Honoring Our Pioneers of Scioto County

For our December 13, 2014 Meeting we will be honoring our Pioneers of Scioto County, OH. If you are a descendent of any of these Pioneers, we would love for you to attend our meeting at 10:30 am at The Portsmouth Public Library.


Next Meeting - December 13, 2014

The next meeting of the Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 10:30am at the Portsmouth Public Library in Portsmouth, Ohio. At this meeting we will be honoring our “Pioneers of Scioto County” and inducting new members into this lineage society. For a complete list of rules and an application to have your ancestor placed on the roster of Pioneers, go to the Members Page at www.sccogs.com

Meetings are free and open to the public. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jodi Wright at 740-464-6216.
President Phyllis Crawford opened the meeting at 1:05 and welcomed everyone.

We had 25 Members, 2 Guests & 2 Speakers present.

Minutes were read from the Aug. 9th meeting, taken by Sheila Davis.

No Treasurers report as Judy Karshner wasn’t present.

Phyllis asked if the cemetery committee could stay after the program for a short meeting. Molly Stroud, Jodi Wright, Phyllis Crawford, Aaron Gleim, Sheila Davis, & Jan Edwards. Michael Arthur asked if he could help.

Phyllis asked for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee for a Slate of people to fill the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Librarian & Historian. They were each given copy of guide lines to follow.

Vice President Jodi Wright asked if members had any suggestions for speakers or programs. Berta Lockhart, our speaker, suggested The Association for Grave Stone Studies.

Gladys Reynolds stepped in to become Acting Historian when Mima Vita had to resign due to family illness. Gladys asked that everyone be on the lookout for pictures & newspaper articles relating to SCCOGS. She also said to be on lookout for speakers for Jodi.

Cemetery Co-Chairs Jan Edwards & Jodi Wright asked for more volunteers to help Old Wheelersburg Cemetery. Jan said give her a call and she would get the necessary lists to the volunteers. The cemetery is a hilly 22 acres & quite a job! Jan, also, said that we have a new member in The Pioneer of Scioto County, OH Lineage Society, Russell Baird Tewksbury from Florida.

Gladys Reynolds said she had assisted several people with research requests & would anyone like to help her out? Betsy Crull was suggested by Jan Edwards. Jan asked Betsy if she would help. Betsy has most of the publications printed by the Society and would help when she could. Aaron Gleim volunteered his help, too.

Publications Co-Chairs – Evelyn Baker & Carla Dunham – 5 publications had been sold. 4 were sold by Jodi Wright at the Eastern KY Gen Conference.

We Appreciate You!
Thank you for being a Valued SCCOGS Member
(October 11th Meeting Cont’d.) Phyllis reported that at the last Officers meeting it was decided to contact Sharon Manson in Pike Co. about selling copies of History of the Lower Scioto River Valley. They are celebrating their bicentennial next year.

Door prizes were drawn throughout the meeting.

Vice President Jodi Wright introduced our speaker Berta Lockhart who spoke about the nonprofit organization *Friends of the Athens Asylum Cemeteries*. They are identifying and marking graves. There is 159 Scioto Co. residents buried there. The State of Ohio is requiring them to locate family members for permission to put up grave stones. They raise money to help families who can’t afford the $80.00 for the stone. The speaker answered questions from those present.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted by Molly Stroud, Recording Secretary

BERTA LOCKHART – PRESIDENT OF *Friends of the Athens Asylum Cemeteries*
Friends of Athens Asylum Cemeteries Veterans Ceremony

On Saturday, November 8, 2014, Friends of Athens Asylum Cemeteries (FAAC) held a Veterans Ceremony at Cemetery #1 at the Ridges in Athens OH. Two civil war veteran markers were placed, as well as two civilian markers.

Berta Lockhart with FAAC spoke at the SCCOGS meeting about the cemeteries. Most of those buried there are buried with only a number marking their grave. FAAC is giving names to those buried there in the form of proper grave markers. Mrs. Lockart would not accept a speaker fee at our meeting, so the Society instead donated for the cost of one marker. Mr. Gillilan's marker was purchased with the money donated by SCCOGS. A family member of Mr. Gillilan's was present at the ceremony and said to thank the society very much for the marker. It means a lot to her and the family.

Many may not realize that the Asylum was originally built for Civil War veterans suffering from the effects of the war. It evolved into a facility for a variety of conditions. Of the over 1700 buried there, in a county by county breakdown, Scioto County has the most people buried there.

Grave Marker for David Gillilan 1819-1898 donated by SCCOGS
ORLANDO ANTHONY VITA – 85 – “OLLIE”

Died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the SOMC Hospice Center in Portsmouth. He was born October 23, 1929 in Sewickley, PA, a son of the late Andrew S. and Dora Prosio Vita. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and was a talented craftsman, having made many beautiful furniture items for the homes of his family and friends. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a minor in Physics.

Ollie retired from the Pike County Gaseous Diffusions Plant in 1999 after 46 years of service as an Analytical Chemist. Throughout his career Orlando authored many technical papers on the determination of uranium in impure products and served on the prestigious American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) committee, and was awarded their highest honor. He served as chairman and president of the local chapter of the American Chemical Society, and he taught Chemistry and Physics at Shawnee State University for 18 years. Ollie was an avid participant in the Scioto County Softball League and his proudest moment was his induction into the Scioto County Softball Hall of Fame in 2008. He was an avid fan of his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers, and he coached his sons in their early years in football and baseball, and had served as president of the Roosevelt Roughriders.

Ollie is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, MIMA M TAYLOR Vita; four loving children, Julia A. (Michael) Green of Cincinnati, Andrew A. (Rhonda) Vita of Cincinnati, Sarah L. Keeney of Columbus, and O. David (Nancy) Vita of Atlanta, GA; loving grandfather to ten (to whom he always bestowed the Ollie-ism "easy does it" and his grandchildren enthusiastically adopted his wisdom as the Vita battle-cry), Laura, Lindsay and Aaron Green, Joseph and Kelsey Vita, Colin, Eric and Grace Keeney, Andrew and Emilie Vita; a great-grandson, Jonathan McDaniel, and another great-grandson to be born in January; siblings, Lawrence (Virginia) Vita of Beaver Falls, PA and Florence (Jim) Zugay of Ambridge, PA; and many nieces, nephews and their families.

JOHN SHEETS – 88 – “JACK”

Died Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Hillview Retirement Center.

He was born August 3, 1926 in Portsmouth, to the late Homer and Helen Bender Sheets.

John was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He worked for trucking companies most of his life, serving as office manager and other administrative capacities. He was a WW II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his four sisters.

He is survived by a son, Steven Sheets (Ellen) of Lakeland, FL and a daughter, Karen Miller of Eugene, OR, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. John is also survived by a dear friend, William Malone.

Jack was a past Vice President of our Society.

Don’t forget to pay your dues for 2015. You may pay at the December meeting or send a check for $15 to SCCOGS P. O. Box 812 Portsmouth, OH 45662-0812
Milldale Cemetery is accessed by climbing a steep embankment on Milldale Road. The cemetery, in a wooded area and heavily overgrown, is not visible from the road. According to a 1982 inventory provided by the Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, the cemetery covers about 1.2 acres with graves scattered over a wide area, most of them on either side of a path that runs up a hill. Milldale Cemetery was inventoried by Virgil and Marguerite Ramsey. They found 44 fieldstones and 14 markers with inscriptions. There is a map of the cemetery showing 113 stones, mostly fieldstones, in the Portsmouth Public Library.

Names on the 1982 inventory
The information on these individuals is from the inventory unless otherwise indicated.

1. Pearlie Irena Webb
Pearlie Irena was a daughter of William and Weltha Webb. The baby girl died in New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio, on 06 March 1909 at age 1 month and 15 days. *Foot stone leaning against larger stone.* Tombstone photo taken 2010.


2. Corpl. William M. Rice

3. Lettie Presley

6. Howard Presley
?Father.? 1846-1927. Tombstone photo taken 2010. The Rev. Howard Presley, 88, died 17 Feb 1927 in the Columbus, Ohio, home of his son John R. Presley. Rev. Presley was a retired minister. He was born 22 May 1839 in North Carolina, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Presley. "Rev. Presley was well known throughout Portsmouth (Ohio) and vicinity, where he had spent the past 60 years of his life. Rev. Presley conducted services in churches in this city, New Boston, Sciotoville and numerous other communities in the county during his many years of service in the ministry. He was born in North Carolina, where he spent his early childhood. He served during the Civil war and received his honorable discharge at the close of the war. Soon after he started his career in the ministry and was active in this work until forced to retire on account of his age." In addition to his son, Rev. Presley was survived by three daughters, Mrs. Joseph W. Bailey, Mrs. Charles Locher, Mrs. Dan Neal, Mrs. Harry Schomberg; two brothers, Sam and Robert, and two sisters, Mrs. Laura Lambert and Mrs. Mary Jones, all of North Carolina; 28 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sources: death certificate and obituaries, Portsmouth Daily Times, 18 Feb 1927, Page 3, 19 Feb 1927, Page 8, and 20 Feb 1927.

5. Floyd Neal
Source: information from family members; Ohio death records.

6. Edgar Fletcher

7. Goldie Sue Fletcher
In 1982 researchers found Goldie Sue Fletcher's grave marked by a "Sowards Funeral Home Sign." Birth and death: 1958. According to Ohio death records, Goldie Sue died two hours after her birth on 25 June 1958 in the Southern Ohio Medical Center, Mercy, in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio.

8. Bocker
?Piece of broken stone, lying down.?

9. Rachel Samuel Walk
Rachel Samuel Walk was born 12 March 1963, a son of Temple Walk and wife Hazel Fletcher of Lick Run, Wheelersburg, Ohio, in the Southern Ohio Medical Center/Mercy Hospital in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio. The four-month-old baby died 16 Jul 1963 in Mercy Hospital. In addition to his parents, Rachel was survived by seven brothers and sisters, Adam, Slenna, Rebekah, William, Raffin, Fred and Andrew; grandfather Van Buren Walk and grandmothers Dorothy Fletcher and Flossie Fletcher. Services were held in the Gill Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Sturgill officiating. Rachel Samuel Walk was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County. From a 1982 cemetery inventory: "Rachel Walk 1963-1963 SMS"

10. Denver Gearheart
Denver Gearheart was born 21 Nov 1921 in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of Lewis Gearheart and wife Martha Fletcher, both Kentucky natives. Denver died on 07 Dec 1921 in Portsmouth. Information from 1982 cemetery inventory: "Age 11 days. Homemade stone, almost unreadable. Down on ground." Note: The inventory states Denver was born and died in 1922. But a family member said Denver was born and died in 1921, which is confirmed by Ohio death records.
Sources: 1. Milldale Cemetery inventory done 20 Sep 1982 by Virgil and Marguerite Ramsey. Provided by the Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. 2. Information from a family member. 3. FamilySearch Labs online, Ohio Deaths 1908-1953

11. John Phillip A. Biars
John Phillip A. Biars was born 03 Feb 1875, Harrison County, Ohio, a son of Gustava "Gus" Biars and wife Kate Krause. He died in Scioto County, Ohio, in the Great Influenza Epidemic, around 1918-19, according to family members. Mr. Biars is buried in the Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County. He married Catherine Middleton (27 Aug 1887 Greenup County, Ky./18 Aug 1931, Bonser Run, Sciotoville, Ohio) 16 Oct 1905 in Scioto County. Mrs. Biars was a daughter of James Middleton and wife Eliza Sparks. (Alternative spelling of Catherine?s name ? Sarah Cathryn Middleton. Additional spouse: John Edward Rice.) Children of John and Catherine were Nora Marie Biars (1911-1980),
wife of Earnest Frederick Morrison; Fanny Biars, (Born abt. 1906), wife of Wesley H. Purtee; Marion Jane Biars (1915-1916); Opal Biars (1917-1918); Pearl Biars; Lisa Biars; and John Henry "Jack" Biars (1909-1972). According to a family member, Pearl died as a child. No information is available on Lisa. The date of death and place of burial is not known for Fannie. Daughters Marion Jane and Opal Biars died in childhood of influenza and are buried with their father in Milldale Cemetery. Nora is buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens, formerly Floral Hills, in Wheelersburg, Ohio. John is buried in the Pine Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, also known as Clapboard Cemetery, Wheelersburg. Note: In 1982 a cemetery inventory was done by Virgil and Marguerite Ramsey. At that time Mr. Biars' tombstone was "Off base and down." The inventory information was provided by the Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Family photos available.

Sources: Randall and Kim Morrison

12. Infant Son Locher
This baby boy was a son of P & M Locher, according to an inscription on his tombstone. According to information online, the baby was a son of Philip Locher and Maud Neal. He was born and died 03 June 1910 in Porter Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Infant Son Locher was interred in Milldale Cemetery.


13. Albert Locher
Albert Locher was a son of G & M Locher, according to an inscription on his tombstone. According to family member?s, Albert?s mother was named Mary.  Albert was born 09 Sept 1906 and died 29 Nov 1906.

Source: family members.

14. Fred
?Piece of slab with ?Fred? died April ---?

Additional interments
The following are people who aren?t included in the list of 14 names taken from inscribed markers at Milldale. The information is from newspaper obituaries, family members and vital statistic databases.

15. Amy Bailey
Amy Bailey, 17 months old, died 29 July 1921 of "summer complaint." Amy was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. W.W. Bailey of Robinson avenue. She was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio.


16. Eva Bailey
Eva Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Bailey, Ohio Ave., New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio, died 20 April 1916 ?after a short illness of tubercular pneumonia. Had the deceased lived until today, Friday, she would have been nine months old. Besides the parents the deceased leaves four brothers, Ernest, Homer, Walter and William and one sister, Hilda, all at home. The father is a steel worker. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at two o?clock from the Christian church with J.C. Harris in charge of services. Interment will be made in School Land Hollow cemetery.?

17. Hilden Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey of "Flat Hollow, back of Fullerton," died 20 March 1924. "The girl had been ill since January with appendicitis. Surviving are the parents and six brothers, Ernest, Homer, Walter, William, Gene and Willard. The family formerly lived at New Boston (Scioto County, Ohio). Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Burial will be in School Land Hollow cemetery, New Boston." Hilden is probably Hilda who was listed as a survivor of Eva Bailey who died in 1916. Eva, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Bailey of New Boston, was also buried in Milldale Cemetery.


18. Mary Bauer

Mary Bauer, ten months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer, who live in two wagons in Stewartsville, died about 11 o'clock Friday night of pneumonia. The family have lived in the wagons in Stewartville for about two years. There are several other children in the family. The remains of the infant were buried in School Land Hollow cemetery Saturday afternoon.


Note: There are some similarities between Mary Bauer and Marion Jane Biars, a baby who died the same day and was also buried in School Land Hollow cemetery, also known as Milldale. Marion Jane was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Biars and had several siblings. The Biars surname has several spelling variations. Family members say Marion Jane died at seven months old, according to her death certificate, and the newspaper article says Mary died at 10 months.

19. John Amos Bevens

John Amos Bevens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bevens of Lakeside, New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio, died 02 May 1923. Joint funeral services were held for John and Amos Frederick Wilborn and Lucy Wilburn, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilburn. The three children died of pneumonia, following measles. A brief service was held at the home where the families live and burial was in School Land Hollow cemetery. Rev. Pearl Hughes of the Immanuel Baptist Church New Boston officiated. The Wilburn children were buried in the same grave and the Bevens child just a few feet away in the hillside burial grounds.


20. Marion Jane Biars

Marion Jane Biars was born 30 Nov 1915 in Clay Township, Scioto County, Ohio, a daughter of John Phillip A. Biars and wife Catherine Middleton. Marion Jane, seven months old, died 30 June 1916 in New Boston, Ohio, and on 02 July 1916 was interred in Milldale Cemetery, also known as School Land Hollow Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio. Marion, sister Opal and their father died during the Great Influenza Epidemic, according to family members. John Biars and Opal Biars were also buried at Milldale.

Sources: Randall and Kim Morrison; Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953, Film No. 1983749, Digital Folder No. 4021407, Image No. 2715, Certificate No. fn 39794

21. Opal Biars

Opal Biars was born 12 June 1917, a daughter of John Phillip A. Biars and wife Catherine Middleton. Opal, 18 months old, died 04 Nov 1918, in New Boston, Ohio, and was interred in Milldale Cemetery, also known as School Land Hollow Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio. Opal’s sister, Marion and father, John died during the Great Influenza Epidemic, according to family members. John Biars and Marion Jane Biars were also buried at Milldale.
21. Infant Son Coinwell
A baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coinwell of New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio, died shortly after his birth on Sunday morning, 01 April 1917. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and burial was in the School Land Hollow cemetery. The cemetery, also known as Milldale Cemetery, is in Scioto County.

Source: obituary, The Valley Sentinel, Portsmouth, Ohio, 04 April 1917, Page 3.

23. John Henry Cooper
John Henry Cooper, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cooper of Rhodes Ave., New Boston, Ohio, died on 29 March 1910. A news article published Saturday, 02 April, said the boy died early Tuesday morning. The child died of measles and as both the parents and all of the other six children are bedfast with measles it was some time that the child’s death became known in the neighborhood. An undertaker was not called until 5 p.m. The family are poor, coming to New Boston from Lewis Co., Ky., last December. The baby’s remains were buried in School Land Hollow.


24. Rexo Gibson
Rexo Gibson, four years old, died 07 June 1923 after a "twelve days' illness of pneumonia and brain fever." Rexo was a son of Ollie and Addie Gibson. In addition to his parents, Rexo was survived by brother Ezra and sister Myrtle. He was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio.

Source: obituary, Rexo Gibson, Portsmouth Daily Times, Ohio, Friday, June 8, 1923, Page 21.

John Herald Jr., 18-month-old son of John and Nancy Herald of Lakeside, New Boston, Ohio, died 20 Sept 1916. The funeral was held Friday from the home. Interment was made in School Land Hollow Cemetery.


26. Mary Katherine Horsley
Mary Katherine Horsley died 29 April 1942 in her Rhodes Ave., New Boston, Ohio, home. She was the one-day-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Horsley. Mary Katherine was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio, under the direction of A.C. Sowards.

Source: obituary, Mary Katherine Horsley, Portsmouth Times, Ohio, 29 April 1942, Page 15.

27. Ella Hylton
Ella Hylton of Eighth Street died on Sunday, 27 July 1924, as a result of complications. She was the wife of George Hylton. Funeral services were held on Wednesday from the home. Interment was in School Land Hollow cemetery.


28. Infant Son Keller
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keller died 21 April 1946, shortly after his birth. The baby boy was interred in the Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio, under the direction of Soward’s funeral home.
29. Mary Jane Mace
Mary Jane Mace, 56, of Bonser’s Run, ?back of Sciotoville,? Ohio, died 21 May 1926 in Portsmouth General Hospital. She was born in Lawrence County. Mrs. Mace was predeceased by her father John Neal and husband Aaron Mace. Her obituary says her husband died eight years ago. (Note: There is a 1915 obituary for Aaron Mace.) She was survived by a son who was living in San Jose, Cal., and her mother Susan Neal. Death was due to complications, although the end is thought to have been hastened by a fall she sustained recently. Mrs. Mace was going to visit her mother on Bonser’s Run when she fell from a bridge. She was removed to the hospital several days ago for medical attention. Mrs. Mace had been in failing health for some time. Funeral services were held from the Christian church in School Land Hollow back of New Boston? with burial in School Land Hollow cemetery.

30. Aaron Mace
Aaron Mace, 52, died at his home back of Sciotoville, OH on 6 Oct 1915 of dropsy. He leaves a wife and one son. Burial was in School Land Hollow cemetery.

31. Elizabeth Moore
Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, 75, died on 30 Oct 1912. She lived with her son John Moore in Star Yards, Ohio. Mrs. Moore was survived by her son and 13 grandchildren. A married daughter died a number of years ago. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W.W. Weister of the Sciotoville Methodist church. Burial was at School Land Hollow.
Source: obituary, Portsmouth Times, Ohio, 02 Nov 1912, Page 8.

32. Eugene Mowery
Eugene Mowery was a son of James Estel Mowery and wife Leota Gearheart. Eugene was born and died in 1930. He was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio.
Source: July 2010 e-mail from the Mowery family member. Mr. Mowery?s first name is spelled ?Estle? on a Mowery family tree on Ancestry.com. Brother Harold?s obituary has their father?s name spelled Estel.

33. Harold Mowery
Harold Mowery was born 29 Feb 1924 in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, a son of James Estel Mowery and wife Leota Gearheart of Star Yards, Ohio. Harold died in Portsmouth on 03 July 1924 at five months and four days old. Mr. and Mrs. Mowery are grief stricken over the death of their only child and they have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement. Harold was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County.

34. Ronald Lee Nash
Robert Lee Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Munn?s Run pike, New Boston, Ohio, died short after his birth on 17 Oct 1916. The funeral was held in the Nash home with Rev. Frank Wolfe, pastor of the First Christian church of Stewartsville, in charge. Interment was in School Land Hollow cemetery.
35. Clara Pitts
Clara Pitts, 43, died of cancer on 22 July 1915 in the Joseph, Ky., home of her mother Alice Spriggs. She had gone to her mother?s home seven weeks ago in the hope of benefitting her health. In addition to her mother, she was survived by husband James Pitts, an employee of the C.F. Turner commission firm, and four children, Virda, Etta, Willie and Tora. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts had made Portsmouth their home for the past seventeen years. She was a faithful member of the School Land Hollow Christian church, near New Boston (Ohio), and will be buried Friday in the cemetery there. Funeral services were held in the New Boston Christian church. She was a true and loving wife, a good mother and a kind and obliging neighbor. She had a wide circle of friends in the city, who will be saddened at the news of her death. The bereaved relatives have the consolation of knowing they have the sympathy of all and that she died sure of eternal salvation.


36. Armenia Rigsby
Armenia Rigsby of 10th Street died 22 May 1933 in a Portsmouth, Ohio, hospital. Funeral services were held in the 16th Street home of her son. Mrs. Rigsby was interred in Milldale Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio.

Source: obituary, Mrs. Armenia Rigsby, Portsmouth Times, 23 May 1933, Page 11.

37. Benjamin Franklin Shafer
Benjamin Franklin Shafer, 75, died 26 July 1916 in the county infirmary of cancer, reported the Portsmouth Times, Scioto County, Ohio. Mr. Shafer was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Meigs county, Ohio, by his parents when three years old. Ohio had been his home from that time till death. He was well known in New Boston and Portsmouth. His wife died in New Boston (Ohio) seven years ago and shortly afterwards Mr. Shafer started wandering about the country from place to place. His children lost all trace of him until about two weeks ago when Superintendent Weidner of the infirmary notified Ira Shafer, a son in New Boston, that his father was in that institution. The deceased was a quiet man and never told of his troubles. He was a member of the Fourth Virginia Infantry in the Civil War. He was survived by six children, Ira of New Boston; James of Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Francis Hill of this city; Ben of Boston, Mass.; Edward of Barberton; and Stephen A., who was in the U.S. marine service stationed in Haiti. Mr. Shafer was also survived by a brother, William Shafer of Gepharts, and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Yeley of Gepharts and Mrs. Edward Sheppard of Columbus. Funeral services were held in Ira Shafer?s home with the Rev. Frank Wolfe in charge. Interment was in School Land Hollow cemetery.


38. Baby Shears
The three-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elba Shears of Harrisonville Ave., near New Boston, Ohio, died 02 March 1921. The baby was survived by his parents and three brothers. The parents are grief-stricken over the death of their baby, born Feb. 28. Burial was made Thursday afternoon in School Land Hollow cemetery near New Boston.

Source: obituary, Portsmouth Daily Times, Ohio, 03 March 1921, Page 9.

39. Willard Shover
Willard Shover, the 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shover of Spruce St., New Boston, Ohio, died 23 March 1916 of pneumonia. Willard was laid to rest in School Land Hollow cemetery Saturday morning, the funeral services being held from the home at 1:30 o?clock with Rev. Frank Wolfe in charge.

40. Pearl Snyder

Pearl Snyder, 22, died 07 June 1916 in her Lakeside, New Boston, Ohio, home of measles. She was the wife of Isaac Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Brown and mother of Ruth. ?The deceased had been ill only eight days, being forced to take her bed last Saturday. She was twenty-two years of age. Friends and relatives were shocked to hear of her sudden death,? according to her obituary in the Portsmouth Daily Times. In addition to her husband, daughter and parents, Mrs. Snyder was survived by her a sister, Mrs. Esther Jackman of Peebles, and a brother, Mevel Brown. ?Mrs. Snyder was recently converted to the Pentecostal religion. Rev. B.F. Craig and Rev. Joseph Graham, Pentecostal pastors, will conduct the funeral services. The Valley Sentinel obituary said she was buried in School Land Hollow cemetery.

Sources: obituaries in the Portsmouth Daily Times, Ohio, 08 June 1916, and The Valley Sentinel, Portsmouth, 14 June 1916, Page 3.

41. James Walter Sparks

James Walter Sparks, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Sparks of Star Yards near Sciotoville, Ohio, died of pneumonia on 19 April 1926. Funeral services were held from the home. Interment was in School Land Hollow cemetery in Scioto County, Ohio.


42. Norman Sparks

Norman Sparks, 14-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sparks of Milldale Road, New Boston, Ohio, died 12 June 1921 after a four-week illness. Norman was born 13 April 1920. In addition to his parents, Norman was survived by sisters Goldie and Hazel.

Source: Obituary, Norman Sparks, Portsmouth Daily Times, 13 June 1921, Page 9.

43. George Spriggs

George Spriggs, 78, of New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio, died on 16 Dec 1937. He was a former carpenter at the coke plant. Funeral services were held at the Cedar Street Church, New Boston. Mr. Spriggs was interred in Milldale Cemetery.


44. Amos Frederick Wilborn

45. Lucy Wilborn

Brother and sister Amos Frederick Wilburn and Lucy Wilburn died 02 May 1923 and were interred in the same grave at Milldale Cemetery, also known as School Land Hollow Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio. They were children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilburn. Joint funeral services were held for Amos and Lucy and a third child, John Amos Bevens, who died on the same day and was also buried in Milldale Cemetery. John was a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bevens of Lakeside, New Boston, Scioto County, Ohio. The three children died of pneumonia, following measles. A brief service was held at the home where the families live and burial was in School Land Hollow cemetery. Rev. Pearl Hughes of the Immanuel Baptist Church New Boston officiated. The Wilburn children were buried in the same grave and the Bevens child just a few feet away in the hillside burial grounds.


Eva Smith
Frankfort, Ky.
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