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Defiance County Genealogy Chapter and Board Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. The address is 950 Webster Street— on the northeastern corner of the Defiance College campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium.

Chapter meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except May, August, and December or as noted.

Board meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

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Heirlooms/Stories to Share

If you have family stories-- or photos of family heirlooms-- which would be of interest to our readers, please feel free to submit them to our chapter's website for use in the newsletter or the blog site.

All Chapter Programs and DCGS Events Cancelled for 2020

Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19, the DCGS board has voted to cancel all meetings and events for the rest of the 2020 year. The board also voted to extend memberships for current members to the 2021 year with no additional cost.



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**First Families of Defiance County
and Centennial Families**

Defiance County First Families

If you can prove your ancestor resided in Defiance County before January 1846, your ancestor can be classified as a "Pioneer." If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor can be classified as a "Settler." To prove your lineage back to your ancestor, you may use birth records, death records, marriage licenses, census records, Bible records, and other primary or supportive secondary records.



The application fee is \$15.00 which covers as many ancestors as you can prove and also covers your membership pin. You must be a member of the Defiance County Chapter OGS. This membership may be paid at the same time as your application fee is paid. The cutoff date is August 1st of the year in which you apply. For more information and to download the application for First Families, please go to the Society's web site at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org or write to the chapter at PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 attention of Mary Scranton, chair.

Change of Address or Email ?

If you change your postal or email address, **please** make sure you email the chapter at <defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com> or send the changes to Defiance Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 so that your current information is on file.

Become a Member of DCGS

Chapter dues are \$15.00 for an individual and \$18.00 per family.

An additional \$5.00 is required for mailing the four annual newsletters through the U. S. Post Office. Membership form is at the end of this newsletter or you may download a membership form at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org

Defiance County Centennial Families

To acknowledge families which have been in Defiance County for 100 years or more, our chapter has established a centennial recognition program. Just one item of proof showing that a family member was here in 1918 or before is needed to register a family. Upon registration, a certificate will be sent from the chapter. For more information, please contact the chapter via email or by postal mail-- attention of Carol Ehlinger.



Defiance County OGS Chapter News

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Defiance Chapter has not had a chapter meeting since the end of February. The board did meet on July 22 to make some important decisions. Treasurer Dan Hasch noted that thus far in July the chapter had a balance of \$4821.05.

Dawn Hasch noted that there currently are 59 members; Dianne Kline noted over 185,000 hits have been made to the blog site.

Discussion was held concerning memorials for Gladys Donson and Lavina Boesling- both long time officers of the chapter. One suggestion was to cover the cost of the digitalization of the *Sherwood Chronicles* which currently are on microfilm.

Discussion was also held on a possible move of our records to the former Defiance Stamping Company on Perry Street. This would allow for our chapter to join with other historical-minded groups. It was suggested that officers view the accommodations before making any decisions. Rhonda Casler has agreed to be a liaison with Trish Sandford-Speiser concerning advertising our publications on vintagedefiance.com.

All DCGS events cancelled for 2020

Dan Hasch moved that due to the increasing numbers of covid-19 cases in the area, the chapter will suspend its programming and other events for the rest of the 2020 year. Chapter meetings for 2021 will be revisited at the beginning of the year; board meetings will be held only as needed. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion which carried.

Memberships extended through 2021

It was also decided to provide a free membership

for the 2021 year for those now enrolled, since all of our programming and events are cancelled for the remainder of the year. Dan Hasch made the motion; Pat Wise seconded the motion which carried. Even though no membership dues will be asked for or collected, gifts to the chapter certainly will be welcomed!



THE FAMILY TREE
INFORMATION, EDUCATION & COUNSELING CENTER

Free Easy to Use Family Tree Maker

Recently Dianne Kline, corresponding secretary, received information on her blog site that one of her readers wanted to share a discovery with our chapter. She was looking for a free tool to generate a family tree. After researching, she came across a site which offered a free tree-making option.

<https://www.dnaweekly.com/tools/family-tree-maker/> a

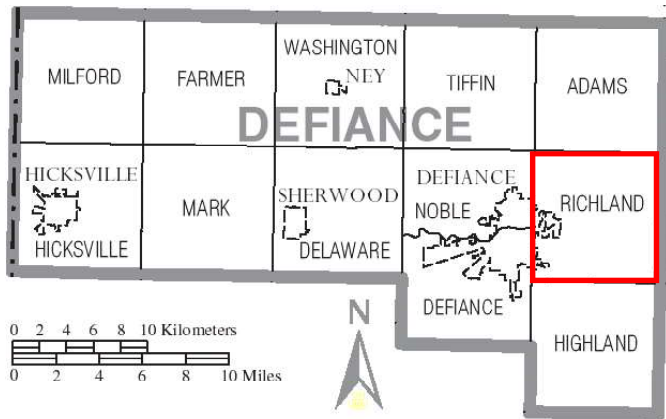


Family Search Webinars

One of our chapter officers also found an online resource she would recommend. Since many of our genealogy conferences have been cancelled, here is a site that can help you advance your genealogy knowledge from home. There are a large variety of sessions for anyone to watch, and all are very informative.

To view the list of the classes in alphabetical order, click on the arrow beside the "Class" column heading.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center



Richland Township and the Village of Independence

Much of our current knowledge of early Defiance County comes from the *History of Defiance County [Ohio 1883]*. **The entire book can now be found online through the “Open Book” located on the website Internet Archive.**

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL23666713M/History_of_Defiance_County_Ohio

As with the other townships in the *History of Defiance County 1883*, selected reminiscences of early settlers in Richland Township can be found [p. 340].

Richland Township was organized in 1824 as a part of Henry County. It is bounded on the north by Adams Township; on the east by Henry Township; on the south by Highland Township; and on the west by Defiance and Noble Townships.

Village of Independence

“This village was laid out about 1838 by Foreman Evans of Defiance. It prospered greatly for about one year. The west was laid by Edward Hughes.... and the village continued to grow during the building of the dam, which made slack water for navigation across the Maumee River. It gradually went to decay and is now [in 1883] an open field, and has about thirty houses in it. The first businessmen were C. J. Freely, who built the hotel, and a merchant, Mr. Benjamin Weidenhamer.”

Wabash and Erie Canal and the Dam

“The canal-Wabash & Erie- was excavated com-
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mencing in 1837 and completed in 1842. The first boat was run by Captain McMahan in the fall of 1842. The dam was built in 1838, through 1840. It is about one mile below Independence and cost the state about \$130,000. The state appropriated every alternate section to pay for it along the route of the canal and sold the land at public auction from \$8 to as high as \$14 per acre.”

Voters in 1845

Michael Morthlane
Gibbons Perry
James Liniber
Jacob Handshaw
Charles Rohn
William Lewis
James Cheney
Pierce Evans
John Wilson
Thomas Garrett
Horace Morse
Austin Hanser
William Rohn
Hezekiah Wilson
John Shaw
Josephus Rose
Ishmael Wilson
John L. Groves
Noah Groves
Jeptha Groves
Joshua Wilson
Samuel Rohn
Benjamin B. Abell
Arthur M. Dunbar
Hirman Scovill
James Morehead
Robert Boyles
St. John Wilson
James McCaines
Lewis Gilson
Solomon Shaw
Edmund Shasteen
James Lewis
Jonathan Craig
Donald A. Craft
Mathias Albert
Christian Matt
Martin Mitter
David Halterman

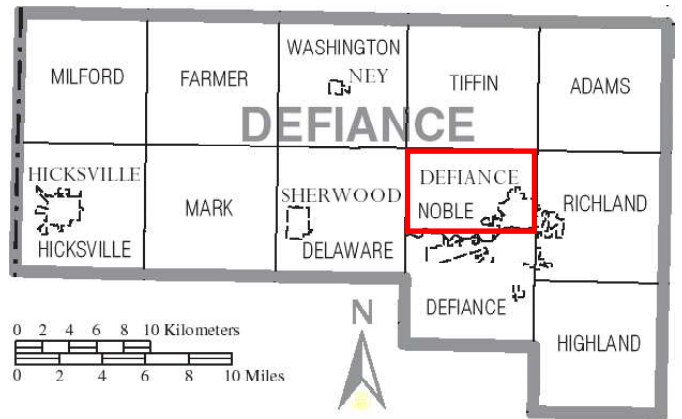
Christian Halterman
 Jacob Halterman
 Henry Halterman
 Robert Terry
 Thomas Elliot
 Jonathan Lee
 Jacob Van Wormer
 Benjamin Weidenhamer
 Samuel Kepler
 Delase Morse
 Isaac Hively
 Abijah Groves
 Jacob Hively
 Amos Shirley
 Jacob Durham
 William Durham
 Christopher Braucher
 Henry Egeller
 John Shull
 Adam Hively
 John Matzel
 Henry Wilson
 Pierce Evans
 Samuel Rohn
 Benjamin B. Abell

Judge - Hezekiah Wilson
Clerk - Isaac Brancher

Selected Reminiscences of Early Settlers in Richland Township

Each of the following pages following the settlers' names corresponds to a brief sketch from the 1883 history. Each sketch generally tells of the family and their early lives in the area.

- Mrs. Mary Brancher (341)
- Pierce Evans (3410)
- Samuel Rohn (342)
- Thomas Elliot (343)
- John Hill (343)
- Samuel Kepler (344)
- John Taylor (344)
- Henry Ort (345)
- Orestus U. Woodward (345)
- J. B. Elliot (346)
- Isaac F. Brancher (346)
- Samuel Rohn (346)



Nobel Township and the Village of Brunersburg

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Noble Township is the only township of the twelve in Defiance County which is surrounded by other townships-- Tiffin to the north, Delaware to the east, Defiance to the south, and Richland to the west. It also is the smallest township. The Maumee River forms a part of its southern boundary with the Tiffin River (also known as Bean Creek in its early history) flowing south. Brunersburg, the only village in the township had in 1883 about 300 inhabitants. The 2010 census found 6,326 people in the township, 3,907 of whom lived in the city of Defiance, and 2,419 of whom lived in the unincorporated portions of the township. The village was laid out by Daniel Bruner and Henry Zeller in May 1834. The original plat had only twenty-eight lots-- more have been added since.

Brunersburg School

The Brunersburg School, sometimes known as "The Burg," was located in Brunersburg on Haller Road in about the middle of Section 15. The one room school that was there was relocated and

rebuilt after a tornado went through on March 28, 1920. The small school was completely destroyed. In 1921, four lots were purchased from Charles Smith and the ground was made ready for a new school.



A 1920 tornado destroyed most of Brunersburg.

The following is a listing of the personal sketches that appear in the 1883 history:

- Brice Hilton (334)
- John Perkins (335)
- James Partee (335)
- John Plummer (335)
- John Partee (335)
- Bernett G. Statler (336)
- William Travis (336)
- Lyman Langdon (336)



Langdon's Tavern was built in 1852 initially as both a residence and a tavern. It sat at what is now the corner of Rt. 15 and Buckskin Road..

Mr. Langdon's personal sketch in the *History of Defiance County 1883* records the following: "In the latter part of 1849, I formed a partnership with Horace Hilton in merchandising and buying produce at the north end of the Maumee Rover Bridge. Purchased an acre of ground where Joseph Ralston now live, cleared the grounds, built a house and lived in it. Sold to Mr. Ralston. Sold my interest in the store to Mr. Hilton, my partner. In 1851 moved back on the farm; built the house I now live in [in 1883] in 1852. Before the Wabash Railroad was built through Defiance County, I kept a country tav-

ern, as all northwest and some of Indiana and Michigan were tributary to Defiance for market."

Family Heirlooms

Isn't it so rewarding when we find an object which relates to our family heritage or an object which represents a family story. Recently one of our members, Richard Rozevink, acquired two paintings on cloth from the estate of his cousin.. The paintings certainly do reflect his Czechoslovakian heritage. How wonderful that they were so well preserved.



The object to the right most of us would not recognize. It is a corn schucker. If you look closely at the palm of the hand on the thumbside, there is a sharp, metal porjection. Pulling down on the ear of corn caused the kernals to be separated from the cob. My elderly friend tells how her parents gather the ears and sat together to shell the kernals into piles. When she and her brother came home from school, it was their job to collect and store the corn kernals.



List of Pensioners on the Roll
on January 1, 1883,
As Called for by Senate Resolution
of December 8, 1882

Transcribed for Genealogy Trails by Mamre Wilson and sorted into alphabetical order. Information includes name of the pensioner, post office address, cause for which pensioned, monthly rate, and date of original allowance if given.

Ackerman, Louis

Defiance
wd. l. foot
\$5.00

Adams, Caleb H.

Defiance
ulceration eye
\$8.00

Allen, Louisa

Evansport
widow
\$8.00

Ames, Eliza

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Anderson, David W.

Defiance
wd. r. forearm
\$6.00

Anderson, James

The Bend
dis. liver
\$6.00

Anderson, John

Defiance
dis. heart
\$10.00
Oct 1870

Andrews, Geo

Defiance
dis. eyes
\$6.00
Oct 1880

Ankney, Joshua

Defiance
wd. face
\$6
June 1879

Arrants, Eliz

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00
Dec 1867

Barnes, Sylvester

Hicksville
loss r. thigh
\$24.00

Barringer, John W.

Defiance
loss r. arm
\$24.00

Bayes, John

Defiance
loss of distal phalanx
of rt. Little finger
\$1.00
Nov 1882

Beall, Joseph

Defiance
dis. of abdominal viscera
\$6.00
May 1879

Bell, Benj. F.

Hicksville
wd. l. shoulder
\$18.00

Bitterman, John

Defiance
wd. l. thigh
\$6.00
June 1881

Bixby, Jonah E.

Defiance
wd. both hands
\$10.00

Block, Franklin

Defiance
wd. l. arm
\$2.00

Bloom, Sam'l L.

Sherwood
chr. rheum
\$6.00

Blosser, John

Hicksville
wd. r. hip
\$2.00
Dec 1881

Bogart, Jesse W.

Defiance
wd. l. shoulder
\$6.00

Boggs, James M.

Defiance
widow
\$18.00
t 1882

Bostater, Abram

Ney
inj. l. leg
\$6.00

Bowker, Emily E.

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Brinker, Simon P.

Hicksville
wd. r. hand
\$4.00

Brown, Joseph

Defiance
wd. l. shoulder
\$2.00
Nov 1881

Brown, Mary S.

Farmer
widow
\$8.00
Mar 1868

Buckmaster, Sarah A.

Defiance
widow
\$8.00
Apr 1867

Butler, John

Defiance
inflam. eyes
\$72.00

Cameron, John S.

Evansport
wd. r. thigh
\$4.00
Jan 1882

Capper, Geo

Defiance
wd. neck
\$4.00
Oct 1880

Carpenter, Lyman

Defiance
loss r. forearm
\$18.00

Cary, Robt

Defiance
urethra & bladder
\$24.00

Clark, Susan

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Colwell, Mary E

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Feb 1870

Conrad, Fred'k

Defiance
wd. l. leg
\$8.00

Cornell, Charles

Cicero, Defiance Co.
injury to abdomen
\$2.00
Oct. 1878

Cory, Edwin

Farmer
wd. l. humerus
\$18.00

Corzillius, Peter

Defiance
wd. face
\$4.00

Craig, Catharine

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Critchfield, Lyman R.

Mark Centre
varicose veins
\$8.00
Nov 1882

Crow, Wm. H.

Defiance
chr. bronchitis
\$4.00
Feb 1882

Culley, Frank C.

Defiance
injury to abdomen
\$8.00
July 1881

Daniels, Henry

Defiance
wd. l. arm
\$6.00

Day, Eli H.

Defiance
chr. diar., dis. eyes
\$17.00
June 1881

Diehl, Sam'l

Hicksville
chr. diarr
\$6.00
Feb 1880

Donatin, Julia G.

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Durell, Eliz

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Oct 1865

Dutterer, Susan

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00
Oct 1867

Dvarman, Orlando

Defiance
chr. diarr. & dis. of
abd. vis
\$12.00

Ebright, Wm

Defiance
wd. l. thigh
\$2.00
June 1877

Elliott, Emory B.

Defiance
wd r. leg

Feger, Henry F.

Defiance
inj. l. foot, erysipelas
\$4.00
Aug 1876

Ferris, Lewis

Hicksville
loss l. arm
\$24.00

Ferry, Mary

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Fisher, John

Defiance
wd. Head
\$4.00
Oct 1881

Fitzgerald, Eleanor

Mark Centre
widow
\$8.00
May 1882

Fryman, Rachel

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Fullmer, John

Defiance
wd. r. hip
\$4.00
May 1866

Gallentine, Thos

Hicksville
chr. diarr
\$4.00
Oct 1880

Gay, Timothy E.

Hicksville
loss l. leg
\$24.00

Gitts, Peter

Defiance
wd. jaw
\$2.00
May 1875

Gleason, David A.

Defiance
wd. r. leg
\$20.00
Mar 1865

Grainger, Joseph A.

Defiance
injury to abdomen
\$8.00
Apr 1878

Grubb, Isaac N.

Defiance
wd. r. leg
\$8.00

Hagen, Paul

Mark Centre
wd. l. arm
\$4.00
Oct 1881

Hahn, Chas

Defiance
wd. r. hand
\$14.00

Hall, Geo

Defiance
wd. r. leg
\$2.66.
May 1866

Hanna, Kezia

Defiance
widow
\$14.00
July 1881

Harrison, Deborah

Hicksville
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Oct 1878

Hatter, Wm. M.

Wilseyville
wd. r. arm
\$18.00
Oct 1865

Haymaker, Eliz. R.

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
May 1864

Helpman, Perry E.

Defiance
wd. body
\$8.00
Aug 1868

Higgins, Wm

Defiance
wd. l. leg
\$4.00

Hill, Wm. L.

Defiance
wd. l. hand
\$8.00

Hofferd, Wilson S.

Defiance
wd. l. breast
\$8.00
Aug 1877

Hollinger, Chas

Hicksville
loss l. leg
\$18.00

**Hollinshead,
Jeremiah**

Defiance
widow
\$12.00
Feb 1882

Hollopeter, Gideon

Evansport
wd. r. shoulder
\$5.00
Apr 1870

Horn, James W.

Mark Centre
loss part of finger
\$2.00
Apr 1878

Horn, Thos. A.

Mark Centre
wd. r. forearm
\$4.00
Apr 1872

Hosack, Uriah W.

Farmer
wd. r. shoulder
\$4.00
Mar 1878

Houck, Benj. F.

Farmer
wd. l. arm
\$18.00

Hutter, John

Defiance
loss l. thumb
\$4.00

Johnson, Julia A.

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Jubinville, John

Defiance
wd. l. leg
\$4
Dec 1868

Karnes, Elijah

Defiance
chr. diarr
\$7.50
Oct. 1882

Kepler, Rachel

Defiance
widow 1812
\$8.00
Mar 1879

Kibble, Joseph

Defiance
inj. Spine
\$6.00

Kimmel, Rinaldo

Farmer
hypertrophy
\$6.00

King, Silvester

Defiance
phthisis pul
\$18.00

Kinmont, Thos. C.

Hicksville
wd r. leg
\$24.00

Kintigh, Isaac E.

Hicksville
wd. l. thumb
\$7.50

Kline, Wm. H.

Defiance
rheum
\$5.33-1/2

Krontz, Jacob

Defiance
wd. legs
\$5.00

Krouse, Theo.

Defiance
wd. r. arm
\$8.00

Lee, Ann

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Lewis, John

Defiance
rheum
\$24.00
May 1878

Mavis, Abraham J.

Farmer
wd. l. side
\$2.00
June 1882

Morse, Betsey

Defiance
widow 1815
\$8.00
Jan 1880

O'Hern, Mary

Defiance
widow
\$10.00

Lewis, Jonathan

Defiance
wd. l. leg
\$4.00
Jan 1882

McCalla, Simon

Hicksville
chr. diarr
\$4.00
Oct 1880

Mullenix, Thos. B.

Hicksville
wd. l. leg
\$4.00

Oldfield, Geo. B.

Hicksville
dis. l. ear
\$2.00

Lichtv, Joseph

Ney
dis. Eyes
\$6.00

McConkey, Andrew P.

Farmer
varicose veins
\$8.00

Murphy, Phebe A.

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00
Apr 1868

Otis, Geo

Hicksville
consumption
\$18.00
May 1876

Lockwood, Reuben

Defiance
chr. diarr
\$4.00
Apr 1881

Meek, John W.

Hicksville
loss l. little finger
\$1.00
June 1882

Myers, Benj. F.

Defiance
inj. r. knee
\$4.00
May 1882

Pahner, Geo. W.

Hicksville
wd. l. leg
\$18.00

Lorah, Charlotte

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Miller, Johnson

Defiance
wd. l. eye
\$2.00

Myers, Jane

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Palmer, Wm. H.

Jewell
wd. head & chr. diarr
\$8.00
Mar 1881

Mansfield, Job

Defiance
widow
\$10.00

Miller, Mary

Defiance
widow
\$8.00
Mar 1868

Nagel, Christopher

Evansport
wd. l. shoulder
\$6.00
May 1877

Pickard, Wm

Defiance
injury to abdomen
\$4.00
Mar 1879

Mansfield, Johiel

Defiance
dis. eyes
\$12.00
June 1880

Mitchell, Martin V. B.

Defiance
wd. l. thigh
\$4.00
Nov 1881

Nelson, John

Hicksville
wd. throat
\$8.00

Pickering, Wm

Defiance
rheum
\$6.00
Nov 1881

Marihugh, Henry

Defiance
wd. l. arm
\$6.00

Morris, John H.

Defiance
injury to abdomen
\$8.00
June 1878

Newell, Nancy

Defiance
widow
\$8.00
Sept 1877

Pressler, Jacob

Hicksville
chr. diarr &
dis. abd. viscera
\$4.00
June 1882

Martin, Reuben

Farmer
surv. 1812
\$8.00
July 1871

Randall, Felix

Defiance
dis. eyes
\$6.00
Dec 1882

Relue, John

Defiance
rheum
\$6.00
Oct 1880

Rex, Wm. A.

Hicksville
wd. r. arm
\$18.00

Reyff, Eusebius

Sherwood
wd. l. shoulder
\$6.00

Rhamy, John W.

Defiance
sunstroke
\$4.00
Apr 1881

Rice, Hiram F.

Farmer
wd. buttock
\$4.00

Richardson, John E.

Defiance
chr diarr
\$6.00
Oct 1881

Rittenour, Adam

Hicksville
rheum
\$4.00
June 1882

Rock, Henry

Sherwood
wd. l. arm
\$6.00

Rohn, Charlotte O.

Mark Centre
widow
\$8.00

Romine, Uriah W.

Defiance
dis. l. shoulder
\$4.00

Rose, Amelia

Hicksville
widow 1812
\$8.00
Nov 1878

Scheuerman, John

Defiance
loss r. leg
\$24.00

Schmick, Henry

Defiance
wd. r. thigh
\$6.00

Semasters, Abraham

Hicksville
wd. r. thigh
\$4.00

Sheaffer, Henry B.

Defiance
chr. diarr. & dis. of
abd. vis
\$8.00
Nov 1879

Shirley, Stephen M.

Defiance
wd. l. ankle
\$14.00

Shoup, Eliz

Defiance
widow 1814
\$8.00
Dec 1880

Shulters, Wm. D.

Defiance
chr. Diarr
\$4.00
Feb 1882

Sieren, Peter

Defiance
inj. back
\$2.00
Nov 1881

Smith, Andrew

Defiance
scurvy
\$8.00
Feb 1881

Smith, Eliz

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
July 1879

Smith, King

Defiance
dep. Father
\$18.00
June 1882

Soals, Wm. L.

Defiance
wd. l. leg
\$4.00
Jan 1882

Speiser, Christian

Defiance
wd. l. foot
\$6.00

Sponsler, Wm. C.

Defiance
wd. Thigh
\$8.00

Staggs, Nancy

Hicksville
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Apr 1875

Stephens, Dan'l

Defiance
wd. l. shoulder
\$2.00
Aug 1878

Stephens, Margaret

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
May 1867

Stewart, Eliz

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Stinger, John

Nev
widow
\$10.00
Feb 1882

Stoddard, Sophronia

Defiance
widow 1813
\$8.00
Feb 1880

Strong, Emma G.

Defiance
widow
\$25.00
Mar 1882

Stucky, John

Defiance
wd. head
\$2.00
Apr 1881

Sullinger, Sarah

Evansport
widow 1812
\$8.00
June 1878

Sweet, Harry

Farmer
wd. l. shoulder
\$8.00

Thornton, Mary E.

Defiance
widow
\$20.00

Thrailkill, Rich'd H.

Defiance
\$3.00

Van Dusen, Matilda

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Dec 1864

Vanskiver, Alvaro

Defiance
wd. l. hand
\$6.00

Viall, Benj

Defiance
wd. l. & r. leg
\$12.00

Wagner, Johon

The Bend
wd. face, loss eye
\$8.00

Wall, Joseph

Defiance
frac. r. arm
\$6.00

Ward, John H.

Defiance
wd. neck
\$2.00

Welker, Rebecca

Hicksville
dep. Mother
\$8.00
June 1876

Wells, Mary

Defiance
dep. Mother
\$8.00
Dec 1867

Willey, Frances M.

Defiance
widow
\$10.00
Mar 1881

Wineland, David

Mark Centre
varicose veins
\$6.00
July 1879

Winne, Magdalena

Defiance
widow
\$8.00

Wintersteen, James

Defiance
wd. l. shoulder
\$8.00

Wisler, John

Defiance
surv. 1812
\$8.00
Feb 1879

Wolf, Mary

Mark Centre
widow 1812
\$8.00
Oct 1879

Woodcox, Sarah

Hicksville
widow
\$8.00

Yeager, Absalom

Defiance
wd. l. knee
\$4.00
Jan 1882

**Online Reference Resource
for Ghost towns of Defiance County--
and All of Ohio**

Ohio Ghost Town Exploration Company

<https://ohioghosttowns.org/defiance-county/>

This site gives briefs descriptions of ghost towns in all of Ohio.

Ghost Towns listed for Defiance County--

Arrowsmith
Ashwood
Cicero
Clarksville
Domersville
Glenburg
McCauley
Midway
Milo
Nebo
Snooksville
Whites Mills
Wilseyville



Population of Defiance County by Township from 1840 -1880

<u>Township</u>	<u>1840</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>1870</u>	<u>1880</u>
Adams	188	432	754	1920	1509
Defiance	1044	1281	2418	3615	6846
Delaware	201	445	895	1160	1505
Farmer	281	894	1180	1184	1302
Hicksville	67	507	910	1287	2381
Highland	542	865	797	946	1226
Mark	--	--	391	595	1096
Milford	175	645	1293	1555	1460
Noble	--	558	770	867	912
Richland	--	702	908	1194	1427
Tiffin	222	709	916	1080	1526
Washington	98	428	751	1016	1325

In 1840 Noble is included in Defiance, Richland in Highland, and in 1840 and 1850 Mark was included in Farmer Twonship.

Towns That Never Were

Information for this article is based up the History of Defiance County 1883.

In the early day of Defiance County and especially the village of Defiance, there were many land speculators-- especially upon hearing that a canal system was coming to link Defiance to much of the rest of the state of Ohio. Early on, it looked as though there would be a connection between the Miami Canal into the Auglaize River and the Wabash Canal into the Maumee River at the head of the slack-water. John Hollister platted a city he would name "East Defiance." The actual location of the canal the following year on the "high level" dashed his hopes.

Other speculators at this time were the Evanses and Taylor Webster. Their town "West Defiance, which was to be located along the Maumee encompassed the area then known as "beeswax." That effort, too, faded from history. About the same time "North Defiance" on the north side of the Maumee River was laid out. This effort, too, faded into oblivion.

From about 1830 to 1840 Brunersburg rivalled the city of Defiance having the only grist mill in Northwestern Ohio. With a second dam built for grist and other mills, speculators platted out the

towns of Detroit, Lowell, and Manchester located on both sides of the Tiffin River. This grand effort failed. According to the 1883 History, "More money was wasted in the vicinity of Brunersburg in wild speculation than any other point on the Maumee above the foot of the rapids."

Another project slated at the mouth of the Tiffin River was planned directly across from the proposed "West Defiance." The land, however, was owned by Mr. Phillips who had a strong interest in the growth of Defiance, and so his land could not be purchased. "A dozen or so other "paper towns" were platted along the banks of the Tiffin River (Bean Creek.)

A Philadelphia land company bought a large tract of land on the Auglaize River four miles above Defiance. They planned for a mill and related manufacturing. A dam and a saw mill were built to supply the needed lumber for the incipient town. After the project was abandoned, the heavy double log cabins which had been built for boarding houses were used by squatters, and the acres of sawed timber left to rot along the banks of the Auglaize River. The project, abandoned in 1840, was just one of "thousands of other similar schemes at that time, forced to abandon for a want of money."

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Membership Form for 2020 Year

Please **print or type and** send with check made **payable to DCGS**.

Send to: Defiance County Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512

Membership year is January 1 through December 31, annual \$15.00 per person, \$18.00 for family. If you need to update your 5 generation charts, please return a five generation chart, sign and date the form giving permission to publish in the newsletter.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ - _____ Phone # (_____) _____

E-mail address _____ Birthdate _____

New Member ___ or Renewal ___ Single ___ or Family ___

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****Would you prefer your newsletter (circle one) Snail mail (USPS) or E-mail. Due to increased printing and postage costs, please add \$5.00 to your membership fee for snail mail.**

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Description of Publications	Price	Quantity	Total
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Plat Map Index or Biographical Index for the 1876Def.Co.Atlas	\$8.00 each		
Index to the 1976DefianceCountyHistoryBook (pub. 2006)	\$15.00		
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Highland Twp.Def.Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01; pub. 2005)	\$25.00		
Mark & MilfordTwps.Def. Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01; pub. 2004)	\$25.00		
Noble Twp.Def.Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '92; pub. 2005)	\$20.00		
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TiffinTwp.Def.Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '96-'06; pub. 2001)	\$25.00		
WashingtonTwp.Def.Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '97; pub. 2005)	\$20.00		
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Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookN-SI, Book Sm-Z (revised 2016)	\$35.00 each		
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Def. Co. Marriages - SmallVol. 2: 1855-1885 (pub. 2006)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 1&2: Feb. 1885-May 1897 (pub. 2009)	\$25.00		
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Reproduction of Turnbull Wagon Co. Catalogue 1904 (pub. 2011)	\$21.50		
225th Anniversary of Anthony Wayne's Fort Defiance; A Collection of Short Stories (newly published 2019)	\$10.00		
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Defiance County's Civil War Service Certificate:
A Certificate Accorded by the Defiance County Genealogical Society



To be considered for the DCGS Civil War Service Certificate, an ancestor must be proven to have served in a Defiance County, Ohio military unit during the Civil War or have been a Civil War veteran (either Union or Confederate) who was born, lived, died or was buried in Defiance County, Ohio. The applicant must be a member of the Defiance County Genealogical Society for this certificate to be awarded.

The applicant filing for a Defiance County Civil War Service Certificate must include documentation for the ancestor for one of the above events (service, birth, residency, death, burial) occurring in Defiance County, Ohio. In addition the applicant must include proof of the unit with which the Civil War soldier served. The application must also include either a generational chart or a written explanation showing the relationship of the applicant with the ancestor who is the focus of the application. The applicant may be a direct or collateral descendant of the Civil War ancestor.

You may submit as many applications as you wish. Also you may include a story or biography of your ancestor for possible use in the chapter newsletter, website, or future publications. **If you submit an article, please date and sign the submission and note that the chapter has permission to use the article.**

Name of Civil War Ancestor: _____
Unit with which the ancestor served _____
Rank attained if known _____
Years served if known _____

- 1. Attach documentation showing with which unit your Civil War ancestor served.** For example, this might be a page copied from a unit history or information downloaded from Ancestry.com. The proof does not need to be a formal government copy.
- 2. Attach proof that your ancestor was connected to Defiance County in one of the following ways: service, birth, residency, death or burial.** The proof does not need to be certified. It may be a copy of a birth certificate, a copy of a census, a listing in compiled birth, death or burial records, copy of land deed etc.
- 3. Attach a generational chart- or a written explanation-- showing your relationship with your Civil War ancestor.**

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

**Please send the completed application to the Defiance County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7006
Defiance, OH 43512-7006.**

Direct questions to the chapter email: defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com