

There were 3 John Orrs in Steubenville betwixt 1820s – 1840s. John Orr, father of Sarah Orr, w/o Van B Lighthizer was b. in 1801 in Pennsylvania. The surname of wife Elizabeth is not known to date. The other 2 John Orr are sorted out in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century History of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Ohio, Doyle, 1910, p.797:

JOHN ORR, for many years a representative business man of Steubenville, O., extensively engaged in the wholesale grocery trade, was born in Ireland, in 1827, and came to America in 1846, locating at Steubenville, where his uncle, John Orr, was already established in the grocery business. John Orr, the elder, left Ireland in 1818 and in 1822 started a store at Steubenville, having been to some degree trained in mercantile business, as that was the family occupation in Ireland.

Five years after coming to Steubenville, in 1851, John Orr, the younger, started his

grocery at Steubenville, and when his uncle, John Orr, died in 1860, he succeeded to the latter's business, and, with few intervals, the family has continued in this same line of industry here, the present firm being known as John Orr's Sons. For a short period, Mr. Orr was interested in the operation of oil refineries at Steubenville and Pittsburgh, but the main business of his life was merchandising. In 1882, in partnership with his son, Robert H. Orr, Mr. Orr went into the wholesale trade, under the firm style of John Orr & Son, and in the same year erected the substantial business house on the corner of Market and Fifth Streets. Additions have been made subsequently, as the business increased yearly in volume. Mr. Orr died in 1891, leaving behind him a reputation not only for business sagacity; but for commercial integrity, upon which he had built as upon a stone foundation. He was a faithful member of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee. For many years he was identified with the Masonic fraternity, and was a recognized supporter of all movements for the advancement of our city's interests.

John Orr, Jr. (our subject) married Miss Mary J. Orr, the daughter of his uncle, John Orr. Their three sons, Robert H., John F. and William M., make up the firm of John Orr's Sons.

John Orr, uncle to John Orr the younger, was b. 1798 in Ireland and started a dry goods & grocery business at Steubenville in 1822. He also had a soap & candle factory. The location of his business was the NE corner of Third & Washington Streets. John Orr's wife was named Jane. John Orr the nephew came to Steubenville in 1846 and in 1851 started his own grocery business in 1851 and succeeded to his Uncle's business in 1860 after his death. John Orr the nephew was b. in 1827 at Ballyhalbert, Ireland and m. Miss Mary Jane Orr, the d/o his Uncle John Orr in 1855 and d. 21 Feb 1891 in Steubenville. The 1850 census of Steubenville, OH has the nephew living in the Uncle's household in 1850 (clerk) along with his future bride Mary Jane. Uncle John Orr's net worth in 1850 was a staggering \$22,000. That was a phenomenal sum at that time. John Orr, father-in-law to Van Lighthizer was likely not related to the grocer family.

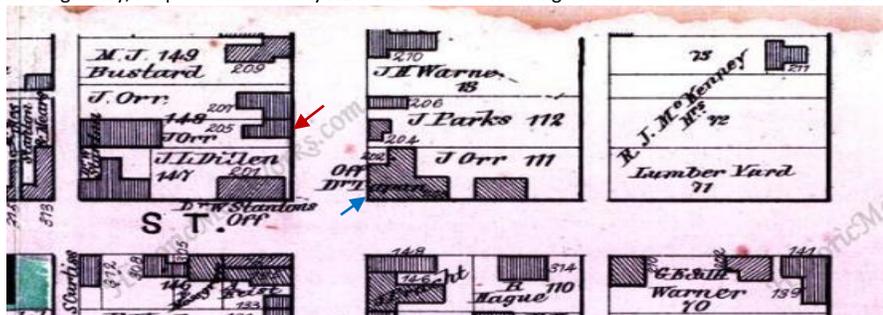
15	740 990	John Orr	32	M	Merchant	22,000			
16		Jane	48	F					
17		Jane	20	F					
18		John	22	M	Clk				

1850 census of Steubenville, Jefferson Co. Uncle John Orr Grocer net worth of \$22,000. Both uncle John Orr & nephew John Orr, grocers, were born in Ireland whereas John Orr, Tavern Stand owner, was born in Pennsylvania in 1801.

Previous to 1840 all of Steubenville's mercantile houses were located on Third Street. Following are some of the men doing business here between 1820 and 1840:

- John Kells - Dry goods, N.E. corner of Third and Washington Streets
- John Orr - Dry goods and grocery, soap & candle factory, N.E. corner of Third and Washington Streets.
- James Parks - Dry goods store in a log house on Third Street
- Eli Dillon - Dry goods
- James Teaff - Gunsmith, Third Street near Washington Street
- Bill & Moore and David Betts - Dry goods
- Valentine Owsney - Grocery and notions
- B.F. Osborne - Saddler and harness maker
- Captain Wm. Spencer - Dry goods
- Martin & Andrews - Wholesale grocers
- Samuel Page - Iron store
- Hance Wilson - Dry goods

John Orr dry goods & grocery, soap & candle factory NE corner Third & Washington Streets. Hans Wilson lot 139 NW side of Third & Market Streets



1871 Beers map. John Orr (uncle & nephew) grocery & dry good stores (includes soap & candle factory) main grocery store NE corner of Third & Washington Streets (blue arrow). Uncle John Orr worth \$22,000 in 1850. Uncle John Orr deceased in 1860 & Nephew John Orr took over both operations.



Stuebenville Township No. 1. Personal Property-						Taxes for the year 1833.				
Owned Names-	Houses	Value Cattle	Value Capital	Personal	Total	State and		County		Town
	No.	Dollars & Cts.	Dollars	Dollars		Local	School and	Other	Dollars & Cts.	

Odol Jacob.			16		16					
Orr John				1200	1200			118	118	
Officer Wm. S.	1		8		8			360	360	
Orral James	1		8		8			24	24	
Orr John (painter)	1	40			40			24	24	
Odol James	4	160	2	16	400	1	100	676	17	17
								2073	2073	

1833 Steubenville Township Property Taxes. John Orr, chair maker & painter, has \$40 worth of cattle (likely horses) for wagon carrying chairs, tables, signs & sign posts, ladders, wallpaper & paint containers in businesses from the W half of lot #243 on Market St betwixt 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. John Orr owned 1 house in 1833. John Orr, grocer, dry good & grocery store worth \$1200. Uncle John Orr grocer must have resided above the store as no house is recorded in 1833.

No. 1 Steubenville									
Owned Names	Acres	Dist	Value						
Wm. B. Archibald	1	10	2	16					
Kevin Thomas	4	160	1	8					
Nicholas John C.			1	8					
Orr John	1	10			800				
Odol Jacob			2	16					
Orr John painter			1	8					

1835 Steubenville Township Property taxes. John Orr, painter, and John Orr, grocer. The columns for assessment have changed. Only 2 John Ors in Steubenville in 1835. Nephew John Orr, grocer, arrives in Steubenville in 1846 and resides with his uncle. The nephew marries Mary Jane, d/o Uncle John Orr in 1855, the nephew and daughter being cousins.

Steubenville Union Cemetery			
Daugherty, Andrew E.	1846-1920	Viers, Bezalell	1809-1869
wife Nancy DONALDSON	1839-1921	wife Rebecca MOORES	1822-1893
Donaldson, William	1855 ae45	Brice	1854 ae89
born Baltimore, Md.		wife Mary EDGINGTON	1852 ae79
wife Margaret (MURPHY)	1885 ae72	James	1809-1833
Donaldson, John	1854 ae67	wife Amanda	1805-1839
from County Antrim, Ire.		John H.	1829-1831
wife Nancy	1859 ae76	Eliza	1794-185-
James-C. War-	1864 ae23	wife of John	
ORR FAMILY RECORD		Weaver, Jane	?
(not all copied)		Myers, David	1818-1889
Orr, John	1860 ae63	wife Amy	1825-1921
(from Ireland 1818)		McElroy, James	1812-1883
wife _____?	1864 ae63	(son of James & Mary (Mitchell))	
wife _____?	?	grandson of James from Ireland)	
John (nephew)	1891 ae68	wife Sarah (MCCAUSLIN)	
wife Mary	?		1815-1879
(dau., of his uncle) ?		(The father of Mary Mitchell was	
etc		Nathaniel Mitchell	1737-1839
		Rev. War soldier.)	

Union Cemetery Steubenville, OH Uncle John Orr, grocer b. 1798 d. 1860 & wife Jane d. 1864. Appears John Orr & Jane had only one living daughter, Mary Jane, that m. John Orr, nephew of John Orr & cousin of Mary Jane. John Orr, grocer, the younger b. 1822 Ireland d. 1891. Both Uncle John Orr & Nephew John Orr were born in Ireland. *Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records of Jefferson County, Ohio*, Powell, 1990, p. 145. Although Uncle John Orr & Nephew John Orr are buried in section D as is John Orr, Tavern Stand keeper, there appears to be no familial family connection. John Orr Tavern Stand keeper was b. 1801 PA, likely in Washington Co.

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Samy Wilson vs John Orr

This Indenture, made the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, between Samy Wilson & Anna his wife of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio of the one part, and John Orr of said County, State of Ohio of the other part, witnesses, that the said Samy Wilson and Anna his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained & sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell convey and confirm unto the said John Orr his heirs & assigns, all the following described pieces of Land, with the appurtenances, lying and being in the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio, to wit: Beginning at the North side of Lot numbered one hundred and one, on the original plat of the town of Columbus in said County, sixty three feet from the Southwest corner of said lot; thence running easterly on Market Street twenty three and one half feet thence Northwardly at right angles with Market Street sixty feet, thence westerly on the North line of Lot numbered 101 twenty three feet and a half, thence southerly to the place of beginning, with the privilege and perpetuance in common with the owners of the real estate lying and being between said Premises and Third Street in said town, of an alley three feet in width on the west of said piece of ground hereby conveyed as appurtenant thereto. Also all that part of the South half of Lot numbered one hundred and two, in said original plat of said town of Columbus, as conveyed to said Samy Wilson and Anna his wife by J. D. M. Powell & M. M. Powell his wife, and by W. B. Copeland & Jane his wife, by their certain deed bearing date the tenth of September 1831, and recorded on the same day in the office for Recording deeds for Jefferson County, in Book N. pages 324 & 35— excepting therefrom certain alley and spring parcels, bargained, granted, sold and conveyed by the said Samy Wilson by a certain Instrument of writing made and executed between him the said Wilson on the one part, and N. Ditzel, A. L. M. Jewett, W. B. Copeland, John S. Clark and J. Quakney on the other, of date the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1831 and recorded in said office on the 2<sup>d</sup> of November following in Book N. pages 105, 106, & 107, with all the privileges thereto belonging as granted to said Wilson by said Instrument of writing.

It is here and to hold the above described pieces of Land and Premises with the appurtenances, to the said John Orr his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of both the said John Orr his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Samy Wilson for himself and his heirs, executors and Administrators, do and hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Orr his heirs and assigns, that he the said Wilson, the above described pieces of Land and Premises, to the said Orr his heirs and assigns, shall and will warrant and forever defend against all lawful claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof, the aforesaid Samy Wilson and Anna his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written. *Samy Wilson* *Anna Wilson*  
 Margareta Wilson *Deke*

The State of Ohio, Jefferson County, f.  
 On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, before the undersigned an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County, personally appeared the said Samy Wilson and Anna his wife,

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 who signed and sealed the forgoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed, and the said Ann, wife of the said James being by me examined, separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of said deed being fully made known to her by reading the same in her presence, she did declare, upon such separate examination, that she did voluntarily sign, seal and acknowledge the same, and that she is still satisfied therewith. N. Dike Associate Judge of the Court of common Pleas for Jefferson County.

Jefferson County, p. Recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1839.  
 A. Sutherland M.

James Wilson to John Orr

This Indenture made the 21 day of August in the year of our lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight, between James Wilson & Ann his wife of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio of the one part and John Orr of said County & State of Ohio of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said James Wilson and Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Four Thousand dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained & sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain sell & convey and confirm unto the said John Orr his heirs or assigns all the following described pieces of land, with the appurtenances, situate, lying and being in the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio, to wit: Beginning at the north side of Lot number one hundred and one, on the original plat of the town of Steubenville in said county sixty three feet from the south west corner of said lot; thence running eastwardly on Market Street twenty three and one half feet thence northwardly at right angles with Market Street sixty feet; thence westwardly on the north line of the Lot number 101 twenty three feet and a half, then southwardly to the place of the beginning, with the privileges and perpetual use in common with the owners of the real estate lying and being between said premises and Third Street in said town, of an alley three feet in width on the west of said piece of ground surely conveyed as appurtenant thereto. Also all that part of the south half of Lot numbered one hundred and two in said original plat of said town of Steubenville as conveyed to said James Wilson and Ann his wife by A J McDowell & N. McDowell his wife, and by W. B. Copeland & Jane his wife, by their certain deed bearing date the tenth of September 1831 and recorded on the same day in the office for Recording Deeds for Jefferson County in Book N pages 328-333 excepting there from certain alley and privy privileges, bargained, granted, sold and conveyed by the said James Wilson by a certain Instrument of Writing made and concluded between him the said Wilson in the one part and N. Dike, A. J. McDowell, W. B. Copeland, John D. Slack and A Judkins on the other of date the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1831 and recorded in said office on the 2 of November following in Book N pages 105, 106 & 107 with all the privileges thereunto belonging as granted to said Wilson by said Instrument of Writing.

To have and to hold the above described piece of land and premises with the appurtenances to the said John Orr his heirs and assigns forever. And the said James Wilson for himself and his heirs executors and administrators do and hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Orr his heirs and assigns that he the said Wilson, the above described pieces of land and premises, to the said Orr his heirs and assigns, shall and will warrant and forever defend against all lawful claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof, the aforesaid James Wilson and Ann his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written

Jas Wilson seal  
 Ann Wilson seal

Sealed and delivered in presence of Margaretta Filson N Dike

The State of Ohio Jefferson County On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight, before the subscribers an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said county, personally appeared the said James Wilson and Ann his wife who signed and sealed the forgoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their act and deed for the purposes therein & foresaid, and the said Ann, wife of the said James being by me examined, separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of said deed being fully made known to her by reading the same in her presence. She did declare, upon such separate examination, that she did voluntarily sign, seal and acknowledge the same, and that she is still satisfied therewith N Dike Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Jefferson County.

Jefferson County recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1839 A. Sutherland M

At the same time personally appeared before me Elizabeth Barkhurst, wife, of the said John Barkhurst and also signer and sealer of the foregoing deed and the said Elizabeth Backhurst, being examined by me separte and apart from her said husband and the contents of the said deed, being made known to her by me and the said Elizabeth Barkhurst on said examination did acknowledge and declare that she voluntarily of her own free will and accord and without fear or coercion of her husband, did and now doth acknowledge the signing and sealing thereof and that she is still satisfied therewith. G.A.Vincent, Justice of the peace Jefferson County SS Recorded September 5th, 1838. A.Sutherland, Recorder

John Orr To Nathaniel Dike

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This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, between John Orr and Elizabeth, his wife, of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio, of the one part and Nathaniel Dike, of the same place of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said John Orr and Elizabeth, his wife, for and in consideration, of the sum of eleven hundred dollars to the said John Orr in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs, and assigns, all the following described half lot of ground with the appurtenances, situate, lying and being in the town of Steubenville, aforesaid, and numbered on the plat of said Addition to wit: Atkinsons Addition to the town of Steubenville, by the number two hundred and forty three, being the west half of said lot of ground fronting on Market Street twenty-nine feet and extending the same width back one hundred and sixty feet to an alley, and bounded by an alley, on the west side thereof one hundred and sixty feet, being the same half lot of ground that Matthew Roberts and Jemena, his wife, by deed recorded in Book M, page 215, conveyed to said John Orr, . To have and to hold the same to the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said John Orr, for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators does by these presents covenant and agree to and with the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs and assigns that he is lawfully seized in fee of the premises aforesaid that the same is free from all incumbrances whatsoever, and that they will forever warrant and defend the said half lot of ground with all and singular the appurtenances, thereunto belonging to the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs and assigns, that he is lawfully seized in fee of the premises aforesaid, that the same is free from all incumbrances whatsoever, and that he will forever warrant and defend the said half lot of ground with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Nathaniel Dike, his heirs and assigns.

against all lawful claims whatsoever. In Testimony Whereof the said John Orr and Elizabeth, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. John Orr (Seal) Elizabeth Orr (Seal)

N.B. in the 35th line 1st page the words "heirs and assigns" interlined before signing, executed in presence of us, John Leetch, A.Sutherland, The State of Ohio, Jefferson County SS Before me Alexander Sutherland, (Seal) a justice of the peace personally appeared the above named John Orr, and Elizabeth, his wife, who signed and sealed the above instrument of writing as their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed, and the said Elizabeth, Orr, wife, of said John Orr, being by me examined sepearate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of said deed by me made known and explained to her, did upon such sepearate examination, declare that she did voluntarily sign, seal and acknowledge the same and she is still satisfied therewith. Given under my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of August, 1838, A.Sutherland, Justice of the peace, in and for said County. Jefferson County SS Recorded September the 6th, 1838. A.Sutherland, Rec.

John Orr To "Nathiel" Dike

Presented, May 28th, 1838, at 35 mins. after 8 o'clock A.M.

I have this day assigned this mortgage to John Andrews, Nove. 12, 1839/ N.Dike

In consequence of a new arrangement with Mr. Dike, I, hereby assigns this mortgage to him his heirs and assigns Nov. 8, 1842. Jno. Andrews

For value received I, assigns my interest in this mortgage to Wm. "Dundass" his heirs and assigns, Nov. 8th, 1842. N.Dike

July 13th, 1843, I have received full payment and satisfaction and do hereby release the premises described in this mortgage from the "lein" created thereby forever.

William "Dundass" (Seal)

This Indenture made this twenty first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, Between John Orr and Elizabeth, his wife, of the one part, and Nathaniel Dike, of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Orr and Elizabeth, in consideration of the sum of twenty nine hundred dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, "alein", and confirm unto the said Dike, his heirs and assigns forever, the following described pieces of land, with the appurtenances, situate, in the Town of Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, to wit: Beginning at the south side of lot numbered one hundred and one on the original plat of said town, sixty three feet from the south west corner of said lot, thence running eastwardly on Market Street, twenty three and a half feet, thence northwardly at right angles with Market Street Sixty feet, thence westwardly on the north line of Lot No. 101, twenty three feet and a half thence southwardly to the place of beginning with the privilege of a three foot alley, on the west side of this piece of land in common with adjoining owners also all that part of the south half of lot numbered one hundred and two which was conveyed to James Wilson by A.J. McDowell and wife, W.B. Gopeland and wife, by their deed of the 10th of September, 1831, recorded in the records office of said County of Jefferson, Book N, page 32 and 33, with Certain reservations particularly described in the deed to the said John and Elizabeth Orr

James Wilson sale of lots #101 & 102 Deed Vol U pp. 19-20 James Wilson to John Orr p. 20. 21 Aug 1838

The indenture of James Wilson to John Orr for sections of lots #101 & 102 in Steubenville town for \$4000 (lot #101 Wilson house 60' x 23.5' and lot #102 120' x 30' E most section of South half of 102 with warehouse) is quite complicated as to Deed Vol U pp. 19-20. The indenture of the lots #101 & 102 Vol. T p. 92 to Nathaniel Dike the very same day 21 Aug 1838 by John Orr to Nathaniel Dike is perplexing to say the least. In addition, John Orr conveys the West half of lot #243 (Orr's chair factory and likely paint business) to Nathaniel Dike for \$1100 Vol. T pp. 91-92 four days later on 25 Aug 1838.

The only rationale Reid has for this arrangement is that the sales of sections of lots (101 & 102) to John Orr and sale of West half of lot 243 to Nathaniel Dike tabulates to \$4000, the price John Orr paid to James Wilson Vol. U pp. 19-20. The numerical value of \$2900 + \$1100 = \$4000 is the key. Nathaniel Dike likely acted as a mortgage broker in the financing of James Wilson's property at the corner of Market and Third Streets. This can be realized on p. 92 of Vol. T in the statement "In consequence of a new arrangement with Mr. Dike, I hereby assigns this mortgage to him and his heirs and assigns Nov. 8, 1842, Jno. Andrews". In other words, Wilson received \$4000 for lots 101 & 102 but John Orr mortgaged the Wilson property for \$2900. This transaction is further bolstered by John Orr's will 21 Apr 1844:

*In the name of the Benevolent Father of all. I John Orr of Market Street, Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. Item First: I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of her dower, the real estate now occupied by me in the town of Steubenville, it being the same purchased by me from Nathaniel Dike Esqr.*

The \$1100 was for the sale of his chair factory and paint business with house on the West half of lot 243. Thus, John Orr's mortgage was actually \$2900 for the Wilson property as a result of his absolution of his deed to the West half of lot 243. It is at this time that John Orr has aspirations of a public house and tavern stand at the Wilson house locale and is granted a liquor license by Steubenville Town Council on 28 Jun 1839. John Orr sells the W half of lot 243 with its house & building operated as a chair factory and paint businesses. As noted, Robert Mathews sold had John Orr the west half of lot #243 for \$425 dollars on 17 Jul 1830. The W half lot was at the corner of Market St. and Alley D between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. It was frame building 29' wide on Market St. and extended back ~ 80' on the 160' lot on the E side of Alley D. It is extremely likely that the chairs (~20) and tables for the Orr Tavern Stand were produced by him at his relocated warehouse on the E side of the South half of lot 102. This warehouse 27' x 45' was originally built by Nathaniel Dike c1835. Orr would have removed his tools and machinery (chair & paint businesses) to that structure and operated his livelihood from there until the public house was established. The value of lot 243 increasing from \$425 in 1830 to \$1100 in 1838 was due largely to Nathaniel Dike wanting more mercantile storefront on Market Street. He already owned lot 247 on the same side of Market St.

The site for Orr's Tavern Stand was perfectly fitted for profit-making from operating a tavern stand. Once the residence of the publisher of the *Steubenville Western Herald & Steubenville Gazette*, the locale was situate next to the Court House & Market House along Market & Third Streets Square and only 800 feet from the Steamboat Landing & Stage Coach hub along the the 'Old Steubenville, Cadiz and Cambridge Road' & in close proximity to the Pittsburgh Pike. Market Street was the street par excellence in Steubenville in the 1830s. As noted, Steubenville was the 99<sup>th</sup> largest town in the US according to the 1840 census and growing.

Nathaniel Dike, at the time of the sale in 1838, was an associate judge for Jefferson Co. Ohio. The following bio in Doyle's 20<sup>th</sup> Century History of Steubenville & Jefferson County Ohio p.139 records:

**Nathaniel Dike**, a cultured gentleman of the old school, was born in Beverly, Vt., graduated at Yale College, and came to Steubenville in 1816. He read law in the office of John M. Goodenow, and practiced a short time when he embarked in the dry goods business, and subsequently in the wool and wholesale grocery business, occupying the Sinclair building, corner of Court and Market streets. He was associate judge for several years, president of council, and representative in the legislature 1842-3. His wife was Miss Anna Woods, of Bedford, Pa., and granddaughter of Dr. John McDowell, of Steubenville. He died in April 1867, and his son John S. Dike occupied the family residence on Market street just west of the Pan Handle railroad, now the residence of Thomas Barclay for about ten years.

Nathaniel Dike was born in MA and graduated from Yale University (B.A. in 1812) and settled in Steubenville in 1816. He had practiced law briefly but spent most of his life in mercantile pursuits. He was a judge in Common Pleas and in 1842 served in the Ohio State Legislature. Nathaniel Dike owned a brick building facing Market Street next to James Wilson in deed Vol. N pp. 105-107. Wilson had sold to Nathaniel Dike a 45' x 27' piece of land (East part of South half of lot #102 in 1831 Deed Vol. N pp. 39-41.) the same year he had acquired it from Alexander McDowell. Below is the 1850 census with the net worth of Nathaniel Dike. The inflation indicator for the dollar in 1850 was 30.3 dollars. Thus Dike's net worth in today's money would equate to \$6,393,300.

132	532	Maryann	56	M	Merchant	22000	Walt
		Nathaniel Dike	45	M			Prm
		Anna McD.	13	F			Shir

Nathaniel Dike in 1850 census of Steubenville, Jefferson Co. was worth a staggering \$211,000. It is possible Dike outright bought the W half of lot #243 for \$1100 his own mercantile interests as it fronted Market St. It appears that Dike brokered the mortgage to get Orr's building on Market Street and paid more than its 1838 tax market value of \$357.

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The following advertisement was published in the *Steubenville Western Herald* on 8 Aug 1818 by publisher James Wilson. Fifty-two publications per year and \$2.50 if subscribers served by post rider or private post. The newspaper in operation today after 200 years under name of *Steubenville Herald Star*. *Images of America, Steubenville*, Day & Hall, 2005, p. 74.

## HERALD-STAR CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

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STEUBENVILLE (AP) The *Steubenville Herald-Star* celebrated its anniversary as one of the nation's oldest newspapers on Wednesday. William Lowry and John Miller started The *Western Herald* weekly newspaper in 1806, when Ohio was just 3 years old. It merged with the *Steubenville Star* in 1897 to become the *Herald-Star*. Lowry and Miller, both relatively new to Steubenville, started the newspaper because the 500 residents of the frontier town expressed interest in receiving news of world events. **President Woodrow Wilson's grandfather, James Wilson, bought the *Western Herald* in 1815. His family owned it for nearly 30 years.** The newspaper, now published every day, has a circulation of about 18,000 and is owned by Ogden Newspapers Inc. The newspaper has been marking the anniversary with stories and special sections over several months. Mitchell Stephens, a journalism professor at New York University and author of *History of News*, said the *Herald-Star* is almost as old as the *New York Post*, founded in 1801 by Alexander Hamilton. Ohio? That was the Wild West back then. To have a newspaper published there, that was the middle of nowhere. That was extraordinary. If it's not in journalism textbooks, then it should be, Stephens said.

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### STEUBENVILLE (O.) HERALD-STAR.

Established 1806.

The *Steubenville Weekly Herald* was established in January, 1806; the daily *Herald* was established, March 16, 1847. In all that time not an issue of the paper was missed, and the files, barring a few years destroyed by fire, are still in existence, though not all in the possession of The *Herald* Printing Company.

The paper was established by Lowry & Miller. John Miller, one of the owners, severed his connection with the paper in 1812 and joined the army, becoming a Colonel. Later he was Register of Lands and the second Governor of Missouri. Alexander Doyle, the sculptor, a great nephew of Miller, was chosen by Missouri to design the statues placed by that State in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington.

Indeed, Missouri seems to have had a strange fascination for The *Herald* editors, as the Wilsons—James Wilson and his son, Robert C. Wilson, the uncle of Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton, who, with John Worshall, owned the paper from 1815 to 1845—have family connections in St. Louis to this day, while William R. Allison, who owned the paper from 1846 to 1873, bought The *St. Louis Evening Dispatch* and was editor of that paper for several years.

*Century Club of American Newspapers, 1909, p. 15*

## PROCLAMATION -- (Senate - June 07, 2006)

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Mr. DeWINE. Mr. President, I request unanimous consent that my proclamation honoring the Bicentennial of the *Steubenville Herald-Star* newspaper be printed in the **RECORD**.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the **RECORD**, as follows:

A Proclamation Honoring the Bicentennial of the *Steubenville Herald-Star* Newspaper

Whereas; The *Herald-Star* Newspaper was founded on June 7, 1806 in Steubenville by William Lowry and John Miller, who named it the *Western Herald*, and

Whereas; It is the oldest newspaper in Jefferson County and is also one of the oldest daily circulated newspapers in Ohio, and

Whereas; John Miller left the paper to fight the British during the War of 1812, where he received lands in Missouri, and earned the rank of Colonel--eventually becoming the territorial governor, and

**Whereas; President Woodrow Wilson's grandfather, James Wilson bought the *Western Herald* in 1815. The newspaper stayed in the Wilson family for nearly three decades, and**

**Whereas; With the establishment of a telegraph between Steubenville and Pittsburgh, the *Western Herald* became one of the most widely read and influential papers in the area, and**

Whereas; The *Western Herald* once employed journalists who went on to become powerful players in the newspaper industry, like R.B. Allison, who left Steubenville to purchase the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and

Whereas; The *Western Herald* and the *Steubenville Star* merged in 1897 to become the *Herald-Star*, and

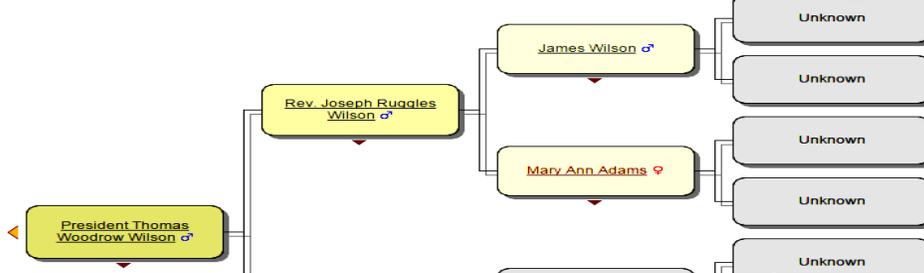
Now, therefore, I, Mike DeWine, United States Senator from the Great State of Ohio, would like to commend The *Herald-Star* for two centuries of commitment to one of this country's founding ideals--the freedom of the press--and congratulate past, present and future employees for their success. Congressional Record 109<sup>th</sup> Congress 2005-2006

## Ancestry of President Woodrow Wilson through James Wilson of Steubenville

Like many Americans, Woodrow's ancestry can be traced back to Britain and Ireland. His parental grandparents came from County Tyrone, part of what is now Northern Ireland, while his mother was born in Carlisle in England. Many American presidents like John F Kennedy, Andrew Jackson, Ronald Reagan and most recently Barack Obama have all been keen to promote their Irish ancestry. The Wilson House, near Strabane, County Tyrone, was the home of James Wilson, grandfather of the president. The house is now owned by the Ulster American Folk Park and is maintained in its original setting in the townland of Dergalt, outside of Strabane on the Plumbridge Road.



The small cottage where Wilson's grandfather (James Wilson) lived just outside Strabane, County Tyrone, in Northern Ireland still remains a tourist attraction. James Wilson was a printer by trade. In 1807 he immigrated to America from the port of Londonderry, landing at Philadelphia. In time he became a prominent newspaperman, working on the Democratic newspaper the *Aurora*. James Wilson married Ann Adams in Philadelphia in 1808. She is believed to have come from Sion Mills, County Tyrone. They had ten children, the youngest of whom, Joseph Ruggles, was born in Steubenville in 1822. He became a Presbyterian minister and married Jessie Woodrow from Carlisle, England. Their third child grew up to become President Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson often spoke of his Scots-Irish background, claiming with great pride that he had inherited the stern, strongly independent characteristics of the Scottish Covenanters. Speaking at a St Patrick's Day rally in New York in 1909, when he was president of Princeton University, he said: "I myself am happy that there runs in my veins a very considerable strain of Irish blood." Woodrow Wilson: a brief portrait of the 28<sup>th</sup> President of the US, Peter Coulter, BBC N. Ireland Reporter.



### POINTS OF INTEREST, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.

Steubenville (pop. 30,000, alt. 662 ft.), was named in honor of Gen. William von Steuben, one of George Washington's aides during the revolution. Von Steuben gave his name to a pioneer fortress which stood on the banks of the Ohio where Steubenville now is. The site of this old fort is marked by marble columns.

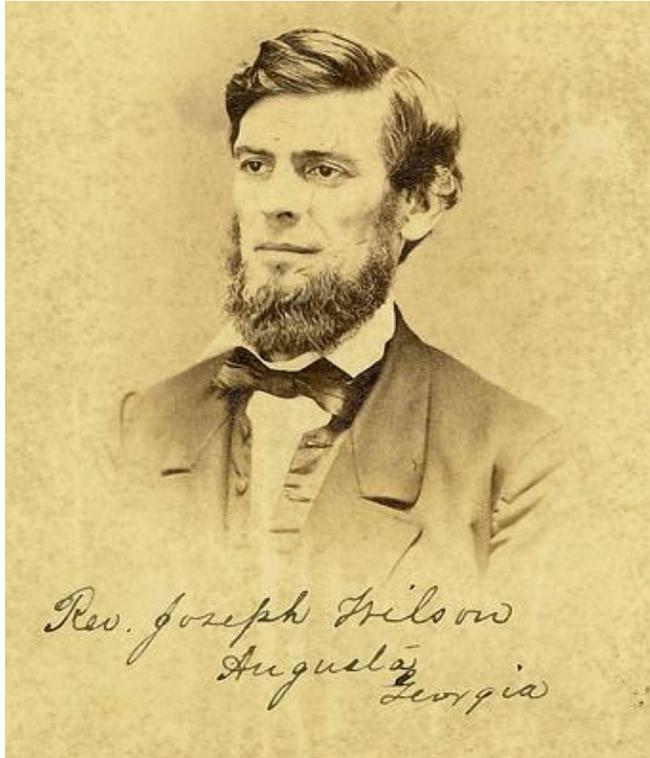
Steubenville stands on an elevated plain in the finest scenic section of the Ohio river. Coal is mined under the city, and these mines form an interesting object of visit. Just across the river at Follansbee the Jefferson glass works make some of the finest art glass in the country. This city has one of the largest glass works in the world.

Logan street, one of the important streets of the city, was named for the famous Indian chief whose camp was often made on the Virginia shore just opposite the city. Mon-

roeville, 20 miles north of Steubenville, was the farthest point reached by the confederates in the civil war, and this spot is marked by a large monument. James William Wilson, grandfather of President Wilson, lived in Steubenville many years, and the president's father was born here.

Steubenville is the center of a large iron and steel producing section, having engaged in its own and in important outlying plants 15,000 wage earners. The great Turbo-electric plant of the American Gas & Electric Co., costing \$10,000,000, located across the river 15 miles south of the city, is equipped to furnish 200,000 kw. of electricity, thus providing the industries of this section with an unlimited supply of cheap electric current. Raw materials for the manufacture of iron and steel are assembled in the Ohio valley at Steubenville cheaper than at any other point in the United States.

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Joseph Ruggles Wilson was b. in Steubenville, OH in 1822. At age 1 he moved with his father James Wilson to lot #101 in Steubenville at the corner of Market & Third Streets. The father of President Woodrow Wilson would live in the 2 story brick house until he was 16. At that time in Aug 1838, John & Elizabeth Orr purchased the house from James Wilson with the south half of lot #102 for \$4000 and converted it into a Tavern Stand. This was a considerable amount of money in 1838 as average housing went for \$400-\$600 at that time. James Wilson, the father, was the publisher of the Western Herald & Steubenville Gazette, later the Steubenville Herald-Star. The Wilson House was at a prominent position across from the Court House & Market House on Court House Square. Joseph Ruggles Wilson Sr. (28 Feb 1822 – 21 Jan 1903) was a prominent Presbyterian theologian and father of President Woodrow Wilson, Nashville Banner editor Joseph Ruggles Wilson Jr.

Father of President Woodrow Wilson who once lived in the Orr Tavern Stand, Google image

Birth: Feb. 20, 1787, Ireland  
 Death: Oct. 17, 1850  
 Steubenville  
 Jefferson County  
 Ohio, USA

James Wilson was the grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson,

Family links:  
 Spouse:  
 Mary Ann Adams Wilson (1771 - 1863)\*

Children:  
 Mary Jane Wilson Larimore (\_\_\_\_ - 1856)\*  
 William Duane Wilson (1809 - 1877)\*  
 Robert Crawford Wilson (1813 - 1862)\*  
 James E. Wilson (1815 - 1865)\*  
 John Adams Wilson (1817 - 1873)\*  
 Edwin Clinton Wilson (1820 - 1874)\*  
 Margaretta Wilson Perlee (1822 - 1885)\*  
 Joseph Ruggles Wilson (1822 - 1903)\*  
 Ann Elizabeth Wilson Begges (1824 - 1905)\*

\*Calculated relationship

Burial:  
[Union Cemetery](#)  
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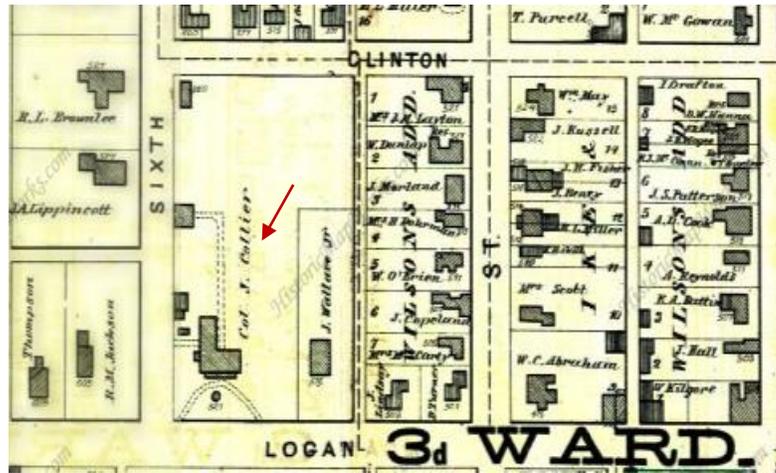


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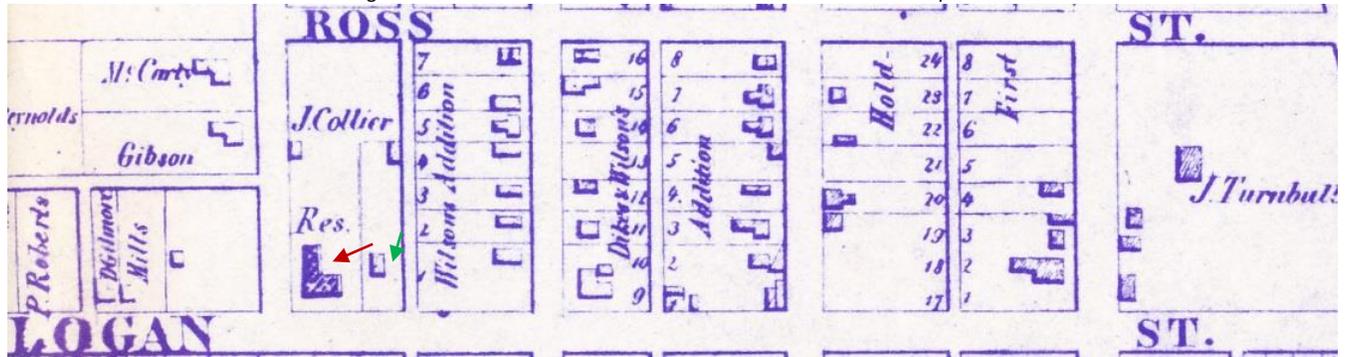
James Wilson tombstone in Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH. Wilson sold sections of Lots #101 & 102 to John Orr in 1838. James Wilson was the owner of the 2 story brick edifice in 1838 at the time of transaction. The James Wilson house was at corner of Market & Third Streets. The house was 60' long and 23.5' wide.



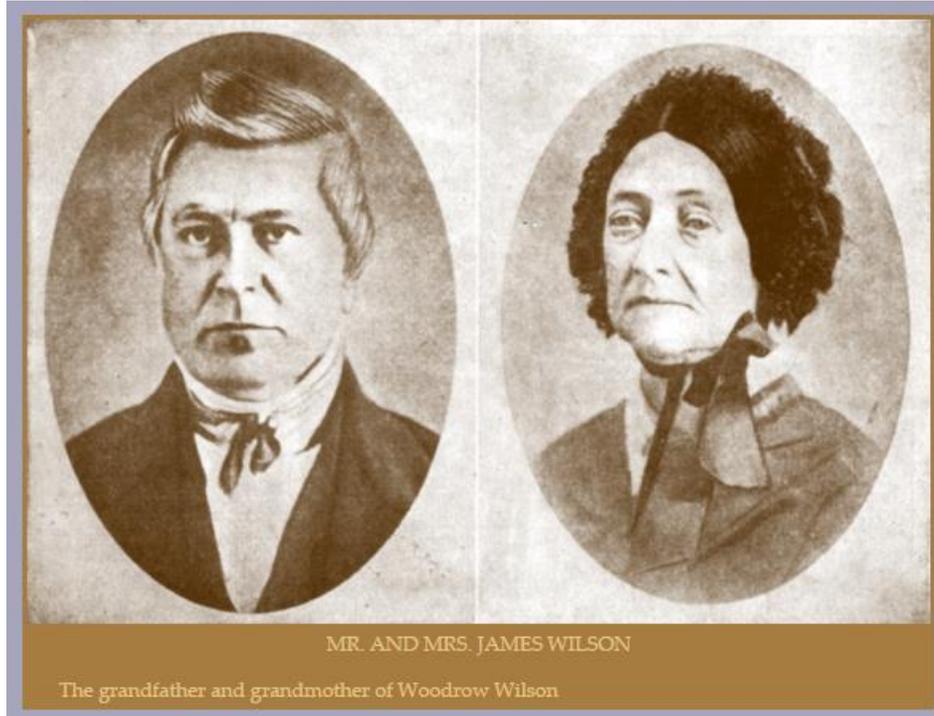
ical opponents. So when Mr. Wilson took charge of the *Herald* there was peace at home and abroad, and he had been here but a short time until he was elected a member of the legislature in 1816, where he served one term. The *Herald* establishment was moved to upper Market street, nearly opposite the present site of the Imperial hotel. Mr. Wilson had a beautiful and spacious home, bounded by what is now Logan and Clinton streets and Alley C. Here he reared a large family, but previous to disposing of his homestead to Col. James Collier, after the latter's return from California in 1849, he built a one-story brick cottage on the east side of his lot where he lived until his death by cholera in 1852. Very little of the original home is left, and the land is occupied by numerous dwellings but the little cottage still stands intact.



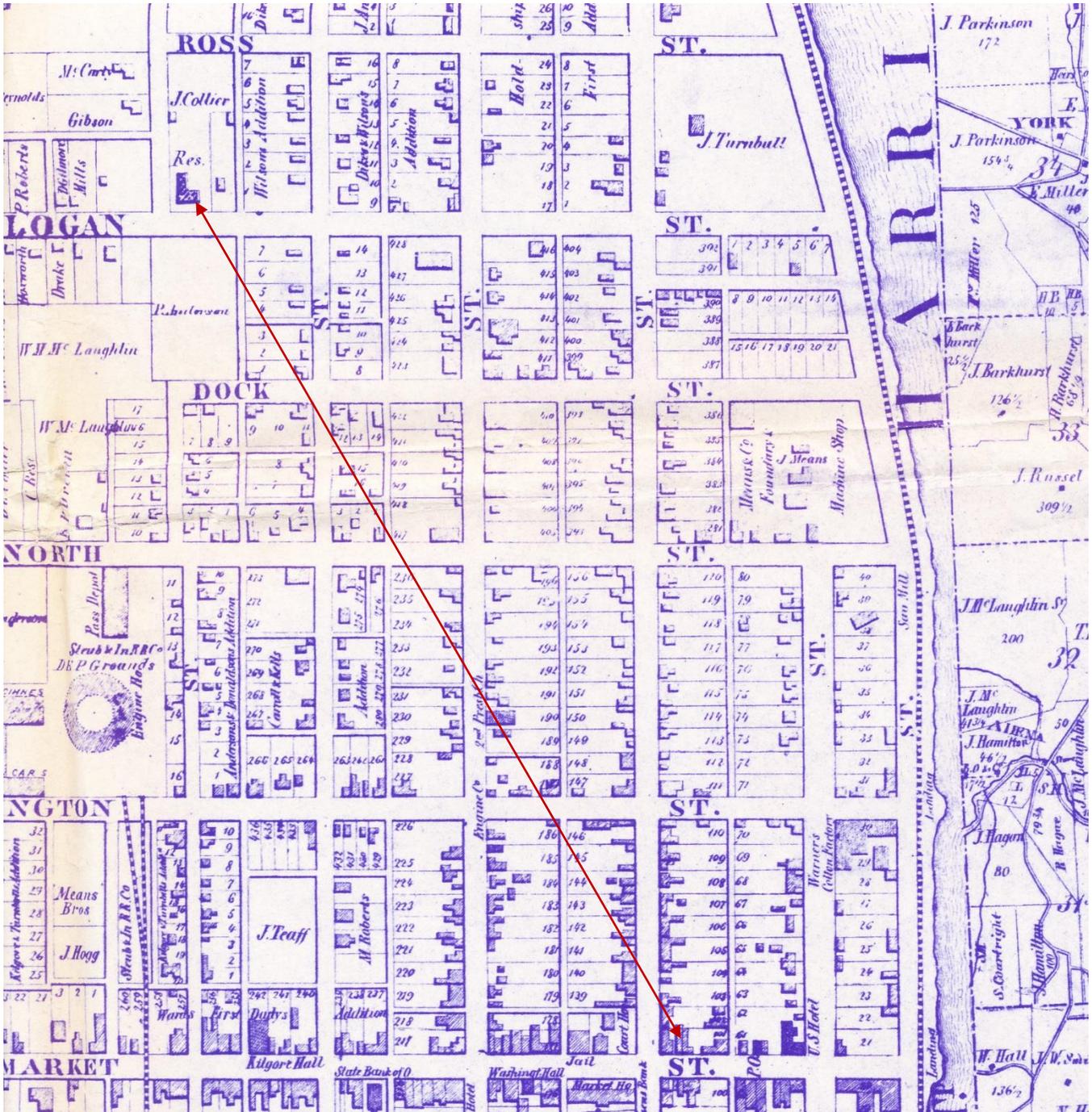
Residence of James Wilson after relocating from lot #101 corner of Market and Third Streets 1871 Beers Map of Jefferson Co.



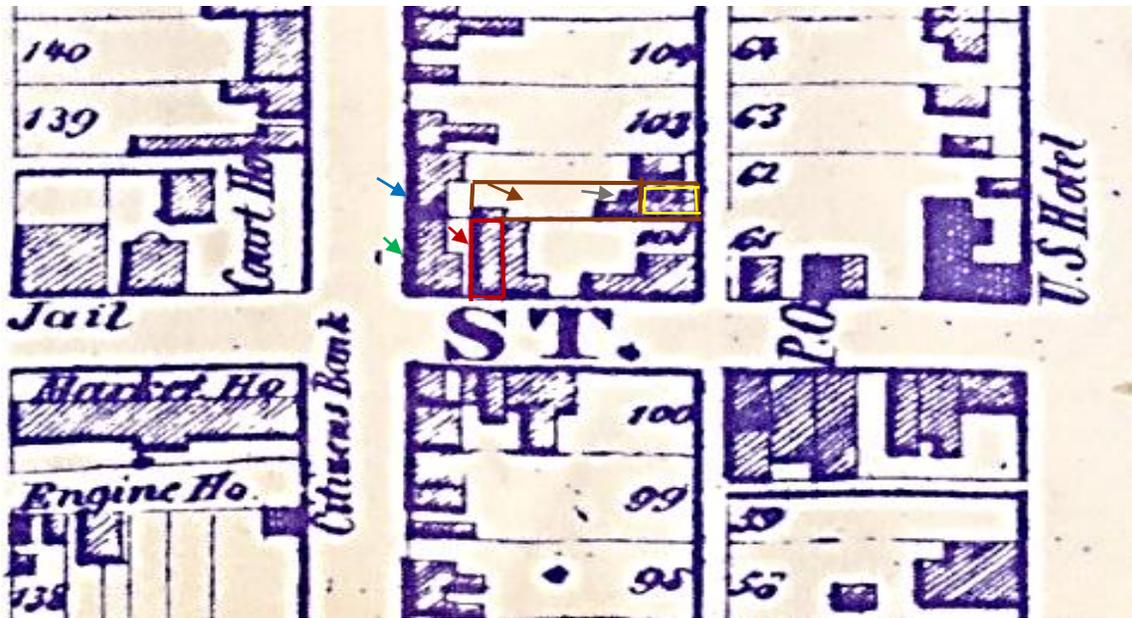
1856 Keyly Map of Steubenville showing former James Wilson residence, now occupied in 1856 by Col. James Collier. Could the abode on E side of lot (green arrow) be one story brick cottage where Wilson resided 1849-1850 at time of his death from cholera (d. 1850 not 1852 per Doyle above)?



James Wilson and wife, Anne Adams, resided on lot #101 in the 1820s & 1830s & sold to John Orr in 1838



In the 1830s James Wilson removes to a Logan Ave. address, which he sells to Col. James Collier in 1849. Doyle infers that James Wilson removed to a one story brick cottage 1849-1850 on the lot and died there in 1850 from Asiatic cholera. Wilson's paper was called the *Western Herald*, wielded large influence and gave its publisher ample income for his growing family. Every one of his seven sons served their apprenticeship in the *Herald* printing office and became expert compositors. In 1832, in conjunction with four of his sons and two apprentices, James Wilson founded the *Pennsylvania Advocate* at Pittsburgh, Pa., the first issues being printed on the Steubenville press. Soon, however, he installed the first Washington handpress west of the mountains and the whole of one side of the Pittsburgh paper was printed with one impression. That was as much enterprise in those days as a rotogravure press in this decade. James Wilson divided his time between the papers at Pittsburgh and Steubenville, living in his Ohio home.



1856 Keyly Map of Steubenville. Reid has reconstructed the property boundaries from Deed Vol. U pp. 19-20, James Wilson & Ann to John Orr for \$4000. The Tavern Stand & Public House is denoted by the red outline on lot #101. The 2 houses on the W side of South half of lot 102 were owned by Nathaniel Dike in 1837 (blue arrow). Nathaniel Dike also owned the brick L shaped house 40' x 60' next to John Orr on lot 101. This structure's locale was once a 2 story log house as recorded by Eli McFeely as one of the first houses in Steubenville (green arrow). The John Orr warehouse on the E side of lot 102 (yellow rectangle 27' x 45') is where John Orr relocated his chair & paint business in late 1838. John Orr owned the E most section of the South half of lot 102 120' x 30' (brown rectangle). It is likely that the tavern guests bedded in a room or rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main house on Lot #101 where the Orr family resided. The warehouse, E side of the south half of Lot #102, likely doubled as a carriage shed & a covering for horses of the tavern patrons who spent the night. When Wilson sold Orr sections of lots #101 & 102 in 1838, the privy that was shared with Wilson, Dike, Copeland, McDowell, Slack & Judkin per the 1831 conveyance now reverted to Orr. The privy was built on Orr's 102 lot and likely locale above (grey arrow). The privy would be an invaluable asset to the tavern stand as patrons would have a johnny within close proximity. The public latrine would be a selling point for steamboat, stagecoach & locals choosing public house in Steubenville.

John Orr is enumerated in Steubenville records as a chair maker in 1827, running a chair factory with a tramp wheel in 1830 (alongside running a painting business betwixt 1830-1838 on lot #243 as listed in Steubenville Twp. personal property records 1830-1838). In 1838, John Orr purchases the house and brick warehouse (part of lot #101 & #102) of James Wilson, printer of the *Steubenville Western Herald* & *Steubenville Gazette* (grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson) for \$4000. In 1839 John Orr receives a license to retail beer, porter, ale, vinous & spirited liquors at his house on Market Street (Tavern Stand & Public House lot #101). The old brick warehouse on lot #102 served as the location of Orr's chair making & painting business until he transitioned to the Tavern Stand operation in 1839. It is likely John Orr manufactured & repaired the chairs and tables for the public house from his warehouse location on lot #102. In his short life of 42 years, John Orr wore many hats; namely fire ladder man for Steubenville betwixt 1827-1839, Steubenville Weigh Master 1835-1836, Steubenville 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Inspector of Elections 1837-1839, chair maker, chair factory entrepreneur, paint business owner and publican. John Orr will probably be most remembered for buying & inhabiting the house and running a Tavern Stand upon the premise, where the grandfather & father of President Woodrow Wilson resided prior to his occupancy in 1838.

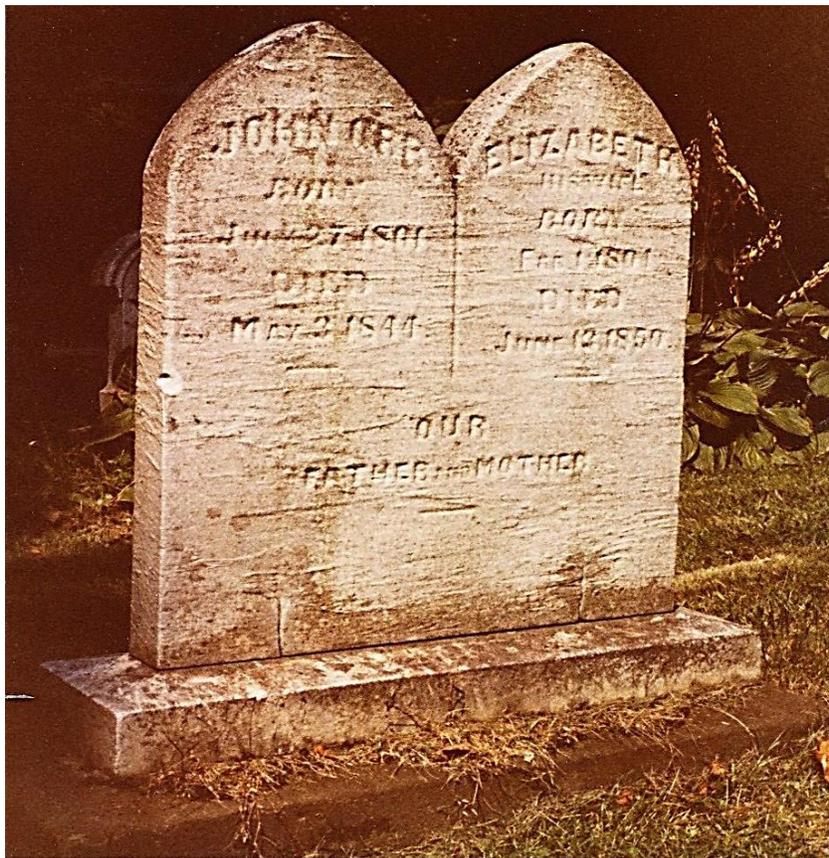
John Orr must have been a man of special parts for as on 21 Aug 1838 he obtains sections of lots #101 & 102 from James Wilson for \$4000. In 2014 dollars, adjusting for inflation back to 1838, that equates to \$102,564.10. The average productive laborer in 1840 was earning (gross) approximately \$5 per week. Thus the average annual income was \$250. House values in 2015 (CNN Income) predict that one can afford up to 2.5 times annual income. So if a family made \$100,000 a year; a property value of \$250,000 is realistic in 2015. In 1838, an annual family income of \$250 (assuming one breadwinner at this time as wife took care of the brood); a family could afford a \$625 property. John Orr paid James Wilson \$4000 in hand in 1838, quite a substantial sum of money at that time. John Orr mortgaged \$2900 for the Wilson properties as he sold his W half of lot #243 with house and shop for \$1100 to Nathaniel Dike. Dike mortgaged the Wilson properties for him for \$2900. It is obvious Nathaniel Dike was interested in the storefront of Orr's shop on Market St., being perhaps one of the wealthiest men in Steubenville (1850 census Dike net worth \$211,000). Orr's tax value of the house, shop & yard was valued at \$357 in 1838. Dike also owned lot #247 facing Market St. in Steubenville at that time. It is likely Dike turned the building & lot into a warehouse for his other mercantile business enterprises.

As noted, the Wilson property was a prime location. John Orr's sections of lots #101 & 102 were highly valued in the layout of Steubenville, OH. The original pricing of the lots in the layout of Steubenville in 1797 has Lot # 101 selling for \$110 and lot # 102 for \$66. Lot 101 was in the highest 4 prices of all the 165 lots in Steubenville. The location of the steamboat landing was opportune in providing the passengers food & drink. Proximity to Market House & Court House definitely was beneficial to business and was considered in the selling of Lot #101 to Orr in 1838 by James Wilson.

James Wilson, the grantor of the deed to Lot #101 was the grandfather of Woodrow Wilson, 28th US President 1913-1921. James Wilson was b. 20 Feb 1787 in County Down, Ireland and d. 17 Oct 1850 in Steubenville. The following is James Wilson's obituary which appeared in the Steubenville Weekly Herald:

OBITUARY: Steubenville Weekly Herald, Steubenville, Ohio, Wed., Oct. 23, 1850, p. 2, col. 2. Sudden Demise. Our venerable fellow-citizen, Judge JAMES WILSON, is no more. He expired on yesterday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., after suffering during 12 hours from a virulent attack of Asiatic Cholera. The deceased had been about our streets on Wednesday, apparently in his usual health and fine spirits. His conversation was as lively, and his step as firm, as has been his wont. Yet, hale and hearty as he was in the 64th year of his age, he fell, an easy prey to that grim destroyer, Death. Judge WILSON was one of the oldest citizens, and, certainly, one of the most distinguished men in this community. In or about the year 1815, he succeeded Messrs. Lowry & Miller, (who had conducted the paper from 1806,) as editor and proprietor of the *Steubenville Herald*. It is needless to say that for a space of about 25 years, he conducted this paper with signal ability. As a leading man in public affairs, he was known and esteemed far and wide. As some friend, well qualified for the task, will doubtless soon write a fitting obituary notice for our paper, we will conclude with the expression of our condolence with the afflicted family, in this their great and unexpected bereavement.

James Wilson had m. Ann Adams 1 Nov 1808, in Philadelphia, d/o John Adams.



John Orr b. 27 Jul 1801 d. 3 May 1844  
 Elizabeth b. 1 Feb 1804 d. 13 Jun 1850  
 Lighthizer/Orr Plot Section D Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH  
 (John Orr & Elizabeth Orr re-interred to Union Cemetery c1867-1868 from old Steubenville Cemetery at corner of S. Fourth & South St. (to make way for Grant School in Steubenville completed in 1870).  
 John Orr's will is recorded in Jefferson County, Ohio dated 21 Apr 1844. In the will John Orr's house had recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand and he was desirous that his wife continue keeping a public house. Will dated just 12 days before his death. John & Elizabeth Orr both born in PA but location has not been found.

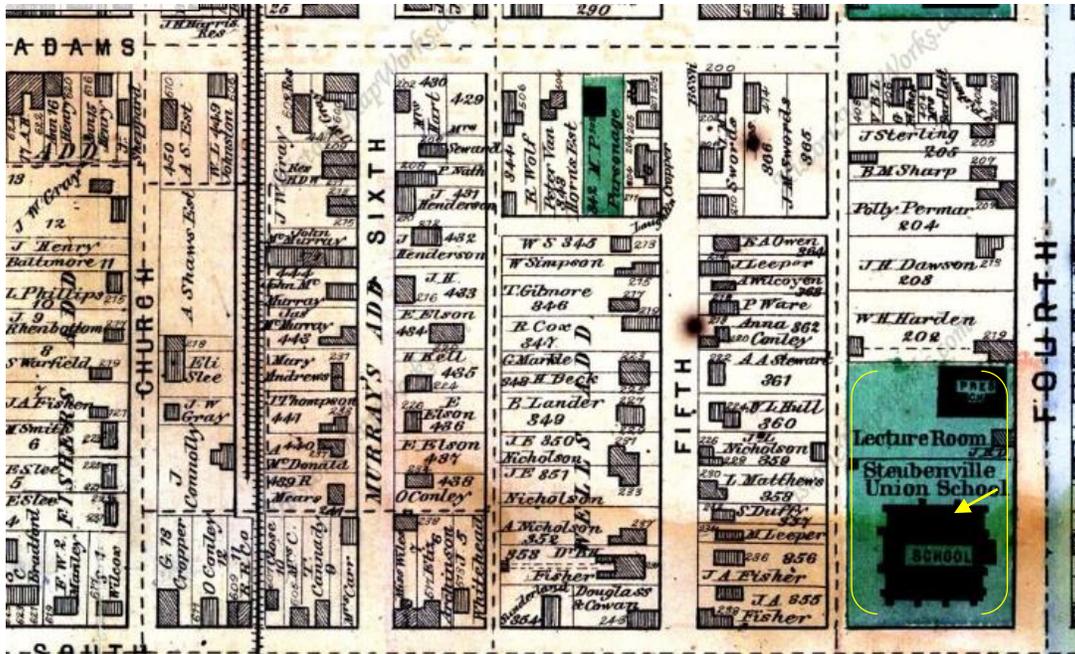
Reid Family photo – Lighthizer-Orr plot Section D Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH



Telephone: ATLantic 3-3384  
 1720 West Market Street  
 STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Located on U. S. Route 22 - Ohio State Route 43

Union Cemetery, Steubenville Ohio Map. Location of the Lighthizer-Orr plot.



John Orr & Elizabeth Orr were likely buried in the old Steubenville cemetery here at corner of S. Fourth St & South St. They were re-interred c1867-1868 to Union Cemetery on Market St. by Van & Sarah (Orr) Lighthizer after Steubenville turned the burial ground into the Grant HS. The Grant School was demolished in 2008 and is now a parking lot.



The following was taken from, *Centennial Souvenir of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Ohio*, issued by the Herald Publishing Co., dated 1897 – ‘This book has been re-printed and is available for purchase from the chapter. Present School Buildings – The rapid growth of the city soon compelled the enlargement of school accommodations, and in 1867 the old burying ground, at the corner of South and Fourth streets, was purchased and after moving the dead the present building, known as Grant School, was erected thereon...The building is of brick and was completed April 1st, 1870. It contains ten schoolrooms and six class rooms, and will accommodate over six hundred pupils. The High School is located in this building’.

*Methodist Protestant # 1830-38*

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Church Records  
1831-1850

Records of the Methodist protestant Church of Steubenville, Ohio

list of persons being in full membership in the Church on the 1st day of  
September 1833--

Alexander Sutherland	Mary Stroud	Harriett Logue
John Leech	45 Kinsey Swords	Mary Mitchell
M. E. Lucas	William English	James Foster
Sarah Wampler	Hannah Clemmons	90 Elizabeth Lanning
Elizabeth Lucas	James Myres	Acquilla Stroud
Mary McCray	James Keith	Henry Roland
Lydia Priest	50 Matthew Steele	Ann Manley
Sarah Collins	Alexander Devinney	Sarah Fleming
Martha Devinney	James Armstrong	95 Rebecca McConnell
0 Jane Turnbull	Jane Fogg	Rebecca Neice
Louisa Gray	Eleanor Hawkins	Hannah Neice
Lucy L. Staunton	55 Susan Stroud	Sarah O'Neal ?
Nancy H. Norman	Susan Hawkins	Maria Wilson
Nancy Picket	Sarah Devinney	100 John O'Neal ?
5 Nancy Allen	Charlotte <del>Thompson</del>	James Devrick
Sarah Gray	Sarah ann Hawkins	Nancy Devrick
Elizabeth Dougherty	60 Tomzy ann Clark	Thompson Hannah
Elizabeth Armstrong	Lucinda Baker	Catheren Hannah
Sarah Leetch	Mary ann Turner	105 Eliza Steel
0 William Allen	Sarah Thompson	Elizabeth Porter, Sr.
Elijah Steele	James Talbot, preacher	Jessee Haynes
William Hawkins	65 Catharine Solomon	Elizabeth Kessler
James Clark	Elizabeth Peters	Madaline Wise
John Armstrong	Bernard Lucas	110 Sarah Kelly
15 Stephen Jimison	Jane Lucas	Mary ann Neice
Robert Pyle	Thomas Lucas	Sarah Malona
Robert Shearrer	70 Retina McKinley	Frances Anderson
Francis A. Priest	Mercy Kieth	Ann Holsey
Elizabeth Cummins	Wm. Leech, Senior	115 Nancy Swan
10 Mary Cummins	Elizabeth Hawkins	Jane Stone
Mary Armstrong	Margarett A. E. Hull	Mary Stone
Robert C. Peters	75 Margarett A. Baker	John Burris
Barbary Dohrman	William Thompson	Susan Duvall
William Clemmons	John Devinney	120 Elizabeth Henderson
15 M. M. Laughlin ←	Arthur Shearrer	Aleas Eada
Jane Baker	→ Elizabeth Orr	Rachell Bartlett
Cythia Fulton	80 Mary ann Laughlin	George Bartlett
Keziah Murry	Mary Thompson	Ruth Eckles
Elizabeth Hukel	John Mitchell	125 Catharine Anderson

(Jefferson County Historical Society records – Methodist Protestant Church of Steubenville, Ohio, p. 10, #79 Elizabeth Orr full member whereas husband, John Orr, not listed). John Orr's friend Mathew M. Laughlin (blue arrow), was a prominent man in Steubenville, living as a neighbor to him on the W side of the South half of lot #102 in 1839. He was co-administrator of John Orr's will in 1844. M.M. Laughlin had been a fire ladder man as was John Orr and an elected member of Steubenville Town Council & appointed Recorder of Town Council. Mary Ann Laughlin #79, next to Elizabeth Orr entry, was likely the spouse of M.M. Laughlin.

Elizabeth Orr was a member of the Methodist Church of Steubenville, OH. Van Lightizer became a Methodist too, probably due to Sarah Orr's influence & were married by E. Hays, M.G., 18 Sep 1848 in Steubenville. Note: John Orr, Elizabeth's husband, was not a full member in 1833. In Deeds Book Y-566 27 Jun 1846 Elizabeth, widow of John Orr, sells lots in Steubenville #101 & 102 (tavern stand & inn). Because of her strong Christian faith & church membership, it is likely Elizabeth Orr absolved herself of the tavern stand business (alcoholic beverages) against the wishes of the deceased John Orr. A key to this opinion is expressed in John Orr's will:

*Item 2nd: Inasmuch as my house has recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand, I am desirous that my wife continue keeping a public house if consistent with her feelings, and her circumstances will permit*

Thus in the 1850 census of Jefferson Co., OH Elizabeth is found in her son Samuel Orr's household. Elizabeth Orr would die that year on 12 Jun 1850. Samuel Orr was a painter and likely eldest son of John & Elizabeth Orr.



Lighthizer - Orr Plot Section D, Union Cemetery Steubenville, OH (Reid Family photo) John & Elizabeth Orr (red arrows) Van Lighthizer & Sarah Orr (yellow arrows)

### John Orr's Will

*In the name of the Benevolent Father of all. I John Orr of Market Street, Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.*

*Item First: I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of her dower, the real estate now occupied by me in the town of Steubenville, it being the same purchased by me from Nathaniel Dike Esqr. during her natural life, if she so long remain my widow, and all the stocks, household goods, furniture provisions and other goods and chattels which may be thereon, at the time of my decease, during her natural life, if she so long remain my widow and if she can from the proceeds and receipts of the house or the assistance of friends, pay or arrange my just debts. And at the death of my said wife, or in case she should again marry, the real estate aforesaid, and such part of said personal property or the proceeds thereof, as may then remain unconsumed, and unexpended, I give and devise to my children share and share alike.*

*Item 2nd: Inasmuch as my house has recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand, I am desirous that my wife continue keeping a public house if consistent with her feelings, and her circumstances will permit, and it is my will and desire that my family continue together as long as possible, and that such of my children as are old enough will assist their mother in bringing up the younger children and supporting the family.*

*Item 3rd: I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Orr and my friend M. M. Laughlin Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I authorize and empower them, if it shall become necessary in order to pay my debts, to sell by private sale, or in such manner, upon such terms of credit, or otherwise, as they may think proper, all or any part of my real estate, and deed to purchasers to execute, acknowledge and deliver in fee simple.*

*In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 21st day of April A.D. 1844.*

*John Orr [Seal]*

*Signed and acknowledged by said John Orr, as his last Will and Testament, in our presence; and signed by us in his presence.*

*Jno K. Sutherland*

*April 21st 1844.*

*James McKenney*

*State of Ohio, Jefferson County*

Elizabeth Orr was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Steubenville in 1833 whereas John Orr's membership is not listed. In Deeds Book Y-566 27 Jun 1846 Rezin Permar is Administrator of John Orr, deceased. Elizabeth, widow, Sarah, Samuel, William and Francis heirs sell lots in Steubenville #101 & 102 (tavern stand & inn); David Coble & Henry Permar, Wits. Because of her strong Christian faith & church membership, it is likely Elizabeth Orr absolved herself of the tavern stand business against the wishes of the deceased John Orr.

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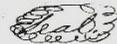
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and if she can from the proceeds and receipts of the  
house or the assistance of friends, pay or arrange my just  
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should again marry, the real estate aforesaid, and such  
part of the said personal property or the proceeds thereof,  
as may then remain unconsumed, and unexpended, I give  
and devise to my children share and share alike.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> Inasmuch as my house has recently been  
repaired and furnished for a Tavern stand, I am desirous  
that my wife continue keeping a public house if consist-  
ent with her feelings, and her circumstances will permit,  
and it is my will and desire that my family continue  
together as long as possible, and that such of my children  
as are old enough will assist their mother in bringing up  
the younger children and supporting the family.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Orr and my friend M. McLaughlin  
executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I  
authorize and empower them, if it shall become necessary  
in order to pay my debts, to sell by private sale, or in  
such manner, upon such terms of credit, or otherwise, as  
they may think proper, all or any part of my real es-  
tate, and deed to purchasers to execute, acknowledge  
and deliver in fee simple.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April A.D. 1844.

John Orr 

Signed and acknowledged by said John Orr,  
as his last Will and Testament, in our presence; and  
signed by us in his presence.

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1844.

J. H. Sutherland  
James McHenry

*At a Court of Common Pleas, begun and held at Steubenville, in and for said County of Jefferson, on Monday the 26th day of August A.D. 1844, among other proceedings had at said Court was the following wit:*

*In The Matter of the last Will and Testament of John Orr Deceased*

*This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Orr late of County of Jefferson, deceased, was brought into Court and John K. Sutherland and James McKenney two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, being first duly sworn and the said paper writing being exhibited to them, they each did depose and say "I saw the said John Orr deceased sign said paper writing as and for his last Will and Testament. I signed the same as a witness in his presence and at his request. He the said John Orr at the time of the signing thereof was of sound mind and memory of the full age of twenty one years and was under no restraint. And the Court being satisfied that the said paper writing had been duly executed published and declared by the said John Orr in his lifetime as and for his last Will and Testament. The same is admitted to probate and together with the foregoing evidence ordered to be recorded. And the Codicil to the said last Will being also exhibited to the Court and the subscribing witnesses thereto, being examined on oath did depose in their opinion, the testator was not at the time of executing the said Codicil of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is ordered that the said Codicil be not admitted to probate. And thereupon Elizabeth Orr and Matthew M. Laughlin, Executors named in said Will having declined the execution thereof it is ordered that Letters Testamentary, with this said last Will annexed be issued to James McKenney who is appointed Administrator. Bond to be given in the sum of \$1000. Thomas McKenney and Edwin M. Stanton were approved of as Securities. David McGowan, R. Permar and Thomas Norton were appointed appraisers of property. Ordered that letters Testamentary issue accordingly.*

*Attest: John S. Patterson, Clk.*

Jefferson County, Ohio Will Book 1844 – John Orr

It is interesting to note that a Codicil to the last said will of John Orr, was not admitted in the opinion of the subscribers. In their opinion the testator (John Orr) '*was not at the time of executing the said Codicil of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is ordered that the said Codicil be not admitted to probate.*' The Codicil was never included in the 1844 Will book. It is tempting to speculate what sort of terminal illness John Orr had that rendered him devoid 'of sound and disposing mind and memory'; obviously some sort of fever that would render him unsound of mind. As listed in the last Will & Testament of John Orr, Edwin M. Stanton was approved as one of the Securities. Edwin M. Stanton was President Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War & later President Andrew John's Secretary of War 1862 – 1868. Stanton's wife Mary, died of a bilious fever in Steubenville shortly before John Orr on 13 Mar 1844:

But the most devastating change in Edwin M. Stanton's life came with the death from "fever of his wife on March 13, 1844. He wrote to a friend: *This calamity has overwhelmed me. I know not where to look or whither to turn. We were both young and happy in each other, looking forward to a long life of joy and happiness. . . . A few days ago I laid her in her grave . . .* Ann Elliot, a seamstress, made Mrs. Stanton's grave clothes, and was compelled to alter the garments several times to suit Stanton. She later said *He wanted his wife to look, when dressed for the grave, just as she did seven years before at the marriage altar. "She is my bride and shall be dressed and buried like a bride," said he, as he sat by her side moaning and weeping.* Mary's death wrought a complete change in his manner. "Where formerly he met everybody with hearty and cheerful greeting," says Mrs. Davison Filson of Steubenville, "he now moved about in silence and gloom, with head bowed and hands clasped behind." He kept aloof from public and social gatherings, but gave more attention to religious matters.

Bilious fever was a medical diagnosis often used for any fever that exhibited the symptom of nausea or vomiting in addition to an increase in internal body temperature and strong diarrhea. "The term is obsolete and no longer used, but was used by medical practitioners in the 18th and 19th centuries, often cited as a cause of death on death certificates. President Lincoln's son Willie was said to have died from bilious fever. Modern diagnoses for the same symptoms would include a wide range of conditions and infections. Bilious Fever was a the name assigned to what are now known as a number of different diseases with some of the same symptoms such as typhoid fever, yellow fever, cholera and particularly malarial fevers. President Madison complained of bilious fever for many years; Zachary Taylor got "too hot, bringing on bilious fever, typhoid fever, and cholera morbus" and died; John Tyler died of "Bilious Fever" too. The following account is told in *The Lives and Voyages of Drake, Cavendish & Dampier*, Johnstone, 1910, pp. 114-115 regarding bilious fever:

The Spaniards might not have got off on such easy terms, but that the fearful pest, the deadly **bilious fever**, which has so often proved fatal to English expeditions in the very same locality, now raged in the fleet, and compelled the commanders to revise their plans and lower their demands. About 700 men perished in this expedition of the *calentura* alone, as the disease, since described by Smollett and Glover and others, was then named. Those who struggled through this frightful malady, if we may fully credit the early accounts, were even more to be pitied than those that sunk under the disease. Though they survived, it was with loss of strength, not soon if ever recovered; and many suffered the decay of memory and **impaired judgment**; so that,

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### DRAKE DESTROYS THE SPANISH SHIPPING 133

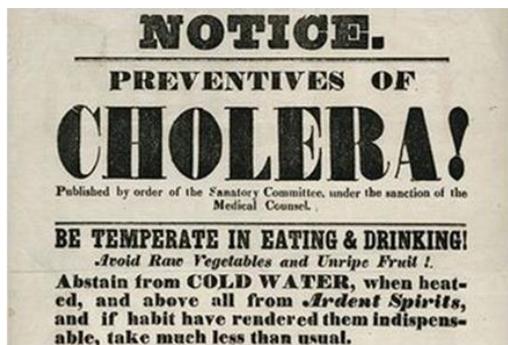
when a man began to talk foolishly and incoherently, it became a common phrase in the fleet to say that such a one had been seized with the *calenture*.

Beginning in the early 1830s, cholera epidemics killed thousands of United States citizens, including many Ohioans. People who contract cholera generally suffer from severe, diarrhea, vomiting, and cramps. The disease is spread by drinking water or eating food that is contaminated with human feces containing the bacterium *Vibrio cholera*. By the autumn of 1832, the illness had reached Cincinnati, probably brought by people traveling along the Ohio River. The Ohio and Mississippi Rivers allowed the disease to spread quickly across the United States in all directions. Cholera also reached Ohio's interior. Canals provided a relatively stagnant source of water that allowed cholera to fester. As a result of the stagnant water, canal workers commonly died from this illness. While canals, railroads, and steamboats benefited Ohioans economically, these modes of transportation also brought disease. Former President James Polk, a resident of Tennessee, was the most famous person to die of cholera in 1849. Cholera resulted in the postponement of the first Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1850-1851. Cholera most commonly struck during spring, summer, and fall. John Orr had died 3 May 1844. Cold winters, at least in Ohio, routinely killed the cholera germ. *Ohio History Central* – Cholera Epidemics.

As stated Reid does not know what disease killed John Orr in May 1844. At the Court of Common Pleas at Steubenville 26 Aug 1844 in regards to the codicil of John Orr; 'the testator was not at the time of executing the said Codicil of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is ordered that the said Codicil be not admitted to probate'. It appears at the time of the Codicil Orr was not of sound mind & memory; symptoms of a delirious condition of high temperature may have been the culprit. Cholera may have been the cause or even typhoid fever. James Wilson, grandfather of future President Woodrow Wilson & printer of the *Steubenville Western Herald*, who had sold his house to John Orr in 1838; contracted cholera in Steubenville and succumbed to the disease on 22 Oct 1850.

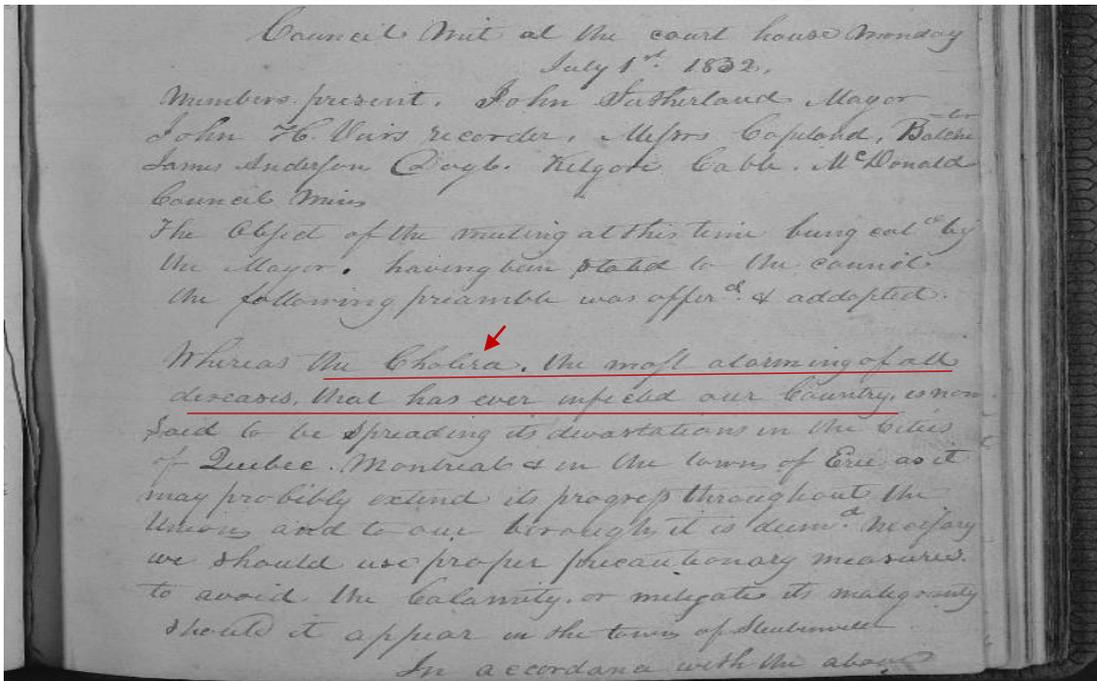
In *The Healthy Body and Victorian Culture*, 1978, Bruce Haley asserts that the Victorians were concerned with health over almost all, if not all, other issues. The following passages are excerpted from his book:

*Nothing occupies a nation's mind with the subject of health like a general contagion. In the 1830s and the 1840s there were three massive waves of contagious disease: the first, from 1831 to 1833, included two influenza epidemics and the initial appearance of cholera; the second, from 1836 to 1842, encompassed major epidemics of influenza, typhus, typhoid, and cholera.*

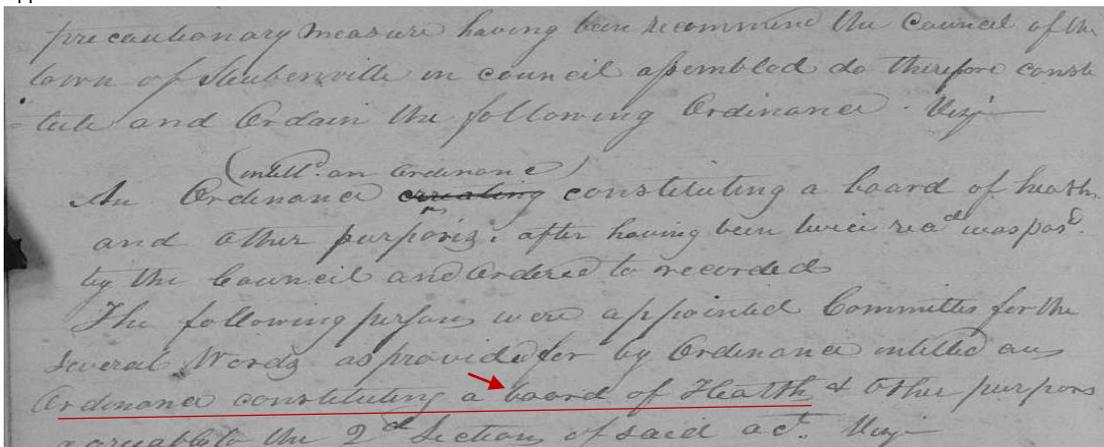


In the 1830s, the term 'fever' included a number of different diseases, among them cholera and influenza and a 'new fever', typhus was isolated. During its worst outbreak, in 1837-1838, most of the deaths from fever in London were attributed to typhus and new cases averaged about 16,000 in England in each of the following four years. This coincided with one of the worst smallpox contagions, which killed thousands, mainly infants and children. Scarlet fever or scarlatina was responsible for nearly 20,000 deaths in 1840 alone. Death in the Victorian City, Ursula Henriques.

The Fear of a Cholera Outbreak in Steubenville 1832



Steubenville Town Council 1 Jul 1832, p. 185 – Whereas the Cholera, the most alarming of all diseases that has ever infected our Country, is now said to be spreading its devastation in the cities of Quebec, Montreal & in the town of Erie as it may probably extend its progress throughout the Union and to our borough, it is deemed necessary we should use proper precautionary measures to avoid the calamity, or mitigate its malignancy should it appear in the town of Steubenville.



Steubenville Town Council 1 Jul 1832, p. 186 - precautionary measure having been recommended the Council of the town of Steubenville in Council assembled do therefore constitute and ordain the following ordinance: An Ordinance constituting a board of health and other purposes, viz after having been twice read was passed by the Council and ordered recorded. Thus because of the fear of Cholera, a Steubenville Board of Health was passed & became into being on 1 Jul 1832.

OBITUARY: The American Union, Steubenville, Ohio, Wed., Oct. 23, 1850, p. 2, col. 2. THE DEATH OF JUDGE WILSON. On Friday last, in the sixty-third year of his age, James Wilson departed this life. He had acquired by industry and energy a comfortable estate, and retired a few years ago from the *Herald* newspaper, which he had controlled for more than a quarter of a century. A victim to the cholera, but a few hours intervened between the vigor of health and the quiet calmness of death. When the morning came, his hat and his cane are found in their accustomed place where his own hand had placed them in the evening--but a night had intervened a night of pestilence--the palsied hand no longer seeks the staff, and the venerable gray hairs require no covering. He died calmly and but a few hours before he breathed his last, said, bring me the morning paper. It was placed in his hand. But alas, "the eyes of those that look out of the windows were darkened." The light of a bright morning was pouring into the room, but it reached not the failing sight of the dying man. "Open the shutters" he said feebly, he essayed again to read--the paper dropped gently from his hand and the veteran Editor resigned himself to death. Cholera in Steubenville. In our columns will be found an account of all who have died since Thursday, and every death from cholera is reported. You cannot fly from it, and if you could fly it would be in vain. A quiet mind should be maintained and in this as in all times of trial, a feeling of resignation to the will of Him "who giveth and taketh away."

Council Chamber July 21<sup>st</sup> 1832  
The Board of Health, for the town of Steubenville, appointed by the Ordinance of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Respectfully report, that, in pursuance of notice they assembled at the Council Chamber on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Electd. James Wilson, President & James Collier, Secretary of the board.

Steubenville Town Council 21 Jul 1832, pp. 190 – In a case of irony, James Wilson, editor of the Western Herald & grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson, was elected President of the Board of Health on 19 Jul 1832 to combat Asiatic Cholera. On Oct 18 1850, James Wilson succumbed to Asiatic Cholera.

In pursuance of the powers vested in them, the board have selected & secured the use of a building situated on High Street, suitable for a hospital should it unfortunately become necessary, to make use of it for that purpose. The board have also taken measures to provide suitable persons as <sup>(nurses and to make all)</sup> necessary arrangements to provide for that portion of the sick, should any there be who may be thrown upon their hands.

The Board further reports, that they have caused an examination to be made, by a committee of their own members, of the different streets and alleys & have directed the several Street Commissioners

to cause the streets to be thoroughly cleansed & the alleys to be immediately graded & put in good order. The Board have also prepared a resolution, directing the several physicians resident in the town, to report to the president the first case of Asiatic Cholera that may fall under their notice & the President, in that event, immediately to convene the board. The board have also adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary submit to the council the following amendment to the Ordinance creating a board of health, passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. (intitled)

Steubenville Town Council 21 Jul 1832, pp. 190-191 – The Council selected & secured a building situate on High Street suitable for a hospital in case Cholera breaks out. The physicians in Steubenville at that time were aware that Cholera was water borne. "The Board further reports that they have caused an examination to be made by a committee of their own numbers, of the different streets and alleys & have directed the several street commissioners to cause the streets to be thoroughly cleansed & the alleys to be immediately graded (pooling water) & put in good order. The Board has also prepared a resolution directing the several physicians resident in the town to report to the President (James Wilson) the first case of Asiatic Cholera that may fall under their notice & the President in that event, immediately convene the Board'.

DEATH NOTICE: The Sun, October 22, 1850.

CHOLERA IN STEUBENVILLE.--The cholera has suddenly broken out in Steubenville, Ohio, to an alarming extent. Several persons have died of the virulent disease, and among them the venerable Judge James Wilson. Five or six other cases are reported. No specific local cause is attributed for the sudden appearance of the destroyer.

R. Permar, Admr. of J. Orr

To

Thomas McHenney

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas at the May Term of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-five in a certain petition for the sale of real estate was filed by. Rezin Permar as administrator with the will

annexed of John Orr late of said County of Jefferson, deceased, to which petition, Elizabeth Orr widow and Sarah Orr, Samuel Orr, William Orr, and Francis Orr, children and heirs of said John Orr, were made Respondents and whereas at the September Term of said Court of Common Pleas, A.D. 1845, such proceedings were had in the premises that the said Rezin Permar as administrator as aforesaid was ordered to sell at public auction certain real estate of said John Orr hereinafter described subject to the dower estate of the said Elizabeth Orr in the equity of redemption in said premises regularly and legally assigned and set off at the sum of Thirty dollars per annum during her natural life. And whereas the said administrator having duly advertised said real estate did on the fourth day of May, A.D. 1846, sell the same at public auction to Thomas McKenney of said County of Jefferson for the sum of Two thousand dollars subject to the said dower estate so as aforesaid set-off and assigned which sale was afterwards at the May Term of said Court A.D. 1846, confirmed and said administrator ordered to execute and deliver a deed in fee simple to said Thomas McKenney for the premises so sold, all which will more fully appear reference being had to the records of said Court. Now therefore I the said Rezin Permar as administrator as aforesaid in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, do by these presents, grant, bargain, alien and convey to the said Thomas McKenney and his heirs and assigns forever the said real estate and premises so sold as aforesaid subject to said dower estate of said Elizabeth Orr so as aforesaid assigned, which said premises are bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Parts of Lots numbered One hundred and One and One hundred and two in the Town of Steubenville, Beginning at the South side of Lot Number One Hundred and one (on the original Plat of said Town, Sixty-three feet from the South West corner of said lot, thence running Eastwardly on Market Street Twenty-three and one half feet, thence Northwardly at right angles with Market Street Sixty feet, thence Westwardly on the North line of Lot number One hundred and one Twenty-three and one half feet, thence Southwardly to the place of beginning. Also all that part of the South half of Lot number One hundred and Two as conveyed to James Wilson by Alexander I. McDowell & wife and William B. Copeland and wife by deed dated the 10th of September, A.D. 1831, with the privileges belonging to said Lot No. 101, and the exceptions and reservations from said part of Lot number 102, as specified in the deed from said James Wilson to said John Orr, with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances. To Have and to Hold the said premises to him the said Thomas McKenney and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject to the said Thomas McKenney and to his heirs and assigns forever, dower of said Elizabeth Orr so as aforesaid assigned. In Testimony whereof I as administrator with the will annexed of the said John Orr do hereto set my hand and seal this 27th day of June, A.D. 1846.

Executed and delivered in the presence of:

David Cable  
Henry Permar

Rezin Permar (Seal)  
Administrator with the will annexed of  
John Orr dec'd.

The State of Ohio, Jefferson County, SS.

(Seal) Be it remembered that on the 27th day of June, A.D. 1846, before me one of the Justices of the peace within and for said County of Jefferson, personally came Rezin Permar, Administrator with the will annexed of John Orr deceased and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free and voluntary act and deed as administrator as aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written. M.O. Junkin (Seal) Justice of the peace.  
The State of Ohio, Jefferson County, SS. Recorded August 11th, 1846.

George Beatty, Recorder

Vol. Y pp. 566-567 R. Permar, Administrator of John Orr to Thomas McKinney 27 Jun 1846

In May Term of Court of Common Pleas 1845 Rezin Permar filed a petition for the sale of real estate as administrator of John Orr's will, to which petition, Elizabeth Orr widow, Sarah Orr, William Orr, and Francis Orr, children and heirs of John Orr, were

made respondents and in the September Term of Court of Common Pleas 1845, Rezin Permar as administrator of John Orr was ordered to sell at public auction certain real estate of John Orr subject to the dower estate of Elizabeth Orr in equity of redemption at the sum of \$30 dollars per annum during her natural life. Permar advertised the said real estate on 4 May 1846 and sold at public auction to Thomas McKenney of Jefferson County for the sum of \$2000 subject to the dower estate and afterwards at the May Term of Common Pleas 1846 Permar was ordered to deliver in fee simple to Thomas McKenney for the premises sold as of Lot number one hundred and one, on the original plat of the town of Steubenville in said county sixty three feet from the south west corner of said lot; thence running eastwardly on Market Street twenty three and one half feet thence northwardly at right angles with Market Street sixty feet; thence westwardly on the north line of the Lot number 101 twenty three feet and a half, then southwardly to the place of the beginning, with the privileges and perpetual use in common with the owners of the real estate lying and being between said premises and Third Street in said town, of an alley three feet in width on the west of said piece of ground surely conveyed as appurtenant thereto. Also all that part of the south half of Lot numbered one hundred and two in said original plat of said town of Steubenville as conveyed to said James Wilson and Ann his wife by A J McDowell & N. McDowell his wife, and by W. B. Copeland & Jane his wife, by their certain deed bearing date the tenth of September 1831 and recorded on the same day in the office for Recording Deeds for Jefferson County in Book N pages 328-333 excepting certain alley and privy privileges. Rezin Permar set his hand and seal 27 Jun 1846.

Elizabeth Orr was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Steubenville in 1833; whereas John Orr's is not listed as a member. In Deeds Book Y-566 27 Jun 1846, Elizabeth, widow of John Orr, children Sarah, Samuel, William and Francis heirs sell parts of lots in Steubenville #101 & 102 (tavern stand & warehouse). Because of her strong Christian faith & church membership, it is very plausible Elizabeth Orr absolved herself of the tavern stand business against the wishes of the deceased John Orr and her sons. It appears that house painting was not as lucrative a profession as a tavern stand for the sons. The choice location of the Orr Tavern Stand across the street from the Court House & Market House and in close proximity to the Steamboat Landing and Stage Coach hubs undoubtedly secured business. The tavern stand on lower Market St. on the 'Old Steubenville, Cadiz and Cambridge Road' & in close proximity to the Pittsburgh Pike were also great business opportunities. A key to this opinion is expressed in John Orr's will:

*Item 2nd: Inasmuch as my house has recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand, I am desirous that my wife continue keeping a public house if consistent with her feelings, and her circumstances will permit*

The U.S. temperance movement emerged around 1826 with the formation of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance, later called the American Temperance Society in the 1840s. The society began crusading for complete abstinence from all alcohol. It is likely Elizabeth Orr was caught up in this movement and sold the tavern stand in 1846 at public auction for \$2000; half the price John Orr paid to James Wilson in 1838. It seems the Orr sons; Samuel, William & Francis took up John Orr's previous occupation as a painter but were not as successful as John Orr had been before them. It is likely Elizabeth Orr did a disservice to her sons in the name of Temperance. However, her standing in the Christian community at Steubenville would be enhanced due to the absolution of the Tavern Stand business with sundry malt, vinous & spirituous liquors.

By the 1830's the face of the movement began to change. Preachers referred to heavy drinking as a sin, and focused on the mental *and* physical affiliations of alcoholism. Original temperance groups urged restraint from hard liquor like whiskey. However, they soon realized that people who claimed to be drinking in moderation were actually drinking large sums of alcohol. There was no way to audit the amount of alcohol each person was consuming due to the extent of the participants. In order to prevent this deceitful activity, in 1836 the Temperance Movement shifted towards pressing for complete abstinence from hard liquor. The decree for absolute abstinence from hard liquor was met with a large uproar from the poor; they could only afford whiskey because of the high price of drinks containing molasses, such as wine. Supporters were accused of depriving the poor of alcohol; the rich could continue to drink sweetened wines and the poor suffered. After seeing the anger that this decree caused, the temperance societies understood that they must take action. In 1839 they announced their goal of complete abstinence from all alcohol. *Temperance Movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century* website.



Account Record Vol 5 Jefferson County Court Records

The final account of Rezin Permar Administrator with the will annexed of John Orr deceased

The accountant charges himself with the following receipts or account of said estate:

-	amount of Sale Bill personal property		\$	391.89
-	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment on Real Estate said			668.00
-	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment on Real Estate said			666.00
-	Interest on 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment			40.00
-	3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment on Real Estate said			660.00
-	Interest on 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment			<u>79.92</u>
-	Total amount of receipts		\$	2511.81

The accountant allows credit for the following disbursements

1846	expenses of last sickness & funeral			
June 27	paid & r Mr. Stanton	1		106.00
"	paid Dr. H. B. Densy	2		24.65
"	paid Laughlin Bill grave clothes	3		5.30
"	paid James A Walker coffin	4		14.00
30	paid Samuel Pease grave stone	5		3.12
"	paid John Perrill yard lot	6		8.00
1847 Jan 15	paid H. J. Hukill vault	7		<u>5.00</u>
Total				\$163.07

1845	expenses of Administration			
Feb 12	paid Judges	8		5.00
26	paid John S. Patterson Clerk	9		6.84
May 20	paid Robert McClerey	10		3.00
1846 Jul 1	paid F S Fry appraiser	11		2.00
"	paid Alex Shaw	12		2.00
Aug 10	paid Johnston clk sale Real Estate	13		20.74
"	paid N Purvance printer	14		5.04
1847 Jan 2	paid John S Patterson clerk	15		4.00
Apr 13	paid John Orr appraiser	16		4.00
Estate of John Orr Deceased				
1847 Apr 22	paid Moses Hillers clerk	17		1.00
May 24	paid R C Wilson printer	18		2.00
1848 Apr 24	paid paid Stanton & McCook	19		15.00
"	paid Edwin M. Stanton	20		25.00
"	paid Masters for clk			12.00
"	paid Administration percentage			<u>120.00</u>
	Total amount of Adm charges			\$226.09

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Preferred Debt deemed by Mortgage

1845				
Jun 30	paid Samuel Page	21		.75
Dec 6	paid R S Conn city tax	22		11.04
Dec 23	paid I G Marris	23		19.00

1846 Jun 27	paid Hans Wilson	24	604.50
1844 4 12	paid Hans Wilson		497.03
	Widow allowance		30.00
	Widow for amount paid by her before Adm & appraising		
	Estate said as by Schedule "A"		<u>167.94</u>
	Total amount of debts		\$1330.26

Recapitulation

Total amount of receipts disbursements		\$2511.81
1 last sickness & funeral		163.07
2 Administration		226.09
3 Debts preferred & c		1330.26
Total Disbursement		1719.42
Total Residue in hands		\$792.39

The debts due & owing by said estate which has been presented to and allowed by the accountant are \$1827.43. The money in the hands of the accountant applicable to the debts \$792.34. Deficiency of debts \$1035.04.

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The Accountant files herewith Schedule "B" an account of the claims presented and allowed with the interest with the receipts of creditors. Rezin Permar Administrator of John Orr deceased acting as commissioner of the estate.

The State of Ohio Jefferson County in the September Term AD 1848 at the Court of Common Pleas is and for said county I Rezin Permar Administrator of the estate of John Orr deceased being first duly sworn do make the foregoing account of all my receipts and expenditures an account of the said Estate as such administrator

Sworn to and subscribed { Rezin Permar

Before me the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1848

Stephen W. Hill, Deputy Clk

Masters Report

The Masters to whence was referred the final account of Rezin Permar Administrator with the will annexed of John Orr deceased would respectfully report that the said Administrator is chargeable with the same following, Viz:

The Amount of Sale Bill of Personal Property	\$	391.89
Sale of Real Estate	\$	2000.00

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Interest on same	\$	<u>119.92</u>
Total Amount	\$	2511.81

Said Administrator is entitled to credit for the following disbursements as appears from proper vouchers Viz:

Expenses of last sickness & funeral	\$	164.07
Expenses Administrator	\$	93.65
Master report	\$	12.00
Preferred debts paid	\$	1132.32
Allowance to Widow	\$	30.00
Debts paid before adm & appraising estate	\$	<u>167.94</u>
Total Disbursements	\$	1720.42
Recapitulation		
Receipts	\$	2511.81

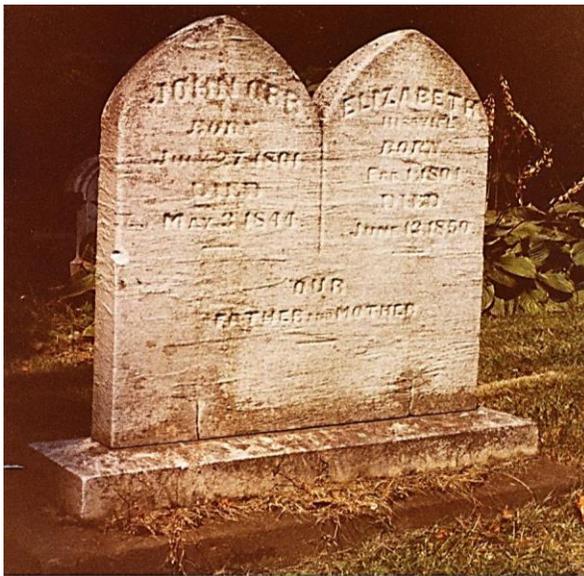
Disbursements	\$	<u>1720.02</u>
	\$	791.39
Claims presented & allowed	\$	1827.42
Amount applied pro rata to their payment as appears from expenditures	\$	<u>791.66</u>
Deficiency of Assests	\$	1035.77

Sept 4 1848 JM Mason MC in CH

The State of Ohio Jefferson County At the September Term AD 1848 at the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, the foregoing account and report was examined by the court and the same one passed and appraised and ordered to be recorded.  
Clerk

The Account Record Vol 5 Jefferson County Court Records, Estate of Estate of John Orr Deceased, pp. 240-243, shows that at the time of John Orr's will 21 Apr 1844, the Orr tavern stand & public house business had paid all its installment mortgage on the \$2900 loan. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> installment on real estate mortgage are shown as paid. Sale Bill of personal property after John Orr's death amounted to \$391.89, for total receipts of \$2511.81.

The expense of Administration by Rezin Permar, Administrator of John Orr's estate in 1848, showed disbursements of \$163.07 for the expenses of John Orr's sickness and funeral. Mathew M. Laughlin was paid \$5.30 for John Orr's grave clothes. The price of coffin was \$14.00, grave stone \$3.12, yard lot \$8.00 & vault \$5.00. Sometime after the opening of Union Cemetery on W. Market Street in 1854, John & Elizabeth Orr were reinterred on the Lighthizer plot by Van & Sarah (Orr) Lighthizer. The reinterment could have happened anytime between 1854 & 1867 but likely at the latter date. The current John & Elizabeth Orr headstone was obviously paid by the Lighthizers as the stone is definitely more expensive than \$3.12. It is curious that Van Lighthizer's parents, Matthias & Elizabeth (McCormick) Lightizer were not reinterred on the Lighthizer plot in Section D at Union Cemetery. Matthias d. 1827 & Elizabeth d. before 1860 both in Steubenville.



The present John Orr stone is quite impressive and the cost is way more than the \$3.12 listed. Obviously Van & Sarah (Orr) Lighthizer purchased a new marker after John & Elizabeth Orr reinterments betwixt 1854 – 1867 on the Lighthizer plot in Section D of Union Cemetery, Steubenville. John Orr & Elizabeth Orr were likely originally buried in the old Steubenville cemetery at corner of S. Fourth St & South St. Steubenville turned the burial ground into the Grant HS. The Grant School was demolished in 2008 and is now a parking lot.

The expense of appraising the real estate & personal property & Administrator percentage (\$120) amounted to \$226.09. This included the legal fees by Edwin M. Stanton, later President Lincoln's Secretary of War in 1862 & printing by R C Wilson, son of James Wilson, whom John Orr bought the house & warehouse from. R C Wilson had also resided at the Wilson house prior to Orr's purchase. Preferred debt by mortgage included the residual of \$1101.53 to pay off the loan in order to sell the sections of lots #101 & 102 of John Orr. A required widow allowance of \$30 & amount paid by Elizabeth Orr by Schedule A was \$167.94 for a total debt of mortgage of \$1330.26.

Total receipts - \$2511.81 minus the total debts 1) sickness & funeral \$163.07 2) Administration \$226.09 and Mortgage debts \$1330.26 leaves residue in hands \$792.39.

It is interesting to note that John Orr was buried in new grave clothes as was Mary, Edwin M. Stanton's wife who died 13 Mar 1844 in Steubenville 2 months before Orr. Reid was surprised to note that they had vaults surrounding the coffin in 1844.

### Estate of John Orr Deceased

The final account of Bazin P. Curran Administrator with the Will annexed of John Orr Deceased.

The Accountant charges himself with the following receipts on account of said Estate,

To Amt. of Sale Price personal property	\$ 391.89
" 1st installment on Real Estate sold	" 668.00
" 2d " " "	" 666.00
" 3rd installment on Real Estate	" 666.00
" Sub on " "	" 299.22
Total Amt of Receipts	\$ 2511.81

The Accountant claims credit for the following disbursements

#### Expenses of last Six Months & former do

1.80	June 27	Paid for Washburn	1	104.00
	" "	" Mr H P Henry	2	26.65
	" "	" Langhins Bill open debts	3	5.30
	" "	" Sims & Walker Office	4	14.00
	" 30	" Samuel Green Iron Store	5	3.12
	" "	" John Powell Store lot	6	8.00
11.15	July 15	" M D McKee Bank	7	5.00
		Total		\$ 163.07

#### Expenses of Administration

1844	July 12	" Paid gas	8	5.00
	" 26	" John S Patterson Clerk	9	6.84
	May 30	" Robert Henry Sawyer	10	3.00
1845	July 1	" B & Boy appraiser	11	2.00
	" "	" Alex Shaw	12	2.00
	Aug 10	" Johnston at Sale real Est	13	20.74
	" "	" A Pouncey Printer	14	5.79
1846	July 2	" John S Patterson Clerk	15	4.00
	April 13	" John Orr Appraiser	16	2.00

Estate of John Orr deceased

	20	Paid Mass Miller chert	17	1.00	
May	24	" R.C. Wilson Printer	18	2.00	
1848 Apr	29	" Sauter & Co. Books	19	15.00	
"	"	" Edwin M. Sauter	20	25.00	
		Waste for 1848 papers		12.00	
		Amusement percentage		100.00	
				Total amt of Adm Exp <sup>s</sup>	226.00

Performed debts assumed by Mortgage

1845		less on advances;			
June	30	Paid Land Page	21	75	
Dec	6	" R.D. Conn City tax	22	11.04	
"	23	" S. H. M. Co. "	23	19.00	
1846 June	27	" Mass Wilson Sim	24	604.50	
1847 "	12	" Do Do		497.25	
		Medical Allowance		80.00	
		" Widow for amt paid by her before Adm <sup>r</sup> & ap <sup>r</sup> pressing debts said as by Schedule "A"		117.94	
				Total amt of debts	1380.25

Recapitulation

Total amt of Receipts	18150.91
Disbursements	
1 Debt Satisfied	1163.00
2 Administration	226.00
3 Debt performed	1380.25
Total Disbursements	17169.25
Total residue in hands	1095.04

The debts due & owing by said estate which have been presented and allowed by the accountants are \$1163.00 The residue in the hands of the accountants applicable to the debts is \$1095.04

Continued

1.00  
2.00  
15.00  
5.00  
2.00  
1.00  
6.09

The account file with  
Schedule B<sup>o</sup> an account of the  
claims presented and allowed  
with the interest thereon & the  
amount to which the same is  
entitled, with the receipts of  
creditors. Regim Perrine Administrator  
of John Orr Deceased acting as  
Commissioner of Insured Estate

75  
11.04  
19.00  
4.50  
7.00  
80.00

The State of Ohio Jefferson County ss  
At the September Term 1885  
of the Court of Common Pleas in and for  
said County.

Regim Perrine Administrator of  
the Estate of John Orr Deceased being first duly  
sworn do make solemn oath that the foregoing  
account and the Schedule B<sup>o</sup>, and the vouchers  
thereto, contain a true and true account of  
all my receipts and expenditures, as a Commissioner of  
said Estate, as such Administrator,  
Income to and disbursed } Regim Perrine  
before me this 20th day of 1885

Stephen W. Hill Deputy Clerk

Master Report

9.42  
92.39

The Master to whom was referred the final  
account of Regim Perrine Administrator with the  
Will annexed of John Orr Deceased would  
respectfully report

That said Administrator is  
chargeable with the sum following viz  
To Amt of Sol Bill of James Proprietor 391.89  
Estate of Real Estate 2500.00

7.13  
12.34  
5.04

Estate of John Orr Deceased

Interest on same

119.92

2511.81

Said Administration is entitled to credit for the following disbursements as appears from proper vouchers viz

Expenses of last disburse <sup>ment</sup> funeral	\$164.04	1843
" " Administration	93.65	March
Wages for 12 Cows 1/2, 1/2, 1/2	12.00	1844 Dec
Profess <sup>or</sup> debts paid	1132.32	" after
Allowance to Widow	200.00	1845 "
Ables paid here Estate Buss to be made	167.94	
	<u>1720.02</u>	

Re capitulation

Receipts \$2511.81

Disbursements 1720.02

791.79

Gains presented & allowed 1207.02

Amount applied pro rata to their payment as appears from proper vouchers:

Deficiency of assets 1035.77

Sept 4, 1848

Immason Clerk

The State of Ohio Jefferson County ss

At the September Term 1848 of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, the foregoing account and Report were examined by the court and the same are passed and approved and ordered to be recorded

Clerk



This is where the Orr Tavern Stand would have been located (red arrow) next to the Nathaniel Dike brick building 40' x 60' on the NE corner of Market & Third Streets, close to where the woman is standing at corner of Market & Third Streets. This is how 'Court House Square' would have looked to John Orr and the public from the front door of the Orr Tavern Stand in the early 1840s. Unfortunately the John Orr Tavern Stand is not shown. A stage coach is turning off Market Street to go down Third St. The building on the opposite corner is the Jefferson County Court House (yellow arrow). Across Market St. is the Market Headquarters where produce would be bought & sold (blue arrow). Behind the Market House would be the Fairbanks 6 ton platform scale used by Weigh Master John Orr in 1835-1836. The Phoenix Hook & Ladder Carriage House was behind the Market House on the NW corner of John England's lot #138. John Orr would have utilized the Phoenix Hook & Ladder Carriage House as a Ladder man from Steubenville 1837-1839. Before 1837, the ladders were housed in the Engine House #1 just N of and in back of the Court House. Further down on the same side of Market St. was Washington Hall Hotel (green arrow). Henry Howe drawing in 1846, the year Elizabeth Orr sold the tavern Stand to Thomas McKenney. The Tavern Stand was prime real estate for business and John Orr bought it from James Wilson, grandfather of Woodrow Wilson, for \$4000 in 1838.

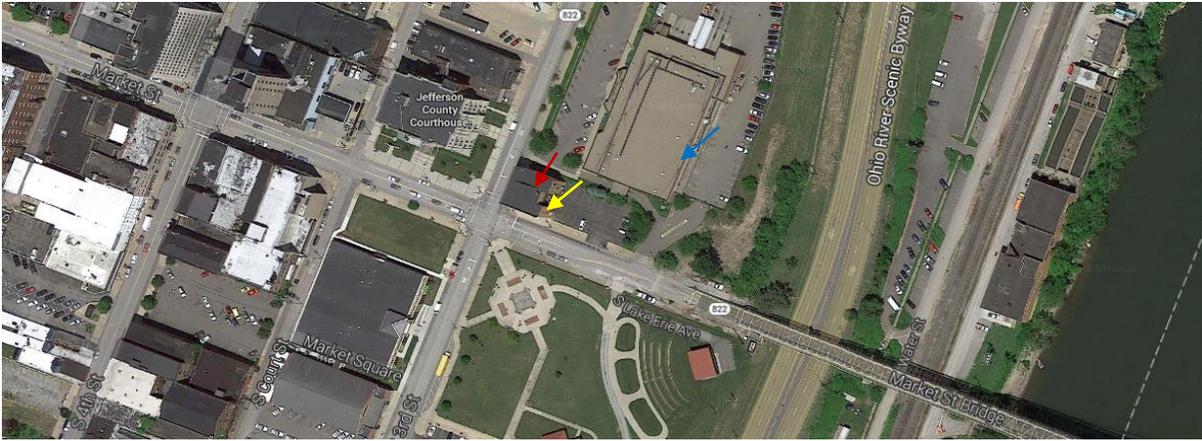


Ella Lighthizer c1890

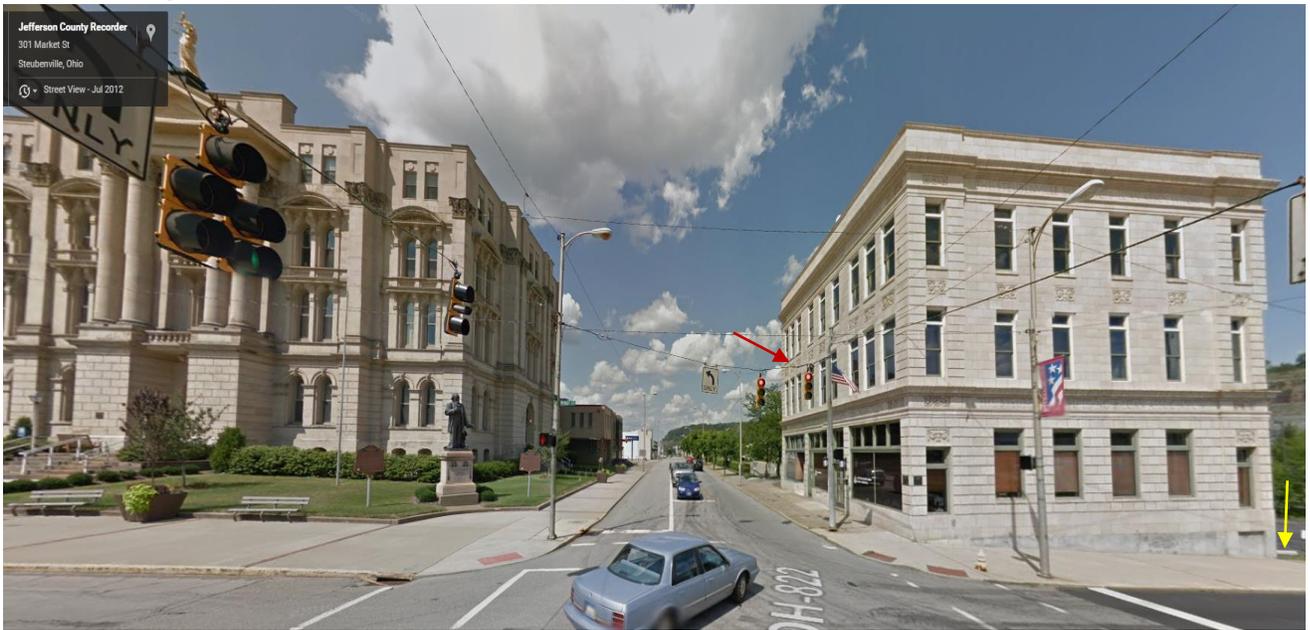


Ella Lighthizer painting of Permar's Run, Steubenville, OH c1880

Ella Lighthizer, grand-daughter of John & Elizabeth Orr, was an accomplished artist that painted nature & religious motives. Ella was a graduate of the Steubenville Female Seminary. Ms. Lighthizer painted this view of Permar's Run near the Ohio River, about 0.8 mile S of the old John Orr Tavern Stand. Reid is in possession of the painting. Rezin Permar was the administrator of John Orr's estate in 1848.



Lot #101 of John Orr's Tavern Stand would have encompassed part of the current parking (yellow arrow) E of the old Steubenville Building & Loan Association building (red arrow). The current US Post Office (blue arrow) would have been on a section of Orr's lot 102.

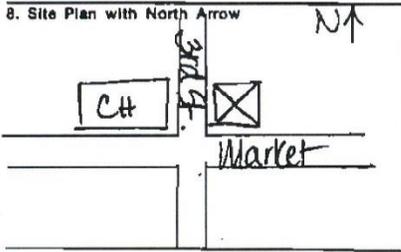


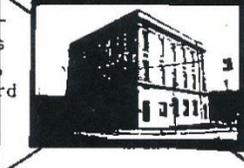
Jefferson County OH – old Steubenville Building & Loan Association building c1910 now occupies the original 2 story log house bought by Nathaniel Dike in 1823 and made into a 2 story brick building 40' x 60' on lot 101 just W of the Wilson house (yellow arrow) now a parking lost just E of Dike's building on NE corner of Market & Third Streets.



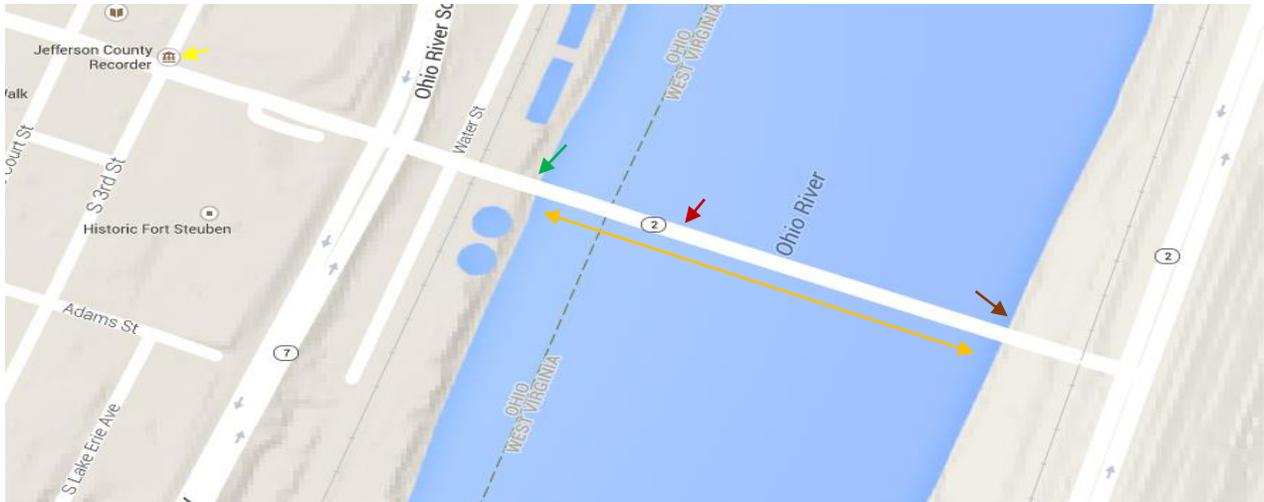
View E to Ohio River & beginning of Market St. Bridge (orange arrow) to West Virginia. There was no bridge Market St. Bridge at this time in the 1830s & 1840s. The steamboat landing located by green arrow and Orr Tavern Stand & Public House (now Jefferson Co. Recorder – yellow arrow).

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

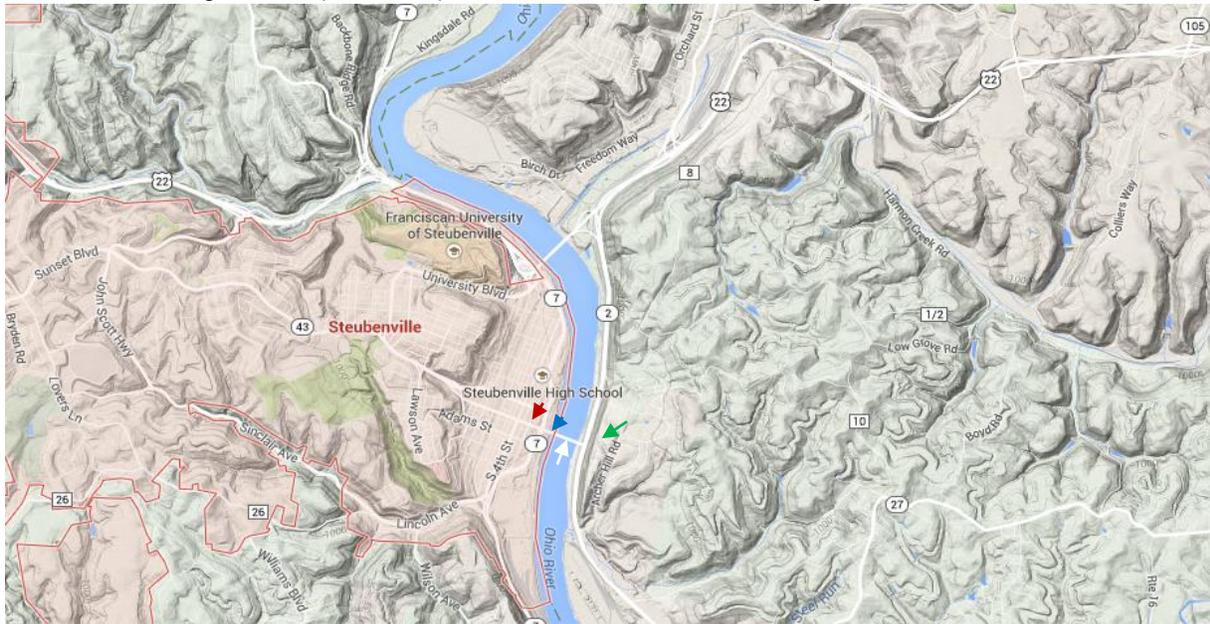
1. No.		4. Present Name(s)		1. No.
2. County Jefferson		5. Other Name(s)		
3. Location of Negatives OHPO		Stuebenville Building & Loan Association		2. County Jefferson
6. Specific Location 100 N. 3rd St.		18. Thematic Category commercial		
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Steubenville		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1910		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Neo-Classical influence		4. Present Name(s)
9. U.T.M. Reference Zone Easting Northing 17 532810 4467540		19. Architect or Engineer		
10. Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder		5. Other Name(s)
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent offices		
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use offices		Stuebenville Building & Loan Association
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known		
15. Name of Established District		25. Open to Public? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Stuebenville Building & Loan Association
42. Further Description of Important Features. (Continue on reverse if necessary) This three story commercial structure has handsome terra cotta facing on the Third & Market St elevations, while the other elevations are all brick. Detailing includes a cornice above the storefronts, urns & floral decoration in the spandrels between the second & third floors, & a decorative cornice with the building's name in the frieze.		26. Local Contact Person or Organization		
43. History and Significance Steubenville Building & Loan Association was incorporated in 1888. One of its founders was the Honorable William M. Miller, Miller & Miller Attorneys. There is little else known about the history of the bank or the construction of this building. The bank was located here since at least 1905, although the building is probably slightly later. It has handsome terra cotta details and is an important building in the CBD of Steubenville.		27. Other Surveys in Which Included		Stuebenville Building & Loan Association
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Located on a corner lot, across Third St. from the courthouse. It is free standing and surrounded by parking lots.		46. Prepared by Nancy Recchie		
45. Sources of Information Sanborn maps Mueller's Atlas of Steubenville, 1902 City directories Doyle, 20th Century History of Steubenville & Jefferson Co., 1910		47. Organization B.D. Rickey & Co.		Stuebenville Building & Loan Association
		48. Date 9/85		
		49. Revision Date(s)		



The old Steubenville Building & Loan Association structure would have encompassed the whole of the old two story log house that stood on the NE corner of lot 101 (supplanted by the Nathaniel Dike 40' x 60' brick building in 1824). The building adjacent to it is currently the US Post Office and part of Orr's lot 102 (E side of South half of lot 102 with warehouse) resided on this parcel. As noted, The Orr house (now the parking lot adjacent to the Steubenville Building & Loan Association) was the home of James Wilson and Joseph Ruggles Wilson, the grandfather and father respectively, of President Woodrow Wilson from 1823-1838. About 1838 James Wilson and family relocated to the corner of Logan & Sixth Street further North West of Market Street and sold that residence to Col. James Collier in 1849.



Google map showing Market Street Bridge (red) former steamboat landing (green arrow) and John Orr Tavern Stand (yellow arrow) West Virginia border, at that time Virginia in 1840 (brown arrow). The width of the Ohio River at the crossing ~ 1000 feet.



Topographical map of Steubenville showing Orr Tavern Stand location (red arrow), steamboat landing (blue arrow) West Virginia boundary (green arrow). Market St. Bridge to WV (white arrow).



The Pittsburgh Pike followed somewhat modern day Route 22 (brown arrows) and connected to Steubenville via stagecoach, horseback or wagon. Orr Tavern Stand & Inn (red arrow) on Market St. and Pittsburgh (blue arrow).

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES														FEMALES									
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and up-ward.	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 and up-ward.
	William Means	30	21	18	22	44	14	17	3	4					18	31	25	30	33	17	17	7	3	1
John Hunter Jr.					3												3							
John Colting	1				1										1		1							
John McCullery					1				1							1	1	2				1		
Saml Webb		1				1								1		1	2	1						
John Orr Mrt.	1	1	1		1											1	1	1						

The 1840 census of Steubenville, Jefferson Co. OH has John Orr Mrt. listed as John Orr Mot under Ancestry.com.



On enlarging the entry 4x, list reads John Orr Mrt. (abbreviation for Merchant?) Thus the entry is hard to locate. Likely merchant abbreviation.



### John Orr Mrt in the 1840 United States Federal Census

Name: John Orr Mrt  
[John Orr Mot]

Home in 1840 (City, County, State): Steuben, Jefferson, Ohio

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5: 1

Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9: 1

Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14: 1

Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39: 1

Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14: 1

Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19: 1

Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39: 1

Free White Persons - Under 20: 5

Free White Persons - 20 thru 49: 2

Total Free White Persons: 7

Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves: 7

#### Source Citation

Year: 1840; Census Place: Steuben, Jefferson, Ohio; Roll: 405; Page: 64; Image: 132; Family History Library Film: 0020169

Male under 5 – Francis Orr b. c1838.

Male 5 thru 9 – William Orr b. c1835

Male 10 thru 14 – Samuel Orr c1837

Male 30-39 – John Orr b. 1801

Female 10-14 – unknown daughter d. before 1846

Female 15-19 – Sarah Orr b. 1825

Female 30-39 – Elizabeth Orr b. 1804

All Orr family accounted for except a daughter that d. before 1846. John Orr, Tavern Stand & Public House keeper denoted as Mrt. (Merchant?) in the 1840 census. Dictionary.com has the following definition for merchant:

1. a person who buys and sells commodities for profit; dealer; trader. 2. a storekeeper; retailer: a local **merchant** who owns a store on Main Street. (John Orr owned tavern stand on Market Street)

Thus John Orr had transitioned from chair maker and painter to publican in the 1840 census. His enterprises before 1838 must have been very successful as he purchased section Lots #101 & 102 in Steubenville for \$4000.

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES											FEMALES												
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and up	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	
	William English	32	41	32	42	77	37	28	18	7	5				32	37	53	63	61	24	31	13	3	1
James Hobbs	1				1									1				1						
Corneilus O. Sullivan	1				1									1				1						
John Russell				1			1							1	1							1		
Philip Young				2	1									1				1						
Winton Sewell	1				1									1				1						
John McKonata	1	1	2		1		1							2				1						
David Sutt		3		1	3	1								2				1						
O. M. Stevens				1			1							1	1			1						
Sam Allison				1		1											2	1					1	
Wm. McDonald					2			1						1				2						1
John Orr								1									2							
J. W. Mills	1						1							1	1			2						
Saml. D. Hunter	2	1	1				1																	

1840 census Steubenville John Orr, Grocer, has 2 daughters 10-14. John Orr had no sons thus his grocery enterprise to nephew John Orr who had m. his daughter Mary Jane in 1855.

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### John Orr in the 1840 United States Federal Census

Name: John Orr

Home in 1840 (City, County, State): Steuben, Jefferson, Ohio

Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	2
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	2
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	2
Total Free White Persons:	4
Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves:	4

Source Citation  
Year: 1840; Census Place: Steuben, Jefferson, Ohio; Roll: 405; Page: 66; Image: 136; Family History Library Film: 0020169

- Male 40-49      John Orr b. 1798
- Females 10 thru 14 2      Mary Jane b. 1830
- elder daughter unknown b. c1826-1839
- Female 30-39      Jane b. 1802

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES											FEMALES														
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.
	John Orr		1																							

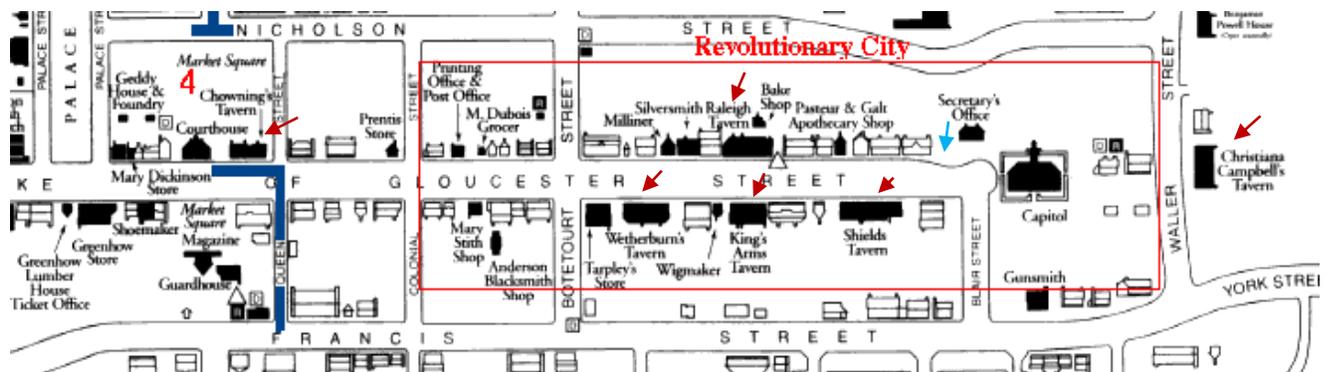
1830 census of Steubenville, Jefferson Co. OH John Orr with 1 male child & 1 female child Likely John Orr chair maker & not John Orr grocer with the enumerator not closely paying attention to detail in the age columns. John Orr, grocer, had no sons in the 1840 census & it is presumed he had no sons in the 1830 enumeration.

## John Orr in the 1830 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Orr [John Perr]
Home in 1830 (City, County, State):	Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	2
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	2
Total Free White Persons:	4
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored):	4

- Male 5-9 likely Samuel Orr b. 1827 and in wrong column
- Males 30-39 John Orr b. 1801
- Female under 5 Sarah Orr b. 1825
- Female 20-29 Elizabeth Orr b. 1804

John Orr purchased lot #101 (tavern stand & public house location) in 1838. The earliest operation of the tavern stand took place in Jun 1839 when Orr received a liquor license from Steubenville City Council through 1844. Widow Elizabeth Orr had sections of lots #101 & 102 sold at public auction in 1846. Before 1838, John Orr had a chair factory & paint business on Market St. W half of lot #243. That said, the *Steubenville Herald-Star* obituary of Sarah Orr, d/o John Orr, states she was born on lower Market Street, below Third. However this lot #101 (Wilson house) was purchased in 1838 unless John Orr was renting at the time a house on lower Market Street in the mid-1820s before relocating to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward of Steubenville c1827. A pub /pab/, formally public house (a house "open to the public", as opposed to a private house), is a drinking establishment. In rural communities the tavern was a very important public space. The tavern offered the community not only a place to meet, but also a place to conduct business. The tavern also acted as an improtu court house where rules could be made and disputes could be settled. This would be true with the Jefferson County Court House just across Third Street. The John Orr Tavern Stand and Court House were located on Market St. and the public house was in prime real estate. Lawyers, prosecutors & defendants likely partook of the public house beverages prior to or after a court case. Perhaps winning a case would lead to a celebration at the tavern or if the party lost, would might find solice there by drowning his/her sorrows. Reid thought of this locale in regards to the taverns surrounding the Capital & Court House in Colonial Williamsburg. The Raleigh, King's Arms, Christiana Campbells, Charlton's Coffee House, Shields & Weatherburn Taverns are in close proximity and surrounded the Capital. The Williamsburg Court House is next to Chowning's Tavern on Gloucester St. Thus the Jefferson County Court House in Steubenville would draw a fair amount of business on its own. The location of Orr's Tavern Stand was not coincidental.



The Raleigh, King's Arms, Christiana Campbells, Charlton's Coffee House, Shields & Weatherburn taverns are all in close proximity and surrounded the Capital. The Williamsburg Court House is next to Chowning's Tavern on Gloucester St. The newly excavated Charlton's Coffee House is not listed on the map but its location is denoted by blue arrow. It is interesting to note that John Orr the elder, grocer in Steubenville, also ran a coffee house in the late 1830s.



Briggs Tavern NY



Nellis Tavern NY



Rowe & Co. 1852 - food & drink in Tavern Stand



Lemmon House Tavern Bar (PA) restored to 1840 appearance

As noted, John Orr ran a 'tramp wheel' chair factory in the early 1830s before his 'tavern stand' business in the late 1830s. One of the biggest expenses of any public house establishment was the cost of chairs and tables. It is likely that John Orr made his own chairs & tables for the tavern stand at his warehouse on the E Side of the South half of lot 102. His ability to equip the public house at minimal expense likely played into the success of starting up a new enterprising venture. That and the location of his public house across from the Court House, Market House, and Steamboat Landing along the 'Old Steubenville, Cadiz and Cambridge Road' greatly enhanced his prospects. In addition, the stagecoach operation would be near to his establishment close to the Steamboat Landing. All these factors played into the success of the Tavern Stand operation as expressed in John Orr's will in 1844; "my house has recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand, I am desirous that my wife continue keeping a public house". John Orr must have known he was dying as just 12 days after signing his will he died. However, Elizabeth Orr, his wife, did not follow his wishes and had the property sold on lots #101 & 102 at public auction where the Tavern Stand business was located in 1846.



Chair Maker Sign

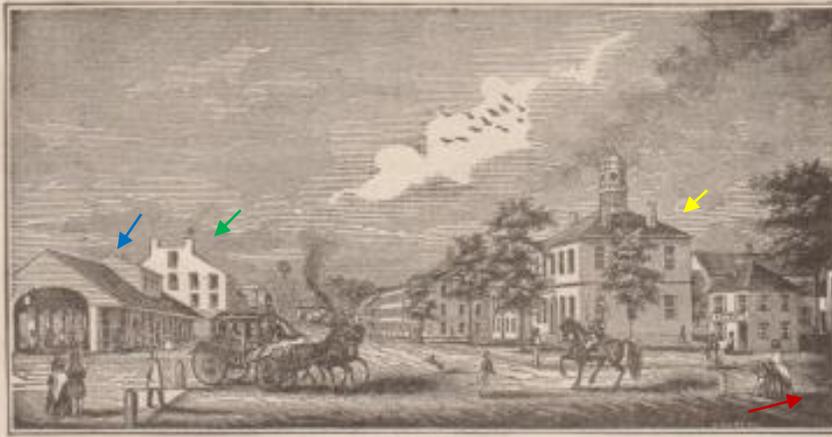


Painter Sign



Tavern Sign

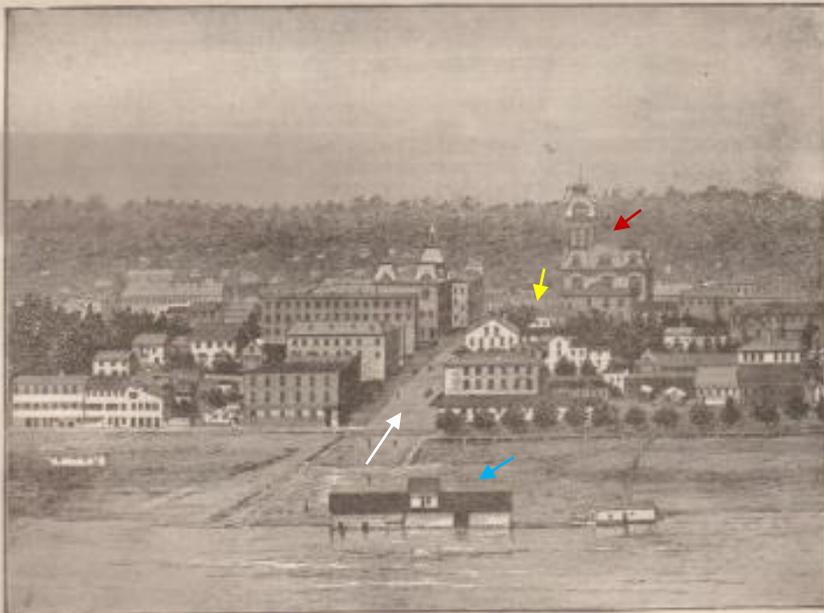
John Orr was a business man and would have likely had similar signs outside his businesses in Steubenville in the 1820s-1840s. In chronological progression; 1) a chair factory on Market Street 2) A sign & house painter and 3) Tavern Stand proprietor.



*Drawn by Henry Howell in 1846.*

MARKET STREET, STEUBENVILLE.

Market Street Steubenville in 1846 (drawn by Henry Howell) when Elizabeth Orr had the Orr Tavern Stand sold at public auction after John Orr's decease in 1844. Where the person on horseback is coming from & where stagecoach is turning is Third Street. This is where the Orr Tavern Stand would have been located (red arrow). Unfortunately the edifice is not shown. The building on the opposite corner is the Jefferson County Court House (yellow arrow). Across Market St. is the Market Headquarters where produced would be bought & sold (blue arrow). Further down on the same side of Market St. was Washington Hall (green arrow). Across the Market on SE corner was a general store.

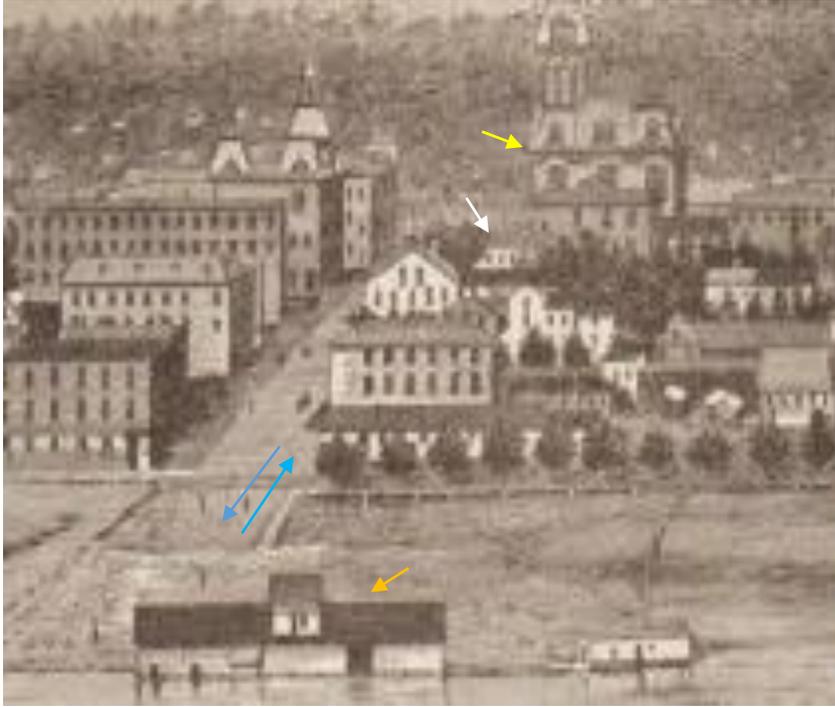


*Davison Filson, Photo, Steubenville, 1886.*

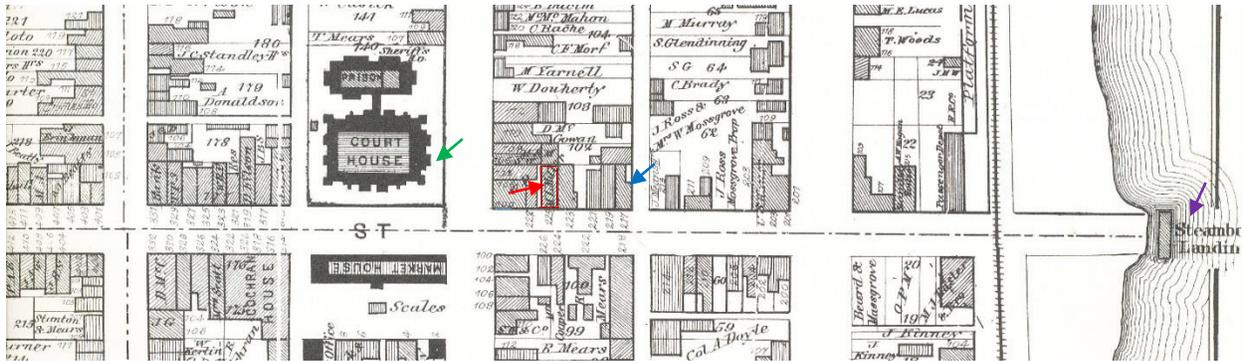
STEUBENVILLE FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA SHORE.

Davison Filson photo 1886 looking from WV side of Ohio River. Reid is of the opinion that the Orr Tavern Stand (1838-1846) is concealed by the 2 story white edifice visible in the photo looking down from Archer Hill, WV at a height. The white color edifice (yellow arrow) likely was one of the houses betwixt Third & High Streets along the public alley. The Court House (red arrow) as on the NW corner of Market & Third Streets. In the 1871 Beers map, the tavern stand abutted the Nathaniel Dike brick house at the NE corner of Market & Third Streets whereas the Court House is recessed back in Filson's photo. Both the white 2 story house & the former Orr Tavern Stand were 60' deep along Third St. The Wells's Steamboat Landing is located in front of Market St. (blue arrow). Note no Market St. bridge in 1886. The former Orr Tavern Stand would be in close proximity to the Steamboat Landing. Market St. (white arrow).

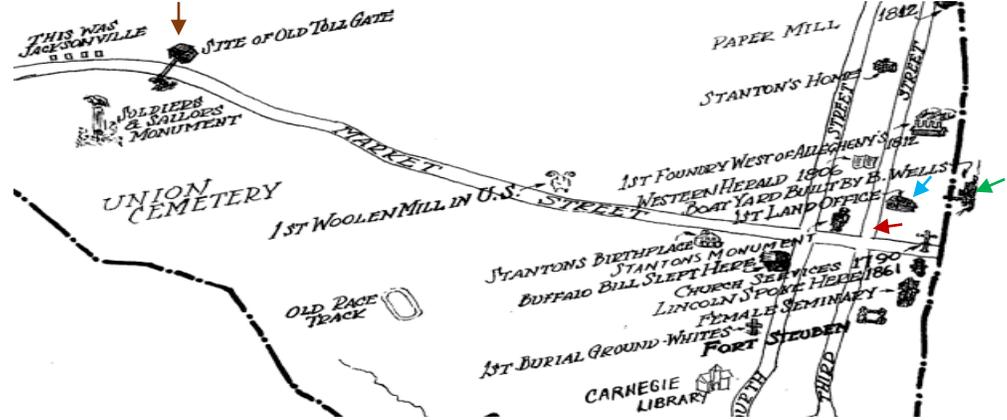
The landscape in the Henry 1846 drawing has change dramatically in the 1886 Davison Filson photo. The depth and locale of the 2 story white house supports the opinion by Reid that it was at the W corner of the public alley betwixt Third & High Streets, obscuring the former Orr Tavern Stand (1838-1846). The view is looking down from Archer Hill at a height on the WV side. Thus the tavern stand (former Wilson house) is concealed by this 2 story white house. The proximity to the tavern stand to the Steamboat Landing at the E end of Market St. would be fortuitous for John Orr in serving parched and ravenous guests. The tavern stand would service locals and visitors travelling by horseback, wagon, stagecoach, foot & steamboat.



Enlarged photo (2.5 x) of Davison Filson photo of Steubenville, Ohio in 1886. The former Orr Tavern Stand faces closer to Market St. than the recessed Jefferson County Court House (yellow arrow). Reid is of the opinion that the remnant of the former Orr Tavern Stand (1838-1846) is concealed by the 2 story white edifice visible in the photo looking down from Archer Hill, WV at a height. The white color house (white arrow) likely was one of the houses betwixt Third & High Streets along the public alley. The 2 story smaller white edifice appears closer than the Court House & across the street. The white edifice appears to be at a further distance than the larger building (3 story) to its immediate right which obscures part of the Court House. Its windows are smaller than the building to its right and its lower level is obscured by a white fence and small trees or hedge row. The tavern stand (former was 60' in length along Third St. and 2 story). The Steamboat Landing or Wharf (orange arrow) is in close proximity to the tavern stand (800 ft). Market St. (blue arrows).



1871 Beers map of Steubenville. The Court House is recessed on Market St. vs the former Orr Tavern Stand (red arrow) as indicated on the 1886 Filson photo across each other on Third St. Both edifices listed as Market St. addresses. The 2 story white house is likely the house at the W corner of the public alley betwixt Third & High Streets (blue arrow).



Images of America Steubenville, Day & Hall, 2005, p. 29 showing location of Orr Tavern Stand & Inn (red arrow), next to 1<sup>st</sup> Land Office in East Central Ohio (blue arrow) in 1800 including the 7 Ranges in Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guersney, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Stark, Summit & Tuscarawas counties. The tollgate (brown arrow) was for the 'Old Steubenville, Cadiz and Cambridge Road'. Boatyard (green arrow) by Market St. built steamboats.



1851 VIEW OF **STEUBENVILLE**. This early drawing appeared in *Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion*, which describes the city as a "lively little place" and calls the scenery of the area "the fairest kind upon this fairest of rivers." In talking about the naming of the city, it refers to "Baron Steuben" and compliments his service in the American Revolution. Note the **steamboat** on the Ohio River and a flatboat docked at the Market Street Wharf. The buildings

#### EXPLOSION OF THE VIRGINIA.

On Saturday, March 31, 1849, at 5 o'clock, P. M., the steamer *Virginia*, plying as a daily packet between Wheeling, Va., and **Steubenville**, Ohio, was torn into pieces and sunk by the explosion of her boilers, at Rush Creek, ten miles above Wheeling. Eight or ten lives were lost, and about fourteen persons were wounded. The explosion took place when the boat was about to land a passenger, Mr. Roe, who was killed. As almost the whole of the upper part of the boat was reduced to fragments, and the hull sunk immediately, there can be no doubt that all of the crew and passengers who were missing, perished in the wreck.

**LIST OF KILLED.**—Mr. Roe, Rush Creek; the chambermaid of the boat; William Ebert, Wheeling, Va.; a colored fireman, and eight or ten others, names unknown.

**BADLY WOUNDED.**—Mr. Boles and lady, **Steubenville**, Ohio; Mr. Collins, the pilot, one leg broken and otherwise badly injured; Henry Commons, Birmingham, Alleghany county, Pa.; John Taylor, first engineer, Wheeling, Va.; W. Barker, St. Louis; W. Althouse, Wheeling; the carpenter of the boat; James Zink, a boy, and A. Snyder, (both legs torn off,) Wheeling; and Mr. Atchison, **Steubenville**.

**SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.**—Mrs. E. Coen, Wheeling; Capt. Dawson,

Above 1851 print of Steubenville in *Images of America Steubenville*, Day & Hall, 2005, p.30. 1851 steamboat on Ohio River & flatboat docked on the Market Street Wharf. The explosion of the steamboat *Virginia* below Steubenville in 1849. The account shows that besides carrying goods and products, passengers were transported daily between Wheeling and Steubenville. Thus the Orr Tavern Stand would have been patronage to many steamboat passengers. Some of the passengers were killed & wounded due to the explosion of the steamboat's boilers. *Lloyd's Steamboat Directory*, Lloyd, 1856, pp. 246-247.

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#### LLOYD'S STEAMBOAT DISASTERS. 247

Richetown; Mr. Beaty, **Steubenville**; and Mr. Burgess and lady, West Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Roe, the passenger who was going on shore at the time of the explosion, was on the plank, and was cut in three pieces by fragments of the boiler.

**DEATH ROLL.**

**SARAH ORR LIGHTIZER.**

widow of Van B. Lightizer, died this Wednesday morning at 6:15 o'clock at the family residence, 305 south Fourth street, aged 78 years.

About a year ago Mrs. Lightizer suffered a stroke of paralysis and from that time on her health had been seriously impaired. Last Friday she suffered another stroke, which proved fatal this morning.

Deceased was a daughter of George and Sarah Orr, pioneer residents of Steubenville, and was born on lower Market street, below Third. At the age of eighteen she was married to Van B. Lightizer, who died in 1872. The surviving children are Edward, George, Eda and Harry, of this city, and Orville, of Mingo Junction.

Mrs. Lightizer was the last member of a family of eleven children. She was a consistent member of the First M. E. Church and a most estimable woman.

**Sarah Orr Lighthizer.**

The death of Mrs. Sarah Lighthizer, which occurred at the family residence, 307 South Fourth street, Wednesday morning at 6:15, removes another of the old residents of the city. Mrs. Lighthizer was born in Steubenville in 1825, being at the time of her death nearly seventy-six years of age, and during all the years of her long life she had resided in this city. She was the widow of Van B. Lightizer, a prominent old citizen, who died in 1872. Mrs. Lighthizer had been ill with paralysis for more than a year and on last Friday suffered a second stroke within a short time. Her enfeebled constitution could not withstand the stroke, however, and she gradually grew worse until her spirit took its flight Wednesday morning. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Orr and was the oldest and last member of a family of eleven children, all of whom were at one time residents of Steubenville. When fifteen years of age, she joined the First Methodist church, and during her long life, when her health permitted, she was a faithful attendant at services, being numbered as one of the most sincere and earnest Christians in the large congregation. She was a kind friend and loving mother, and the children who survive to mourn her loss, are Ella, Edward, George and Harry of this city and Orville of Mingo Junction.

The two obituaries present from the *Steubenville Herald-Star* and *Steubenville Gazette* can hopefully shed light on the ancestry of John Orr and wife Elizabeth. Steubenville had 2 newspapers at this time and the person who did the *Herald-Star* obituary is obviously not the person who wrote the *Gazette*. The *Herald-Star* obituary states she was b. in 1825, d/o John and Elizabeth Orr and the oldest & last member of a family of 11 children. The *Gazette* obituary wrongly records her parents as George and Sarah Orr. The *Herald-Star* obituary states she was born on lower Market Street, below Third. However this lot #101 was purchased in 1838 unless John Orr was renting at another location on lower Market St. at the time. Also mentioned in the *Herald-Star* Sarah m. Van Lightizer at age 18. However, she was m. 19 Sep 1848. Thus of the two accounts, the *Herald-Star* is much less reliable than the *Gazette*. Sarah Orr was age 23 when she m. Van Lightizer. Both the *Herald-Star* & *Gazette* report John & Elizabeth Orr had 11 children. Reid has only accounted for 5 children on the censuses thus many children died in their infancy.

1850	1879	Samuel Orr	22	M	Painter				
		Maria	21	F					Pres.
		John	1	M					Pres.
		Francis	8	M					1
		Elizabeth	14	F					Pres.

1850 Census Jefferson Co., OH Samuel Orr household. Samuel b. c1827 Ohio. Elizabeth Orr b. 1804 PA. Elizabeth's son Francis listed age 8. In Deeds Book Y-566 27 Jun 1846 Elizabeth, widow of John Orr, Sarah, Samuel, William and Francis heirs sell lots in Steubenville #101 & 102 (tavern stand & inn). The children's names are likely chronological; Sarah b. c1825, Samuel b. 1827, William b. 1835 & Francis b. c1842. It is very plausible that Samuel was named after John's father. Of the 11 children born to John & Elizabeth Orr, only 4 were alive in the 1846 deed.

1850	1857	Washington Murray	28	M	Painter				Pres.
		Maria	11	F					Pres.
		Francis	19	F					
		Ann	82	F					Pres.
		William Orr	15	M	None				Pres.

1850 Census Jefferson Co., OH. William Orr, in the household of Washington Murray, b. c1835 was likely John & Elizabeth Orr's son. Although his position is none, Washington Murray like Samuel Orr were both painters; thus William Orr may have been apprenticing for Murray. It is also possible that Washington Murray or wife Maria were related to the Orrs and took him in.

237	237	Van Lighthizer	38	m	1	Carpenter	Occ		Virginia				
		Sarah	30	f	"				Ohio				
		Charles	16	m	"				"				
		Martha	9	f	"				"				
		Esther	6	f	"				"				
		Erwin	5	m	"				"				
		Frank	3	m	"				"				
		Ida	1	f	"				"				
		Francis Orr	17	m	"	Painter			"				

1860 census Steubenville, OH - Francis Orr, s/o John & Elizabeth Orr, was enumerated in Van Lighthizer's household b. c1842 occupation painter. Thus the 3 known sons of John Orr, tavern & innkeeper in 1844; Samuel, William & Francis were all painters. Perhaps the elder brother Samuel steered his younger brothers in getting painting apprenticeships.

John & Elizabeth Orr were not married in Jefferson Co., OH. It is likely they were married in Pennsylvania and then came to Steubenville to settle. To date, no known marriage record has been found for them but likely married c1825. In 1825, Sarah Orr, eldest of the 11 children of John & Elizabeth Orr, is born in Steubenville. As stated, Samuel is likely John Orr's eldest son & likely named after his father.

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REGULATIONS: Class I comprises all persons subject to do military duty between the ages of twenty and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to do military duty above the ages of thirty-five years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons subject to do military duty.

REGULATIONS II.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS II, subject to do military duty in the Seventeenth Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Shank Carroll Jefferson and Edmonson State of Ohio, enumerated during the month of June, 1863, under direction of Major G. Oliver, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE	NAME	AGE in July 1863	WHITE OR COLORED	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE	PLACE OF BIRTH (Naming the State, Territory, or Country)	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE	REMARKS
Stemwell Township	O'Brien Edward	40	w	Farmer	Ohio		1
"	Quinn George	36	"	"	"		2
"	Quinn John	40	"	None	"		3
"	Oddest David	37	"	Painter	"		4
"	Oddest David	36	"	Carver	"		5
Stemwell Township	Orr Samuel	36	"	Painter	"		6

Jun 1863 persons subject to military draft – Samuel Orr age 36 b. c1827 painter

342	336	Orr Samuel	43	m	w	Painter	150	New York	1	1			
		Olivia	28	f	w	Keeping house		Ohio					
		Anne	5	f	w			Ireland	1	1			
		Jessie	3	f	w			Illinois			1		
		Margaret	12	f	w			"			1		
								California			1	See	

San Jose, Santa Clara CA 1870 census likely Samuel Orr of Steubenville. Samuel remarried & son John not listed.

As noted, Francis W Orr participated in the Civil War not from Steubenville but from Washington Co., PA. It is unusual that a man b. 1842 in Steubenville with family in Steubenville would join a Washington Co. PA unit unless he had blood relatives there. Reid finds it very plausible that the Orrs were originally from Washington Co., PA and Francis likely joined with a cousin of the father or mother (John & Elizabeth Orr). This gives credence that Samuel Orr of Canonsburg, Washington Co., PA was the father of John Orr. Also, John Orr m. Elizabeth (?) c1824 likely from Washington Co., PA.

**8th Pennsylvania Reserves/  
37th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers  
Company K  
Recruited in Washington County**

	Ozenbaugh, L. E.	Private	June 22, 1861	3	Not on muster-out roll
	Orr, Francis W.	Private	June 25, 1861	3	Mustered out with Company, May 24, 1864
	Oliver, Joseph W.	Private	June 25, 1861	3	Discharged on Surgeon's Certificate, July 11, 1862

As recorded above, Francis Orr was in Van & Sarah (Orr) Lighthizer's household in the 1860 census which commenced on 1 Jun 1860 and finished 5 months later. Thus less than a year later the 18 year old Francis W Orr had signed up from a PA county company.

## 8th Regiment Reserves Infantry (37th Volunteers)

Francis W Orr served in Co. K, 8<sup>th</sup> PA Reserve Infantry in Civil War, as a musician. Captured at James River 1 Jul 1862 and confined at Richmond, VA 4 Jul 1862. Mustered out with company 24 May 1864.

Organized at Pittsburg July, 1861. Ordered to Washington, D.C., July 30. Attached to 1st Brigade, McCall's Pennsylvania Reserves Division, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1862. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April, 1862. 1st Brigade, McCall's Division, Dept. of the Rappahannock, to June, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Dept. of the Rappahannock, to June, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to August, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 3rd Corps, Army of Virginia, to September, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to February, 1863. 2nd Brigade, Pennsylvania Reserves Corps, 22nd Corps, Dept. of Washington, to April, 1863. District of Alexandria, 22nd Corps, to April, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to May, 1864. SERVICE.--Duty at Tennallytown, Md., August 2 to October 10, 1861, and at Camp Pierpont, near Langley, Va., until March, 1862. Skirmish at Great Falls September 4, 1861. Advance on Manassas, Va., March 10-15, 1862. McDowell's advance on Falmouth April 9-19. Duty at Fredericksburg until June. Moved to White House June 9-11. Seven days before Richmond June 25-July 1. Battles of Mechanicsville June 26; Gaines Mill June 27; Charles City Cross Roads and Glendale June 30; Malvern Hill July 1. At Harrison's Landing until August 16. Movement to join Pope August 16-26. Battles of Gainesville August 28; Groveton August 29; Bull Run August 30. Maryland Campaign September 6-24. Battles of South Mountain, Md., September 14; Antietam September 16-17. Duty in Maryland until October 30. Movement to Falmouth, Va., October 30-November 19. Battles of Fredericksburg, Va., December 12-15. "Mud March" January 20-24, 1863. Ordered to Washington, D.C., February 6, and duty there and at Alexandria until April, 1864. Rapidan Campaign. Battles of the Wilderness, Va., May 5-7; Laurel Hill May 8; Spottsylvania May 8-17. Assault on the Salient May 12. Left the front May 17. Mustered out May 24 1864. Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 153 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 68 Enlisted men by disease. Total 226.

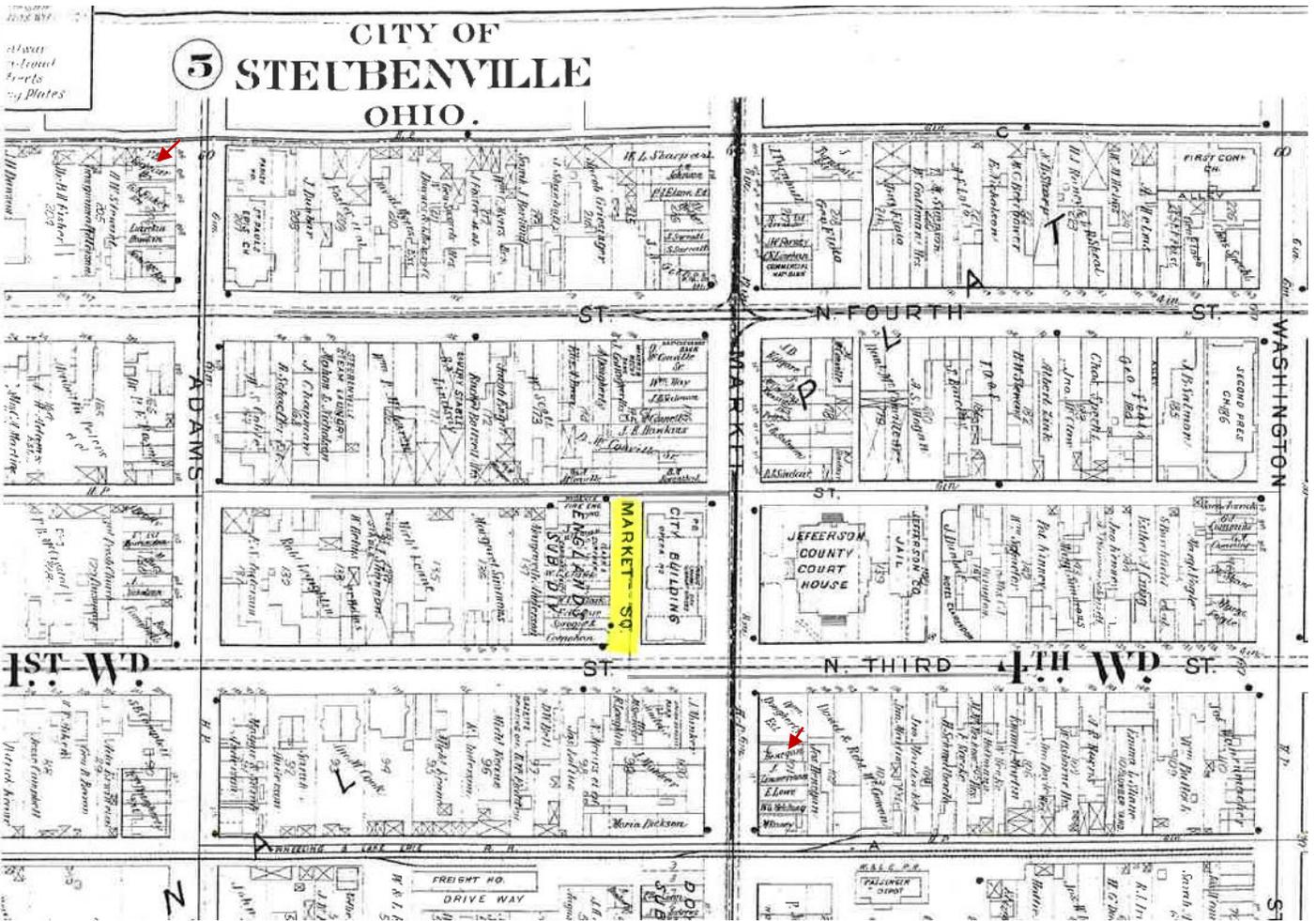
## Descendants of John Orr of Steubenville

The following are descendants of John Orr of Steubenville through Sarah Orr, the eldest child of John Orr & Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ . Sarah Orr was b. 1825 on lower Market Street, below Third, & last of a family of 11 children. Reid has only accounted for 5 children on the censuses thus many children died in their infancy. Both the Herald-Star & Steubenville Gazette newspaper agree that John & Elizabeth Orr had 11 children. Van Lighthizer & Sarah Orr had 11 children also; only 5 would live longer than 30 years, being Edwin, George, Ella Van, Harold & Orville. Thus Sarah Orr experienced much grief dealing with the untimely deaths of her parents, siblings, children and husband Van. Sarah married Van Lighthizer 19 Sep 1848 in Steubenville when she was 23 years of age. Van was a 33 degree mason, carpenter & contractor in Steubenville, the son of Matthias R. Lightizer and Elizabeth McCormick. Matthias, son of George Lightheiser, was born in Baltimore Co., MD in c1775, participated in the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794 (forces under President Washington) and the War of 1812 (guarding Washington City) after the British burnt the White House and the Capital in 1814. Van Lighthizer was the grandson of George Lightheiser of Baltimore Co., MD. George Lightheiser, German Regiment, Baltimore Co., MD crossed the Delaware Christmas Night 1776 with Gen Washington and attacked the Hessians at Trenton. George participated in the battles of Trenton, Assunpink Bridge (2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Trenton), Princeton, Germantown, Brandywine & Monmouth. In 1779 he was stationed at Fort Wyoming, PA battling the Iroquois uprising instigated by the British. George Lightheiser encamped at Valley Forge Dec 1777 – June 1778. Van Lightizer was born 14 Apr 1822 in Morgan Co., VA near Bath (present day Berkeley Springs).

John & Elizabeth Orr were likely buried in the old Steubenville cemetery at corner of S. Fourth St & South St. They were re-interred c1867-1868 to Union Cemetery on Market St. by Van & Sarah (Orr) Lighthizer after Steubenville turned the burial ground into the Grant HS. The Grant School was demolished in 2008 and is now a parking lot. Elizabeth Orr was a member of the Methodist Church of Steubenville, OH. Van Lightizer became a Methodist too, probably due to Sarah Orr's influence & married by E. Hays, M.G., 18 Sep 1848 in Steubenville. Note: John Orr, Elizabeth's husband, was not a full member in 1833. In Deeds Book Y-566 27 Jun 1846 Elizabeth, widow of John Orr, sells lots in Steubenville #101 & 102 at a public auction (tavern stand & inn). Because of her strong Christian faith & church membership, it is likely Elizabeth Orr absolved herself of the tavern stand business (alcoholic beverages) against the wishes of the deceased John Orr. A key to this opinion is expressed in John Orr's will:

*Item 2nd: Inasmuch as my house has recently been repaired and furnished for a Tavern Stand, I am desirous that my wife continue keeping a public house if consistent with her feelings, and her circumstances will permit*

Thus in the 1850 census of Jefferson Co., OH Elizabeth is found in her son Samuel Orr's household. Elizabeth Orr would die that year on 12 Jun 1850. Samuel Orr was a painter and likely eldest son of John & Elizabeth Orr.



Van Lighthizer & spouse Sarah Orr, d/o John & Elizabeth Orr, resided ~ 0.2 miles from the John Orr Tavern Stand (former James Wilson house, grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson). Van Lighthizer was a housing contractor & carpenter and 33 degree mason. The Lighthizers resided across from the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the 1906 map of Steubenville.



Van B Lighthizer & Sarah Orr reinterred her parents (John & Elizabeth Orr) c1867 to Union Cemetery and placed a large stone on their graves at the Lighthizer plot Section D of Union Cemetery on W. Market St. Steubenville. Union Cemetery is reputed to be the most picturesque cemetery next to Arlington E of the Mississippi River.

## The Lighthizer Family of Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio



Van B Lightizer 33 Degree Mason (Reid Family photos)  
Knight's Templar 1865



Van Lightizer St. Patrick's Day Parade 1860 (mother Elizabeth was Irish)

Grandson of Continental soldier George Lightheiser of Baltimore Co., MD

For thirty years Van B. Lighthizer was a member of the Masonic order, and at the time of his death, had attained the degree of Sir Knight. Grandson of George Lightheiser of Baltimore Co., MD. George Lightheiser, German Regiment, Baltimore Co., MD crossed the Delaware Christmas Night 1776 with Gen Washington and attacked the Hessians at Trenton. It is Washington's Christmas miracle and no day in American history is more decisive for the creation of the United States than Christmas 1776.

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Reid could not understand the significance of Van Lighthizer's attire on the photo on the right. Van is attired in clothing indicative of a St. Patrick's Day parade. However, he is of German extract. Once the connection to his mother, Elizabeth McCormick was ascertained, it was realized that Cornelius McCormick, father of Elizabeth, was an indentured servant from Ireland in the 'runaway' notice from 1774. However, the McCormick ancestry was probably originally from Scotland before migration in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century (Ulster Plantation) or 18<sup>th</sup> century after the Highland Scots were beaten at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.



Sarah Orr, was the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Orr, early pioneers of Steubenville, OH and were both born in PA. John Orr had a chair factory in 1830, in a frame building on the corner of Market Street and Alley D between Fifth and Sixth, which was run by a tramp wheel. Sarah Orr was born on Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio in 1825.

On 19 Sep 1848 Van B Lightizer m. Sarah Orr by E. Hays, M.G. 18 Sep 1848 in Steubenville.

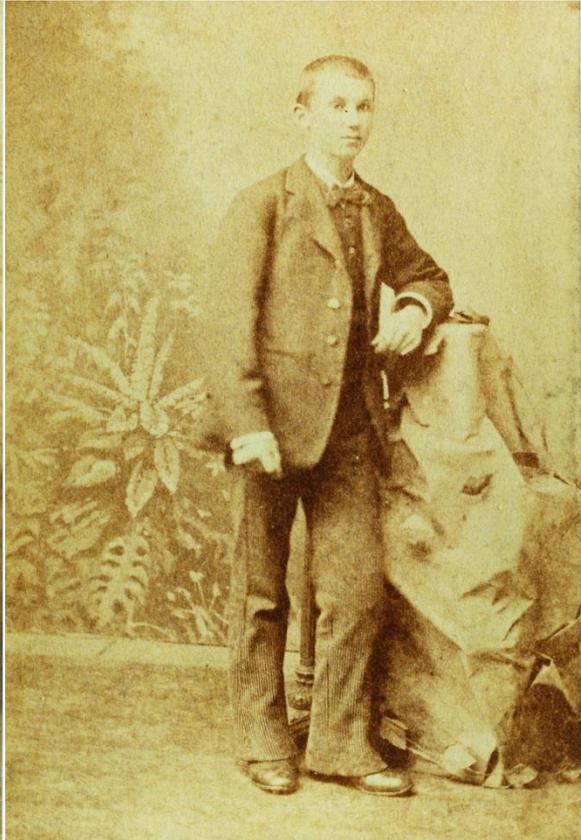
Sarah Orr portait c1890

Sarah Lighthizer in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Sarah Lighthizer  
 Age: 50  
 Birth Year: abt 1830  
 Birthplace: Ohio  
 Home in 1880: Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio  
 Race: White  
 Gender: Female  
 Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)  
 Marital Status: Widowed  
 Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania  
 Mother's Birthplace: Pennsylvania



Edward Lighthizer Carpenter & Mason c1884



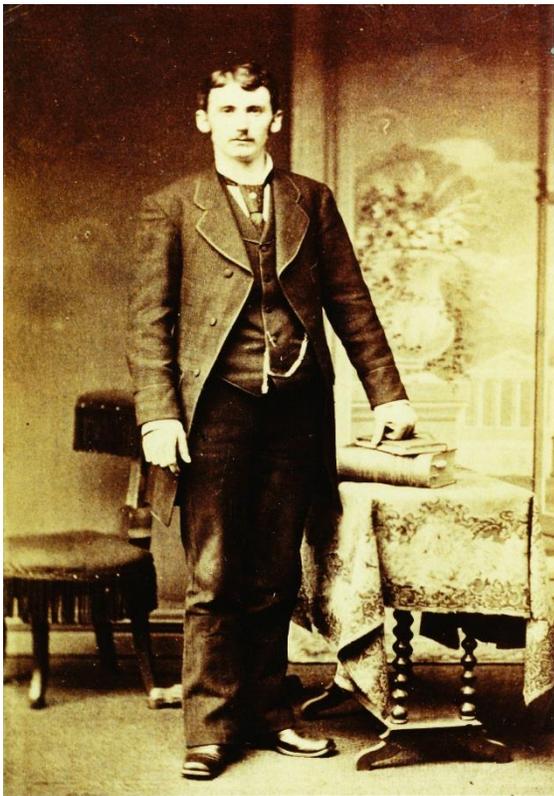
Frank Lighthizer Carpenter c1878



Harry Lighthizer Carpenter & Mason c1890



Emma Lighthizer c1872



George Lighthizer Carpenter c1885

(Reid Family photos)

The Van Lighthizer family had many tragedies from the ravages of consumption and other diseases prevalent at that time. The following family members died young:

Charles W Lighthizer 18 Apr 1869 (age 19)  
 Van Lighthizer 31 Mar 1869 (3 mos)  
 Ida b. 1859 d. young  
 Van Lighthizer 31 Jul 1872 (age 50)  
 Emma Lighthizer 2 Nov 1872 (age 19)  
 Pamela Lighthizer 2 Mar 1880 (age 28)  
 Frank Lighthizer 29 Dec 1883 typhoid fever (age 25)

\* denotes consumption



Orville Van & Lucy Lighthizer c1900 Jim Lighthizer Family photo

The youngest child of Van & Sarah Lighthizer, **Orville Van Lighthizer** was born 6 Mar 1871 in Steubenville, OH. His father Van died about 17 months later. Several other family members died prior to or soon after his birth (Charles, Emma, & Van, 3 months old). An older sister died soon after his 9th birthday (Pamela). The newspaper reported these deaths and gave the cause of death as "consumption." Young Orville had to deal with the grim realities of life at an early age and his mother must have been busy supporting and raising her young family. Orville was a bricklayer and mold maker at Carnegie Steel. He was a member of several fraternal organizations and of the Methodist Church in Mingo Junction. He served on the Republican county committee and on the County election board. In 1891, he married Lucy Ann Fithen. Their son, Charles William Lighthizer, MD, was a renowned surgeon in Steubenville, OH. Another son, Orville James Lighthizer, MD, was the ancestor of Jim Lighthizer, current President of the Civil War Preservation Trust, a national nonprofit organization in Washington D.C. dedicated to the preservation of Civil War, Revolutionary War & War of 1812 battlefields.

Lineage Chart of John & Elizabeth Orr of Steubenville

John Orr -----

Chair maker, painter, Tavern keeper  
b. 27 Jul 1801 Pa.  
m. abt. 1824  
d. 3 May 1844  
Steubenville, OH

Elizabeth

b. 1 Feb 1804 Pa.  
d. 13 Jun 1850  
Steubenville, OH

Sarah Orr -----

b. 1825  
Steubenville, OH  
m. 19 Sep 1848  
Steubenville, OH  
d. 20 Mar 1901  
Steubenville, OH

Van B. Lighthizer

Carpenter  
b. 14 Apr 1822 VA.  
d. 31 Jul 1872  
Steubenville, OH

Harold Lighthizer -----

Carpenter  
b. 16 Apr 1865  
Steubenville, OH  
m 18 Jun 1890  
Hopedale, OH  
d 31 Mar 1941  
Steubenville, OH

Kate Lucas Sweetland

b. 19 Nov 1870  
Steubenville, OH  
d. 20 Jan 1957  
Hadley, PA.

Dorothy Jean Lighthizer -----

b. 20 Nov 1899  
Steubenville, OH  
m. 5 Mar 1917  
Wellsburg, WV  
d. 17 Oct 1944  
Youngstown, OH

Albert Dennison Gamble

Jeweler  
b. 13 Sep 1894  
Wall, Pa.  
d. 2 Mar 1988  
Youngstown, OH

Doris Jean Gamble -----

b. 19 Mar 1925  
Youngstown, OH  
m. 31 Aug 1946  
Youngstown, OH

Daniel Michael Reid

WW II Staff Sargeant  
Battery A 268 FA  
Tool & Dye Setter  
b. 28 Sep 1922  
Youngstown, OH  
d. 22 Jul 1996  
Youngstown, OH

Robert Dale Reid -----

Manager Nuclear Medicine/PET/CT  
b. 29 Nov 1949  
Youngstown, OH  
m. 30 Jun 1979  
Columbus, OH

Eva Jane Wessels

Commercial Underwriter, CAN & Grange Ins.  
b. 2 Jul 1948  
Bad Axe, MI

The following are the known children of Van and Sarah Lighthizer:

- 1) *Charles W.*- Born 1850, Steubenville, OH. Died 18 Apr 1869. Buried Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH. section D.
- 2) *Pamelia (Amelia)*- Born 1851, Steubenville, OH. Single. Died 10 Mar 1880. Steubenville, OH. age 27 of pulmonary consumption. First M. E. Church Sunday School lesson book (early 1860s) in possession of Robert Reid.
- 3) *Emma Gertrude*- Born 1854, Steubenville, OH. Died 2 Nov 1872, age 19 of consumption. Buried Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH. section D.
- 4) *Edwin*- Born 1855, Steubenville, OH. Carpenter by trade Died 1938, Steubenville, OH. Buried in section D, Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH. Single.
- 5) *Frank*- Born 1857, Steubenville, OH. Carpenter. Died 29 Dec 1883, Steubenville, OH, of Typhoid fever. Buried Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH. section D.
- 6) *Ida*- Born 1859, Steubenville, OH. Died young.
- 7) *George*- Born 1861, Steubenville, OH. Carpenter by trade. Died 1913. Union Cemetery section D.
- 8) *Ella Van*- Born 1863, Steubenville, OH. Artist by trade. Died 10 Jan 1937, Steubenville, Oh. Died of cerebral hemorrhage. Buried Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH, section D.
- 9) ***Harold*- Born 16 Apr 1865, Steubenville, OH. Married 18 Jun 1890, Harrison Co., OH. (Kate Sweetland, born 19 Nov 1870, Steubenville, OH. Died 20 Jan 1957, Shakleyville, OH) Carpenter by trade and mason. Died 31 Mar 1941, Steubenville, OH, Buried Union Cemetery, Steubenville, OH, section D.**
- 10) *Van Jr.* b 31 Mar 1869. Died Steubenville, OH age 3 months.
- 11) *Orville*-Born 1871, Steubenville, OH. Died 29 Sep 1934.