

# Past Pursuits

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## StoryCorps®

### Comes to Summit County

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

*StoryCorps*, the national oral history project in which participants interview one another in pairs, will be recording interviews at Main Library in downtown Akron July 17-31.

*StoryCorps* is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, creating a growing portrait of who we really are as Americans. More than 50,000 people have recorded interviews since the project began in 2003, and millions listen to *StoryCorps* excerpts on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* program on Friday mornings and on [www.storycorps.org](http://www.storycorps.org).

In *StoryCorps* interviews, participants interview one another with the help of a trained facilitator. The facilitator helps participants decide which questions to ask and handles all the technical aspects of the recording. At the end of the hour-long session, participants receive a copy of their interview on CD. With their permission, another copy will be added to the *StoryCorps* Archive in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, where it will be accessible for generations to come.

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Betty Jenkins and Bob Chase, Jr. and Sr. recorded their interviews in Ohio. Their stories are among those found at [www.storycorps.org](http://www.storycorps.org).



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## Interlibrary Loans from LDS Family History Library

When Special Collections staffer Mary Plazo found the 1882 marriage record for her great-grandparents' marriage in Partanna, Sicily, we all shared in her delight. Mary's discovery is a result of our new collaboration with the Family History Center libraries. As of March, the Akron-Summit County Public Library is now an Affiliate Library with the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

This affiliate status allows us to borrow microfilm for library patrons directly from the Genealogical Society of Utah. Many of the millions of resources held by the library in Salt Lake City have been microfilmed and are available for loan for a small fee. The holdings of the Family History Center Library may be searched on their online catalog which is available from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Any record that includes the notation "film notes" is available for loan. For more information about this new service, call or e-mail Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or [spccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:spccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## Online Updates

The two-year project to make our collection of [Historic Akron City Directories](#) available online is finally complete. Nearly 100 years of Akron City Directories are now available online. Additionally, the files that were larger than 100 megabytes have been split into two volumes for faster downloads.

We added three more books to our [Online Books](#) page. The Bronson Books are now available. These [ten volumes](#) contain transcriptions of the diaries of Charles Cook Bronson and capture the history of Tallmadge. The [Akron Negro Directory](#) was published in March of 1940 and contains valuable information about Akron's African American community of the time. [A Century of Adjustment: A History of the Akron Jewish Community, 1865-1975](#) outlines the challenges faced by Akron's Jewish immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## Akron's Hungarian Immigrants

by Michael Elliott, Public Service Assistant

Over the last three years, *Past Pursuits* has profiled several differing ethnic groups that settled in Summit County and the Akron area. This then, the final installment in our series, addresses the Hungarian influence within Summit County.

The Hungarians arrived in the area later than most immigrants although they came here for the same reason. Competitive wages for unskilled labor in Akron's booming rubber economy drew workers to Akron from around the country and world. Many Hungarian immigrants settled in Akron's "Goosetown," long known as a bastion of Germanic settlement. This area, roughly bordered by South, Grant, and Brown Streets in South Akron was also the home of many Hungarians. Indeed, in the time period immediately following WWI, Goosetown (Akron's 5<sup>th</sup> Ward) had three times as many Hungarians as Germans. The origin of the term "Goosetown" is obscure but might possibly be attributed to the many Germans and Hungarians of the area raising geese. Another less likely premise holds that it was a derogatory reference to the Germans in the area and their method of "goose-stepping" while marching.

What might be called the "first wave" of Hungarians to Akron and Summit County occurred in mid 1890s and continued up until the First World War when a lull in European immigration occurred. During this time period, only the Germans, Irish and Italians sent more immigrants to the U.S. than those from the Austria-Hungary Empire. The vast majority of these initial immigrants from Hungary were unskilled laborers and were met with suspicion and the derisive American slang epithet of "Hunkie." According to Akron resident Charlotte Marky, a native Hungarian, many men came here with the stated purpose of making money and then returning to Hungary to start their own business. This was accomplished, and in several instances they took their American-born children back with them.

By November of 1911, the *Beacon Journal* was trumpeting the fact that Akron was the home of

6,000 Hungarians known as the “Akron Colony,” and they formed “the larger part of the foreign population” within the city. Apparently, with little compunction, the *Beacon* went on to note that Akron, with its expanding factories and corresponding constant demand for additional laborers, was “drawing the swarthy-skinned citizens by the hundreds” and that “not a day passes but that Hungarians from across the seas locate in Akron.” The newspaper was accurate in its assessment if not its sentiment as Summit County naturalization records contain an astounding 14,538 naturalization applications from Hungarians – more than any other nationality. To put this in perspective, the next closest were the Italians with 9,631. Census returns also bear out the heavy Hungarian presence in Akron. In 1900, only 122 individuals reported to the census that they were from Hungary, but the number had ballooned to 5,691 in 1910 which was nearly 15% of the total Summit County population. The subsequent 1920 census for Summit County reached a high of 9,142 individuals who were Hungarian by birth. Thousands of others were first generation Americans with at least one parent born in Hungary.

Adjustment to a new society and culture was not easy. Many who had planned to go back to Hungary found themselves unable to do so as they did not have enough money for passage. A high number were young and single and had no family at all here. When they died from alcoholism, accidents or diseases now easily controlled or cured, they became a problem for the county. A disproportional number of Hungarians were buried in the infirmary cemetery due to being destitute, and many of their graves were unmarked.

World War I greatly restricted immigration to the United States, and Akron was no different than the rest of the country. Nevertheless, the Hungarians that were here were anxious to fight for their new country against Austria-Hungary allied with Germany. In fact, so many volunteered that they had to be turned away. Many others would have been accepted but a language barrier prevented their enlistment. Eventually, 3,630 men of Hungarian birth registered for the draft from Summit County in

WWI. The number reveals just how many young men had immigrated to the Akron area immediately preceding the war. After the end of WWI, treaties redrew European borders, and it is important to realize that many who called themselves “Hungarian” prior to the war were from what today are now the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romanian or the former Yugoslavia.



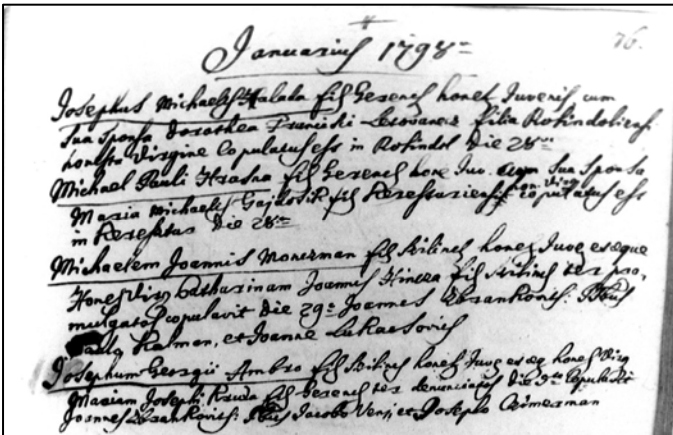
*Present day Hungary borders countries that were previously part of the Austrian-Hungary Empire.*

A “second wave” of Hungarian immigration to the United States occurred after 1920 when more than three million ethnic Hungarians found themselves living outside the redrawn borders of their country. Still later, a much smaller “third wave” occurred after World War II with the Displaced Persons Act and lasted through 1956-1957 immediately following the Hungarian uprising. Certainly there was an attraction to northeastern Ohio due to family members already living here and the strong, established eastern European influence. According to Charlotte Marky, several area churches sponsored Hungarian resettlement here.

Hungarian culture was kept alive locally through the establishment of various athletic clubs and societies, which met at the Hungarian American Club on East Thornton St. long since demolished. The high point would seem to have been in 1937, when there were no less than 11 Hungarian affiliated societies in Akron along with others in Barberton. In Akron, the Hungarian-American club still functions and is now located on Waterloo Road in South Akron. Barberton, where Hungarian settlement was equally heavy, also has a Hungarian club to this day. There were at least two Hungarian language newspapers

including the *Akroni Magyar Hirlap* or *Akron Hungarian Journal* which continued in publication for several decades.

Eastern European research is now much easier, with borders now open and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints microfilming records across the former Soviet Bloc. Although records commonly date to the 1600s be aware that many records are missing. Also be aware that research in Eastern Europe will be extremely difficult without the aid of a professional researcher.



This record of Michael Monsman's marriage in January of 1798 is available on microfilm from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It was originally obtained for Joe Monsman by a professional researcher in Europe.

Frequent library visitor and diligent family researcher Joe Monsman has had tremendous fortune in tracing his family. Before beginning any family research in Europe, determining the village or parish of origin is a must, and Joe was perhaps luckier than some in that the name of the village his family came from was on the ship manifest and his grandfather's naturalization record. Another hurdle is learning whether the family was Catholic or Protestant and then finding the correct parish. Joe's biggest reward was learning his grandfather had siblings who have descendants of their own. Consequently, he was able to locate and speak with a few distant cousins. He also learned a few things. There is the matter of a pecking order when contacting extended family members in Hungary. You must speak with the most prominent family member first or it could be viewed as a slight.

Today, Hungarians are sometimes wary of speaking to their newly found American cousins –they fear their newly found relations are seeking a share of ancestral property recently returned to them when communism was abandoned. There is also the sentiment of some older Hungarians who still harbor bitterness toward Americans to a limited extent for non-support in 1956.

Researching your family in Hungary and Eastern Europe can be a rewarding experience, and Special Collections can help. Because we are now an Affiliate Library with the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, you can easily access the many reels of microfilmed church records from Europe. Our gazetteers and maps will also help you navigate the changing landscape of Europe, and the *Finding your Immigrant Ancestor* workshop we offer can provide some guidance in your research. Sok szerencsét kívánok! (Wishing you lots of good luck!)

## StoryCorps (continued)

Reservations for one-hour interview sessions at the Library may be made beginning Monday, June 22, by calling Special Collections at 330.643.9030. In addition to being archived at the Library of Congress, local recordings will also be archived in the Special Collections Division, where they will be available to the public whenever the library is open. Interview clips and transcripts will eventually be added to [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org), the collaborative, online scrapbook of Summit County history administered by the Library.

This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down with a friend, neighbor, or family member and ask him or her questions that you've always wanted to ask. The experience will not only leave the two of you feeling closer and understanding each other better, it will also provide you with a recording that you can listen to later and will help provide a lasting record of life in Summit County.

*StoryCorps'* visit to Summit County is made possible by grants from Akron Community Foundation and the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation with support from the City of Akron and WKSU.

# It's Time for Storytelling!

## The Fourth Annual Akron Storytelling Festival

So, you're working hard at gathering the facts of your family history. You understand how to take the vital records about births, deaths and marriages and map the outline of your family tree. But, how do you make all of that information come to life? This year's Storytelling Festival features several performances and workshops that will help you use the facts of your family history to tell the stories behind them. It can add another dimension to your genealogy work.

The Fourth Annual Akron Storytelling Festival will be held at Akron-Summit County Public Library on July 17 and 18, 2009. All events listed below are free and open to the public but workshops require sign-ups with the History and Humanities Division.

### Friday, July 17

#### *Offutt's Environmental Epic Show!*

Andy Offutt Irwin, Performance  
Auditorium, 11 am – Noon

This performance uses funny song-stories and a cache of sound effects to help children (and grown-ups) think of the environment simply as the place where we live.

#### *Don't Be Afraid To Be Amazing*

Andy Offutt Irwin, Workshop  
Children's Library, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

This two-hour workshop is designed for teachers, librarians and childcare providers. Irwin guides you in exploring ways of telling stories and singing songs to children using kid-friendly characters, inventive puppetry, humor, timing and movement.

### Saturday, July 18

#### *The Wrinkles Project*

Kim Weitkamp, Workshop  
Auditorium, 9:30-11:30 am

This workshop explores the techniques Weitkamp has used in a national campaign to help families and senior care facilities learn how to gather the stories of their families and residents. Participants will

learn how to uncover the precious threads of memories and weave them into stories.

#### *Lunch & Story Swap*

Meeting Room 2, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Workshop participants can come to tell or to listen. Bring your own lunch or find out how to order a box lunch delivered to the Akron Storytelling Festival when you sign up.

#### *Preserving Personal History in Untrue Tales*

Bil Lepp, Workshop  
Auditorium, 1 – 3 pm

Participants learn to preserve history by telling fictionalized accounts of real events. Hear how to use or camouflage real people in stories, keep real places intact and discuss sensitive issues through the voice of endearing characters.

#### *Getting Great Stories, the StoryCorps Way*

StoryCorps, Workshop  
Auditorium, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Staff members from the national oral history project StoryCorps will help participants learn how to use their listening skills to become great interviewers. StoryCorps will be at Main Library July 17-31.

#### *Storytelling Concert*

Auditorium, 7 pm - doors open at 6:30 pm to the music of the Brick Road Ramblers.

*Warning Lights: Good Ideas Gone Bad* by Bil Lepp. Think Jeff Foxworthy with the comedic patience of Bill Cosby. His outrageous humorous tall-tales and witty stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages.

*Freckles, Fibs and Family: Humorous stories on love and the lessons learned from family* by Kim Weitkamp. Known for her skills in telling a whopper of a tale, Kim combines humor, original childhood stories and just a touch of fertilizer to create stories that can compete with the best of them.

*Listening is an Act of Love* by StoryCorps. Staff provide an overview of the national oral history project's mission and services.

For additional information about the Akron Storytelling Festival or to sign up for a workshop, please contact the History & Humanities Division at 330.643.9040 or [hhdiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:hhdiv@akronlibrary.org).

## Discovering Your Appalachian Ancestors

by Judy James, Manager

If you grew up in Summit County, chances are good that you have at least one line of ancestors who hailed from our country's Appalachian region. During the heyday of the rubber industry, many folks moved north to Akron to join the workforce of this thriving industry. Although they came from all parts of the south, a great majority came from the states of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

On Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 am to 4 pm, Special Collections, in collaboration with the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, will host "Discovering Your Appalachian Ancestors." This day-long event will take place in the Main Library auditorium. Joining us are Akron resident Mari-Lynn Evans, author and producer of the book and documentary *The Appalachians*, Barbara Vines Little, Certified Genealogist, author and lecturer on Virginia and West Virginia ancestry, and Jana Sloan Broglin, Certified Genealogist, author and lecturer on Kentucky research.

This program is free and open to the public. An hour for lunch will be on your own. For additional information or to sign up, contact the Special Collections Division at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## Save the Date: Late Night at the Library

Join the Special Collections Staff and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for an evening of genealogy research. On Friday, October 23, the Library will close at its regular time of 6 pm but will re-open for genealogists from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Mingle with fellow researchers as you uncover the details of your ancestry. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided, and parking is free in the High St. & E. Market St. deck if you enter it after 6 pm. Printing and copies from microfilm will also be free. Stay tuned for more information.

## Celebrating John Brown

by Mary Plazo, Librarian

This year, there will be several events around Northeast Ohio commemorating one of the most controversial figures in American history, John Brown. Not only will 2009 be the celebration of his 209<sup>th</sup> birthday, but also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous raid on Harper's Ferry, which is seen as one of the key events that ignited the Civil War.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Hudson Library and Historical Society held a symposium on the life of John Brown. Well-known Brown scholars who have written extensively on his extraordinary accomplishments, participated in a panel discussion and answered questions from the audience. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Kenneth E. Davison, Emeritus Professor of History and American Studies at Heidelberg University.

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the anniversary of John Brown's return to Akron. The Summit County Historical Society will sponsor a special event at the John Brown House, located on the corner of Diagonal and Copley Roads. Also Special Collections will unveil a John Brown exhibit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Library. This exhibit will display documents and photographs relating to John Brown's life. Throughout the summer, there will be guided visits to the John Brown Memorial near the Akron Zoo.

The Akron Art Museum will display prints by Jacob Lawrence: *The Legend of John Brown*. These prints show dramatic images representing the events of John Brown's life and his historic role as activist and abolitionist. The exhibit opens Friday, October 16, the exact date of the anniversary of the raid on Harper's Ferry and will be shown through February 14, 2010.

The Akron Symphony Orchestra will premiere *The Passion of John Brown* by composer Jesse Ayers at E.J. Thomas Saturday, October 17. This work will feature excerpts from John Brown's writings and accounts of his life. Also on the program is *John Brown's Body* by composer Kevin Puts, with

narrated excerpts from Stephen Vincent Benet's epic poem of the same name.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold an anniversary commemoration of John Brown's execution Wednesday, December 2. Also included is a presentation about the Church's roots in the abolition movement in Akron.

Be on the lookout for further details about these events and more to be announced soon.

## Survey Suggestion: From microfilm to digital image

Many of you responded to the online survey we conducted between November 2008 and February 2009. We received interesting questions and great suggestions. One such suggestion was to allow patrons to create digital files directly from microfilm. We now have a machine in Special Collections set up to do just that.

One of our microfilm reader/printers is equipped with a computer loaded with image capture software, internet access and a USB port for flash drives. Using this machine, you can create a jpg, pdf, or tiff image file and send it through e-mail or save it to your flash drive. If you don't yet have a flash drive (sometimes called a thumb or jump drive), you can purchase them from most electronics stores or from the library for \$4.50.

### Subscribing to *Past Pursuits*

Past Pursuits is an electronic newsletter e-mailed to more than 700 subscribers four times each year. To subscribe, send an electronic mail message to [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

Hard copies of the newsletter are also available. You may request to be added to the physical mailing list by calling 330.643.9030.

## Workshops from Special Collections

### Introduction to Internet Genealogy

*Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

Overwhelmed by the abundance of genealogy information available online? Join us in Main Library's Computer Lab 2 as we discuss how to get the most from your family history web sleuthing. Learn about genealogy databases that are available through the Library, as well as how to find and evaluate many popular free genealogy Web sites. As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

### Getting Started in Family History

*Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 – 8 pm OR*

*Saturday, August 8, 10:30 am - noon*

Join us for an orientation for new family historians. This workshop includes an overview of the genealogical sources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started and tips for organizing your research. We meet in the Special Collections Division, Third Floor, Main Library. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

### Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

*Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

Many of us will find immigrant ancestors somewhere in our family tree. If your immigrant ancestor arrived in the U.S. between 1820 and 1940, this workshop can help you identify your immigrant ancestor and discover passenger lists and naturalization records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## Workshops from Summit County OGS

### Timelines-Where Does Your Family Fit In?

*Saturday, July 18, 1 pm MEETING LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED*

Further your research by using timelines-chronological listings of events and dates. You will easily see gaps in missing information and patterns occurring within family groups. Place your ancestors in context with events that may have influenced their lives. Join us and discover how timelines can be used to further your research.

### Unlock Special Collections via the Internet

*Saturday, September 19, 1 pm at the downtown Akron-Summit County Library.*

Join Judy James of the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Special Collections Division as we learn about the many valuable and sometimes overlooked resources available through the library's Web site. Learn to navigate the site and use the online catalog. Discover indexes and digital resources you can access from home, as well as the Summit Memory Project, [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org), the library's online "scrapbook" of Summit County History.

## We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Janet Alpert for *Hatevil Nutter of Dover, New Hampshire and His Descendants* by Frederick R. Boyle

Marilee Howard Cory for *Howard-Wright and Allied Families* by Marilee Howard Cory

Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for *Summit County Coroner's Case Index Cards, 1874-1969*

Rita Jean Wagar for the slide collection of local images by Richard Wagar

## New to the Collection

### Georgia

Bryan County marriage records, 1865-1888  
Bulloch County marriage records: 1796-1845  
Cemeteries of Cherokee County  
Cobb County history & biographies  
Dawson County marriage records: 1858-1883  
Decatur County marriage records: 1824-1899  
DeKalb County history & biographies  
Gordon County marriage records: 1864-1884  
Walton County cemeteries, East and West. 2 vols.  
Wayne County marriage records, 1809-1880

### Indiana

Abstracts of obituaries in the Western Christian Advocate, 1834-1850

### Kentucky

Backroads of Barren County, KY: as penned by "Ellot" William Daniel Tolle, 1877 through the 1920's  
Carved in stone: Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Lexington  
Orphans & apprentices: indentured servants in Henderson: 1805-1874  
Register of deaths, City of Henderson, Henderson County. Volume 1: Jun 1878-Dec. 1890  
Woodford County rural and church cemeteries

### Maine

History of St. Albans

### Massachusetts

The Pemberton casualties: combining the final payroll, city clerk's vital records and other information...  
Vital records of Stoughton to 1850

### Michigan

Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Eaton County: record book abstractions, 27-Mar-1885 thru 29-Dec-1947  
First land owners, Livingston County: from U. S. tract records  
Greenwood and Mt. Olivet cemeteries, Fowlerville: transcribed records  
Index to Eaton County deeds book "A", 1837-1839



## **Michigan (continued)**

- Index to Eaton County probate court order of determining heirs, liber 135
- Index to Eaton County probate court, will book liber 140
- Index to Eaton County probate court, will book liber 160
- Naturalization index for Eaton County
- Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte (Eaton Co.) record book abstractions: 19-Nov-1921 through 21-May-1932
- New division of Lakeview Cemetery (Oak Grove Cemetery) Livingston, County
- Transcriptions, West Howell or Fleming Cemetery (Livingston, Co.)
- Unadilla Township cemeteries, Livingston County

## **Mississippi**

- Cemeteries of Clay County, vol. 1
- Cemeteries of Pontotoc County
- Cemetery records [Clark and Lauderdale counties, Sumter Co. in Alabama]
- Footprints in time: tombstone inscriptions in Tate County
- History of Newton County, from 1834-1894
- A history of Tate County
- Pontotoc County marriage book, 1849-1891

## **New York**

- The Bottskill Baptist Church, Greenwich, Washington County: a copy of all tombstone inscriptions existing in 1901
- Cast in stone: selected Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga County burials: 18th and 19th century
- Grand jurors of Montgomery County, 1816-1850
- The Salem book: records of the past and glimpses of the present (Washington Co.)

## **North Carolina**

- Cemeteries of Burke County.
- Cemeteries of Madison County.
- Currituck County cemetery records
- Graham County marriages, volume I: 1872-1910
- Grave sights of Cabarrus County
- Greenlawn Memorial Park, Wilmington
- Onslow County cemetery records
- Where they rest in Cabarrus County

## **Ohio**

- Abstracts from scrapbooks kept by Maude Straley Rankin, et al (Fayette County)
- All in the same space: portions of American Negro history illustrated in Highland County
- America's Match King: Ohio Columbus Barber, 1841 to 1920
- Atlas of Highland County, 1916
- Beaver Township, Pike County, record of the proceedings of the township trustees. 1919-1936
- Birth and death records, Highland County, 1856-57
- Births and deaths, Perry Township, Pike County
- Blackcreek Township, Mercer County. Justice court: June 1879 – June 1925
- Blackcreek Township, Mercer County. Ohio Civil Docket 4: April 1877-February 1909
- Building East Akron: the local vision of F.A. Seiberling and the City of Akron
- Burford Cemetery, Clay Township, Highland Co.
- Cemeteries of Bedford Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Chester Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Lebanon Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Orange Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Salem Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Salisbury Township, Meigs County
- Cemeteries of Scipio Township, Meigs County
- Cemetery plat book, 1924: Fayette County
- Centerville Christian Church, Wayne Township, Clinton County
- Chappelear Co. and Chappelear & Kauman funeral home records, 1912-1913
- Cincinnati Mirror and Ladies' Parterre, 1831-1833: abstracts of marriages, obituaries & miscellanea
- Civil and Spanish-American war discharge certificates, Highland County Recorder's Office
- Clouser & Co. Funeral Home, Greenfield, Highland County.
- A complete every name index to Highland County pioneer sketches and family genealogies
- County commissioners' records, Pike County 1815-1839; 1841-1854
- Death records of Highland County, 1867-1908
- Early court journal of Highland County, 1805-1812
- Early Highland County adult inhabitants (1806-21)
- Early minute books A,E,F,G of the chancery court, Fayette County: 1817-1841

## **Ohio (continued)**

Events of yesteryears of New Madison, Darke Co.  
Every name index: McBride's records of the Recorder's Office, 1805-1850 (Highland Co.)  
Every name index to veterans' burial records previous to WW I in the Recorder's Office, Highland County  
Family Bible records of southwestern Ohio  
Fayette County: schools of the past and some of their classes  
Ferncliff Cemetery interment records: A and B Surnames (Clark Co.)  
The geography of Ohio  
Greek-Americans of Cleveland: immigration and assimilation since 1870  
Green Township: cemetery and death records, Mahoning County  
Grohe Funeral Home records, Mount Vernon 1950-1958  
Highland County births, 3 vols. 1867-1908  
Highland County births not recorded, 1866-1910  
Highland County marriages, 1880-1900; 1901-1906  
Highland County naturalizations  
Hillsboro Gazette [extracts] (Highland County)  
Hillsboro News-Herald, 1911/Hillsboro Gazette, 1912 (Highland County)  
Hillsboro Gazette, 1923-1924; Hillsboro News-Herald, 1925 (Highland County)  
Historical & descriptive review of Highland County  
History of South Salem Presbyterian Church, Ross County  
History of the First Presbyterian Church, Winchester (Adams County)  
Index to the 1910 census, Fairfield County  
Information copied from death notices and obituaries as published in The News-Herald, 1933, Hillsboro (Highland County)  
Journal and day book of Pastor John Pence (1830-1849) (Clark County)  
Justice of the peace oaths, Mercer County, 1872-85  
Lagonda notes: early history (Clark County)  
Madison County county commissioners' records, Vol. A, 1810-1845  
Marion Township, Pike County record of proceedings 1909-1937

## **Ohio (continued)**

Marriage records book 13, 14 & 15, Fayette County  
Meigs County enrollment of militia, 1864  
Meigs County history book. Multiple vols.  
Meigs County probate court record of deaths, volume II, 1897-1908  
Meigs County probate records, 1857-1858: births, deaths & marriages  
Meigs County soldier discharge book, vols. 1 and 2  
The Messenger, Mowrystown newspaper, Highland County, 1908-1910  
Miller Brothers Funeral Home at Gettysburg: September 1924-August 1949 (Darke County)  
Model industrial subdivisions: Goodyear Heights and Firestone Park and the town planning movement in Akron, Ohio 1910-1920  
News-Herald, Highland County, 1904  
Obituaries, 1900-1905, Hillsborough Gazette (Highland County)  
Obituaries collected from The Press Gazette, Hillsboro (Highland County)  
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