

Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

**19 JUN 2021 Program:**  
**“The Civil War Roll of Honor Part 2”**  
**by Deb Root Shell.**

Following the end of the War of Aggression, Col. William Rufus Putnam Jr. appointed a committee to collect the history of all men who had served in the war from Washington County. The two men assigned were Charles Perry who was assisted by his Father David and Andrew Monett. The County was divided vertically between East and West with the Perry's doing the western sections. The styles were very different. Mr. Monett utilized a table format and secured only basic information – name, company, service time and any significant related information. The Perry's collected information in a narrative form to include names of parents, place of birth, date of birth, whether married, and number of children. The original manuscripts from 1865 at the Local History/Genealogy branch, WCPL, included additional data written by another who was identified as Jerry Devol, a local historian/genealogist. The committee also requested photos of those serving. The original photos are housed in the Campus Martius Museum and digitized at Ohio Memory.

Deb did Decatur Township first as relatives resided there. With the pandemic curtailing activities, she completed the rest of the western townships to complete Part 2. So, what can you learn? There were many causes of death besides injury. Many succumbed to diseases such as measles or diphtheria. Also, errors were found related to deaths and burials. Errors in the entries are possible also; researchers should check other sources in addition to the Rolls. Often families and neighbors joined together. For example, the six Hoffman brothers, Richard, David, William, John, Samuel and Francis. Three joined the 36<sup>th</sup> O. V. I., 2 joined the 148<sup>th</sup> O. V. I. and 1 joined the 18<sup>th</sup> O. V. I. There were 5 Noland brothers with Joseph in the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry and the 4 Morris brothers, Elwood and Elza who were twins with Harry and John who joined the 77<sup>th</sup> O. V. I. The 3 Wright brothers each joined a separate unit with Benjamin to Co. F of the 36<sup>th</sup> O.V.I., David joining Co. G of the 92<sup>nd</sup> O.V.I. and William joining the 7<sup>th</sup> Ohio Calvary. Two Wright sons were disinterred and returned home to the Tunnel Cemetery. The 3<sup>rd</sup> son, William has a memorial stone there but is buried at Andersonville National Cemetery.

Fathers and sons joined, and the oldest recruit was Alfred Todd who was 54 at his enlistment to Co. B 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Calvary. At the time of the war, West Virginia

was not a state. Therefore, Northern or Union sympathizers formed companies under the name of Virginia.

There were many immigrants who enlisted with 10 from Scotland, 12 from Germany, 4 from Ireland and 2 each from Canada and England. Perhaps one of the most unusual was Henn(ry) Schramm from Bergen, Norway. He enlisted in Belpre to Co. H of 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Artillery and is buried in Gettysburg Cemetery.

There were many African Americans serving with many in the 27<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troops. Many are included in the Barlow Twp. Roll. Many also joined from Eastern Athens County. A lot their history was not recorded as many were still serving when the information was collected.

Much information can be gleaned from [www.civilwardata.com](http://www.civilwardata.com) and from Family Search also The Library of Congress and the National Archives.

There were many types of service with 7 local men in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Artillery led by Capt. Huntington and became known as Huntington's Brigade. Twenty-five opted for the Calvary and a few for the Navy. The Inland Navy went thru several name changes from Union Brown Water to the Mississippi River Squadron, then the Western Gunboat Flotilla until finally in 1862 they were acknowledged as the Union Navy.

There were also many who were captured and endured time at Belle Isles and Andersonville Prisons as well as many other smaller areas of containment. Many escaped in transit only to be recaptured and many died from the horrible conditions.

Great camaraderie existed from those who served and especially those who served together. Following the War, the Grand Army of the Republic was formed as a service/social organization.

Reunions were often held annually. A picture of the 1907 reunion of Company I of the 148<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry was shown, courtesy of Marie Nutter from the Western Washington County Historical Society.

Deb had copies of her books for sale with the proceeds benefiting the Root Covered Bridge Maintenance Fund.

**Meeting Minutes: Date:6/19/21**

The Wash. County OGS met today at the Library at 10:30 AM. The starting time was due to the limited library hours from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reed with 9 members present.

The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report had a balance of [REDACTED] and will be filed for audit.

**Library:** Sharon Gardener reported that all new books will be listed in the newsletter which should be available soon.

**Books:** After a brief discussion of books, Jayne Stehle made a motion that Sharon Gardner be appointed to disburse the remaining publications by any means at her discretion. Seconded by Lila Hill, **motion passed.**

**First Families:** It was reported that someone had inquired if a person who had proven First Families eligibility should or would be listed on the website. Jayne will take care of this. It was reminded that the annual dinner will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Sharon asked for suggestions for speakers. A card was signed for member Georgia Caplinger.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for the program by Deb Root Shell.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Handschumacher