

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News May 2022

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2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 14, 2022 – WCGS Virtual Program – “**You Can Master Lineage Society Applications**” presented by Jean Muetzel
Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Zoom Program

Please join us for a virtual program "**You CAN Master Lineage Society Applications**" presented by Jean Muetzel.

You must [register](https://www.wcgs.org/events) at <https://www.wcgs.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

NECROLOGY

We recently learned of the death of two former members, **Elon Ward Botts Jr.** (1927-2013) and his **wife, Eva L. (Wallace) Botts** (1927-2020)

You may access their obituaries at

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dispatch/name/elon-botts-obituary?id=10893144> and at

<https://www.littletonfuneralhome.com/obituary/Eva-Botts> .

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com)

World War II:

Dorothy Genevieve (Clark) Garrison (1921-2022), **John Walter Benson** (1926-2022)

Korea:

Charles "Doc" Clark Coffey (1932-2022), **Robert S. Schneider** (1934-2022)

Vietnam:

Michael Howard Rexroad (1951-2022), **Roger M. Adams** (1945-2022), **Edwin H. Kuhlman** (1947-2022)

Other Service:

Jerald Moore (1938-2022), **Edward Walton Beatty Sr.** (1944-2022), **Edwin L. Hunter** (1943-2022), **William Douglas Henderson** (1943-2022), **Barry Theodore Sears** (1964-2022)

THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHING IN ALL THE PONDS

Submitted by Jo Roth

When searching census records, are you really paying attention to ALL the details? Many of you may remember transcribing the information found on the census records onto extraction forms designed just for that purpose. Taking the time to read each line and then record it on the corresponding line on the extraction form made us more aware of exactly what information was there (or not there!), because we had to pay attention to column headings. These census extraction forms are available online:

Ancestry.com - <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/census-forms>

FamilySearch.org - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Census_Forms

In addition to helping us understand exactly what information we might glean from each census (and each one is different), using these extraction forms helped us to catch problems. One example I encountered recently was the 1850 U.S. Federal Census for Anderson Township in Hamilton County, Ohio. The images are OUT OF ORDER, making it somewhat of a challenge!

I was looking for Thomas Brown, who had been born 2 May 1797 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Thomas was definitely living in Anderson Township, specifically in the area now known as Newtown, in 1850. A quick search at Ancestry.com resulted in nothing. Luckily, I knew the names of his children, so I searched for one of them. Bingo!

Image 2 of 68 at Ancestry.com, top of the page:

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Anderson Township in the County of Hamilton State of Ohio enumerated by me, on the 27 day of Aug. 1850. W. B. Whitist Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10 11 12 13			
			Age	Sex	Color				Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Place or Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year. (Males only.)	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		Lucy A	21	F				Ohio				
		Elizabeth	20	F								
		William	17	M		Woods						
		John	15	M								
		Hannah	13	F								
		Edward	11	M								
		Elija	9	M								
		Melisa	5	F								
417	417	Leri Wells	35	M		Carpenter	Woo					

Logic would dictate that if I went back one image, I would see the beginning of this household (dwelling 417, family 417). Image 1 of 68 at Ancestry.com, bottom of the page:

		Wm Wells	2	M				Son				
417	417	Leri Wells	30	M		Farmer	1000	Ohio				
		Rachel	22	F								
		Elija	8	M								
		May E	8	F								
		Frank E	5	M								
		William	4	M								

Wait a minute, this is NOT the same family! And it is a dwelling and family that would have been enumerated AFTER the Brown family. Searching more images did not produce the Browns, so I switched over to FamilySearch.org and located Thomas there. Image 1 of 74 at FamilySearch.org, bottom of the page:

		George	1	M								
416	416	Thos Brown	14	M		Black Smith	Woo	Ohio				
		Sarah	4	F								
		Julia Ann	2	F								

Again, logic would dictate that the next image would have the rest of the family. But no, instead that page started with dwelling 426, family 431. The rest of the family turned up on Image 4! Image 4 of 74 at FamilySearch.org, top of the page:

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The images included here have been included as they look on each website. Depending on your eyesight, one may be more readable to you than the other. With some images, the difference is much more noticeable, and it is a tossup as to which site may have the best image. Yet another reason you should “fish in all the ponds” as they say!

*Both websites have been notified over the years about the problem with the image order, but it remains unchanged.

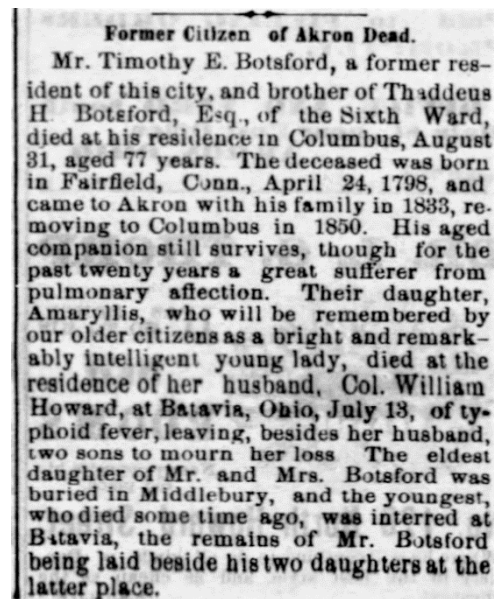
Clues to Use

By Linda Eckert

Expanding Your Search

It can be frustrating to search online and not find information you know should be there. If you are in the habit of including a great deal of detail in your search parameters, consider removing some to widen your search. A good example of this is when searching for obituaries.

Limiting the spelling of Hiram Poore could prevent you from finding the obituary from the Wilmington News-Journal (Wilmington, Ohio), Saturday, March 5, 1932, page 2, column 6.



Limiting the location of a search for an obituary for Timothy Elmer Botsford could prevent you from finding his obituary. He was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, died in Columbus, Ohio, and was buried in Batavia, Ohio. His obituary was found in The Summit County Beacon (Akron, Ohio), Wednesday, September 22, 1875, page 3, column 4.

JOSHUA SIMMONS OBITUARY

“Veteran of Mexican War.

Joshua Simmons, veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars; died at the age of 98 years, Thursday, at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. **Elsie Fisher**, of Trumbull street, Xenia. His death leaves only one veteran of the war with Mexico, living in Greene county, **John Huston**, of Alpha.

In spite of his great age, Mr. Simmons is active, and it had been planned to have him take part in the Memorial Day parade, in a feature which would show veterans of four wars riding together. He was taken ill a few days ago, paralysis and pneumonia causing his death.

Mr. Simmons was born in Warren county, and lived at Lytle for several years. He served in the Mexican war as a member of the 19th Ohio Infantry, and in the Civil war, as a member of the 126th infantry.

He leaves one daughter Mrs. **Ella Snell**, of Harveysburg. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, Saturday. Burial was made at Springboro, Ohio – Dayton News.”

Source:

“Veteran of Mexican War, ” *Miami Gazette (Waynesville, Ohio)*, Wednesday, June 4, 1919, page 1, column 4.

Notes:

- Mexican War Service
Joshua enlisted on 24 Jan 1848 and served for 6 months as a Private in Company C, 2nd US Infantry Regiment during the War with Mexico. He filed for a pension (Application No. 24036) in Ohio and was awarded an invalid pension for his Mexican War service (Certificate No. 19974) under the Act of 29 January 1887.
- Civil War Service
Joshua enlisted as a 35-year-old Private on 15 Jan 1864 and was mustered into Company A, 79th Ohio Infantry. He was wounded on 16 Mar 1865 at Averysboro, NC, transferred to Company D, 73rd OVI on 9 Jun 1865 and mustered out at Louisville, KY on 29 Jul 1865. He filed for a pension in Ohio (Application No. 173040) and was awarded an invalid pension for his Civil War service (Certificate No. 456400). After the war, Joshua was a member of the **William Rion Hoel** Post No. 230 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Waynesville.
- His Death Certificate indicates that he was born 24 Dec 1829 in New Jersey and died in Xenia, Ohio, on 28 May 1919. Joshua Simmons is buried in the Springboro Cemetery along with his wife **Lydia (Hollis) Simmons** (1818-1889) and a daughter **Mary J. Simmons** (1850-1863).

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <https://www.ogs.org/>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone 419-886-1903. As an OGS member, Vivid-Pix <https://vivid-pix.com/> will provide ten free fixes with no credit card required. OGS members who decide to purchase the program after the trial period will receive a 20 percent discount off the retail price of \$49.99. In return, OGS will receive a donation from Vivid-Pix. We hope you will enjoy this new member benefit. To start your free trial, follow this link: <https://www.ogs.org/join/affiliate-information>

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318 USA
Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

The upcoming [NGS 2022 Family History Conference](#), **Our American Mosaic**, will be held in Sacramento, California 25-28 May 2022. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from more than 150 lectures by the nation’s premier genealogical speakers. The conference will feature lectures and workshops for family history researchers at all levels, from beginner to professional, as well as luncheons and banquets with socializing time, and an Expo Hall. See the [announcement brochure](#) for additional details.

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

Note: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) understands that you cannot always attend the live webinars, which is why *they make the recording available to you to view for the 7 days following the webinar for FREE!* Watch it as many times as you would like. You can pause it and take notes during the free period. If you want all the materials, including the instructor’s handouts you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.

“McMasters’ Will: The Scheme That Made Us Virtually Free”

Presented by Calvin Dark

Friday, May 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/mcmasters-will-the-scheme-that-made-us-virtually-free/>

“Drawing Insights from Your Family Photos”

Presented by Daniel Horowitz

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/drawing-insights-from-your-family-photos/>

“Researching at the Mississippi Archives”

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Presented by Ally Mellon

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r4_5nTM6RJCMWoztcGkk3A

“Finding Your Delaware Ancestors”

Presented by Irene Heffran Monley

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/finding-your-delaware-ancestors/>

“Ask the Experts: Death, Dying, and Genealogy”

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HD-M7u4NTWOSMvtiKDTYyQ

“Five Wives & A Feather Bed: Using Indirect and Negative Evidence to Resolve Conflicting Claims”

Presented by Mark A. Wentling, MLS, CG

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/five-wives-a-feather-bed-using-indirect-and-negative-evidence-to-resolve-conflicting-claims/>

“Indirect Evidence – A Case Study”

Presented by Pauline C. Merrick

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/indirect-evidence-a-case-study/>

“What Happens After Death: Finding and Using Probate Records”

Presented by David Singleton

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y3p-nKw2R6204vwyFeeRIw

“Working More In-Depth with Mexican Civil Registrations”

Presented by Colleen Robledo Green, MLIS

Friday, May 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/working-more-in-depth-with-mexican-civil-registrations/>

“Jump-starting Your 1950 Census Research with Census Helper™”

Presented by Uri Gonen

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/jump-starting-your-1950-census-research-with-census-helper/>

“Preservation Primer, Part One: The Basics of Preserving Our Physical Artifacts”

Presented by Curt Witcher

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r48GdNW5R_qUW_2gDuFOaA

“The Staff of the U.S. Census”

Presented by Seema Kenney

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-staff-of-the-u-s-census/>

“New England Town Records”

Presented by Ann Lawthers

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/new-england-town-records>

“Preservation Primer, Part Two: The Basics of Writing Our Stories to Preserve Our Families’ Histories”

Presented by Curt Witcher

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LtYsbQdRR4qcksw74RHuqA

“Preserving Your Family’s History Through Scanning”

Presented by Kay Spears

Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CQB6fMSZOBH8R8sIX8oA

“The Bones – New Zealand Civil Registration”

Presented by Fiona Brooker

Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-bones-new-zealand-civil-registration/>

“Using DNA To Solve Interlinked Mysteries”

Presented by Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-dna-to-solve-interlinked-mysteries/>

“Studying Free People of Color in Apprentice Records”

Presented by Ari Wilkins

Friday, June 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/studying-free-people-of-color-in-apprentice-records/>

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Membership is \$15 for a single or family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com

WCGS NEW Website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): <http://www.wcgsoh.org>

WCGS Virtual Cemetery: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm>

WCGS Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]
Starting July 1, 2021, our Genealogy Resource library is open to the public. No appointment is needed.