

Past Pursuits

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Veteran Burials at Glendale Cemetery: The Buckley Post Lot

by Michael Elliott, Public Service Assistant (Ret.)

Through 2015, Americans will observe the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Due to the development of rifled weaponry, the horrors of the Civil War battlefield can scarcely be imagined today. The casualty rates were appalling with more than 600,000 dead, a number slightly over 2% of the total US population of the time. The mortality rate of soldiers was roughly one in ten while countless others were maimed or had their health ruined by poor food, exposure and various diseases which spread rapidly through the ranks.

On April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered what was left of his beleaguered army at Appomattox, Virginia, ending the war. Men returned home and picked up where they left off as farmers, mechanics, laborers, and myriad other occupations. But something was missing. They had grown accustomed to the camaraderie that their shared sacrifice and the hardship of



Columbia Hall about 1897. It was the meeting place for the Buckley Post until the building was destroyed in the riot of 1900. From the Summit County Historical Society collection.

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campaigning had produced. As time passed, camp life and the horrors of battle were remembered less harshly. With these sentiments, groups of men across the nation began joining together informally in various fraternal societies and orders for the camaraderie they provided. Eventually, the predominant group emerged as the Grand Army of the Republic, better known by its acronym GAR.

Founded in Decatur, Illinois in 1866 by Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, ex-Surgeon of the 14th Illinois Infantry, membership in the GAR was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy and Marine Corps who had served during the Civil War. The organization at the community level was called a "post" and was numbered consecutively within each "department," almost always representing an individual state. Nearly all posts bore a proper name with the requirement that the honored person be deceased and that no two posts within the same department could possess the same name. At the national level, the organization was directed by the elected "commander-in-chief."

The GAR reached peak membership in 1890 with a reported 409,489 members. In that year, there were well over 7,000 individual posts across America, ranging from a dozen or so members in small towns to many hundreds in the major cities. They wielded considerable political power and were strongly aligned with the Republican Party. Five members were eventually elected President of the United States. For a time, it was impossible to be nominated on the Republican ticket without the endorsement of the GAR.

As might be imagined, the GAR was a strong proponent in any pension legislation related to military service. Congress had taken steps as early as 1862 to award a pension to any veteran disabled while serving, or to his family if he died as a consequence of his service. But in 1890, the most notable revision in the Federal pension law occurred as a direct result of the intense lobbying effort of the GAR. Known as the Disability Pension Act, this statute removed the link between receiving a

pension and service-related injuries. It allowed any veteran who had served honorably for a minimum of three months to qualify even if his disability did not occur during the war or as a result of it. Passed by Congress on June 27, 1890 and signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison, who was himself a GAR member, it immediately generated a virtual landslide of pension applications. At its peak, the Civil War pension system consumed approximately 45% of all federal revenue and was the largest department of the federal government other than the armed services. Many scholars and historians agree that this pension system was the blueprint for what was to eventually become Social Security. The last Civil War pensioner died in 1956, but the last widow survived until 2003. Even more remarkable is that according to the Department of Veteran Affairs, as of September 2011, there were still two children of Civil War Veterans that were receiving monthly benefits as "minor dependents."

In Akron, the GAR was represented by Buckley Post. Chartered in 1867, it was designated as post number 12, meaning it was the twelfth such lodge founded in Ohio. It was named for longtime Akron resident Colonel Lewis Buckley, who died in Akron in 1868. Because the GAR was such a new concept at the time, the formation of the post wasn't considered newsworthy and no mention of it was made in the *Summit County Beacon*. Buckley Post initially met in the Grand Army Hall located in the Barber Block on South Howard Street, which was considered the finest venue in the state. They later met in Columbia Hall on Main Street until that building was lost in the 1900 Akron riot.

Anticipating the future need for burial space for GAR members, the trustees for the Akron Rural Cemetery (later named Glendale) had donated a sizable plot in section O to Buckley Post in early February 1870. A short notice in the *Akron Daily Beacon* on February 5 noted "A Good Deed –It is understood that the Akron Rural Cemetery Association has given to Buckley Post, G.A.R., a large and beautiful burial lot, adjoining the new lot lately taken possession of by the Masonic Fraternity." The courtesy of the Trustees was certainly appreciated. In early 1885, the

membership of Buckley Post realized that no “yearbook” or post history had been kept. A small booklet produced later that year outlined the post’s history up to that time. In reference to the Post’s burial lot it stated: “The officers of the Akron Rural cemetery have generously donated to Buckley Post, #12, G.A.R., a suitable lot in which to bury their deceased comrades, and the post has also made use of it as a place of burial for ex-soldiers, who would otherwise be consigned to Potter’s Field.” Indeed, several area men who were not members of the GAR but were indigent ex-soldiers were buried in the lot at Buckley Post’s expense.



Veterans assembled at the GAR plot in Glendale Cemetery about 1900. From the Summit County Historical Society collection.

The new burial lot would be put into use just a few months later. The first burial was for a man named Michael Mercatoris. A native of the German province of Prussia, he served in Company C of the 45th New York Infantry. He came to Akron shortly after the war ended and primarily made his living by keeping a saloon. To supplement his income, he also worked periodically as a coal miner and was killed in an elevator accident in an East Akron mine on October 10, 1870. His brief obituary mentions that he was “one of the charter members of the Grand Army in this city,” which accounts for his burial in the GAR lot.

A second early burial was for a young man named Jose Felice whose death occurred barely two weeks following that of Mercatoris. A native of Peru according to his burial record, he had been in the

Navy and was most likely still a teenager when he succumbed of tuberculosis in the Summit County Home in late October 1870. There is no official death record, no obituary, nothing at all to show his connection to Akron. How and why he ended up in Akron after the war is unknown. Perhaps a discharged Navy veteran from the area felt responsible for him and brought him back here. His grave was marked at one time because the writer has found bits and pieces of marble in the dirt and grass at the gravesite. If he had any family back in Peru, they probably never knew what became of him.

Today there are approximately 93 burials in the GAR lot with roughly 25 graves unmarked. These are either the earliest burials whose stones have deteriorated or have become illegible, or the most recent burials from the 1930s. One marked grave is situated in the adjacent section just a few feet away from the GAR lot. This belongs to Henry Jasper, the only known Confederate soldier buried in Glendale. The gravesite was obviously deliberately chosen for its location near the GAR lot, since as a Confederate he would have been ineligible for burial in it.



The GAR plot today, with the monument placed by last living Buckley Post member Alvin Miller. Photo courtesy of Michael Elliott.

Peak membership in Buckley Post occurred in the 1890s with nearly 1,000 members. The *Akron Beacon Journal* proudly noted that this number would easily stretch from Main Street to the

Glendale Cemetery entrance in the annual Memorial Day processional. But time takes its toll, and the 1900 GAR directory for Akron shows that there were 426 members on the Buckley Post rolls. In 1919 the *Beacon* reported the number at 222, and by 1939 there were only six members left. On Memorial Day 1940 Alvin Miller, who was the last living member and last commander of Buckley Post, dedicated a large monument he had placed in the lot at his own expense. Situated at the highest point in the lot, its inscription reads “This memorial erected in memory of its departed comrades by Buckley Post Grand Army of the Republic.” Miller died in 1941, closing the books on the GAR in Akron. But every Memorial Day in Glendale Cemetery, American flags can be found adorning each veteran’s gravesite. Those in the GAR lot also display the star-shaped emblem proclaiming its timeless motto: “Fraternity, Loyalty & Charity.”

1940 Census Update

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

The wait is over! On August 3, Ancestry announced that its indexing of the 1940 census was complete. All 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands are now searchable by name, and the collection may be accessed for free at Ancestry.com through 2013. You can also access it in Ancestry Library Edition with your library card at any ASCPL location.

While the completion of the Ancestry index is great news, we all know that indexes do have their limitations and don’t always lead us to our ancestors as quickly as we’d like. It’s often helpful to have an alternate index to use, and with the 1940 census, we do.

[The 1940 Census Community Project](#), the all-volunteer index used on the sites [Archives.com](#), [FindMyPast.com](#) and [FamilySearch.org](#), has completed its indexing of all states and the District of Columbia. As of September 4, the full census is searchable at Archives.com and FamilySearch, while FindMyPast.com has 40 states searchable.

Between the Ancestry index and the 1940 Census Community Project index, you may be able to find your ancestors without too much trouble. If you need assistance, feel free to contact Special Collections for search tips. Or, refer to the [workbook](#) we use in our “Finding Your Family in US Census” class, which may be found on our blog at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>, under the Classes & Events tab. If you still have trouble with the name indexes, remember, you may use the 1940 census the “old-fashioned” way, by identifying the enumeration district in which your ancestor lived and then browsing the pages within it. For instructions, refer to the National Archives and Records Administration’s census page at <http://1940census.archives.gov/> or our own [research guide](#) on the topic, found under the Genealogy tab.



Image from the [Ancestry.com blog post](#) *Infographics: What Was Life Like in 1940?*, August 23, 2012, reprinted with permission.

Goodyear Images Available in the University of Akron’s Digital Resource Commons

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

Like local history repositories everywhere, Special Collections frequently receives requests for photographs. While users can view thousands of images from institutions around the county on [Summit Memory](#) and can read descriptions of photographs and other documents from the

collections of the Library and the Summit County Historical Society using our [Local History Database](#), some users will need to seek out other resources to find images pertaining to their particular topic. If that topic happens to be the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, one source researchers absolutely need to know about is the University of Akron (UA)'s Digital Resource Commons (DRC), at <http://drc.uakron.edu/>.

UA's DRC includes nearly 24,000 images, most of those from an extensive collection of negatives that Goodyear donated to UA's Archival Services in 2008. The collection includes rarely seen images of factory work, company events, a wide variety of rubber projects and lighter-than-air flight. This massive project was funded by a two-year \$303,000 Humanities and Collections Resources Grant that the National Endowment from the Humanities awarded to UA's Archival Services in 2010.

The DRC is just one of the many resources available from Archival Services. Visit their Web site at www.uakron.edu/libraries/archives/ for more information--including finding aids--about their university, regional history, local government record, book and digital collections.

New Librarian for Special Collections

by Judy James, Division Manager

The staff of Special Collections is pleased to announce that Rebecca Larson-Troyer joined us in August as the newest librarian on our team. If you are a patron of the Barberton Public Library, you might know Rebecca as the local history librarian. Since 2007, Rebecca managed the historical collections of the library, provided numerous programs about Barberton's history for community groups and students, and contributed to *Historically Speaking*, a monthly column for the *Barberton Herald* newspaper. She was also a guest lecturer at the University of Akron where she taught a course for the history department on museums and archives. Rebecca received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Library and Information

Science from Kent State University, and was recently selected as a representative to the Ohio Local History Alliance. Welcome, Rebecca!

Discovering Your Civil War Ancestors Recap

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

About 60 participants attended our Civil War program on Saturday, August 11. Mogadore resident and Civil War reenactor John Gurnish started off the day with an information-packed hour about Summit County's role in the Civil War. His thoroughly-researched lecture was accompanied by photographs and documents related to the nationally known figures, prominent soldiers, troops, home front activities and post-war activities in the county, as well as a wonderful display of local Civil War artifacts he collected over the years.



Presenter John Gurnish with a display of Summit County Civil War artifacts.

Certified Genealogist Amy Johnson Crow, a resident of Reynoldsburg Ohio, followed with four very informative sessions on researching Civil War ancestors. Topics covered included Researching Ohio Civil War Ancestors, Civil War Fraternal Organizations, Researching Your Civil War Ancestors Online, and State and Local Records for Civil War Research. She offered a number of useful research tips, such as: check the 1910 census, the

only census that indicates Civil War service, for notations indicating service in the Union Army (UA), Union Navy (UN), Confederate Army (CA) or Confederate Navy (CN). Check grave registration cards; the Ohio Historical Society, for example, has a set of Ohio's cards in alphabetical order and is slowly digitizing them. Finally, order the pension records from the National Archives and Records Administration [online](#). If you missed this event, be sure to watch conference schedules and Amy's own Web site, www.amyjohnsoncrow.com, for her other appearances. They will be well worth your time!



*Presenter Amy Johnson Crow at
Discovering Your Civil War
Ancestors.*

Thanks to the [Summit County Chapter](#) of the Ohio Genealogical Society for co-sponsoring the event and donating a number of items for the drawing, to the [National Institute for Genealogical Studies](#) for donating free online courses, and to the Friends of Main Library for a drawing prize. If you have ideas for next year's program, we'd love to hear them.

Special Collections and iTunes U

by Iris Bolar, Librarian

If you were in a recent "Finding Your Family in the U.S. Census" class here at Main Library, you might have noticed videorecording during the session.

This is being done by Western Reserve PBS for *Ohio on iTunes U*. iTunes U provides access to complete courses and lectures from universities and other educational organizations from around the world on a wide range of subjects at no charge.

Western Reserve PBS has uploaded content onto iTunes U since 2009. It provides K-12 multimedia and community programming. Genealogy classes were selected because the subject matter is of interest to a wide range of people, the Library's programs are free and open to the public, and according to PBS, "the library always has programs that are well-presented." It is not known how many more genealogy classes or other library programs will be recorded this year. As of this writing, Akron library programs have yet to appear on the iTunes U catalog.

Western Reserve PBS received a grant from eTech Ohio which requires 30 hours of video for *Ohio on iTunes U* covering the following areas: K-12, College Readiness, Use of Technology, Child Early Care and Learning, Students with Disabilities, English Language Learning, and other areas of interest within the community.

To access *Ohio on iTunes U*, you must first have iTunes, which is free to download on your MAC, PC, tablet or smartphone. Then you can download the free iTunes U app. When on iTunes U, click on "Beyond Campus" and select "Ohio." Visit the [iTunes U Web site](#) for more information and system requirements.

Late Night at the Library

The Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will present the eighth annual Late Night at the Library after-hours genealogy event, Friday, November 2, 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm in the Special Collections Division. Join us for an evening of genealogy research and mingle with fellow researchers as you uncover the details of your ancestry. Staff and Summit OGS volunteers will provide research assistance. If you are new to genealogy, attend a tour of the division and an

abbreviated version of our Getting Started in Family History workshop at 6:45 pm. Parking is free in the High Street Parking Deck after 6 pm. Copies and printing are free. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Sign-ups are not necessary, but for more information, contact Special Collections at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

On Display in Special Collections: “Random Rarities”

Did you know that in addition to our own photo collection, we also house the photos of the Summit County Historical Society? Their large photo collection documents some interesting local people, places and events. Many photos have been digitized on [Summit Memory](#), but there are also many that remain in storage. Most of these are cataloged in our [Local History Database](#), and they are safely kept for researchers and curious citizens who need only to stop in and ask us to view them. This fall, we are highlighting photos of unusual or rarely seen subjects that you might not know exist. Come in to see “Random Rarities: Photo Gems from the Summit County Historical Society” in our display case.



Interior of the Palace Theater about 1930. From the Summit County Historical Society collection.

Special Collections Class Schedule

For more information and to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Getting Started in African American Genealogy

Saturday, September 22, 10 am - noon

Do you want to trace your African American family tree? Not sure how or where to begin? The Special Collections Division presents a two-hour class for genealogy beginners who have a specific interest in African American ancestral research. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level, Main Library.

Branching Out: Second Steps in Genealogy

Saturday, October 13, 10 am – noon

A detailed continuation of *Getting Started in Family History*, this class is geared toward those who have already done some research. Participants will learn what to expect when working with vital records and obituaries and basic search strategies for finding them in both online and traditional sources. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level, Main Library.

Finding Your Family in the US Census

Saturday, October 27, 10 am – noon

United States Census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us as we learn more about using these valuable records for your family research. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library.

Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research

Saturday, November 10, 10 am – noon

With more than 8,000 databases and 200 billion images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource, and it's available to you for free within any ASCPL location. This class will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. Because electronic resources are used, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library.

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

Saturday, November 17, 10 am – noon

Most of us will find immigrant ancestors somewhere in our family tree. Join us for a discussion of identifying immigrant ancestors and locating passenger lists and naturalization records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library.

Summit County OGS Events

For more information, please see

<http://www.summitogs.org/events.php>.

Lineage Society Applications

Presented by Margaret Cheney

Saturday, October 20, 1 – 3 pm

Lineage applications are another way to honor your ancestors. Learn how to make a successful application by learning what you need to use for documentation and how to present it to the judges. This informative program will prepare you to join any lineage society.

Summit County Historical Society Events

Don't miss the chance to experience history with our very own Summit County Historical Society. From September through December, the Society offers Perkins Stone Mansion tours in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Tours are Wednesday through Friday 1 – 3 pm and cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for students.

In collaboration with Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, SCHS offers a series called **History Hikes**. The next hike is on September 20, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. This hike takes you on a visit to the Old Stone School and gives you a chance to meet a schoolmarm from the past. Reservations are required. For more information, call Metro Parks at 330-865-8065.

On September 27 from 4 – 6 pm, the Society will offer a **John Brown Open House** that will feature a

Summit Hall of Honor exhibit sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation as well as displays about the life of John Brown.

In October and November, don't miss the fun of the Perkins Stone Mansion **Lights Out Haunted Tours** and the **Realm to Realm** sessions with Laura Lyn. See the events calendar on the SCHS Web site: http://www.summithistory.org/news_events.htm for times and reservation requirements.

Finally, be sure to take the time to visit the Perkins Stone Mansion on a Saturday in December to experience one of the **Home for the Holidays** tours which features the mansion's beautiful decorations for the Holiday season.

For more information about all of these events, please call the Summit County Historical Society at 330-535-1120 or make reservations at their Web site <http://www.summithistory.org/>.

CHIPS to Meet in October

CHIPS (Council of Historical Institutions of Portage and Summit Counties) will meet on Saturday, October 13, 9 am – noon at the Kelso House in Brimfield, Portage County. All historical and preservation organizations are welcome to attend. After breakfast and a tour of the building, participants will share news and events of the past six months. For more information, contact Dreama Powell at Dreamarona@webtv.net.

Civil War Commemorative Events in Summit County

From now through 2015, Summit County will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Ohio's contribution to the Civil War. Be sure to attend these events in our community. For more information about events here and throughout the state, visit: www.ohiocivilwar150.org.

Civil War 150 Exhibit

Clothing and musical instruments from the Civil War period

First floor of Main Place Building

121 South Main Street, Akron

Summit County Historical Society

www.summithistory.org

Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign

Presented by Bob Boyda

September 27, 2012, 7 pm

GAR Hall Museum

1785 Main Street (State Route 303), Peninsula

Peninsula Valley Historic & Education Foundation

www.peninsulahistory.org

Ghost Stories of the Civil War

Presented by Paul Goebbel

October 25, 2012, 7 pm

GAR Hall Museum

1785 Main Street (State Route 303), Peninsula

Peninsula Valley Historic & Education Foundation

www.peninsulahistory.org

War of 1812 Bicentennial Events

2012 marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Communities throughout Ohio are commemorating this important date with ceremonies and remembrances. Be sure to attend one of these local commemorations. For more information about events taking place in our state, visit the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

<http://warof1812.ohio.gov/>. For information about local events and projects, visit the Web site of the William Wetmore Chapter Daughters of 1812 at <http://sharonmyers1.tripod.com/>.

Summit County and the War of 1812

Presented by Sharon Myers

October 17, 2012, 7 pm

Bath Historical Society

Bath Township Museum

1241 N Cleveland-Massillon Road, Akron

Summit County and the War of 1812

Presented by Sharon Myers

November 7, 2012, 7 pm

Twinsburg Historical Society

Twinsburg Public Library

10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg

<http://lwkweb.com/twinsburghistoricalsociety>

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Daughters of the American Revolution, Cuyahoga-Portage Chapter for *Thirty Perry County, Pennsylvania Cemeteries* by Bob and Mary Closson in memory of Carol Jenkins, and *Along the Monongahela* by Bill Garbarino in memory of Roberta Wilson

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Summit County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society
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Northeast Ohio by Michael Elliott, and family
history materials pertaining to the Ley and Keller
families

New to the Collection

Connecticut

Naugatuck Congregational church records, 1781-
1901

Stamford town records, Vol. 1: 1641-1725

Georgia

Cemeteries of Grady County

Dodge County cemeteries

Henry County, Georgia, 1821-1894: marriage,
colored/freedman record of sales, inventory and
wills

Kentucky

Abstracts of wills and settlements, Logan County,
1795-1900; 1901-1923

Nelson County school census, 1896-1897, with
school photos

Maine

Marriage notices from the *Maine Farmer*, 1833-
1852

Maryland

Farming in Anne Arundel County

Garrett County (Images of America series)

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Baltimore:
baptisms, 1882-1915

Somerset County orphans court proceedings, vol. 2:
1823-1838

Massachusetts

Southern Massachusetts cemetery collection

Mississippi

Cemeteries of Jackson County: a requiem

Ohio

Ashland County: Orange Township

The Barber Mansion recipe book and holiday
traditions: a celebration of food and the O.C.
Barber Mansion

Cleveland Czechs

A concise history of Columbus and Franklin County
High Bridge Glens of Cuyahoga Falls
History of Christ United Methodist Church, Akron,
Ohio, 1929-1979

A history of northeast Ohio stoneware

A home of their own: the story of Ohio's greatest
orphanage

Lorain (Images of America series)

Lunken Airfield

New Richmond (Images of America series)

Ohio tales of the Titanic: the Buckeye State's
fascinating connections

Portage County: the 20th century

The rest is history: true tales from Ohio's vibrant
past

Stories of the Fountain City, 1840-1900 (Bryan)

Wakeman and Florence townships (Images of
America series)

Werner and his empire: the rise and fall of a gilded
age printer

Pennsylvania

Early African American deaths in the Pittsburgh
Courier: 1925 & 1926

Indiana County (Images of America series)

The Jewish community of West Philadelphia

Vermont

Genealogies found in Vermont histories

Georgia vital records

Name changes, 1778-1900

Sudbury: genealogies, vital records and census
records

Vital records of Putney

Vital records of Rockingham and records of the first
church of Rockingham

Vital records of Springfield

Windsor County probate index, 1778-1899

Virginia

Russell County deed book. 4 vols. 1787-1814

Russell County law order book. Vol. 2; Vol. 10
1792-1799; 1833-1838

West Virginia

Images of America series:

Mason County

Marion County

Preston County

Roane County

Taylor County

Tucker County

Military

Citizen soldiers: 107th Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard

Civil War soldiers of Summit County

If these stones could talk

Johnson's Island prison: Civil War prison for Confederate officers, Lake Erie, Ohio

Maryland Eastern Shore Militia: War of 1812 muster rolls

My life in the service: The World War II diary of Staff Sergeant Jack E. Bates

Manchester men: soldiers and sailors in the Civil War, 1861-1866

Reference

American cemetery research

National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Index

U.S. Federal census records

Canada

Declarations of aliens, Lower Canada, 1794-1811

Italy

Italian genealogy research

Italians to America: list of passengers arriving at U.S. ports. Vols. 27 & 28

New England

Guide to diaries in the R. Stanton Avery special collections

Scotland

Scottish genealogy

Switzerland

Who are the Anabaptists? Amish, Brethren, Hutterites and Mennonites

Bits & Bygones: Snippets from Another Era

EUROPEAN

Passage & Exchange Office
OF
Paul Giffhorn,
123 SOUTH HOWARD STREET,
At Beck & Herman's Shoe Store, Akron, Ohio.

Passage to and from Europe on the following lines:
Cunard Line of Mail Steamers,
North German Lloyd,
HAMBURGH AMERICAN PACKET LINE:
Passengers can be booked through from any principal Railroad Station in Europe to any in America.
DRAFTS AND LETTERS OF CREDIT
payable in all principal cities of Europe.
Further going to or sending for friends from Europe, will do well to ask for tickets on the above named lines, known as the best on the Atlantic Ocean.

This advertisement from the Summit County Beacon on September 6, 1871, tells us a little about local travel arrangements for immigrants and visitors from overseas.

OVERCOATDOM



Our store can well be styled Overcoatdom, as it is brim full of the newest creations and colors in Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats—from the short, boxy 38-in. overcoat to the long belted tourist coat, including frock overcoats, which we call Surtouts. The makers of our overcoats have to crowd in just a little more style in our garments than most merchants demand. They say we're over-particular, but we don't think so. We want our patrons to have as much style in the \$15.00 coat they buy of us as the \$30.00 one they could buy elsewhere. They get it, too. That's the reason we're growing so fast.

Real Good Men's Overcoats at	\$10.00
Very Good Men's Overcoats at	\$15.00
Mighty Good Men's Overcoats at	\$20.00

Well, our higher priced coats are marvels of beauty. Come in and have a look.

Lang and Hoover

16 EAST MARKET ST. AKRON
CLOTHIERS AND FURNISHERS

Akron men at the turn of the 20th century seem to have had plenty of overcoat options at Lang and Hoover. From the Akron Press, November 10, 1904.

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60 South High Street
Akron, Ohio 44326**

The Akron-Summit County Public Library
Special Collections Division
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of the Main Library.

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