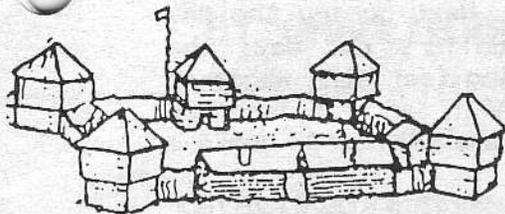


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN MEMORIAM

We very much regret to inform our members and fellow researchers the news of the great loss of our dear friend and current Newsletter Editor of "JEFFERSON COUNTY LINES" Judith Ann Stephenson Dobzynski on 9 Oct 1994 She was born in Steubenville 25 Jun 1937 daughter of Charles Stephenson and the late Lillian Porter. She is survived by her husband Leo Dobzynski who she married on 1 Sep 1956. In addition to her husband, surviving are a son Richard of Virginia Beach, VA and five daughters, Karen Cooper of Steubenville, Mrs. Ronald (Sharon) Hibbits of Richmond, OH, Mrs. Mary Beth Canella and Mrs. Rob (Lynn) Chichick both of Wintersville and Mrs. James (Lori) Wilson of Wellsburg a brother Barry Stephenson of Elyria a sister, Mrs. Reinzi (Martha) Remitio of Kapaa, Hawaii and eleven grandchildren.

She held Memberships in the Jeff. County Historical Association, the Ohio Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History; the Ohio Library Council and Associated Newspaper Columnists.

Judy was also a member of First Families (#2) and Pioneer Families (#1) of Jefferson County Ohio. She was very active member and was a past Program Director, corresponding Secretary and recording secretary of our chapter. She will be missed by all.

NEW OFFICERS 1995

New officers were elected at the November meeting of the Jefferson Co. Chapter of OGS. They are:

President: Bridgette Osz
Vice President: Sandy Day
Treasurer: Joseph Marotta
Recording Secretary: Julia Krutilla
Corresponding Secretary: Opal Conn
Trustee: Mary Cole

Its often difficult to find time to do things we have to do. Many thanks to our new officers for giving up some of thier own personal time.

EARLY MARRIAGES

Early marriages found in Deed Book A that were not included in "Early Marriages of Jefferson County OH 1789-1938" by Dohrman J. Sinclair

Andrew McMichael-Jane Gelmer A-31
Thomas Carpenter-Nancy WilliamsonA-36
John Dunfield-Mary Birdy A-36
Joseph Cline-Sarah Linn A-36
Jacob Brownlee-Delilah Zane A-70
James Riggs- Mary Anderson A-101
John Sutherland-Elizabeth Dille A-101
William Ekin-Dolly Newell A-167
Aaron McGrudy-Sarah Regley A-167
Jacob Ault-Elizabeth Fortney A-167
_____ Davis-Hannah Barrat A-188

Check your label! Are your 1995 dues paid.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

LETTER FROM ONE OF THE STEUBENVILLE
CALIFORNIA GOLD DIGGERS
Steubenville Daily Herald 13 Jul 1850

For the Herald
San Antonio, May 2, 1850

Mr. Daniel Calendine--I now take this method of informing you that I am well, and hoping you are in the same state. I have been well ever since I left home. I have not heard anything from home since I left. I have wrote several letters since I left home.

Business is not very good now; the water is high, although we are living happy now. We have removed to the Callevaus stream, some hundred miles from Sacramento city. Our company consists of 13 men, viz: Joseph Baltzell, Edward Callendine, David Forsinger, George Hauntsch, Alexander McDonald, Joseph Morrison, John Parrott, William Salmons, Charles Sweeney, William Taggart, Thomas Trotter, Orrin Worthington, George Hauntsch. We are all working together now-- Baltzell, Trotter and Salmons are going North, as soon as we can get our business settled. We have one ox team to sell and store and eating house.

Business is rather dull now in our town "Antonio" I have been to Georgetown this week and have just got home. The old diggings is a bore and-- humbug. California will be one of the most miserable places in the world, six months from this time.

I worked yesterday and made twenty dollars, but could not do much for the water, but that will not pay a now days. Boarding is one ounce per week at the mines, but it is pretty good for all that. Bill of fare is Beef, fresh butter, cheese, coffee, sugar, beans, rice, pie, potatoes, and molasses. I shall return next fall, if I can raise money, if I can't I shall stay. I have \$1000. Some of the boys will stay forever if they can't raise this sum. But I will not work in the mines after this summer. If I don't go home this fall

I will go down to the valley and spend the winter, and start for home in the spring. Next spring the pay will be five dollars per day; the people are coming fast; the wages os now five dollars in San Francisco per day. Potatoes are down to 20 cents a pound.

Ox teams are worth \$1000 with four yoke of Cattle, mules are worth \$75 per head, horses \$200 per head.

I was down to Sacramento last January the time of the flood; it was a hard time there. I had left my trunk there when I went South, but I lost my trunk and cloths which left me trowserless, coatless, and shirtless. The Sacramento river was in town, houses were upset, wagons, barrels of whiskey floating-- molasses, pork, flour, logs trees, horses and miles, the latter swimming for life. Boarding was \$6 per day, I left shortly. Mining is dull now; if a man makes an ounce a day, he is doing grst rate. Thomas Trotter, William Salmons and myself are going North soon.--I have more Doubloons than my pockets will hold. Last week Jack Fulton made ten thousand dollars betting at monte.--I have got a letter from you since I have been writing, dated December 25, 1849. It is the first I have recieved from you I write on May 2, 1850. I have not got any from home yet, I have sent several home since I started, I wrote one when the company dissolved, stating the way things were going on. Capt. McElrath, done the fair thing.

Give my respects to the folks. I have nothing more to present. I am in a hurry now, being late up. I want you to write soon.

Yours, E. CALENDINE

CENTENNIAL NOTES

The Wells apple was originated by Jabez Smith, grandfather of Enoch McFeely, who planted the tree on South Third, just below Slack about 1817. He was working for Bezaleel Wells at the time and planted the apple for him. (26 Aug 1897)

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Wm. Bell, 1520 Oregon Ave. has a railroad diary of the engineers employed of the panhandle railroad from the start to 1925, which was kept by his father, Joshua Bell, an engineer on the road. Samuel Sawyer was the first engineer on the Steubenville and Indiana railroad and William Hinkel who was killed at Mingo, was the second. The engineers who operated the early locomotives were Peter Marrant on the "Daniel Kilgore" James Criss on "Bezaleel Wells" Daniel Tait on "Steubenville" Lewis Allen on "James Ross" Dent Dulay on "Newark"; Jesse Overland on "Cadiz"; Isaac Bell on "Dresden"; Tom Yates on "Robert Garrett"; John Malone on H. M. Alexander"; Morris Littell on "Chauncey Dewey" Jake Gates on "T. L. Jewett"; George McMullen on "James Means"; Carter Smith on "Cincinnati"; Nort Hoy on "Godfrey Heck"; Pat Quick on "Mingo Chief"; Dan Knowl on "J. G. Morris"; Jim Grafton on "T.L. Dennead" William Hinkel on "Tatsy"; Other engines with names were "Atwater," "Philadelphia" and "Clide."

Other early engineers were William Napp, Isaac Laizure, George Henry, Bill Drake, Perry Demeese, George Reed, Burr McMullen, killed at Alexandria roads in 1863, Elias Howard ran first engine over Steubenville bridge, Z. H. Shoemaker, Bob Hurd, Mart Gates, Brice Custer, who ran engines for the government during the Civil War. Bob Woods, John Stewart, Jim Bruce, killed on C. H. & D. R. R., Al Holbrook, who ran the first engine to Columbus, Charles Butterworth fired the first engine, John Walters, George Pickerel, Bill Piper. Little Bill Anderson, killed on B & O. R. R., Big Bill Anderson died on a B. & O. R. R. engine, Jim

Patterson, big Jim Carr who ran engine 34 in river at Newcomerstown, Jim Waters killed on E. T. V. & G. R. R., Josh Griffith who fired first engine into Columbus in 1858, Barney Riley, John Griffith, Judge Carr, killed at Skelleys on engine 32, Charley Hunt, Wess Charles, George Stevens, Ed Eustice, Alex Curfman and William Curfman, both killed at Rock Run in 1862, Silas Cable, William Bostwick, John and George McDaniel, Tipton House, who lost leg at Uhrichsville, Geo. Pope, Barney Hoose, John Montgomery killed at Edgington, Isaac Lloyd, John and Jack Hammel, John Woodall killed at Carnegie, PA; Bill Menser, Mike Goman, Geo. Beisel killed at Scio, Stub Clarkson, Frank Raymond, Snacey Brown, Jim Swaninger, John Marshall killed at Franklin Ave., Steubenville when engine hit cow and jumped track, Thad Blair, Bob Loughrey, Eastman Houseman, Abe Wats, Hen Bollinger, John Atterholt, Chas. and John O'Donnell, Bob Story, Frank Grimm, Al Trader, Finley Arthur killed at New Alexandria, George and Stewart Gore, Joe Dugan likked in collision east of Goulds when 16 people were killed.

Patrick McGary, Joe Stanley, Bill Criss, J. S. Rumbaugh, Lew Allen, Jim Grafton, Isaac Shelcross, O. P. Mollison, John Riffy, Ben Mickey, Ben Marshall, Mike Marshall, Jack Winchell killed in Columbus Depot, Al Winchell, Bob Markel, Jack Stone, Bob Shook, Jack Johnson, Tom Boyles, Jim Brown, Joe Chapman, Milt Wiles, Bill Wooden, Josh Bell, Bill Jenkins, Sam Dawson, Baldy Nelson, Bob Beaty, J. B.K. Conley, Jim Schooley, Jake Culp, Buck Fitzsimmons, Geo. Devinnay, Jim Freeman killed at Big Walnut, Milt McFerron, Yank Johnson.

Chas. Jeliff, Chas. Hullen, Polly Hopkins, Edw. Tait, Tom Bryson, Scott Marshall, William Roe, Tom Prosser, T. F. Jones, Dan Kennedy, Bill Marsh, Dan Wagner, Hugh Johnson, Jack Murphy, P.W. Walsh, Bill Waters, Bill Brambley, Joe Connors, Rube Collins, Bill Styles, Tim Burns, Jim Robinson,

Hugh Haney, Bill Harkness, John Genter, John and Welch Spurling, Al Groves, Vince Cherry, Frank Whitcomb, Brad Vosshall, Jack Simmons, John Pete, Joe McDonnell, Joe Cantelberry, Andy Hoobler killed at Youngstown, John and Edward Robinson, John Alters, Dave Andrews, Ed. Lopeman, Tom Irwin, Chas. Tedrow, Richard McCormick, Tom Furrel, Jim Hartigan, Geo. Ragel, Pat Hartigan, Geo. Harley, Ed Beaty.

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A second installment of old time Panhandle railroad engineers includes Jim Carr, Bell Stansberry, killed east of Connotton; George Rue, John Belville, Chas. McCullough, Jim Conboy, Martin Walsh, Dan Carroll, Tom Burke, Bill Leach, Chas. Tupper, Frank Santee, Tim Monahan, Tom McCaffery, Mike Conlin, J.C. Englehart Jim Heavey, Jack Haley, Martin McManus, Marve Custer, Nate Ong, S. H. Cowan, Jake Shell, Isaac Romig, Tom Dempsey, Jim Crites, Jack Tulley, Tom Clark, Jim Conroy, Elmer Criss, Jim Ashworth, Jack Moore, John Quinn, Jim Steen, George Brazett, John Sopp, Dave Venail, Dinney Rock, George Sebastian, T. C. Whiteside, Emil Schmerber, John Duke, Adam Steeger, John Wheeten, Herbert Langil, Sam Brown, Jim Ward, Hugh Ward, John Bowen, Frank Valney, John Shay, Nick Work, Ed Work, Bill Bardsley, W. T. Bosley, Bill Thompson, Al Lydick, Geo. House, Theo. Jones.

Harry Roth, Bill Foley, Kelly Arthur, Geo. Thompson killed at Reeds Mill; Bill and Ed Ketchum, John Laughlin, Geo. Vanhorn, Ben Utterback, Horace Cesner, Horace Penny, Frank Powell, Noby Webster, John and Wat Gow, Chas. McManus, Chuck Auld, Joe Goss, Jim Buchanan, Matt Briggs, Joe Knight, Jim Teaff, Al Stanford, Lee Hull, Tom McCann,

Jake Albaugh, Bill Treadway, Chas. Hefling, Mike Medler, John Dickson, Jim McGuire, Bulldog McGuire, Milerd Dunn, killed in Walls yards; Tom Peters, Ben Snyder, John Long and Jake Dearmitt, both killed in the Pittsburgh riots; Red Gardner, Chas. Howard, Bob Coleman, Cal Skinner, Bill Francis, Dave Oby, Mat Cahaney, Pat McGushion, John Garvey, Bill Harris, Chas. Dean, John Cook, Nonen Farris, Tom and Bill Devine, the later killed on B. & O. R.R.; Jim Devine, Abner Welch, Ab Johnson, Bill, Oss and John McMillen, Frank and John Grimm.

Al Hoobler, John Riley, John and D. L. Groves, J. C. McCullough, Frank McCulley, Tom and John Donovan, John Fulton, leg cut off at Carnegie; Dave Hartsough, Mat Combs, Chas. Woods, Sam Smith, Dick Pierce, Hen Bush, Bill White, Mat Hadgraft, Lee Lytle, C. D. Mahan, Horace Ricker, Chas. Hogset, Bun Finney killed on Nickelplate R. R.; Joe Haley, Clate Webb, Jim Nelson, Grant Sampel, Jerry Hopper, Red Murphy, Ed Rice, Hugh Criss, Jake Haste, Clyde White, John Witzel, Jake Hooper, Bill Criswell lost a leg at Lock 17; Jim Barker killed at Newark water plug; George Ayers, Chas. Jordan, Ben Pierce, John Cockerell, John Farrand, Harry Jones, L. D. Mahaffey, Fred Loveless killed by mail crans at Black Lick; George Deasley killed by car door at New Alexandria; Chas. Stocker killed at O. B. Tower; John King, Bob Buchanan

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Third installment of old-time Pan Handle railroad engineers includes Ross McCullen, Bill McAdoo, Harry Pike, Pat Hogan, Geo. Wheat killed in mine explosion in Colorado, Irwin Shamel, Bob Cole, Geo. Dugan, Bill Cunningham, Bill Englehart, Bill Reynolds, Adam Ross, Harry Petrie,

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Jack Dunlap, Tom Dunlap, Bill Matterson, Geo. Craig, D. A. McCormick, Joe Hoosic, Bill Gilett, Adam Senet, John Frazier, Bill Littell, Harvey Lowery, Al Lowery, John Roach, Bill Cole, Bill Edwards, Frank Addelman, Dan O'Donnell, killed in explosion at Philadelphia Roads; Scott Cole, Geo. Gossett, killed in Colliers yards; Dick Dougherty, John Gore, John Fuhr, John Young, Hute Bassett, Ed Montgomery, Tom Bryson, Geo. Wheete, killed near McDonald; Neal Willard, Clem Stewart, Bill Scott, Ed Cline, Isaac Fell, Bill Obrien, Jim Lambert, Harry Cupps, Bill Utzler, Tip Nye.

Bill Harriett, Ed Callahan, Chas. Durkin, John Hartigan, Fred Stewart, Geo. Bell, Bill Tate, Jim Hall, killed in wreck in Kansas; Thos. Clinton, Hugh Fulton, John Parks, Jim McCort, Frank Dennis, Bill Coleman, Bob Hollinger, Bill Lanning, John Fay, Tom Coleman, Joe Mitchell, Alec Mattern, Harry Stegall, Dick House, W. T. Wright, R. G. Burke, Lon Rhoads, Bert Harmon, Ed Morris, killed at Bulger, (PA), Make Hunter, Jack Shaffer, Paddy Kerrrens, killed at J. O. tower; Ed McKenna, killed in coke train wreck at B. J. Tower; Mort Smith, scalded to death in Dennison round house; T. C. Caniff, Harry Bute, killed falling off engine at Colliers; Bill Spaith, Bill Holbrook, Edw. Brayden, Goff Miller, Tom Leonard, killed by lightning; Jim Dixon, John Huffman, killed at Rumley; Jim Huffman, killed in Colliers yard; Jim Moore, Jim Aughingbaugh.

Abe Dunkin, Al Thomas, Edw. Winchell, Oby Hayes, Joseph Stroup, Bill McClennan, Ed Drohn, killed on Ciccinnati Southern; Chas. Graham, John Rhoads, John Adda, George Wagner, Tom Galligher, Jim Pickering, John Hallen, Hen Tyhurst, Bill Benton, Geo. Carr, Tom Feeley, Dan Dittenhaver, killed at Dennison yard; Sam Harman, Tom Murray, Bill Lyons, Filow Turner, S. H. Bolenbaugh, John

Okeefe, Tom Riley, Murdy Meede, Oss Albaugh, Jess Rollen, Geo. Barnes M. Cobb, Bill Hatfield, John Smith, killed at Summitt; Tom Anderson, Bill Cuddy, Dan Swagert, Bill Brown, Reddy Couch, Martin Flaherty, Geo. Bowers, P. Y. Calvin, Isaac Holmes, Bill Davidson, John Grant, Paris Hinkel, Winn Banker, Dick Ford, John Attig, Murth Mooney, Bill Pringle, Geo. Palmer.

FRANCIS REUNION

On Thursday, Aug 16th (1894), was the day set for the Francis reunion and Pioneer picnic held in Francis's grove near York in this county. By Twelve noon fully six hundred of the friends and relatives of this illustrious family assembled. The reunion was under the immediate supervision of Joseph and Robert Francis and thier families. A large stage tastefully decorated, occupied the center of the grove, in front of which was ample seating capacity for all present, and last but not least, a table 180 feet in length, fairly groaning beneath the weight of the bounteous presesion made. The invitation to the pioneers of the surrounding country brought out nearly all of the oldest persons of the community. All these were invited to a seat on the stage. There were more than twenty persons there over seventy years of age. There were here represented also, five generations of the Francis family. The graves of William and Elizabeth Francis, great grandparents of the present generation, are in this grove and were respectfully decorated. One was buried in 1812, the other in 1818. A very interesting program of entertainment was carried out, opening with prayer by Rev. A. E. Brownlee. Miss Lavinia Francis read a very interesting paper giving full history of the Francis

family. Excellent addresses were made by Revs. J. M. Jamison and J. D. Oldham, Judge J. A. Mansfield and Mesars. Walter Francis, Alonzo Hayne, R. M. Francis, J. A. McLaughlin and W. B. Francis. These were interspersed with music by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Francis, The Francis quartette, the Ickle quartette, recitations by Misses Mamie Moore and Ada Barber, vocal solo by Misses Carrie Houser and Mary Galbraith and Mrs. Rev. Oldham and Master Fred Moore, violin solos by Walter Francis. Excellant music was also rendered by the Unionvale band. The exercises closed with reading a letter from Mrs. Mary Leech Braden and prayer and Benediction by Rev. J. L. Thompson. Among those present from a distance were: Mrs. Margaret Frazier, of Utica, OH; Mr and Mrs. David Francis of Martinsburg, OH; Samuel Lyons and daughter of Vanattaburg, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Linton Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Stahl and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Host, of Jewett, OH Mr. & Mrs. Wm, Richie, Mr. & Mrs. James Patto and Miss Ester patton, of New Athens, OH; Mr. and Mrs. David Braden, Miss Laura Johnson and Miss Maggie Braden of Cadiz, OH; Mrs. Margaret Host of Tappen, OH; Mrs. Esther Findley, son and daughter, of Millersburg, OH; Walter Francis, Esq. of St. Louis, MO; Rev. J. L. Thompson, of the second U. P. Church of Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. A. E. Brownlee and Mr and Mrs. W.B. Francis of Martin's Ferry, OH; Miss Elizabeth & Annette Higgins, of Athens, Athens County, OH; and Mrs. Joseph Waterman and Mrs. Everett Floyd, of Bridgeport OH.

**OUR PIONEER DAYS BY
CHALMERS WHITE 27 NOV 1933
"UNDERGROUND RAILROAD"**

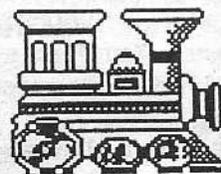
One of the cleverest hiding places for slaves escaping toward Canada, on the "underground railway" which connected up with Mt. Pleasant, Smithfield, Richmond and Ross twp., was the mill operated by Joshua Cope,

a quaker at the headwaters of Glenn Run near Martin' Ferry. There was a fall of 20 feet from the tail gate of the mill race to the ground when the wheel was not running. At the terminus of the mill race was a stone wall 22 feet long. From this wall three stone pilasters were built out, and they created Two spaces of seven feet each between the triangular pilasters.

The water wheel that operated the mill occupied one of the spaces, its buckets coming up close to the wall to receive the water from the chute when running. The axle of the wheel rested in two of the pilasters walls. The other space at the side of the wheel was used for a waste shute. Joist extended from one to the other of the chute pilasters and two-inch boards were extended and nailed on them lengthwise from the sill at the top of the stone to the foot of the oilaster, some 35 feet from the wall and past the wheel.

This formed the waste shute when the mill was not operating, also to carry off surplus water. The hill against which the side pilaster of the chute was built, extended much further out and high above it. A board in the center of this chute was loose and when lifted formed an entrance by which a person could pass. This board was provided with fastenings on the underside, and could be safely closed by anyone beneath. No one from the outside would think this plant was movable.

On the underside of this chute a small door in the stone pilaster, or wall against the hill closed the entrance opening into a small room in a hill. This room was provided with a cot, two chairs a small table with a few other household articles and was comfortable in summer and winter.



Overseas Letter Writing
by Sandra Malitz

An increasing number of people are doing ethnic family history- Italian, German, Czech, Polish, ect., and have reached a place in their research where it is necessary to write outside of the U. S. for information.

Recently, a researcher told me that she had written to a foreign country over six (6) months ago for some information with no response. I asked if she sent return postage. The answer was no. This is probably why no one answered her letter.

Before sending that first letter outside of the U.S. there are a few bits of information you need to know. The same rules apply to letters being sent to Canada.

- Unless the place you are writing indicates they will accept a letter in English, you need to write the letter in their language. This is not as difficult as it sounds. There are many fill-in the blank letters to church and government officials requesting a variety of records. You simply re-type the letter filling in names, dates, and places of the people you are researching.

Several of these are available at the Family History Center in Kirkland (OH) or from genealogical societies for your special group.

- Do not send U. S. postage or cash for postage. The only thing good for is a stamp collector's album. Cash can get lost or taken by government officials.
- Instead of U.S. postage, send INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS.

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These can be purchased at any branch of post office. You may have to speak to a supervisor. There is not a call for IRCs. The last I checked, they cost \$.95 each. Send a minimum of two (2) with each letter. It is becoming more common to send three (3). These are equivalent to one (1) land stamp.

-Don't enclose an envelope. Europeans use a much lighter weight stationary. People outside of the U.S. are much more cost conscious when it comes to correspondence than we are.

-If you are only responding to a letter, you can use an AEROGRAMME. These can also be purchased at the post office for a small fee. It is a letter and envelope combined. These have limited use, because you cannot enclose any thing in them including IRCs. But they are great for general correspondence.

You have prepared your letter, had it translated if necessary, have the proper postage, and are ready to write a check for amount requested. It dawns on you that they will not accept an American check. You check with your local bank and they want a large fee for changing American dollars into the currency you need. What do you do now?

Call 1-800-424-2923. This is the Washington, DC office of Reusch International Monetary Services, Inc. They will exchange your personal check in U.S. dollars (drawn on a U.S. bank) for a check/cheque in the currency of another country.

-Determine how much you need to send with your letter. Call Reusch International. They will tell you the rate of exchange and how much you need to send

them for conversion. There is a \$2.00 (U.S. funds) fee for this service. They will convert any amount of U.S. dollars.

-Send your check to Reusch International Services at 1350 Eye Street NW, 10th floor, Washington, DC 20005. They process orders on date received at rate of exchange for that day.

-Reusch will also convert foreign currency checks to U.S. dollars (up to \$4,500 U.S.) with same day service and a fee of \$2.00 (U.S.) for each check/cheque converted.

There are other branches in New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles. They do not have toll free numbers.

Foreign correspondence can yield great treasures and be almost hassle free with a little preparation

SOURCES:

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. Newsletter, Volume 12, No. 2 April/June 1990, page 2

William Allen, member of ISBGFH and East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society.

Finding aids for various foreign countries. Family History Center, Kirkland, OH
(Speaking Relatively, Vol. 17, No 3 (1992) ((E. Cuyahoga County))

HOW TO TRACE YOUR WAR OF 1812 ANCESTOR

Compiled by Carol Foss Swinehart

The War of 1812 began on 18 June 1812 and lasted two and a half years (except in Northwest Territory, where

it began as early as 1804- Robert B. McAfee, History of the Late War in the Western Country, Bowling Green: Historical Pub. Co., 1919, p.18) It is estimated that 1 out of every 27 people was involved in this war. Some were soldiers in the Regular Army, Navy, or Marines. Some were in the volunteer U.S. Army, or the state or Territorial militias. Others joined unofficial or semi-official (city, county, or regional) groups of citizens that fought the British or their Indian and Spanish allies. Still others were suppliers to the military, and some were privateers (owners of armed ships who may or may not have had government sanction to attack enemy vessels.

To begin to track your 1812 ancestor, check the "Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812," which is alphabetical by surname. It is available on microfilm at the National Archives and its regional branches. In addition, it can be found at some of the larger genealogical libraries. If you are unable to find your ancestor in the aforementioned index, try the general "Index to Service Records of War of 1812 Soldiers." It is also arranged alphabetically by surname and is available at the National Archives through the Family History Library of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, and through the American Genealogical Lending Library

Besides the volunteer and general indices, there is a separate microfilmed index which covers the states of Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina entitled "Index to Service Records of War of 1812 Soldiers Who Served from Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina." Other indices are available, but have not been microfilmed. Falling in that category is the "Index to the Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812" which along with the "Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812"

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This index only includes men who served through Ohio regiments. Those who registered their warrants in Ohio but served in regiments from other states are not found in this index. Other books of interest are the two editions of "Index to the Grave Records of Servicemen of the War of 1812 from the State of Ohio."

Most states have records that duplicate the information found in the National Archives. Their records sometimes have additional data which identifies militias never registered at the federal level. The auditor's office of the state of Ohio does deed searches for this type of information if you already found the warrent, include a copy when writing to that office.

When using the general and volunteer indicies you will be searching for military-service, bounty-land, and pension records. Records for the War of 1812 are compiled military service record which date back to 1812-1815. Most are arranged by state or territory and then by unit. The Bounty-land warrent applications for War of 1812 are interfiled with pension claims relating to the same war. All files are arranged alphabetically by the veteran's surname. Both the pension applications files and bounty-land application files are in Record Group 15, Records of Veteran Administration at the National Archives. Copies of the file on your ancestor containing compiled service records can be secured by using NATF Form 80. To order copies of military bounty-land or pension records write to the National Archives and Record Service, 8th and PA Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20408 for several copies of NATF Form 80. You must request searches for military, bounty-land, and pension files on seperate forms.

You should note much of information given in pension and bounty-land application you will need to locate a copy of soldiers service record. War of 1812 bounty land warrents resulted from act passed on 6 May 1812. By this act, Congress passed bounty-land laws to induce men to join the armed forces. The laws provided that every noncommissioned officer, soldier, seaman, or marine would receive 160 acres upon his honorable discharge from the service. If he died or was killed in service, his heirs (wife and children) would get the it.

The 1814 act doubled the acreage from 160 to 320 acres for those who enlisted after 10 Dec 1814. Until 1842, bounty land was located in present-day Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas. After that date, government land in any state or territory was offered. In 1855, Congress made the requirements for receiving bounty land 14 days of service or participation in a battle. Veterans had to fill out an application before receiving a warrent (certificate) that entitled them to bounty land. The original bounty-land records are on file at the National Archives. They comprise a warrent application, discharge certificate, the action taken on the application (approval or disapproval), and sometimes supporting documents. If an application was approved, the file will contain the congressional act under which bounty land was issued, the number of acres awarded, and the warrent number. The warrents were not actually delivered to the veterans, but were retained by the General Land Office. A veteran received notification that a warrent had been issued in his name. Most of the warrents were kept on bound volumes in two series one for 160-acre warrents and one for 320-acre warrents. The warrents, stubs, indicies are available as "War of 1812 Military Bounty Lands Warrents,

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1815-1858," M848, 14 rolls (with only a partial index for Illinois included).

The land available for patenting in Virginia and U. S. military districts ran out long before all the outstanding warrents were redeemed, so Congress issued scrip for the remaining warrents. At first good only in General Land Offices in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, the scrip, printed in acreage denominations, was good at any General Land Office from 1842.

A bounty-land claim (form of Declaration for surviving officer or soldier) was found for (John) Balthes Foltz. The following information appears on that form: "State of Ohio; County of Fairfield; On this 25th day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and 50, personally appeared before me A. L. Limmons, Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Ballthes Foltz aged 61 years, a resident of Fairfield County in the State of Ohio who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the identical Ballthes Foltz who was a 1st Lieutenant in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Colville in the 6th Regiment of the Virginia Militia 3rd Brigade commanded by Colonel Daniel Colman in the war Great Britain and the United States being the War of A.D. 1812 that he was drafted at Shenandoah County Woodstock, VA on or about the 25 day of August for the term of 3 months and 7 days and was honorably discharged at Camp Cross Roads, Maryland on the 1st of December A.D. 1814 as will appear by the muster rolls of said company his discharge as alluded to; He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the 'act granting bounty land to certain

officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the U.S., passed 28 Sept. 1850'; Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written; and I hereby certify that I believe that said Ballthes Foltz to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated. Signed A. L. Limmons J. P. and Ballthes Foltz; Recorded the 6th Nov. 1850.

By 1871, there were few veterans of the War of 1812 still alive. A man who served as an 18 year old in 1814 would have been 75 in 1871. However, many widows, who were often much younger than their husbands, were still alive and received pensions. In 1916, there were 115 widows on the pension rolls.

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MURDER INQUISITION

Brooke County, VA (WV) 28 Nov 1805 Deed Book 3 pg 476

Submitted by Julia Krutilla

Commonwealth of Virginia
Brooke County to wit

Inquisition indented taken at the house of Daniel KELLY on the County afforesaid the twenty eighth day of November in the thirtieth Year of the Commonwealth before me John EDIE one of the Corners of the Commonwealth for for the County afforesaid upon the view of the body of William CROCKET late of County afforesaid then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of Robert COLWELL, William SUTHERLAND, John ORR, Joshua DAVIS, Jonathan HUNT, Benjamin DAVIS, Jonathan BOYLE, Andrew WALKER, John COULTER, William SEELIN, Josep_ CAMBELE, and John ATKINSON good and lawful men of the county afforesaid who being sworn and charged to enquire on the part of the said Commonwealth when, where, how and after what manner the said William CROCKET came to his death, do say upon their oath that certain Anthony BECK, James BECK, Hiram HEDGES, and John MATCALF of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio, with force and arms at the ferry of Daniel KELLY, in the County aforesaid on the 25th day of November in the year aforesaid in and upon the aforesaid William CROCKETT, then and there being in the Peace of God and of the Commonwealth feloniously Voluntary and of thier Malace made an assault and that the aforesaid Anthony BECK, James BECK, Hiram HEDGES, and John MATCALF, then and there in a certain skiff into which they the said Anthony BECK, James BECK, Hiram HEDGES, and John MATCALF got on the Ohio River did then and there pursue the said William CROCKETT on the said river intill they the said Anthony BECK, James BECK, Hiram HEDGES, and John MACTCALF the said William CROCKETT feloniously drowned and Murdered and that one Richard HOLMES of the County of Jefferson aford being then and there present was accessory to said Murder- In Witness Whereof as well the Corroner as the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition put their seals, on the Day and Year aforesaid and at the place aforesaid

John EDIE s Coroner

Robt COLWELL
William SUTHERLAND
John ORR
Joshua DAVIS
Jonathan HUNT
Benjamin DAVIS
Jonathan BOYLE
Endrew WALKER
John COULTER
William SELIN
Joseph CAMPBELL
John ATKINSON

Brooke County Sst

The aforesaid is a true copy from Original Inquisition produced in Court & ordered to be recorded Test S. CONNELL for John CONNELL C. B. C

QUERY

ALLENSWORTH
BLACK Wish to correspond with descendants of Emanuel and Catherine or Kitty (BLACK) ALLENSWORTH. Emanuel born VA 1775-1780, Catherine born 1785 MD. Lived in Fayette County, PA and died in Jefferson County. Children married and some died in Jefferson County.
Contact: Ruth TURNER 44444 13 Street East, Lancaster, CA 93535

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