

# Yesteryears' Trails



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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.



Monday, July 25th at 7:00 members of the DCGS will meet at the John Paulding Historical Museum located on the fairground in Paulding-- 600 Fairground Dr, Paulding, OH 45879

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## DCGS Programs for 2022

June 27 - Richard Rozevink  
Defiance in the Beginning  
(City history from 1822)  
July 25 Visit to John Paulding Historical  
Museum at 7:00 p.m.  
August - no meeting  
September - Family/ethnic foods - members  
share recipes/foods  
October - First Families' Reception  
November - Scandalous Ancestors - mem-  
bers share  
December - no meeting

*In case of cancellation, an email will be sent out. For those not having email, please contact any of the officers to check for possible cancellations.*

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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**

**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](http://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.



## Defiance County OGS Chapter News

### Highlights from the DCGS Board and the Chapter Meetings

#### February Board

Dianne Kline noted that she has received an offer of a listing of land warrants and an offer to submit articles for the chapter blog. The blog had over four thousand hits in January and a total of 244, 761 hits since its inception. Dianne noted that one member suggested a program on the history of the Toledo Mental Hospital. (Kimberly Brownlee and Jane Weber presented a program for the Fulton County Gen. Society in October 2021.)

Dianne noted that the many boxes of probate records previously stored in our room in the old Legion building have been transferred to the records center.

President Allison noted that Taylor Moyer has a new program "Immigration and Ellis Island."

Dianne suggested that we think about offering a beginning genealogy class in October. Joanne reminded members of the spring OGS conference will be held the end of April in Mason, Ohio at the Great Wolf Lodge. Joanne and Mary plan to attend. .

#### March Board

Dawn Hash noted that currently there are 54 members of DCGS. Mary Williams will have copies of the chapter's policy and Procedure Manual available at the April board meeting. Members are to suggest changes at the meeting.

Dianne Kline moved to adjust the speaker's fee to \$50 with additional mileage as appropriate. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion which carried.

Mary will call the John Paulding Historical Museum to see if the museum could be opened for our group on our usual meeting night, July 25th at 7:00.

Dan Hasch moved to donate \$500 to the St. John UCC for use of the building for meetings. Rhonda Casler seconded the motion which carried.

#### March Chapter

Mary Scranton of First Families noted that she knows of one person working to prove membership in First Families in time for the October meeting..

President Allison noted that the Palatines to America will hold a virtual conference this year and had additional information to share with those interested.

Following the business meeting, Dianne Kline presented her discoveries about German wedding traditions held in northern Germany of which many were brought to America. These traditions included declaring the banns, belling, dancing in the trough, and the dollar dance. She also pointed out wedding attire and other related traditions to the wedding rite.



### "Defiance In the Beginning" A DCGS Program - June 27

**with Rich Rozevink**

At the June 27th chapter meeting, Rich Rozevink will highlight the early history of the City of Defiance. The timing of his presentation is very fitting since next year will be the city's bicentennial 1823 -2023.

Rich noted that Defiance was platted by Horace Phillips & Benjamin Leavell in November 1822. The town plat then was registered in Wood County in 1823.

## **April Board**

The board suggested changes for the chapter's Policy and Procedure Manual.

## **April Chapter**

Dianne Kline noted that she had answered several requests for cemetery information and a request for information on the Skiver family. Dawn Hasch membership chair, noted that currently there are 58 members.

Mary Scranton, chair of the First Families Committee, noted that at least two persons are working to admit their ancestors to First Families of Defiance County

President Allison announced that the DCGS board has reviewed the Policy and Procedure Manual and its By-Law and will be suggesting a few changes. These changes will be published in the next chapter newsletter and will be voting on later-- after the required 30 days for viewing have passed.

John Swearingen presented the evening's program on preserving heirlooms. Mr. Swearingen has been at the Fulton County Museum for 12 years; previously he was employed by the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne. Mr. Swearingen enlightened those in attendance on how to preserve various types of heirlooms.

Of greatest importance, he noted, is a stable temperature of ideally between 60 and 72 degrees. Humidity should be in the range of 30-55%. In as much as possible, items should be stored in acid free "card board" containers or wrapped in acid-free tissue. Paper items should be stored in Mylar (acid-free) envelopes.



## ***40th Anniversary Presentation***

At the Ohio Genealogy Convention at the end of April, Dorothea Martin, President of OGS presented a 40th anniversary certificate to DCGS President Joanne Allison. The DCGS chapter was one of only two to receive such an honor.

## **May 19 - Board**

Dianne Kline noted she had one query concerning the Van Dusen family. She also noted a total of 252,789 hits since the blog's inception. Last month there were 2417 hits.

Dawn Hasch noted that there are 61 members.

Suggested changes to the chapter's Policy and Procedure Manual will appear in the June newsletter with changes to be voted upon by the membership present at the September meeting. President Allison will ask for members to serve on a nomination committee at the coming chapter meeting.

Joanne Allison and Mary Williams gave a brief report on the OGS Conference held the end of April in Mason Ohio. Next year the conference will be in Sandusky, Ohio again at the end of April. The theme will be "What Brought Them Here."

Meetings for the remainder of the year were outlined: June "Defiance in the Beginning" with Rich Rozevink; July- a visit to the John Paulding Museum; September - Family Food Heritage (members presenting) October - Firsts Family Induction; November - Scandalous Ancestors (members presenting)

## **May 23 - Chapter Meeting**

Joanne also read an invitation to the Johnson Memorial Library's Open House on June 10th from 5-7. Reservations are needed.

Renee Hopper of the Defiance Public Library presented a program on accessing and using Newspaper Archives. She explained how this data base can be accessed from home using a Defiance Library patron card number. The Archives data base contains only Ohio newspapers and can be searched by name, key word, and title. Renee noted various ways that an article can be saved.



## **Mary Williams Tells of Ancestor Tried and Hung for Witchcraft**

*The following article written by DCGS President Joanne Allison appeared in the March 5, 2022 issues of the Defiance Crescent-News.*

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on February 28, when Mary Williams told, while researching her family tree, she discovered an ancestor who was tried, found guilty, and hanged for being a witch. Williams is one of an estimated 15 million Americans who can claim a connection to the witch-hunt tragedies.

According to Williams' report, numerous individuals were accused of witchcraft for a period of time in Colonial Salem in the 1600s, and it only required one witness to send someone to trial. One of the absurd tests to prove someone guilty was the use of a dunking chair. If the accused came to the surface of the water quickly, she was declared to be a witch. Otherwise, she was innocent but may have drowned. Another test was to make the devout Puritan to say the Lord's Prayer without a single error. One little mistake and she was declared to be a witch. Sometimes the defendant was undressed to look for "marks of the devil" on her body such as a mole or freckle.

Some of the unreasonable motives for witch accusations were simply a matter of wanting someone's property or if someone looked or acted different or just for entertainment.

In 2009, Williams and her granddaughter Kate visited Salem where they located the Salem Witch Trials Memorial. There they found a projection from the memorial wall with the name of their ancestor, Mary Towne Easty, who was hanged on September 22, 1692, with seven others. Alongside of her name was written her last plea to the judge "The Lord above knows my innocence. If it be possible, let no more innocent blood be shed." Williams and her granddaughter placed flowers on her memorial.

The "Hanging Judge Hawthorne" who gave the guilty verdict in Mary Easty's case was the grandfather of the famous author, Nathaniel Hawthorne. Fortunately, the witch trials came to an end in 1693.



***At the March chapter meeting DCGS member Dianne Kline told of some of the traditional German wedding practices brought with the German immigrants to America.***

*The following article written by DCGS president Joanne Allison appeared in The Bryan Times*

## **Genealogists Learn About Traditional German Wedding Customs**

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met on March 28, 2022, when Dianne Kline described the traditional German wedding customs she discovered when researching her ancestors.

In the 16th through 18th centuries, marriages were not arranged by parents, but they were controlled to preserve inheritances. Generally, the rich married the rich, and the poor married the poor.

Prior to the wedding, written bans were placed on the church door for three Sundays asking if anyone had objections to the marriage. Possible objections could be that the couple were first cousins, or different religions, or too young, or already married, or just unsuitable.

Then a friend of the groom was selected to be the "inviter" who rode on horseback, house to house, to speak a poem of invitation. He was usually invited inside each house for a drink, sometimes causing him trouble getting home again after so many drinks.

The bridal couple had to be registered in a civil office, often followed by a church wedding; therefore, valuable archival documentation of ancestor's marriage can be found in civil records or in church parish records.

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Kline described the bride's wedding attire which placed special emphasis on the bridal veil with elaborate headdress. The same headdress was treasured and often passed down in the family.

Many of the wedding traditions from the old country continue in America. For example, it was traditional that the oldest girl in the family be married first. However, since Kline's younger sister was married before she was, as the older unmarried sister, Kline was required to dance in a hog trough at the reception. She showed a picture of herself dancing in the trough. She also shared many other interesting German wedding customs and pictures with the attending genealogists.



**John Swearingen of the Fulton County Museum displays some of the heirlooms that he demonstrated how they should be preserved.**

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### Genealogists Learn How to Preserve Family Heirlooms

The Defiance County Genealogical Society met

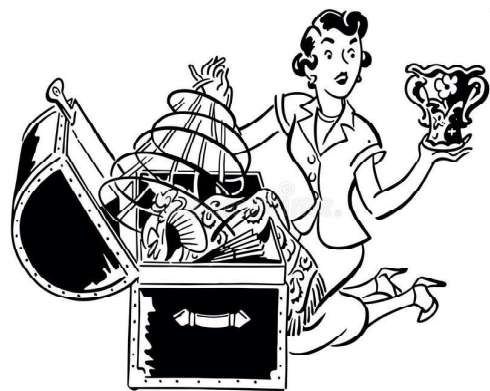
on April 25, 2022, when John Swearingen, Jr., Director of the Museum of Fulton County, enlightened those in attendance on how to preserve various types of heirlooms.

First of all, Swearingen demonstrated how to store pictures, documents, and other objects. It is important to keep them in a stable environment considering temperature and humidity-not an attic-and not a basement. People have a tendency to store items from an ancestor together; however, every object has a different need. Fabric should be stored with fabric, paper goes with paper, and porcelain with porcelain.

He recommended ordering special archival safe containers from a company such as Gaylord Company. Then he demonstrated how to store photos in acid-free envelopes or file folders for safe keeping. An old photo in a fancy wooden frame could have acid eating through the picture back, and the picture should not touch the glass.

When labeling pictures, use only #2 pencil. Do not write on back of picture with pen and ink. He suggested putting the picture in a Mylar sleeve and then write the identity on acid-free paper and slide it into the sleeve with the picture. When scanning a photo, use 600 DPI TIFF, not JPG. An acid-free paper leaf should be placed between pages of an old photo book.

One of the attendees had brought in an old, brittle, rolled baptismal certificate. Swearingen recommended wrapping it in tissue paper and use cotton twill tape around it. Newspaper clippings should be copied. Get rid of paper clips or staples which turn everything rusty. He shared many other tips on how best heirlooms to keep important.



## Using Timelines for Genealogy

Timelines are a great tool for your genealogy research. Timelines help to

- 1) Spot any missing gaps in an ancestor's life.
- 2) Identify any conflicting dates.
- 3) Track name changes. Perhaps in marriage but also in Anglicizing or just plain changing names!
- 4) Especially good when there are duplicate family names or common names of people living in the same areas.
- 5) Note how long someone lived at an address or worked for a company.
- 6) Narrow down the range of important dates especially if there is no documentation available.

There are special programs to create timelines; however, one can just use a word processing program or a data base like Excel. Of course, the first listing would be the date with life events such as births, baptisms, weddings, births of children, deaths etc. listed below each date. Of course, the date of immigration is important if the ancestor came from abroad.

Other items to include in the timeline would be information from censuses such as place of residence, occupation, who is living in the household etc. Years of military service should be added

After each item is added, also include the a simple source of the information. Save the exact source information with the specific information. Historical events that may have had an affect on the person's life may be added. Historical events-- local, national, or international- could explain why your ancestor moved or had to change occupations, etc.



<https://1950census.archives.gov/search>

*The 1950 census has been online since April 2022. While there is no overall index, specific information can be found. Use the following tips provided by the National Archives to help you locate the census information you are looking for.*

### Tips for searching the census

**Tip #1:** Search for the first and last name of the head of household (plus state and county of residence if known) because the surname was written on the census form only on the line for the head of household and other persons in the household with a different surname.

**Tip #2:** To narrow your search to find specific records, you can select multiple filters. Or to conduct a broader search, you may choose to select one filter at a time.

**Tip #3:** You don't have to know the exact spelling of a person's name in order to perform a name search. Enter as much as you know. The search engine will return any close variations or matches.

**Tip #4:** Once you've found a record of interest, click on the buttons or links labeled "Population Schedules", "ED Maps", or "View Original ED Description" to view a digitized copy of the records.

**Tip #5:** Use the built-in transcription feature to correct and add names to the site's name index. Your contributions can help make the 1950 Census population schedules more discoverable for everyone.

	A	B	C
1	<b>Timeline of Charlotte McGrane</b>		
2	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Source(s)</b>
3	c. 15 May 1884	Born to Joseph and Bridget McGrane	Charlotte Darragh death certificate
4	1892	New York State Census	Long Island City, 02, 02
5	1905	New York State Census	Manhattan, A.D. 22, E.D. 03
6	c. 1905	Marriage to John Peter Darragh	
7	11-Nov-05	Birth of daughter	Edna Mae Darragh birth certificate
8			
9	23-Mar-07	Birth and death of son	Thomas Joseph Darragh death certificate Thomas Joseph Darragh birth certificate
10	21-May-08	Birth of son	John Peter Darragh birth certificate

**Example of a timeline using Excel.**

## **1950 Population Questions**

**1950 census population questionnaire asked fewer questions than its predecessor; the full population was asked only 20 questions. Enumerators asked additional supplemental questions of a 20 percent (questions 21–33) and 3.5 percent (questions 34–38) sample of the population. Enumerators asked the following questions, listed by column:**

### **Population**

1. [Enumerator Supplied] Name of street, avenue or road where the household is located
2. Home or apartment number
3. Serial number of dwelling unit
4. Is this house on a farm (or ranch)? (Yes or No)
5. If No in item 4— Is this house on a place of three or more acres? (Yes or No)
6. Corresponding agriculture questionnaire number
7. Name
8. Relationship to head
9. Race
10. Sex
11. How old was this person on his last birthday?
12. Is this person now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?  
Enumerators were to enter "Mar" for married, "Wd" for widowed, "D" for divorced, "Sep" for separated, or "Nev" for never married
13. What State or country was the person born in?
14. If foreign born, is the person naturalized?  
For persons 14 years of age and over
15. What was this person doing most of last week - working, keeping house, or something else?  
Enumerators were to record "Wk" for working, "H" for keeping house, "U" for unable to work, or "Ot" for other
16. If the person was "keeping house" or "something else" in question 15, did the person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house? (Including work-for-pay, in his own business, working on a farm or unpaid family work)
17. If the person answered "no" to question 16, was he looking for work?
18. If the person answered "no" to question 17, even if he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business.

19. If the person was working, how many hours did he or she work in the last week?
- 20a. What kind of work does the person do?
- 20b. What kind of business or industry is the person in?
- 20c. Class of worker  
Enumerators were to mark "P" for private employment, "G" for government employment, "O" for own business, or "NP" for working without pay

### **Supplemental Questions for a 20 Percent Sample of the Population**

For all ages

21. Was the person living in the same house a year ago?
22. If no to question 21, was the person living on a farm a year ago?
23. If no to question 21, was the person living in the same county a year ago?  
If no to question 23—What county (or nearest place) was he living in a year ago?
- 24a. County (If county unknown, enter name of place or nearest place)
- 24b. State or foreign country
25. What country were the person's mother and father born in?

### **Education**

26. What is the highest grade of school that the person has attended?  
Enumerators were to mark "0" for no school; "K" for kindergarten; "S1" through "S12" depending on the last year of elementary or secondary school attended; "C1" through "C4" depending on the last year of undergraduate college education attended; or "C5" for any graduate or professional school.
27. Did the person finish this grade?
28. Has the person attended school since February 1st?  
Enumerators could check a box for "yes" or "no" for those under thirty; for those over thirty, they were to check a box for "30 or over."

### **Work and Economics**

For persons 14 years and older

29. If the person is looking for work, how many weeks has he been looking for work?



30. Last year, how many weeks did this person not work at all, not counting work around the house?

31a. Last year, how much money did the person earn working as an employee for wages or salary?

31b. Last year, how much money did the person earn working at his own business, professional occupation, or farm?

31c. Last year, how much money did the person receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (aside from earnings)?

32a. If this person is the head of the household: last year, how much money did his relatives in this household earn working for wages or salary?

32b. If this person is the head of the household: last year, how much money did the person earn working at his own business, professional occupation, or farm?

32c. If this person is the head of the household: last year, how much money did the person receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (aside from earnings)?

### **Armed Forces Services**

If male: did he ever serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during—

33a. World War II, Yes or No

33b. World War I, Yes or No

33c. Any other time, including present service

### **Supplemental Questions for a 3.5 Percent Sample of the Population**

34. To enumerator: if the person worked in the last year, is there any entry in columns 20a, 20b, or 20c? If yes, skip to question 36; if no, make entries for questions 35a, 35b, and 35c.

35a. What kind of work does this person do in his job?

35b. What kind or business or industry does this person work in?

35c. Class of worker

36. If ever married, has this person been married before?

37. If married, widowed, divorced, or separated, how many years since this event occurred?

38. If female and ever married, how many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths?



## **Preserving Photos**

*At our April DCGS chapter meeting, John Swearingen told of preserving many types of heirlooms. In the April 30, 2022 of Genealogy Gems, Curt Witcher also had an excellent article on preserving photos. His article follows.*

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Preserving Our Memories and Stories with Photographs

by Curt B. Witcher

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Many have written about the importance of photographs and images when researching and telling our families' stories. Indeed, a number of articles have appeared in "Genealogy Gems" over the years addressing the importance of discovering and preserving the photographs evidencing the lives of our ancestors. And I want to spend a few moments doing the same again this month.

Likely showing my age, whenever I think about photographs and family history, I am reminded of the Simon and Garfunkel song, "Bookends." Part of the lyrics are, ". . . I have a photograph. Preserve your memories. They're all that's left you." <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S5V-Y53ad4>> Those lyrics ring so true for so many of us. We are almost over-the-moon excited when we or another family member discovers a photo we have never seen before. We work to not only identify the relative in the photograph but also the surroundings and context--the place, the event, and others in the image. (Cont. on page 26)

## Proposed Changes in the DCGS Policy and Procedure Manual

The Policy and Procedure Manual of the DCGS had not been reviewed for updating by the board since October of 2013. At the April board meeting of this year (2022), the following changes were proposed for the review by the membership. These proposed changes will be voted upon by those present at the September meeting.

### Standing Rules

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **The President shall**

8. "...be a members ex officio of all committees **except the nominating committee.**" The board is recommending deleting these word since in practice the President has had to help find officers or even appoint them.

##### **The Vice-President shall**

3. Omit the following: "**oversee all committee and make sure that the chairperson and/or committee members are carrying out their duties and act as a liaison between the President and the committees.**" The board's reasoning for omitting this duty is that committees generally report directly at board/chapter meetings.

##### **The Recording Secretary shall**

2. In the absence of the President and Vice-president call the meeting to order **and preside until the immediate election of a chairman pro tem.** Since the recording secretary is an elected position, the board felt that the secretary could take charge of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER MEETINGS**

2. Original wording: "An annual business meeting shall be held at the November general meeting Governing Board and Chairs should present yearly reports and elections shall be held at that time." The board's suggested revision: **At the November general meeting yearly reports my be given and elections held.** The board felt that not all committees need to report to the general mem-

bership at this specific time.

#### **ARTICLE V - VACANCY OF AN OFFICE**

Delete the following: **The Nominating committee shall submit nominations. In case of emergency...** Instead the board is recommending the following: "The President shall appoint members pro tem to serve in the vacancy or vacancies until the next regular meeting. **Delete: "The Nominating committee is responsible to offer nominations for vacancies in the Governing Board that may occur between annual elections."** The board feels that the President is capable of appointing members to fill vacancies until the next general meeting of the membership.

#### **ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Nominating Committee**

Delete the following: "**There shall be a nominating committee elected by the membership...**" Replace the wording with the following "**The President shall appoint a nominating committee before the end of May...**" The board feels that it is more expedient for the President to appoint the committee as it is difficult to find persons willing to serve on the committee.

##### **First Families of Defiance County Committee**

Delete the phrase: "**composed of three members.**"

The board feels that the number of on the committee may be determined by the President.

##### **Acquisition Committee**

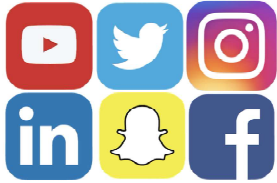
1. Delete the current wording as the guidelines of the Defiance Public Library have changed and the duties of the committee have now changed. . Replace it with the following: **Deceased chapter members may be honored by the recommendation of a particular item to be purchased by the library in the name of a deceased member. Moneys collected from the acquisition box at general meetings may be targeted by the board for current projects.**

##### **Program Committee**

1. Delete the phrase "**one year in advance.**"  
2. **Difficult to establish speakers that fr in advance.**

## Membership Committee

**2. Delete:** “send new member packets and send yearly renewal reminders.” This has not been a practice for several years.



## Social Media Platforms

Many younger genealogical researchers have gone beyond the more typical resources for their genealogy research. Like many avenues of their lives, they turn to social media for information. Social media refers to “forms of electronic communication (such as websites for social networking and microblogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content.” according to Merriam-Webster Online.

Social media platforms have a distinctly different organization, appearance, and content. Users must decide which ones best offers the information that meets their needs.

### Facebook

Facebook is a popular social media platform which offers several opportunities for genealogists. One can bookmark genealogy pages of interest, create and/or join groups, seek feedback on research questions, share documents and photos, and learn new skills.

Some of the groups that are available are the following:

- The Genealogy Squad
- DNA Detectives (all DD Groups)
- Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques
- Genealogical Translations
- Technology for Genealogy

### Twitter

As indicated by its name, information is communicated in “tweets” or shorter exchanges. The user may

find areas of interest or follow individuals who have the same interests. Hashtags are used to identify areas of interest.

#AncestryHour # and #Genchat # are examples of one-hour “meetings” of genealogists

### Instagram

Instagram uses visuals to communicate-- photos, stories, videos, and reels. The user follows pages of interest using hashtags.

### LinkedIn

This site is primarily related to employment; however, it does allow for connection with other genealogists. Employment-oriented website

### Pinterest

Pinterest allows the user to create various “boards” and to pin on the board images of interest. It is good for organizing and visually arranging elements. The site also has forms and templates that can be modified for personal genealogy.

### TikTok

TikTok is a video-focused social media platform, which is especially popular among Gen Z. TikTok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short videos. The app is used by young people as an outlet to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing, and allows users to create videos and share them across a community.

### YouTube

YouTube allows the user to watch and upload genealogy videos. Instructional videos on various genealogical topics and ethnic backgroundse available.

### Reddit

Reddit is a network of communities where people can dive into their interests, hobbies and passions. There's probably a community for whatever is of interest.

Some websites and information providers report that this year 1.72 trillion photographs will be taken around the world. It is such a blessing that so many photographs can be taken and live completely digitally on devices we carry with us all the time. It's also such a challenge that it's so easy to take hundreds of images a day because it's just as easy to forget about these images. It is increasingly easy to be quite casual with our memories, forgetting that those photographic images may be all that is left for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

I believe it is as important as ever to take good photographs, capturing the best, full images of those people and entities we want to save, remember, and pass along to our descendants. Have you looked at photographs where there is a lot of empty space above family members' heads? Why is that empty space there? It certainly can't be because all the ceilings and sky shots are so interesting. Often times too little attention is paid to image composition. Instead of half of a photograph being a plain ceiling, why not get a closer image of the person whose picture is being taken, or get the full person from their smiling face to their shiny (or worn) shoes. Now if it's a family member standing in front of the gas station they own, well of course you will want to get the individual in a picture with the gas station sign in the background or over the person's head. Being intentional about image composition can really make a difference in the images you have to preserve and present to family members.

We have all likely viewed photographs of individuals with a bright sun or very bright lighting behind them. Such settings typically hide the details of the faces you're trying to capture. One almost ends up with shadows or silhouettes of the people whose picture is trying to be taken. Being aware of one's light source and taking pictures where the light source is in front of the subjects being photographed often gives one better images. That can make a very substantial difference.

Taking good photographs and doing a good job preserving and sharing those images is so vital to shar-

ing our families' stories. One final very important point is that photos are critical in reminiscence therapy, which our friends at Vivid-Pix define as "the discussion of past activities, events, and experiences with another person or group of people, usually with the aid of tangible prompts, such as photographs, household, and other familiar items from the past, music, and archive sound recordings." Research done by Vivid-Pix indicates that this therapy done with family pictures has been proven to be of great help to those on the dementia spectrum, making them calmer and improving their quality of life.

Yet another reason to treasure photographs . . .

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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