

# Columbiana County Archives and Research Center

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## President's Message

CCARC has been having exciting times! Even though we have not had our number of researchers visiting, people have continued to donate materials to us. Please visit for our collections continue to grow daily (on the bookshelves and computer indexes). As you go through your newsletter, you will discover a treasure trove of information that can be found at CCARC. Hopefully, something will pique your interest of another place to look for that exclusive record, identifying your old photos, and think about how our ancestors struggled to make Columbiana County what it is today. Everyday we at CCARC find another fact that just amazes us! Did you know Clarkson had two Presbyterian churches at the same time? I just found where my ancestors store (which I have a picture) was located in East Fairfield by maps and deeds.

We love to help people find that clue to the missing piece of your family history! Wishing you the best of success in your family history endeavors!

**Linda**

## *Friends:*

*We are all glad 2020 is over, the challenges were many. It was a rough year for CCARC and we were hard hit! This year 2021 has been a slow recovery and we still have a long way to go. We operate on a very tight budget, \$5,000 per year: we rely on research, copies and donations. We tithe 10% of each donation for a rainy day fund. Having to keep our doors closed for 5 months hurt our income. We have had to dip into our rainy day fund.*

*We have been patching the computer system for many years. It is time to deal with this aging system.*

*We contacted Salem Computer Systems for an assessment of our system and a quote for a new system. The estimate is \$7,786.00. It is comprised of a new server, four complete work stations, external backup the setup, delivery and configuration on site. Everything includes a 3 year Pro-plus warranty.*

*Our entire system at present has been donated, used pieces patched together. The hard work that has been done entirely by volunteers the past twelve years needs to be kept safe.*

*We have 30 days on this quote. We are asking for help! We would like to do 1/2 of this if possible within the timeline of the quote.*

*Thank you*

*Linda McElroy and the Board of Trustees*

**You never know where you will find information. Carolyn Stepien was looking for a deed in Jefferson County, Ohio. She found in early Jefferson County Deeds marriages performed by Enos Thomas in 1802.**

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 This is to Certify the bonds of Matrimony were Solemnized between Sam Donald & Sarah Peterson the 23d of December 1800 per me James Snodgrass In Test. of W. I hereunto set my name this 13th day of Feb. 1801.  
 Jefferson County SS----- James Snodgrass  
 This is to certify that John Semcock & Rueamy Gifford was joined together as man and wife according to the laws of this Territory the 3d day of Feb 1801.----- Enos Thomas.  
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 This is to certify that Oliver Ingram and Margaret Martin was Lawfully Married January 15th 1801 by me ----- David Lockwood J. P  
 Jefferson County SS The three foregoing Certificates of Marriage Recorded the 13th day of February . John Ward Dep. Recorder  
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Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio Jefferson County SS St. Clair Township this is to certify that the under named persons were lawfully joined together in the bonds of Matrimony according to the laws of this Territory by me the days therein mentioned John McLaughlin and Issabelle Burk March 3d. last--- Daniel Cameron and Ann Kelly March 11th last-- George Poe and Elizabeth Roberts March 24th last---  
 Certified by me the 11th day of May A. D. 1801----- Enos Thomas.-----

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Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio ) Jefferson County.  
 is to certify that William Richardson and Margaret Matson was lawfully joined to as husband & wife according to the laws of the Territory by special licence from Governor by me the subscriber the 10th day of December A. D. 1801-  
 Jefferson County Recorded 9th Febr. 1802----- Enos Thomas Justice of the Peace.  
 Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio ) Jefferson County, This is to certify that John McKee and Prudence Hootton was lawfully Joined together as man and wife after being published according to the laws of the State aforesaid by me subscriber the 24th day of December A. D. 1801..... Enos Thomas Justice of the Peace  
 Jefferson County SS Recorded 9th February 1802-----  
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Territory of the United States ) Jefferson County. This is to certify that John Olm Northwest of the River Ohio..... innin & Nancy Inke was lawfully joined together as man and wife according to the laws of this Territory by me the subscriber on the 23d day of Febr. A. D. 1802. Enos Thomas Justice of the peace.  
 Territory of the United States ) Jefferson County. This is to certify that John Adams Northwest of the River Ohio..... and Mary Ann Hamilton was lawfully joined together as man and wife by the subscriber by Authority of Licence from the Governor the ---- day of ---- A. D. 1802. Enos Thomas Justice of the peace.  
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## Jefferson County Deeds with marriages performed by Enos Thomas in 1802 Continued.

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Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio) Jefferson County, St. Clair Township. This is to certify that Thomas Armstrong & Tennah Cook was Married by me the subscriber the 21 day of this Instant Nov. 1802..... Enos Thomas Justice of the peace

Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio) Jefferson County St. Clair Township. This is to certify that Jeremiah McLaughlin and Mary Macklin was married by me the subscriber the 28" day of Sept. A. D. 1802.... Enos Thomas Justice of the peace

Jefferson County St. Clair Township) This is to certify that Robert Guy and Ann Pearce was Married by me the subscriber the 8" day of June 1802. Enos Thomas Justice of the peace

October the 26" Entered Marriage Andrew Camble and Sarah Johnston State of Ohio November the 23" Thomas Edrington & Mary Alban of the said State.

Jefferson County) This is to certify that James Brawdy and Hannah Kinney was Married State of Ohio the Sixth day of this Instant.... John Driskill and Mary Agen the 20th Instant. Joseph Penney and Elizabeth Maythorn the 20th Instant. January 1803. Certified----- Enos Thomas Justice of the peace-----



J. C. McINTOSH

PAGE B. MYLER

JAS. S. MYLER

THE above is a snap-shot taken recently on the Myler brothers' farm near the No. 9 school north of East Liverpool.

Mr. McIntosh is in his 86th year and is now retired on the farm where he has lived for 50 years. Early in life he ran a planing mill in East Liverpool. He is a veteran of the Civil War, has served two years as County Commissioner, 36 years on the St. Clair Township Board of Education, and is a charter member of Calcutta Grange. Page B. Myler, also a charter member of Calcutta Grange, is very active in Grange work, as is his brother, James Myler. The latter is a pottery caster by trade, having followed that occupation since 1832. These gentlemen are all members of the County Grange (Pomona) and the Myler brothers belong to the State and National Grange, as well.

## Old Photographs

From the book, *String Too short To Be Saved, Recollections of Summers on a New England Farm* (1979) by Donald Hall, Poet Laureate of the US.

From the top of the piano and bookcase, the rows of faces seemed to regard me as their survivor. Daguerreotypes, tinted photographs, yearbook groups in cap and gown, blurred Brownie snapshots, field-hockey teams, wedding portraits, silhouettes, pictures taken when the subject knew he was dying, Automatic Tak-Ur-Own-Pix, and the crayon drawings you can commission at county fairs for a dollar. There was even the old framed photograph of a favorite cat, a little out of focus and indistinguishable from any other cat. The whole air of the conglomerate past spoke out to me, even the school pictures of my mother and my aunts, which perpetuated a dead girlishness among old hair-dos. To be without a history is like being forgotten. My grandfather did not know the maiden names of either of his grandmothers. I thought that to be forgotten must be the worst fate of all. Donald Hall

Does this bring to mind all the pictures that you have stuck in a box or perhaps in an album somewhere? If there is no name attached, does that person lose their identity? How sad to think that our grandparents and great grandparents have no personality, no humanness, that they may only exist in the dusty reaches of our minds. Possibly not even having a name, only the label of grandparent distinguishing them as once having lived. They were living breathing people. As children they fell down - skinning their knees, going to school - learning to read - longing for recess. They fell in love, married, had children and struggled to make a living. They rejoiced at the good things in life and cried at injustice, hurts and sorrow. Along the way they stopped for a few minutes and had their picture taken. How have they slipped from us as if they never existed, only a dusty fading picture reminding us that yes, they did live?



If Interested in Identifying Old RPPC's check out [www.playle.com](http://www.playle.com)  
Pod Casts on Identifying Photos - [maureentaylor.com/the-photo-detective/blog/](http://maureentaylor.com/the-photo-detective/blog/)

**Several years ago we retrieved some very old documents from the storage out at the old county home buildings. Think of your ancestors traveling in our county with very primitive roads. The following is an example of what you might find in these documents.**

**Robert Martin's Petition for a road - Aug 1818**

To the Honourable the Comifsioners of Columbiana County Ohio

We your Petitioners Do humbly pray that your Honour would appoint us a view on the Road leading from Robt Martins to Jacob Nefsleys old mill Dam on Big Yellow Creek & Vacate the Same & Grant us a public Road from Said Robt Martins Theough lands of Samuel Swearingan and the nearest & best way through Land of Jeremiah Hickman & Through lands of Jacob Nefsleys to the mouth of of Blockhouse Run on Big Yellow Creek & Said Creek to the old mill Dam aforesaid. And your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall we pray.

*Jacob Nefsley*

*D W Smith*

*John Ogilvie*

*James Ogle*

*William McIntosh*

*Philip Smith talest*

*Philip Smith junior*

*John Smith Senr*

*Donald McIntosh*

*William Fraser*

*Samuel Swearingen*

*Geo Clark*

*Henry Aten*

*Robert Martin*

*Hugh Anderson*

*Andrew Anderson*

*James Anderson*

*Robert Barger*

*William Smith*

*Thomas Gillingham*

*Even McIntosh*

*Rich'd Boyce*

*Richard Gilson*

*Joseph Ritter*

At meeting of the board of Commifsioners of Columbiana County on the 25th day of August 1818 prefent John Crumbacher Reuben P McNamee and Jofeph Springer this Petition was read the first ime for the vaction of the old road August the 26th 1818 this petition was read the Second time and ordered to be Laid over to the next meeting, December the 1st 1818 this refsant Petition was readfirst time December the 2nd this Petition was read the Second time and no objections appearing against the vacation of Said road was vacation  
Joseph Springer  
and after reading this petition the board appointed William McClane Samuel Cobourn and George Baker viewers and William Heald Surveyor to meet on the 28th day of September next 1818 by order of the Commifsioners

Recently someone posted on facebook about a manuscript, *Pioneer Days of the little rural center of Clarkson, Columbiana County, Ohio*, written by Philander Gaston. CCARC found this at Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. CCARC obtained a copy of the 4 page manuscript. Stop in to read a little bit of history of Clarkson, Middleton Twp, Columbiana County, Ohio.

## PHILANDER GASTON, 93, IS DEAD IN CLARKSON

**Pioneer Resident of Columbi-  
ana Answered Death Call  
Sunday Afternoon—Funeral  
Services Wednesday.**

Following a few days' illness of a complication of diseases, Philander Gaston, 93, pioneer resident of Columbiana county, died at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home in Clarkson.

Mr. Gaston was born August 1, 1829 on a farm a short distance north of Gaston's Mills one of a family of eight children. In 1851 he was married to Lucinda Conkle, sister of Jefferson Conkle, of Middletown township. The couple removed to a farm in Greene county, Ind., where two children—Mrs. William H. Crawford of Williamsport and Mrs. Nancy Rowe—were born.

In 1854 his wife died and he returned to this county. Five years later he married Charity Moore, a sister of the late John W. Moore, Sr., of this city. He operated a grist and saw mill on Beaver Creek in St. Clair township for a number of years and also a four-horse delivery service, supplying feed to East Liverpool consumers.

Later Mr. Gaston conducted the Gaston House in Wellsville, later known as the Commercial House, but he got tired of this vocation and returned to his mills. Thirty years ago he purchased a home in Clarkson and retired.

He leaves the following children: Mrs. Charles Feezie, Akron; John C. Gaston, Clarkson; James Gaston, residing in St. Clair township. Two sisters, Mrs. E. G. Lyons, Drain, Ore.; and Mrs. E. J. Getting, Decatur, Ind., also are living. He also leaves 20 grandchildren, 12 great grand children and six great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Clarkson Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Brown, church pastor, will

officiate. Interment will be made in Clarkson cemetery.

### SALINEVILLE

Mrs. Herman Schenkel and daughter, Mrs. William Ford, Mrs. Oscar McVay and daughter, Roxanna, and Alfred Ritson of East Liverpool motored here Wednesday and spent the day with Mrs. Schenkel's sister, Mrs. Andrew Lucas and family on Twiss Hill.

Robert Dailey of Coshocton was called here by the illness of his son, Francis.

Misses Elizabeth and Jennie Hunter were East Liverpool business visitors Wednesday.

George Reader of Canonsburg, Pa., is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Robert Dailey and family.

Mrs. Maria Lindsay of Youngstown and brother D. Clinton Connell of Findlay are visiting their sister, Mrs. John McIntosh and Mrs. Pressley Hart. Mr. Connell is 91 years old and is hale and hearty.

Mrs. Benno Yost was an East Liverpool business visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Young and sister, Mrs. Arthur Smith were the guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plunkett in Hammondsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Strauss are visiting relatives in Akron.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Jennie Gillespie was held at St.

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Recently CCARC received the complete book, **FRANCIS E. SHAW AND RELATIVES WITH OTHER MATTER**, by Francis E Shaw.

Surnames with chapters: Shaw, Skelton, Hormell, Miller, Behner, Messimore, and Freed. Many gems may be found in this book, like the following:

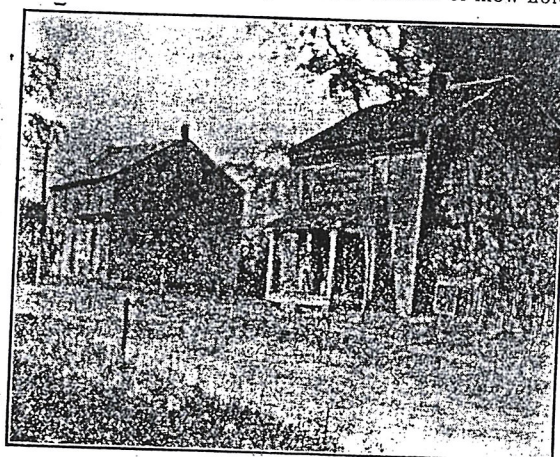
Not long after Jacob Smith, sr. entered his section, he laid out New Alexander, on the southeast corner of his land, which was named for Alexander Campbell. (See p. 220). It was surveyed and platted by William Hall in 1808.

Five houses west of the highway leading from this village to North Georgetown (in early days called the New Road) and north of the State Road stood the John Ritz tavern (see pp. 308-309) built prior to 1811, which had a suffed black bear, standing on its hind feet, on the left side by the door for a sign. As late as 1818, a small sign board was yet at the door with a black bear painted on one end. This building was constructed of large hewed white-oak logs. When the building was torn down, to make room for a more modern house, in July, 1916, after the weatherboarding had been taken off, the building had the appearance of having had a square front as high

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as the ridge\* and as wide as the front of the building. Between the two up-stair windows, the upper half of one log and the lower half of the log above it was cut away —leaving a long opening as for a window or mow-hole.



JOHN RITZ TAVERN,

On the right, as it appeared in 1914; and the James Estep building, to the left. The door now on the south, near the corner of the building was formerly on the east, south of the small tree. It was changed by James Cole after he married James Ritz's widow. The State Road, leading west through New Chambersburg, lies south of these buildings.

We believe there had been a long window there, before the house was re-modeled. This was the first house in the village, and was built by Ritz, nobody now knows

\*The gables may have formerly been to the north and south on this building.