They’re Teaching Me Well: Lessons Learned from My Civil War Ancestors

by Jane Gramlich, Librarian

Seven years ago, using databases in Ancestry Library Edition, I discovered that my second great-grandfather John Demaline was a private in the 67th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. I also learned he had applied for a veteran’s pension years later, and that it was possible to order his pension file from the National Archives. I did this very quickly and when it arrived, I leafed through it in a flurry of genealogical fervor – for a few days. It was full of official-looking documents with ominous Gothic script letterheads and bad handwriting. I knew it was going to take some effort to understand it. Life got in the way, the file got shelved, and there it sat until last winter, when I decided to dig it out again. The closer I looked at it, the more I realized there was a story in it. It was time to do some research to fill it out.

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1940 Census Update

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

On the morning of April 2, Special Collections staff members went to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website at http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html eager to try out the newly released 1940 census. We weren’t alone. The site received 37 million hits between 9 am and 5 pm. It was designed to handle 10 million hits per day, which explains why most of us weren’t able to actually view any census pages that first day.

NARA was quick to correct the problem though, and on April 3, I found census pages for several of my family members using the site. If you haven’t yet tried accessing the census, or if you tried on April 2 and decided to just wait until a name index is complete, go ahead and give it a try.

Ancestry now has its own 1940 census collection (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2442), and it’s available for free through 2013. As of this writing, the Ancestry version allows name searching for Delaware, District of Columbia and Nevada only, but it does allow for browsing by populated places within a county and, overall, I find the site more user friendly than NARA’s. The Ancestry site also includes links to a free research guide as well as to search tools for finding a 1940 enumeration district (ED) when you already know cross streets within a city or township or when you already know the 1930 ED.

Census images are also available on http://www.Archives.com/, http://www.FindMyPast.com/, and https://FamilySearch.org/. All three sites allow you to search for names within Colorado, Delaware, Kansas, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Virginia, and each has its own features that you may find helpful. For example, Archives.com allows you to sign up to receive email notifications when indexes from new states come online, and FamilySearch’s 1940 census page (https://familysearch.org/1940census/) provides a map showing you the status of the indexing project.

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Genealogy and history are really inseparable. I’ve always known this, but it really hit home while I was studying John’s pension file. The file is quite detailed and has information about his employment, his property, his health, and his death. But there are other aspects of these documents that show John being part of larger spheres of history, and in turn, affected by them. What might his experience have been during the war? To get a better picture of this, I located a short regimental history of the 67th OVI that gave detailed descriptions of their movement and activities. From this, I learned of their march to Appomattox and their encampment there during Lee’s surrender. Without a diary or letters left behind, a source like this can shed some light on a shadowy part of an ancestor’s life.

John’s service led to his participation in another chapter of history, the pension system for Civil War veterans. The scrambled documents, archaic typescript and scrawled longhand were the result of years of political wrangling and legislation that directly affected a veteran. To comprehend the records, it helped to understand a basic history of the pension system and how it operated. In addition, the dollar amount of the pension was dependent on the results of late nineteenth century medical examinations that are light years away from our experience. To gain some insight into these parts of John’s life meant tracking down sources on these topics. Lesson learned: To understand your ancestors better, it’s a good idea to study the world they lived in.

The best part of learning about John’s pension file, though, was that it led to another amazing discovery. In the midst of researching one Civil War ancestor I found another, one with a sad but intriguing story. I knew John’s brother Saul had served as a private in the 107th OVI, and this regiment was present at Gettysburg. The two brothers had likely witnessed some incredible events. I can imagine John and Saul sitting together, quietly discussing and comparing their experiences. Or maybe they never said a word about it. Either way, I was curious about what Saul’s experience in Gettysburg might have been, so I took a look at the book Buckeye Blood: Ohio at Gettysburg by Richard Baumgartner. The pages of
this book are full of photographs of Ohio soldiers. I don’t know exactly why one in particular caught my eye, but I’m sure glad it did. What I had stumbled across was a photo of Philip Geist, a third great-grandfather from a completely different family line. I hadn’t even known he had served in the war. Much less did I ever expect to see a photo of him!

Every genealogist has some jaw-dropping moments, and this was definitely one of mine. It’s a great example of one of the things I love the most about genealogy. You never know what you’re going to find or where it will lead you, and some of the most important discoveries you make come when you’re looking for something else. The role of serendipity in genealogy should never be underrated, but it definitely has to do with the direction you choose to go. If I’d never bothered to look at Buckeye Blood in search of my collateral ancestor Saul, it would have taken me longer to figure out what happened to my direct ancestor Philip. Lesson learned: Study your ancestral families as a whole and not just those in your direct line. This could very likely reveal answers to questions you never thought to ask and other ancestors you never expected to find.

I had first come across Philip’s name a few years earlier when I found his daughter’s death record. I knew he was a German immigrant who had arrived with his wife and three small children in 1855, and I found a listing for him in an 1861 Cleveland city directory. But I couldn’t locate him after that. When the city directories finally included his wife Margaret years later, she was listed as a widow. I checked Cuyahoga County sources for a death record or burial location with no success, but I put the problem aside and didn’t think it through. It never occurred to me that Philip might have enlisted. I don’t know why I never thought of this; maybe it was because he was already in his late thirties by the time the war began and I had always thought of Civil War soldiers as quite young. But I was wrong. Take a look at the Official Roster of Civil War soldiers in Ohio and you’ll see plenty of men in their thirties and forties. I also made the mistake of restricting my search to the wrong place. Once I saw Philip’s photo, I knew what to look for and the story opened up. Like Saul Demaline, Philip had also served in the 107th OVI. He was promoted to Sergeant of Company E and was mustered out in Charleston, South Carolina. By 1870, though, he was living in Orange County, Florida – with another wife, while Margaret was clearly still alive.

Was there a divorce? Or, when he was mustered out, did Philip simply stay put and hope his family would think he’d died? The caption to the photo gave the name of its submitter, a man who certainly was a cousin of mine. My next step was to go online to search genealogy message boards, and I found a posting by him, several years old, on GenForum. Fortunately, his email address was still valid. We’ve corresponded a few times and he’s been quite helpful. He has found no divorce record but there is a marriage record for the second wife. The family story is that Philip made it back to Cleveland but when he took one look at his house, he turned the other way. Did he really make it that far only to decide he couldn’t go through with it? Why did he abandon his family? Was it an unhappy marriage, or had he suffered injury or severe mental stress from the war and knew he couldn’t be the husband and

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father he once was? Did he have any qualms at all about being a bigamist? With most stories like this, we may know only some of what happened. We’ll probably never know the full story and never know why, but the details that have survived are better than nothing. They put leaves on the family tree.

Lesson learned: Don’t accept the “widow” designation in censuses and city directories as the last word. Separated spouses often described themselves as widowed to avoid the shame of divorce or abandonment. If you’ve located a man in the 1860 census but can’t locate him where you think he should be in 1870, the very first thing to consider is that he might have served in the war. If he survived, he might have ended up elsewhere. Only in hindsight does it seem so obvious. If you’re facing a brick wall, you just might be the bricklayer.

My next steps are to order pension files for Philip and Saul. I’m also planning to order compiled service records for both of them and John. I don’t know what I’ll find. The documents might not tell me much more than I already know, or they might open up all sorts of stories. I’m hoping for the latter. Either way I can guarantee I’ll find them interesting, because to me any historical document is a little piece of the puzzle we call the past.

If you’ve ever taken our Getting Started in Family History class with me, you’ve probably heard my definition of genealogy. I’ve often thought of genealogy as history brought down to the level of the family and the individual. Some people see genealogy as mostly about establishing bloodlines and relationships. That’s important and it’s the basis for everything that follows. But I see genealogy as far more than a list of births, marriages and deaths on a pedigree chart, and this view was only strengthened as I discovered my ancestors’ Civil War experiences. I’ve also reversed my viewpoint to emphasize the nature of genealogy as history from the bottom up. It’s the story of who our ancestors were, the many different ways they were connected to each other, the paths they chose and the contributions they made to their world. It’s a chain of events and an unbroken line that leads directly to us and to our world. Lesson learned: The story is there. It’s waiting for you to discover it and pass it on.

“Discovering your Civil War Ancestors” Program August 11

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

To help mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, our daylong genealogy program this summer, co-sponsored once again by the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, will focus on Civil War genealogy research.

Akron native John P. Gurnish will start the day with “Summit County in the Civil War.” A retired Akron Public Schools social studies teacher, John has been a Civil War re-enactor since 1976 and is a member of the Co. G, 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He is also a member of both the Cuyahoga Valley and the Stark County Civil War Roundtables and has won awards for his artifact displays at the Ohio Civil War Show. John will have a display of local Civil War artifacts at the event.

Amy Johnson Crow, MLIS, CG, is a researcher, editor, webmaster, and database developer. She serves as a website and database consultant for several libraries and societies and recently joined Archives.com as a Genealogical Content Manager. Amy earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree at Kent State University, where she concentrated on digital libraries and digital preservation. She will give four presentations: “Researching Ohio Civil War Ancestors,” “For Benefit of the Soldier: Civil War Fraternal Organizations,” “Researching Your Civil War Ancestors Online,” and “State and Local Records for Civil War Research.” An event schedule may be seen at http://sc.akronlibrary.org/classes-events/.

The program will take place in the Main Library Auditorium from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lunch (on your own) will be from 12:00-1:00. Hattie’s Library Café will again be taking orders for boxed lunches the morning of the program for a cost of $5.50. For more information or to sign up for the program, contact Special Collections at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.
Viktor Schreckengost:
Industrial Design Pioneer
by Judy James, Division Manager

Although the name Viktor Schreckengost may not be known to all, every American has probably seen or used something designed or invented by this remarkable artist and industrial designer. From his famous “Jazz Bowl” to his system of radar recognition, to the bicycles and children’s pedal cars that so many baby boomers remember with fondness, this American da Vinci’s work touched the mid-century lives of most Americans.

The son of a commercial potter in Sebring, Ohio, Viktor Schreckengost learned the craft of sculpting in clay from his father. In the mid-1920s, he enrolled at the Cleveland School of Art (now the Cleveland Institute of Art, or CIA) to study cartoon making, but after seeing an exhibition at the Cleveland Museum of Art, he changed his focus to ceramics. Upon graduation in 1929, he studied ceramics in Vienna, Austria, where he began to build a reputation, not only for his art, but also as a jazz saxophonist.

A year later, at the age of 25, he became the youngest faculty member at the CIA. In 1931, Schreckengost won the first of several awards for excellence in ceramics at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and his works were exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, and elsewhere.

By the mid-1930s, Schreckengost had started to pursue his interest in industrial design. For American Limoges, he created the first modern mass-produced dinnerware, called Americana. Along with engineer Ray Spiller, Schreckengost designed the first-cab-over-engine truck for Cleveland’s White Motor Company. Later, he worked for the Murray-Ohio bicycle company where he designed bicycles and pedal cars. Approximately 100 million of his bicycles and pedal cars were manufactured by Murray. Later, he created products for Sears, General Electric, and Salem China, among others. After a career of 70 years, he died in 2008 at the age of 101.

On loan from the Viktor Schreckengost Foundation, this exhibit includes many examples of items designed by Schreckengost, as well as drawings and designs of his work. It may be seen through August 2012 in the Special Collections exhibit case on the third floor of Main Library.

A 1939 Mercury. The first bicycle designed by Viktor Schreckengost.

More Writing Awards for Special Collections Librarian

Once again, Special Collections’ own Jane Dempsey Gramlich has received not one, but two prestigious writing awards from the Ohio Genealogical Society. At the organization’s annual conference in April, Jane was awarded first place for From the Banks of Muddy Creek to the Shores of Lake Erie: Peter and Mary Cowell Rush of Euclid, Ohio, a study of Jane’s 5th great-grandparents and the family’s origins in Greene County, Pennsylvania. This article will appear in a future issue of Ohio Records and Pioneer Families. In addition, she received second place for Badly Broke Down: The Battle John Demaline Lost, a study of the Civil War pension file of her 2nd great-grandfather, a private in Company C and G of the 67th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI). This article will appear in Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal. Congratulations, Jane!
Workshops from Special Collections

Branching Out: Second Steps in Genealogy
Saturday, June 23, 10 am – noon
A detailed continuation of Getting Started in Family History, this class is geared toward those who have already done some research. Participants will learn what to expect when working with vital records and obituaries and basic search strategies for finding them in both online and traditional sources. This workshop meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level, Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Finding Your Family in the Census
Saturday, July 7, 10 am – noon
United States Census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us as we learn more about using these valuable records in your family research. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors
Saturday, July 28, 10 am – noon
Most of us will find immigrant ancestors somewhere in our family tree. Join staff from the Special Collections Division for a discussion of identifying immigrant ancestors and locating passenger lists and naturalization records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research
Saturday, August 4, 10 am – noon
With more than 8,000 databases and 200 billion images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource—and it’s available to you for free within any ASCPL location. This workshop will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. Because electronic resources are used, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Getting Started in Family History
Saturday, September 8, 10 am – noon
Join the Special Collections Division for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This session will include an overview of genealogical sources available at the Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. This workshop meets in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street Level of Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact the Special Collections Division, 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors
Saturday, September 22, 10 am – noon
Do you want to trace your African American family tree? Not sure how or where to begin? The Special Collections Division presents a class for genealogy beginners who have a specific interest in African American ancestral research. This workshop meets in Meeting Room 2AB, Main Library. For more information and to sign up, contact the Special Collections Division, 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Workshops from Summit County OGS

Deeds and Why You Should Love Them
Saturday, June 16, 1 – 3 pm
Deeds are an important resource and can help you piece together information on your family. Julie Wilson will share tips on getting the most out of deed research. Discover how to use deeds to define a family connection, separate people with the same name and more. For more information, please see http://summitogs.org/events.php.

The Painless Autobiography
Saturday, July 21, 1 – 3 pm
Why haven't you written your family history? That seems to be the ultimate goal of most genealogists, but so few of us actually get there. It may be your
approach that's holding you back. Judy Anne Davis will guide us as we explore "painless" ways to get family stories down on paper by beginning with your own autobiography. For more information, please see [http://summitogs.org/events.php](http://summitogs.org/events.php).

**Gum-Dipped:**
**A Daughter Remembers Rubber Town**
*Saturday, September 15, 1 – 3 pm*
Dr. Joyce Dyer will discuss her book; the story of Thomas William Coyne and his daughter (the author). Employed for thirty-seven years by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, T. W. Coyne moved his family to Firestone Park, the residential community built in 1916 by Harvey S. Firestone for Firestone employees. Everything in the Park bore the Firestone name -- the school, the streets, the stores, the bank, the tires, the clubhouse, the stoves and radios. It is one family's story, but also a chapter in a larger story about industry and family at a deceptively comfortable time in American history. For more information, please see [http://summitogs.org/events.php](http://summitogs.org/events.php).

**Summit County World War II News Index**
The [Summit County World War II News Index](http://summitogs.org/) is a new online resource from Special Collections. A work-in-progress, this database indexes the names of Summit County military men and women who were mentioned in the Akron Beacon Journal starting with December 8, 1941. While these names are the focus of this index, some names of non-military Summit County citizens are included. Selected subject articles regarding local war-related news are also included. Currently, there are 677 records and over 1700 names from news articles up through February 22, 1942. Microfilm copies of the Akron Beacon Journal are located in the Special Collections Division. If you would like copies of articles, you may visit our division or review our correspondence service guidelines.

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Rebecca Woodruff for Memoir of William H. Baker: World War II Frogman by Rebecca Woodruff.
New Local History Publications
by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

Arcadia Press has released two more local books in its popular “Images of America” pictorial history series—Portage Lakes by Carolyn Vogenitz and High Bridge Glens of Cuyahoga Falls by Mary L. McClure.

Portage Lakes is Vogenitz’s second book on the area. She is also the author of the 1999 publication Portage Lakes Then & Now. In both books, she relates the history of the area through five historical periods that she refers to as the Indian, farming and mining, summer resort, bedroom community and transition eras. While a few of the photographs from the earlier book appear in the new book as well, readers are likely to find plenty of images that are new to them. Portage Lakes includes more than 220 photographs of area residents, homes, businesses and, of course, lake views and boats.

Mary L. McClure’s High Bridge Glens of Cuyahoga Falls traces the history of the park from its conception by L.W. Loomis in the 1870s, through its years of operation (1879-1895), and up to its rebirth as the new High Bridge Glens park dedicated in October 2009. The book includes almost 200 images that beautifully capture both the natural beauty of the land and the industrial and recreational uses to which it’s been put. Images of the Glens may also be found in the Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society’s High Bridge Glens Collection on www.SummitMemory.org.

Reference copies of both books are available in the Special Collections Division, while circulating copies may be located using the library’s catalog.

Save the Date:
Late Night at the Library

Join the Special Collections Staff and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for an evening of research on Friday, November 2. The Library will re-open for genealogists only from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Parking is free in the High St. & E. Market St. deck if you enter it after 6 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

New to the Collection

Alabama
Autauga County cemetery records

Connecticut
Connecticut town meeting records during the American revolution
Danbury
The early settlement of Stamford, 1641-1700
Hartford
Jewish cemeteries of five counties of Connecticut: the Cohen/Goldfarb Collection
The Jewish communities of Greater Stamford
Litchfield and Morris inscriptions: a record of inscriptions upon the tombstones in the towns of Litchfield and Morris
New Haven: from Puritanism to the age of terrorism
Other days in Greenwich, or tales and reminiscences of an old New England town
The Polish community of New Britain
Stamford
The Windham County county court records
Windham probate district records, 1719-1734

Delaware
Dover
Swedes of the Delaware Valley

Georgia
Cemeteries of Randolph County
Lincoln County deaths: 1882-1925
Madison County deaths, 1854-1925

Indiana
White County marriage records

Kentucky
African-American records, Bracken Co., 1797-1999
Anderson County cemeteries
Ballard County marriages
Bracken County marriages and bonds, 1797-1900
Breckinridge County marriage bonds: 1881-1895
Breckinridge County newspaper abstracts, 1878-92
Daviess County cemeteries
Deaths, Carlisle County, 1934-1993
Indenture of apprenticeship, 1866-1912: McLean Co.
Spencer County marriage certificates, 1824-1852
Spencer County marriage register
Spencer County Negro marriage records, 1866-1914
Maine
Augusta
Franco-Americans of Maine
Portland

Maryland
Aberdeen Proving Ground
African Americans of Calvert County
 Allegany County
 Allegany County (Postcard History Series)
Calvert County
County death certificates of Maryland: May to December, 1898
Dorchester County
Farming in Carroll County
Harford County, Maryland marriage references and family relationships, 1774-1824
Howard County
Married in Maryland: Queen Anne's County
Married in Maryland: Talbot County
The proceedings of the Convention of the Province of Maryland
Queen Anne' County marriage licenses
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church baptisms, 1853-1882
Talbot County
Tax lists of Somerset County, 1730-1740
Wicomico County

Massachusetts
Boston’s immigrants, 1840-1925
Concord
Cambridge
The Irish in Haverhill. 2 vols.
The Italian Americans of Greater Boston
Italians in Haverhill
A journey through Boston Irish history
Lowell
Plymouth
The Polish community of Worcester

Michigan
Detroit’s Holy Cross Cemetery
Detroit’s Mount Elliott Cemetery
Detroit’s Mount Olivet Cemetery
Italians in Detroit
Jewish Detroit
Ukrainians of metropolitan Detroit

New Hampshire
Cemeteries around Lake Winnipesaukee
Historic burial grounds of the New Hampshire seacoast
Manchester: the mills and the immigrant experience
New Hampshire’s Cornish colony
Portsmouth cemeteries

New Jersey
Italian Americans of Newark, Belleville and Nutley
Jews of Morris County
Union County Black Americans

New York
Albany
Children of Ellis Island
Ellis Island
Ellis Island: immigration’s shining center
Irish Staten Island
Italian Staten Island
Long Island Italians
Maple Grove Cemetery
Members Sabbatarian Brethren at Little Hoosak of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sabbatarian)
New York state area key
Obituaries, death notices and genealogical gleanings from the Saugerties Telegraph
Records of the Rev. John Daniel Shafer, Schoharie Co.: baptisms 1819-1838; marriages 1830-38
Schenectady
Small family cemeteries in the town of Wright, Schoharie County
Town of Sharon marriages, Schoharie County, 1882-1900
Vital records of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hudson, Columbia County: baptisms 1867-2008; marriages 1866-2004
Vital records of the Gilboa Reformed Church & Blenheim Reformed Church, Schoharie County: 1797-1884
Vital records of the reformed churches of Sharon, Schoharie County

Ohio
Abstracts from the Mothers' Pension records, Ross County, Ohio Probate Court
Ashland
Austin Cemetery, St. John's Cemetery and Sacred Heart Cemetery [Meigs County]
Autobiography of Dr. Thomas H. Barton [Meigs Co.]
Bits of frontier history [Warren County]
Black & Mulatto persons residing in Warren Co.: from the Common Pleas Court records, 1804-51
The camp fire: letters written by former soldiers about their experiences in the Civil or any other war [Meigs County]
Carroll County Civil War men of valor, 1861-1865
Carroll County will & estate index, 1883-1900
Cemeteries in Troy Township, Wood County
Cincinnati parks and parkways
Cincinnati radio
Cincinnati’s brewing history
Cornelius Aultman, Ohio’s great Civil War-era industrialist
Death notices & obituaries from the Chillicothe Gazette, 1974-1979
Delaware and Delaware County
Epoch of Blue Ball, Ohio [Warren County]
First Capital Chronicle: a Ross County Historical Society publication
The first 119 homes in Silver Lake: and how the village developed
Fort Ancient, Ohio: a sleepy little town in the valley
Garfield Heights history
Greenfield
A guide to Jewish history sources in the history library of the Western Reserve Historical Society
A guide to Shaker manuscripts in the library of the Western Reserve Historical Society
The Gustavus story: 1800-1965 [Trumbull County]
Hamilton County parks
History of General Duncan McArthur, 1772-1839
A History of Suffield Township
History of the Upper Ohio River valley: biographies for Athens and Meigs counties
Hocking County death index, 1930-1939
Illustrated historical and business review of Washington County: for the year 1891
In search of our past: women of Northwest Ohio
Incidents of war and Southern prison life [Wyandot County]
Index of names: history of Trumbull and Mahoning counties with illustrations & biographical sketches
Indexes to the 1850 U.S. census and 1860 U.S. census, Wood County

It must be heard: the musical life of Cleveland, 1836-1918
Legendary locals of Cincinnati
List of letters remaining at the Lebanon, Ohio post office, 1816-1830
Log cabin reminiscences: and some profiles of early Citizens [Meigs County]
Lorain Metro Parks: the first 50 years
Mansfield
Marriage license and records, 1845-1868, Probate Court, Wyandot County
Marriage license and records of probate court, Wyandot County, 1868-1886
Marriage records, Vinton County, 1888-1896
The Meigs County Historical Society presents: annual meeting reports from the past 110 years compiled from Meigs County newspapers
Mesopotamia, 1798-1900
Middletown
Mostly ghosts: stagecoach inns, hotels, covered bridges, towns in Wyandot County
The original Silver Lake Country Club: a history
Palmyra, my old home town
Portage Lakes
The railway reflector: sights and scenes along the Buckeye route: Pomeroy and Middleport
Recollections: a collection of histories & memories of Garfield Heights
Remembering when: a collection of histories & memories of Garfield Heights
Residential architecture of Roy Firestone, Summit County
Rooted in Kent: 101 tales from the Tree City
Rural directory of Trumbull County
Scenes of Christmas from Brecksville and other towns
Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley
South Euclid
Stow: 175 years, 1894-1979
Teacher reminiscences [Meigs County]
Thornville and Thorn Township
Undiscovered Ohio: the Western Reserve including the Firelands
Vinton County 1993 plat book
Warren County funeral record index
Warren County guardianships, 1803-1916, probate Court
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The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway
Early wills, 1765-1799, Mecklenburg County
Middlesex County wills and inventories, 1673-
1812, and other court papers
Sussex County will books A-F, 1754-1806
The Virginian Railway

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African-American life in Preston County
African Americans of Jefferson County
Around Morgantown
The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in West Virginia
Barbour County
Catholic West Virginia
Charles Town
Charleston
The Great Ohio River flood of 1937
Fairmont’s cemeteries
Hancock County
Harpers Ferry
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Huntington
Italians in West Virginia
Jackson County
Jewish West Virginia
Lewis County
Logan County
McDowell County
Memories of war days in World War II
Mercer County
Pleasants County
Southern West Virginia Coal County
Summers County
Upshur County
West Virginia National Guard, 1898-1919
West Virginia Penitentiary
Wirt County
Wyoming County

Military
Leaving home in dark blue: chronicling Ohio’s
Civil War experience through primary sources
and literature
Massachusetts privateers of the Revolution
Over the top and back: they answered their
country’s call
PT Squadron 16

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African Americans in Sewickley Valley
Allegheny City
Allegheny County cemetery directory
Bedford and its neighbors
Cemetery records of Cambria and Somerset
Early African American deaths in the Pittsburgh
Courier 1911-1924
Erie County
Italian Americans of Greater Erie
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