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## *President's Message*

As the weather warms, we may be thinking about planting our flower gardens or dream of a warm vacation on a beach. As a genealogist, surely you are thinking about that road trip to find your elusive ancestors. Hopefully Columbiana County, Ohio will be your choice. Our hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 3:00. CCARC has so much research materials to offer.

Remember lots of libraries have online collections now, but everything is not digitized. So pack your bags and visit us

If CCARC can not answer your specific questions, we possibly can tell other places to visit to get answers. Take advantage of local knowledge to find our about places you might otherwise miss.

Create a plan! Plan what questions you need to answer so you don't miss anything that needs to be researched in person. Go back through your notes and review what holes you're trying to fill. Make a wish list of other things you might like to find to expand your research.

Hope to see you soon!

CCARC Meeting 23 Apr 2024 at 3:00

*Linda*

## The Sunlit Road

BY TOM T. JONES

The first cemetery to be established in Columbiana County was founded by Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, a Presbyterian minister, in 1799 on a plot of ground which later became a part of the A. R. Hickman farm in St. Clair township. This was the year preceding the establishment of the Long's Run Presbyterian church about a mile and a half southeast of Calcutta.

The first person to be buried in this historic burial ground was the daughter of John Laughlin, one of the early settlers of St. Clair township. In this old cemetery was also buried Sato Thomas, father of Enos Thomas, the first justice of the peace in St. Clair township, and one of Columbiana County's first county commissioners. He was the grandfather of Uriah Thomas, who long was prominent in St. Clair township affairs, and he followed as a member of the board of county commissioners in 1858 and 1859. The Thomas family were forebears of Municipal Judge Frank E. Grosshans and other prominent East Liverpool folk.

For many years this first cemetery in St. Clair township was marked by the presence of small trees. With the building of the Long's Run church on the hilltop just south of the settlement larger burial grounds were provided adjacent to the church. In due time the first burial plot was abandoned.

The first cemetery to be established in East Liverpool was on a tract of ground, part of which is now occupied by the City hospital. This ground was donated by Thomas Fawcett, founder of Fawcettstown. It became known as the Union cemetery, and was used by all sects and creeds for more than 80 years.

G. D. McKinnon provided a tract of ground consisting of about one and one-half acres near Pennsylvania Avenue and Boyce Street, for a burial place in about 1852. The ground was given to members of the Disciples church. Riverview cemetery was established in 1883, Spring Grove cemetery in 1885 and the St. Aloysius cemetery in about 1890.

THE EVENING REVIEW  
WED. 29 JAN 1936

**House located at 1450 Jennings Avenue, Salem, Ohio in Perry Twp, Sec 25, T-17, R-4**

Researched by Carolyn Stepien  
(More material in Warrington File at CCARC)

The house in question was built by Abraham Warrington (1755-1843) and is said to have built in 1828. My job was to find the other owners of this house after Abraham Warrington died. But who was Abraham Warrington? He was a Quaker born in New Jersey in 1755 and married Rachel Evans (1760-1827) in 1785. Rachel Evans was the daughter of Joshua Evans. Abraham and Rachel had 4 sons that all died young; they also had 4 daughters. Rachel (1787-1864) married Edward Bonsall (1775-1862) in 1807 and had 12 children; Ann (1789-1823) married Nathan Hunt (1784-1851) in 1808 and had 8 children, her last born was in 1823; Hannah Warrington (1791-1865) married David Harris (1780-1848) in 1839, they had no children and Priscilla (1795-1855) was married in 1815 to William Fisher (1800-1889), they also had no children. It was important to know the members of the family because in Abraham Warrington's Will he gave property to most of these family members.

Also why was it so important to Abraham Warrington to use his house as part of the Underground Railroad. His father-in-law, Joshua Evans (1731-1798) was a renowned Quaker minister from Haddonfield MM in New Jersey and was a known abolitionist who traveled throughout the southern states condemning slavery. During this time while he was traveling, he kept a journal mostly from 1788-1798.

Another important person in Abraham Warrington's life was John Hunt, his brother-in-law. Hunt married Esther Warrington in 1763 and they had ten children. John Hunt was a Quaker minister and a journalist. He was a minister for over 50 years and kept a diary from 1770-1824.

The following entries mentioning Abraham can be found in John Hunt's journal:

1) 23rd of the Tenth Month, 1822. I hear that South Carolina has lately been visited with a most tremendous storm the like seldom ever heard of in our days many lives lost and houses torn down, roads stopped up very much and their roads stopped up in a terrible manner. I am told that one Hemingway was lately coming from Salem, Ohio says on the road she asked for water and they told her they had none she moved from Evesham not many years ago. Abraham Warrington living at Ohio informs me that the drovers of cattle was forced to turn back on account of the scarcity of water and that and about Fallowfield forty or fifty miles west of Philadelphia their wells and springs were so dried up that they were sinking them in them parts that at West Chester they sold water 11 penny bit a barrel and that they carried water about to sell by the small quantity.

2) 22 of the Ninth Month, 1822. I received a letter from Abraham Warrington of the state of Ohio giving an account of the dysentery in more or less in most places and many deaths amongst them and some blooming youth taken off with it.

3) This evening Samuel Mattacks child was buried with the flux. I like to forgot being at the burial of Abraham Warrington 's child last Fourth Day with the flux. I thought I had a favored lively time at the house. September 1789

And from Joshua Evan's journal:

He for some Years past, having felt such an engagement to visit several parts of this Continent and resigning thereto, he believed it best to wholly disengage himself from the world and the encumbrances thereof, only reserving a comfortable living for himself and Wife, and dedicated himself to the benefit of his fellow mortals at large, and was

almost daily engaged visiting the sick and afflicted when about home and not engaged at some neighboring meetings, in which service he was singularly useful, having knowledge of the medicinal virtue of many roots and plants, likewise into the nature of complaints, being ready to do what he could for the afflicted without fee or reward. He in the year 1793 began a particular diary of his exercises and travels which he continued to, near his close, which, being so lengthy, some of his friends thought the whole would not be best to expose to public view (which seemed to be his expectation), but said it felt most easy to him to keep it in the manner he did for the benefit of those who might travel in Truth's service, likewise his children and near friends to peruse when he was removed, for which he desired I would transcribe the whole as I had done, a considerable part which he had examined and approved, and keep it by or near me, that any who desired might peruse see it.

And, apprehending it would be a loss to the public not to have some view of a life so fully devoted as a tried stone well squared for his great master's use, I was willing to give up some time in extracting the substance into as little compass as I well could and cast it as on the waters hoping to see the benefit after would appear after many days. [This page may have been written by Evans's son-in-law Abraham Warrington]

20 the 4 Month 1794 - I was now preparing to set out for my journey to the Eastern Governments. I had the company of many Friends for three days, and then, in great poverty of spirit, and in full unity, and near and dear love to and with my friends, I left my home, my wife going with me to my daughter's or son-in-law Abraham's, where I stayed all night.

Between John Hunt, his brother-in-law, and Joshua Evans, his father-in-law and possibly others, Abraham Warrington was influenced by their hatred of slavery and therefore used his home in the Underground Railroad Movement.

In "*The Journal of Joshua Evans*" by Thomas H. Fawcett he wrote "The recent discovery of the manuscript journal of Joshua Evans (1731-1798) of Newton Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, may stir up a little interest in a Friend once widely known in this country but now almost forgotten. Two notebooks of the original journal, a manuscript copy of more than half of it including some portions lost in the original, and a collection of contemporary letters were found in 1934 by Dr. Howard S. Fawcett in the barn of his brother, the late William E. Fawcett of Salem, Ohio, these have now been deposited in Friends' Historical Library at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Papers of Evan's son-in-law, Abraham Warrington, were found at the same time. It would appear that the journal was taken to Ohio by Abraham Warrington when he moved there in 1805 and that it passed by marriage and descent first to Bonsall and then to the Fawcett family."

Abraham Warrington was the owner of several tracts of land both in Columbiana County and also in Goshen and Green Townships, those tracts became part of Mahoning County in 1846 but when he died in 1843 they were still part of Columbiana County. His Will lists several tracts of land that he either gave to son-in-laws or his grandchildren. His daughter Priscilla and William Fisher inherited 145.09 acres in Section 25 of Perry Township. This being the remaining acreage of the 291 acres. The 145.09 acres being "the tract of land on which I reside."

He had written his will in 1835 and added a Codicil a few years later (1840). Several tracts of land that he had in his original Will were deeded to the intended a few years later so he added the Codicil to make it clear who was already given their shares. This is a condensed version of his Will. Deed of conveyance to Isaac Bonsall, my grandson, named in my Will for about 100 acres being part of Section 19, T-16, R-3 (Green Twp.) and including the lot or tract in my Will and also, I have executed a Deed to Abraham Bonsall, grandson, 93 acres in Section 19, T-16, R-3 and including the lot bequeathed in Will. Deed to Mark Bonsall, grandson, part of SE Quarter of Section 14, T-17, R-4 (Goshen Township), 50.70 acres. He had made deeds for grandchildren Esther, Enoch, Caleb, Rachel, Priscilla and Ann Hunt; some changes made & such clauses made void. Substitute a more agreeable agreement. Made a deed to Caleb Hunt for about 50 acres in the NE part of the NW Quarter of Section 23, T-17, R-4 (Goshen) and give \$52.33. Enoch Hunt 53 acres - SW part SE Qtr. Section 14, T-17, R-4 (Goshen). For granddaughters Esther Darlington, Rachel Eldridge, Priscilla Hunt and Ann Hunt he lists the money they were to receive. Revoke clause giving daughter Hannah several lots of land about 145 acres, 156 acres and 45 acres; since the date of the Will has been deeded to her. Priscilla Fisher and William 123.90 acres in Section 24, T-17, R-4 (Goshen) and part of Section 19, T-16, R-3 (Green). Isaac Bonsall 100 acres in Section 19, T-16, R-3 (Green); Abraham Bonsall 93 acres Section 19, T-16, R-3 (Green). Also, William & Priscilla Fisher 19 acres in Section 19, T-16, R-3 (Green). The balance to Rachel (daughter) and Edward Bonsall. Granddaughters Rebecca Hannah and Rachel Bonsall deed for 97.19 acres in the NE part of Section 24, T-17, R-4 (Goshen) as was given to her daughter Rachel Bonsall in former Will.



## Old Letters May Hold a Wealth of Family Information

A letter from John Howard Phillips, 3084 Marshall Road, Pittsburgh 14, Pennsylvania to Robert (Koch) dated 22 Jan 1954. The following is abstracts from the letter.

Dear Robert:

Thanks for your condolences on sister Rosa's death. We were happy to hear that you have been associated, for the past eight months, as Charles Wilson's assistant, special assignment, in the National Defense. It gives you prestige and experience. Congratulations.

Roger Keyes, formerly from E. Palestine is also with Wilson in the Defense Department. We know his family.

Please believe that it all goes without saying both Grace and I cherish the memory of the New Waterford District, all the people, and especially the Church connections.

My great, great grandfather, **Richard Dildine** came from New Jersey to New Waterford in 1801. He came from an old French family listed as Huguenots in the New Jersey Archives. I am a member of this distinguished Society "The Huguenots" and at the last World's Fair I was an invited guest at the French Embassy Building to meet distinguished Diplomats from France. Grace who is a registered descendant from the Plantagenet Kings of England received a similar honor from the English Embassy.

**Richard Dildine** established the first Sunday School in New Waterford. He gave the ground for the New Waterford Presbyterian Church and helped finance its building. His wife was **Anna Hendrickson Opdycke** daughter of **Capt. Albert Opdycke**, of Revolutionary War. N.J. Recently I had Beight Memorial Co. erect a new monument on R. Dildine's and wife graves. The old one had fallen apart.

Another Ohio Pioneer who lies in the cemetery, New Waterford is my great Grandfather **William Phillips**, his wife **Hannah Seeds** was a dau. of **George Seeds** Re. soldier and through these great grandmothers I am a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

You spoke truly when you referred to our ancestors in the New Waterford Cemetery the roots go back several generations including our parents. Grace is a direct descendant from the Founders of the Firestone Family of Ohio.

**Nicholas Firestone** was a great, great grandfather and his son **Peter Firestone** was her great grandfather.

**Peter Firestone Vollnogle** bears his grandfather's name as the eldest grandson and his mother (**Mrs. S Vollnogle**) was a full blood Aunt of **Harvey S Firestone** of Akron, Ohio. Grace is grateful to the Akron Firestones' for their generous contribution to the Cemetery.

Grace has compiled family history which has been published in the Compendium American Genealogy, First Families of America in Volume VI, Vol VII and Vol VIII. Also her mother's family listed in Magna Charta History Volumes 1-2-3-4-5-6 and an entire family chapter in Volume VII now on the Press.

### *New Waterford Presbyterian Church*



## The Township Line Mutual Protective Association LOSSES PAID IN 1906

Did your family have a loss which was covered by insurance? Just imagine paying these assessments! This was found in material donated by the Charles Koch family from the D C Hoffstot material.

CCARC is still processing materials from the above donations.

### The Township Line Mutual Protective Association

—OF—

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO.

Cost for twenty-eight years in Assessments  
per \$1000:

1879	1st year	.....	\$ .00 per \$1000
1880	2d year	.....	.00 per 1000
1881	3d year	.....	5.02 per 1000
1882	4th year	.....	.00 per 1000
1883	5th year	.....	.00 per 1000
1884	6th year	.....	.00 per 1000
1885	7th year	.....	3.90 per 1000
1886	8th year	.....	1.61 per 1000
1887	9th year	.....	.00 per 1000
1888	10th year	.....	1.13 per 1000
1889	11th year	.....	1.06 per 1000
1890	12th year	.....	2.40 per 1000
1891	13th year	.....	3.75 per 1000
1892	14th year	.....	1.25 per 1000
1893	15th year	.....	2.52 per 1000
1894	16th year	.....	3.31 per 1000
1895	17th year	.....	3.13 per 1000
1896	18th year	.....	3.13 per 1000
1897	19th year	.....	3.15 per 1000
1898	20th year	.....	2.54 per 1000
1899	21st year	.....	3.60 per 1000
1900	22d year	.....	4.86 per 1000
1901	23d year	.....	3.14 per 1000
1902	24th year	.....	2.55 per 1000
1903	25th year	.....	1.70 per 1000
1904	26th year	.....	1.45 per 1000
1905	27th year	.....	4.55 per 1000
1906	28th year	.....	3.96 per 1000

Total.....\$63.71 per \$1000  
Yearly average..... 2.27 per 1000

D. J. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

R. D. No. 1, East Liverpool, Ohio.

C. C. Phone F-4.

### LOSSES PAID IN 1906.

Wm. Robinson, R. D. No. 1, Elkton, dwelling and contents by fire, Jan. 22, 1906.....	\$ 600 00
W. A. Newhouse, Elkton, live stock and contents of barn by fire, Jan. 28, 1906.....	817 63
W. S. VanFossan, Lisbon, tenant house by fire, May 24, 1906.....	200 00
Rebecca Wolf, Rogers, dwelling by fire, June 6, 1906.....	100 00
W. A. Lyder, Signal, steer killed by lightning, July 22, 1906.....	40 00
Lydia A. Morris, R. D. No. 2, Lisbon, loss of barn by lightning, July 22, 1906.....	500 00
E. C. Grafton, R. D. No. 1, Wellsville, sheep killed by lightning, Aug. 18, 1906.....	100 00
W. C. Gooderl, R. D. No. 6, Lisbon, barn and contents by lightning, Aug. 19, '06..	300 00
Joseph Dubel, R. D. No. 2, East Rochester, barn and contents and live stock by fire September 26, 1906.....	841 00
C. E. Sell, R. D. No. 7, Lisbon, contents of barn and live stock, by fire, Oct. 7, '06..	354 45

### LOSSES PAID FROM PREMIUM FUNDS:

Wm. Hamilton, R. D. No. 1, East Liverpool, damage to dwelling by fire, Dec, 1905....	5 00
August Martin, East Liverpool, contents of dwelling by fire, Jan. 7, 1906.....	6 00
Virginia D. Booth, Rogers, damage to dwelling by fire, Jan. 29, 1906.....	12 00
Farquhar McIntosh, R. D. No. 1, Wellsville, damage to house and contents by fire, March 20, 1906.....	5 00
E. E. Leatherberry, R. D. No. 1, Wellsville, damage to house by lightning, May 14, 1906.....	3 00
J. B. Dickey, R. D. No. 1, East Liverpool, bull killed by lightning, June 19, 1906...	20 00
Rose Hathway and Minnie Whippo, East Liverpool, damage to house by fire, Aug. 4, 1906.....	7 50
Charles S. Fitzsimmons, Clarkson, heifer killed by lightning, Aug. 5, 1906.....	12 00
Mary Myers, Hanoverton, damage to barn by lightning, Aug. 5, 1906.....	25 00
David H. Shaw, Summitville, damage to building by lightning, Aug. 9, 1906.....	10 00
Total.....	\$3953 58

### INCOME:

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1905.....	\$ 71 11
Amount rec'd from premiums.....	\$ 178 52
Amount rec'd from assessments.....	5334 95
Amount rec'd from borrowed money 4200 00	9713 47
Total.....	\$9784 58

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for losses from fire and lightning.....	\$3958 58
E. E. Abrams, President, (1905).....	50 00
W. O. McCurdy, Secretary (1905).....	250 00
S. N. Shaffer, Treasurer, (1905).....	240 00
J. M. Davis, Director, (1905).....	25 00
E. P. Tullis, Director, (1905).....	25 00
H. H. Martin, Director, (1905).....	25 00
Paid for borrowed money.....	4702 50
Paid for interest.....	277 18
Postage, printing and stationery.....	117 78
Refunded assessment.....	2 26
Paid for auditing books.....	4 00
Paid for adjusting losses.....	16 00
Paid for legal fees.....	6 00
Paid for orders issued in 1905.....	72 50

Less outstanding orders.....	\$9771 80
	864 50

Total amount paid.....\$8907 30

Balance in Treasury.....	877 28
Agents bal. Dec. 31, '06 for year '06.	93 71

Available assets.....\$ 970 79

Due for outstanding orders.....	\$ 864 50
Due for borrowed money.....	4200 00
Due for interest thereon.....	139 49
Due for salaries, postage, printing, and all other claims.....	696 29

Total liabilities.....	\$ 5900 28
Available assets.....	970 79

Amount unprovided.....\$ 4929 29

Twenty-third Annual Assessment of the Township Line Mutual Protective Association for the payment of losses, expenses, and delinquent assessments.

On all policies in force Jan. 22, 1906, \$ 0.48 per \$1000	
On all policies in force Jan. 28, 1906.....	.65 per 1000
On all policies in force May 24, 1906.....	.16 per 1000
On all policies in force June 6, 1906.....	.08 per 1000
On all policies in force July 22, 1906.....	.42 per 1000
On all policies in force Aug. 18, 1906.....	.08 per 1000
On all policies in force Aug. 19, 1906.....	.08 per 1000
On all policies in force Sept. 26, 1906.....	.24 per 1000
On all policies in force Oct. 7, 1906.....	.65 per 1000
On all policies in force Oct. 7, 1906.....	.28 per 1000
On all policies in force Dec. 31, 1906.....	.92 per 1000

Total.....\$3.96 per \$1000



## Historical Sketch of Madison Presbyterian Church 1839-1939

Booklet consists of 14 pages (included 2 pages)

### *Madison History*

Madison Presbyterian Church, located midway between East Liverpool and Lisbon, Ohio, on the Lincoln Highway, is the result of the dissolution of the old Middle Beaver Presbyterian Church across the creek one-half mile northwest of Williamsport on the J. H. Warrick or Mrs. Kyle farm, and about 20 rods south of line between Elk Run and Madison townships. This church was organized September 11, 1831, with 16 charter members and Daniel Crawford, Hugh Crawford, and Edward Gaston, Jr., as Ruling Elders.

Rev. Robert Dilworth and Rev. James Sutterfield served this church faithfully and efficiently during the eight years of its existence; but, although prosperous with 80 members, because of frequently swollen streams, without bridges and long-distance walking for many, Clarkson members being three miles distant, this congregation was dissolved in the autumn of 1839. The location of this old church and cemetery is now one of tragic desolation, the thoughtless plowman having removed the grave stones and completed the shameful desecration by cultivating the soil over the graves of the rugged pioneers.

As a result of this dissolution Clarkson Presbyterian Church was organized December 14, 1839, with 17 charter members, while Madison Presbyterian Church was organized December 27, 1839, with 22 charter members as follows:

James McCaskey	Sarah Glen
Charlotte McCaskey	Margaret Crawford
Elizabeth Gilson	Elizabeth Crawford
Sarah Robertson	Daniel Crawford
Samuel Jolley	John Fife
Elizabeth Jolley	Peter Campbell
Joseph Fife	Jacob VanFossan
Catherine Fife	Samuel McDevitt
Mary Quin	George Livingstone
Elizabeth Quin	Tamor Glen
Eleanor Glen	Mary McDevitt

According to the original minutes the congregation met at the "meeting-house," evidently already erected, pursuant to notice for the purpose of electing elders and otherwise organizing the congregation. The result of this election was as follows:

Elders—Daniel Crawford, 15 votes; George Livingstone, 24 votes; Samuel McDevitt, 11 votes.

For some reason, Daniel Crawford did not accept this Eldership.

Trustees—Daniel Crawford, George Livingstone and George Fultz.

Singing Clerks—Samuel McDevitt and John Martin.

Treasurer—John Robertson. Clerk—James McCaskey.

March 31, 1838, James and Charlotte McCaskey and William and Margaret Brown donated a tract of land in section 10, Madison Township, north side of Georgetown Road, 13 rods front and 18½ rods in depth for church, cemetery and school purposes. This provision for "school purposes" must have meant for relocation of school already established April 1, 1829, on a side road 50 rods South.

The first church building was a frame 30x40 feet, weather-boarding overlapping and very thin, with large split shingles for roofing. This building was



## Historical Sketch of Madison Presbyterian Church 1839-1939

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replaced by the present church building 42x60 feet in 1866. It is understood that the splendid frame for this building was largely donated by Elder Peter Campbell from his farm immediately south of that of John Croft, and that this reduced the cash outlay for this building to only about \$2,000.

John H. Bough was the contractor, assisted by such capable local mechanics as Henry Custer, Henry March, Thomas McCartney, Edward Bennett, and William B. Bough. There is no information as to the masonry contractor. The stone was quarried down on the creek on the George farm.

The large stone on top of the steps, 4x12 feet and 8 inches in thickness, weighing over 5,000 pounds, was transported from quarry by swinging under an axle several feet high.

The manse was erected in 1893 by contractor Charles Tullis.

Rev. John B. Graham, of Lisbon, Ohio, was the first pastor of this congregation, 1840-42, perhaps one year longer, part time only, being the settled pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 1835-48, at this period. He is described as a man of very happy disposition, eloquent speaker, and fine executive. Rev. Graham preached for the little company of Madison pioneers in their "meetinghouse" before they were organized as a church. His salary for these six months was \$50, paid in two installments of \$23.27½ and \$26.72½.

The first session book, costing 87½¢, is well preserved but yellow with age. The first Session was increased December 5, 1841, by the election of John Crofts, Peter Campbell, and Edward Crawford, and on May 23, 1844, by the addition of Robert Glen.

The following members were received on examination July 9, 1840:

Eleanor Padgett  
Jane Henderson  
Barbara Welch  
Mary Campbell  
Margaret Cummins  
Abraham Fultz  
Jesse Williams  
Mary Crawford

Mary Williams  
Mrs. Gilson  
Joanna Fife  
Rachel Crawford  
Mary Flowers  
Rebecca Jolley  
Ruth Jolley  
Susanne Crawford

The following were received by certificate July 11, 1840:

Samuel Lindsay  
Elizabeth Fife  
Jane Campbell  
Thomas Smith  
Phoebe Smith  
Henry Seabring

Isaac Fife  
Susan Fife  
Jane Seabring  
Jane Fife  
Charles McDevitt  
Nancy McDevitt

Sara Livingstone

This indicates an encouraging growth of the young church within six months of organization, the total membership at this time being 50. In 1850 the membership was 73 and in 1850, 108.

August 2, 1840, the following infants were baptized:

Mary Ann Gilson  
John Rankin Gilson  
Eliza Ann Gilson  
Louis Jackson Welsh  
Peter Welsh  
Catherine Welsh  
Susan Welsh

Sarah Jane McLaughlin  
Elizabeth Flowers  
Samuel Flowers  
Susannah Flowers  
James Flowers  
Mary Jane Flowers  
Jane Campbell



Second Building, Erected in 1866

**James Vale's Docket - Justice of the Peace  
Middleton Twp, Columbiana County, Ohio**

Entries from March 3, 1819 to January 1825

With every name index

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**Thomas Hawkins**      March 31<sup>st</sup> 1821 the defendant came forward without  
process and conferred Judgment on a Due bill Given for 13 yds  
of Broad Cloth dated October 4<sup>th</sup> 1818 with a Credit of 6 ½ yds  
on sd Bill dated December 11<sup>th</sup> Judgment was conferred for Debt  
**vs**  
**James Marsh**      and Cost - Debt - \$20,00  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1821 Pmt issued to Levi Guy Const.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1821 Pmt Renewd December 25<sup>th</sup> 1821 Pmt Returned the  
Debt Satisfized but the costs not paid January 20<sup>th</sup> 1825 const' Guy  
says he has got his cost in full of Defendant of \$123 in wheat

*Notice it took 3 years for it to come to court. Then another 4 years before the full costs were paid in full with wheat not money.*

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**The State of Ohio**      Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said  
**Columbiana County**      county Eliza Davis and made complaint that she was pregnant with vs  
**John Lyons**      a bastard child and says that John Lyons is the Father of it. She  
says he Lyons was with her on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823 at the  
house of Thomas Guys and no other man but John Lyons, and she  
verily believes she is with child to him and She wishes the said  
John Lyons to be arrested to satisfy her for braking a promise of  
marriage and abuse of her body. *Eliza X Davis*

Subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1823

James Vale Justice of the Peace Warrant issued on this date

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1823 Levi Guy const Brought the above said John Lyons before me

Eliza Davis being duly affirmed according to Law. She deposeth and Saith that John Lyons is the Father of her bastard Child (Said Child is a Boy) and was begot on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823 at the house of Thomas Guy in Middleton Township Columbiana County State of Ohio She further saith he (John Lyons) promised to marry her which promise he has broken which she Eliza wishes a compensation for breach of Promise for which She made Complaint to me for Law.

*Question asked by Lyons, Had any other person had to be with you in that way one or two weeks before the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1823.*

*Answer by Eliza NO. Question Did you ever tell me you would wish me to get you a child.*

*Answer NO.*

The parties agreed and he Lyons give her Eliza a ten dollar note payable against the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December next and \$16.66 ½ on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1824 and two other yearly payments of the sum of \$16.66 ½ in amount is all \$60.00 John Lyons confest Judgment for costs of this suit.

October 24<sup>th</sup> 1827 the cots taken to Jesse Underwood Esq for collection

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1832 Jesse Underwood Esq paid James Vale \$3.38 in full for the above case paid Constable Guy his fees in full of \$0.38 ½

***And now you know why some of your DNA doesn't match!***



## Guide for Old Handwriting

Having problems reading the handwriting on old records? Possibly this chart will Help you decipher your letters. Given by Ken Everett

	16 <sup>th</sup> c.	17 <sup>th</sup> c.	18 <sup>th</sup> c.	19 <sup>th</sup> c.		16 <sup>th</sup> c.	17 <sup>th</sup> c.	18 <sup>th</sup> c.	19 <sup>th</sup> c.
A	À	Ⓐ	Ⓐ	Ⓐ	a	ⓐ	ⓐ	ⓐ	ⓐ
B	ⓑ	ⓑ	ⓑ	ⓑ	b	ⓑ	ⓑ	ⓑ	ⓑ
C	ⓒ	ⓒ	ⓒ	ⓒ	c	ⓒ	ⓒ	ⓒ	ⓒ
D	ⓓ	ⓓ	ⓓ	ⓓ	d	ⓓ	ⓓ	ⓓ	ⓓ
E	ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ	e	ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ
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W	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	w	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ
X	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	x	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ
Y	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	y	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ
Z	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	z	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ

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## Deciphering Old Handwriting on Documents

1. Make a copy - black letters show up better on white paper than tan (older) paper. Enlarge and copy to enhance to make writing stand out more
2. Different time periods have different writing styles. Familiarize yourself with the different letters. Make an Alphabet Key looking at the letters in the document
3. Turn the Paper upside down and sideways
4. Attempt to read the words aloud
5. Type words into a search engine with different spellings.
6. Have someone else read the document or word
7. Leave the word, but continue to go back and stare
8. These letters can look alike in lower-case form : u, n, w and m; a, o and u; v and r
9. These combinations can appear similar: as, os, us
10. e, l can resemble each other, a misplaced dot can make an e look like an l
11. These capital letters may look alike; I and J, M and N, S, L and T; T and F; U and V
- 12 3, 6, 8 These numerals may look alike
13. The long S (ss) This may seem like a p or f.

Maybe the documents you found in the attic or an uncovered a box of old letters, hold the Key to your brickwall. Only problem: you can read it? Try using these hints to help your research!