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The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society is a non-profit educational organization. The newsletter is published quarterly. When dues are received after the start of the fiscal year, previous issues for that year will be forwarded only when requested

Neither the editor nor the society are responsible for any errors of fact, judgment or omission. Any proven error or omission will be corrected at the earliest opportunity.

Membership dues are \$12.00 per year for single or couple (at same address) The membership year begins September 1st.

Be sure to notify SOGS of your change of address if you are a "snow bird" and change your address during the winter Months. Our newsletter is not sent as First Class Mail and will not be forwarded to your winter address.

Regular meetings of the Society are open to the public and are held from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. on the 2nd Thursday of the month from Sept. to Dec. & from March to June. Meeting will be held at the Hillsboro TV Access Building, 1490 N. High Street, across from Southern State Community College, unless noted otherwise.

SOGS PROGRAMS

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For further information about our organization, to become a member, or to inquire on how to become a volunteer; please contact The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 414, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133 or E-mail: SOGS414@sbcglobal.net. Check our our website at www.sogs.inf

April 13, 2006, 7:00 Bob Fetters will tell us about **Quaker Cemetery Restoration**, Fairfield and Lees Creek Friends, in the Highland County area. Bob will share some of his methods, successes and failures along with other interesting stories related to his work. The meeting will be held in the Meeting room of Southern State Community College, SR 62, (High St.) Hillsboro, Ohio. Room 107.

May 11, 2006 6:00 Jean Wallis will host the **Hillsboro City Cemetery Ghost Walk**. Meet at the Chapel on St. Rt. 138 at 6:00 pm. We will visit the graves of five of the cemetery's permanent residents and learn how they contributed to our community and beyond. **Col. William Collins-Al Martellotti, Charles Collins-Richard Davis, Charles A. West-Mel Haines, Sally McCue McDowell-Jean Wallis, Rev. Joseph McDowell Matthews-Dwight Crum.**

June 8, 2006 6:30 First & Second Family Banquet, will be held at the Bell Tower Restaurant, Bourneville, Ohio, on St. Rt. 50, beginning at 6:30 PM. We will be honoring our members that have proven their ancestral lines in 1st & 2nd Families.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you can see, R&S is packed full of information. We want to present information that will be helpful in your research. Do you have a family story that would be of help to someone else researching the same surname? Send it to us for consideration.

We have a new obit. book available (see the insert in this issue). The first time one of the members of our board looked at it, she found two of her family members. It should be a valuable tool for your research.

The new Marriage Book 1901-1906 we announced last issue is proving useful. We now offer a service in regard to this book. If you would like to have a marriage record as shown in this publication, please fill out the application (shown in insert) and send to SOGS, Attn: Joyce Patton with S.A.S.E. & \$3.00 donation and she will send you the marriage record.

If you missed Dennis M. Keesee's talk in March about children as Civil War soldiers and you would like to purchase his book "Too Young To Die", you can go to his website WWW.DennisKeesee.com and get more information.

If you signed up for SOGS Broadcast when you paid your dues & you haven't received E-mails from us, there might be a problem with your E-mail address. Several E-mail addresses furnished to us were rejected.. If this is the case, please E-mail us at SOGS414@sbcglobal.net & give us your correct address & we will correct our records.

We received a Thank You from The President & Board of Trustees of The Ohio Genealogical Society acknowledging with thanks & appreciation our gift to them of "Highland Co. Marriages 1901-1906". They are our Parent Chapter and it is the custom for participating chapters to furnish copies of new publications to OGS for their review.

The Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium is hosting a National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Gentech 2006 in Chicago June 7-10, 2006. You can register online at 222.ngsgenealogy.org.

If you are planning a genealogical trip to Salt Lake in the future, you can E-mail www.visittemplesquare.com and request a Genealogy Planner 2005/06.

We are working on a project at the Greenfield Cemetery and if you have obits of burials there and would like to submit them for inclusion in the upcoming book, please send to SOGS, P.O. Box 414, Hillsboro, Oh. 45133

Our sympathy to the family of Ronald Neil Hennison Sr., age 72, of Hillsboro who died 3/11/2006. He was so faithful to us for many years while we held our monthly meetings at the T.V. Building.

Our sympathy also goes to Mary Payne Post & David Post on the death of Mary's father, John E. Payne Saturday, March 18, 2006.

Debbie Suiter is collecting 5-generation pedigree charts for publication. Please see insert this issue and complete and return this information as quickly as possible.

1st & 2nd Family Awards Banquet and Election of Officers are coming up in June. We also have an insert in this issue for this. Please return your reservation for the banquet by Friday, June 2, 2006. This is such a proud & enjoyable evening for all.

INSERTS – INSERTS – INSERTS—We have so much to tell you. There is also an insert in this issue announcing Registration of a Beginning Genealogy Class to start June 5, 2006 and continuing through July 10, 2006. The deadline for this May 22, 2006.

Congratulations to Nancy & Mel Haines – they are grandparents! Connor Thomas Haines was born on March 21, 2006, 8:32 AM at Centerville, Ohio to Douglas and Colleen Haines. They are thrilled to enter the next phase of their lives.

Our Prayers for Linda Jean Limes Ellis as she battles health issues. It is our earnest desire, Linda, that you get well soon.

As I write this, the birds are singing outside my window, even though there is still snow here & there. The daffodils are peeking through the ground and Spring is here. I wish for all of you a wonderful Summer of research and knocking down "brick walls". Some of you will, no doubt, will be traveling to obtain family information. You will be making new friends & sharing family stories. Have a Happy & Successful Summer.

Marianna Kerns Morgan, President

MANY EARLY SETTLERS REST IN HIGHLAND COUNTY

Reprint from Highland Guidepost by Jean Wallis (Used with Permission)

The cemetery had burials years before the land was actually deeded to the trustees of Jackson Township in 1897. On Dec. 23, 1886, Highland County deed records show J. W. (John) Coss, Zedekiah Coss and his second wife Sarah conveyed 40 acres to Matilda Douglas "save and except the graveyard lot of 16 ½ rods by six rods." On June 15, 1897, Thomas J. Wiley conveyed to the trustees of Jackson Township, William Haigh, R. S. Hamilton and J. W. Newkirk two acres and 10 poles for a cemetery, reserving the old part of the graveyard at 16 ½ rods. The cemetery is also known as the Belfast Cemetery.

J. W. (John) Coss and his wife Sylvia, daughter-in-law Louisa Brown, Zedekiah Coss' first wife, and their two sons Curtis and an infant son are all buried there at Coss.

John and Sidney's daughter Sidney married John Williams in 1856, son of John Williams and his first wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Duncan. John served in Company G, 175th Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He died at Columbia, Tenn., June 25, 1865. Sidney remarried in 1867 to Squire Smith, a widower.

Both are buried at Coss Cemetery.

A son of John and Sidney's, Lancelot Coss, served as a corporal during the Civil War in Company F, 175th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

He married Ellen Williams in 1865, a first cousin and half sister of Sidney's husband, John. In 1860, Lancelot and Ellen moved to Lucas County, Iowa, and in 1874 to Heizer, Barton County, Kansas. Lancelot died in 1911 and was buried at Great Bend, Kansas.

Near the road in the back of the cemetery is the stone of Alexander Duncan and his wife Jane. As time went by, the gravestone has been pushed over and broken into numerous pieces.

Alexander was born in Ireland, and little is known of his early life. In the early years of the 19th century, he appears on the scene in Adams County. Later records seemed to indicate that Alexander was married three times.

In 1818, when Brown County was formed and Decatur changed from Adams to Brown we find in the deed records Alexander buying and selling property in Decatur in 1827. He was already living in Highland County. Daughters Elizabeth (Betsey) and Mary were both born in Decatur. Many of his children moved to Indiana and Kansas.

Betsey married John Williams, son of Elias and Christina (Countryman) Williams in 1827. Their children were: John, Sanford (died in California), infant son and Mary. The latter married John Tener in 1848. John served his country in the Civil War. Mary and John are buried there at Coss. Betsey and her infant son may also be buried at Coss in an unknown grave. After Betsey's death, John Williams married her sister Mary in 1835.

One of the early stones found at Coss is that of Elias Williams, died Feb. 25, 1838, at the age of 56 years and two months. Elias is one of the county's very early settlers, having arrived in the present day county of Highland in 1802. Thought to be born in Virginia to James Williams. In 1804, he married Christina Countryman, daughter of Henry (marriage record in Ross County). He purchased land in present day Jackson Township in 1809. The land remains in the Williams family to this day.

There were nine children. Christina died in 1879 at the age of 98 years and is buried in the Dunkard Ridge Cemetery in Brush Creek Township.

COSS CEMETERY OBITUARIES

Coss Cemetery is South of Hillsboro, Ohio, Highland County. Take State Route 73 South to Belfast, take left on North Union Road, then a quick right to Coss Road then Close to $\frac{1}{4}$ a mile Coss Cemetery is on the right.

“Press Gazette”

Hillsboro, Ohio

January 1, 1989

Mary Jean Tannehill

Mary Jean Tannehill,

81, of Peebles, died

Sunday morning

(January 1, 1989) at

Hillcrest Nursing

Home.

Born March 3, 1907, in

Mineral Springs, she

was the daughter of

Thomas and Minerva

(Browning) Walker.

She was a member of

the Eagles Auxiliary

and W.C.T.U.

Survivors include one

son, John William

Tannehill of

Indianapolis, Indiana,

one daughter, Adra

Lee Heise of Columbus

and one brother, John

Walker of Peebles.

Services will be held at

11 A.M. Thursday at

the Rhoads-Edgington

Funeral Home with

Rev. Dan Mitchell

officiating.

Burial will follow in

Coss Cemetery in

Belfast.

“News-Herald”

Hillsboro, Ohio

1933

Charles McCullough

Charles McCullough died

Aug. 20, 1933 at the age

of 102 yrs. In U. S.

Veterans Hospital,

Albuquerque, New

Mexico.

Born in Ireland, Dec. 15,

1830 and lived around

Belfast, Ohio for many

years. Body was brought

here by son William J.

McCullough and funeral

in Belfast with burial in

Coss Cemetery near

Belfast.

A Civil War Veteran.

“News-Herald”

Hillsboro, Ohio

1933

Mrs. Frances Ford

Mrs. Frances Ford died

Aug. 3, 1933, aged 67

years at her home on

Summer Street, where the

funeral was held by Rev.

Frank Foust.

Burial in Coss Cemetery

near Belfast.

Survived by husband,

Oliver, one son (no name

given)

“Press Gazette”

Hillsboro, Ohio

Iva Blanche Rich

Iva Blanche Rich, 70,

Westland, Michigan,

formerly of Belfast, died

Monday (3/20/1989) at

Annapolis Hospital in

Wayne, Michigan.

Born June 7, 1918 in

Portsmouth she was the

daughter of Charles and

Jennie Craycraft.

Survivors include a son,

James Marshall of

Westland, Michigan; a

daughter, Jennie Snow of

Myrtle Beach, South

Carolina; seven

grandchildren, six great

Grandchildren and several

nephews.

Services will be held at 3

P.M. Thursday at the

Hope Miller Thompson

Funeral Home with Rev.

Robert Wallace

officiating. Burial will

follow in Coss Cemetery

in Belfast.

Friends may call on

Thursday from 12 noon to

3 P.M. at the funeral

home.



**THE SOUTHERN OHIO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY HIGHLAND COUNTY ANCESTOR'S
UPDATE**

**We are collecting 5-generation pedigree charts of
your Highland County Ancestors and plan on
publishing a book of these charts.**

**Please fill out the enclosed chart and sign and
return to us as quickly as possible. You may make
copies of this chart if necessary. Begin with
yourself on Line 1. Make sure the person who is
shown on Line 1 gives their permission to publish
the information.**

**Mail to: Debbie Suiter, SOGS, P. O. Box 414, Hillsboro,
Ohio 45133**

FOUNDER'S DAY (WEEK)
MOWRYSTOWN, OHIO
MAY 27 THRU JUNE 3, 2006

The following is how we got to May 21, 1906 when Mowrystown Village petitioned for incorporation primarily to provide fire protection, street and sidewalks.

Calvin Coke was an Ensign from Virginia who received land for his service in the Revolutionary War. Calvin Coke Survey #2050, Surveyed by John O'Bannion, contained 666 and 2/3 acres of land, which later became White Oak Township including the Village of Mowrystown. In late November 1810, Leonard Mourer of Shenandoah County, Virginia purchased this land from James Earl Jr. of Eaton, Talbot County, Maryland for the sum of \$1161.00.

Mr. Mourer at the age of 51 arrived here with his family, wife Elizabeth and children Sophia, Jacob, David, William, Phillip, John and George. They came in a wagon train with about forty other families. Leonard and his oldest son Jacob appear on the 1811 Election Polls in Concord Township, a part of which became White Oak Township in 1821.

In September 1816, the Mourer's sold 40 acres to John Graham and 60 acres to John Clark. These two tracts of land were at the southwest corner of the survey, and both went to the center line of the East Fork of White Oak creek. Late in 1818, the Mourer's sold the balance of their land to their children who came with them.

Mowrystown Platted: David Mourer had purchased 86 acres and sold approximately 21 acres to Samuel Bell who on May 29, 1829, platted the village which was duly recorded. Speculation on town lots and surrounding farms was the order of the day including when the French with Frederick Grand-Girard purchased 230 acres from Jacob McFadden in 1833.

Two of Frederick Grand-Girard's son-in-law's were John C. Picard and Frederick Perdriget. They also purchased farms, town lots and the water powered grist mill and saw mill from Samuel Bell and others between 1839 and 1842. For more about the Grand-Girard's, see the Mowrystown Presbyterian Church History, and other histories of our town.

By 1859, John C. Picard and Frederick Grand-Girard are dead and Perdriget headed back to Cincinnati. Other members went to Hillsboro and made history there including Frederick Picard with the old C & M Railroad and also the Hillsboro Electric and Gas Company.

Before going to Hillsboro Frederick Picard did make the first addition of 16 lots on North High Street which was recorded in 1873. Later the Diehl Brothers recorded the second addition to the village between 1893 and 1900. Around 1906, the village had a population given as 426 approximately and proceeded to petition for incorporation, which was granted May 21, 1906 by the County Commissioners.

This year we celebrate our first 100 years as an incorporated village and we are planning a Founder's Day Celebration starting with a Saturday 1 P.M. Parade May 27, 2006.

The Mowrystown/White Oak Township History Committee has published it's 2006 Founder's Day Collector's Calendar featuring water color printings by Ron Hughes of historic landmarks in the village along with their histories. By the May 27, 2006 date we will have the 2007 Collector's Calendar ready. For information contact Jerry E. Pruitt, Chairman at P. O. Box 386, Mowrystown, Ohio 45155 or call (937) 442-3752. Also contact the Mayor and Members of Council, Police or the Department Members. For information on early history and Mowry genealogy contact: Robert S. Mowery, 23778 Seredo Road, Woodstock, VA 22664. Phone: (540) 335-4564 E-Mail: rmowery@shentel.net

Submitted by Bonnie (Overstake) Crago



Library Message by Pat Young

The following books are now shelved in our SOGS Library at Southern State Community College

Heading	Book
Immigration	<u>Immigrants to America Appearing in English Records,</u> by Frank Smith
Kentucky	“Greenup, Kentucky Marriages”, A transcription of marriages of persons born or residing in Adams, Scioto, Washington counties Vols I, II, III, IV
Highland	“Obituaries from Hillsboro Newspapers 2004” by Mary Michael
Highland	“Fairfield Friends Cemetery” by Robert Fetters
Highland	“Highland County Marriages 1901-1906” by Joyce & Bob Patton and Marianna Morgan
Family	“Warren, Some Descendants of Arthur Warren” by Joseph B. Myers 1992
Family	“The Descendants of Andrew Jackson Pittser” By B.W. Thompson, Sr. 1998
Family	<u>Fling History and Genealogy</u> by Richard S. Fling
Family	Jodery – Family Genealogy of El Ray & Gertrude Jodrey by Yvonne Jodrey Dishon

“Research Wednesday”

Come to the library to do your research. Don't sit at home alone wondering where that missing information might be. We are here to be your extra eyes and fingers. Ruth, Les or Pat is here every Wednesday. Marianna and Joyce are known to be there too. If Wednesday is not good for you, please call one of us and we will be glad to meet you for a personal search session.

We are in the process of putting in labels indicating a book is available through our “Book Store”

NEW SOGS PUBLICATION

A new book, "Highland County Marriages 1901-1905" has been completed by Bob & Joyce Patton & Marianna Morgan. This book documents almost 1400 marriages in Highland County during those five years soon after the turn of the last century. It includes the book & page numbers at the Highland County Court House for each marriage, the bride's & groom's first & last name, ages at the time of marriage, location of their birth and the name of their parents, the date of marriage as well as the Minister, Justice of Peace or Mayor who married them.

Order Form

"Highland County Marriages 1901-1905"

Publication #663 _____ Number of copies @ \$18.00-----\$ _____
Ohio Residents - 7% Sales Tax (\$1.26 each book)-----\$ _____
S&H \$3.50 1st book + \$1.00 each additional book-----\$ _____
Total enclosed for order-----\$ _____

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ANOTHER

NEW SOGS PUBLICATION

OBITUARIES FROM THE "PRESS GAZETTE, Hillsboro, Ohio"

**1/3/1980-12/29/1980, 1/1981-12/31/1981, 9/26/1982 & 10/7/1982 & 9/19/1983-
12/1983 & misc. obits from 1992, 1994, 1995 & 1997. Sec. 1 is 129 pgs. And
Sec. 2 is 33 pgs. Both pages are indexed. Compiled by Evelyn Easter &
Donated by Mrs. John Wilkin**

Order Form

"Obituaries from the "Press Gazette, Hillsboro, Ohio"

Publication #664 _____ Number of Copies @ \$18.00 ea.-----\$ _____
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S&H \$3.50 1st book & \$1.00 each additional book----- \$ _____
Total Enclosed for Order-----\$ _____

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**QUERIES – QUERIES – QUERIES – QUERIES
SURNAMES**

BEESON---ELIZABETH BEESON, married ELISHA BARRETT, June 30, 1836
Per Highland Co. court records. Elisha remarried in 1958 also in Highland Co. Would
Like information on Elizabeth's family. She may have been of the Quaker faith. Need
Records of death/divorce or any information on Elizabeth's background. Information would be much appreciated.
E-mail: kgnmj@sbcglobal.net

BENJAMIN---I would like to make two queries for family members.
The first query is for Russell S. Benjamin. He was born in 1813 in New Jersey.
In 1838 he married Phoebe Coulter in Brown Co., Ohio. The 1840 & 1850 census records lists him in Jackson,
Brown Co. The 1880 census lists him in Lewiston, Ohio. The children are David, Thompson, William B., James
Maffitt. Looking for birth and death information.

ADAMS---The second inquiry is for James F. Adams (born 1820) Ohio. His wife, Cynthia Ann Bynum married
him in 11 June 1841 in Madison Co., Ky. They had Mary (born 1843 in Ky.), John H. (born 1845 Ky.), James B.
(born 1847 Ky.), Caroline, William B. By 1860 they lived in Lebanon, Ohio. Looking for parents and death date.
Thank you, Jerry Hoover, P. O. Box 357, Vista, CA. 92085

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1. Sara Cohen, Charleston, WV----Researching **Johnson, Wright, Terrell, Good & Reynolds**
2. Bill & Mary Neff, Ft. Myers Beach, Fl.----Researching **Liggett, Blain, Judkins & Drake**
3. Anita Harrower, Dunnsville, Va
4. Kathleen LaVeau, Fountain Hills, AZ----Researching **Johnson, Wright, Terrell, Good, Reynolds**
5. Lisa Marie Brous, Beverly Hills, CA
6. Leon & Judy Lindley, Hillsboro, Ohio---Researching **Lindley, Behimer, Edwards**
7. Margaret Cully Austin, Tullahoma, TN-----Researching **Douglass, Means/Mains, Coffey, Junkins**