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A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,

Happy Fall! Seems like 2011 is flying by and old-man winter will soon be back with us. A pity, I haven't really got to enjoy the summer season. Oh well, perhaps next year will be a better year for us all! That is my prayer at least.

Inside this issue of *SCCOGS NEWS* you will find extracts from the book Heroes of the Western Theater: Thirty-third Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, by Lois Lambert. Although I have not read the book in it's entirety, I can say that, from what I have had the privilege of reading while doing this newsletter, it is a very informative, educational and interesting book! Mrs. Lambert is offering SCCOGS Members a special price on the book as well—it normally retails for \$45.00, but is being offered to members for a bargain price of \$25.00, plus \$2 shipping. You may see page 5 for more information about this and how to order.

There's more info to be found in this edition as well—please see page 4 for information about Member Input that is needed and page 14 for interesting reading about Scioto County Courthouse.

The obituary for member Jerry Wear appears on page 4, our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends. In closing, I would like to ask Members to keep our President and her family in your thoughts and prayers as well. Until the next newsletter—I wish you all happiness, health, wealth and love.

Joyce M. Sadler
Newsletter Editor



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Next Meeting—October 8th

The next meeting of SCCOGS will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robert Copley Meeting Room of the Portsmouth Public Library.

The featured speaker will be Mr. Lynn Grimshaw, who will be speaking about Ohio cemetery laws.

We hope you will attend. Bring a Guest!



Special points of interest:

- Meeting October 8th

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Something Interesting

By Wayne Allen—PDT Staff Writer

For the first time in about a half-century, the Scioto County Engineer's Office has updated the county road map. The revisions now reflect all defined county roads.

"We don't know how long it's been since there's been an update to the (county road) map, we're guessing between 40 and 50 years. Minor corrections have been made over the years, but nothing like this," said Craig Opperman, Scioto County Engineer.

Opperman said the new map is a complete and total revision compared to the previous one.

"The company we went with has done a lot of maps and told us our map was the biggest one they've done," Opperman said.

"To us, the maps were getting expensive. We were trying to find a cheaper way to produce the maps while at the same time improving them," Opperman said.

"We had two main goals in producing a new county map: We wanted to find a way to keep the price low. We also wanted to include all of the subdivision roads. We did not have a lot of subdivision roads on the previous map. We have all the dedicated roads on this map. If we've missed a road we would like people to tell us about it and we will make that improvement when the map is printed again. We like to think of this map as a working document and a work in progress."

"The second goal we had for this map was that we wanted it to explain our area. We wanted it to be used as a marketing tool. The map features many pictures of local attractions," Opperman said.

The maps were debuted at the Scioto County Fair and are available for free at the Scioto County Engineer's Office in the Scioto County Courthouse, Room 106, or at the Engineer's Lucasville garage on State Route 728

The new County Maps have crosses that mark the locations of Scioto County Cemeteries



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2011 SCCOGS Photos / Query



Speakers Mr. Ernie Bouyack and Ms. Ann Sydnor who spoke about their trip to Germany including Portsmouth's Sister City, at the August 2011 SCCOGS Meeting.



SCCOGS Members and Guests attending the August 2011 Meeting.

<p>QUERY</p>

The following was submitted by Gladys Reynolds and was received from Jim Carpenter of San Diego, CA while researching his mother's family—the Wiehle Family of Scioto County, Ohio

Translated Abstracts of Death Notices in the Portsmouth Correspondent, 1894—1908

Ruhlman, Friedrich F., 31, Jan 1896; Pg 3:4.

One of the oldest and most well-known German pioneers of this city died on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the residence of his son, Philip Ruhlman, on Kenney's Lane from pneumonia; 78 years old; he was born on 19 April 1818 in Brannroda, in the area of Eckartsbergen, in the administrative district of Merseburg in the Kingdom of Prussia; after he was finished with school, he learned the trade of blacksmith from his father; on 8 June 1839, with 50 Prussian thalers, he set out for America; in 6 days he had to pay 72 road tolls and had only 2 thalers remaining and needed 48 thalers for the passage to America; the journey over the ocean took 7 weeks, and on the same day that he arrived in Baltimore, he found work with a blacksmith 5 miles from the city for \$1 per week; he stayed there 22 weeks and then went to Pennsylvania; an injured foot forced him to seek help from a farmer, and he remained there 3 years; this time he counted as the luckiest of his life; he then went to the state of Ohio and after he visited a few people in Zanesville and Marion, he came here on 26 October 1843; on the same day he met M.B. Gilbert from whom he bought 5 cents worth of bread and found a job with him; he worked 6 years for Mr. Gilbert earning between \$10 and \$22 a month minus rent and laundry fees; in 1850 he bought the coal business from Mr. Gilbert, which was the only one in the city, for \$4,010 which he had to borrow; in the first 3 years he earned so much that the debt was soon paid off; in the past 30 years his business has been very profitable and in 1880 he retired; he was married in 1848 to **Elisabeth Hans**, who died 6 years later; of the 4 children from this marriage, only a son survives, the well known milkman, **Philip Ruhlman**; his 2nd marriage was to **Marie Wiehle**, who also died many years ago; there were 3 children from this marriage, all of whom are now dead; the funeral was on Wednesday afternoon by Pastor Mallick from the German Evangelical Church.

Note: Phillip was Frederick's son from his first marriage to Elisabeth Hans (she died in 1854).

Mary/Marie Wiehle (1825-1877) was his second wife. Their kids were:

CAROLINE BERTHA "BETTY" RUEHLMAN, b. 04 Jul 1855, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., OH; d. Bef. 1896. Date of Death and Marriage Info Unknown. Caroline's baptism at the UCC was on 9/16/1855. Her Godparent is listed as Caroline Wiehle Janetzky (full sister of Rev. Johann).

EMMA RUEHLMAN, b. 13 Sep 1859, Ohio; d. Bef 1896. Date of Death and Marriage Info Unknown. From the Evangelical UCC Church in Portsmouth, OH's baptismal records: Emma; father—Ferdinand Ruhlman; mother—Maria Wiehle; born Sep 1859; baptized 19 May 1860; Godparents—John Blum, Caroline & Robert Wiehle. She is not listed in the 1870 Census. Her father's obituary noted that all three children from his marriage to Maria Wiehle pre-deceased him.

ROBERT RUEHLMAN, b. Abt 1863, Ohio; d. 24 Mar 1882, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., OH. His father's obituary noted that all three children from his marriage to Maria Wiehle pre-deceased him.

MEMBER PASSES**Jerry Lynn Wear**

October 6, 1949 – July 4, 2011, beloved husband of Sheila D. Wear. Father of Jason Ryan (Angie) Wear, Dennyia Gott, Michelle (Sean) Gott, and Jennifer (Tony) West. Grandfather of Justin, Brittney, Amanda, Courtney, Andrew, Gabriel, Jeremy, Sammi Jo, and Joslyn. Brother of Michael (America) Wear, Judy (Keith) Smith, Vicki (Lee) Daily, and Carol (Phil) Cassidy. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Preceded in death by his parents Charles and Ardell Wear of Portsmouth, OH. Visitation Friday July 8, 2011 from 6-8PM at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home in Amelia, OH. Funeral service Saturday July 9, 2011 10 AM also at the funeral home. Interment at Clover Cemetery. Mr. Wear is a former member of SCCOGS and in 2007 donated a book titled "The Descendants of William Henry Wear 1805 – 1850". The book has been added to our Family History Section in our holdings at the Portsmouth Public Library. We extend our Deepest Sympathy to his family and friends.

New Statewide Birth Record Database

In December 2010 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) announced an improvement in customer service for individuals wishing to purchase a certified copy of an Ohio birth record.

Over the next few months, local registrar offices throughout the state will begin to have access to issue an Ohio birth record regardless of the county where the birth occurred. Prior to this improvement, a person would need to purchase a copy from the county where the birth occurred or from the state office of vital statistics.

The project began in 2006, with scanning and keying index information into the state database. With this effort complete, all local health departments will now be able to access and issue a certified birth abstract for Ohio birth records dating back to 1908.

Participation by local departments is optional and not all offices may choose to participate. Individuals are encouraged to contact their local health department to see if they offer this service. It is also important to call ahead to determine the hours of operation and the fees associated with a request for a certified birth abstract.

To find a local health department visit www.odh.ohio.gov and click on "Local Health Departments"

Member Input Needed

The Vice President of SCCOGS asks all members for input as to meeting topics/speakers for the next year. I'll be starting to line up speakers this fall and would like to ask for suggestions from members - speakers they like or topics that might help them with a brick wall, etc.

The SCCOGS Program Committee will soon be planning next year's programs. Anyone with a suggestion for a speaker or topic for one of the six meetings in 2012 is encouraged to contact Jodi Wright at jwwyoming@hotmail.com or 740-285-2424.

Also, Anyone who knows the whereabouts of a neglected cemetery in Scioto County that is in need of attention is encouraged to contact Jodi Wright, Vice President, at jwwyoming@hotmail.com or 740-285-2424.



Heroes of the Western Theater: Thirty-third Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry

Extracted from: <http://www.ljlambert.com/thirtythird.html>

Heroes of the Western Theater: Thirty-third Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, is being offered to SCCOGS Members for a special discounted price by the author! Below is a brief description of the book:

This book can be considered as two books in one. Part One of the book is devoted to the history of this magnificent fighting unit that distinguished itself in some of the bloodiest encounters of the Civil War. The country has recognized their valor by presenting seven of its soldiers with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Indeed, the first ever Medal of Honor was awarded to Jacob Parrott of Company K of the Thirty-third.

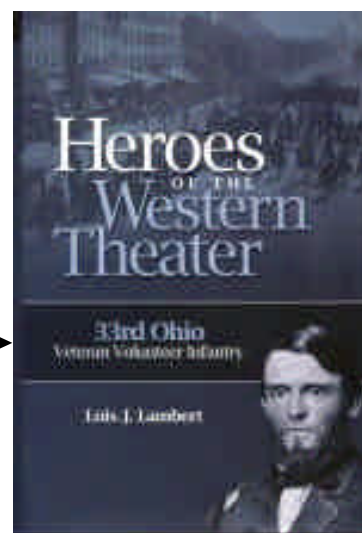
Their national colors bear testimony to the extent and significance of their battlefield experiences at the battles of Perryville, Kentucky; Chickamauga, Georgia; Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, Tennessee. In 1864, under the command of Major General William Tecumseh Sherman they saw action at Resaca, Cassville, Kenesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Jonesboro and the siege of Atlanta, Georgia. From there they again marched with Sherman to the sea and fought the battles of Averysboro, Bentonville, and Goldsboro, North Carolina in 1865. They were welcomed as heroes by their countrymen on May 24, 1865, when they received the nation's recognition and gratitude as they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. in the Grand Review.

Much of the story of this regiment is told through several collections of letters and diaries which provide the soldiers' views of their day to day activities, as well as stirring descriptions of their many trials by fire.

Part Two of the book provides an annotated roster of the 1,278 men who served in the regiment over the course of the war from 1861 until 1865. Although the men of the Thirty-third were Ohioans at the outbreak of the war, today, their descendants are scattered across the country. By the end of the nineteenth century, records such as the 1890 Veterans Schedule and soldier pension documents indicate that many of the soldiers and their families had moved westward across America's heartland and as far as the Pacific coast.

*This book contains over ninety photographs, ten maps and multiple charts as well as an every name index. Hardback with dust jacket. 584 pages, normally \$45.00, **Mrs. Lambert is offering a special price to SCCOGS members of \$25.00 + \$2.00 for shipping for a total of \$27.00.** They can order directly from her and just mention that they are members of the Scioto County Genealogical Society. Lois J. Lambert, 1443 Nauticus Cove, Loveland, Ohio 45140*

**SPECIAL PRICE
FOR MEMBERS!**



33rd Ohio Infantryhttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/33rd_Ohio_Infantry

33rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Active August 5, 1861 to July 12, 1865**Country** United States**Allegiance** Union**Branch** Infantry**Engagements**

Battle of Perryville

Battle of Stones River

Tullahoma Campaign

Battle of Chickamauga

Siege of Chattanooga

Battle of Lookout Mountain

Battle of Missionary Ridge

Atlanta Campaign

Battle of Resaca

Battle of Kennesaw Mountain

Battle of Peachtree Creek

Siege of Atlanta

Battle of Jonesboro

Sherman's March to the Sea

Carolinas Campaign

The **33rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry** (or **33rd OVI**) was an infantry regiment in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

The 33rd Ohio Infantry was organized at Portsmouth, Ohio from August 5 through September 13, 1861. It was mustered in for three years service under the command of Colonel Joshua Woodrow Sill. The regiment was recruited in Adams, Meigs, Pike, Ross, and Scioto counties.

The regiment was attached to 9th Brigade, Army of the Ohio, October to December 1861. 9th Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Ohio, to September 1862. 9th Brigade, 3rd Division, I Corps, Army of the Ohio, to November 1862. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Center, XIV Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to January 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, XIV Corps, to July 1865.

The 33rd Ohio Infantry mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky on July 12, 1865.

DETAILED SERVICE

Left Ohio for Kentucky September 13 and joined Gen. Nelson at Maysville, Ky. Capture of Hazel Green, Ky., October 23, 1861. Operations against Williams' invasion of the Bluegrass region, Ky., November-December. Action at Ivy Mountain November 8. Picketon, Ky., November 8–9. Duty at Bacon Creek until February 1862. Advance on Bowling Green, Ky., February 10–15, and on Nashville, Tenn., February 22–25. Occupation of Nashville February 25 to March 17. Advance on Murfreesboro, Tenn., March 17–19. Occupation of Shelbyville and Fayetteville and advance on Huntsville, Ala., March 29-April 11. Capture of Huntsville April 11. (Pittinger's Raid on Georgia Central Railroad April 7–12, detachment.) Advance to Decatur, Ala., April 11–14. Duty along Memphis & Charles-

ton Railroad until August. Action at Battle Creek June 21. Moved to Bridgeport and occupy Fort McCook at mouth of Battle Creek. Action at Battle Creek August 27 (6 companies), and at Bridgeport August 27 (4 companies). March to Louisville, Ky., in pursuit of Bragg, August 28-September 26. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1–15. Battle of Perryville, Ky., October 8. March to Nashville, Tenn., October 16-November 7, and duty there until December 26. Advance on Murfreesboro, Tenn., December 26–30. Battle of Stones River December 30–31, 1862 and January 1–3, 1863. Duty at Murfreesboro until June. Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Hoover's Gap June 24–26. Occupation of middle Tennessee until August 16. Passage of the Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga Campaign August 16-September 22. Davis Cross Roads or Dug Gap September 11. Battle of Chickamauga September 19–21. Rossville Gap September 21. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., September 24-November 23. Reopening Tennessee River October 26–29. Brown's Ferry October 27 (detachment). Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23–27. Orchard Knob November 23. Lookout Mountain November 23–24. Missionary Ridge November 25. Ringgold Gap, Taylor's Ridge, November 27. Demonstration on Dalton, Ga., February 22–27, 1864. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost Gap and Rocky Faced Ridge February 23–25. Atlanta Campaign May 1 to September 8. Demonstrations on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8–11. Buzzard's Roost Gap or Mill Creek May 9. Battle of Resaca May 14–15. Advance on Dallas May 18–26. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Pickett's Mill May 27. Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11–14. Lost Mountain June 15–17. Assault on Kennesaw June 27. Ruff's Station July 4. Chattahoochee River July 5–17. Buckhead, Nancy's Creek, July 18. Peachtree Creek July 19–20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Utoy Creek August 6–7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25–30. Red Oak August 29. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Operations against Hood in northern Georgia and northern Alabama September 29-November 3. Cassville November 7. March to the Sea November 15-December 10. Siege of Savannah December 10–21. Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Taylor's Hole Creek, Averysboro, N. C., March 16. Battle of Bentonville March 19–21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 24. Advance on Raleigh April 10–14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D.C., via Richmond, Va., April 20-May 19. Grand Review May 24. Moved to Louisville, Ky., June 6.

33rd Ohio Infantryhttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/33rd_Ohio_Infantry**Causalities**

The regiment lost a total of 332 men during service; 7 officers and 130 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded, 3 officers and 192 enlisted men died of disease.

Commanders

Colonel Joshua Woodrow Sill, Colonel Oscar Fitzallen Moore, Captain Ephraim J. Ellis - commander at the battle of Stones River

Notable members

Of the 24 men (including 2 civilians) who participated in Andrews' Raid, eight were from the 33rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. All from the 33rd Ohio who participated, except Corporal Samuel Llewellyn, were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Corporal Daniel Allen Dorsey - Medal of Honor recipient; Corporal Martin Jones Hawkins - Medal of Honor recipient; Private Jacob Wilson Parrott, Company K - first Medal of Honor recipient; Private William Henry Harrison Reddick - Medal of Honor recipient; Private Samuel Robertson - Medal of Honor recipient; Private Samuel Slavens - Medal of Honor recipient; Private John Wollam - Medal of Honor recipient

Heroes of the Western Theater Extracts

The following are extracts of people noted to be from Scioto County, Ohio from the book, ***Heroes of the Western Theater, Thirty-Third Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry***, by Lois J. Lambert

Colonel Frederick Locke—Frederick J. Locke, a native of London, Middlesex, England, and his parents, John and Ann Locke had settled in Newport, Kentucky, around 1846. He and his wife, **Sarah Jane Glover**, had married in Portsmouth, Ohio in 1852 and by 1860, they were living in Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio where he was a practicing physician. He had studied at and would later graduate from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and as such, was a firm believer in the benefits of homeopathic medicine. The American Medical Association in 1856 banned any discussion of homeopathic theories in their journals and, at the time of the Civil War, the Union army medical corps refused to recognize homeopathic physicians. Because of this, physicians like Frederick Locke, who wanted to serve their country, were denied the right as surgeons. Determined as he was to serve his adopted country, Frederick Locke entered service as captain of Company D on August 10, 1861, and was promoted to major in March of 1862 and finally to colonel in July of 1862.

McLain Montgomery— Twenty-eight-year-old Sergeant McLain Montgomery of Company A was eager to share news of their exploits with the folks back home in Wheelersburg. On Sunday, October 27, he wrote to his wife, Mary, from Hazel Green: *Dear wife, I take the first opportunity to write you a few lines. I have not had a chance to write before, since I left Portsmouth. We have had a pretty hard march. We started from Maysville on the 16th and arrived here on the 25, a distance of 95 miles over the worst road I ever saw, but are now in good quarters. The Sesch left every thing in our possession. We have taken about 90 horses and about as many beef cattle. We have had no fight yet but once in a while we exchange shots with a straggler. We have a number of prisoners and the rebels have got three of our men. Hazel Green is about as big as Wheelersburgh, and there is but two families here. The rest all left on short notice. We have mills to grind our corn, stoves to bake it and everything we could ask for and if I could be certain that you and baby was well I would (be) as well content as ever (I) can be away from home. Tell mother that the Sesch can beat her raising sweet potatoes all holler and I know just how to cook them and the Kentucky Shanghaied chickens are just as fat as any on Dogwood Ridge and full as plenty.*

Heroes of the Western Theater Extracts

Samuel Currie—Disease in the field was a problem for the Thirty-third Ohio as it was for all regiments, and young men, like twenty-two-year-old Captain Samuel Currie, too often fell victim. He died April 16, 1862, at Shelbyville, Tennessee. Captain Currie's body was brought home to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

It was not until September 1888, that the members of the Thirty-third Regiment organized their first general reunion in Columbus, Ohio. One hundred and thirty-four members were present for the event, which included a parade through the city and a special recognition of the four surviving Medal of Honor recipients from the regiment who were part of Andrew's Raiders: Jacob Parrott, Daniel Dorsey, John Woolam and William H. H. Reddick. And, in the spirit of reconciliation, Captain William Allen Fuller, the conductor of the *General*, was invited to speak at the event. One of the first orders of business was the creation of the Thirty-third Ohio Regimental Association. The officers elected were: Angus L. Waddle, of Columbus, president; Samuel Watts of Findlay, vice president; **Joseph N. Murray** of Portsmouth, recording secretary; Nelson Purdum of Chillicothe, corresponding secretary; **Louis Terry** of Portsmouth, treasurer; and Supreme Court Judge Thaddeus A. Minshall, a native of Chillicothe, as historian. On Saturday, September 15, 1888, The *Portsmouth Times* carried a report of the reunion. The article noted that the meeting of these men twenty-three years after the war's end was an emotional one.

Apparently Nelson Purdum held the position of corresponding secretary from the time of his election in 1888 through the twenty-fifth annual reunion held in 1912 at Kendall Hall in Portsmouth, Ohio on September 26 and 27. Found in Purdum's papers at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio, is a listing of all those men whom Purdum was able to locate and whose addresses he collected in order to inform them of association announcements. Beside many of the names, Purdum had, throughout the years, penciled in the notation "dead" occasionally with the date of death included. The final list bears the signature of each of the thirty-six men who attended the 1912 reunion along with a notation by each name of ".25", which is presumed to be the dues, levied against each man attending. Purdum's list of those attending from Scioto County, Ohio shows: **John W. Monk**, Co. B, Friendship, Ohio; **J.J. Gist**, Co F, Portsmouth, Ohio; **Henry Jones**, Co A, Rushtown, Ohio; **John Hogan**, Sgt, Co A, Portsmouth, Ohio; **James Hadar**, Co G, Buena Vista, Ohio; **James Hodges**, Co B, Buena Vista, Ohio; **Sylvester Keller**, Co A, Scioto, Ohio; **Edward Neary**, Co E, Scioto, Ohio; **Daniel A. Dorsey**, Co H, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sylvester Keller—Eighteen-year-old Sylvester Keller enlisted as a private in Company A and was promoted through the ranks to first lieutenant on January 28, 1865. In May of 1865 he was promoted to captain, but was not mustered. He resigned on July 27, 1865. He was a member of the Thirty-third Ohio Regimental Association and attended their reunions.

COMPANY A—ENLISTED MEN

Wood, Lyman J.—Private, Age 24. Entered August 6, 1861, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. Lyman was born in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was 6' 1/2", with light complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. He was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Soldier applied for pension on June 13, 1878, from Ohio under application No. 257,469 and granted under certificate No. 427,308. At time of 1890 Veterans Schedule, soldier was living in Valley Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Soldier's widow, Elizabeth A. Wood, applied January 10, 1919, under application No. 1,134,121 but did not receive a pension.

COMPANY B —ENLISTED MEN

Brook(s), William J.—Sergeant. Age 18. Entered August 18, 1861, for three years. Appointed corporal January 1, 1864; appointed sergeant July 15, 1864; mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. On February 27, 1880, he applied for a pension under application No. 351,318, and received it under certificate No. 315,381. At the time of the 1890 Veterans Schedule he was living in Brush Creek Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

Seaman, John B.—Private. Age 18. Entered August 18, 1861 for three years. Captured March 23, 1865, near Goldsboro, North Carolina; absent (no date given), on parole; discharged June 12, 1865, by order of War Department; veteran. At the time of the 1890 Veterans Schedule, soldier was living in Brush Creek Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

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COMPANY C —ENLISTED MEN

Allemang, Eri—Sergeant. Age 21. Entered August 26, 1861, for three years. Appointed corporal September 1, 1864; sergeant October 1, 1864; mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. Erie was born in Scioto County, Ohio and was 5' 11" with fair complexion, hazel eyes, light hair and listed his occupation as farmer. (SDR-Scioto) He married **Maggie Brouse** in Scioto County, Ohio, on July 19, 1870. On September 28, 1878, soldier applied for a pension neither application No. or certificate No. are legible; however, he was granted a pension. On May 16, 1902, soldier's widow, May M. Allemang, applied from West Virginia for a pension under application No. 763,168 and was granted a pension under certificate No. 537,369.

Allemang, Philander—Private. Age 19. Entered September 18, 1861, for three years. Wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, 1863. Mustered out October 10, 1864 on expiration of term of service. Philander married **Ella Douglass** in Scioto County, Ohio, on December 30, 1868. On January 30, 1903, soldier's wife, Ella Allemang, applied from Illinois for a pension under application No. 777,510 and was granted a pension under certificate No. 555,161.

Duncan, Albert W.—Private. Age 30. Entered August 24, 1861, for three years. Transferred to Pioneer Brigade August 24, 1864; veteran. On November 1, 1882, soldier applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 463,846 and received it under certificate No. 370,395. At the time of the 1890 Veterans Schedule, soldier was living in Portsmouth, Washington Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Notation indicated that soldier had suffered from rheumatism and sore eyes for twenty-six years.

Hall, John H.—Private. Age 19. Entered August 27, 1861, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. John was born in Mason County, Kentucky. He was 5' 6" with fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He listed his occupation as farmer. (SDR-Scioto) At the time of the 1890 Veterans Schedule, soldier was living in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, and notation states that soldier suffered from paralysis of the face.

Lybrook, Henry—Private. Age 28. Entered August 26, 1861, for three years. In March of 1862 he was detailed as company cook. On October 8, 1862, at the battle of Perrysville, he was wounded receiving a shot in his left wrist which resulted in his receiving a discharge three months later on a surgeon's certificate of disability on January 9, 1863. Henry was born in Kanawha County, Virginia on September 9, 1832. He was 5' 6" with fair complexion, black eyes, and dark brown hair, occupation farmer. On August 19, 1852, he married **Mary A. Rapp** in Scioto County, Ohio. Mary died March 18, 1899. On May 18, 1899, he married **Harriet Hartsinger** in Scioto County, Ohio. Henry died August 15, 1902, in South Portsmouth, Greenup County, Kentucky. He is buried in the Lybrook Cemetery, Flat Hollow Road, in South Portsmouth, next to his first wife, Mary. Harriet Lybrook, widow of soldier, applied for a pension in 1903 under application No. 795,465; however, no pension was granted.

Wood, William S.—Corporal. Age 23. Entered August 10, 1861, for three years. Appointed corporal September 25, 1861; died November 29, 1861, at Portsmouth, Ohio. Soldier is buried in Portsmouth, Ohio.

COMPANY D —ENLISTED MEN

Arner/Amier, John—Private. Age 22. Entered September 18, 1861, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. John was born in Germany and was 5' 4" with dark complexion, gray eyes, light hair as was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) On August 6, 1890, Hannah Amer, widow of soldier, applied from Missouri for a pension under application No. 449,476 and received it under certificate No. 355,022.

Culver, Timothy—Private. Age 18. Entered August 17, 1861. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. On March 7, 1884, soldier applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 507,684 and received it under certificate No. 338,154. In August 1887 his widow Josephine Culver, applied from Ohio under application No. 358,802 and received it under certificate No. 238,194. The 1890 Veterans Schedule states that Josephine Culver, widow, was residing in Portsmouth, Washington Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

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COMPANY D —ENLISTED MEN (Continued)

Clark, Eli—Private. Age 23. Entered August 17, 1861, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. Eli was born in Scioto County, Ohio, and was 5' 9" with light complexion, grey eyes, light hair and occupation farmer. Soldier faced a court martial on July 1, 1863, under the charge of conduct prejudicial. Specifications not that 1) he was drunk; 2) used bad language to the sutler, and tore his shirt; and 3) struck the guard and resisted arrest. He was also charged under article nine of the articles of war with the specification that he struck a lieutenant. Regarding the question of the use of alcohol the answer was "yes". The sentence was loss of three months pay and thirty days hard labor. On December 15, 1882, Eli applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 467,010 and received it under certificate No. 496,779. On May 6, 1918, his widow, Sarah, applied from Ohio under application No. 1,138,084 and received it under certificate No. 867,556. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldier's address as Morgan Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

Davis, Adin—Private. Age 18. Entered September 10, 1861, for three years. Discharged March 27, 1862, on surgeon's certificate of disability. Adis was a native of Porter Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

Plumb, William A.—Private. Age 25. Entered August 17, 1861, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. William was born in Scioto County, Ohio. He was 5' 5 1/2", with light complexion, blue eyes, light hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) On October 21, 1865, William married **Sarah J. Comer** in Scioto County, Ohio. On June 12, 1880, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 396,634 and received it under certificate No. 659,999.

COMPANY E —OFFICERS

Winkler, George C.—First Lieutenant. Age 25. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years as a private and was appointed immediately as sergeant. Promoted to 2nd lieutenant from sergeant December 8, 1861; promoted to 1st lieutenant March 2, 1863, and to captain Co I, August 11, 1864. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists place of residence as Green Township, Scioto County, Ohio and notes that he was captain of Co. I.

COMPANY E —ENLISTED MEN

Brant, William A.—Private. Age 18. Entered February 9, 1864, for three years. He was born in Scioto County, Ohio and was 6' 2" with dark complexion, black eyes and dark hair. He listed his occupation as farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Soldier was wounded at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May, 1864. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865. He applied for a pension from Missouri in 1883 under application No. 478,034 and was granted a pension under certificate No. 389,709. His widow, Nancy, applied from Missouri on June 5, 1930, under application 1,669,175 and received it under certificate No. A-2-12-31.

Callender, William—Private. Age 20. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Mustered out October 17, 1864 on expiration of term of service. On March 22, 1881, soldier applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 417,061 and received it under certificate No. 386,154. William was born in Jackson County, Ohio. He was 5' 9" with light complexion, grey eyes, auburn hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) On May 17, 1899, Mary Callender, widow of soldier, applied from Ohio under application No. 372,756 and received it under certificate No. 280,689.

Colegrove, John A.—Private. Age 18. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Discharged August 30, 1863, on surgeon's certificate of disability. He was born June 21, 1843, in Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio. On December 1870, he married **Josephine Sweet** in Scioto County, Ohio. On November 8, 1889, soldier applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 738,112 and received it under certificate No. 855,993. On April 19, 1915, Josephine Colegrove, widow of soldier, applied from Ohio under application 1,045,822 and received a pension under certificate No. 790,356. John Allen Colegrove died in 1914. His wife Josephine died in 1924 and the couple are buried in Bennett Cemetery near Minford, Madison Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

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COMPANY E —ENLISTED MEN (Continued)

Coriell, Alexander—Private. Age 18. Entered April 24, 1864, for three years. Died August 18, 1864 at Vining Station, Georgia of disease. Soldier is buried in National Cemetery at Marietta Georgia. On May 8, 1884, Mary Coriell, mother of soldier, applied for a pension from Ohio under application No. 315,404 and received it under certificate No. 213,366.

Coriell, Joseph—Private. Age 20. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Mustered out October 17, 1864, on expiration of term of service. Soldier was the son of Peter and Mary Coriell of Scioto County, Ohio, and an older brother to Alexander Coriell. On July 1, 1863, soldier faced a court-martial under the charge of desertion, specifically for a period of nine months at New Market, Kentucky. Regarding the question of whether alcohol was involved, the answer was “no”. The finding of the board was “guilty” and he was sentenced to loss of eleven months pay. (File No. mm684).

Cutlip, Jackson—Private. Age 20. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Discharged (no date) at Columbus, Ohio, on surgeon’s certificate of disability. Jackson enlisted again on January 28, 1865, at the age of 29 as a private in Co. H, 194th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was mustered out on October 24, 1865, in Washington, D.C. On June 26, 1880, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 398,455 and received it under certificate No. 831,304. The basis for his claim was a wound received June 26, 1865, near Rarden, Scioto County, Ohio. He stated that he had been hunting with a breech loading shotgun. He further stated that some of his shells did not go off and while holding a shell in his left hand trying to recap it, it exploded and wounded his hand resulting in amputation of his thumb. Jackson died on September 22, 1915. On January 24, 1916, Abba Cutlip, soldier’s widow, applied from Ohio under application No. 1,059,332; however, no pension was issued.

Davidson, Leroy P.—Sergeant. Age 21. Entered September 12, 1861, for three years. Absent, sick March 19, 1865. Mustered out July 12, 1865, by order of War Department; veteran. Leroy was born in Adams County, Ohio. He was 5’ 3” with dark complexion, black eyes and black hair and listed his occupation as farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Soldier applied July 22, 1868 under application No. 78,711 and received it under certificate No. 72,605.

Elliott, Salathiel—Private. Age 18. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Discharged December 5, 1863 at Louisville, Kentucky on surgeon’s certificate of disability. Soldier applied from Ohio for a pension on October 23, 1885, under application No. 552,452 and received it under certificate No. 487,608. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldiers place of residence as Valley Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and notes that soldier suffered from a broken and dislocated elbow and recurring bouts with chronic diarrhea. Soldier died June 16, 1894 in Athens, Ohio, and is buried in Lindsey Cemetery, Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Gravestone lists soldier’s date of birth as March 25, 1847. On November 13, 1917, his widow, Martha L. Elliott, applied from Ohio under application No. 1,110,371 and received it under certificate No. 890,440.

Freeman, George—Private. Age 22. Entered September 12, 1861, for three years. Discharged January 23, 1863, at Nashville, Tennessee, on surgeon’s certificate of disability. Soldier applied for a pension on March 25, 1871 under application No. 164,241 and received it under certificate No. 115,053. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldier’s residence as Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio and notes that soldier was wounded in the right thigh at Perryville. On December 13, 1906, Hester A. Freeman, widow of soldier, applied from Ohio under application No. 859,989 and received it under certificate No. 623,680.

Lindsey, Joseph—Private. Age 18. Entered March 24, 1864, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865. Joseph was born in Ohio and was 5’ 8” with fair complexion, dark eyes, and auburn hair. He listed his occupation as farmer. (SDR-Scioto) On August 2, 1890, soldier applied from Ohio under application No. 854,626 and received it under certificate No. 689, 991. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists his place of residence as Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Joseph Lindsey, Born March 25, 1847, died June 16, 1894, and is buried in the Lindsey Cemetery, Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

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COMPANY E —ENLISTED MEN (Continued)

Littlejohn, William H.—Private. Age 18. Entered March 24, 1864, for three years. Captured September 20, 1863, at battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. He was mustered out September 4, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, on expiration of terms of service. William was born in Scioto County, Ohio. He was 5' 10" with dark complexion, brown eyes and brown hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto)

McNamer, James—Sergeant. Age 24. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Appointed corporal January 1, 1864, and to sergeant November 1, 1864. Soldier was charged with being absent without leave at Stevenson, Alabama, and faced a court-martial on December 1, 1863. Regarding the question of whether alcohol was involved the answer was "no". Notes regarding soldier's health at Stevenson included a surgeon's certificate stating that the soldier had intermittent fever and was unfit to march and was discharged. The soldier was found not guilty of charge. (File Nos. 111178, 111177) Mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. James was born in Delaware County, Indiana. He was 5' 4" with light complexion, blue eyes, light hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Soldier applied from Ohio for a pension on August 30, 1883, under application No. 494,091 and received it under certificate No. 334,838. On February 1, 1890, Susan McNamer applied from Indiana under application No. 413,871; however no pension was issued.

Mershon, Samuel—Private. Age 18. Entered September 12, 1861, for three years. Was mustered out July 12, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky; veteran. Samuel was born in Scioto County, Ohio and was 5' 9" with light complexion, grey eyes, light hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Detached January 20, 1865, as cook in hospital at Savannah, Georgia. Soldier was charged with being absent without leave for two months at Stevenson, Alabama. He faced court-martial on December 1, 1863, where the finding of the board was that alcohol was not involved and notes from the medical staff at Stevenson contained a surgeon's certificate that soldier had intermittent fever. He was found not guilty of the charge. (File No. 0064). He was mustered out July 12, 1865, by order of War Department; veteran. On June 6, 1889, Margaret H. Mershon, widow of soldier, applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 396,964 and received it under certificate No. 399,358. The 1890 Veteran Schedule indicates that Margaret H. Mershon, widow of soldier, was residing in Washington Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

Murfin, Jacob F.—Private. Age 18. Entered September 12, 1861, for three years. Died November 29, 1861, at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Neary, Edward—Private. Age 29. Entered February 29, 1864, for three years. Mustered out with company, July 12, 1865. Soldier applied from Ohio for a pension on October 18, 1883, under application No. 498,045 and received it under certificate No. 330,790. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldier's place of residence as Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio.

Pyle, William A.—Private. Age 18. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Soldier was 6' with fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He was wounded in the left thigh and captured September 20, 1863, at battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. He remained a prisoner until early in 1864 when he was released and sent to Cumberland General Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 24 to be treated for the gunshot wound to the left thigh and a badly frozen foot. He was furloughed on March 8, 1864, and was returned to duty August 25, 1864. Soldier was mustered out October 4, 1864 at Columbus, Ohio, on expiration of term of service. On February 6, 1867, William married **Mary Jane Bennett** in Scioto County, Ohio. On October 18, 1879, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 316,604 and received it under certificate No. 214,251. Soldier died March 7, 1922, in Andrew County, Missouri. On April 19, 1922, Mary J. Pyle, widow of soldier, applied for pension under application No. 1,187,819 and received it under certificate No. 919,984.

Sickles, John J.—Private. Age 31. Entered December 15, 1864, for three years. John was born in Indiana and was 5' 9" with light complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. His occupation was collier (SDR-Scioto) On September 10, 1883, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 494,951 and received it under certificate No. 571,544. On June 9, 1894, Sarah Sickles, widow of soldier, applied from Ohio under application No. 589,333 and received it under certificate No. 398,376.

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COMPANY E —ENLISTED MEN (Continued)

Stewart, Andrew J.—Private. Age 18, Entered February 26, 1864, for three years. Mustered out with company July 12, 1865. On August 14, 1885, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 547,124 and received it under certificate No. 718,001. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldier's place of residence as Lucasville, Valley Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and notation states that he suffers from disease of the lungs, throat and heart. On April 7, 1909, Margaretta Stewart, widow of soldier, applied for a pension under application No. 918,131 and received it under certificate No. 695,595.

Stropes, Daniel—Private. Age 18. Entered January 15, 1864, for three years. Paroled prisoner (no date listed for capture or for parole); mustered out June 5, 1865, by order of War Department. He was born in Scioto County, Ohio, and was 5' 8" with dark complexion, gray eyes and black hair. His occupation at time of enlistment was farmer. (SDR-Scioto)

Wheeler, William H.—Private. Age 20. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Mustered out on October 17, 1864, on expiration of term of service in Villanov, Georgia. William was born in Scioto County, Ohio. He was 5' 10" with dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair and was a farmer. (SDR-Scioto) Soldier applied for a pension on September 28, 1886 under application No. 586,107 and received it under certificate No. 735,471. On November 23, 1896, Rhoda A. Wheeler, widow of soldier, applied for a pension under application No. 644,137 and received it under certificate No. 447,922.

Willey, John—Private. Age 21. Entered September 3, 1861, for three years. Prisoner of war September 20, 1864; mustered out May 8, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio, on expiration of term of service. Soldier's name is listed in the Soldier Discharge Records of Scioto County, Ohio; however, there is no additional information given. On April 19, 1880, soldier applied for a pension under application No. 363,589 and received it under certificate No. 272,273.

COMPANY F —OFFICERS

Gist, John J., Jr.—First Lieutenant. Age 27. Entered August 25, 1861, for three years. Promoted from 2nd lieutenant March 2, 1863; to captain, January 28, 1865, but not mustered; mustered out May 8, 1865, on expiration of term of service. The 1890 Veterans Schedule listed his place of residence as Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio.

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Pepple, John W.—Private. Age 36. Entered September 11, 1861, for three years. Reduced from corporal (no date given); mustered out October 17, 1864, on expiration of term of service. The 1890 Veterans Schedule lists soldiers place of residence as Rarden Precinct, Scioto County, Ohio. John W. Pepple married Malinda E. Tong on March 12, 1895, in Pike County, Ohio.

COMPANY I —OFFICERS

Winkler, George C.—Captain. Age 25. Entered September 2, 1861, for three years. Promoted from 1st lieutenant Co E August 11, 1864; mustered out with company July 12, 1865; veteran. On September 21, 1889, soldier applied from Ohio for a pension under application No. 673,308 and received it under certificate No. 566,133. The 1890 Veterans Schedule listed his residence as Green Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and noted that he suffered from rheumatism. At the outbreak of the war, he assisted in raising Co. E of the 33rd Ohio and remained with that company until August 11, 1864, when he became captain of Co I. With the exception of the battle of Perryville, when he was sick at home, he was in every battle in which the regiment participated.

Courthouse Information

Although Scioto County was organized in 1803, it took 13 years until the county seat was moved from Alexandria—just west of the Scioto River—to the higher ground of Portsmouth before the first courthouse was constructed.

Prior to 1816, the county's early courts were held in a cabinet shop near Alexandria Point, in the old Hamilton Hotel, and in the McDowell building which once stood at the corner of Market and Front streets.

The First Courthouse: The first Scioto County courthouse was built in 1816 by John Young, although bids for its construction were received as early as June 7, 1814. It was reportedly built at a total cost of \$3,265 and was located on Market Street between Water Street (now Front Street) and First Street (now Second Street). It was a 40 foot by 40 foot brick building on a two-foot stone foundation, surmounted by a cupola twelve feet high with a figure of the Angel Gabriel cut in wood on the spire. Because of its limited space a drive for a new courthouse was made in 1829. The building was sold October 15, 1836, for \$325 and was razed in 1837.

The Second Courthouse: On June 26, 1833, Henry Brush, a Chillicothe lawyer who formerly resided in Portsmouth, donated a lot at the northeast corner of Sixth and Court streets to Scioto County for use as the site of a second courthouse. According to local histories, it was built at a total cost of \$40,000. It was turned over to the county government by the contractor October 14, 1837, and occupied the following year. Some 50 years later, the second Scioto County courthouse also had become overcrowded. Even though an addition was ordered to be constructed on May 15, 1882, the building was eventually razed in 1925 to make room for the present Scioto County courthouse. The new building, facing Sixth Street, is 45 feet by 68 feet in dimension and occupied the site of what is now the courthouse parking lot. On the south façade a pediment was supported by six Ionic columns of polished stone and the frieze and cornice were the same material. The cupola was octagonal in shape and of the same color as the base pedestal. The old "fire alarm" bell was housed in the cupola. This building lasted for ninety years until demolished in 1927.

The Third Courthouse: Is the still existing courthouse and was designed by Architect John Scudder Adkins of Cincinnati and was constructed by Taylor and Lynn, General Contractors of Portsmouth, OH. The corner stone was laid in 1924 and when completed in 1927, the building represented an expenditure of \$1,040,000.00. The present courthouse was built of Indiana limestone, brick and reinforced concrete. The building is monumental, neo-classical style, with a restrained use of classical motif. The columns and door steps are of solid marble and the windows are steel framed set on marble sills. On the interior there is extensive use of concrete and marble, and the floors are poured concrete slabs covered with colored marble tiles in the hallways and rotunda area. The classical balustrade is used in the balcony running between the main arches in the rotunda. Decorative murals that depict the function of the building and the history of the area are found on the squinches and walls of the entrance hall. In the law library there are murals that show the landing of the French on the banks of the Ohio River at the mouth of the Scioto River, and the early settlers of the area trading with the Indians.

Unfamiliar to most of us are the following inscriptions which are incised into the stone frieze on the four sides of the building. The source of each inscription is shown:

On the South (Main Façade): "TELL ME YOUR CAUSE AND YE SHALL HAVE RIGHT" Thomas Mallory's "Morte d' Arthur, Book 8, Chapter 29

On the North: "AND MY JUSTICE SHALL ANSWER FOR ME TOMORROW" Douay Version of the Bible, Genesis 30-33

On the West: "NO GOVERNMENT CAN STAND WHICH IS NOT FOUNDED UPON JUSTICE" Aristotle's Politics, Book VIII, 14-3

On the East: "TO THE END IT MAY BE A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS AND NOT OF MEN" Conclusion of the Declaration of Rights contained in the Constitution of Massachusetts of 1780

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