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Fall 2025

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Dear Friends,

Our hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays only or by appointment.. Our lack of volunteers is preventing us from having more hours. If you have an interest, and would like to learn more about our library, consider becoming a volunteer.

Please consider volunteering to be with our genealogical society. Are you willing to assist a couple hours a month or a couple hours a week. You can assist at home or in person.



Yvonne Yerian Hiteshue

MCGS President

MEETING TIMES

We have our meetings quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in our library.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER 29, 2025

JANUARY 28, 2026

APRIL 29, 2026

JULY 29, 2026

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our October 29 meeting will continue to focus on ways to move our society forward. We will have an open discussing on how we can best serve the society and our community.

We will discuss possibilities with various project to interest more community involvement, increase membership, and provide a variety of ways to become involved that match your availability.

A short surprise program will also be presented.

The meeting will be Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., 20 S. Walnut, London. Room 108.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. The meetings are held at the Madison County Genealogical Society Library, 20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio, 43140 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is ample parking at the rear of the building and the entrance is handicap accessible.

VISITING

THE MCGS LIBRARY

We are located at 20 S. Walnut St., London, Ohio, in Suite 108 (formerly classroom 9) in City Hall (former London Schools primary building). There is plenty of parking at the rear of the building and the entrance is along the drive.

Our hours are:

Monday: 10:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

The library will be closed whenever the schools are closed for snow days.

There is a copier available at .15 per copy. Copies from the microfilm reader/printer are \$.25. No photos are permitted.

For visitors traveling from a distance, please contact the president at 614-560-4219 or message us on Facebook to make special arrangements. When leaving a phone message, please speak slowly and clearly so that we can get your name and phone number.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our page on Facebook to keep informed of activities and events. <https://www.facebook.com/Madison-County-Ohio-Genealogical-Society->

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MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is \$10.00 per year and includes an electronic quarterly newsletter.

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(An individual member and one additional member living in same household) and includes an electronic quarterly newsletter.

Newsletter subscription is an additional \$5 - a hard-copy quarterly newsletter mailed to the member's home.

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The Ohio Genealogical Society is the largest state genealogical society in the United States, with a mission of protecting and sharing Ohio's family history resources, developing engaging educational opportunities, and connecting genealogists.

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Please send your dues ASAP. Your dues are essential to enable us to pay the rent! Remember our ONLY source of income is from dues and donations.

RESEARCH

Queries by mail:

All research queries should be sent to Madison County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 102, London, OH 43140-0102 and should:

- include a five generation chart
- include contact information with phone number and email
- be limited to 3 questions

include a \$10 check made out to Madison County Genealogical Society for the first hours of research

Additional charges: \$10 for each extra hour of research, as well as cost for obituary copies, photocopying fees, and mailing costs.



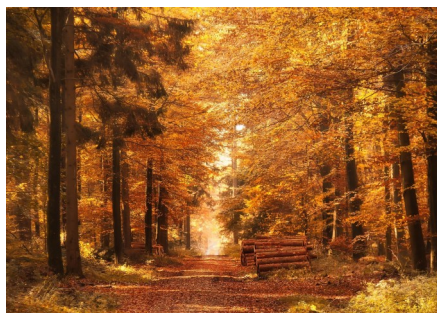
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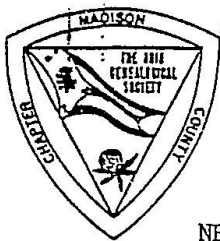
Vice President Charles Fisher presented a check from American Legion Post 105 to the Madison County Genealogical Society.

Nancy Robinson also gave a donation which helped us purchase a new computer, upgrade some technology, and obtain a small refrigerator for our library.

As a non-profit society, we depend on dues and donation to operate. We are fortunate to rent a room in City Hall.

Consider helping us out, if you are able.





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NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE O.G.S.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

INDIVIDUAL.....\$7.00

MEETINGS

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING PLACE IS THE SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM OF THE MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT, U. S. ROUTE 40, JUST WEST OF STATE ROUTE 38.

MAILING ADDRESS

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
POST OFFICE BOX 102
LONDON, OHIO 43140

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE LONDON, OHIO, PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF TAYLOR AND HAGER FAMILIES OF MADISON AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO...by Clara Sealer Genther, Cazezzolo Printing Co., 1984

THE ANCESTRY AND POSTERITY OF OBIE BEACH....by Alma Lewis James, Fairburg, Il, Blade Publishing Co.

THE BALLIET BALLIETT BALLIETTE BALYEAT BOLYARD AND ALLIED FAMILIES,...by Stephen Clay Balliet, Baton Rouge, La, Thos. J. Moran's Sons, 1968

BIDWELL FAMILY HISTORY 1587-1982 VOL.I,by Joan J. Bidwell, Baltimore, Gateway Press, 1984

DESCENDANTS OF ZION GIBSON OF VIRGINIA,.....by John R. Gibson, typewritten text, 1981.

HENRY MILLER FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS,.....by Chester J. Miller, 1980

THE HIGBEE FAMILY IN FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO...Descendants of Thomas and Anna Higbee Fletcher and Samuel and Mary King Higbee, 1983

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE JUDY-JUDAH-TECHUDY-TSCHUDIN-TSCHUDI-SCHUDI FAMILY OF AMERICA AND SWITZERLAND.....by Marion Pomeroy Carlock, Bookman Press, 1954

HISTORY OF THE CHENOWITH FAMILY,.....by Cora Chenowith Hiatt, Winchester, In., Winchester Publishing Co., 1925

MADISON PRESS
LONDON, OHIO
August 20, 1931

BEACH FAMILY REUNION

Approximately sixty people from various middle Western States attended the fourth annual Beach family reunion held at Pastime park, Plain City, Ohio, August 16, 1931

After a splendid picnic luncheon, Mr. Ernest Beach, of Plain City, Ohio, president of the association, called the meeting to order. Following this, short speeches were made by Mrs. Mary Beach Bidwell, and Mrs. Jesse E. Chance, London, Ohio; Mr. Howard G. Black, Mrs. William Walker, and Mrs. Elizabeth Converse, Plain City, Ohio; Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Welch, Miss Laurastine Welch, Lexington, Illinois, Mr. Keatts, Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Donald Beach, Columbus, and Major Alfred H. Beach, Flint, Michigan.

Major Alfred H. Beach, genealogist, has done much research work in connection with the Beach families and is compiling a book from the information amassed after several years' investigation.

The officers of the past year were re-elected for the ensuing year, 1932. Mr. Ernest Beach, President; Mrs. Mary Beach Bidwell, vice-president; and Mrs. William Walker, secretary-treasurer.

The unveiling of a marker at the old cemetery, Plain City, Ohio, in memory of Obil Beach, soldier of the American Revolution, heightened the memorable occasion. The ceremony, a token of tribute and respect, was marked by the following incidents: The dedicatory address, presented by the Honorable Howard C. Black, great-great-grandson of the soldier; the pledge to the flag and the singing of "America", lead by the regent of the Plain City Chapter, D.A.R., and the Lord's Prayer.

Rebecca Jane Beach gracefully performed the unveiling of the marker; she is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Downing Beach, London, Ohio, and the youngest descendant of the honored ancestor.

Within about two years after the conclusion of the War of 1812, fittingly named our Second War for Independence, Amos Beach and his family of seven boys and four girls made the wearisome journey from Goshen, Mass., to Darby township, Madison county, Ohio, in 1817. He was of Scottish descent and of revolutionary and heroic fiber. Obil Beach, his son, soldier of the American Revolution, born in Goshen, Mass., Dec. 25, 1758, died Sept. 1, 1846, at the age of 88 useful years--"has left us an enviable record, a source of pride and congratulation, and as blazing the way of us, his descendants, may we not suffer the torch he carried to become dim, nor by any act of ours, cast a shadow upon the memory of him, who has left us so glorious an inheritance."

Amos' six other sons also fought in the War of 1776. It is interesting to add that the lives of Obil Beach and Mrs. Lucy Beach, respected citizen of London, Ohio, more than span the life of our nation.

Gradually the people departed leaving with a feeling of warmth towards those whom they had met, hoping that next year they might be privileged to gather again with their relatives.

EVENTS OF 1899 CONTINUED

JULY

1. London has another big fire; Tom Largey's livery stable, fine stallion; Chenoweth Bros., storage room and office and Wm. Akison's house.
11. Kirby Young, near Bloomingburg, died from accident. Jonathan Geer and wife, Summerford, celebrate their golden wedding.
14. Harlan O'Day, Mt. Sterling, accident at Columbus
17. Richard M. Davenport death at Gillivan.
21. Rose O'Donnell killed by explosion, Xenia.
Henry Guy's stock bar, Rosedale, burned.

AUGUST

6. Watrous & Littler's blacksmith shop, Summerford, burned.
14. The business portion of Georgesville, wiped out by fire; loss \$10,000.
J. W. Walter's house, near Mt. Sterling, burned.
20. Five fires in London; heaviest losses the barns of Emery Smith and Josiah Rewlen.
29. Madison County Fair opens.

SEPTEMBER

1. Willie, 5 year old son of James Sexton, Midway, accident.
5. Noble Newman, Mechanicsburg, died of lockjaw.
9. Stables of Geo. H. VanWagner, Mrs. Potee and A. Dunkin, London, destroyed by fire.
11. Mrs. Jack Moreland, London, died.
13. Mrs. Al. Littler, Allerton farm, fatally burned.
22. Cope & Martin's millinery store, London, damaged by fire.
19. Reunion of 26th, 113th and 95th O.V.I., London.
30. Granery of Mack Slaughter, Midway, burned.
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Simon Neff struck and killed by locomotive in London.
13. Bruce Kilgore's house, Lafayette, destroyed.
16. Ivan Randolph, West Jefferson soldier boy, died en route from Philippines.
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NOVEMBER

6. Republicans hold election.
20. John J. Horen, London boy, heard from; suffering from a gunshot wound received in Philippines.
28. Will Placier's machine shop; London, burned.

DECEMBER

5. Alex. Banion's house, South Solon, burned.
6. Barn of David Turpin and house of John Barnett, London, burned.
16. Thomas Woodhouse's residence, west of London, destroyed.
18. State Health Officer finds thirty cases of smallpox at Plain City.
24. Frame addition to Madison House, London, burned.

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MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRAT
LONDON, OHIO
APRIL 7, 1908

ROBERTS

Charles Cary, the fifth child of a family of nine children born to Charles and Harriet McCan Roberts, was born in Union township, Madison county, Ohio, April 21, 1841, and died at his home, south of West Jefferson, April 2, 1908, aged 66 years, 11 months and 11 days.

He passed the earlier years of his life about three miles west of London in Union township. He was engaged in farming and kindred occupation until Aug. 21, 1862, when he enlisted in Co. A., 40th Regiment, O. V. I., under Captain William Jones and Col. John Cranor. The regiment took part in numerous engagements. He received a slight gunshot wound in the battle of Chicamauga, Sept. 18, 1863, and remained in the hospital four days, received a gunshot wound at Kensaw Mountain, June 20, 1864, and was in the hospital at Chattanooga about two months, at Nashville six months and honorably discharged at Columbus, O., March 16, 1865.

His paternal grandfather was a distinguished scout and soldier in the war of 1812. His maternal grandfather, General John G. McCan, was quartermaster general of the U.S. army of Ohio in the war of 1812-14. Our subject was united in marriage to Virginia A Douglas, of Franklin county, O., Oct. 17, 1872, and to this union were born six children: Olive Roberts Early, deceased; Charles William, of Columbus, O.; Oscar Douglas, at home; Ethel M., and Shirley Roberts, at home. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, two sons, three daughters, one grandson, two brothers, John M. Roberts, of London and B. F. Roberts of Jefferson township, and one sister, Mrs. Estella Wilson, of Clark county, besides a very large circle of friends. He was a public spirited citizen and served as trustee of Jefferson township for several terms. He has served as Post Commander of Wilson Burrows Post No. 398 of which he was a faithful member. He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge, No. 412, for many years and when in health he attended the meetings and took part. He was converted and became a member of the M.E. church at Georgesville, O., in 1892 and has lived a faithful christian life ever since. And while he was a brave and faithful soldier of the war of '61-'65 he also in 1892 engaged in another war and with Jesus as his captain and colonel he has won a greater battle than the other, for there is no discharge in that war and as he peacefully sleeps the sleep of the righteous, we can say of Brother Roberts as Paul said "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith henceforth that is laid up for our brother a crown of righteousness." The wife has lost a devoted companion, the children a indulgent father, one who always delighted to make his loved ones happy but to the weeping wife and children will say follow in his footsteps and let his God be your God and live such consistent christian lives that when time with you is no more and you have crossed over the river of death you will then be greeted by husband and father, never more to part but to live with our Master. Thus another upright citizen and a christian worker in the Master vineyard has gone home to glory and his work here below is done.

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Madison Chronicle 4 March 1854 through Feb 1858

Madison County Democrat 20 March 1862 through 27 Dec 1866

Madison County Democrat 3 Jan 1867 through 29 Dec 1870

Madison County Democrat 5 Jan 1871 through 25 June 1873

Madison County Democrat 2 July 1873 through 29 Dec 1875

Madison County Democrat 5 Jan 1876 through 27 Dec 1876

Madison County Democrat 3 Jan 1877 through 30 April 1879

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London County Seat of Madison County, Ohio: The town plat, deed records \$5.00 + \$2.00 s & h _____

The first owners of town lots from Deed Book 1 Recorder's Office,

Madison County Courthouse, London, Ohio

1930 Census Index \$20.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

Madison County, Ohio and the Civil War \$20.00 + \$5.00 s & h _____

A compilation of a weekly series of articles entitled Madison County

In the War: Interesting reminiscences of 31 years ago as compiled from the records

and prepared for the Times readers which ran from Thursday, January 7, 1892

through Thursday, August 11, 1892. Also included for the reader's interest are additional

articles giving statistics and names which will undoubtedly be of interest to researchers.

Disclaimer: These articles are printed from photocopies made from deteriorated old newspapers.

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