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Portrait of ABRAHAM PICKERING
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PICKERINGTON – Born to William and Barbara Rebecca (Woodley) Pickering over 245 years ago, on Monday, July 8, 1776, Abraham Pickering grew up in Rockingham County, Virginia.

He and his wife, Ann (Looker) chose to travel west into Ohio, and settled in Fairfield County in 1806 as the city began growing accepting pioneers from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. Specifically, they settled in Bloom Township (at the time) – Section 9 of Township 15 in Range 20, which veered into Violet Township. Abraham deposited his first payment securing the northeast quarter of Section 9 within the township.

First, laid out as Jacksonville (originally written Jackson Ville), the city adjacent to Violet Township took form under a different name honoring the founder, Abraham Pickering. On Monday, September 11, 1815, the residence began to shift their bearings on where they lived as Abraham appeared before the Justice of the Peace, William Hamilton. He's believed to have traveled to Lancaster for the ceremony of dedication as Michael Garaghty was

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THE FAIRFIELD FILES

FATAL CRASH CLAIMS THREE

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BALTIMORE – Tragedy filled the streets on Sunday, January 10, 1971, at Pleasantville Road, as three souls lost their lives in a fatal car accident on Ohio Route 37.

Douglas Richard Sheridan initially obtained injuries and was rushed to the Children's Hospital in Columbus. He later died Monday night, January 18th at 11:20.

His sister, Diane Christine (19) and Mary Morrow (74) from Newark met their fate instantly in the crash.

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ABRAMS & CARPENTER: INVOLVED WITH THE OHIO CONSTITUTION

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY – After the first popular election presented itself in Fairfield County on October 12, 1802, Henry Abrams and Emanuel Carpenter were elected to represent the people and serve on the first constitutional convention in preparation to draft the constitution for state of Ohio.

Instead of being submitted to the people, the state constitution went to Congress to seek approval. This process led to Ohio's authorization to join the union as a sovereign state on March 1, 1803 - 219 years ago this past Tuesday.

Ohio climbed to third place, in population and wealth, as the pioneers

kept pouring in from the eastern states.

As members, they gathered in Chillicothe with the rest from adjacent towns on November 1, 1802, and together formed the first constitution for Ohio and adjourned on November 29th.

Born to Henry R. and Rhoda (Spencer) Abrams on Sunday, October 1, 1752, was Henry Abrams. He grew up in Staunton, Virginia, located in Augusta County.

Abrams emigrated from Chillicothe to Greenfield Township in 1800, a year after the Wells, the Hookers, and the McFarlands arrived in the Hooker neighborhood. The Cherrys came about

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SPOTLIGHT

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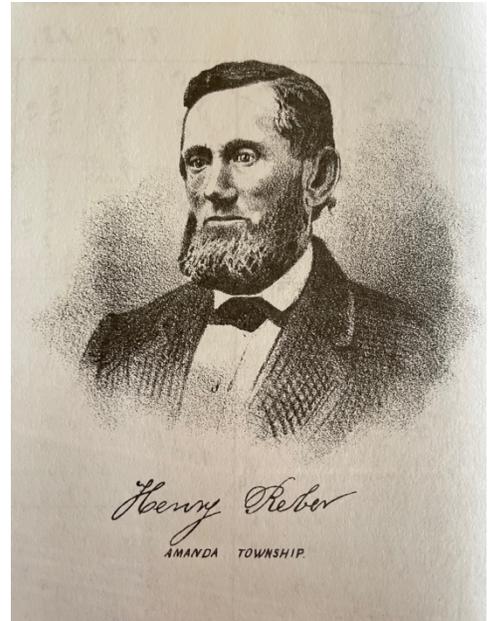
Portrait of SARAH (ALLEN) REBER
Courtesy of the "Combination Atlas Map of
Fairfield County - OHIO 1875"

Sarah (Allen) Reber
20 SEP 1835 - 23 JAN 1927
AMANDA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY



Henry and Sarah Reber's tombstone stands
proud in the Amanda Township Cemetery.
Photo taken by Joe McFarland

BELOW:
The residence of Henry Reber in Amanda
Township lies drawn out below.
Courtesy of the "Combination Atlas Map of
Fairfield County - OHIO 1875"



Portrait of HENRY W. REBER
Courtesy of the "Combination Atlas Map of
Fairfield County - OHIO 1875"

Henry W. Reber
09 APR 1826 - 08 JAN 1895
AMANDA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

ROYALTON - The spring season brought forth an infant son to John Valentine and Mary Magdalena (Van Reed) Reber in Royalton, on Sunday, April 9, 1826.

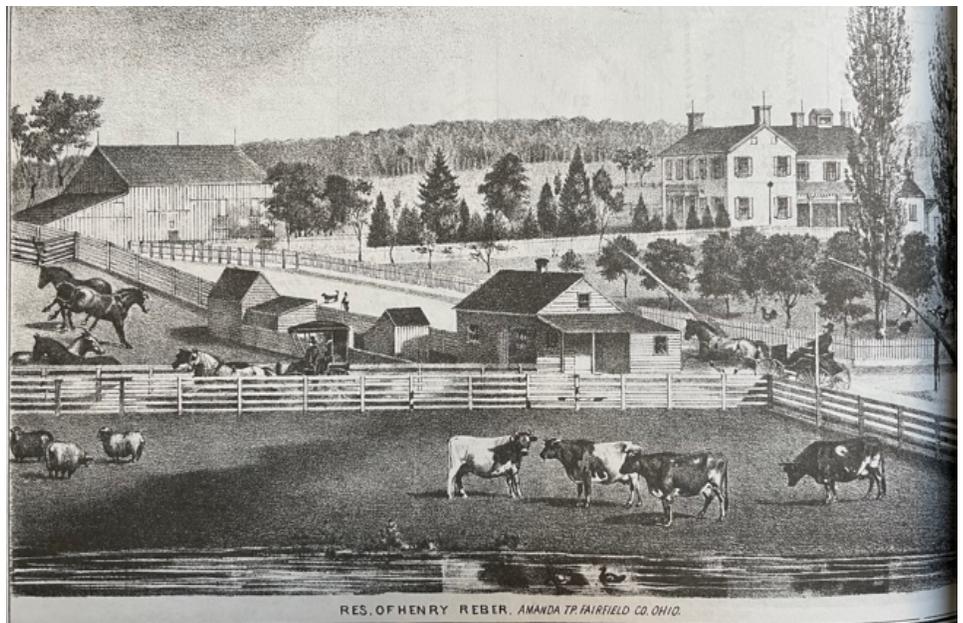
Given the name Henry W., he learned the trade of farming and established his own farm later in Amanda Township.

At 28 years old, he married Sarah Allen, daughter of Howard and Sarah (Leist) Allen, on Thursday, February 22, 1855, in Fairfield County.

When the Civil War broke out, he registered for the draft as his name appears on the July 1, 1863 record.

As recorded in the 1875 Fairfield County Atlas Map, Toby's Creek and Clear Creek cut right through Henry's property located in Amanda Township (Township 13, Range 20, Square 10).

Henry W. Reber passed away on



Tuesday, January 8, 1895, at 68 years old, in Royalton, located in the northern part of Amanda Township. His family and friends interred him there in the

Amanda Township Cemetery. A tall, strong, and prominent stone stands over their plot displaying the memory of their presence in the county.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

Genealogy Tip

MANY CONNECTIONS TO SAME PERSON

As each line is navigated up one's ancestral tree, some may duplicate and/or shift in generation levels. This happens when the original siblings start having children and those children initiate settling down with their family at different times. One sibling from the original shared ancestors may have a son that starts his family in his early twenties

and his cousin, sharing the same ancestors, starts his family in his late thirties or early forties.

An example of this lays out in the first *Align-A-Line* section where Alva J. Courtright was part of a second family set his father had after his first wife, Lydia Stout, died. He then remarried Rachel E. Bowman and had more kids.

PICKERINGTON |

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present in the crowd.

A local advertisement appeared in Mrs. Bussert's 1815 newspaper as reported by the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* on Friday, October 16, 1959, by Abraham Pickering.

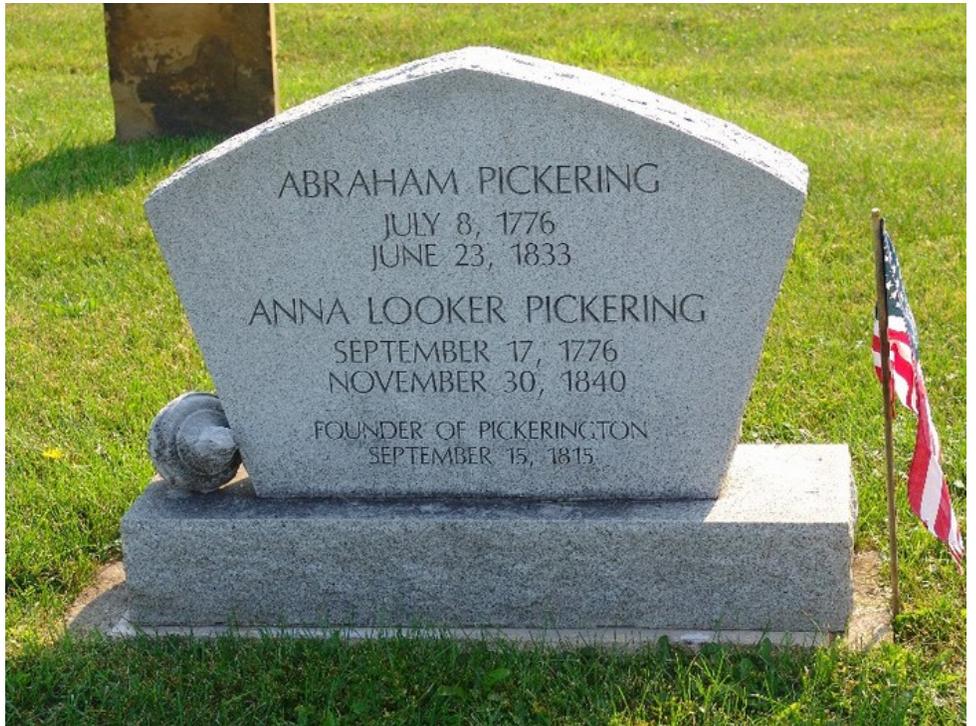
It reported a public advertising notice announcing the town of Jacksonville. Having just been laid out near the north-west corner of Fairfield County, Abraham began selling off lots of land to the citizens and future residents. The new town featured a fountain pump providing convenient access to a nearby spring, Grist Mill, and Sawmill.

Lots started up for sale on October 23rd starting at 10 o'clock with the advancement of twelve months credit in cases where collateral became obtained.

Abraham originally entered upon land, himself, and settled near Putnam's Creek where Sycamore Creek used to wind throughout Violet Township.

Founded in 1815, the city originally took on the name Jacksonville, in honor of President Andrew Jackson, and it remained under that name for the next twelve years until the citizens set out to petition the Ohio Legislature to update the name to Pickerington to honor its founder - Abraham Pickering.

Abraham donated four lots for



ABRAHAM & ANNA (LOOKER) PICKERING's Tombstone

A new tombstone placed in the Violet Township Cemetery in honor of the city's founders.

Photo Taken by Joe McFarland

public use within the lots he obtained. Carnegie Library stands on one of his plots, as well as the United Brethren Society and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Abraham donated a new schoolhouse for the children of Pickerington in 1815, replacing the deteriorating log cabin that offered a place to teach the children from the surrounding farms. The schoolhouse he donated lasted until 1883 when a new school replaced it yet

again, which now remains home to the Pickerington - Violet Township Historical Society.

Presently Pickerington remains the second largest city in Fairfield County after Lancaster.

The Ohio Secretary of State certified the town as a city in 1991, and in 1996 they designated Violet Township as the "Violet Capital of Ohio."

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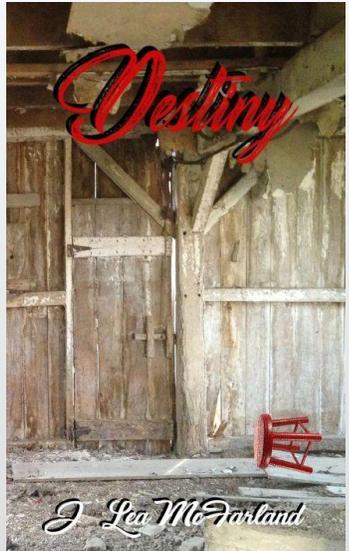


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War of 1812

CPT. JOHANNES JACOB COURTRIGHT I
 26 FEB 1779 - 06 APR 1863
 LITHOPOLIS CEMETERY

BLOOM TOWNSHIP – Johannes Jacob Courtright came into the world on Friday, February 26, 1779. Born to Abraham Van Kampen and Evje (Drake) Courtright, he later went by the American version, John.

The Courtright family well connected with the McFarlands. John's younger sister, Margaret, married Walter McFarland and his younger brother, Abraham Van Kampen Courtright II married Walter's sister, Elizabeth McFarland.

John fought in the War of 1812 as a Captain and with his men served from September 27, 1812 until February 26, 1813.

Later he met and married Elizabeth Grubb, born on June 29, 1780, between 1800 to 1803.

Together they came to Fairfield County in 1802 and settled in Section 33 of Bloom Township. Elizabeth died on



JOHN & ELIZABETH G. COURTRIGHT Tombstones stand side by side in the Lithopolis Cemetery.

Photo taken by Joe McFarland

June 12, 1852, and left John a widower. He later passed away at 84 years old



Portrait of JOHN JACOB COURTRIGHT I
 Courtesy of the "Combination Atlas Map of Fairfield County – OHIO 1875"



Close up of John Courtright's Tombstone Inscription

Courtesy of Ancestry.com

on Monday, April 6, 1863. Both remain in the Lithopolis Cemetery.

OHIO |

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this time as well.

Henry purchased the entire section 34 from the land office in Chillicothe in 1815 to establish his property and set up his farm.

As a great farmer in the county, Abrams found himself soon serving as the Associate Judge of the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court and later he served as a trustee of Ohio University.

Henry Abrams died on Monday, November 26, 1821, and placed to rest in the area near his son-in-law, General George Sanderson, in Elmwood Cemetery.

Emanuel Carpenter was born to Emanuel and Catharina Caroline (Line) Carpenter on Wednesday, October 2, 1743, in Earl Township, Pennsylvania – located in Lancaster County.

In 1764, he married Maria Schmidt and in 1775 Emanuel served in the 10th Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia

under Captain Rowland's company.

The soldiers, known as "Flying Camp" served as a body of irregular troops called out after the battle of Long Island.

Carpenter later realized a promotion to Captain as he commanded the 7th company of the 10th Battalion. He also served as a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly between 1779 and 1786. Shortly afterward he migrated to Ohio.

In November 1801, he secured land in Hocking Township after emigrating from Pennsylvania. The land in Sections 12 and 13 of Township 14, Range 19 in the Northwest Territory transferred to Carpenter.

The Carpenters suggested the name New Lancaster to the pioneers, which after being accepted and adopted found itself shortened to Lancaster.

After his service in the continental convention he died, also on a Wednesday, March 20, 1822.

His remains were interred in the Carpenter-Koontz Cemetery.

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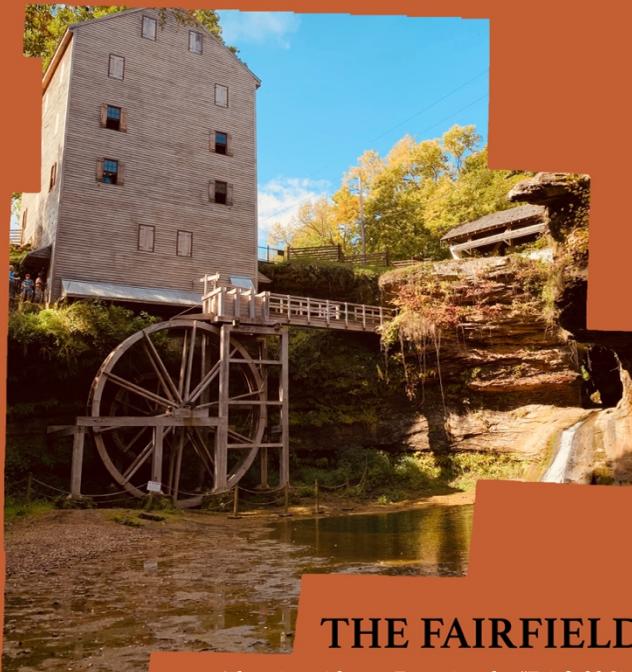


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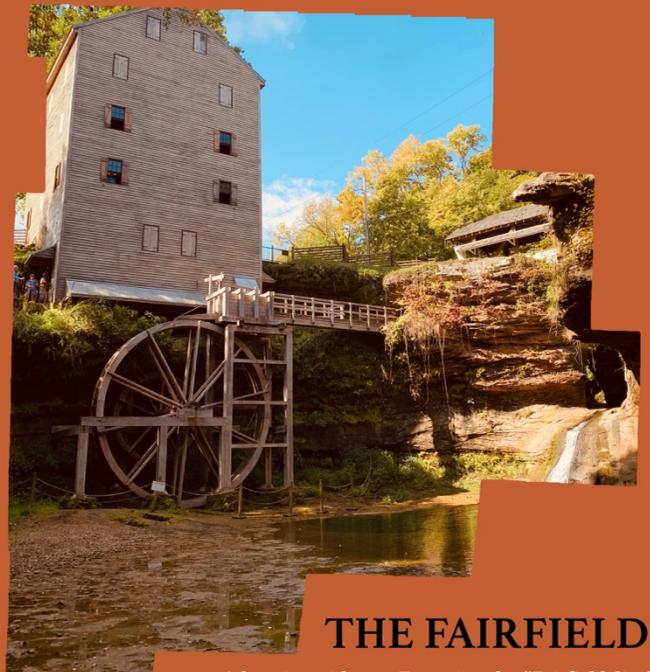
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OFFICIAL LAST WILL & TESTAMONY OF ANDREW HITE READ

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP – On March 8, 1819, Andrew Hite’s will executed from what his wishes penned on February 16, 1819. His Last Will and Testament follows extracted exactly how it appeared:

“In the name of God amen. I Andrew Hite of the county of Fairfield and state of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life but being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) that whereas I have given to seven of my children their full portion of my estate as follows:

To my daughter, Magdalena, wife of Martin Giger, I have given her, her full portion in money to assist in the purchase and payment of the land on which said Martin Giger now lives.

I have given my son, Isaac Hite, his full portion of my estate in land on which said Isaac now lives.

I have given to my son, John Hite, his full portion of my estate in land on which said John now lives.

I have given to my daughter, Barbara, wife of John Bibler, her full portion of my estate in land which land they have sold.

I have given to my son, Samuel Hite, his full portion of my estate in land on which said Samuel now lives.

I have given to my son, Martin Hite, the improvement land and premises on which I and said Martin now live together with all that pertains to said lands by an article of agreement between him and myself and I will and order my executor or executors to make said Martin Hite a good and sufficient deed and title to said land and --- on said Martin Hite’s fulfilling and performing said article.

I have given to my son, David Hite, his full portion of my estate in land on which he has now built a – house which several and -- --- above mentioned I do will shall be there ---- portion in full of my real estate and where as I have given to the above named children of my personal property to a considerable amount as they are charged respectively with the same in my book. Therefore, I will and order that the above-named children shall after my decease make the said personal property equal themselves by the one that got most giving a – to one that got least until they are all equal in said personal property and I will and order that the said personal property

Shall be the full shares and portions of the above-named children of my real and personal estate.

To my three youngest daughters as follows:

To Elizabeth, my daughter, wife of David Sites, I have given two hundred and thirty dollars which is and shall be her full portion or share of my real estate. I have also given her personal property which I have charged her with in my book.

And I do give and bequeath to my daughter, Anna, two hundred and thirty dollars which shall be in full of her share and portion of my real estate, which portion I will and order my son, Martin, shall pay to her or her children the heir or heirs of her body and that this portion is part of Martin’s condition of the aforesaid article I have also given to her personal property which I have charged her the said Anna with in my book.

I further give and bequeath to my youngest daughter, Catherine, two hundred and thirty dollars which shall be her full share of my real estate and I will and order that my sons, Samuel Hite and David Hite, shall pay the said two hundred thirty dollars to said Catherine out of rthe monies which I --- --- --- for which I have their ---.

And I further give and bequeath to said Catherine one hundred and forty dollars in personal or household property. I do will and bequeath to my grandson, Samuel Giger, twenty five dollars to be paid out of my personal estate after my decease the which shall be put to use as interest from year to year always adding the interest to the principal until said Sam be of age. But in case said boy shall die before he be of age, then said Legacy with the amount shall be paid annually amongst his oldest sisters.

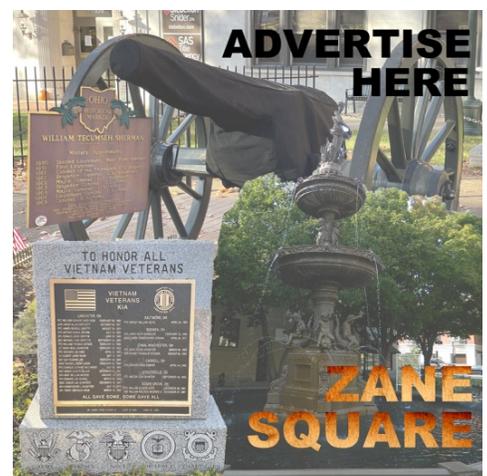
And I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Magdalena Hite, all my personal property or estate monies notes bills or other obligations whereby money or other property is or shall become due to me either in part or in whole (and not otherwise disposed of by me) together with their amounts -- her my wife, Magdalena during her natural life for her comfort and support my lawful debts being first paid out of the same and after her decease I will and order give and bequeath all the remaining part of said personal estate and whatsoever shall remain of said property after her lawful debts are paid unto my three youngest daughters (their

Children the heirs of their body) who shall divide the same so that Catherine shall have fifty dollars more than Anna or Elizabeth and Anna shall have as much as Elizabeth and I do hereby appoint my sons, John Hite and Isaac Hite, executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen – signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above named.”

Andrew signed his last will and testament in the presence of ---- Smith, Christian Cagy, and Jacob Musselman.

ANDREW HITE Last Will & Testament Record
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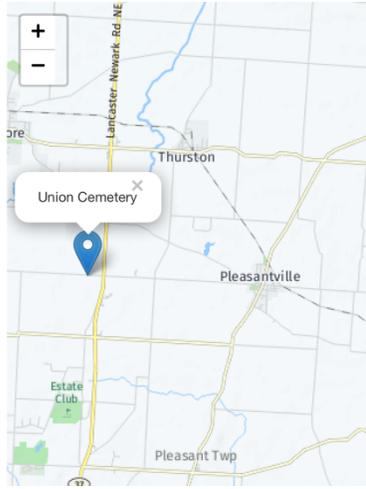
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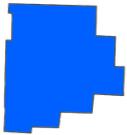


UNION CEMETERY
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MILLERSPORT – With just over 200 people beneath the Union cemetery, this cultural piece of history sits on Pleasantville Road.

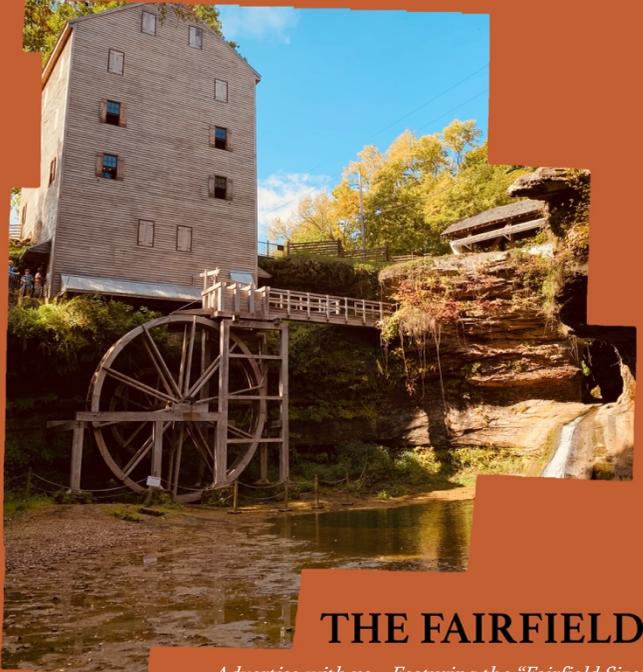
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The very first original Farmers' Market started in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1757. Located directly in the center of Amish Country it remains the oldest farmers' market in the country.

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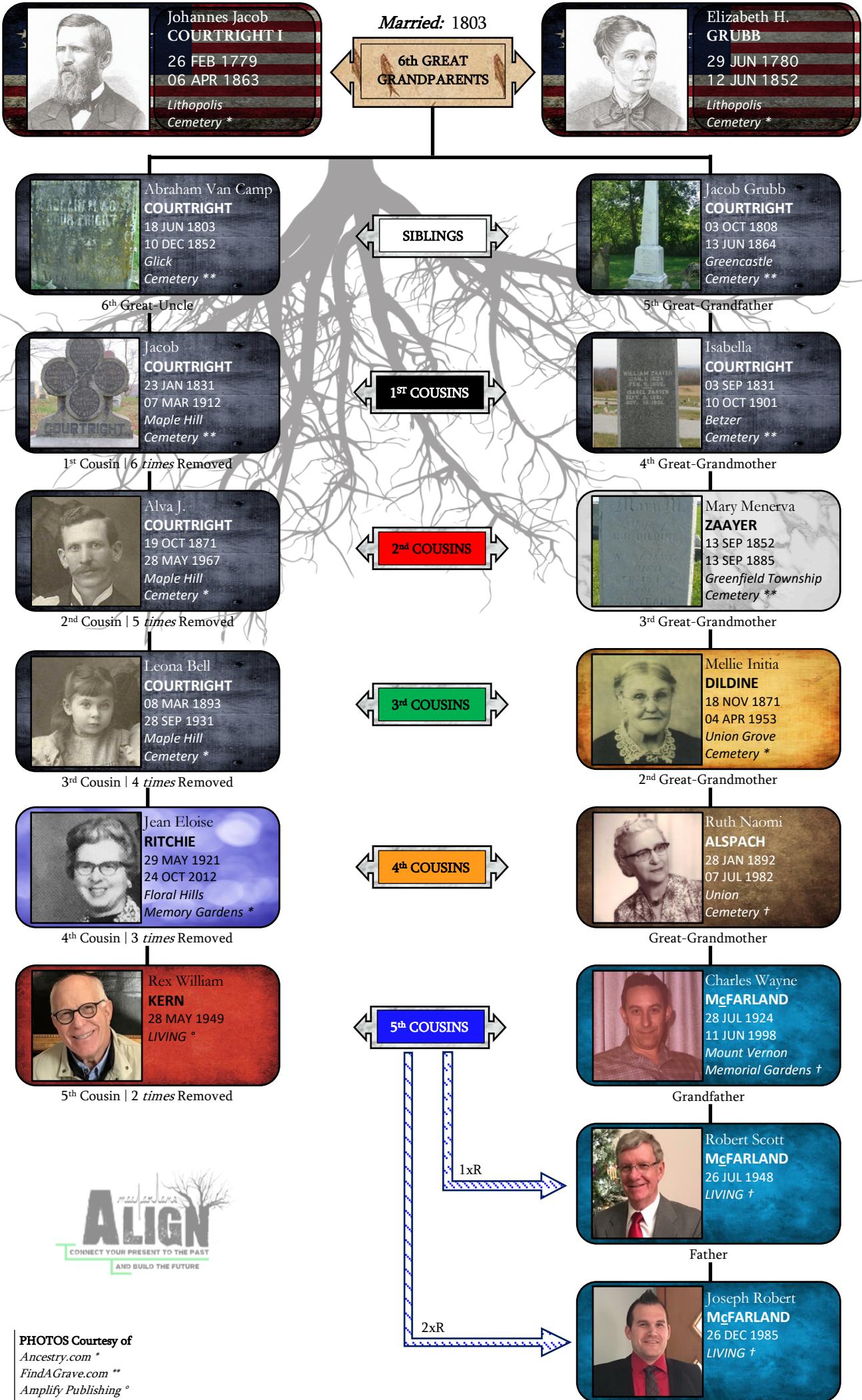
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THOMAS CARLYLE

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Abraham VanKampen
COURTRIGHT I
04 JUN 1749
12 JAN 1825
Greencastle
Cemetery †

Married: B/w 1772 - 1785

5th GREAT GRANDPARENTS



Evje "Effie"
DRAKE
17 APR 1752
27 AUG 1824
Greencastle
Cemetery



Johannes Jacob
COURTRIGHT I
26 FEB 1779
06 APR 1863
Lithopolis
Cemetery *

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Margaret
COURTRIGHT
23 JAN 1792
15 OCT 1824
Greencastle
Cemetery **

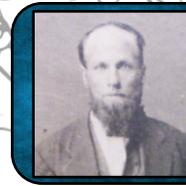
5th Great-Uncle

4th Great-Grandmother



Abraham Van Camp
COURTRIGHT
18 JUN 1803
10 DEC 1852
Glick
Cemetery **

1st COUSINS



John Courtright
McFARLAND
22 SEP 1819
23 OCT 1901
Forest Rose
Cemetery *

1st Cousin | 5 times Removed

3rd Great-Grandfather



Jacob
COURTRIGHT
23 JAN 1831
07 MAR 1912
Maple Hill
Cemetery **

2nd COUSINS



Robert Russell
McFARLAND I
26 DEC 1852
13 JAN 1924
Carroll
Cemetery *

2nd Cousin | 4 times Removed

2nd Great-Grandfather



Alva J.
COURTRIGHT
19 OCT 1871
28 MAY 1967
Maple Hill
Cemetery *

3rd COUSINS



Lester Warren
McFARLAND
26 JAN 1890
02 MAR 1958
Union
Cemetery †

3rd Cousin | 3 times Removed

Great-Grandfather



Leona Bell
COURTRIGHT
08 MAR 1893
28 SEP 1931
Maple Hill
Cemetery *

4th COUSINS



Charles Wayne
McFARLAND
28 JUL 1924
11 JUN 1998
Mount Vernon
Memorial Gardens †

4th Cousin | 2 times Removed

Grandfather



Jean Eloise
RITCHIE
29 MAY 1921
24 OCT 2012
Floral Hills
Memory Gardens *

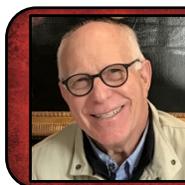
5th COUSINS



Robert Scott
McFARLAND
26 JUL 1948
LIVING †

5th Cousin | 1 time Removed

Father



Rex William
KERN
28 MAY 1949
LIVING °

6th COUSINS



Joseph Robert
McFARLAND
26 DEC 1985
LIVING †

6th Cousin

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**Johann Jacob
ALSPACHI**
23 OCT 1751
03 NOV 1815
*Old Betzer
Cemetery †*

Married: 01 DEC 1772

6th GREAT
GRANDPARENTS



**Anna Maria Elisabetha
RAUSCH**
1747
08 FEB 1815
*Old Betzer
Cemetery †*



**Maria Magdalena
ALSPACH**
16 SEP 1775
29 JUN 1854
*Baughers
Cemetery ***

6th Great-Aunt

SIBLINGS



**Heinrich Reinhardt
ALSPACH**
20 JAN 1776
02 FEB 1847
*Old Betzer
Cemetery †*

5th Great-Grandfather



**Mary Catherine
WAGNER**
19 MAY 1816
29 JUN 1881
*Baughers
Cemetery ***

1st Cousin | 6 times Removed

1ST COUSINS



**Jacob S.
ALSPACH**
01 MAR 1802
01 FEB 1856
*Mount Zion
Cemetery ***

4th Great-Grandfather



**Caroline
FISHER**
10 AUG 1833
06 MAR 1898
*Forest Rose
Cemetery ***

2nd Cousin | 5 times Removed

2nd COUSINS



**Joshua
ALSPACH**
04 DEC 1824
27 JUL 1895
*Union Grove
Cemetery †*

3rd Great-Grandfather



**Mary Catherine
BAUGHERS**
12 APR 1861
31 JUL 1915
*Forest Rose
Cemetery **

3rd Cousin | 4 times Removed

3rd COUSINS



**William Sherman
ALSPACH**
12 JUN 1865
16 OCT 1939
*Union Grove
Cemetery **

2nd Great-Grandfather



**Edgar Paul
RITCHIE**
02 MAY 1892
01 APR 1975
*Forest Rose
Cemetery ***

4th Cousin | 3 times Removed

4th COUSINS



**Ruth Naomi
ALSPACH**
28 JAN 1892
07 JUL 1982
*Union
Cemetery †*

Great-Grandmother



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RITCHIE**
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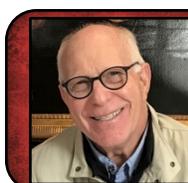
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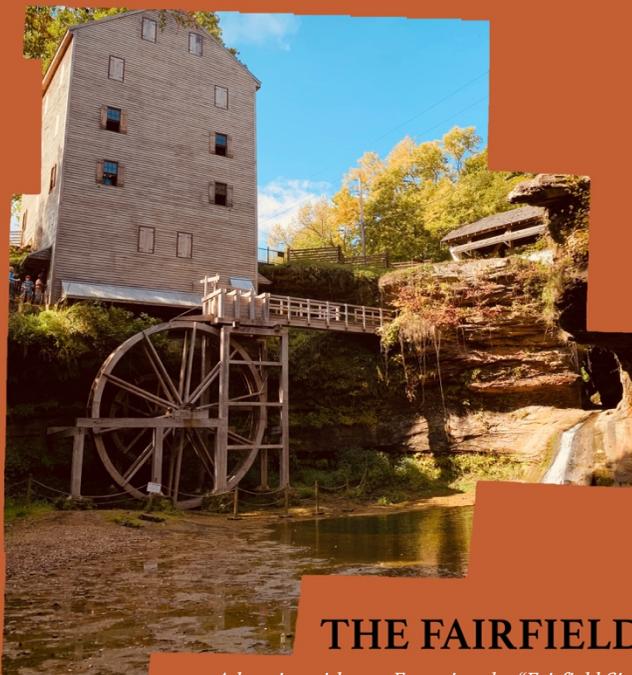
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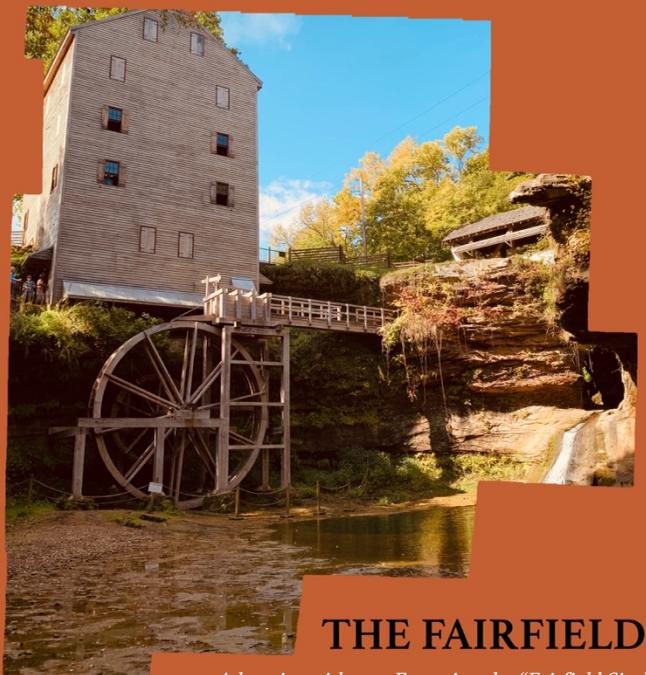
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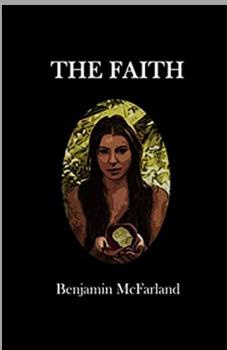
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Fairfield County Bridges
Last Week Answers

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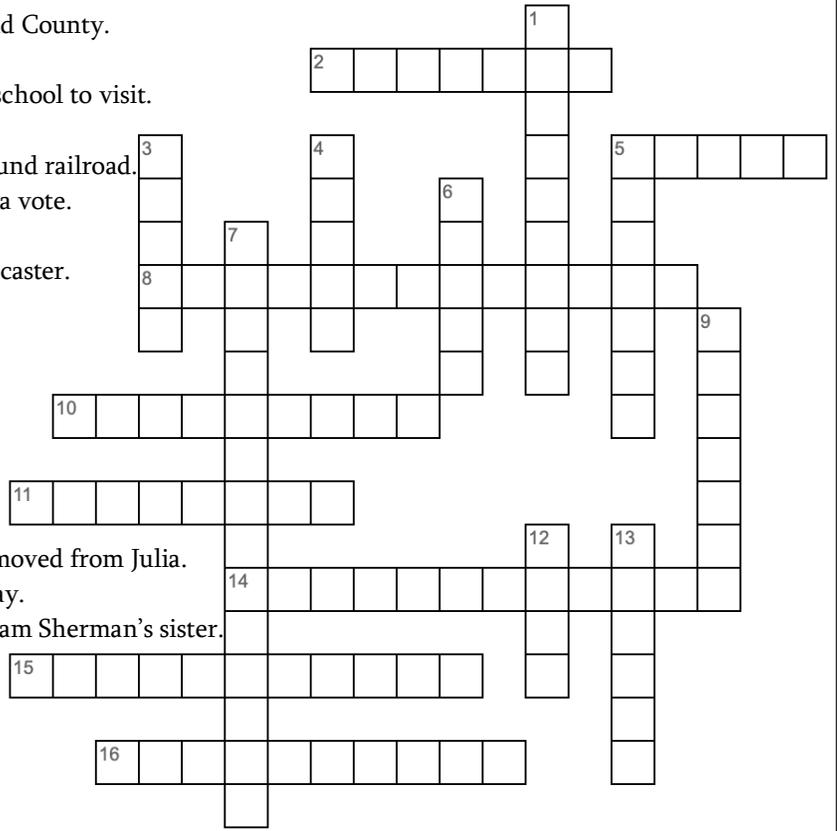
Running The Risk *From Last Week's Issue*

Across

- 2 General Sanderson was the first one of Fairfield County.
- 5 Its humble beginnings began with a vote.
- 8 Place Mary Sherman and her friends skipped school to visit.
- 10 The Cemetery Salute located in his city.
- 11 Doctor who used own house for the underground railroad.
- 14 Boy who ripped out pages of his notebook for a vote.
- 15 Italian auto manufacturer.
- 16 Dr. Effinger studied along these leaders of Lancaster.

Down

- 1 Contributed to the preservation of Fairfield County History.
- 3 Veteran who fought in World War II.
- 4 Dan Duryea is _____ cousins 3 times removed from Julia.
- 5 This hung over Christian Gundy's first doorway.
- 6 William _____ married General William Sherman's sister.
- 7 Title of last week's paper.
- 9 ACT.IV.ATE quote from Elbert _____.
- 12 First settler in the old Basil area.
- 13 Duryea full first name.



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Fairfield County Streams

Find The **BOLD** Words

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