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Guernsey County, Ohio Family History Book

Response has been good for the Guernsey County, Ohio Family History Book but there have been numerous requests for additional time to gather information for submissions. The Guernsey County Genealogical Society and M.T. Publishing have decided to extend the deadline for orders and submissions to April 30, 2008.

As a non-profit organization, our purpose in publishing this family history is to preserve our county's family records for the education and enjoyment of future generations. There is no better time than the present to ensure that our history is not lost or forgotten over the years. However, we need your help in making this book a complete and accurate historical record.

If you or your family are currently living in Guernsey County, or if you or your family has ever lived in Guernsey County, we want to include your family biography! There is no cost to publish your family's biography with one photo if it is within the 500 word limit. Biographies over 500 words will be charged 15 cents per word for each word over the limit. Additional photographs are \$5.00 each.

Write the biography in third person (he, she, they) and submit it in typed, double-spaced format on plain paper. If word-processed, please include a labeled disk or CD. Include such information as the date your family came to the county and from what county, state or country your family originated along with immigrant information such as port of entry or name of ship; interesting stories; vocations before and after settling in Guernsey County; dates of marriage, births and

deaths; military service; education; organizations or churches in which your family is involved; or types of businesses owned. Please try and include dates and places if possible. For example read the family histories that are included in this brochure.

This limited edition 8.5" x 11" coffee-table size hardbound history will contain between 200-400 pages, depending on response, printed on glossy, acid-free paper for superior photo reproduction and durability. The *Guernsey County Family History* will include not only family biographies, but also the history of the county and its churches, schools, organizations, and business complemented by hundreds of photographs – truly an heirloom to pass down for generations to come.

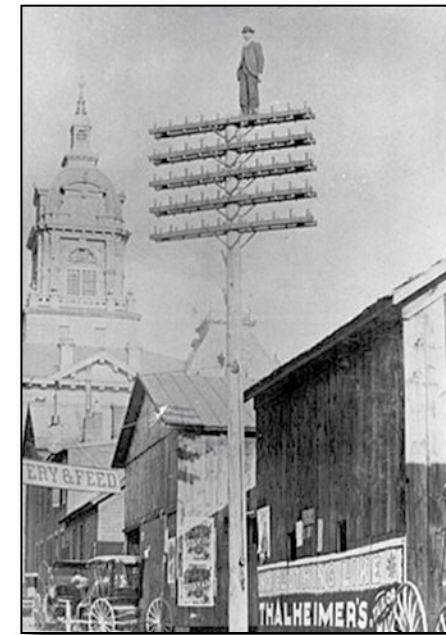
Because there will only be a limited number of books printed, it is necessary to collect book orders in advance. All revenue will be held in escrow at a local bank for payment to the publisher at a later date.

These collector books are numbered as they are published, so order now to be assured of valuable early numbers. Order the *Guernsey County Family History* for a cost of just \$49.95 plus shipping, handling, and sales tax for Ohio residents.

Sincerely,



Robert Erskine
President, Guernsey County Genealogical Society



Gentleman standing on top of the telephone pole on Brown Avenue, west of the Guernsey County Courthouse.

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Final submission and book order deadline: April 30, 2008.

Sample Family Biography

CROSSEN

The first Crossen to settle in Guernsey County was John Chestnut (24 July 1841 to 25 Nov. 1921), son of Thomas B. (1812 to about 1900) and Eleanor Stubbs (1822 to 1907) from Belmont County. Thomas and Eleanor had two daughters and eight sons. Three of their sons served in the Civil War. All returned home alive.

Thomas's parents, Nehemiah (abt 1785 to 1865) and Julian. were originally from Pennsylvania. I know of one son and one daughter born to them.



John Clark and Evelyn Vance Crossen

Nehemiah's parents were Samuel Crossen, a private in the Revolutionary War, (1750 to 1810/1820) and Cornelia Sampson (1755 to 1842). They had three sons and five daughters.

John Chestnut served in the Civil War as Capt, B Company, First Ohio Volunteer Calvary. He received two wounds to the right arm, one at Stone River, Tenn. and one at Chickamauga, Ga. His grandsons, Paul and John Clark, loved hearing his stories. In addition, he served as Guernsey County Recorder, was active in the GAR, politics and various community organizations.

John Chestnut married Adeline Cassandra Baldrige (10 Feb. 1842 to 27 May 1928) on 6 April 1867. She was the daughter of Dr. John Baldrige and Mary Hill, daughter of Stephen Hill and Sara Reasoner. Sara was the daughter of Peter

Froman Reasoner and Mary Speers. Stephen was the son of Joseph Hill and Mary Conrad. The Reasoners and the Hills settled in Guernsey County in 1806.

John's father-in-law, Dr. John Baldrige (1797 to 1844), is best known as one of the first doctors in Senecaville and for his involvement in the underground railroad.

John Chestnut and Adeline had five sons and two daughters. Edgar L., Estella (Berry), Augusta A., Ben Paul, John B. Etzell and L. Thomas.

Ben Paul (20 Oct. 1878 to 2 May 1946), my grandfather, married Mary Lloy Boyd (9 April 1879 to 29 Dec. 1945) on 29 May 1907. They had two sons, Paul Etzell (1908 to 1961) and John Clark (18 Dec. 1909 to 6 May 1990). Ben was in business with his father at The Crossen Machine Works in Cambridge. Ben was also a farmer, owner of a sawmill and threshing equipment. Both of his sons joined him in these endeavors.

Paul married Anna Helen Daughtery and had four children. He served in the Air Force in WWII.

John Clark married Evelyn Pauline Vance (14 March 1917 to 27 Aug 1984) on 19 Oct 1937. Evelyn's lineage goes back to Robert Vance who settled in Guernsey County in 1817. Clark also worked at the Army Depot during WWII and as a mechanic at the Chevrolet garage. One of his hobbies was writing poetry. Evelyn worked in the white room at RCA making guidance systems for the Minuteman Missiles. Most of her life was happily spent as wife, artist and mother to their only child, Carolyn Jolene (4 April 1941). Jolene, who received a BS in Education from The Ohio State University, married Donald Ray Sigman (4 Oct 1939) on 30 Dec 1961. Don received a PhD in Physics from The Ohio State University. Of this marriage two children were born, Gwendolyn Dawn (11 April 1967) and Steven Ray (14 May 1972). *Submitted Jolene Crossen Sigman*

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