest was leaving for Sheffield, so they decided to come with him. In 1856 women were not allowed to ride on the same wagon with a priest, so the women walked behind the wagon while Mr. Minnich and the two sons rode with the priest. They finally arrived in Sheffield and stopped at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Diedrick. Mrs. Diedrich was so happy to see them. But she suddenly remembered that she had no bread in the cabin, so she make a batch of soda biscuits. Mrs. Minnich decided that if one could make biscuits so quickly in Sheffield, "She guessed she'd stay".

The Mininich family built a log cabin on Harris Road and settled down for the winter. However, they arrived too late to plant crops and their food supply was soon depleted, so the other families fed them through that first winter.

Mrs. Minnich is the same woman who had to walk a mile and a half every other day to Lake Erie for water. She carried two pails, and by the time she arrived back at the cabin part of the water spashed out. This "hearty soul" lived to be ninety. Her granddaughter, the former Julie Meyers of Ridgeville married William Youngblood of Oster Road, told me this story.

In spite of all the hardships there was time for social gatherings, too. Besides the usual corn husking bees, there were the apple peeling parties in the fall. The apples were then dried and sold in Elyria for four cents a pound. It was a chance for young people to meet. Many a romance started at one of these parties. They were also one source of revenue. The money was used to buy supplies for the long winters. Hay was also sold at the market in Cleveland.

There was a third source of revenue for at least two families. I was amused, but I must confess rather surprised to hear of at least two “stills” in the village. And these pioneers used a bit of psychology, too. When word got around the agent was coming, the whiskey was hidden under the bed. Of course in those days even a revenue agent wouldn’t think of invading the privacy of a lady’s bedroom; consequently there were few arrests.

[Editor’s note: This seems to be an appropriate place to tell of the necessity of distilling. The following was written by William H. Root: The first settlers of Sheffield were a thorough, energetic set of men and women, who labored hard to turn a barren wilderness into beautiful fields, and when this object was accomplished, and they had more than a supply for themselves and families, the surplus could not be disposed of for cash in any considerable quantities at any price for several years; immense crops of corn were raised on the river bottom by the Burrells, Days, Hecoeks and others. These crops had to be disposed in some way, and the only way known at that time was to get them into as small a compass as possible, that they might be the more easily handled, and this was done by distillation into whiskey. It is with regret that some of the old pioneers look back upon this period of our history-with regret that there should have been such a necessity laid upon us.]

The Germans have contributed at least one famous native, Peter Bungart. A Paleontologist who became famous for his discovery of fossils. He worked for a Canadian firm engaged in geological research and the Cleveland Natural Museum of History. His father, Nicholas Bungart was the son of Laurence Bungart who left Bruck, Dockweiler, Germaqny in 1849 for America and settled first in Amherst before moving to Sheffield, where he built a log cabin along Black River.

As a boy of nine Peter Bungart waited Jay Terrell as he dug the remains of a pre-historic fish from the shale banks of Black River. Terrell’s expert testimony on the geology of Lorain County forms a fascinating chapter in the History of Lorain County prepared by the Williams Brothers in 1870. Terrell, from the pioneer family who first came into Ridgeville built the first hotel on the Lake Shore in 1863, named the Lake Breeze Hotel. It is from this resort that the Lake Breeze road took its name.

To go back to Peter Bungart. Terrell was so excited by his find that it made a lasting impression on the boy. Peter decided right then and there that he would someday “get acquainted with the strange animals that lived in the world’s infancy”. He grew up to be a carpenter, but his hobby was collecting fossils. It soon became his livelihood. He made many important discoveries before his death in 1942.

There are other members of this family that I feel I should mention also. A brother, Rev. Francis Bungart, S.J. was a pastor at St. Xavier church in Cincinnati until his death in 1953. He returned to Sheffield in 1945 to preach the sermon at St. Teresa’s centennial celebration.

Soon after the founding of St. Teresa Church in 1845, religious education was started in a log cabin built that same year on the northwest corner of the church property. Peter Laux taught in it. In 1902 Father Philip A. Schritz, then the pastor, arranged to use the public school building (No. 7) for parochial school purposes.

RAILROADS CAME IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE

Railroads introduced the first important changes in Sheffield. They came in the following sequence:

- 1872 - Lines were laid across the Southwest corner of the township for the first railroad which reached the Black River harbor at Lake Erie. Progress took a major step in the county and the sleepy little hamlet at the mouth of the River responded by incorporating as the Village of Lorain. This railroad operates as the B & O in 1970.
- 1882 - The east-west railroad which later became part the boundary separating the Village of Sheffield from the City of Sheffield Lake was laid. It allowed Sheffield citizens to depart and arrive on daily trains which stopped at Lake Breeze Road. Operated as the Norfolk & Western in 1970.
- 1904 - Came the first of the spurs which connect main line trachs with the steel plant. Yards were built in the center of Sheffield and a trestle constructed across Black River just north of the 31st Street Bridge to handle the traffic. The first spur ran north to the Sheffield yards from the lake shore line described above.
- 1906 - A spur from Elyria, which forms the west bo0undary between the Village of Sheffield and Avon, made its way to the Sheffield yards. Operated by Penn Central in 1970.
- 1906 - A spur to connect a mainline through Wellington entered Sheffield in the south west section, cut across Black River on its own trestle (north of Garfield bridge) then came north into the Sheffield yards. Operated by Norfolk & Western in 1970.

LAND USE DETERMINED SHEFFIELD'S DIVISIONS

Farming was the main support of the first three generations of Sheffield families and for the first six decades was the only attraction to bring in new people. The tremendous labor of clearing the land; the ditching, fencing, removal of trees, building of barns and houses was only partially exploited before industrialization completely altered the old way of life.

Industrialization brought numbers of new people whose selection of home sites were determined by transportation facilities as well as environmental advantages such as the lake shore. The political subdivisions followed the patter of neighborhood formations.

THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD

The farms of the original pioneers are scattered over the entire area. The nearest thing to a "center" of the original Sheffield township developed on River road in the area which became the Village of Sheffield. All the families gathered at the first log schoolhouse and later at the site from Congregational church built in 1854 both to worship and for sociability. These two sites were not far from the little roadside cemetery where the first burials were made.

No commercial center ever developed except at a location which came to be known as Day's dam in the Black River valley just south of the 31st Street Bridge. A sawmill, powered by water collected behind a 9 foot wooden dam, cut logs into house, barn and ship lumber. At least one ship was built on this site and floated down the river for service on the lakes. A turbine powered grist and flour mill converted the farmers' grain. There was also a blacksmith to shoes horses and forge iron parts for farm and home use.

The prophecies so frequently made in Sheffield as the new age approached fell are short of actual developments to be observed in the Sheffield commentates of 1970. Who would have predicted the 80 acres of slag now deposited on the "big bottom" referenced to by the historian W. H. Root? Viewed from an aircraft it stands out as the most conspicuous landmark of Sheffield Village – and Lorain, too.

Nor did anyone foresee the turn which agriculture would take by going under glass. In Sheffield Village, ten greenhouses exploit the rich sandy soil of north ridge. Three annual crops of tomatoes raised under controlled conditions yield many time the value of all the crops once raised in the whole township with infinitely greater toil and hazard.

Less altered than other communities, the Village retains, to a considerable degree, the character of a farming community.

THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE

The land along the lake shore was the least wanted by the early settlers because of its clay content, which nevertheless grew enormous trees. Eventually this unpopularity was overcome because of the advantages of the lake. It was also found that the land was good for vineyards and for pastures, so that dairies flourished. Commercial fishing was done, too, by means of nets attached to large poles which were pounded into the lake bed some distance from the shore.

The lake shore electric street car line was laid in 1897, along the right of way still discernible in 1970. It brought cars from Cleveland and the western communities and lake shore opened to vacationists and commuters. The old farms were cut up into allotments and to induce investment in housing sits, recreation centers were built for the purchasers. Swimming and boating were the popular recreations. The West Shore club, still standing in 1970, a property of the city, is survivor of this practice.

Among those attracted to the lake shore for its scenic and recreational advantages was Stephan Domonkas who built his home at 3719 East Erie Ave. in 1928. He gave the city its public library, which is named for him, in 1964.

The City of Sheffield Lake also holds an historic encampment, that of the 103d Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Army, a civil war unit composed of men from Lorain and surrounding counties. The survivors met for their first reunion in 1866. They organized as the 103d O.V.L. Corporation and built on it a general assembly hall and a series of cottages. Today their descendants still use the cottages and hold two reunions each year for all surviving descendants; one in mid-winter and a camp week in August. Casement Hall, the original assembly, has a collection of civil war pictures and mementos.

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP

Black River and its Valley was a considerable obstruction to the easy mingling of the people and the transpiration of goods in the days of the horse drawn vehicle. The descent of the steep hills down to the river, crossing at a ford and then up an equally steep hill on the opposite side was not under taken lightly. The community west of the river was therefore somewhat isolated. The first "high level" crossing at 31st Street came in 1910, but the Garfield bridge on 254 was not opened until 1937.

The Ford road which starts south near 254 on the east side of the river was so named because it was the last one which the river crossing was made by fording the stream.

The building of the Elyria-Lorain street railway on a right of way later converted to route 57, hastened the change west of the river. The orchards were cut down, the farms divided into allotments, the stone quarry worked by the Eschtruth family closed and roads were cut north from the old north ridge to the newly laid out streets of South Lorain.

This section has always been the main corridor between Lorain and Elyria. With the arrival of industry and the hard surfacing of the roads to accommodate trucks and automobiles, it rapidly filled with stores, warehouses and service establishments.

The building of the Vincent Methodist Church which was dedicated on Christmas Day, 1897 on North Ridge just east of the intersection with Route 57 gave the name "Vincent" to this section of Sheffield township. The church was organized by people from the 20th street Methodist church of Lorain and the site was donated by George Fleming. The neighboring public school, too, is designated by the name Vincent.

When the Lorain-Elyria street railway was running, the stop at North Ridge was No.7. Another popular name for the area for many years therefore Stop 7. While the name is being forgotten, the Vincent designation still continues for both the church and school.

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HISTORICAL AREA PRESERVED

This park includes the first of the upland farms to be cleared of forest trees during the hard struggle to gain land for crops which took place more than 150 years ago. It includes lots 21 and 65 originally selected by Captain Jabez Burrell.

Farming has long since ended on these acres but here and there a self sown apple tree testifies to cultivation carried on by the hard work of succeeding generations.

Along the banks of Sugar Creek can be found evidence of the kiln in which Jabez Burrell burned the brick for his own house and for several other houses in the neighborhood. On the map above are marked the sites of the first log school and the Congressional Church, built in 1854 and taken down in 1931. Also marked is the section of Black River valley once known as the "big bottom".

The French Creek Reservation area includes the site of the old Elden house and Fitch house, both part of early Sheffield.

Along the banks of the streams are several sites reserved for future archaeological exploration. Studies of them may reveal to us more than we now know about the Eries and other Indian tribes as well as the race of mound builders who preceded them.

WILLYS TERRELL'S MEMOIRS OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE COMPILED BY DOROTHY PAINTER, 1976

DEDICATED TO THE TERRELL FAMILY

This book is dedicated to the Terrell family, who were in the majority of the original settlers and their descendants. Expecially, Wyllys Terrell who wrote the memoirs of the early days which appeared in the newspaper, "Elyria Constitution", from March 23, 1876 through October 16, 1879.

These memoirs are in the Elyria Public Library in Newspaper microfilm file.

Compied by Dorothy Painter, 1976

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PREFACE

One hundred years ago the United State of America was celebrating their Centennial all across the land.

In Lorain County several township historians were writng about the early settlers of sixty and seventy years earlier.

Here, in Ridgeville, Wyllys Terrell wrote more than 51 memoirs about the pi9oneers and pioneer life in the Ridgeville and the Columbia area.

As he says, "It is hard to be exact in relating dates and events that happened sixty years earlier." All of his memoirs are signed, "An Old Hunter." It was not until his death, that the editor revealed, "An Old Hunter" was Wyllys Terrell.

The words in quotation marks are words, grammer and spelling of Wyllys Terrell. Any additions or corrections are in brackets ().

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No. 16 Various Trees-Buildings Burn-Ridgeville Under Water
Stephen Calble Returns Home-Looses Life
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No. 48 Lyman Root – Balck Salt-Shoes-Taxes-Apple Tree

EARLY INCIDENTS

CIRCA 1816-1817

- No. 43 Jabez Burrell Turns Up Skeleton
No. 33 Indians Stay in Nation Perry's Tavern
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EARLY INCIDENTS

CIRCA 1817-1818

- Good Hunt-Bear Chases Young Man
No. 39 Ben Powell & Bear in Tree-Rescue- D. Millett
No. 37 Borden Beebe-Bear Chases Boy-Bear Hunt

EARLY INCIDENTS

CIRCA 1818-1819

- No. 3 Mr. Seymour and bear chase

No. 22 Mr. Carter and Indians
No. 38 Mr. S. and Dog, Boos-Hunt Bear

EARLY INCIDENTS

CIRCA 1819-1820

No. 42 Raccoon in Mr. Farr's Cornfield
No. 15 Cahoon Boys Hunt Bear
No. 35 Visit to Good Hunt's Camp

EARLY INCIDENTS

CIRCA 1820-1829

No. 50 Playing with Indian children
No. 2 Mr. Blain chased by bear
 Hard time for Shoemaker and Family
No. 27 Mr. Hoadley built Mills
 Dear Chased by Wolves – Mr. Hoadley builds
 First Framhouse in Olmstead
No. 30 Eunice Hoadley and Horace Adams Sang
 Aunt Chloe

EARLY INCIDENT

CIRCA 1830-1840

No. 18 Last bears in Ridgeville
 Travel in Ridgeville, Grafton, Olsted
 Rev. Harry O. Sheldon

ODDS AND ENDS

Death of Wyllys Terrell
Terrell and Beebe Reunion 1879
Terrell and Beebe Reunion 1880
Terrell and Beebe Reunion 1881
Pioneer Celebration at Ridgeville 1880
Genealogy of Terrell Family
Jeff Dreger's Essay
Ethel Patterson's Bi-Centennial Peol
North Ridgeville Bi-Centennial Events
North Ridgeville Bi-Centennial Committee

FIRE LANDS OR SUFFERER'S LAND (1792)

Near the close of the revolution, the enemy (British), assisted by Benedict Arnold, ravaged the coast of Connecticut, burning and destroying property chiefly in the towns of New Haven, Greenwich, Fairfield, Norwalk and New London. Upon petition off these sufferer's the State Legislature of Connecticut. On May 10, 1792, set aside as compensation for the colonist' losses

500,000 acres at the west end of the Reserve, which is an area almost covered by the present counties of Huron and Erie.

DIVISION OF LAND BOUGHT BY CONNECTICUT LAND COMPANY

1795 Connecticut sold and conveyed all of the Reserve except the "Sufferer's Land" to Oliver Phelps and thirty-five others, for the consideration of \$1,200,00. These purchasers formed themselves into the Connecticut Land Company.

July 4, 1805 the Indians signed a treaty with the United States to give up the title to all the lands in the Reserve. By this treaty all the lands lying between the Cuyahoga and the meridian, one hundred and twenty miles west of Pennsylvania, now gave clear title to the Connecticut Land Company.

DIVISION OF WESTERN RESERVE LAND WEST OF CUYAHOGA

It was not until after the Indian (chiefs and warriors of Wyandots, Chippewa, Ottawa, Maumee, Delaware, Shawanee and Pattawatina Nations) treaty of Fort Industry, in 1805, that the lands lying west of the Cuyahoga were surveyed.

In 1805 Abraham Tappan and Anson Sessions entered into agreement with the Land Company to complete the survey west of the Cuyahoga River. In 1806 Amos Spafford, of Cleveland, and Almon Ruggles, of Huron, agreed to ascertain and locate the line between the Fire Lands and the lands of the Connecticut Company. They found a more shaped area, east of the Fire Lands called surplus land. An equalizing committee accompanied the surveyors, to make such observations and take note of the character of the township, as would enable them intelligently, and make a just estimate and equalization of their value.

After the townships were all made equal value by the process of tacking and annexation, they were drawn by "lot". There were 46 parcels west of the Cuyahoga River and were drawn the 4th of April, 1807. The lands of Lorain County required an ownership of \$26,087 in the original purchase money to entitle the owner to a township. The townships were numbered and the numbers of separate pieces of paper, were placed in a box. The names of the proprietors, who had subscribed amount of purchase money to entitle them to a township, were arranged alphabetically, and, the township corresponding to the first number drawn from the box, belonged, to the person who he represented.

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 23

"It is next to impossible to remember correct dates, at this time, 60 years later, so I am obliged to rely mainly upon my memory and that of some of the few remaining pioneers."

"In the summer of 1807, Maj. Lemuel Hoadley left Connecticut with his family for the wilds of Ohio. He stopped at Albany, to see the first experiment made in attempting to propel a boat by steam. In coming west from Buffalo through the eighteen mile woods, it proved to be the hardest part of his journey. Having reached Cleveland, he crossed the Cuyahoga, enroute for the settlement now known as Columbia where his brother had preceded him, and after traveling twenty miles through a dense forest, along a trail with now and then a marked tree, over logs, roots and other obstructions, a way so narrow that there was scarcely room enough for the wagon to pass. He finally reached his destination, the location, which is now known as Hoadley's mills, to the great joy of his brother, Calvin.

"He immediately set to work and put up a cabin for his family and spent the first winter in genuine pioneer style, living on the wild game of the forest, roast potatoes, pounded corn, dried

pumpkins and milk. Having prepared a piece of ground in the spring for planting, he was obliged to make a trip to Cleveland to get seed for planting. He took three horses and his hired man with him. Having made his purchase and loaded them on his horses, and having gotten well under way for home, he suddenly recollected that he had forgotten a bushel of potatoes, he told his hired man to stay with the horses while he returned a distance of 3 miles to get the potatoes. Mr. Hoadley ran all the way back shouldered the potatoes and continued on a run with his load, so as to get through the woods before night, but to his great disappointment, when he reached the place where he had left his hired man with the horses, he found that the hired man had gone.

“Some wolves coming along that was had frightened the fellow and he started homeward at a lively gate, and after another five mile run Mr. Hoadley finally overtook the horses and found the boy so badly scared that he scarcely knew what he was about. They arrived home after a journey of forty miles in one day, nearly exhausted.

“In the Spring of 1818, the two Hoadley brothers built what was called the old “Sweat” mill, where they ground wheat and corn by hand and had to do their sifting with a hair sieve.

“September 13th, 1808, Sally Hoadley, daughter of Lemuel Hoadley was born, being the first white female child born in Lorain County, was Calvin Ceer, December 1808, son of James Calvin is still living 1877 and is a resident of Olsted. I will treat Lemuel Hoadley’s pioneer life more fully in a future article.”

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 28

“Mr. Benoni Adams, one of the old pioneers of this county, moved into what is now Columbia in 1807. He was the first mail carrier between Cleveland and Detroit, and in a chat with his brother on early reminiscences, he gave me the following information which I will relate in substance as nearly as I can remember.

“In the fall of 1808, Benoni’s father (John), then living in Connecticut received a letter from his son, stating that he had made a contract with the Government to carry the mail from Cleveland to Detroit on foot, for \$20 a month, and that his route was to extend along the south shore of Lake Erie. After he had commenced, he found that part of the way there was no trail and he was obliged to keep in sight of the lake, and on some parts of his route the distance between the settlements was greater than could be gone over in one day’s travel.

A few months after his father received another letter in which he related some of his hardships, stating that in one trip he was obliged to wade through a deep snow, and that near Toledo, he got swamped and had to stop over night in a snow drift. He cut some branches from a hellock and paced them on the snow and lay down with his face downward, and aside from having his feet slightly frost bitten, he escaped unhurt.

During the time the lake was frozen, he cut his distance short by traveling on the ice. One time near Detroit, he stepped into an air hole and went into the lake with the mail bag on his back. He was able to throw the mail onto the ice, and then began a struggle for life, and at one time had given himself up for lost but after a desperate effort he succeeded in getting out on the ice again. The weather was severely cold. He pressed the water out of his clothes as well as he could and started on, double quick for Detroit.

He had gone but a short distance until his clothes began to freeze as solid as a coat of mail and he found himself actually chilling to death. The stiff frozen clothes impeded his progress, but he finally reached his destination without further damage other than being greatly fatigued. Had he been obliged to be 10 minutes longer on his way, he could not possibly have saved his life. All this he had

to endure for \$20 a month and board himself. He died in Columbia township, September 1976 aged 98 years.

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENTS NO. 29 THE FATHER OF BENONI ADAMS

“In November, 1807, Mr. John Adams left Connecticut for a home in what is now Lorain county, with a family of six sons and one daughter, taking with him two wagons and five horses. After a tedious journey of 25 days the family found themselves at an inn at the east end of the “eighteen mile woods,” with a snow a foot deep. The landlord advised Mr. Adams not to undertake to make the journey through the woods, as it would be hazardous undertaking but follow the beach of the lake. He did so, and got along successfully until evening, about sunset, when passing around a point of rocks near Cattaraugus Creek, the waves frightened his horses so they refused to go.

A young by the name of Marshall Bronson, who drove on of his teams, attempted to drive around the balky team by turning farther into the lake and stuck fast in the sand. Soon a large wave coming up washed the horses off their fee, and before they could be unhitched they were drowned. After a desparate effort Mr. Adams succeeded in getting his wife and some of the children who were on the stranded wagon ashore. When all but his daughter were safe on shore, a large wave swept over the wagon and she was washed out and drowned. A messenger was dispatched to the settlement at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek, and soon a number of men came to Mr. Adam’s assistance and succeeded in securing the body of his daughter and some of the goods in the wagon and its contents could be found for a mile along the shore.

Mr. Adams buried the remains of his daughter in a corner of the landlord’s garden at Cattaraugus Creek, where she rests in an unknow grave but not forgotten. After a delay of 10 days, the unfortunate man, gathered up the remnants of his otufit, fitting together what he saved of the two wagons, brought a yoke of oxen, and a sled, and loaded the fragments theron, and again resumed his journey with a sad heart regretting he had ever left Connecticut. After a sorrowful journey of 12 days, the family arrive at Esq. Down’s in Euclid, Cuyahoga County, nearly exhausted in wallowing through the snow and mud.

They remained in Euclid until March 1st, when they again started further west and reached Comumbia township on the 3rd of that month.

AN OLD HUNTER 4/12/1877

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENTS No. 24

“In 1809, there lived in what is now Columbia Township a family by the name of Joesph Burk. In the spring, while the young man was making sugar about a hundred rods from the cabin. One day his little ister, about five years old, went out with him. In the evening she started home a little ahead of him, but when he reached home, to his surprise, he found that the little girl was not at home.

The family at one, gave the alram, and their neighbors joined in a search all that night and several days and nights afterwards without finding any trace of the little. The opinion was that she was carried off by some Indians. The family continued their search for the missing one more than twenty years among the Indians.

Whenever they heard of a white woman anywhere among the Indians they always went and made some inquiry about her, but their search proved in vain. The last white woman they visited among the Indians was in Sandusky. One of the brothers went there and found a woman with several papooses, but she had no recollection of her home or how she came among the Indians. He had no means of identifying her. And there was no personal resemblance in her to the family. This was as late as 1830.

About the year 1810, a man, by the name of Dan Mallet built a log cabin in what is now Liverpool, in Medina County. His cabin was two miles away from his nearest neighbor.; This man had become a great enemy to the red man. It is said that the Indians had killed some of his relatives and woe to the Indian that crossed his track. Whenever he could make off with any of his red neighbors he would place them what a tree had fallen including the root. He would then cut off the stump and let it drop back into place. This would hide the remains of his enemy beyond all search. He always went well armed and frequently dressed in Indian costume.

In the Fall of 1815, shortly after the first cabin was built in the twenty-four mile woods by Mr. Stephen Cable, a band of Indians, in passing from Chippewa Lake to Sandusky went by Mallet's cabin, Mr. Cable saw them and know that they had Mr. Mallet's horses. Mr. Mallet make pursuit and learning the facts of Calbe followed the Indians nearly to Sandusky, when he found his horses grazing on the prairie with some Indian Ponies. He took them and two for the ponies and started for home. The Indians soon missed the animals and three of them started after Mr. Mallet at full speed, and overtook Mallet at Cable's cabin. They threatened to shoot and would have carried their threat into effect had it not been for the timely interference of Mr. Cale, who pacified the redskins with a drink of "eye-water". Woe to those Indians if Dan Mallet ever met them alone."

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 7

"In April, 1810, there were eleven men who went to the (voting) polls in Waterbury, Connecticut, and cast their ballot at that place for the last time. After voting they strapped their packs on their backs and left in single file for the western wilds of Ohio. Their names were Joel Terrell, David Beebe, David Beebe, Jr., Loman Beebe, Oliver Terrell, Lyman Root, Philander Terrell, Whittlesey Hill, Mansfield Webb, Amos Hotchkiss and Orrin Hotchkiss.

There is nothing of special interest in their journey as far west as Buffalo, except that they were considerable footsore and travel worn when they reached that place (Buffalo). They remained in the city one day and purchased an outfit consisting of axes, cooking kettles, drag teeth, clains, saws, jack planes, broad axe, ads and other necessary things for the use by pioneers. And then hired a man to take them to Cleveland in a sail boat, choosing Lyman Root to go in the boat with their tools.

The others, went to the tavern with a view of making an early start next morning. While sitting and listening in the tavern they had a fore-taste of what was before them in the shape of discouraging yarns about the haps and mishaps to travelers in passing through, the Cattaraugus or eighteen mile woods in the state of New York between Buffalo and Erie, Pennsylvania. One man said in passing through, he saw a hat on top of the mud and got a pole to get it when a man cried out under the hat, "Let me alone, I can get out myself for I have a good horse under me." Anther said, when he passed through the swamp with an ox team, the animals sunk down into the mire until their horns went out of sight and that he whipped away at the bubbles until the ox team came out the other side of the swap

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(Ms. Painters note: The Erie Canal which extends 350 miles across New York was built under the supervision of DeWitt Clinton. The work started in 1817 and was finished in 1825. So it is not know the exact route of these early Ridgeville settlers took from Albany to Buffalo, NY.)

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 8

“It was the last week of April when the men resumed their journey from Buffalo and began to cross that ocean of mud, the Cattaraugus or eighteen mile woods. The way was through mud, over logs and brush. They saw plenty of bubble but no hat.

They stopped the first night at an inn kept by Israel Cash who will long be remembered in Lorain County. After eight days trampling through the mud, they reached Cleveland only one day later than the boat which brought Mr. Lyman Root. They now selected some of the lighter articles and set aside the rest to be brought by pack-horses to Columbia.

The foot sore travelers once more shouldered their packs and started in a southwesterly direction and after a journey of 20 miles arrived at Columbia to the great joy of their friends and relief to themselves after traveling a distance of 600 miles, averaging about 25 miles a day. After a rest of several days, the party again started out to look after their real estate in Ridgeville.

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 9

“Tillotson Terrell and family and his grandfather Oliver Terrell and Noah Terrell and his family had moved to Columbia in 1809 and were waiting for the arrival of their friends and relatives and now they all started together to locate their homes.

They followed the old Indian trail that passed from Summit Lake through Columbia in a northwesterly course to the mouth of the Black river. They traveled about seven miles when they struck a ridge by some large butternut trees from this called it Butternut Ridge; a half mile further they reached another ridge with some large nestnut trees on it; this they called Chestnut Ridge, and these names are retained to this day. They moved on another half mile and reached the east and west center line of Ridgeville about half a mile eaast of the center line of Ridgeville about half a mile east of the center stake on what is called the Center creek.

Being pleased with the lay of the land the party threw off their packs of provisions and coats, and took their axes and made a test of their skill to see who would fell the first free. David Beebe Jr. feel the first tree. This was Tuesday, May 10th, the day on which the echo fo the white man’s ax was heard for the first time in Ridgeville, to the distraction of the Indian hunters who saw in this advancing sign of civilizetion the utter destruction of his valuable hunting grounds.

Next, the party cleared about two acres and built a log cabin, and planted some corn and potatoes. Later they continued on the old Indian trail until they struck Center Ridge. Here where the trail crossed the Ridge, David Beebe selected his land. Ichabod located east of him and Joel Terrell located west where the Terrell House (near the northwest area of Center Ridge Road and State Route 83). This house remained in the Terrell family sixty years.”

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 10

“For the first week of their stay in this wilderness home, their kitchen and bedroom was all one. It was made by sticking down some grothes (Y shaped small trees) and laying poles on them with an end on a log and then covered with bark. In front they built a large fire, which answered the double purpose of keeping off wild beast and mosquitos. For a sleeping place they gathered leaves. Having fitted up a camp they began the work of building four more log cabins for their families, who were expected in the fall. Preparatory to building, a road was cut out from where E. A. Smith now lives in southeasterly course through the southwest corner of Olmsted to Columbia near Hoadley Mills, and this is what was called the old mud road.

In the first week of July 1810, Tillotson Terrell moved his family the first family from Columbia to the first log cabin when completed (near Bainbridge Road & the creek area) and remained there about three months, until had built a cabin on the ridge on the bank of Center Creek. Mrs. (Electra Wilmet) Terrell lived here three months before she saw another white woman.

The first Sunday spent in Ridgeville was in accordance with the teachings of the forefathers. Joel Terrell took his testament and read a chapter and prayed and read a psalm, David Beebe pitched the tune and they all sang. Thus was the first sabbath spent in what is now Ridgeville.

The little colony had to go to Columbia for all their provisions, during the first two months. Some would go on Saturday and return on Monday with enough provisions on their backs to last through the week. The distance was 8 miles over bad road.

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“In the fall of 1810, Noah Terrell moved his family in Joel Terrell’s first log cabin and remained there during the winter and in March 1811, Harriet Terrell, his daughter was born being the first white girl born in Ridgeville.

During the winter the frequent rains and heavy snowfall filled the swamps and low places with water, and at the opening of spring, to make the matter still worse there came an unusually heavy rain, and Centre creek swelled to the size of a river. David Beebe (father of Mrs. Noah Terrell or Ester) becoming alarmed at the situation, started up to the creek to look after his daughter and family, and found her and her baby three weeks old in bed and the water four inches deep on the floor, and a little fire in a kettle near the bed. He moved the family to his home on the ridge, and thus the cabin was deserted, after being the home of some of the first settlers for 11 months, and the cleared spot suffered to grow up into timber again a foot through before it was cleared again.

The next spring after the arrival of Wyllys Terrell and his family of 5 children the colony began to discuss the matter of providing a school, and in the spring of 1812, a log cabin was built for education purposes, where the Humprey brick house now stands, and Lydia Terrell (sister the Harriet, the first born) was employed to keep the school. This being the first educational institution in Ridgeville. It was but a short time after the school had fairly opened, the teacher on her way home was caught in a shower and took cold and after a week of suffering died August 12, 1812 (she was 17 years of age) and was followed to the graveside by her little band of weeping scholars and bereft friends. She was buried on what is known as the Morgan farm and today her remains rest in an unknown grave. In the death of the teacher ended the first attempt for a school in Ridgeville.”

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT No. 11

“June 10, 1810, the first pioneers of Ridgeville were busy as bees in building their log cabins, four in number, within three-fourths of a mile of the Center Line, three East and one West. After David Beebe had completed his cabin about the middle of July, David Beebe Jr. returned to Connecticut for his family and mother, also Lyman Root’s family, Icabod Terrell and his family of four sons and two daughters.

There were about 20 people in this group when they returned in October, 1810. When they reached Rocky River, they came to the end of the road and they were obliged to remain at an inn kept by one named (Daniel) Minor.

The next day they started again cutting a road as they went and were four days in getting to Ridgeville, reaching their destination October 25, 1810 (a distance of twelve miles).

Joel Terrell labored almost day and night to clear three acres to sow in wheat to bread his family the next year. He hired a pair of oxen three days to drag in his wheat. The other work he did all himself with his own hands. Having finished his sowing he returned to the fall of 1810 to Connecticut for his family, his son’s family. Leaving in October in company with Mansfield Webb, Amos Hotchkiss and Orrin Hotchkiss.

In July, 1811, he started for his new home in the far west, with two pair of oxen and two horses and after a tedious journey of forty-four days arrived at Ridgeville with his and his son’s family.

Joel Terrell and his grandson, Major Willis Terrell finished their log cabin and moved into it the 1st of November 1811 and in a few days began to clear the ground for another where his grandson now lives. This was finished by the 13th of January, 1812 and occupied by Joel Terrell. This was indeed a primitive dwelling. Two planks formed the foundation for the bedstead to stand on, a hole in the roof for the smoke to pass out, so large that the tops of three large oak trees could be seen through it. The inmates had gathered two barrels of cranberries from a neighboring swamp, but what are cranberries good for without something to sweeten them?

Joel Terrell always equal to an emergency started out into the woods on a warm day with his compass and bee box and burning some bee comb he was soon surrounded by a lot of bees and getting their course found several bee trees and plenty of honey to sweeten the cranberries. Wild bees were very common in those days and Joel Terrell was one of the most successful bee hunters in the wilderness. It was customary that when any one found a bee tree to cut his name on it and many years after his death, which occurred in 1825, the writer discovered his name cut on one of them but what a change. Were it only possible for the old bee hunter to get one glimpse of the country now as compared with then.

In the spring of 1812, a number of the settlers went to Cleveland for some fruit trees and bought of a Mr. Doane forty apple trees apiece and brought them to Ridgeville on the shoulders and set out in May. This day July 6, 1876, I measured one of them 6 inches from the ground and find it is nine feet in circumference and two feet higher up it is eight around. This tree has born apples every season for fifty six years.

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Pioneer Families –	Born	Died	
David Beebe, Sr.	4/12/1747	11/11/1840	93 years
Wife, Lydia Terrell	1/19/1745	8/17/1833	86 years
David Beebe, Jr.	9/2/1781	8/27/1857	76 years
Wife, Belinda Hodge	1779	3/3/1865	86 years

Lyman Root			
Wife, Eunice Beebe	9/17/1779	Defiance County, Ohio	
Ichabod Terrell	1763	7/23/1825	62 years
Wife, Rhoda Williams	4/17/1767	1851 or 1852	
Joel Terrell	7/23/1757	3/22/1825	68 years
Wife, Eunice (Emma) Hodge	9/9/1758	8/10/1843	84 years
Major Wyllys Terrell	2/17/1780	4/13/1830	50 years (grandson of Joel)
Wife, Molly Beebe	about 1784	7/30/1857	daughter of David Beebe, Sr.

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 34

“In October, 1810, when the first settlers were cutting the road from Rocky River and struck the north-east corner of what is now Ridgeville, they had to pass around the north side of what was called the Windfall place in the woods, where a tornado had swept down all the timber of an area of several hundred acres. This place has grown up into small brush, so thick that it was almost impossible to get through. The small growth in places was a perfect mat of grape vines, loaded with hundreds of bushels of all kinds of grapes.

This dense growth was the retreat for raccoons, deer, bears, wolves and other wild animals which made it the hunter’s paradise. Many a lively bear and wolf story used to be told about that locality, by the Nimrods of pioneer days, one of which I will relate:

In 1810, Mr. James Beardsley, while hunting near this locality, wounded a deer, and tracked it by the blood. So thick was the brush that he was obliged at times to crawl through on his hands and knees. Having worked his way into the thicket about one hundred rods, he was startled by an unusual howl of some wild animal in the distance that was following his tracks. He became alarmed, and left the track of the deer with the expectation that the enemy in pursuit would follow his game and leave him in peace, but he soon found that he was mistaken, and that the animal was rapidly gaining on him. Although a good hunter, he did not like to risk an encounter on the ground with the unknown beast, so he scrambled up the low beech tree on the double quick, and seated himself on a limb with gun in hand. Presently the animal sprang on top of a log about thirty feet distance and prepared to jump. Mr. Beardsley drew a bead for life and fired. The animal gave one howl of agony and rolled off the log and scrambled through the brush, seemingly in the agony of death. In a few moments all was quiet, and Mr. Beardsley descended from the tree, but failed to ascertain what manner of beast was trying to court his acquaintance.

The next day, in company with several of his brother hunters, he went in search of the animal but he could not find the place. The search proved like hunting a pin in a hay mow. From the description given the animal by Mr. Beardsley, it must have been a wildcat.

When the old pioneer hunters were gathered together in a social way, and related their hunting experience, Mr. Beardsley would always pay for whiskey if his windfall experience was not brought up.”

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 5

“In a former article I mentioned the name of the old Indian Chief Good Hunt who was a frequent visitor to the early settlement of Ridgeville. Among the incidents that occurred during his recollection and which he frequently narrated was the great tornado that swept down the forest

through the region of Grafton, which was afterwards known as fallen timber. This terrible storm, according to the old chief's narration took place in the summer of 1799.

He had hunted above the falls of the Canesdooharie (Black River) one moon with no good for poor Indians, when he saw a dark cloud approaching with much big noise and shaking of the ground. He thought the Great Spirit was coming to kill poor Indian. The trees began to fall all around him, and he became much alarmed and crept behind a log and the wind swept over him with ten times the speed of a deer. All the trees were blown down as far as he could see to the rising and setting sun through a belt about half a mile wide.

The storm commenced in the vicinity of Sandusky and extended in a southeasterly direction a distance of 70 miles. In 1810 this region was grown in small timber the size of hoop poles, and was the haunt of bears, deer, wolves and pigeons. The settlers of Ridgeville would frequently go to Grafton in the fall of the year and kill a wagon load of pigeons in one night. From the old Chief's description of his location during that tornado he was in Grafton when the tornado overtook him."

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INDIAN REMINISCENCES

"In the Spring of 1811, there came four families of Cattaraugus Indians and they camped one mile north of the Center of what is called the Miller Farm. They had lived among the whites in their native state and received Christian names. The names were called Joe, George, Anthony, and Jim. The latter was a noble Indian, six feet high and weighed over 200 pounds. His manly appearance made a good impression on the early settlers and they were greatly pleased when he paid them his first visit.

Anthony was afflicted with St. Vitus dance, and his arms were always tied behind his back with bark. One day when at Ridgeville, one of the boys cut the bark when the afflicted Indian began to yell and strike himself, the other Indians at once tied his hands again.

In the winter of 1811-12 the Indians brought venison which they sold for money or "eye water" and sometimes for potatoes. In the Spring of 1812 when the war was declared, the Indians asked which side they would take, they replied that they would not fight, they wanted to be friends with the white brothers. When the war had fairly opened, Wyllis Terrell and David Beebe called on the Indians and proposed to them that if they would stay and be a guard for the colony, they would protect them. Shortly afterwards, their camp was found deserted and the little colony heard nothing further of them. They evidently became alarmed and fled."

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RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 13

"In the fall of 1811, when Joel Terrell returned to his forest home, he brought a large wolf trap with him from Albany, New York. It weighed 27 pounds and proved a valuable help to exterminate that deadly enemy of sheep, the wolf, with which the country was infested. Not only the sheep were unsafe from this ravenous animal but the calves and young cattle were frequently run down and killed by the packs of them. For ten years, the trap was kept in constant use catching scores of wolves, bear and deer.

The wild cat, also, abounded in the forests and would frequently kill the small pigs, while the bear would take the larger ones, and the wolves would kill the sheep and calves. Joel Terrell had two fine two yearlings killed one night by a pack of these hungry fiends a short distance from his door.

One night in may 1817, a wolf came and killed a calf in a pen fifteen feet from his house. He heard the noise and immediately took his gun and went out to the pen, but the wolf make his escape in the darkness.

In the fall of 1819, he caught the largest wolf on Center Creek, half a mile below the ridge, I ever saw. Center Creek and the East Creek lost themselves in a large swamp in Avon. This swamp was the abode of bears and wolves for many years after our settlement. In 1815, Oliver Terrell while returning up Center Creek from the swamp, heard a noise behind him, he stopped to ascertain from whence the noise came, he saw a young bear climbing a tree a short distance from hi, and soon another bear and then a larger bear behind them. The larger one having gottin in good range, Olver fired and the animal went crashing down through the branches and proved a she bear with tow cubs, after killing the cubs, he went home and got his father's horses and by the assistance of one of his brothers brought them home. I well remember the occasion when they brought in the three bears.

Speaking of bears reminds me of a neighbor, Mr. Joseph Cahoon who was very fond of pets. One time he had a fine pet bear and being the owner of a mill, the pet was quite at home around the mill. One day when Mrs. Lydia Cahoon was frying some fried cakes, he stole in and carried off more than his share. On another occasion he came to steal fried cakes, but the good lady who was not frying cakes for a bear, quickly grassped up her baking and tried th hold the luxury out of the reach of the bear, but the animal, true to the instinct of his nature, caught the lady in his arms. And squeezed her unmercifully, and being master of the situation, gathered up the cakes one by one, but the good housewife was bound not to be outdone, so she made an attack on his bearship with the tea kettle full of boiling water, and after spinkling him liberally, he retreated for the mill, and ever afterwards, when he came into the house all that was necessary to make him go to his quarter was to rattle the tea kettle. But fried cakes continued to be his temptation, and one day when Mr. Cahoon came in for his dinner which consisted of that fat luxury, the bear, also, made his appearance and without being asked began to help himself. The man of the house knowing th virtue of hot water went for the tea kettle, and the bear not to be cheated out of the tasty morsels, took a mouth full fo cake and made his way out by dashing through the window taking the sash and all.

AN OLD HUNTER 8/17/1876

RIDGEVILLE INDIAN REMINISCENCES

“Mr. Editor: Seeing that the Indian is figuring largely in our early history, I conclude that a few of my recollections may not be thought unworthy of a place in you valuable paper.”

“During the first two years of our settlement in Ridgeville in 1810, the Indians frequently came to my father's door and sold venison, but in the Fall of 1811, the Indians all left this locality on account of the war excitement, but after the war they again became quite numerous.

My father then being the owner of the mill at Joseph Cahoon's, they would frequently call and buy corn meal, agreeing to pay for it in from three to five months, and to their credit, it is said that they always came up to their promise. Father, also, sold them whiskey on promise that they would not get drunk and in this they also made good their promises with one exception. They called our house the Indian Tavern. They sometimes brought us sugar in a pear pouch and said, “Me see, know you, me give you dis.” Fahter thanked them and they were much pleased.

One day some twenty came in our house with their squaws and papooses to show them their Indian tavern. They all shook hands with us and said, “Ja goo minge.” How do you do? A more friendly visit we never had. Father and mother entertained the old ones, while we, boys played with the younsters. They were more social on this occasion than I ever saw them before or afterwards.

After a chat of three or four hours and drinking a little "eye water," the men shouldered their rifles and the squaws gathered the papooses. They shook hands, and with many hearty goodbyes they left in single file for their hunting grounds. For a number of years groups of them would pass and re-pass our place on their way to Cleveland to sell their furs and return to their hunting grounds, and would frequently stop over night with us.

One night a number stayed with us and among them was the oldest Indian I ever saw. They told of some things which took place the year he was born and father said it was about 103 years ago, so he was that number of years old. They took him up and set him on his pony as they would a little child.

When they were going west to hunt, they would stop at the old mill for corn or meal, and if they wanted to be trusted, they would hold up their hands and father would count their fingers. He knew then how many moons they wanted to be trusted. They always selected on to do all their talking and you could not get a word out of any of the rest.

Good Hunt and his squaw Nancy were frequent visitors to our house. I remember them well. It is said that she was burnt as a witch near a large whitewood tree near Sandusky. There was a papoose born in Ridgeville where the brick Congregational church now stands. I remember going with my grandmother to bring the mother some tea and bread. Her son would hunt during the day and return at night. They remained about a week and then lashed the little stranger on a board and were off for their hunting grounds."

AN OLD HUNTER 4/13/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 17

"On Sunday, July 25, 1811, the first sermon preached in Ridgeville at the residence of David Beebe, by Rev. Thomas Barr from Euclid, Cuyahoga county. The next was by Deacon Alford. These two reverend gentlemen preached in Ridgeville quite often during the next three years, and during the two years following we were blessed with divine instruction by missionaries. They men were sent from all the Eastern churches, to help civilize us and the Indians. These good men always stopped at Joel Terrell's and would always give us the best practical sermons.

The winter of 1811 and 1812 was very mild with little snow up to the last night in December, when it began to snow, continuing all night and all next day until the snow was, 26 inches, the deepest ever fallen in Ridgeville at any one time since the settlement of the township. A crust formed on it that would easily hold a dog, but not a deer. This made good deer hunting. The settlers started out with their dogs and guns and in a short time killed all the deer they wanted and then tied up their dogs to keep them from killing more. Fortunately the snow lasted but a few days, for had it continued for any length of time the wolves would have killed all the deer, for they could catch a deer in running a hundred rods.

The first winter our oxen and cows lived on browse (feed on leaves, young shoots and other vegetation). One of Joel Terrell's oxen strayed and after a hunt of 11 days, he was found in a swamp near the settlement, where he had apparently been doing well, browsing. We were obliged to put bells on our cattle and horses in order to find them in the woods. They would frequently stray as far as the bottom of Black River. To hunt them up required much time and labor.

AN OLD HUNTER 10/05/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENTS NO. 44

“In 1878, while passing over one of the finest roads in Northern Ohio, between the two rivers (Black River and Rocky River), with scenery so beautiful that it cannot be surpassed anywhere, also, on the shores of Lake Erie, with those fine dwellings and beautiful cultivated fields, with everything growing upon them that one could wish, my mind wandered back to sixty-seven years ago.

It was on the 3rd day of September, 1811, when I found Uncle Joel Terrell and his son on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River, with his families, returning to his selected home in the wilderness which he had prepared the year before, in what is now Ridgeville. At that time there was not a brush cut in that dense forest of scrub oak, except a narrow crooked path. So dense was the growth of underbrush and green brier that the eye could not penetrate the wilderness.

And now, dear reader, after plodding along these seven miles over logs and roots, with the bushes on both sides whipping away at the wagon cover, we at last, found ourselves on the east bank of Rocky River just as the sun had sunk below the waters of Lake Erie, casting a shadow so dark and gloomy over the forest that I shall never forget it. It made the old stumps and roots look like so many bears or wolves to the little ones. And here we leave the wagon for the night, with two boys, a gun and two dogs to guard it, while the men take the smaller children and women down the bank of the river to cross over to the residence of Mr. Daniel Miner to secure lodging for the night, near where the Wright house was built.”

AN OLD HUNTER 12/19/1878

RIDGEVILLE REMINISCENCES IN 1811

“In the fall of 1811, a few days after the arrival of Major Wyllys Terrell, my son-in-law, I put a new pair of shoes, a new hat, all fresh from Connecticut, and took two bridles and started south of the Ridge toward Black River to look for my horses. The day being cloudy, I lost my direction and traveled all day in the woods without knowing my whereabouts. I heard the faint sound of horses and the report of guns, but was unable for some cause, to tell the direction from whence the sound came. I traveled on and on, over logs, and through dense thickets until night came on with darkness blacker than ink, when I crept into a hollow tree to rest my weary limbs to pass the night. After spending a sleepless night, morning dawned, and I again found myself on my feet, and traveled all day long without even a sound of man or beast to greet my ears. The sky was densely clouded and toward evening it began to rain. My fatigue began to tell on my steps, my physical energy was slowly and surely wasting away, and my situation began to come up before in all its unpleasant and terrible realities. I had spent two days and one night without food and water, no immediate prospects to extricate myself out of what seemed to me a boundless forest.

With many and forebodings wandering through my mind, night again overtook me, and I sought out another hollow tree as a lodging place, and to my surprise, found the identical one in which I had passed the night before. After some meditation I again crept into the hollow with sore feet and aching heart, thinking of the anxiety of my friends and what to me now seemed, my hopeless condition. I looked upon this tree as my final resting place, at the same time serving as a receptacle for my bones as well as an inexplicable monument to memory. I tried to dismiss these forebodings and regain my lost energies in a refreshing sleep, but all in vain. At length morning came and I resolved to put forth all my remaining energy to get out of the woods. I suspected that I had been traveling in a circle, and to avoid the repetition of this dangerous exercise, I selected three trees in a line and having reached the first I sought out the third in the same line and so continued my journey. I began to suffer sorely for want of water. I finally found some in a pit where the tree had fallen out

of root. Here I laid down my bridles while getting down to drink, and on looking for them could not again find them. In consequence of my exhausted condition my progress was very slow. I made every through underbrush, and what seemed to me almost impassable thickets, making headway at the rate of a mile in two hours.

Thus, I trudged on to the close of the third day, keeping my eyes on the trees in line. When the third night overtook me I lay down with my aching head on a root of the nearest tree, and here I spent another sleepless night, but the feelings of this night no pen can describe. In the morning I prepared for what seemed to me my last effort. I moved on with a gnawing hunger, parched lips, and feeble steps until about 10 o'clock, when I reached Lake Erie in Avon.

With the lake north of me, I started along the shore and after going six miles I reached the mouth of Black River, and here Mr. John S. Read (Reid) took me in and fed me and then sent his hired man with me down to the lake to Dover, to Mr. Porter's. We reached there about dark the fourth day. Here I was furnished all the food that they thought beneficial to me, I craved more but kind judgement said no. In the morning Mr. Porter and Mr. Spary (Sperry) shouldered their rifles and came home with me. My feet had become so sore I was obliged to carry my shoes in my hands, my clothes were torn in tatters, and I was bare headed, and in this condition I reached our settlement, and immediately the rifles fired a signal of my return, when in every direction for miles around, there was a responsive sound from horns and guns. There had been a very extensive search made for the lost man, and the settlers had joined in the search for fifteen miles around. The fifth day was to be the last day for the search. The general supposition was that I was dead"

ONE WHO WAS THERE (THIS EXPERIENCE HAPPENED TO DAVID BEEBE SR.) 5/30/1876
David Beebe Sr born 4/12/1747 in Waterbury, Ct, died 11/11/1840 age 93 years.

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 32

"The first cloth manufactured in Lorain County was by James Geer and wife of Columbia in 1811. While on a hunting excursion along the bottom of Rocky River, Mr. Geer found species of wild hemp which he gathered and dressed after the manner of dressing flax in old Connecticut, and his wife carded and spun it and wove about 15 yards of cloth and colored it with butternut bark, and made herself a nice Sunday gown out of it and made her husband a pair of pants. I often saw Mr. Geer wearing his pants of wild hemp. They looked about as fine as an old fashioned willow basket. Mr. Geer was always inclined to be a little dressy. On special occasions he would appear in deer-skin pants, shirt and coat, and fawn-hide dressed with the hair for a vest and coon-skin cap.

The first cheese made in Lorain County was by Belinda Beebe, wife of David Beebe Jr., in 1813 and pressed with a lever one end of which was placed under the southwest corner of the first log cabin built on the east bank of Center Creek by Tillotson Terrell.

The last Indian that I remember of seeing in Ridgeville was as late as 1830. He was sick and stayed several days in a shoemaker's shop a little south of the old mill, and when better, he left with many thanks for his kind treatment."

AN OLD HUNTER 5/31/1877

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 4

"In March, 1812, Mr. George Sexton commenced an improved on what is now known as the Sam Cahoon farm in the west part of Ridgeville and in the spring of 1813, while cutting brush with his brush hook, he heard one of his hogs squealing some distance away in the woods. He at once

started in double quick in the direction of the noise, and asfter a run of a few hundred yards he came in full view of a large bear that was busily engaged in taking a breakfast out of the shoulder of his best hog. Mr. Sexton struck at the animal with the brush hoot but the bear warded off the blow with his paw knocking the hook out of his assailant's hands and throwing it some twenty feet away into the brush. Mr. Sexton at once followed up the hook as his only means of defense. The bear let the hog go and run off into the woods. The hungry animal actually had easton about six pounds of pork out of the hogs shoulder, laying bar the shoulder blade.

AN OLD HUNTER 4/20/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 46

“Mr. Randal Terrell, one of Ridgeville's hunters said that in one of his happy hunting days, (for those were the happiest days of his long life), while strolling through the forest miles from home, he chanced to meet “Jim,” a Cattaraugus Indian (one of the three who staid through the years of the war of 1812) in what is now Lorain County, and being old friends, they hunted together for a time with “hunter's luck”, when Jim said, “me hunt here one week; me no kill deer; me no kill racoon; me go to setting sun and kill buffalo; white man kill all game away from poor Indian.” He said his squaw died four “snows” ago and he buried her on the banks of the Canesadooharic, and he should soon leave that spot to retun no more. He had hunted here more than twenty snows and found plenty of deer, plenty of bear and plenty of racoons, but now white men get them all. He and his two friends would go to Sandusky to fish. This was the last time this young Indian hunter was seen by his palefaced friends in the forest of Lorain.

This young Indian was in the habit of saying, “By Gabrial,” and on account of this was nicknamed, “Gabe” for short. One morning he took his gun and said he would not eat until he killed a deer. Her returned in the evening without a deer. He kept his work and started again next morning without eating anything but was obliged to return without a deer and when asked whether he saw any, he replied, “me no could get within a mile of one; only saw their white flanks going through the brush shouting, ‘Gabriel is coming’.” But he did forfeit his war, hunger drove him to eat a little something before he killed the next deer.”

AN OLD HUNTER 1/23/1876

INCIDENT AT ELYRIA 64 YEARS AGO

“Being in Elyria with a friend a short time ago, I wandered down to the Cascade Falls. While standing near the Red Mill looking at the large rock that had lately broken off form the brink, my mind wandered back to the spring of 1812. What a change. I can see the same rocks, the same fall of water, the same rainbow, and that is all that remains of scenes of 64 years ago. My eyes wander down along the bank to the river to catch some relic of old. But alas, I see none, and I repeat how changed the scene. While I ponder on the days of long ago, I recall a few incidents which I will relate.

I passed up the bank to the railroad and on seeing the iron horse pulling a long train of cars over the fine bridge I exclaimed, is this a reality? And while the train is speeding on, I am reminded by some old land marks that I am on the spot where another interesting snake incident occurred. Here Mr. Farr and his two boys were logging for Mr. Herman Ely, in 1819, with the old jug behind a stump. After a few visits to the stump on part of the boys, Mr. Farr told the younsters that he thought

they spend too much time looking for snakes, and urged more active work he took his whip and began to draw logs, when suddenly he stepped on a large snake, which struck at him and fastened its fangs in his leather breeches and stuck fast. Mr. Farr ran about ten rods with the reptile whipping around his legs using language more forcible than elegant. It finally let go its hold and it was found that one of its fangs had broken off and remained sticking in his breeches. The boys were allowed to look for snakes under logs afterwards before moving them.

Passing a little farther up the bank, I am reminded that here is where an old Ridgeville hunter saw a lot of squaws and papooses doing their washing, and drying their clothes in the May day sun in 1812, young and old setting in the sun to keep warm while drying their clothes.

But where, O where is the wild man that once camped on the banks of Black River? If there be yet those living who built their camp fires and sang their war songs among these rocks over half a century ago, would they be equally astonished with myself at the change which has taken place in what was then a romantic wilderness.

During the first years of the settlement of Elyria the men of Ridgeville helped to raise all the buildings. At the rising of Mr. Ely's house, Borden Beebe living in the east part of Ridgeville broke a joist in the upper floor and fell through into the cellar. Mr. Ely sent to Cleveland for a Dr. Mack. He came and felt the pulse and left some medicine and said if that would relieve him he would have a hiccough and be in hell before morning. Mr. Ely exhibited commendable generosity to pay the Doctor's bill, besides paying for the time off Mr. Beebe lost by his injuries.

AN OLD HUNTER 3/23/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 26

"I again take up my pen to continue the pioneer life of Lemuel Hoadley. Wanting some dates, I called on my old neighbors, John Adams and his wife, formerly Marie Hoadley. I found them in the enjoyment of very good health for people of their age, one being 77 years and the other 78 years, and surrounded with all the comforts of life to make them happy in their old age. Mr. Adams resides on Rocky river, forty rods below the old Hoadley mills. It was a pleasure to meet these old friends and talk over the incidents of sixty years ago. So much interested did we become in the pioneer life of the early settlers of this locality, that hundreds of incidents, with their privation, hardships, and simple, but substantial pleasures, were so vividly brought to mind that for the time we actually seemed to live over again the day and years long past. I wandered up and down the banks of the river to see if my eyes could catch some relic of 1812, but nothing remains but the stream, the dam, and the old mill.

As I gaze with a peculiar feeling of sadness upon the condition of things about me, I am reminded of a little incident that occurred here in 1812, it being the place where about 25 settlers crossed the river when on their stampede to get out of the way of Indians – an occurrence hereto narrated.

Then these beautiful banks were covered with a thick forest, branches of trees bent down over the rocky brink into the water to drink of the crystal stream, but man with his ax, pick and sledge has disrobed the place of its native grandeur for the sake of advancing his material interests.

At the time the Ridgeville colony were on their stampede to get out of the way of an imaginary Indian massacre, the inhabitants of Columbia were concealed in a dense forest about fourteen miles southeast of Rocky River. In 1808 the two Hoadley brothers built the old "Sweat" mill, and in 1810 they began to erect what are known as the old Hoadley mills. In 1812 Lemuel Hoadley moved to Brecksville, and built the first mills at that place, and two years afterwards he removed to Bath, Ohio and erected mills there."

AN OLD HUNTER 2/15/1877

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 6

“August 12th, 1812, found our little settlement living on dried “pumpkins,” milk and jointed corn. This was our fare for six weeks, jointed corn, milk and “pumpkins” for breakfast, and “pumpkins”, milk and jointed corn for dinner, and jointed corn, “pumpkins’ and milk for supper. Tired of this diet, Wyllis Terrell and Ira B. Morgan hitched two pair of oxen to a wagon, loaded on fifteen bushels of wheat, put on a kit of tools to mend breaks and started in search of a mill.

They went to Cleveland but found none there and were obliged to go on to Chagrin Falls. They reached the mill on Sunday and found part of the machinery broken and at a blacksmith shop for repair. The miller promised to grind their sheat yet that day if they could persuade the blacksmith to mend the break. The blacksmith was holding religious services in a neighboring house when he returned the party told him that they had come 40 miles through the wilderness and left 10 families without bread and a number of them sick, that they were three days on the way reaching the mill. After some hesitation, the good man ordered his fire started and went to work with a will and mended the break and carried the piece of machinery to the mill. The miller started up the machinery to grind the wheat.

About 9 o’clock next day the party started for home. After a few miles journey the wagon turned over on a hillside, which caused some delay. Being righted up, they moved on, until they reached within 7 miles of Cleveland when one of the axles of the wagon broke. The party set to work and in about three hours had manufactured another from a small oak and were ready for another start. The fifth day they again broke down near the east line of Dover in Rockport (Rocky River). Near this place Lyman Root had built a house in 1811 on land (now called the Sprague farm) and had lived there at one time.

Here they left the grist and one pair of oxen and placing about fifty pounds of flour on the oxen’s yoke they started for home which they reached about 11 o’clock at night after an absence of 5 days. The flour was divided among the different families and each enjoyed a supper of it, yet that night. Mother stirred some in cold water and put it in the old spider (fry pan) to bake. I remember how good it looked when it turned brown and how sweet it did taste I shall never forget.”

AN OLD HUNTER 5/25/1876

REMINISCENCES FORM A PIONEER OF RIDGEVILLE

“As it is the order of the day to write reminiscences pioneer life. I will give my recollection of the Indian scare or Indian Fracas as it was called. When Hull surrendered at Detroit, August 15th, 1812, leaving the frontier unprotected there were living at the time in Ridgeville about 10 families living on the old Indian Trail running from the mouth of Black River to Portage Lake (Summit Lake as it was called then), after 2 years of hardships we had found ourselves in a state of prosperity and plenty so far as provisions are concerned.

A few days after Hull’s surrender a man was seen approaching our settlement with hat in hand, shouting, “The Indians are landing at the mouth of Black river and will soon be here.” This startling announcement created a general panic. A consultation of the settlers was immediately called and upon deliveration they decided to leave their homes and go south from the lake as far as possible. Scarcely was this decided upon, when men and women could be seen running in every direction with bedding and other household goods, in search of hoow trees or logs in which to secrete them. While

others were digging pits and burying their pots and kettles and then covering them with old logs and brush. Some packed a few things on their houses with their wives and children, and fled in the direction of Boston, Cuyahoga county. In a short time the rest were ready for the stampede.

David Beebe Sr., David Beebe Jr., Joel Terrell, Willis Terrell, and Loman Beebe, selected some necessary articles and loaded them on a wagon and hitched on 2 yoke of cattle, and started on along the Ridge Road, until they struck the old mud road leading to Columbia.

Here the women and children were started in front, tie teams next, and some of the men with rifles on their shoulders brought up the rear. Thus commenced the march, some mothers leading, other carrying their little ones, and hastily trudging along, frequently casting backward anxious looks expecting every moment to hear the crack of the deadly rifle and seeing someone fall.

Thus we plodded along through mud and mire, occasionally stopping to look back expecting to see the smoke of our homes rising, but our terror stricken condition did not permit us to loiter, so we pressed on. About 4 o'clock we found ourselves mired in what was called mud creek, five miles from our homes, in the southwest corner of Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county, with the tongue pulled out of our wagon. Some of the men commenced repairing the broken tongue, others cut pries (logs to pry the wagon out of the mud), the rear guard kept on look out for the Indians, and the women were standing on old logs quieting the cries of the little one."

AN OLD HUNTER 3/23/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 51

SOME INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH THE OLD BLOCK HOUSE OF 1812

"After forming a militia company with Calvin Hoadley as Captain, the old block house was built in 1812. The rude structure being completed, Capt. Hoadley thought best to send a squad of men to the lake shore. Six of the company volunteered under the command of David Beebe, Jr., and shouldered their muskets that Gen. Wadsworth had sent them from Cleveland, and with three day's rations they started west from old block house and after going about one hundred rods west of Columbia Center, they struck the old Indian trail and followed it to the southeast corner of what is now Ridgeville township, and passing on they soon came to their homes which had been deserted some time before on Center Ridge, and found them undisturbed as they had left them in their great fright.

They continued along this trail, crossing Stoney Ridge near the north line of Ridgeville and passed through the south-west corner of Avon. They reached Black river near the mouth of French Creek in Sheffield and crossing the river, they followed the stream until they reached a point near the mouth, then they hears some human voices and fearing they might be Indians in that locality the men were secreted behind 2 or 3 rods apart with their guns in readiness to fire should their suspicions prove true. The commander of the squad crept down the bank of the river to look up the situation and presently saw two men rowing in sight. He hailed them and learned they were, French traders from Sandusky who were bound for Cleveland, the lake being too rough, they had sought safety on the river.

He further learned from them that there had been no Indians in the locality, that the settlers were returning to their homes all along the lake. Being satisfied that there was no danger of an Indian outbreak, they returned up the west bank of the river crossing just above the two falls on the present site of Elyria, they visited the old Indian camping ground where Mr. W. B. Gates' residence now is and where there was a thick growth of small hemlocks and pines and not finding any indications that

any red men had been there for some time, they returned to their deserted homes in Ridgeville where they remained over night, and the next day resumed their journey to the old block house where they reached to the great joy of their wives and little ones.”

AN OLD HUNTER 10/16/1879

RIDGEVILLE INDIAN SCARE NO. 2

“After repairing the wagon and whipping up the team, we got out of Mud Creek all right. We placed some of the tired mothers and little ones on the wagon and continued our flight. The sun was rapidly sinking behind the dense forest and tired as we were, we continued on our journey until we reached the west bank of Rocky River, crossing the river, we came to the house of Calvin Hoadley in the northeast corner of Columbia at the place now know as Hoadley’s Mills. The inhabitants of Columbia had heard that Indians were coming upon them and they had fled. There we had another consultation and it was decided that further flight was impossible as a dark night and impossible roads were before us. We took possession of a log cabin and began to prepare food for the hungry crowd,, and stationed a guard to appease the fears of the women.

About 12 o’clock in the night a noise was heard in a log house some forty rods from where the guards were stationed. Some of the men crept along through briers and weeds until they found it was the wind slamming the door of a cabin recently deserted by its owner, James Geer.

In the morning while preparing to move on a man appeared and stated that our prisoner of General William Hull’s army from British boats were landing, so we felt safe. Then came word from an officer in Cleveland, that if the man liable to do military duty would build a guard house officers would be commissioned to form a company of militia. The company was organized by appointing Calvin Hoadley, captain. They then commenced to build the old Block house so called. All the men in Columbia, Ridgeville, and Middleburgh were called out to assist in building the house. The men from Ridgeville were David Beebe Jr., Willis Terrell, Laverett Terrell, Loman Beebe, Oliver Terrell, Noah Terrell, Tillotson Terrell, Philander Terrell, Eli L. Sealy, Borden Beebe, in a few days David Beebe Jr., and Joel Terrell returned to Ridgeville and found our cabins all right, but the wild animals and birds were destroying our crops.

Then it was decided to have Joel Terrell, David Beebe Sr., return with all the women and children, while the men subject to military duty, were kept eight miles from the families to guard the Block House for three months. From this time until Perry’s victory we were kept in constant fear. There being no guards along the lake. The old men slept with their rifles and axes at the head of their beds, ready for the Indians. At every unusual sound that awoke them they would spring out of bed and were ready for a fight with the redskins.

AN OLD HUNTER 4/6/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 14

“After the block house, built 1812, which I mentioned in a former communication was completed, it was garrisoned by the best men of the settlements in the neighborhood, while the older men and helpless women were left in the cabins unprotected and in constant fear of attack by the Indians. The service at the block house continued three months when the men were discharged and

our fathers returned to Ridgeville to relive the distressed conditions of their families and secure their crops.

The first winter school taught in Ridgeville was thought by John Reding in 1812 and in the summer of 1813 by his wife. In the spring of 1813, the town was organized by electing Wyllis Terrell, clerk; David Beebe, Ichabod Terrell, Joel Terrell, trustees. Joel Terrell was, also, elected justice of the peace and David Beebe Jr., and John Reding constables. The voters were: David Beebe, Sr., David Beebe, Jr., Loman C. Beebe, Stephan Cable, Joseph Cahoon, Samuel C. Cahoon, Amos Cahoon, Joel Cahoon, Asa Morgan, Ira B. Morgan, Philander Terrell, Noah Terrell, Joel Terrell, Wyllis Terrell, Leverett Terrell, Silas Wilmot, John Reding, George Sexton, Ichabod Terrell, and Tillotson Terrell. The township being organized the result was the infusion of new life into the colony and improvements began to spring up with new vigor.

Mr. Joseph Cahoon finished up his mill, his son Amos Cahoon built a frame barn on the farm now owned by Bradford Race and at the raising of his barn in June 1813, three Indians were hid in a little swamp not 20 rods away and watched the operation. Had this fact been learned at the time there would have been some lively getting away.

These three savages were seen at different times during the war. They were seen the same year by a Mr. Smith on what is called Crooked Ridge on the east line of Avon. He was in the woods chopping one morning before sunrise and accidentally ran upon them. Happily, both parties became alarmed at seeing one another and stampeded. Mr. Smith became so alarmed that he left his improvement for the time. The Indians afterwards told of these amusing incidents and others which we may mention at a later time.”

AN OLD HUNTER 8/24/1876

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 36

“The winter of 1812-1813 was a sorrowful winter for the little settlements along the south shore of Lake Erie. Hull surrendered and left them to the mercy of the tomahawk and scalping knife of the red man. Every household was terror stricken and felt themselves surrounded with dangers that might overwhelm them any moment. It was under these excited and fear stricken circumstances that a man reached the door of Joseph Cahoon in the early settlement of Ridgeville, shouting “The Indians are upon us.” Mrs. Cahoon (Lydia (Kenyon) Cahoon) in a panic took her babe in her arms and little one by the hand and instantly fled toward Cleveland, and was five miles on her way before her husband could overtake her.

The landings of General William Hull’s sick prisoners, named Thomas Rucker, who had escaped the “Indian scare.” One of these prisoners, named Tomas Rucker, who had escaped the massacre at the Winchester defeat, found his way to the Terrell House through the wilderness more dead than alive, and through his information the panic was relieved. He remained during the winter and in the spring left for his home in Kentucky.

At the opening of spring there came a draft, and Joel B. Cahoon and Leveret Terrell were drawn. They went with Col. Wadsworth and others to join General William Henry Harrison at Ft. Meigs and marched with him to Detroit, and in a battle with the British and Indians at Muldin, Leveret Terrell was shot and seriously wounded. Mr. Joel B. Cahoon found him bleeding profusely. He threw down his gun and took up the wounded man and carried him off the field and had his wound dressed and thus saved his life. And while in the hospital, Chief Good Hunt’s young squaw Nancy, brought him buns and manifested so much sympathy for the sick and wounded that she became a great favorite with them.

During the summer of 1816 a number of Indians and their squaws came to Ridgeville on foot with their ponies loaded down with furs. They stopped at the old mill for a little meal, when a squaw stepped forward and took Leveret by the hand and said: "Leveret, you not know me? My name is Nancy." He then recognized his Indian friend, and they were so much pleased at their meeting. After a little chat she fell behind her old ponie and they started for Cleveland. This young squaw was a handsome lively woman, loved to drink, "eye water" and through this became the victom of bad white men. He infected Good Hunt with disease, for which she was tried and condemned as a witch and burned.

Mr. Terrell in one of his hunting excursions whas shown a large whiteweed tree near Sandusky, by the Indians, where they said the witch, Nancy Good Hunt was burned. The Indians said that, "Good Hunt no live long after squaw died," and that was the last that was heard of Good Hunt.

Mr. Joel B . Cahoon still lives in 1877 and is now 86 years old. He resides in Dover township, Cuyahoga County, on the farm that his father settled in 1810, and is the only surviving soldier of the war of 1812 that went from Lorain county. Leveret Terrell remained in Ridgeville about 10 years and then returned to Connecticut, where he died as an old bachelor. When speaking of the war of 1812, he was always delighted to mention his old Indian friend, Nancy Good Hunt."

AN OLD HUNTER, 12/6/1877

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 47 THE WEST WOODS

"The east part of Elyria township and the west part of Ridgeville, embracing an area of about 5 miles square, was known to the early pioneers as the West Woods. This locality was grown up in large timber, such as oak, chestnut, whitewood (basswood), beach walnut, hard and soft maple. The largest oak tree in the county grew here, being 11 feet in diameter and a whitewood tree 9 feet in diameter. The hollow trunks of chestnut trees furnished dens for bears and raccoons and hives for bees.

It was in these woods that the early esttlers killed great numbers of bears, hundreds of deer and thousands of raccoons, and here they gathered their honey. This was, also, a favorite resort for the Indians, so their remains indicate.

During the summer they would hunt over the more open country along the lakes, and in the winter they would return to the dense forest and rocks of the Canesduharie or Black River, for the shelter against the severity of the weather. The mounds, forts, arrow heads and other relics that are so frequently found on banks of this stream prove this. When the country was covered with forest, Black river was a much larger stream than now, and in the spring of the year must have abounded in fish that came up from the lake to spawn and thus they furnished food for the red man, and this also, explains the relics of numerous Indian population in this locality.

Not only the Indians came to the canyon of overhanging rocks and spreading trees for shelter from the winter storms, but bears, deer, raccoons and other wild animals by the thousands making it the happy hunting ground for both the red and white hunter together for a time. But alas, the white hunter grew too numerous. They cut down the timber and soon drove off all the game, built dams across the stream and prevented the fish from coming up, and the red man tood Horace Greeley's advice long before it was given, and went west.

And near the center of this West woods, the once happy hunting ground of the Indian, now stnads the thriving little city of Elyria, with her 6,000 inhabitants, two railroads, her factioies and live business institutions, and the thrifty farms round about. Here and there a stump the only remnant of

the large timber is to be seen upon some neglected field. On a few old weather beaten stubs in the remaining woods the practiced eye of the old hunter can detect the bear scratch of 50 years ago.

The plowman at ever returning spring picks up some Indian relic. The antiquarian during his leisure hours exhumes the bones of the red hunter from the mounds and wonders what sort of man he was. The pioneer hunters and early settlers of the West Woods have nearly all gone to their last resting place, and their sturdy forms and simple habits of life are remembered only by a few, and before another decade closes will be entirely forgotten. Such are the changes that time works upon the fact of nature in the transition from a state of savage life to that of culture and civilization.

AN OLD HUNTER 1/30/1879

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 49

A great many people now a days are in the habit of making undue complaint about hard times. These chronic grumblers today are living and dressing like kings when compared with the pioneers of this region 60 years ago.

In those days a pair of shoes had to last a man at least a year if not longer, and they were not the most fashionable either, and a coat would have to be worn until the last bit of service was taken out of it. The ladies wore their bonnets from twenty to thirty years and even longer, and then often fixed them over for wedding bonnets for their daughters. They were obliged to practice the strictest economy in living. While they seldom suffered for want of food, their ladies were not loaded with the luxuries of today, and yet with all their simplicity of clothes and food, they were healthy and happy. A little incident in the pioneer history of Ridgeville will suffice to illustrate the difference between then and now.

Soon after the opening of the road through the 24 mile woods, which was in 1813, the missionaries began to visit the settlements back from the lake, and began to call on Uncle Joel Terrell and Aunt Eunice. One day just as they had finished their dinner of custard, sweetened with honey, (this being the only thing their table afforded), a missionary and his wife rode up to the door of the cabin and alighted. Aunt Eunice invited them in, and Uncle Joel took their horses to the barn, and when he returned he was surprised to find that his wife had gone. Not having enough in the house, such, as she thought proper to set before the minister of the gospel and his wife, she fled into the woods. Fortunately, Molly (Beebe) Terrell (mother) and Aunt Belinda Beebe found out the Eunice had company and had nothing to eat in the house so they picked up what luxuries they had and started for Uncle Joel's and prepared a meal for them, (of which pumpkin sauce was the principal dish), which they blessed and were very thankful for. They soon resumed their journey, expected to reach the middle of the 24 mile woods before night.

In the evening Aunt Eunice returned from the forest where she had been weeping over her poverty, and thinking over the hardships she had for the past four years, and regretted the time when she left her old home in Connecticut for a new one in Ohio, among the red men, in the forest, eight miles distant from any settlement.

AN OLD HUNTER 4/24/1879

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO 45

"In 1813, John Hanley, son-in-law of Borden Beebe, built himself a cabin about 40 rods from the northeast corner of Ridgeville, near the old windfall, so called. At this point, bears and wolves would frequently cross the ridge in traveling back and forth from the swamps of Avon and the windfall, which was then densely covered with a small growth of young timber and briers, and was a favorite place for all kinds of game. Not frequently Mr. Hanley and his dogs were obliged to battle these wandering bears and wolves, and in most cases were obliged to retreat, for he was too poor to own a gun.

In the winter of 1816, while passing along the edge of this fallen timber on his way to work for Johnson Stearns of Olmsted, amination it was found that he had come upon a bear's den. He closed up the hole below, and went about two miles to a neighbor and got him to help kill the animal, which they succeeded in doing after a hard fights.

In pioneer days, the raccoon was more sought after than all other wild game, for its meat and fat. The fat was used for frying cakes and for light. my mother would take a saucer and fill it with coon fat, and take a button and tie a piece of cloth around it and put it in the middle of the saucer and with a dry weed for a match, set it on fire, this was our light for a number of years.

In autumn of 1816, John Hanley, and his son, Henry were out coon hunting in the night, near the widfall, and becoming tired, they set a tree of fire and lay down to sleep. They had not laid long until Henry told his father he was afraid the tree might fall down on him. He got up and changed his position and laid down again and went to sleep, and in a short time the tree burned down and fell across the young man's body and instantly killed him. The father went in search of help, and after wandering through the woods for some time, he at last, reached Johnson Stearn's in Olmsted. Mr. Stearns went with the distressed father in search of the dead boy, but it was with difficulty and after a long search that they found the place again. The tree had almost burnt up within two feet of the dead body. The cut out a log and got him out and carried him about a mile to his home.

This sad accident distressed mr. Hanley sorely and for a long time he acted like an insane man. Today I can recall this sad affair and have a vivid recollection of how the unfortunate young man looked in his rough coffin, although it was more than fifty five years ago."

AN OLD HUNTER 12/26/1878

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 40

"Among the many difficulties that the planners of Lorain County had to contend with was that of keeping their sheep out of the jaws of wolves. They were obliged to pen them up every night in pens twelve feet high to keep the wolves from killing them.

On a certain occasion one of the early settlers of the southern part of our county neglected to pen up his sheep, and a pack of wolves came along and killed them, when a Mr. Lindsley proposed to make a chase, and claimed that he could run them down and kill them but his neighbors said he must be insane to think of such a thing possible. The man however resolved to try it. There was a light snow on the ground when the sheep were killed. Mr. Lindsley filled his knapsack with provisions, strapped it on his shoulders, and taking his gun, a lantern, a tomahawk and a scalping knife, he started at sunrise to try his grit and endurance with the pack of wolves.

He followed their tracks all day and all night without seeing them but the second day he saw them several times. The second night came on and his light gave out. He was then in the southern part of Sullivan township, and seeing a light in a log cabin he went there, and found it occupied by a German. Mr. Lindsley tried to borrow his lantern, but the man would not lend it. So he was obliged to go a mile out of the way to get one, and in the meantime the wolves killed more sheep, but they

has scarcely time to suck the blood of the animals when he started them again. The third day they were in sight every mile, and the third night, he could hear them growl all night long, and at daylight he saw them only about two or three rods ahead of him. He fired and killed the largest, and afterwards killed the other two at a distance of twenty rods.

He had followed them through the swamps of several townships, leaving their tracks only once to get the lantern, and eating his lunch on the march. He was about to give up the chase the third morning but the sight of wolves stimulated him to push on, and he resolved to follow them until he could draw a beat on them, if it would take a week. Few men were endowed with such pluck.

AN OLD HUNTER 3/21/1878

RIDGEVILLE EARLY INCIDENT NO. 25

“In 1814 Borden Beebe was living on what is now called Avon ridge, and his two girls wanted to come to the settlement (now Ridgeville). They went a short distance into the woods to catch their horse and led him up to a large log to get on. No sooner had they mounted the log, than three Indians who lay concealed behind it rose and stampeded into the woods while the girls made even better time in the direction of the house. They were so badly frightened that they postponed their trip to the settlement until the next day. What the Indians were concealed there for is not known, probably their intention was to steal the horse.

In the fall of 1817, the Indians were camped on Black River near where A. Burrell (1877) now lives. The next day after the first snowfall, as Indians come to the Tavern, as they called the Terrell House, with a young squaw loaded with venison and sold it to Wyllys Terrell and John Redding. When they weighed it they found it to be seventy pounds, and that little squaw who carried it would weigh one hundred pounds. She had brought it five miles tied on her back with bark which had worn her skin so that she bled. We told the Indian that he should have helped, at least carried a portion of it. He replied, “Indian have squaw.” I well remember this squaw, for she was scarcely 18 years old, when she approached our house, her head bent halfway to the ground with the load of meat. She walked a short distance behind her father, for a squaw was not allowed to walk ahead of her son or father.”

AN OLD HUNTER 2/1/1877

GERMAN HISTORY

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Germany in the early and high middle ages

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Mediaeval Germany under the Saxon (or Ottonian) and Salian dynasties, from the accession of Duke Henry of Saxony in 919 to the death of Henry III in 1056, was characterised by the feudal organization of society and politics, with the dominance of military aristocracy; the development of what was to become the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation"; and by relatively harmonious relations of church and state. When recounting the structures of high politics and religion, the general condition of the vast masses of the population must be constantly borne in mind. At the end of this period, in mid-eleventh century, the total population of the German lands was probably around 5 or 6 million. (Population estimates must remain tentative for pre-modern times.) The majority of people lived in very small villages, hamlets, or isolated farmsteads surrounded by small agricultural clearings amid vast forests. Houses were in the main very primitive huts; only royal palaces, castles, churches and monasteries were built to last. Life for most people was, in Hobbes's famous phrase, 'nasty, brutish and short.' Average life expectancy was little over 30 years: more in higher classes, less in lower. Following a very high death rate among infants, most people died between ages of 14 and 40. While alive, their experiences were generally of illness, hunger, and periodic famine. They were at the mercy of the seasons, of unpredictable events, of human violence; even when nominally Christianised, many pagan elements (charms, superstitions, magic) remained in the attempt to appease evil spirits or ward off misfortune. Most people lived within a restricted compass, a limited locality of work, trading, intermarriage; a pilgrimage might form the longest outing of a lifetime. Only members of the aristocracy travelled great distances and had ties of kinship across wide areas. During the period from 750 to about 1050, Old High German and Old Saxon dialects were spoken, and there were probably rich traditions of oral poetry, although few works of vernacular literature have survived. Literacy was largely confined to the clergy, who write in Latin.

For all its apparent primitiveness, this was no longer a purely tribal society. Feudalism was developing as the major pattern of socio-political organization. This complex system may briefly be defined at the political level as an asymmetrical, reciprocal relationship of service, fidelity, protection and support. The vassal would swear an oath of allegiance to the lord, who would in turn agree to protect the vassal – a relationship symbolized by the vassal placing joined hands between those of the lord in the act of commendation. Vassals were given grants of land, known as fiefs, which were legally distinct from their own property. This system arose in the course of invasions, feuding violence of the 8th century; it gradually developed, spread, and changed in subsequent centuries. Great magnates with large fiefs were able to grant smaller fiefs to their own vassals. The royal bureaucracy also became

feudalised. Over time, there was a tendency for fiefs to become heritable; there was also a tendency for vassals to start holding fiefs from several lords, in which process the vassals gained in power in relation to the lords. Feudalism as a political system was a useful means of ensuring connections between a distant centre, via a network of subordinate ties, down to quite personal local relationships. It partially displaced the clan or tribe as the principle of political organization, although the family-or dynasty-continued to be of major importance.