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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone involved in tracing the history of their family has experienced the pleasure of unearthing each piece of information which eventually evolves into their personal family tree. It is inevitable that we want to add to the story of our forebears. It's not enough to simply know their names. They were real people, who had full and eventful lives. This is where the story begins.

Much can be achieved by following clues contained in census records, birth and death certificates and marriage certificates. Putting flesh on the bones is possible by widening the search to include every available record such as newspapers, school, medical documents, church records, court records, etc. When the clues lead in the right direction you begin to recognize that you really do belong to those who went before you. Hopefully this issue shows CCARC has many resources to shake out your family tree. Every day we are adding more materials to research. Come add another skeleton to your family tree. Get him out of the closet!

Linda McElroy President

CCARC HOURS

CCARC is open Tuesday-Friday 9:30-3:00 closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday.

Due to being staffed with volunteers from different areas of the County, during inclement weather in the winter we might be closed.

Call 724-825-5011* before you come.

Closed weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

All other times by appointment.

* New phone number

ATTENTION:

CCARC's Annual Meeting will be

Thursday, October 25th 3:30 P.M.

at the Center, 129 S. Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio

There will be election of officers and board members. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but the nominee must have given his/her approval to be nominated. All CCARC members are welcome to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

REQUEST FOR BIBLE RECORDS

CCARC is requesting <u>copies</u> of any Bible records for families in Columbiana County. They will be added to our evergrowing collection for researchers. Need a copier, bring them to CCARC. We will gladly make a copy and give you back your original.

GUARDIANSHIPS

In Ohio before 1843, probate and guardianships came under the Court of Common Please and may be also in a Chancery book. In 1852, Probate became a separate court and were put in charge of all probate matters in Ohio counties. However, counties may have recorded the actions in different ways.

Many early guardianships in Ohio and other places occurred when children were heirs to money or property, such as from a parent or grandparent. Then a guardianship proceeding took place, mainly for the purpose of naming a legal representative to guard the property. The appointed guardians probably had little to do with raising the children. Sometimes a guardian was appointed even when there was a parent still living for the purpose of a responsible person of some education who was able to "keep accounts" and report to the Court. If a parent felt that he/she were not qualified, a relative or local man of some repute may have been appointed as guardian. Ohio had some early guardianship records, but where they may be found varies from county to county. Assets of the deceased probably was used to determine whether any court action was taken, and if so, action would be in the county of residence of the child and/or where the property was when the death occurred.

It is a fact that most people of the early days, unless they were land owners, had very little monetary assets and children were usually just placed with relatives after a parental death or parental remarriage. Sometimes they were "bound out" to others in the area and a contract/indenture may have been written which gave details as to length of service, board, work and/or learning a trade. Some of these early contracts have been found recorded in county Indenture Books, township record books, early newspapers, etc. Also a verbal agreement was commonly used especially if there was a relationship of some kind.

CCARC has several resources for guardianships and the following pages include examples of what is available.

Have you hit
a brick wall
check with us we may be able
to help.

INDENTURE

The following is a sample of an indenture of a mother and her young female child to a man in Elkrun township which was recorded by the township clerk on December 17, 1853. It was found in Elkrun Township Record Book, April 12, 1853 which CCARC has obtained a copy.

Indenture of Apprenticeship between Sarah Ann Hooker and Edward B brawford & Ellen Hooker, - Witnesseth that the said Ellen Hooker aged one Year and nine Months and by and with the consent of Sarah Hooker her Mother hath and doth hereby bind herself as an apprentice unto the said Edward B Crawford until the sixteenth day of March, in the Year eighteen hundred I seventy from the date hereof, to leave the trade & occupation of housekeeping Sewing &C - and the said Ellen Hooker by her Mother, doth hereby covenant with said Edward & Crawford to faithfully serve him & correctly domean herself during the term of her appronticeship - And the said Edward & Crawford doth hereby covenant with Sarah Hooker, and Ellun Hooker and each of them, that he will teach the said Ellen Hooken or cause her to be taught the said trade & occupation, and will provide for her during said apprenticeship with Meat, lodging, Medicine Washing, clothing & all Nessassaries suitable for an apprentice and will teach or cause her to be taught to read & write and so much of arithmatic, as will include the four first rules. and at the exclusation of said term of service, will furnish the said Ellen Hooker with a new Bible, & at least two suits of common wearing apponel. In testimony whereof the farties have hereunto set their hands & seals this sixteenth day of December in the Year of owr Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. Signed sealed & delinered Sargh Hooker (Seal) in the presence of Ellen Hooker X by Sarah Hooker Steal Joseph Heaps James B Crawford Edward B brawford Seal Recorded December 14th 1853.

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BIRTHDATES AND GUARDIANS

The following is the first page of a CCARC index file - Birthdates of Children Found in Common Pleas Court Journals. So far there are 1,962 names in the index and goes from 1819-1871 so far. It is a work in progress because volunteers are still indexing Common Pleas Journals of the court records that were destroyed in the fire.

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CHURCH RECORDS

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POORHOUSE (COUNTY HOME) RECORDS

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NEWSPAPERS

CCARC has original obits, social announcements, news of the times, etc. from old county newspapers that have been clipped, booked and indexed. Volunteers will be glad to help you find or advise you where you might find something. The following are examples of the collection.

The Salem Herald relates that John Walters, who is in the employ of the gas company in that city, underwent an experience which shook up his entire body and might have resulted fatally. Mr. Walters was on Garfield avenue adjusting some pipes that were in the way of the workmen who are paving the street. In his work he placed an iron pipe on his shoulder and started across the street. In doing so the pipe came in contact with the trolley wire and the current passing down the same, gave Mr. Walters such a shock as to throw him to the ground instantly. After a few seconds he rose to his feet and proceeded with his work. Mr. Walters felt very sore afterward from the effects of his rough usage.

THURSDAY .- DEC. 3. 1896.

When all are working, the various shops of Columbiana pay about \$5,000 a month in wages.

It is definitely announced that the Eighth Regiment of the National Guard, with companies located at East Liverpool, Alliance, Canton, Akron, Mansfield and Bucyrus, will act as guard of honor to President Mc-Kinley in the inauguration parade. It is probable that a place will be found also for the lah-de-dah "Troop A," of Cleveland. These scions of the social nobility of Cleveland would feel "weal bad, dontcher know," if they were not permitted to exhibit themselves. The only fear is that the attendant crowds would be so impressed by the appearance of the curled darlings that attention would be distracted from other features of the parade, including the incoming President himself.

By consent of the Probate Court, William Himes and wife, of East Liverpool, have legally adopted Grace E. Prickett, child of Ella M. Prickett. The name of the child was changed to Ellen E. Himes.

Columbiana County's Mines.

The twenty-fifth annual report of the State Department of Mines and Mining has just been issued by Chief Inspector Haseltine. The work is very comprehensive, and contains much of interest to those engaged in mining. The following facts concerning the mines in Columbiana county are compiled from the report:

During the year 644,823 tons of coal, a gain of 143,040 tons over 1894, were produced. Of this 407,286 tons were lump, 112,743 tons were nut and 124,-794 tons were slack. Number of mines

worked in 1895 was sixty-five, a loss of one from the preceding year. The average number of weeks worked was thirty-three, a gain of five over 1894. In the county thirty mines employ more than ten men and forty-two less than ten. In 1895 there were twentyfive large mines and forty small ones in operation. In 1895 1,041 miners were employed. This is a loss of 113 from 1894. The number of day hands employed was 268, which is a gain of twenty-five over 1894. One new mine, (Freeport), was opened; one, (Empire), was abandoned and seven suspended. Those suspended are Pine Grove, Nelson Burson, Lanaghan, Cherry Valley No. 2 and Pleasant Valley Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Mines visited during the year reached 198. No mine was visited more than twenty times. The following mines were found to generate light carburetted gas (fire damp): Saratoga No. 2, Cherry Valley No. 3 and old shaft known as Lythe No. 2. Mines employing the different kinds of openings were as follows: Drift, thirtynine; shaft, nine; slope, nine; small mines not known, fifteen. Among these mines eleven are ventilated by fan, fourteen by furnace, four by steam jet and exhaustion from pump, twenty-seven naturally and sixteen the mode of which was not reported. Kegs of powder consumed in mining were 4,396. One an average one keg mined 135 tons. During the year there were nine serious and one minor accident. No fatal accidents were reported. In 1894 there were three fatal and sixteen serious accidents. The accidents that happened last year were as follows: George D. Allison, ankle smashed by falling of slate at Second National mine: Thomas Sally, three toes broken by falling of slate at the Cherry Valley mine; Quinlan, hip and breast injured by his being run over by a mine car at the New Shaft mine; Elmer Butler, injured by being kicked in the face by a mule at the Quaker Valley mine; John Welch, arm injured by being struck with a piece of coal from the shot at Central mine; John Cummings, leg broken by a fall of slate at Slope mine; Vein Donley, leg broken by being caught between cars at the Saratoga mine; Edward Boyle, leg broken by a fall of slate at the New Shaft mine.

The fire clay output in the county last year was 100,229 tons, against 101,-125 tons for 1894. Columbiana county in 1894 ranked as the fourth county in the State in the production of fire clay. Last year it ranked second.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1896.

When John McKinnon, of East Liverpool, died, several years ago, he left the sum of \$3,000 as a legacy to his grandson, Elder M. Ainsworth, whose home was formerly in East Liverpool, but whose whereabouts were unknown when the distribution was made. Energetic but unsuccessful efforts were made to find him, and finally, by direction of the Probate Court, the money was paid into the county treasury. Last week Ainsworth put in an appearance and was delighted to learn that a small fortune awaited his order. He wasted no time in proving his identity, and received from the Probate Court an order for the money, which was paid to him.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1896.

A Wild, Wierd Tale.

Salem News

Last winter there was in Salem a man who gave the name of Manning Stewart. He was here for several months, and during that time formed the acquintance of several men, to whom he revealed the location of a cave, about thirty miles from Salem, which is claimed to be filled with old relics, probably deposited there by the Indians. These men have been at the cave two or three times, and each time they came from there brought some articles of value as relics, as well as several pieces of gold and silver quartz. The men who are interested in the matter had a chemist examine these pieces of quartz, and he found them very rich, possessing a remarkable amount of the precious metals. These men have several times tried to pur-chase the land on which the cave is chase the land on which the cave is located, but the owner of the tract refuses to sell. They are yet considering a plan as to how they can come into possession of the land. Stewart, who told the secret to the Salem gentlemen last winter, claimed to have learned of the cave's location through some Indians a number of years ago.

The little waif who was left upon the door-step of a Leetonia house a few weeks ago, was legally adopted in the Probate Court last week by Frank Webster and wife, of that village. The child is now near two months old. and was named William Brant Webster.

The opening of the new bridge at East Liverpool has been again post-poned; this time until New Year's

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SCHOOLS

The following is a map of Columbiana County one room schools in 1945. CCARC has some early school, teacher exams, pictures, etc. of Columbiana County schools. CCARC member MaryAnne Creatore has been busy organizing, indexing, etc. this records.

