



# MADISONIAN

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## MEETING TIMES

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 30, 2025

OCTOBER 29, 2025

JANUARY 28, 2026

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Our July 30 meeting will 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.

The meeting will be Wednesday, April 30, 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.

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- include contact information with phone number and email
- be limited to 3 questions

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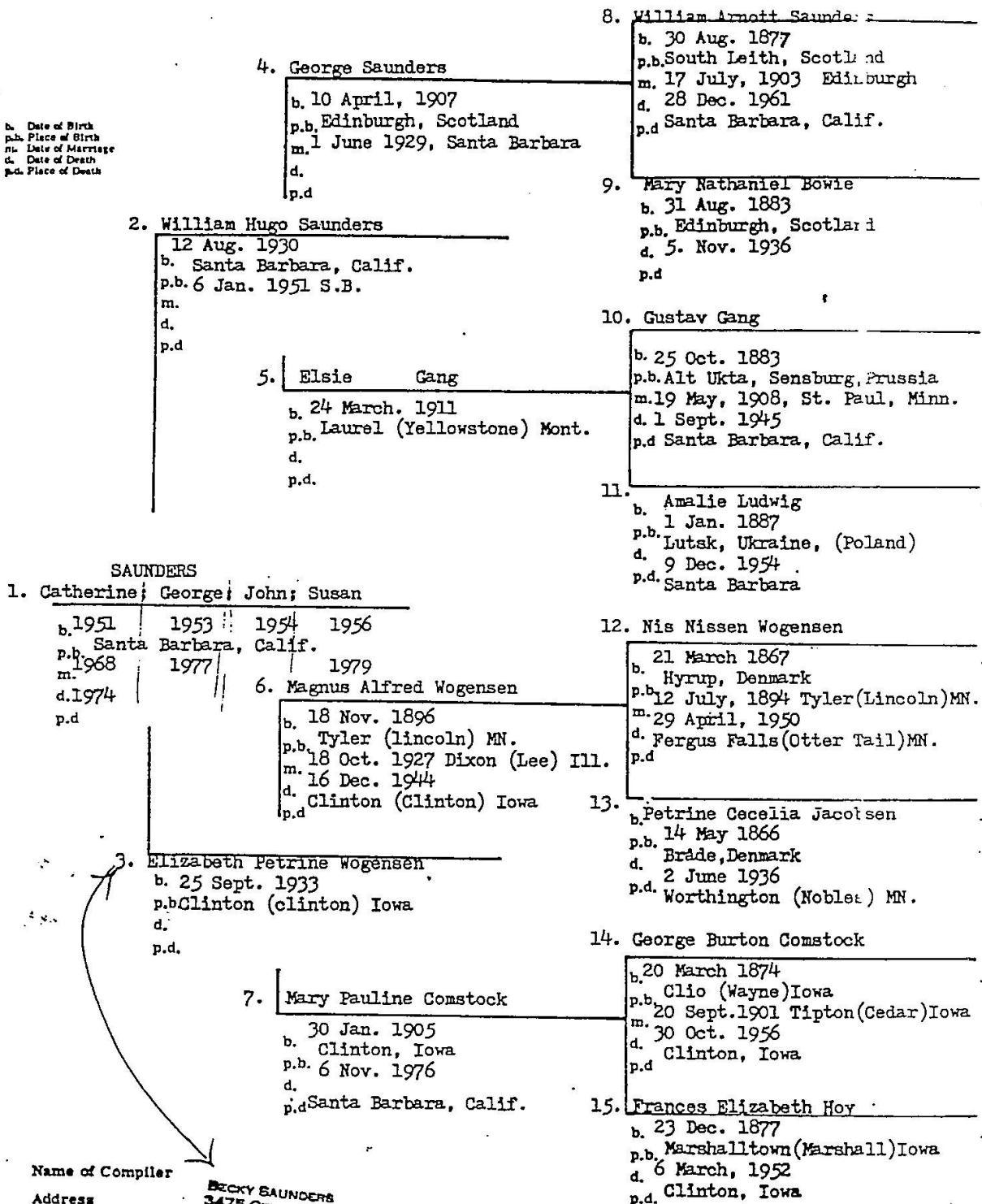
Cemetery records for Foster Chapel  
copied by Nancy Schnees

Hattie Rice	Nov. 26, 1897	May 31, 1931
Nelson Rice	Jan. 26, 1898	June 23, 1982
James H. S. McDowell	Jan 10, 1896	Nov. 13, 1960 WWI Ky. Pvt. Co 1 Development BN
Ellen Stapleton	1873-1962	
Isaac Stapleton	1874-1929	
Della E. Gilbert	1888-1974	
James W. Gilbert	1885-1962	Together forever
S/Sgt. John F. Taylor	Mar. 10, 1944	Co. L 145th Inf. Killed in Action Bougainville Buried Manilla, Ph. Is.
Helen Louise Taylor	Nov. 3, 1922	Asleep in Jesus
Walter W. Yerian	1890-1918	
Dora Edith Yerian	1893-1971	
Jno. Patterson	Co. K	1st Ohio Cav.
H. C. Alder	Feb. 11, 1845-Mar. 8, 1915	aged 70y. 27 d.
Elizabeth	wife of H. C. Alder	Died Feb. 20, 1888 aged 44y, 5m., 16d.
Della May	died June 5, 1872	dau. of H.C. & E. Alder 1y, 9m., 18d.
Chauncy Beach	Jan. 23, 1818-Feb. 10, 1895	
Elizabeth Beach	Apr. 19, 1819-May 26, 1905	
Infant son of J. & E.A. Hugget	Died Sept. 13, 1878	
Joanna	wife of Ambrose Beach	died Oct. 13, 1870 aged 78y, 3m, 25d.
Ambrose Beach	Died Sept. 20, 1870	aged 78y, 6m, 9d.
Olive J.	died Aug. 27, 1869	dau of J. & J. McCoy 5m, 8d.
Dellie May	d. June 5, 1872	dau. of H.c. & E. Alder 1y, 9m, 12d.
Jane M.	wife of John McCoy	Died April 20, 1869
Joseph O'Harra	died Mar. 24, 1864	aged 67 y. Here lies our father & mother
Mary O'Harra	died June 17, 1889	aged 83 years
Gerardue M. O'Harra	1841-1925	

Ancestor charts for Becky SAunders, 3475 Cerrito St.  
Santa Ynez, Ca. 93460

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth  
p.b. Place of Birth  
m. Date of Marriage  
d. Date of Death  
p.d. Place of Death



Name of Compiler

Address

City, State

Date

BECKY SAUNDERS  
3475 CERRITO ST.  
SANTA YNEZ, CA. 93460

		Chart No.	8
	112 Daniel Hatch Comstock b. 13 July 1821 p.b. Penn Yan (Yates) New York m. 18 Sept. 1842 (Madison) Ohio d. 14 July 1908 Oklahoma p.d. Clio (Wayne) Iowa	Amiah Comstock New York	58
28 William Lewis Comstock b. 19 July 1843 p.b. Pike Twp. (Madison) Ohio m. 6 Dec. 1868 Mechanicsville (Cedar) Iowa d. 17 March 1918 p.d. Minneapolis (Hennepin) MN	114 David Sidner 4 July 1790 (91) Kentucky July 1819 (Madison) Ohio 26 May 1880 Columbus (Franklin) Ohio		59
57 Mary Ann Sidner b. 18 April 1821 p.b. W. Jefferson (Madison) Ohio d. 10 June 1898 p.d. Clio (Wayne) Ohio & W.A.	115 Elizabeth Hann Feb. 1833 (Madison Co.) Ohio		60
George Burton Comstock b. 20 March 1874 p.b. Clio (Wayne) Iowa m. 20 Sept. 1901 Tipton (Cedar) Iowa d. 30 Oct. 1956 p.d. Clinton, Iowa	116		61
58 William S. Cook b. p.b. m. 11 Jan. 1844 (Lawrence) Ind. d. p.d.	117		62
29 Lucetta Almarine Cook b. 25 March 1848 p.b. Springfield (Lawrence) Ind. d. 18 Jan. 1924 p.d. Minneapolis, MN	118		63
59 Angelina Gainey b. p.b. Ind. d. p.d.	119		64
			65
State of Compiler Becky Saunders 3475 Cerrito St. Santa Ynez, CA 93460			

## HISTORY OF SUMMERFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The following history of the Christian church of Summerford, which was destroyed by fire on June 9, 1928, has been prepared by Mrs. Mary Eason Dume, church clerk, and is being reprinted by request of many interested in the church history:

This church was organized on May 1, 1847 with six members, Daniel and Rachel Sommers, John and Martha Zimmerman, John and Judy Bradley. These six adopted the following covenant: We the Christian church take no other name but that was given the disciples, for our rule of faith and practice, but the word of God, which we do sincerely and firmly believe to be an all efficient rule for all to be governed by. That all Scripture is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for construction, for instruction in right cousingness, that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

For three yeares, services were held in private homes, but in 1850 a house of worship was built which was replaced by a new building in 1899. In 1898, under the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Smith, preparations were made for a new house of worship which was dedicated on Sunday, June 4, 1899, by Rev. D. A. Long, D. D. Our building was remodeled in 1814 and on Thanks giving Day we met in our home-coming and rededication. On that day we greeted many former members and friends came from their homes in other communities and states to clasp the hands of friends of former days. It was a well remembered day in the hearts and minds of us all. It was a day of rejoicing, yet a sadness was cast over us for many of our friends' faces were absent, they having answered the final roll call and are safely housed in their heavenly home.

In looking over the church records of the early fifties, we see the names of the Wilsons, Prughs, Markleys, Allens and Hornbecks, whose descendants are living in our neighborhood today. The records show the names of Michael Wilson, George W. Prugh, Andrew Sommers, Gabriel Prugh and Isaac Hornbeck as a committee to solicit funds for a new building in 1849. Geo. W. Prugh, mentioned, was the grandfather of our county commissioner, Harry Fauver, Mrs. Edward Helfley and Mrs. Anna Gist of this township. Gabriel Prugh was the grandfather of Prugh Overturn, and Thomas and William Prugh. Judge Hornbeck, of London, is a descendant of the above named Isaac Hornbeck.

We also note in the expenses of 1854 that the treasurer was ordered to pay 75¢ for tallow for the making of candles. Uncle Gabriel Prugh was the first superintendent of the Sunday school but it is not recorded in what year it was organized. It is very amusing to look over the records of the early years. A member moving out of the neighborhood and not asking for a letter to some other church either "dropped" or "gone to parts unknown" were written opposite their names. If the young folks attended a party, opposite their names is written "dropped for disorderly conduct" or the hand of fellowship withdrawn until they come and apologize to the minister and elders. and in several instances it is recorded where some were restored the hand of fellowship.

- ✓ 27. Mrs. Lydia Brown buried at Bethel.  
28. Mrs. Dollie Roseberry, Rosedale.  
Russell Brown Shepherd, Range township.  
31. Mrs. Addie Clingan, Summerford.  
Beverly Hutchison, London, loses third child within nine days...all victims of consumption.  
Mrs. Sarah Jane Bradley, Plumwood.

## AUGUST

2. George Mitchell, Range township.  
5. Thomas Riley, 73, Paint township.  
Mrs. Wm. Feeley, Range.  
Homer Ray, Co.E, 3d O.V.I., London.  
9. Tod Ballenger, Plain City boy, killed in Philippines.  
11. Chas. Yeatts, Summerford.  
12. Mrs. Mary Howsman, Chenoweth.  
John Neff, 78, Mt. Sterling.  
13. Mrs. Catherine Corcoran, 98, Deercreek township.  
14. Peter Denton, 64, Paint township.  
15. Mrs. Chas. Pettit, Paint township.  
19. Dessie Garrett, formerly of Lafayette, killed by street car in Columbus.  
Don Morris, Lilly Chapel.  
24. Samuel Paine, Union township.  
Marsh Rix buried at West Jefferson.  
27. Mrs. Mathew M. Davidson, London.  
Mrs. Rebecca Soward, 93, Summerford.  
29. Elizabeth Lotspiech, London.

## SEPTEMBER

1. Aunt Polly Guy, Plain City.  
Mrs. Daniel Flynn, Kiouville.  
4. Lathrop Converse, Plain City.  
5. Hugh Hollingsworth, Range township.  
6. Mrs. John Hill, West Jefferson.  
7. Belva Gallagher, Yankeetown road.  
Mrs. Perry McIntire, Summerford.  
8. James M. Greath, Chenoweth.  
16. Posey Dildine, Plain City.  
19. Mrs. Thomas Daley, Plain City.  
22. Daniel Counts, Midway.  
23. Death of D. W. C. Sawyer, Monrovia, Cal.  
26. Mrs. Elvira Skeelee, London.  
27. Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Mechanicsburg.  
28. Wm. Erwin, old soldier, London.  
29. Mrs. Elizabeth McCann, Danville, found dead.

## OCTOBER

1. Mrs. Matilda Truitt, Lilly Chapel.  
Mrs. Rachael Lannagan, near London.  
4. Chas. Streater, Gillivan.  
6. Wm. Cryder, near London, aged 78.  
8. Mrs. Agnes Berriman, London.  
Jack Lewis, pioneer resident, London, aged 78.  
12. Theodore Busic, Chenoweth.  
14. James Reed, near London.  
Mrs. Mary Simpson, London.  
17. Burial of Mrs. Jane French, Antioch.  
22. Mrs. Rebecca Van Ness, 95, Pike twp.  
23. Bryan Flynn, near Kiouville.  
Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Plain City.

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MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRAT  
London, Ohio  
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1893

HOLLAND-COYNE

Mr. John W. Holland, son of Wm. Holland, the well known carriage manufacturer and Miss Maggie G. Coyne were united in wedlock at the Catholic Church in So. Charleston last wed. The groomsmen were Mr. Will. Conway and the bridesmaid Miss Nora Meehan, both of London.

NEWPORT

Mrs. Rod Coberly, of Springfield, is visiting relatives & friends here.

WEST JEFFERSON

Rev. B. M. Miller was called to Louisville, Ky., last Sunday evening by the death of his nephew, Henry Miller, only nineteen years old.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma Markley Gardner departed this life very suddenly and unexpectedly Jan. 25, 1893. She was born in Somerford township, Madison County, O., March 7, 1844.

She was married in June 1858 to Milton Lemen Gardner and to them eight children were born, five boys and three girls, who together with the husband survive her.

The funeral services were held in the Christian Church at Somerford Jan. 27 and the remains were laid to rest in the township cemetery.

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Married at the Catholic Church in West Jefferson last Tuesday morning by Rev. B. M. Miller, Mr. John J. Holland and Mrs. Honora Lacey.

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Married at Mt. Sterling last Thursday by Rev. H. J. Duckworth, Mr. John A. Wilson and Miss Laura Robison, daughter of the late Fillmore Robison.

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Daniel Kirwan, Sen., died at his home in Plain City of peritonitis after a short illness Tuesday morning of last week, aged about 58 years. He was the father of D. H. Kirwan, the hardware merchant. The remains were taken to Columbus for burial.

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Wed. Feb. 8, 1893

SMITH

Seymour, son of Theodore Smith died of lung trouble at his home in Somerford last Saturday morning aged 26 years. Services were held at the Christian Church in Somerford, last Monday afternoon. Remains were interred in the Somerford cemetery.

# THE LATE MRS. MARY D. SAUNDERS

Mary D. Saunders, the subject of this obituary, was born in Bedford county, Va., March 19, 1797, and died on the 3d day of the present month, making her 96 years, 4 months and 15 days old. Her parents were George and Mary Asbury. Her father served heroically through the entire revolutionary war, proving his zeal by shedding his blood in the battles of Brandywine and the Cowpens. Her brother, Henry, remembered by many here, also served through the war of 1812, and was among the first to receive a wound in that war. Her son Gamaliel, enlisted in the 26th Ohio regiment in the late rebellion and served until his death, which was caused by wounds received in the battle of Chicamauga. She married Samuel H. Saunders in Virginia in 1824, and removed to Ohio in '31 or '32 and settled on what is known as the Asbury or Mitchell farm, four miles west of London. Since that time all but a few years of her life which was spent in Springfield and Logan county was spent in this neighborhood.

She was the mother of four children, Paulina, Gamaliel, Martha and, Semphronous. Gamaliel and Martha have both died, while the other two survive her. Her husband Samuel H. Saunders, died at Delaware nearly 60 years ago. She was the last survivor of her father's family of seven children four of whom lived from 88 to 100 years old. She was an earnest Methodist and a member of that church of 84 years. She was very proud of having heard Bishop Frank Asbury and Lorenzo Dow preach.

She was converted, sanctified and joined the M.E. church in her youth, and has been a consistent member ever since. Much could be said of her mother, grandmother and aunts, who joined the M.E. church, under John Wesley's and Daniel Asbury's ministry. Daniel Asbury being her uncle. She was a great grand daughter of Bartholomew DuPugh, who gained amnesty for the Christians against the Pope of Rome.

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