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Original Land Purchasers Book Update

We are happy to announce that the Richland County, Ohio Original Land Purchaser book has gone to the printer. We are hoping for a release date of March 7th.

Ellsworth Morse, Jr. compiled a portion of the material for this book from records in Washington D.C., giving a copy of his material to our Society. The school land section was added to his work by MAGIC, the computer committee of the Society. The school lands were first rented with the money going to the schools. Later, they were sold to the public. These records are held by the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio.

It is with the permission of Mr. Morse's widow, Virginia, that we are publishing this material, making it available in book form to the public for the first time.

This 8 1/2 x 11 hardbound book contains 352 pages, is Smythe sewn to endure years of usage. It contains an every name index, making your research easier. The cost is \$27.00 plus \$3.00 postage & \$1.56 tax for those living in Ohio. With the postage increases all books will now be mailed book rate unless additional postage is received for first class mailings.



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Our thanks to John Burkholder, Larry Vincent, Eben Cockley and Sam Hidinger for moving many very heavy boxes from the second floor of the Bushnell House to the first floor.

Meetings for 1999 all meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

February 25..... Homespun and Calico; Finding the women in your family. Peggy Lauritzen, at the Family History Center on Middle-Bellville Rd.
March 25.....German Research with Scott Schaut at the Mansfield Public Library.
April 22 Ellis Island with Renee Rebman at the Mansfield Public Library.
May 27 Showing of the Paul White pictures at the Mansfield Public Library Community Room.
June 24 Danja Shaffer Thompson, speaker, we will meet at the Y Garden Room.
August 26 Picnic, the place to be announced.
September 23 ..Native Americans with Paul and Barb Brimelin. Garden Room at the Y.
October 28 John Sherman, with guest speaker Randy Echelberger in the Garden Room at the Y.
December First Families Banquet to be announced

About this Issue

In the center of this issue you will find the index for the 1998 *Pastfinder*. It has been placed here so you can pull it from the newsletter without damaging this issue. This will allow you to place it with last year's issues. Beginning with this month each issue will be indexed. This issue will be smaller due to having to include 12 pages of index for 1998. Our next issue will contain 20 pgs.of information to help you with your research.

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Queries

- MARLOW I would like to correspond with anyone researching the family of James MARLOW Sr., b. 7 Dec 1794 VA, d. 8 Oct 1876 OH, and spouse Mrs. Mary MARLOW, b. 25 Oct 1797 PA, d. 9 Sep 1876 OH. They were married 9 July 1818, resided in Springfield Twp., Richland Co., OH until their death. I have obituaries of these and other apparent family members found inside the covers of old books.
- MOON Seeking information of Elizabeth MOON (1819-1915) who moved to Mansfield in 1836. She
MARLOW was the daughter of William and Elizabeth MOON. She married Andrew MARLOW in 1842 and was a member of the Mayflower Congregational Church at Mansfield. John D. Miller, 22162 Deer Lane, Franklin, VA 23851
- WILL I am trying to find the parents of Christian WILL and his wife Sarah. He is in the 1840, 1850 and 1860 Census in Mifflin Township. Christian was reportedly born in Pennsylvania, and possibly his wife Sarah too; Christian was 29 yrs of age in 1840. Any help to identify Christian and Sarah's parents would be appreciated. Neil V. Will, 925 Glos Drive, Oxford, OH 45056 e-mail: Neilywill@aol.com
- BURGE My ancestor, William BURGE, and wife, Elizabeth MAKEREL, came to Mansfield, Richland Co.
MAKEREL in 1820. She d. in 1831 and he d. in 1835 in Mansfield. They had seven children: Ruth, William L.,
GOLDSMITH Sarah, Benjamin, Mary, Henry, and John Younger. Surnames associated with this family in
LAMBERTON Mansfield were GOLDSMITH, LAMBERTON, NEWMAN.. I desire to exchange information on these surnames. Bud Burge, 2716 Joseph St. Avon, OH 44011 e-mail: bburge@centuryinter.net
- REID Researching the family of Samuel and Caroline (daug. of Reid and Margaret GASH) SPENCER
SPENCER who are enumerated in Washington Twp., Richland Co. in the 1830 census. They had at that time
GASH two daughters born in Richland Co. and then moved by 1840 to Huron Co., Ohio. They had 13 children born in Ohio and then approx. 1850 moved with some of the younger children to Hillsdale Co., Michigan. Samuel was the brother of Huckins SPENCER and son of Ichabod SPENCER. Please reply to Becky Hoff, 4250 Holland Rd., Saginaw, Michigan 48601 e-mail: THoff57416@aol.com
- BOWERS Seeking information on my gg-gm, Catharine BOWERS, b. 1830-1831 probably OH; a daughter of
HOSSLER Henry BOWERS and Catharine BARGMAN who married 9 Jun 1822 Belmont Co., OH. Catharine
BARGMAN BOWERS married Michel HASSLER/HOSSLER (b. abt 1822 in Richland Co. OH) Sep 5, 1848 in
HASSLER Wayne Co., OH. I have found data on an Isaac BOWERS in Richland Co., OH, and his birth date is near that of Catharine BOWERS. Are they siblings? Would like to find where in Ohio Catharine BOWERS was born. Any help would be appreciated! Patricia Rowell, 20810 Chaparral Circle, Penn Valley, CA 95946-9447 e-mail: pjowell@jps.net
- WELLS Seeking information on George WELLS, b. 1809 in England, married Rachel KEITH 1830 in
KEITH Richland Co., d. Nov 1888 in Richland Co., buried at Harmony Cemetery, Samuel Kuhn Farm. Any additional information will be greatly appreciated. Mary Wells Klus, 2645 Patterson Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603 e-mail: maryklus@cadsnet.net
- WERT I am looking for information on my maternal grandfather and grandmother who lived in Mansfield,
HANNON Ohio in the early 1900s. My grandfather was William A. WERT and my grandmother was Arletta (HANNON) WERT. My grandfather d. April 4, 1913 in Mansfield. They had one child, Ileta WERT and after the death of William, my grandmother and Ileta moved at some time to Columbus. My grandmother died in the early 1950s. Any information will be much appreciated. Jean Todd, 2255 W. Orange grove Rd. Apt. 5204, Tucson, AZ 85741 e-mail: J4Todd@aol.com
- BROWN Seeking information on Benjamin Franklin BROWN, b. Oct. 31, 1840 in Shelby, Richland Co., OH
DAVIS He married Rhoda DAVIS Mar 9, 1865 in Greenville, Mercer Co., PA and d. there Jan 16, 1915.
NICKEL According to his Civil War records he lived his entire life prior to the war in Shelby. His death certificate lists his parents as Mary (or Polly) NICKEL and William BROWN. However, I have not been able to find this family in any of the censuses for 1840-1850. Any information helping me to confirm Benjamin's parents and to identify any siblings would be greatly appreciated. Tom Felt, 5201 Cottingham Pl., Alexandria, VA 22304 or e-mail: tomfelt@email.msn.com

*Administration Records of Richland County, Ohio -
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submitted by Mary Jane Henney

GUNTER, Martin (Wash. Tp.)	E1848	p. 539	Adm: Joseph Fleming.
SHERIFF, Christopher	E1851	p. 554	Adm: Alexander Barr.
BEACH, Jonathan	E1851	p. 554	Adm: John M. Beach.
SMITH, John	F1851	p. 556	Adm: Jonathan Montgomery.
BURNS, Robert	E1848	p. 558	Exec: John Morrow, Wm. Coursen and Sam'l R. Lee ---
BEASORE, Daniel (insane)	E1851	p. 559	Guardian: Polly Beasore.
FRENCH, Joseph (Bloom. Tp.)	E1846	p. 561	Adm: John Creigh (sale bill).
BONER, John	E1845	p. 570	Adm: (?) George S. Bruce. Widow, Eliza. Minor ch: Wm., Charlotte, Hannah and Justine Boner.
McMEEKEN, William	E1850	p. ----	Exec: Ezekial Garret and Ebenezer Ross. Died May 1, 1848. Heirs: Hugh, Eleanor Duff, Jane Marshall, William, Hannah, Margaret, Garrett and Sarah Mason.
COULTER, Thomas (Green Tp.)	E1845	p. 581	Exec: Melzer and Thomas Coulter, Widow: Jane.
PRICE, Nathan R. (final)	E1851	p. ----	Heirs: Mary Ann, Wm., Aaron and Levi Price - all wards of Magdalena Price. All died in Feb. & Mar. of scarlet fever.
KNABB, John N. (final)	E1848	p. 588	Adm: Henry Keith. John F. Murphy exec. of Keith estate?? Widow Hannah. Minor ch: Abraham, Franklin, Elizabeth, Hannah and James Knabb.
SHERMAN, Henry (Spring. Tp.)	E1848	p. 591	Adm.. John Shefler, Widow, & children.
JAMES (Jamey), Richard	E1845	p. 596	Ex. Francis James. Widow & children.
BELL, Sarah (Troy Tp.)	E1845	p. 599	Adm. Joshua Martin (sale bill).
FINCH, William (insane)	E1847	p. 604	Guard. Ezeiel Chew. Guardian moved family to Shelby.
BAKER, H. Amos	E1844	p. 607	Adm. Hiram Wells. Widow & children Mariann Baker.
WEBER (WEBBER), Anna	E1850	p. 613	Daniel Riblet, Guardian of minor heirs, Samuel, Ludwig, Peter & Elizabeth. Balance to Wm. Weber, M.R. & L.C. Weber.
COOK, Daniel	E1850	p. 616	Ex. John R. Cook & Wm. Finney. Widow, Catharine Cook, 11 heirs, David Fish, James Cook, Geo. W. Hadda, D.M.F. Cook, Andrew Peas, Amanda Cook, Henry Cook, J.B. Cook.
PATTERSON, Ethalinda	E1848	p. 619	Ward of James Glasgow.
CRABS, Nottingham (final)	E1849	p. 621	David Crabs.
HUFFMAN, James	E1848	p. 623	Adm. Daniel Ribley.
CUSTERHAUT, John	E1848	p. 624	Heirs, John and James, wards of Wm. Bradley.
SMITH, Mitchel (Milton Tp.)	E1844	p. 624	Adm. Thomas Smith.
BACHELOR, Daniel (final)	E1851	p. 627	Heirs, Benjamin, John, Mehtielabel. Guardian, Samuel Taylor .
LONG, Mary	E1848	p. 628	Christian Westly.
WEBER, Ludwick	E1851	p. 629	
HALL, George	E1850	p. 630	Will date 1841. Ward of George Hall.

IRWIN, George	E1846	p. 631	Ex. Jackson Moore. Widow, Mina, no children.
LAWYER, Martin (final)	E1850	p. 634	Heir, Greenberry, ward of Mathias Crall.
HAYES, Linus (final)	E1847	p. 636	Heir James Hayes. ward of Wm Scott since 1838.
SHEAVER, Levinia (final)	G1838	p. 636	Ward of Jonathan Miller.
ZERBY, Peter	G1849	p. 638	Heirs, Peter & Mary, wards of John S. Keith, guardian.
WILDS, Catherine	G1845	p. 639	Guardian Ludwick Weber, former guardian Samuel Wild, 1830 mentioned.
WILDS, Rebecca	G1838	p. 640	Guardian Ludwick Weber, former guardian in Penn..
SWINDELL, Jacob & Barbour	G1848	p. 640	Theodore Swindall guardian Jacob Holler
RAYL, Henry	E1854	p. ----	Adm. Elizabeth Rayl (widow). Appr. John Mack, H. Sneyman & John Marshall, no children.
KEITH, Michael	E1851	p. 543	Adm. Wm S. Laird. Appr. John Bender, Robt. Mickey & David Wise. Minor children, John and Henry Keith, widow Matilda Keith. Former Adm. John S. Keith.
WARNER, John	E1841	p. 550	Adm. Geo. Fisher. Widow Catharine, minor children not named. Catharine married John Frenzingar.
MOREHEAD (MOOREHEAD), Alexander	E1851	p. ----	Exr. Calvin Morehead & Elizabeth Morehead. Appr. Joseph Ward, Ezra Osborn, Richard Condon. Fergus Morehead, guardian of two minor children not named.
WERTMAN, Simon (Mont. Tp.)	E1843	p. ----	Ex. Abigail Wertman & Chas. Rohn. Appr. Christian Miller, Christian Neff, Henry Bangleman. Widow Abigail Wertman, children Maria, Susana, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Matilda, George Washington Wertman. Mentions money from estate of John Wertman.
HALL, Robert (Milton Tp.)	E1836	p. 561	Adm. Robert Lee Jr. & Wm Maxwell Widow Sarah Hall (married -----Hall), heirs, Sarah Hall, Wm W. & Catherine Hall.
HOFFER, Frederick	E1846	p. 568	Ex. John C. Myers & Abraham Erb. Appr. Thomas Ford, Eli Chandler, James Culbertson. Eli Chandler guardian of Levi Hoffer, James Culbertson guardian of Daniel Hoffer, Elias Ream husband of Harriet Hoffer, Isaac Hornbarger husband of Widow Hoffer, Lewis Mill guardian of Lydia Ann Hoffer and Nancy Hoffer.
ARTER, George	E1854	p. 577	Ex. John Mock.
MOSS, James	E1854	p. 578	Ex. Ruth Moss.
JOHNSTON, Nathaniel	E1854	p. 579	Adm. John Yockey.
HOLMES, Obediah	E1845	p. 579	Adm. Geo. Roberts.
JOHNSTON, Nathaniel	E1854	p. 580	Adm. John Yockey. Appr. Wm Gettings, Daniel Long & James Crawford.

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1850 Ohio Mortality Census Richland County, Ohio

This census was read from microfilm at the Ohio Genealogical Society. The film has faded and is difficult to read in places so we have underlined those places where we were unsure of the reading. This concludes our series on the 1850 mortality census. Time period covered is Jun 1, 1849-May 31, 1850.

Name	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Died	Cause of Death	Days Sick	Occupation
Madison Township							
Booth, Mary E.	2	f	Ohio	Jul	Cholera	7	
----, Margaret	3	f	Ohio	May	—	90	
Foglesonger, Jacob	21	m	Ger	Aug	Fever	10	
C----, Erastus	1	m	Ohio	Sep	Cholera	9	
Snyder, John	14	m	Ohio	Feb	Croup	2	
Mc -----, Susanna	2	f	Ohio	Jul	Cholera Mor	14	
Whita----, Mary	23	f	Penna	Dec	Fever	21	
-----ey, John	8mo	m	Ohio	Apr	S. Fever	7	
Shores, Cynthia	1	f	Ohio	Mar	Consumption	120	
Baker, Lucy	<u>11</u>	f	Ohio	Aug	--	--	
Cant—, Finley	29	m	Ohio	—	Fever	5	
Downs, George H.	<u>2</u>	m	Ohio	May	S. Fever	5	
Downs, Infant	2mo	f	Ohio	Sep	Cholera	14	
Downs, Mary	<u>7</u>	f	Ger	Aug	Cholera	14	
Case, Elizabeth	35	f	Penna	Jul	Dysentery	7	
Oakes, Martha	37	f	MD	Jul	Apoplexy	--	
Crome, Sarah	2	f	Oho	May	Accident	--	
G-----, Julia	--	f	Ohio	Feb	Eryipulus	7	
-----, Mary	2	f	Ohio	Feb	Erysiplas	7	
-----, Phillip	3	m	Ohio	Jun	--	7	
Rease, Minerva	2	f	Ohio	Aug	Cholra	--	
Ritter, Joseph	4	m	Ohio	Dec	—	14	
Bowers, George	5	m	Ohio	Dec	S. Fever	4	
Bushnell, Mary	9	f	Ohio	Sep	Erysiplas	3	
Bushnell, Henrietta	9	f	Ohio	Sep	Erysiplas	3	
McMullen, Martha	5	f	Ohio	Jan	Erysiplas	5	
Davis, E.W.	51	m	Vt	Dec	Fever	14	
Wharf, Fances	3		Ohio	May	Lung Fever	7	
Howard, M----?	9mo	f	Ohio	Apr	Brain Fever	14	
Hoss, George	2	m	Ohio	Sep	Erysiplas	3	
Harding, Artimiso	1	f	Ohio	Sep	Whooping Cough	7	
Harding, Caroline	10 mo	f	Ohio	Dec	Whooping Cough	14	
<u>Main</u> , Elizabeth	55	f	MD	May	Dropsy	265	
Hubble, Harriet	9	f	Ohio	Apr	Measles	11	
<u>Wop</u> _, Peter	30	m	Ger	Jan	Accident	instantly	
Blecker, Frank J.	1	m	Ohio	May	Lung Fever	14	
Blecker, Infant	5mo	m	Ohio	Apr	Lung Fever	21	
Semmon?, Alfred	29	m	N.Y.	J-	Consumption	120	
Irwin, Sophronia	<u>21</u>	f	Ohio	Apr	Inflamation —	460	
Bartle, William	3	m	Ohio	Nov	Pleursy	3	
Platt, William	46	m	N.J.	Feb	Croup	9	
Platt, Sarah	2	f	Ohio	Feb	Croup	3	
Platt, Infant	4mo	m	Ohio	May	Measles	15	
Quigley, Emily	10	f	N.J.	Jul	C----	14	
Ha-----, Ann M.	49	f	Penna	Feb	Lung Fever	25	

Wise, Phebe	2	f	Ohio	Apr	Dysentery	--
Hoover, Charles	1mo	m	Ohio	Mar	Cold	--
Purdy, William H.	8mo	m	Ohio	---	---	--
Miller, Allen G.	55	m	Conn	Jul	Infl--	--
Hoover, Joseph	?	m	Ohio	Apr	Infl----	--
Wilcox, Frances	3		Ohio	Feb	Lung Fever	6
Wilcox, Oliver	2	m	Ohio	Feb	Lung Fever	6
McLaughlin, Thomas	1	m	Ohio	Aug	Measles	21
McLaughlin, Arabella	2	f	Ohio	Aug	Measles	--
Conn, Allan B.	5mo	m	Ohio	May	C----	--
Sherman, Charles F.	5mo	m	Ohio	Aug	Cholera inf	14
Lamberton, Edna	2	f	Ohio	Jul	Measles	21
Beck, Melissa A.	4mo	f	Ohio	Jan	Unknown	12
Reed, James	47	m	Penna	Apr	Consumption	28
Shellenburger, Amelia	4mo	f	Ohio	Aug	Lung Fever	35
McBride, John	5mo	m	Ohio	May	Lung Fever	6
Dice, Susan	2	f	Penna	Jan	Dysentery	9
Murphy, William F.	9mo	m	Ohio	Aug	Cholera	--
Higgins, William	2	m	Ohio	Aug	Croup	--
Hughes, Jeremiah	32	m	Ohio	Jun	Co----	--
McCullough, Melissa	19	f	Ohio	Mar	Co-----	--

- this concludes the 1850 Mortality Census for Richland County -

First Families of Richland County

We welcome Janice Clark Geyer into the First Families of Richland County. Janice lives in Littleton, Colorado and could not be present at our December meeting which is specifically set aside for the induction of our First Family members. Her certificate and medal have been mailed to her. Congratulations Janice!

You too can honor the memory of your pioneer family and become a member of Richland County First Families if you can prove your ancestor to be in the county by 1840. Send for your application to the address on the front page of the newsletter. We are looking forward to receiving many First Family applications this year.

Chapter News:

We wish to thank all our volunteers for a successful year for the Society. All your work and cooperation makes the Society run smoothly and efficiently. We especially want to thank Maxine Smith, LaDonna O'Neal and Connie Smith for all the work they do with the research mail. Each week they meet to answer the queries you send to us. They are a valuable asset to the Society. We also want to thank Kerry Kimberly for all her work in organizing the material in the Richland County Room. She has built on the work started by Ruth Hostetter and each have added their own personal touch to the organization. This year Danja Thompson will be our librarian and we are looking forward to working with Danja.

Our Society is in an unique position as a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. With OGS in the same community as we are there has never been a need for us to have an open library. We have always worked closely with OGS, providing volunteers and placing copies of all our material in their library. Just as in our own homes, the Society has managed to collect materials that need to be filed and kept in an orderly manner. This work often goes unrecognized as not many people are in the Richland Co. Room. Thank you Kerry for a great job in organizing this material.

Although they do not live in Richland County, Ohio, Diana and Bill Sowers have been representing the county as managers of the Richland County GenWeb site. They not only had the Richland County site but the Lincoln County, Kansas site, and did both very well. But, due to increasing responsibilities they have given up the Richland County site to James W. McClure, a fellow genealogist with Richland County connections. We are very grateful to Bill and Diana for all the work they have put into this great site and the help they have been to the Chapter. [cjnetworks.com/~wrs/rich.htm]

On-Line Sites:

Looking for census indices, then go to this site where you will find a map of the U.S. Click on the state you want to go to and follow directions to find indices for the federal census. In some states there are military listings. It is a growing site so keep looking if you do not find what you are looking for the first time. <http://www.census-online.com/links/index.html>

CHECK YOUR LABEL TO SEE IF YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1999!

Richland County People Who Went To Kansas

"Biographical Sketches" Kansas Collection Books

from William G. Cutler's "History of the State of Kansas"

on line at <http://www.kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/carrie/kancoll/andcutl.htm>

compiled by Mary Jane Henney

❖ **S. S. BRINKERHOFF**, County Attorney, was born near Auburn, N. Y., April 15, 1838, and removed to Plymouth, Huron Co., Ohio, with his parents when an infant. He received his education at the Academy at Carlisle, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and commenced the study of law at Painesville, with Bissell & Tinker. He was mustered into the State Militia April 16, 1861, and into Company D, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1861. He served two and a half years on detached duty, and when he left the service in November, 1865, it was with the rank of Major. He came to Kansas in November, 1867, and settled at Osage Mission, but removed to Fort Scott the following spring and made that his permanent home. He has served as Police Judge three terms, and is now serving his second term as County Attorney, having first served from 1876 to 1878, and after an interval of two years renominated by acclamation in 1880. Mr. Brinkerhoff was married at Fort Scott February 20, 1871, to Dana E. Gordon, a native of Lake County, Ohio, deceased May 26, 1881. He has five children--Helen G., Henry, Gordon, Della, Lizzie and Blake. He is a member of the A., F. & A. M., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. [Bourbon County]

❖ **ASA D. CHAMBERS**, farmer, P. O. Hartford, was born in Richland County, Ohio, April 16, 1837. Was educated in the public schools of Ohio and at Fredericktown Academy, and when eighteen years of age began teaching. Taught in the public schools of Ohio four years. In 1859 he went to the Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., from which he graduated in June, 1863. While here he was enrolled in the Pennsylvania Contingent forces, and attached to the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment. Was sent to Pittsburgh to defend that city from the threatened raid by the rebel general, Early, in 1863. In June, 1863, he returned to Ohio and engaged in teaching. In December, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Third Regiment Ohio Veteran Volunteers, filling the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, Samuel C., who lost his life in service in the same company. He was promoted to Ordnance Sergeant of the Regiment; served in Wilson's Cavalry Corps in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, until he was mustered out at Macon, Ga., in August, 1865. Returned to Ohio on a visit to friends and in January, 1866, came to Kansas, located at Lawrence, and in April of the same year was elected Professor of Natural Sciences, in Baker University, at Baldwin, which chair he occupied one year. In 1867 he removed to Hartford, and for eight years was principal for the Hartford Collegiate Institute. During this time he also held the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for Lyon County four years, and continued in this office two years after. During these years, he purchased 240 acres of land and started one of the first nurseries in Lyon County. He planted about 3,000 apple trees in orchard besides other fruit trees. Is now engaged in farming and fruit raising. He was the enumerator of the official census of 1880, for a portion of the Second District. Is a member of Emporia Encampment No. 17, I. O. O. F., and a member of Hartford Lodge No. 8, A. O. U. W. Married Miss Anna P. Smith, of Topeka, April 12, 1873, and they have three children - John R., Mabel E., and Anna P. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hartford. [Lyon County]

❖ **CHARLES C. COFFINBERRY**, agricultural implements and farm machinery, is a native of Richland County, Ohio, born June 30, 1827, and while still quite young, his parents moved to Michigan, where they were early settlers. In 1847, he went to Dane County, Wis., and in 1857, moved to Kansas, crossing to Atchison; though he was offered a good chance there, he went on to Nemaha County, where he settled on a farm. In 1859, he was elected to the Territorial Legislature, and during the dry year and famine of 1860, he acted as by proxy, one of the twelve Commissioners to distribute aid, sending some sixty-eight loads to his own county. In 1861, he was elected to the State Legislature; while in Nemaha, was continually in the political field. In 1866, he moved to Neosho County, and went to farming and trading, and in February, 1882 bought his present business of J. R. Detwiler, and has done a business of some \$12,000 this year. During the War of the Rebellion, he was in the State Militia, and was called out on the Little Blue, and was also on the first raid of Price. Mr. Coffinberry was a Whig, formerly, and is now a Republican in politics. [Neosho County]

❖ **H. I. COOK & CO.**, hardware merchants, established business in 1879. The firm is composed of H. I. Cook, Christian States and W. M. Anderson. Mr. Cook is a native of Mansfield, Ohio, where he resided until he came to Topeka, in 1872. He was employed as a clerk until the present firm was organized. He is a member of the K. of P. Was married at Topeka in October, 1877, to Mary S. White. They have one child, Clarence W. [Shawnee County]

❖ **SAMUEL COOK**, farmer, P. O. De Soto, was born in Knox County, Ohio, in August, 1830, and reared on a farm. He was for many years largely engaged in dealing livestock in Knox and Morrow counties, and for two years in grain business.

In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served three years. In October, 1864, he turned his attention to railroading; was for a short time employed as baggage master on the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., at Crestline, Ohio, and for three months worked as a carpenter in Illinois. In June, 1865, he came to Kansas, and has since given his attention to farming. He has 160 acres in Lexington Township, all improved. His principal occupations are raising corn and dealing in live stock. Mr. Cook was married in Mansfield, Ohio, October, 1854, to Miss B. N. Cook. They have nine children - Alice, Edwin W., Mary B., Eva P., Harry L., Edith G., Samuel H., Arthur R. and Madge L. [Johnson County]

❖ **E. H. CORWIN**, photographer, was born in Mansfield, Ohio, June 29, 1847. Emigrated to Canton, Ill., in 1855. He enlisted at the age of sixteen years in Company K, Seventh Illinois, and was one of the youngest soldiers in the army. At the battle of Nashville, Tenn., December 16, 1864, he received a severe gunshot wound in the left thigh, and was mustered out in the fall of 1866. The subject of our sketch first gave his attention to photography in 1869, and has followed it continuously for thirteen years. Besides having a natural ability for lighting and posing, he has received the superior instructions of some of the best photographers and artists in the United States. In November, 1879, he established himself in this business at Ottawa, Kan., and in the short time he has been here has built up a reputation for the fine artistic work, and his splendidly finished photographs are known throughout the State. Mr. Corwin's reputation as an artist, etc., in this business is second to none in Kansas. He takes pride in his profession, for which he has an ardent love. His gallery is located in the Opera House Block. Here he has a suite of rooms handsomely furnished and decorated with some of the specimens of his skill. He has the faculty of making you feel at home, and is popular throughout the community. [Franklin County]

❖ **LEVI L. EDGINGTON**, hornoeopathic physician and surgeon, first came to Galva August 5, 1880, and continued the practice of medicine. Moved to McPherson in November, 1882 where he is actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He was born in Ontario, Ohio, June 20, 1833, and was raised in his native State. Began the study of medicine in 1863. He entered Knox College as a student in Galesburg, Ill., in 1857, spending some time in a scientific course. Graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College in 1878. Began the practice of medicine in Galesburg, Ill., in 1874, also practiced at New Windsor, same State. Married in 1863 to Miss Nancy Callon of Greenville, Pa. They have three children, Sarah J., Stella M., and Arthur L. [McPherson County]

❖ **REV. J. P. FINNEY**, P. O. Beloit, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, February 27, 1837; removed with his parents to Mansfield, Ohio, in 1846. Attended and graduated at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in 1861; also graduated at the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., in 1864. After laboring some time as a home missionary, he was sent by the United Presbyterian General Assembly to Manhattan, Kan., in 1867. In 1871, he was settled as pastor of the Unity Church, Adams County, Ohio. Again he returned to Kansas, and in 1879, he was settled in his present charge, Hopewell Church in Center Township, ten miles southwest of Beloit. Since coming to Mitchell County, he has secured 240 acres of land. His home is decorated with young groves of forest trees, fine orchard, and one of the best houses in the county, 32x44 feet, neatly painted, built in 1879. He was married on March 22, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth Short, a graduate of Vermilion Institute, born May 8, 1841, two miles from Ashland, Ohio. They have five children - Minnehaha O., William S. Herbert, Roscoe R., S. J. Pearl, Dwight Mac. [Mitchell County]

❖ **WILLIAM FLICKINGER**, farmer, Section 6, Township 19, Range 10, P. O. Plymouth, was born in Perry County, Pa., September 26, 1829. When he was about eight years old his parents removed to Richland County, Ohio, where he was raised upon a farm. He received a common school education, and shortly after attaining his majority learned the trade of millwright, in which he was engaged until he came to Kansas. In the fall of 1857 he located in Johnson County, on the Santa Fe trail, and in the same season pre-empted 160 acres in Pike Township, about one mile northwest of Plymouth. In 1862 he began to improve this farm and has since continued to operate it. He has erected a fine, large dwelling, barn and other farm buildings; has an orchard of 325 apple and 50 peach trees, besides smaller fruits. He has since purchased 320 acres of land in Chase County, all fenced, and twelve acres of timber land on the Cottonwood River, south of Plymouth. Mr. Flickinger has held the offices of Treasurer and Clerk of the Township many years, and has also held many local offices. During the Rebellion he was enrolled in the State Militia and was called into service at the time of the Price raid, and during several Indian raids and alarms. He married Miss Eliza A. Buchanan, of Toledo, Chase County, in 1864. By this marriage he had three children, of whom Effie M., is now living. His wife and two children died in August, 1868, all being buried within the space of three weeks. November 14, 1872, he married Miss Rebecca J. Tressler, of Americus, by whom he has two children, John T. and Lillie K., both living. [Lyon County]

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Meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. There is no July meeting. The August meeting is usually a picnic on a date to be set. The November and December meetings are combined on an evening early in December.

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