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From the Director:

The Public History Program, administered by the Department of History at Bowling Green State University, recently received the necessary shot in the arm with the appointment of Dr. Sarah Sharp as chief coordinator. Dr. Sharp's career includes working at the Bancroft Library, more specifically with the California Regional Oral History Office. In this position, she interviewed numerous politicians, among whom were Ronald Reagan, Edwin Meese, Wilson Riles, and Alsonso Zirpoli. This semester she is teaching an introductory course in Public History and will be responsible for further developing the curriculum and coordinating internships. Next spring she is offering a course in Oral History that many readers may find interesting. We welcome her and wish her the best of luck in making this program a successful one.

The date for the third Conference on Local History will be 2 April 1987. Although the program has not been completed, the list of speakers include: Randall Buchman, Defiance College; Dr. Sarah Sharp, Bowling Green State University; Ray Schuck, Allen County Historical Society; Andrew Gulliford, American House, Lima, Ohio; Ms. Paulette Weiser, Toledo Hospital; and G. Wesley Johnson, Editor of *The Public Historian*. The fee again will be \$7.50. For more details about the conference program, contact the Center.

The Institute for Great Lakes Research has moved to the Levis Center located at the Owens-Illinois Industrial Park, south of Perrysburg, Ohio. The CAC no longer is responsible for servicing the collection. All correspondence should be sent to: The Institute for Great Lakes Research, c/o Jerome Library, BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.

Reference

The Center's reference staff is pleased to accept brief requests for information. While we are unable to undertake in-depth research for anyone due to limited staff resources, researchers are invited to call or write to the CAC with simple queries about our holdings and services. Specific information may be requested (i.e. a naturalization record, an obituary, etc.) if the year and approximate date is given. Many of the records of northwest Ohio have no index, and most are accessible only by date.

There is a minimum research fee of \$2.50 per half-hour for the first hour, and \$5.00 for each half-hour thereafter. The charge for photocopies is \$.20 per exposure taken from original (paper) materials, and \$.25 per exposure taken from microfilmed documents.

Judy Robins, Reference Archivist and Editor of the *Archival Chronicle*, will be leaving the CAC in December to

accept a new position at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Please address all reference inquiries to the attention of Ann Bowers, Assistant Director.

Preservation

How to Tell the Old From the New. Over the past year, several people have asked us to preserve a newspaper announcing the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Unfortunately each of these announcements was actually a facsimile, and not the original paper. The papers are yellowed and brown in color, very fragile and crumbling. The inner pages are filled with advertisements and testimonial letters from satisfied customers of a patent drug. These letters are dated in the 1890s, proof that the paper was printed long after April, 1865. Even without the proof of these dates, it can be seen in a glance that the papers were printed much later. Newspapers in the 1860s, and even into the 1880s and 90s in some instances, were printed on "rag" paper. This is paper made from cloth rags instead of wood pulp. Today, rag paper remains almost snow white in color; it is not fragile or brittle, and feels strong to the touch. However, wood pulp paper does not have these qualities and quickly deteriorates. Manufacturers changed from rag content to wood pulp paper because the supply of rags could not keep up with the demand for paper. Wood pulp paper also is much less expensive to produce, a fact which greatly appealed to the newspaper publishers. If you suspect that an old newspaper from the civil war era or earlier is not an original, you can apply these tests of color and strength. If it is white and strong it is probably rag paper. If it is yellowed or brown and easily breaks or crumbles, it is probably made of wood pulp and actually dates from the 1880s or later. You can always bring your paper documents to the Preservation Laboratory at the Center if you still have questions.



Bigelow Family Band (Bowling Green, Ohio) ca. 1914

Manuscript Collection Highlights

The Dorothy Ringle Papers (MS-45) October 18, 1862-June 16, 1961

The bulk of this collection is related to Rolla Myers, an inventor and activist farmer from Seneca County, Ohio. A number of photographs capture Myers from the time he was a boy into his later years. Items from his school days include party invitations, graduation programs and speeches, test questions and more. Patents and blueprints for Myers' stone spreader and other inventions, as well as contracts and correspondence between Myers and his distributors appear among the papers. The largest part of the collection concerns the activities of the Ohio Marketing Quota Protest Association. Included are letters of support and criticism from farmers, official minutes and ledgers of the association, correspondence and addresses of Rolla Myers as Secretary-Treasurer, and news clippings and letters which pertain to nation-wide developments of the price limitations affecting farmers in the midwest especially during the 1930s.

Some variety exists in the Dorothy Ringle papers. For example, included in the collection are a Civil War diary and a broadside warning of the spread of communism in 1955. The bulk of the material, however, reflects the Ohio farmer's reactions to New Deal policies.

The Hill/Morgan Family Papers Collection (MS 190)

The Hill and Morgan families were among the earliest settlers to locate in Wood County, Ohio. In 1866 they were joined by the marriage of Guy Morgan (a civil war veteran) and Hester Anna Hill, the daughter of the local Methodist Episcopal minister. Because of this early introduction into the county this family subsequently intermarried and associated with many of the local people right to this present day. As a result this collection is a valuable source for genealogy and local history. It was donated by Ruth Overmyer Graf, the latest keeper of the family records, which understandably reflect her own ancestral connections to Wood County's past. Included are church and school records from the early days and a wide range of printed documents such as report cards, postcards, diplomas, civil war reunions, etc. A fairly extensive accumulation of correspondence (from 1831) recreates the relationships and friendly associations kept by this old Northwest Ohio family to the present. Associated surnames: Burrows, Crawfoot/Crowfoot, Kingsbury, Ostrander, Shuman, Wensel, Whitman, Underwood, Halloper.

Recent Acquisitions

Please note that all inclusive dates provided in the description of new acquisitions indicate the earliest and latest dates covered by a series of records or a manuscript collection, however, gaps within these ranges may occur.

Manuscripts

Marblehead Lighthouse Station Log Book (Marblehead, Ohio) 1873-1903

Ohio Music Education Association 1910-1985

Minutes, reports, correspondence, publications, competition and contest files, membership and financial reports



George Lonz as a young man, holding a violin ca. 1905-1910

Jim Bucher Collection (North Baltimore, Ohio) 1900-1910s
Prints from glass plate negatives of scenes of North Baltimore, Ohio

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Lindsey, Ohio) 1878-1986
Record Books

First Congregational Church (Sandusky, Ohio) 1819-1986
Record books, minutes, financial records

John Stewart United Methodist Church (Upper Sandusky, Ohio)
Record books (1859-1986) Minute book (1905-1921)
Women's Missionary Society Minute books (1903-1979);
Wyandott Missionary Society Minute book (1828-1847)

St. Paul Lutheran Church (Upper Sandusky, Ohio)
Record books (1861-1986), Ladies Aid Society Minute books (1911-1986)

Local Government Records

SANDUSKY COUNTY

Probate Court -- Birth and Death records, 1867-1909, mf;
Will records, 1836-1915, mf; Marriage records, 1820-1946, mf; General Index, 1820-1965, mf; Abstract of Declarations of Intention and Naturalization Records with Index, n.d., mf

WOOD COUNTY Village of Pemberville
Minutes, 1876-1984; Ordinances, 1876-1982; Resolutions, 1971-1985, Board of Public Affairs, 1929-1985, mf

WOOD COUNTY Grand Rapids Township
Beaver Creek Cemetery Lot Record Book, 1812-1986 mf

Newspapers on Microfilm

Morning Republican (Findlay) 1919-1926.

Daily Chief Union (Upper Sandusky) 1972-1977.

Northwest Ohio

Adams, Barbara. *Marriage Records of Shelby County, Ohio*. 1983.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS, Continued

Adams, Barbara. *Memorial Records of Shelby County, Ohio*. 1977.

Brien, Lindsay M. *A Genealogical Index of Pioneers in the Miami Valley, Ohio*. 1970.

Dawson, A. D. *Garber/Sager Families*. 1986.

Heising, Eugene. *The Heisings and the Mill*. 197-?.

Ohio Genealogical Society, Wood County Chapter. *The History of Ottawa County, Ohio and its Families*. 1985.

Ohio Genealogical Society, Wood County Chapter. *Wood County, Ohio, Wills, Estates and Guardianships 1851-1900*. 1986.

Trader's Corner

Books

Journal of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. F. J. Heer Company. 1920. \$5.00.

Bowling Green City Directory. 1940/1941. \$5.00.

Bowling Green City Directory and Information Book. 1914. \$5.00

Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th Edition. 1926, in new binding. Broken set includes 28 of 32 original volumes. \$2.00 per volume.

Encyclopedia Britannica, 14th Edition. 1929. Complete set of 24 volumes. Price for set: \$50.00 Price per volume: \$2.00

Connoisseur: An Illustrated Magazine for Collectors.

Volume 41: January-April, May-August, September-December 1915. \$2.00 Vol.

Volume 42: January-April, May-August, September-December 1916. \$2.00 Vol.

Collier's Encyclopedia Yearbooks. Yearbooks for each year cover the events of the preceding year (Ex: the 1959 yearbook deals with 1958.)

12 volumes: 1959-1970. \$2.00 per volume

The Ridpath Library of Universal Literature. John Clark Ridpath, Editor. 1903. Broken set includes 22 of 25 original volumes. \$2.00 per volume

The Waverly Novels. Sir Walter Scott. Colliers and Son. 25 volume set in excellent condition. Price for set: \$70.00 Price per volume: \$3.00



Mae Reams seated at a piano ca. 1912

The Works of Thomas Hardy. Peter Fenelon Collier, Publisher. Price for 12 volume set: \$25.00 Price per volume: \$2.00

Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great. Elbert Hubbard. Memorial edition edited by the Rycrofts, East Huron, New York. 1928. Broken set includes 13 of 14 original volumes. \$2.00 per volume.

The Novels of Victor Hugo. Victor Hugo. Peter Fenelon Collier, Publisher. Broken set includes four of five original volumes. \$2.00 per volume.

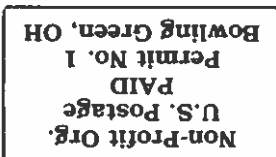
Photographic Materials

The Center has a number of old photographs of miscellaneous subjects available for \$1.00 each. There are also a few cartes-de-visite and tin types available for \$2.00 each.

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The primary mission of the Center for Archival Collections is to acquire, preserve, and make accessible to researchers documentary materials in four broad categories: Northwest Ohio, University Archives, Rare Books, and Special Collections.

Readers are invited to submit information about events and publications of interest to historical or genealogical researchers in northwest Ohio. Information for each issue should be received by the editor no later than two weeks prior to the first of the month of publication at the Center for Archival Collections, 5th Floor Jerome Library, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-0175. Attention: Ann Bowers, Asst. Director



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Visitation Hours at the C.A.C.

Please note that from December 20, 1986 to January 17, 1987 the CAC only will be open: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Beginning January 18, 1987, the CAC will return to its regular schedule: Sunday 4:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.; Monday 8:30 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

These hours are subject to change in accordance with the schedule of the Jerome Library. Please call ahead to verify these hours before you visit.