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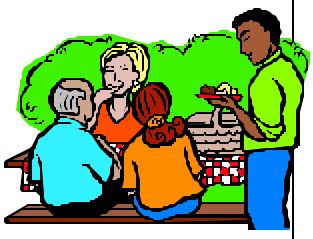
## A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,



Goodness! Time is flying by! The year of 2009 is more than half over! It certainly has been an eventful year thus far! Parts of Scioto County suffered a violent storm on July 11th that left some of us without power and phones for a few days. More than 600 trees were uprooted or knocked down as a result of the storm. As far as I know, there were no injuries from this storm, which is certainly a good thing! See page 5 for more.

I hope that our members are making much headway in their quest to find their ancestors. We are hopeful that our upcoming community picnic may be beneficial in helping people come together and find long lost relatives, while being very entertaining. We hope you have penciled us in on your social calendar and have plans to attend!

Our October meeting will also be a special meeting. We have been invited to the Southern Ohio Museum for a program on the cataloging of the Ackerman Collection of photographs! Thank you to member Mamie Snook for this suggestion!

The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is September 15th.

Joyce M. Sadler

Newsletter Editor

**Next Meeting—August 22nd**

**In Lieu of the normally scheduled meeting, SCCOGS will hold a Community Family Cookout on Saturday, August 22nd beginning at Noon. The Cookout will be held at Shawnee State Park at the Roosevelt Lake Shelter House.**

**The event is free and open to the public! Everyone in Scioto County and with ties to Scioto County is invited! Make plans to spend the day with us! Be sure to bring your swimsuit! You may also wish to bring a chair and a covered dish to share. SCCOGS will be providing the drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs. A fun day of games, food and fun is planned.**

**We hope to see you, your family and your friends there!**

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**Special points of interest:**

- SCCOGS Family Picnic—August 22nd

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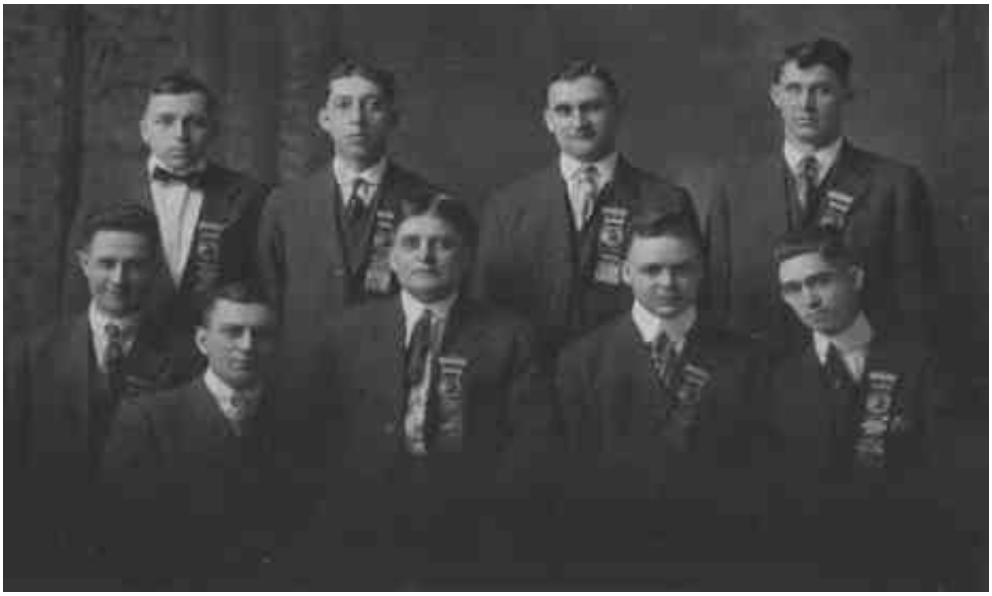

The men in this picture belong to some type of class or organization. All of the men are wearing a ribbon, an award maybe? The only known individual in this picture is John Krick (Back row, 2nd from left).

I would appreciate any help identifying the other individuals, the ribbon and anything about the organization.

Thank you!

Bill Krick jkrick@cinci.rr.com

*QUERY*

*Do you have a query that you would like posted? If so, please email it to: sccogs-news@earthlink.net or mail to: P.O. Box 812, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662*

Thank you for being a valued member of *SCCOGS*!

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## New Members

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## New addition to Family History holdings:

We have received significant material on the HIGGINS family from Mr. John F. Higgins of Lincoln, Nebraska.
The title is: A Chronological History of my Branch of the Higgins Family of Ireland, Virginia, Ohio and Beyond.
Some of the Scioto County names are: Mary Jane Lute, Mary Henderson, John Lute, Amos Higgins, Charles Higgins, Hugh Stewart, Elizabeth Duncan, John M. Higgins, Mary A. Multer and Hugh Hayes. Higgins.

**Cemetery Locator**—submitted by Terry Minch

http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/genInfo.php?locIndex=17433

I went on the site, and every cemetery I checked was correct. This website also has a satellite view of each cemetery. And there are numerous cemeteries listed on this site as well.—Terry

## *WEBSITES OF INTEREST*

**Scioto County Genealogy Queries**
http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/102086/

**Scioto County, Ohio Genealogy Links**
http://www.genealogylinks.net/usa/ohio/scioto.htm

**Linkpendium Scioto County Genealogy and Family History**
http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/OH/Scioto/

**Ohio Genealogy Express**
http://www.ohiogenealogyexpress.com/scioto/

**Scioto County, OH Genealogy Forum**
http://genforum.genealogy.com/oh/scioto/

# Walter Leland Cronkite, Jr.

**Walter Leland Cronkite, Jr.** (November 4, 1916 – July 17, 2009) was an American broadcast journalist, best known as anchorman for the *CBS Evening News* for 19 years (1962–81). During the heyday of CBS News in the 1960s and 1970s, he was often cited in viewer opinion polls as "the most trusted man in America" because of his professional experience and kindly demeanor.

Cronkite was born November 4, 1916, in Saint Joseph, Missouri, the son of Helen Lena (née Fritsche) and Dr. Walter Leland Cronkite, a dentist. He had remote Dutch ancestry on his father's side, the family surname originally being Krankheyt.

Cronkite lived in Kansas City, Missouri, until he was ten, when his family moved to Houston, Texas. He attended junior high school at Lanier Junior High School (now Lanier Middle School) and high school at San Jacinto High School, where he edited the high school newspaper. He was a member of the Boy Scouts. He attended college at the University of Texas at Austin (UT), where he worked on the *Daily Texan* and became a member of the Nu chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity. He also was a member of the Houston chapter of DeMolay, a Masonic fraternal organization for boys. Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Cronkite

The following was submitted by Gladys N. Reynolds, from a list that she subscribes to Wyoming County, NY (NYWYOMIN@rootsweb.com)

In my opinion, Walter Cronkite was a great man. He loved history and people and willingly shared all that he knew. What I love about today's world is that we can learn so much in so many different Medias. While watching the news about Mr. Cronkite, I searched on Ancestry to learn more about him. What I found was many Cronkite families lived in Wyoming (Genesee) County for a long time, ca. 1820's to 1900's. His ancestors walked among our ancestors and probably knew them. His grandfather Fred P. Cronkite was born in Warsaw and later moved to Missouri, where Walter L. Cronkite was born. Below are the many spellings for the name and where I found them on the census. I suspect the original spelling of the name is Cronkhite. 1900 - Cronkite, Buchanan Co., MO 1880 - Cronkite, Wyoming Co. NY 1870 - Cronk or Crank, Wyoming Co 1860 - Cronkhite, Wyoming Co. 1850 - Cohnonkite, Wyoming Co. 1840 - Cronkite, Genesee now Wyoming Co. 1st name is uncertain and not sure if this is correct. 1830 - Cronkhite, Middlebury, Genesee Co. (now Wyoming Co) 1820 - Cronkhite, Rensselaer Co. The Cronkite/Cronkhite family took the same route as my Briggs family and came from the same New York county. All I can do is wonder, but knowing these facts makes my family history just a little more interesting.
And that's the way it is...
Pam Pamela J. Cooper
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Genealogical Speakers Guild
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## Storms Rip Through Scioto County

**source:** http://www.portsmouth-dailytimes.com/

Violent storms brought reports of possible tornadoes touching down in Minford and Pike County, with flooding in other parts of Scioto County Saturday. The Scioto County Emergency Management Agency issued a tornado warning, as the tornado siren was heard sounding over downtown Portsmouth at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Dispatchers with the Ohio Highway Patrol reported havoc all over Scioto County. “I had a car that went under the underpass at the north Fairground Road and he got stuck in the water, and it was rising on him. He got about four feet of water around his car and he was finally able to get out. He was OK,” Dispatcher Sonya Banks said.

She said trees and power lines were down at Muletown and on Ohio 140, but said Minford took the brunt of the storm. Greenbriar Road, in Minford, was reportedly under three or four feet of water, but that wasn't the worst of things to come. “From what I understand, there was a tornado that touched down in Minford. It also touched down in Piketon and actually destroyed some homes in Piketon,” Banks said. She added later that she was unable to confirm those reports at present time. The Minford Fire Department said they were busy with rising water and debris covering the roads, but could not confirm that a tornado had touched down in the area. The Pike County Emergency Management Agency confirmed three mobile homes were destroyed when a tornado touched down in the Buchanan area. The Pike EMA also reported homes damaged by downed trees and at least five reported injuries. There was some tree damage to the east side of the USEC facility, but no structural damage was reported.

Elsewhere in the county, New Boston Police reported flooding in the 3700 block of Rhodes and Gallia Street, and also on Lakeview Avenue at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Dispatchers said no accidents had been reported at that time, and officers were on the streets with the fire and service departments to caution drivers. Roads were also flooded in Sciotoville, as officers from the Portsmouth Police Department closed the Sciotoville exit on U.S. 52 east for a short time Saturday afternoon. By 6 p.m. the major storm structure had passed through Scioto County, heading for Lawrence County, where 911 officials reported at least two people struck by lightning in Elizabeth Township. Emergency dispatchers there said storms have knocked down trees and one home was partlially washed away.

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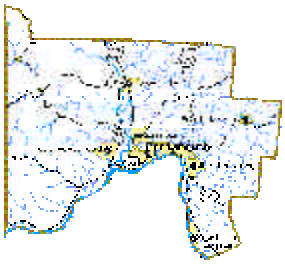
*Photos Courtesy of: wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=62686*

...STRAIGHT-LINE WIND DAMAGE CONFIRMED IN WHEELERSBURG OHIO...

LOCATION...WHEELERSBURG IN SCIOTO COUNTY OHIO
DATE...JULY 11 2009
ESTIMATED TIME...454 PM
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...94 MPH
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...2 MILES
PATH LENGTH...5 MILES
THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS CONFIRMED STRAIGHT-LINE WIND DAMAGE IN WHEELERSBURG. AN ESTIMATED 600 TREES WERE DOWNED OR UPROOTED ALONG THE 5 MILE LENGTH. A HORSE BARN ROOF WAS TORN OFF
WITH ANOTHER BARNS ROOF PARTIALLY DAMAGED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAMMERSTEIN AND LANG SLOCUM ROAD. BASEBALL DUGOUTS WERE DAMAGED ALONG WITH A TOTAL OF ABOUT 6 BARNS PARTIALLY DESTROYED. DAMAGE INDICATES WIND SPEEDS ESTIMATED AT 94 MPH...WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DAMAGE OF A LOW-END EF-1 TORNADO. IN ADDITION TO THIS DAMAGE...A LARGE NUMBER OF TREES WERE UPROOTED OR DOWNED ACROSS THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

# Scioto County—written by Judy Ross



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In the 1700s I was once a part of Virginia. Some of my lands were surveyed by George Washington. In 1776 my lands were Indian trails and paths. I was also once a part of the Northwest Territory. I was the birthplace of Cornstalk, brother of Shawnee Chief Tecumseh and many hundreds of thousands have been born and buried on my lands. My history is great!

I was formed in the late 1700's and when Ohio became a state or admitted to the Union as the 17th state, on March 1, 1803, my people officially named me and on May 1, 1803, I was established. My first county seat was called Alexandria, located on low lands. Because I am located on two rivers, many early pioneers of our Country visited me. Many were well known throughout our young country such as Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and Tecumseh among many others. My name SCIOTO is from the Scioto River and taken from the Wyandot Indian word "SCI ON TO" meaning deer. Many wild animals roamed my lands such as the wooded buffalo, wolves, panthers and many others. Many Indians walked and rode on my land from Kentucky and other early states. May lands had many floods throughout my early years , and in 1815, my county seat was moved to higher grounds and my new seat was called Portsmouth.

The stages rolled over my early land and thousands upon thousands of runaway slaves traveling north to freedom ran over my lands and in the waters of Scioto to hide their scent from the bounty hunters and their dogs chasing them. In 1832, when the Ohio and Erie Canal was completed, this transportation system stretched from one end of my lands going north into the next county they called Pike. These slaves were often passengers of both the stages and canal boats with their passage often paid by the many abolitionists living on my lands. The telegraph wires stretched across my lands and messages were sent to aid the stranded passengers on the canal and other areas. On my lands I once had several thousand Indian Mounds as well. My people fought in the War of 1812, the Mexican War and over 5,000 enlisted in the Civil War and yes, I even have soldiers of the American Revolutionary War buried throughout my lands. My citizens have fought in all Wars and peace times.

In 1903, I was 100 years old and my birth was celebrated. In the year 2003, I turned 200 years old and our State made a bicentennial bell and put my name on it and a flag bearing my name was made as well. My birth is not celebrated yearly like other Counties in our State, however, I am very proud our States birth is celebrated yearly in our first capital each year in Chillicothe. My lands continue to be covered in waters and many of my deceased people have been washed away due to the many floods throughout the years. Many of my bridges have been rebuilt many times over and lost, broken and destroyed in these floods.

My County Seat has never changed but her citizens fail to celebrate her birth. Portsmouth is a lovely city and buildings and homes line the street and roads of both Rivers. The many thousands of steamboats and the passengers stopped here in the early years and stayed overnight in our many hotels.

My population has varied throughout my many years. At my birth I had four original Townships and now I have many more. I am fortunate to have the states longest River run through my lands, stretching well over 200 miles long. On May 1, 2009, I will be 206 years old. My name is SCIOTO COUNTY.

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1870 Census Index $7.50 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Wayne Twp $2.00 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Clay, Jefferson or Harrison Twp $3.75 $3.00 S/H
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1850 Census Index—City of Portsmouth $12.00 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Morgan Twp $3.00 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Bloom or Porter Twp $6.00 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census—Green Twp $7.50 $3.00 S/H
1850 Census—All Townships on CD $25.00 $2.00 S/H
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Greenlawn Cemetery Inscriptions—Vol. 1 & 2– CD $15.00 $2.00 S/H
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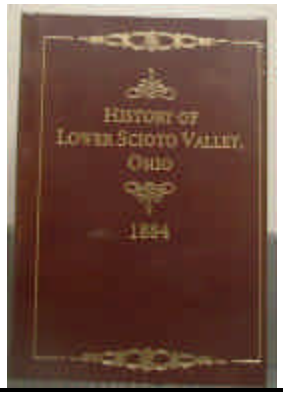


History of Lower Scioto Valley, 1884. Reprinted 2007. Together with sketches of its cities, villages and townships, educational, religious, civil, military and political history, portraits of prominent persons and biographies of representative citizens. An 875 page hardbound book with an additional 110 pages of selected index of names. A truly wonderful book for the family researcher and/or the history buff. This book, written in 1884, includes information for the counties of Scioto, Jackson and Pike. There are biographical sketches of 795 individuals and 39 pages of illistrations of individuals and county maps.

$65.00 + $6 s/h - Ohio residents add sales tax.

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