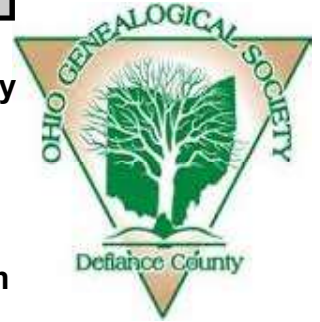


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Defiance County Genealogy Chapter and Board Meetings

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 Thursdays of the month at the St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

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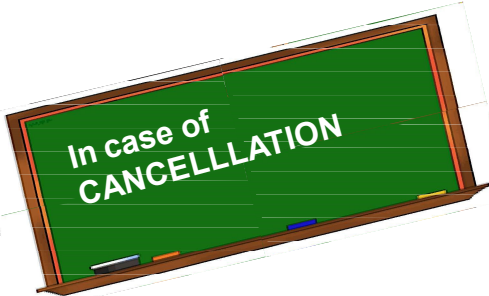
November 28- Scandalous/Notorious Ancestors. Members share stories

December and January- no meetings

February 27- Rhonda Casler
“Criminals, Convicts, and Outlaws:
Finding Your Black Sheep Ancestors”

March 27 - Publishing Family Genealogy Books

Beginning with the April 24th meeting--
Histories of Notable Buildings in
the County



If a meeting must be cancelled, an email announcement will be sent out. For those not having email, please contact any of the officers to check for possible weather-related cancellations.

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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.

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.

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

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Change of Address or Email ?

If you change your postal or email address, **please** make sure you email the chapter at [<defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com>](mailto: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.



Defiance County OGS Chapter News

DCGS Members and Guests Visited the John Paulding Historical Museum

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on July 25 at the John Paulding Historical Museum in Paulding. Museum President Kim Sutton led the tour, telling many stories connected to the displays.

The first museum building was built in 1984, and currently the museum consists of three exhibit buildings, all preserving the past for future generations. The buildings are filled with artifacts such as antique farm equipment, a U.S. mail buggy, clothing, furniture and a jail cell and a log cabin. Other miscellaneous items include Indian arrowheads, and a collection of 400 vintage hats, hat boxes and accessories.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.





Defiance County OGS Chapter News

June 2022

At the June DCGS board meeting, Rhonda Casler moved to donate \$50.00 to the John Paulding Museum upon the July visit to the museum. Joanne Allison seconded the motion which carried.

At the June chapter meeting, Rich Rozevink suggested that the balance in the Veterans' account may be targeted for the Worthington Cemetery project. The Cemetery is an all Negro cemetery near Ayersville. Both a Worthington father and son were involved in the Civil War. Rich will advise the DCGS of the project's standing at a later time. Rich also noted that with the donation of cannon, a marker for Anthony Wayne is in process.

Proposed changes to the chapter's Policy and Procedure Manual were printed in the last issue of the newsletter. Changes will be voted upon at the September meeting.

Joanne also announced the fall OGS seminar "Rustic Pathways" will be held in Oregon, Ohio September 9th and 10th.

Rich Rozevink presented the evening's program on the founding of the City of Defiance. He noted that the city's tourism bureau will be planning celebrations in the coming year. Available for purchase is a publication of research articles collected by Rich and his friend David Bennett. Articles include Slocum's History, Town Site Vagaries, Surveys, Captain James Riley (Surveyor), Early Newspaper Articles, and Plat Maps. The cost of the booklet is \$5.00 and may be ordered from Rich. His email is rozevinkt@adelphia.net.

The "Village" of Defiance was platted by Benjamin Leavell and Horatio Phillips in November 1822. The plat was recorded April 1823 in Wood County. A letter of Captain Riley, the area's surveyor in 1829, notes "Hundreds of families and squatters have settled themselves on the public

lands along down the Maumee River above the junction of the Auglaize where Fort Defiance formerly stood." Surnames associated with the early settlement were Evans, Preston, Shirley, Perkins, Travis, Lombard, Driver, Hollister, Bellaire, Lantz, Hively.

September 2022

Dawn Hasch, membership chair, noted there currently are 64 members. The October 24 First Families meeting was discussed. It was decided to have cupcakes, nuts and fall candies and drinks.

The DPLS Library has requested a genealogy program. Dianne will be the liaison with Renee Hopper concerning type of program and dates available.

Joanne announced the Palatines to America meeting which will be via Zoom on October 15th. Programming for the coming year was discussed. There will be no January meeting. Other possible programs were discussed for 2023.

Following the business meeting, members shared recipes and/or foods along with the related stories of their families. Some foods presented were German coffee cake, homemade ice cream, pineapple cookies, creamed chicken, Hungarian fried cabbage and noodles and nut bread, oatmeal raisin cookies, Moravian spice cookies. The evening was greatly enjoyed especially as members' stories enticed other members to share similar stories of their families.

October 2022

At the October board meeting, Dianne Kline noted that she has received photos and information concerning the Young Family which lived in the Domersville area. One of the photos was labeled Swamp College and Domersville. Dianne also has been in contact with descendants of the Klein-Ehlinger family who were first here in early 1840s.

Dianne also noted that for the month there were 16,666 hits to the blog; since its inception there have been over 260,000 hits. The topics with the most hits are the Ney Saloon, Olan Smith, and Conomos, the downtown candy store in Defiance.

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As part of the October chapter business meeting, Mary Williams will summarize the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure manual. Changes as printed in the newsletter will then be voted upon.

No volunteers came forward to serve on a nominations committee. At the October chapter meeting, nominations for offices will be sought from those in attendance. If there are none, the current officers will be voted upon to continue in their offices.

Mary Scranton noted that there are three recipients for First Families. If the recipients cannot be at the October chapter meeting, Mary will highlight their families. Dianne Kline will read the listing of Centennial Families. Too, there will be recognition of the death of Ruth Fizenrider, a longtime member of the chapter.

Publication of the listing and information concerning the residents of the children's home was discussed as a possible project. The probate judge will need to give permission for the publication.

Joanne noted that next year's OGS conference will be held in Sandusky at the Kalihari Lodge on April 26-29.

Discussion was held concerning access to local newspapers online. Dan Hasch noted that Sherwood Chronicles can be found on Newspapers.com. He noted, too, that the Hicksville Tribune will cease publication at the end of the year. Dianne will check with Renee Hopper to see if that newspaper's microfilm could be digitalized and made available. Tentative programs for 2023 were discussed. There will be no meeting in January (as well as December 2022).

October - Chapter Meeting

Dan Hasch as treasurer presented the September financial report showing a balance of just over \$6000. Dianne Kline, corresponding secretary, noted that photos and other information concerning a White family have been received. Too, she had answered queries concerning the Elhinger family who came from Luxembourg and then made a connection with Carol Ehlinger. Dianne also noted that over 260,000 hits have

been made to the blog site since its inception.

Mary Williams summarized seven proposed changes to the policy and procedure manual. These were printed in entirety in the second issue of Yesteryears' Trails. After the summary, members in attendance voted to accept the changes.

It was noted that money has been set aside for digitalization of local newspapers. Also noted, was that the Hicksville Tribune will cease to exist after the first of the year. Dianne Kline will contact the Defiance Public Library to see about the possibility of the library's getting access to the Tribune's microfilms.

Dan Hasch presented the listing of current board and committee members and asked for nominations for any office from the floor. Dianne Kline nominated Rhonda Casler to serve as vice-president; and Mary Williams nominated Kim Bercaw to fill the position of trustee. With the affirmation of the members present, the two nominees were elected. Members then affirmed that the remaining officers retain their positions for the coming year-president- Joanne Allison; treasurer- Dan Hasch; corresponding secretary- Dianne Kline; recording secretary- Mary Williams; trustee- Dawn Hasch; trustee- Pat Wise.

In the absence of First Family's Chair, Mary Scranton (due to illness), officers of the chapter assumed various portions of the First Families' program. Rhonda Casler honored longtime member Ruth Fizenrider who had passed away in 2022.

Mary William noted that the chapter has three honorary groups- Civil War Service Certificates, Centennial Families, and First Families of Defiance County. A listing of requirements for each honorary group was highlighted and examples of types of proof provided.

Three new members of First Families were recognized and welcomed into the group- David Clinker and Nathan and Chase Sobieck. Their ancestors had been recognized in 2021, and so with their proof of relationships to their ancestors, the three were added to First Families. Summaries of the two families were provided by Mary Scranton; Dawn Hasch read the Clinker ancestry and Rhonda Casler, the Sobieck family ancestors.

Richard Rozevink Presented the History of the City of Defiance

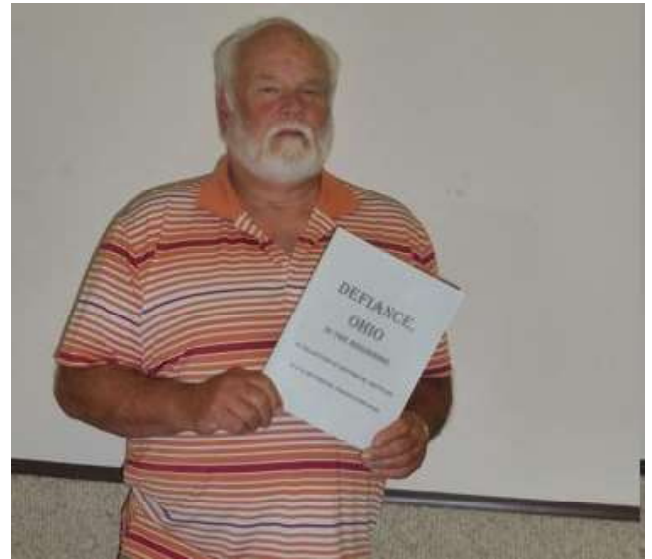
The following article written by DCGS by President Joanne Allison appeared in the July 16, 2022 issue of The Crescent-News.

In preparation for the 2023 Defiance bicentennial celebration next year, Rozevink has researched the city's early development and combined the information in a new booklet entitled "Defiance, Ohio, In the Beginning."

Prior to the Treaty of Fort Meigs in 1817 and the Treaty of St. Marys in 1818, the area was mostly inhabited by Indians and French fur traders. The treaties freed up the Indian land for settlement. Several of the soldiers who served at Fort Winchester and along the Maumee in the War of 1812 returned to Defiance and its vicinity as settlers at the close of the war.

Government surveyors came into the area to prepare for land sales. Benjamin Leavell and Horatio C. Phillips purchased land from the federal government in 1822 for \$30 per acre which was later divided into city lots. The Village of Defiance was platted in November 1822 by Leavell and Phillips, and the plat was officially recorded in Wood County in April of 1823.

The Miami and Erie, and the Wabash and Erie canals were under construction, coming from Dayton and Fort Wayne. Various business men speculated where the canals would enter Defiance. Would they come in from the west, or from the north? There was great competition as government agents, officers and traders familiar with the advantages of the situation joined in the bidding even though the price was very high. The public bidding lasted about two weeks—after that the remainder was opened to private entry at \$1.25 per acre. The canals actually came in from the west, and the first canal boat entered Defiance in 1843, ushering in the 70-year canal era, resulting in five locks, seven bridges, new settlers and considerable business growth



Rich Rozevink displays a copy of the booklet that he compiled toward the 2023 celebration of the bicentennial of the city of Defiance for his presentation to the DCGS in June .

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Five Generations Chart

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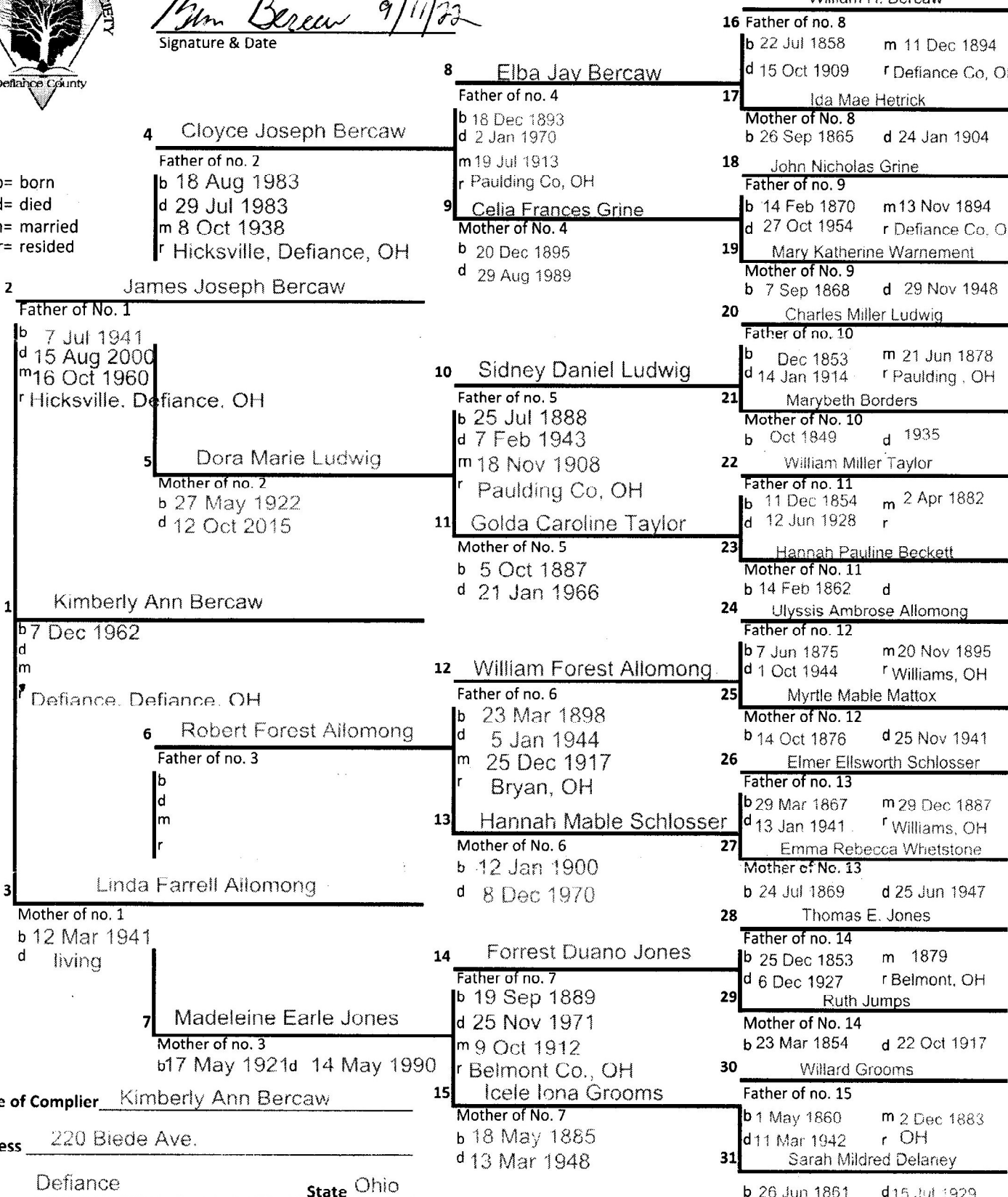
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Recognition Reception 2022 for First Family Members of Defiance County.

The following three individuals were added to the listing of First Family Members: Nathan Ryan Sobieck and his brother Chase Carl Alexander Sobieck-- and David Lee Clinker. Many of the ancestors were some of the first settlers in the Defiance Area, and so many descendants will be related to current and past residents. Check out their listings, and see if you-- somehow are related or know of friends and neighbors who are related.

Pioneer families were here before 1845 when the county was formed; Settlers came between 1846 and 1860



First Family Members for 2022

163. Nathan Ryan Sobieck

5 PIONEERS to 1845

William **ROHN** 1822 Richland Twp.
 Elizabeth **LANDIS-Rohn** 1822 Richland Twp.
 Mary **ROHN-Dunbar** 1822 Richland Twp.
 Arthur M. **DUNBAR** 1840 Richland Twp.
 Arthur C. **DUNBAR** b.1843 Richland Twp.

6 SETTLERS 1846 to 1860

George Nicholas **TROEGER** 1850 Highland Twp.
 Anna Margaretha **TROEGER-Thieroff** 1850 Highland Twp.
 Johann Nicol **THIEROFF** 1850 Richland Twp.
 Elizabeth **GOLLER-Thieroff** 1850 Richland Twp.
 Michael **Johann THIEROFF** 1850 Richland Twp.
 John Jacob **WOLFRUM** 1858 Noble; 1860 Highland Twp

164. Chase Carl Alexander Sobieck

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First Family Members for 2022

165. David Lee Clinker

7 PIONEERS to 1845

Benjamin **MULLIGAN** 1820 Delaware Twp.
 Susanah **MULLIGAN-Woodcox** 1820 Delaware Twp.
 George B. **WOODCOX** 1828 Farmer Twp.
 Susan **WOODCOX-Sanders** 1840 Farmer Twp.
 Isaac L. **THARP** 1836 Farmer Twp.
 Hanna **EVERT-Tharp** 1836 Farmer Twp.
 Lucindia **THARP-Reed** 1840 Farmer Twp.

21 SETTLERS 1846 to 1860

John Bertolet **LORAH** 1847 Noble Twp.
 Elizabeth **HUFF-Lorah** 1847 Noble Twp.
 Catherine **LORAH-Kuhn** 1847 Noble Twp.
 Phillip **SMITH** 1850 Defiance Twp.
 Elizabeth **MEEKER-Smith** 1850 Defiance Twp.
 Samuel **CLINKER** 1851 Tiffin Twp.
 Elizabeth **MESSERLY-Clinker** 1851 Tiffin Twp.
 John **CLINKER** 1851 Tiffin Twp.
 Samuel **GIER** 1851 Delaware Twp.
 Sarah **MARKLE-Gier** 1851 Delaware Twp.
 Nancy **GIER-Clinker** 1851 Delaware Twp.
 Christian **CLINKER** 1852 Tiffin Twp.
 Henry Wellington **REED** 1854 Farmer Twp.
 Louis **SMITH** b.1854 Defiance Twp.
 Louisa **RIEK-Smith** b.1854 Defiance Twp.
 John Christoph **RIEK** 1854 Defiance Twp.
 Anna Dorothea **MEHRING-Riek** 1854 Defiance Twp.
 Isaac B. **REED** b.1854 Farmer Twp.
 Alexander Charles **SANDERS** 1856 Delaware Twp.
 Benjamin M. **REED** 1860 Farmer Twp.
 Esther **BRADLEY Reed** 1860 Farmer Twp.



The administration building of the Toledo State Hospital. Photographs of the State Hospital buildings and people are part of the Images in Time database and can be found online at the Local History Department, Toledo-Lucas County Library Public Library.

Several members of the DCGS have shared that they had ancestors who were patients at the Toledo State Hospital. The following articles provide some information concerning the hospital. At the Hayes Library there is a collection two feet in length in their files for the hospital containing many artifacts-- photos, letters, newspaper clipping etc.

Toledo State Hospital History

The following article is from the Fulton County OGS chapter following Kim Brownlee who spoke on the hospital.

The inception of The Toledo State Hospital first began in 1883 when the Ohio General Assembly passed an act donating 150 acres of land to construct an institution on the corner of Detroit and Arlington in Toledo.

The Toledo Asylum, as it was then known, was designed by Edward O. Fallis, one of Toledo's most prominent architects of the time. The Asylum was designed around a detached ward or cottage plan, consisting of a number of detached wards with larger buildings for the more seriously ill.

By 1887, at a cost of under \$700,000, the initial building phase had been completed. There were thirty-four buildings, twenty of which were cottages that housed the less extreme cases, while six buildings - two infirm wards, two hospitals, and two



A view of some of the male cottages located on the 150 acre hospital grounds.

strong wards - housed those considered more critically insane.

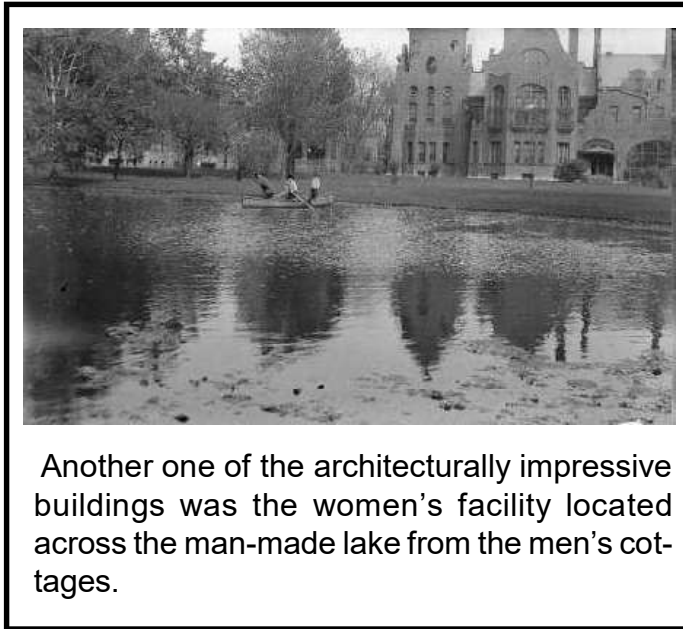
The grounds featured man-made lagoons, and numerous buildings including an administration building, a working farm, an auditorium, a greenhouse, and a chapel. The maximum capacity of the entire project could house 1,800 patients.

The Toledo Asylum for the Insane opened in January of 1888. The first superintendent, Dr. Henry A. Tobey, believed in humane treatment of institutionalized patients. Dr. Tobey believed keeping patients busy and out of doors engaged in useful activities would keep them from dwelling on their problems.

In 1894 the Toledo Asylum for the Insane officially changed its name to the Toledo State Hospital. The Mission Statement and Philosophy of the Asylum read, "The secret of their care and keeping them contented is to have them lead as normal a life as possible, with good clean, healthy surroundings, plenty of nourishing food, and fresh air."

In the 1950s, the hospital population swelled to 3,500 patients. In the years following, deinstitutionalization led to a dramatic decrease in patient population. The hospital began moving patients off of the property in the early 1970s. By this time the old buildings had deteriorated. They were all destroyed by the early 1990s.

Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital, located on the same site, is the current treatment center and psychiatric hospital in Toledo and is owned and operated by the state of Ohio.



Another one of the architecturally impressive buildings was the women's facility located across the man-made lake from the men's cottages.

For hundreds of years, people with psychiatric, neurological, and medical conditions were often removed from society, sent to live out their days in state run facilities, sometimes for a lifetime. In and around Toledo, many persons were sent to the state hospital to live out their days.

From 1888 until 1973, 1,994 people who died at the Toledo State Hospital and weren't claimed were buried in one of two cemeteries. Their graves were identified by small concrete blocks marked only with the number of their burial. Even these anonymous grave markers were eventually lost underground after decades of neglect.

The city grew up around the cemeteries, and the people buried there were forgotten. The Toledo State Hospital Cemeteries became a visible reminder of how society shunned people with disabilities until the late 20th century.

In 2005, The Toledo State Hospital Cemetery Reclamation Project (TSHCRP) began working in cooperation with the University of Toledo and Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital to restore the two cemeteries and "proclaim the honor" due the people buried there. Grave markers are being located and raised above ground and names and stories are being linked with those previously anonymously buried there.

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums Toledo State Hospital

The materials in this collection were acquired from Sharon Yaros, who collected, compiled, and wrote materials for the hospital's history through the years.

The following site outlines some of the materials in this collection. I have just included the files which may be of use for researchers trying to discern whether an ancestor died and was buried in the State Hospital's cemeteries.

<https://www.rbhayes.org/collection-items/local-history-collections/the-toledo-state-hospital>
TOLEDO STATE HOSPITAL

Local History Collections

Collection ID: LH-422

Location: LH-422

Folder #7 Cemetery Map

Oct. 6, 1977 drawing of the Old Cemetery at Toledo State Hospital

Folder #8 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates A-B

Folder #9 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates C-E

Folder #10 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates F-H

Folder #11 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates I-L

Folder #12 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates M-R

Folder #13 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates S-T

Folder #14 Death Certificates Toledo State Hospital - Printed copies of death certificates U-Z

Folder #21 Research Toledo State Hospital Cemeteries/Burial Records

Ohio Code #5121.11 identify burial expense, alphabetical listing of patients, date of death, cause of death; Toledo Blade article published 2008 about reclaiming burial sites of forgotten

The following folders are just some which possibly shed light into the names of patients or photos who what life would have been like for the patients sheltered at the facility.

Folder #42 United States Census 1900-1910-1920

Census records from 1900-1920 for the population at the Toledo State Hospital, Adams Township, Lucas County, OH

Folder #55 Hospital Buildings at the Toledo State Hospital Grounds

Black and white images of the Toledo State Hospital Buildings to include; female cottages, male cottages, administration building, morgue, physician's residence, masonry shop, multiple barns, carpenter building, amusement building, bull barn, heating plant, double residence hall, grain barn, garages, green house, implement storage, industrial building, Kraut plant and white barn.

Folder #64 Various Photos circa 1888-2004

Eighty-five black and white images show various areas of the Toledo State Hospital grounds from 1888 through 2004; including: four scenes from the pond and bridge, aerial view of the Toledo State Hospital, variety of resident buildings and cottages, early view of the ball field and water tower, the Neuropsychiatric Unit, physician's residence circa 2004, patients working the fields circa 1888, bakery, garages, interior of dorms in circa 1950s, nurses' building, minimum care room, factory inside the hospital grounds, powerhouse, comparison of building structure (old and new), beds on cottage porch circa 1957, library circa 1950s, original insulated with saw dust ice house, alcoholic ward circa 1977 and a variety of chapel images.

Folder #65 Census 1880 Northwest Ohio Insane
Copies of the original census record from Adams Township, Lucas County, Ohio from June 1, 1879-May 31, 1880 from the Northwest Ohio Insane Asylum.

Folder #68 Polk Toledo Directory 1879-1892

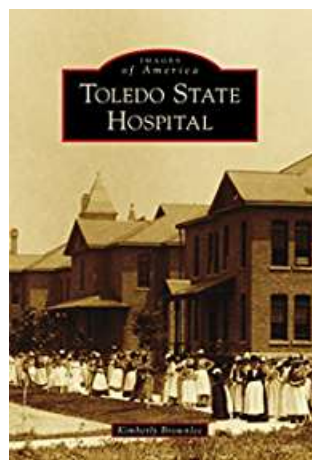
A listing for the Northwest Ohio Hospital for the Insane [aka Toledo State Hospital] with address, name of superintendent, physician, matron, mechanic and number of patients from 1879-1892.

Folder #93 Patients at the Toledo State Hospital

A listing of the Allen County resident admissions 1889-1892; listing of amusement for Nov. 15, 1894; weekly menus from 1889-1894; a list of clothing articles issued to patients in 1888; record of Richland County resident admissions to the Toledo Asylum ca. 1891; monthly statement for patient care from Crawford County



Photo from Google Images showing the baseball field at the Toledo State Hospital.



Toledo State Hospital (Images of America) Paperback – October 19, 2020 by Kimberly Brownlee



National Genealogical Society Recommends

The National Genealogical Society has recommended the following eighteen Important **free** websites for genealogy research.

1. FamilySearch

A completely free genealogy database website. You can use an Advanced Search tool by surname, record type, and/or place to access millions of records. The FamilySearch Wiki is a “go to” resource to find what exists for a wide range of family history topics, even beyond FamilySearch’s extensive databases.

2. U.S. Census Bureau Discover

Explanations on all federal census years and access copies of original forms and questions. Also see Census Online for links to state censuses; tools for research; and calculators to convert year of birth.

3. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Maintained by the U.S. Federal government, NARA houses millions of microfilmed, printed, and manuscript records. Excellent for census records; governmental and military history records; military pension files; product patents; also passenger lists, early naturalization records, and much more.

4. Library of Congress (LOC)

One of the largest collections in the world of printed and recorded materials; outstanding source for free images; resource for all copyrighted materials in America and beyond. LOC maintains collections of nearly all city directories and county histories in the U.S.; houses a comprehensive directory of all known copyrighted newspapers by timeframe and where they can be located today, in the important U.S. Newspaper Directory and Chronicling America; and offers comprehensive historical materials of all kinds.

5. New York Public Library (NYPL)

Among the elite tier of library collections, sec-

ond only to LOC in the size and scope of its historical and genealogical collections. The NYPL Map Division has one of the best collections in the U.S.; the Milstein Division has extensive local history and genealogical materials related to the all fifty states, including one of the largest American collections of city directories on microfilm; other notable divisions are the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Dorot Jewish Division, Manuscripts and Archives, Performing Arts Division, and the Science, Industry, and Business Library. Plus many accessible online digital collections and image galleries; and use of IntraLibrary Loan through ILL and your local library card.

6. USGenWeb Project

Free county/state historical and genealogical resources; research resources and content projects driven by volunteers of local and state genealogical societies throughout the United States. Also see WorldGenWeb Project for records beyond the U.S. Research Guides for Ship Passenger Lists and Immigration Records Focuses on providing guidance and links to records for passenger lists from about 1820 to the early 1950s. It includes suggestions for finding records for ports of arrival and immigration records.

7. Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN

Special collections include African American and a Native American Gateway; military records; and a surname database contributed by researchers. One of the largest genealogical library collections in the U.S.

8. Freedman’s Bureau

A Federal agency of the United States Department of War to help slaves who were set free after the Civil War and also poor whites with provisions, clothing, and fuel. It also helped with immediate and temporary shelter and supplied food and aid to the destitute and suffering.

9. Access Genealogy

Access hundreds of links to genealogical data by state or by topic. Very helpful and handy website.

10. JewishGen

An easy-to-use website with many record groups and good surname search facilities. Daitch-Mokotoff phonetic search algorithms for eastern European and Jewish name searches. Some databases require payment.

11. BillionGraves

Search their free database by people or by cemetery. Many entries have photos of gravesites. Free app helps to direct you to the GPS location in a cemetery, which is a great help as many cemeteries are poorly marked.

12. Find A Grave

They call themselves the world's largest gravesite collection with more than 170 million memorials. Search for free. Many photos and text has been added to gravesite information.

13. Legacy.com

The global leader in online obituaries, partners with more than 1,500 newspapers and 3,500 funeral homes across the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Europe. Consumers can also express condolences, share direct support for families, and celebrate the people who have touched their lives.

14. Afrigeneas.com

An excellent starting place for African American genealogy. It features a "Beginners Guide" video; details on best sites for African American records, resources, and research; good direction on finding slave data, vital records, history of slavery; plus a website search function, forums and chats.

15. Rootsweb

One of the first genealogical resources on the internet; it still offers excellent help with mailing lists; Ancestry Wiki; obituaries; connect to USGenWeb; Family Trees; queries; and more.

16. Cyndi's List

Offers links organized by topics/categories. A cross-referenced index contains extensive lists of online genealogy resources. Don't know where to look for specific records? Check Cyndi's up-to-date list of suggested sources.

17. Society of American Archivists

Laura Schmidt in "Using Archives: A Guide to Effective Research" provides an excellent tutorial on archives: what are archives, the types, requesting materials, visiting and guidelines, copyright, and more.

The National Genealogical Society

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

This organization offers many resources, tips, and guidelines. These are some of the topic listed in their introduction:

Learning Center

Genealogy Courses

NGS Books

NGS Magazine & Archive

NGS Monthly & Archive

National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ) & Archive

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Description of Publications

	Price	Quantity	Total
Reprint of 1876DefianceCountyAtlaswith Indices (Paper- pub. 2007)	25.00		
Plat Map Index or Biographical Index for the 1876Def.Co.Atlas	\$8.00	each	
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Def. Co. Tombstone Index '78-'83: BookA-K or Book L-Z (pub. 2001)	\$30.00	each	
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Def.Co.Riverside Interments: Jan. 1978-July 2006 (pub. 2007)	\$25.00		
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Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookA-D, Book E-I, Book J-M (revised 2016)	\$40.00	each	
Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookN-SI, Book Sm-Z (revised 2016)	\$35.00	each	
Def. Co. Marriages - SmallVol 1: 1845-1861 (pub. 2001)	\$30.00		
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Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 1&2: Feb. 1885-May 1897 (pub. 2009)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 3&4: Jan. 1897-Nov. 1903 (pub. 2009)	\$30.00		
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Def. Co. MarriagesVol. 7&8 Dec. 1912-Nov. 1925 (pub. 2011)	\$25.00		
Defiance County Naturalizations (pub. 2008)	\$20.00		
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Campaigns of theArmy of theNorthwest 1812-1813 (pub. 2009)	\$10.00		
Civil War Journal of DariusW. Baird (38thOVI) ofNWOHio (pub. 2011)	\$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

Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society
Membership Form for 2023

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 ___

Donation to DCGS for \$ _____ Specified Intention (please indicate) _____

****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.**

Member of First Families of Defiance County, Yes ___ No ___ OGS Member? Yes ___ No ___

Your surnames in Defiance County:

Program Suggetions: _____

What services/support would you be willing to offer DCGS? (Circle all that apply)

Officer/Trustee, Computer data entry, Transcribing records, Proofreading, Meeting greeter, Setting up displays, Indexing, Telephone/calling, Fundraising, First Families Committee, Speaker, Teaching, Other

I do ___ do not ___ give permission to have my information printed in any handouts, newsletters, or publications.

Office use only: Date Pd. _____ Ck. # _____ Cash _____ Membership # _____