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WINTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

This is an unusual time! Since November CCARC has only been open if someone needed a record. COVID is still causing us to be cautious. We are trying to be open, but call first to make sure. (Phone 724-825-5011)

Hopefully you have found time to do family research while being home. Just remember everything is **not** online. CCARC has so many records that just can not be found anywhere else.

For the newsletter I try to show examples of different sources available at CCARC. Our vertical files have misc. information on families of Columbiana County. Early newspapers can reveal the beginning history of our county. CCARC has a wonderful collection of newspapers from the county. The material on John Watson shows how the history books and court records makes a more complete picture.

Thank you for your wonderful donations of materials that have been added to our collection. I love each and every one of Columbiana County ancestors. I'm constantly saying: "Oh, wow, listen to this!" Continue to amaze me with your donations!

Keep safe, but come and visit CCARC!

Linda McElroy

Newspapers Tell Our Early History

The East Liverpool Review has articles written by Tom T Jones called the **The Sunlit Road**. He writes about the early history, giving us a glimpse into the past.

Review
The Sunlit Road
October 4, 1940
By TOM T. JONES

C. V. WARRICK, general store keeper at Clarkson, has the distinction of being a member of the oldest "postmaster family", in Columbiana county. The only merchant in the village at present, Mr. Warrick, his brother, the late William C. Warrick, and other members of the family held the postal position on the village for some 60 years.

The present postmaster is a son of Milo Warrick, who came to Clarkson in 1840—just 100 years ago. Milo Warrick was a cabinet-maker by trade and engaged in the manufacture of coffins and furniture in Clarkson. He followed this trade long after the Civil war until hand-made coffins were replaced by factory products.

However, in the upper storage section of the Warrick store, there still is some of the burial boxes which Milo Warrick made. These coffins now are being used for storing merchandise.

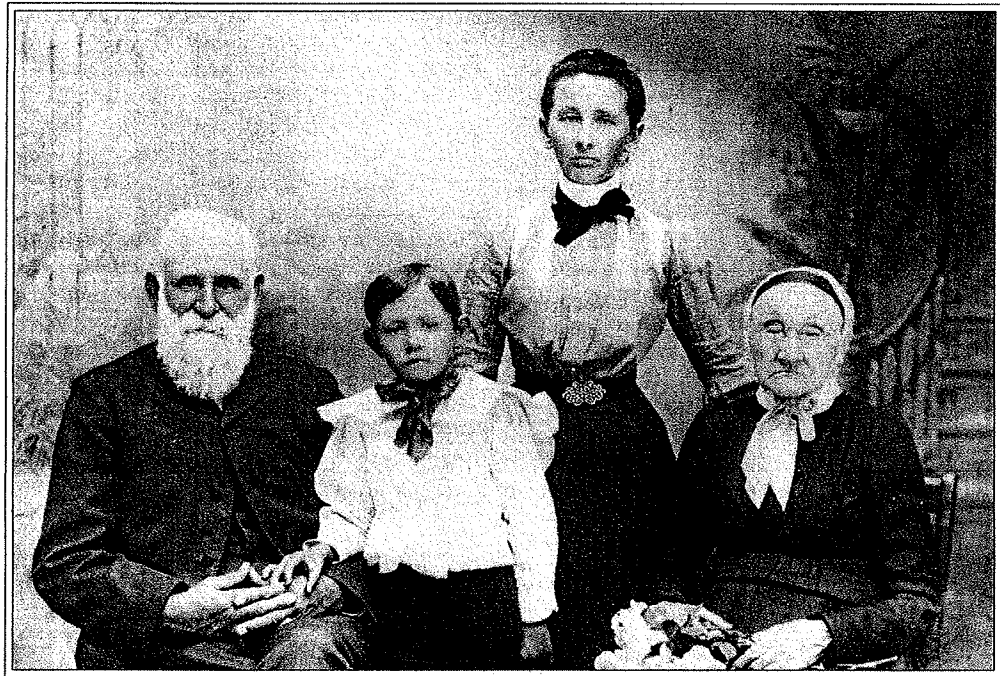
C. V. Warrick was born just as the Civil war was ending. The school he attended in Clarkson was taught by H. D. Cope, present mayor of Rogers. He entered the store about 55 years ago when he was a young man.

When Mr. Warrick opened the store in Clarkson, William Wilson, Allen J. Campbell and John Jeffries also conducted general stores. Mail for Clarkson residents at present is delivered by rural carrier from Rogers, where it is received from New Galilee, Pa., and Lisbon over the Pittsburgh, Lisbon and Western Railroad.

The Warrick general store is not the same kind of business it was before the coming of the automobile and hard-surfaced roads. Stocks are limited. In one section are shovels, pitchforks, rakes, nails and other hardware. On the shelves are patent medicines and bottled remedies known in most very household. Plug and scrap tobaccos, stogies, candy and chewing gum are other items.

Dry goods have all but disappeared from the shelves. There as a time when there was demand for calicos, percales, prints, nighams, muslins and such fabrics, but now farm women travel to arby cities and towns for such odds.

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Benjamin Sharpless, Albert Thomas Jackson, Elnora Sharpless Jackson, Lydia Heald Sharpless

THE ALBERT & LYDIA HEALD SHARPLES(S) FAMILY

By Virginia Mathony

"Grandmother Sharples," as Lydia was called by her many grandchildren and friends, was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends. She passed away on March 5, 1916, at the age of 106 and six months, in Los Angeles, California, at the home of her son, William Sharples.

Born in Middletown, Ohio, on August 22, 1810, Lydia Heald Sharples had lived through all four of the wars in which the United States had engaged during its national history, and she could vividly recall first reports of the Battle of Waterloo. Lydia's father, William Heald, lived to be 101 years old. He cast his first vote at a presidential election for George Washington when he first ran for President of the United States.

Lydia held the position of elder in the Friends Church for the first time when she was 18 years old, and served for many more years. She served twice as clerk of her Monthly Meeting.

Albert and Lydia H. Sharples were married at Middletown, Ohio, in 1836, according to the custom of Friends, and made their home there for nine years. Albert Sharples was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1811, and lived there until he married Lydia Heald in Ohio.

Lydia bore four children, two boys, William and Benjamin, and two girls, Ellen and Sarah. Ellen died when she was eight years of age. Quakers were plain dressers and Lydia was no exception. She always wore Quaker grey, brown or black dresses, a Quaker bonnet or cap and a shawl. According to her granddaughter, Elnora Sharpless Jackson, "*Grandmother didn't like to see too much fixin's; she and grandfather Albert were Thee and Thou Quakers.*" The Sharples family moved from Middletown to Morrow County, Ohio, by wagon, a distance of 150 miles. While living in Morrow county, Lydia traveled to Logan County on horseback, a distance of 60 miles, to attend Quarterly Meeting. The roads were too muddy to travel in any type of conveyance.

The family's second move was to Jasper County, Iowa, in 1866, where they lived on a farm for nearly twenty years, before moving to Cedar County, Iowa, and then to Pasadena, California, in 1884, where Lydia and Albert celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1886.

CCARC has just received a donation of the Heald - Sharpless family from Jennifer Robinson. The above article continues for 3 more pages. Letters are dated 1837 to 1847. Benjamin Sharpless' family record from 1746 with all the children's birthdates. The Testimony of Middleton MM concerning Abner Heald, third son of William and Sarah Heald. Picture of Lydia with 3 great grandsons and picture of Albert and Lydia on their golden wedding anniversary with sons and daughter. Check out this wonderful find!

From the Columbiana Ledger October 21, 1926



History of ten Columbiana pioneer citizens pose for photographer

What a history must be contained in the lives of these old citizens and pioneers of Columbiana that are pictured above! Men ranging from 83 to 100 years of age - who were in the prime of their life when Sherman marched to the sea - who began their lives when our country was still young and still struggling for supremacy among the other nations of the world. These men lived in a time when the candles were used for lighting and the horse and buggy were universal means of travel. In this picture were a total of almost nine centuries of years and average of over 87 years for each man, who are well past the allotted time of three score and ten. It is interesting not, that nearly all these grand old citizens spent a large part of their lives in the open air, and are still in good health several of which are still active in their vocations. Several of them came over the sea to settle America and help build up the great country. All the ten men were of voting age when Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for president and several helped him in the struggle, during the dark days of the United States free to everybody.[sic] Following the life of each of the men pictured in the above.

History of ten Columbiana pioneer citizens pose for photographer from *Columbiana Ledger*, Oct 21, 1926

Standing Left to Right:

Lewis Gleckler - Born January 25, 1838 in Columbiana County, Ohio. Married January 1, 1863 to Miss Mary Ann Wolf. Resided in Woodworth until six years ago, when he came to Columbiana. Mr. Gleckler is a carpenter by trade.

Isadora Bishop - Was born April 1840 in Germany and came to the United States in 1852. He settled in Huron County, Ohio. Enlisted in the Civil War and fought under Gen. Sherman; lost his leg in the battle of Resaca, Georgia. Married in 1871 to Miss Hattie Holiman. Before the war he was a farmer but after the struggle, Mr. Bishop became a telegraph operator and spent 31 years in that capacity.

Isaiah Holloway - Was born August 11, 1827 in Fairfield Township, 3 1/2 miles south of Columbiana. In 1849 he married Miss Hanna Taylor. Mr. Holloway has lived in this community all of his life and was a farmer.

William Halverstadt - Was born Jul 28, 1883 in Salem Township. He entered the Civil War and fought under Capt. Abdiel Sturgeon of Co. H, 115th Regiment. On August 20, 1869 he married Miss Lucy Anglemyer and after her death was married again to Mrs. Phoebe Armstrong. It will be interesting to know that Mr. Halverstadt was taught by Aaron Overholt while attending school.

William E Schnabel - William E Schnabel died Thursday at 5 P.M. at his home in Petersburg, Ohio, from paralysis, following a long illness. He was born at Petersburg, Ohio October 21, 1860, 86 years. A son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnabel. He was a retired mail carrier of Star route, being survived by one sister Mrs. David Miller of Ullion. He made his home with her. Mr. Schnabel never married. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 P.M. from the church. Rev. Gramlirh which was in charge. Burial was made in Petersburg Cemetery.

C. C. Ziegler - Was born February 16, 1842 in Petersburg, and came to Columbiana in 1880. He has been connected with the livestock dealing most of his life except for a few years as a photograph enlarger, working at his trade in Akron. Mr. Ziegler has owned some fine speed horses and is still active in cattle burying. [sic]

Seated Left to Right:

Karl Hoffman - Was born February 16, 1842 in Germany. He married Miss L. Eckart in 1866 and came to America in 1881. Mr. Hoffman is a farmer and has been in this section most of the time since coming to the United States.

George Roninger - Was born February 15, 1833 in Cogensville Township, Winchester County Pennsylvania. He came to (this) section in 1836 and was married in 1860 to Miss Lee Wunderline. Mr. Roninger was active in the Civil War and is a buggy maker by trade. He has lived in this vicinity for many years.

Aaron Overholt - was born November 27, 1832 in Unionville, Ohio. And came to this section in 1835. He was married August 29, 1876 to Miss Emily McGregor. Mr. Overholt was a teacher, bookkeeper and merchant.

Isaac Hurtman - Was born March 26, 1843 near New Waterford. In 1864 he was married to Miss Anna Van Skiver. They moved to the section about 20 years ago. After Mrs. Hurtman's death, Mr. Hurtman was married again to Mrs. Anna Hisey. Mrs. Hurtman has been a Teamster the greater part of his life. Died

Harry Smith Townsend - Was born January 25, 1841 in Fayette County, Pa. He married Miss Esther Cole on September 12, 1872 and moved to this section in 1889. Mr. Townsend was very active in the Civil War. Farming was his vocation.

Always check our vertical file for family information. The Esterly files have several memorial cards like this.

OBITUARY.

DIED,

Near Columbiana, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1878,

JOHN ESTERLY, JR.,

Aged 59 years, 6 months and 15 days.

The deceased was a son of Jacob and Barbara Esterly, who were among the early settlers of this vicinity, and was born Aug. 7, 1818. On June 14, 1836, he was received by baptism into the Reformed Church by Rev. H. Sonnedecker. He was the first Superintendent of the Reformed Sunday School of Columbiana, and was for many years an active elder. It was only a year or two ago that he ceased the active duties of the elder's office, and he was relieved only at his own urgent request.

We shall miss our departed brother greatly. There are few men who leave this world of whom so much good, and so little evil, is heard. All who knew him esteemed him for his sterling character. Men spoke well of his integrity and of the honesty of his motives, even though they differed from his judgments.

He passed away after a brief illness very quietly. He spoke but little during his illness, but that little served to show in whom he believed. He departed, as he had lived, a believer in our blessed Saviour.—J. M. K.

Dear husband! thou art gone to rest, we will not weep for thee;
For thou art now where oft on earth thy spirit longed to be.

Dear father! thou art gone to rest, thine is an earthly tomb;
But Jesus summoned thee away, thy Saviour called thee home.

Have you looked for your ancestors in the Yesteryears section of The Salem News? Every Tues from 1990 to 2000 articles were written about Columbiana County history. At CCARC we indexed the issues in our collection.

Yesteryears Section of the Salem News Tues. 13 Dec 1994

Nichols clan were early colonists by Lois Firestone

Crammed in among smoked meat, seeds and tools the family would need in the months ahead, their few treasured belongings were surviving the arduous journey to the Ohio Territory -- the ladderback rocker, family silverware and the grandfather clock made by clock maker Chandler Goldsmith stayed secure.

William Nichols was eager to show his family the 700 acres of prime land he'd bought in Fairfield Township four years earlier. And to get back to the grist mill he'd put up back then, in 1832, on a small tributary of the Cherry Valley Run.

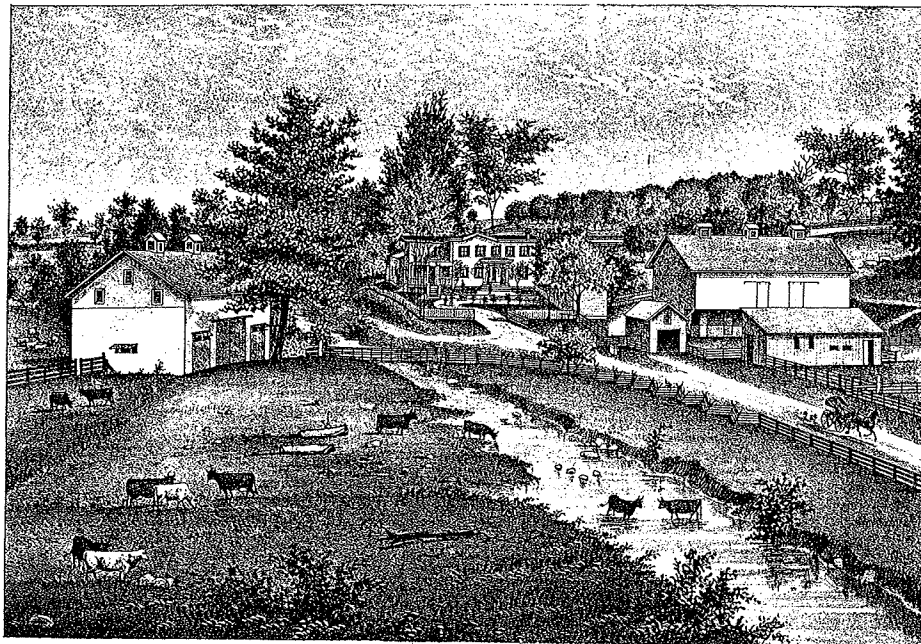
He sold his farm in Goose Creek, Virginia for \$160 an acre. His final act was to free his slaves -- three of William's house servants, however, refused to stay behind and begged to go along.

The Nichols caravan included the three former slaves and William's ten children ranging in age from 13 to 31. The mother of those children, Mary Janney Nichols, had died in 1827. William married a widow, Cassandra Swayne.

William and Cassandra were prominent ministers at the Hicksite Society of Friends at Middleton.

The William Nichols mill lay between present-day Columbiana and Washingtonville, the first of many that the family would run over the years. They operated flour, lumber and woolen mills.

This article tells more information about the family members and their endeavors up to Carrie Nichols Kaylor (a long time member of our OGS society).



RESIDENCE OF MAHLON NICHOLS, SALEM TP, COLUMBIANA CO. O.

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History of The Upper Ohio Valley by Brant & Fuller pg 34

The Cross Keys hotel was the first public house, and was built of logs in 1806, and kept by John Watson. In 1836 Samuel and David Watson changed the old tavern to a handsome three story brick building, which today is the Hostetter house. In 1807 log hotel was built where the New Commercial now stands, on corner of Walnut and Beaver Streets. This tavern was built by Mordecai Moore, and kept by David Hostetter.

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After David Hostetter died his son, William, operated the hotel. William married Lydia T Helman. Their daughter, Magdalena, married John Watson, one of the family that built the Watson House (now the Hostetter House).

pg 102 John Watson -- having sons named John, Jacob, William, David and Samuel became part of the population of New Lisbon.

pg 112 In 1806 John Watson built a very primitive log house on Walnut Street, having a loosely-laid floor and windows hung with bed-quilts, which served to admit a little light and kept out much cold. This house had the first brick chimney in New Lisbon. Tradition says that David Watson was the first male child born in New Lisbon, and that the event transpired in the cellar of this building. There being no cradle, a maple-sugar trough was used instead. In this building Mr. Watson kept tavern until his death, in 1815, when his good wife continued the business. The place is remembered by Western travelers as one of the best on the road to Philadelphia. After Mrs. Watson's death, Samuel Watson became proprietor, and erected the sign bearing the cross-keys. The large three story brick building which now occupies the same site was erected by the Watsons in 1836. For nearly sixty years the Watson family kept a public house on that spot. When Gen. Harrison visited New Lisbon he stopped at this hotel, which he highly commended.

Columbiana County, Ohio Probate Abstracts 1803-1830 pg 118

Watson, John New Lisbon Prob: 27 Dec 1815 Vol 2 pg 355-6, Vol 3 pg 6, and 187

Adm: Christinana Watson, Jacob Watson

Invent: Vol 3 pg 6-17

Gdn: William, 20 on 9 Jun 1817, chose George Crowl: Samuel, 17 on 26 Jun 1817 chose Martin Helmen; Catharine, 14 on 26 Feb 1817 Chose Christiana Watson; David, 12 on 26 Aug 1817, Joseph, 7 on 26 Oct 1817, had Christiana Watson appointed (Vol 3 pg 187/8)