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LANCASTER – Before June closed its page in 1800, Josiah and Margaret (Hoffman) Talmadge found themselves with another addition to their already large growing family. Darius Tallmadge expanded the number of children to fourteen on the summer day of June 30, 1800, in Schaghticoke, New York, a city located in the county of Rensselaer.

Josiah descended from the line of Thomas Talmadge who immigrated from England in 1631, making him Darius's 4th great-grandfather. From this line, Thomas's descendants occupied honorable positions both politically and displayed representation in both the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. The four brothers born of Thomas are known as progenitors of all the Tallmadges in the U.S., regardless of spelling.

Just short of two years, Josiah passed away August 21, 1802, leaving Margaret a widow. Shortly thereafter, she passed from this life on November 7, 1810, driving Darius and his siblings into the life of an orphan.



Portrait of DARIUS TALLMADGE

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VIOLET TOWNSHIP – An early settler from Shenandoah, Virginia makes his final request known before leaving his wife a widow on September 29, 1847. The probate date recorded as October 6, 1847. The will states as follows:

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BIRTH OF A COUNTY

FAIRFIELD – One month ago, Fairfield County celebrated its 221st year as a county. Established December 9, 1800, the name christened, capturing the compliment of having “fair” fields appearing throughout the land for farming. The government authorized the establishment of the county and creation commenced.

An interactive map showing Ohio's humble beginnings may be found at: MyCounties.com/Ohio/.

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Stanley Franklin Pratt
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LANCASTER – Born in Wellston, Ohio, located in Jackson County, Stanley Pratt was born Saturday, February 6th to Harry Grant and Annie (Clark) Pratt I. Stanley grew up in Michigan and moved to Lancaster, Ohio when he was 6 years old, where he graduated from Lancaster high school in 1922. He then sought to further his education at Ohio Wesleyan, graduating there in 1926 and was also a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. Additionally, Stanley continued his education pursuit at The Ohio State University receiving his master’s degree in 1946 followed by his law degree from Franklin University in 1953.



STANLEY FRANKLIN PRATT
Courtesy of his Obituary
In the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

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By J. Lea McFarland


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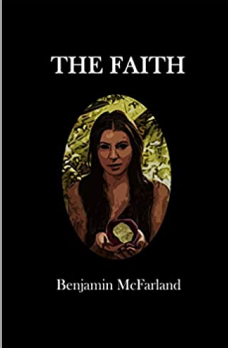
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Now ten years old, Darius's eleventh year forced him into a new direction as a Teamster, hauling bricks during the construction, bringing forth new cotton factories in Schaghticoke.

At twelve, he traveled between Troy and Whitehall, a 100-mile spread delivering goods by wagon.

After this ambition he set aim on working on the farm of one of his older brother's, tilling the ground, until he wrestled with anxiousness when left alone with his thoughts, and wanted to speed up his financial independence.

Once that grew tiresome, he tracked down his mother's younger brother, Henry Hoffman, in Dutchess county, near Ithaca, New York, who placed him in an educator role. By this time, a teenager, fifteen, Darius taught school for two quarters in the county with sharp self-confidence. By the end of the two quarters, he returned to farming.

About this time Darius Tallmadge met and courted Sarah Ann Wood, daughter of Jonas Wood, who lived near Ithaca, where he taught under the direction of his uncle Henry. By twenty-one he married her joining their union on September 15, 1821.

Together they operated a 40-acre farm until 1825 rolled around and crumbled their financial stability. With no other options Darius partnered up with another traveler, left Sarah behind at the farm to go ahead at the chance to secure funds, and journeyed west on foot that spring. They purchased a skiff on the Allegheny River and continued downstream until the river channeled them to Pittsburgh where they transferred to a keel boat to continue further down river. They arrived in Maysville, Kentucky on April 1, 1825, in preparation for their employment purchasing horses for his wife's uncle, John Wood, and then transporting them to New Orleans to sell. *Sarah possibly put Darius in contact with her uncle, however no proof yet has been uncovered as to this thought.* The next year, 1826, Darius sent word for Sarah to meet him there in Kentucky. Seeking out horses for the New Orleans market, driving them south, selling, and returning home numerous times left Tallmadge to realize the profits in such a venture failed to compliment the amount of energy and expense they emptied into the enterprise. They soon abandoned the trade without any visible

conclusion on securing future funds.

Next, Darius occupied employment as overseer to numerous slaves on a local plantation while figuring out his next move.

The generosity of a Kentuckian, Mr. Blanchard, showed to the young Tallmadge enabling him to purchase a horse and wagon in exchange for six months of labor. He completed the time and relocated with his family by wagon to Tarlton, Ohio in 1830 and soon settled into the house owned prior by Dr. Otis Ballard. Now two years since his initial attempt at managing horses, the business of buying horses, and driving them to New Orleans presented itself again with the partnership with Dr. O. Ballard. As time moved on so did his hunger for larger enterprise where the next door awaited around the corner for the proper key to yield permission to turn.

After a few years receded into the past, Darius met the acquaintance of William Neil, of the Ohio Stage Company, who offered to employ him as agent once negotiations settled in the tune of a \$400 annual salary. Tallmadge remained in charge of routes in the southern part of the state, the principal route running between Maysville, Zanesville, Lancaster, and Chillicothe after Ebenezer paved the way with Zane's Trace.

Darius's daring determination, firm fidelity, and disciplined promptness strengthened his ambition increasing his salary to \$1,200 per year, equivalent to approximately \$36,000 in today's currency. He now occupied overseeing operations throughout half the state.

After investing six years into operations, he took an interest in the company and became the sole proprietor of the "poor contracts" in Southern Ohio. After consistently laboring over the contracts, he secured a bountiful result.

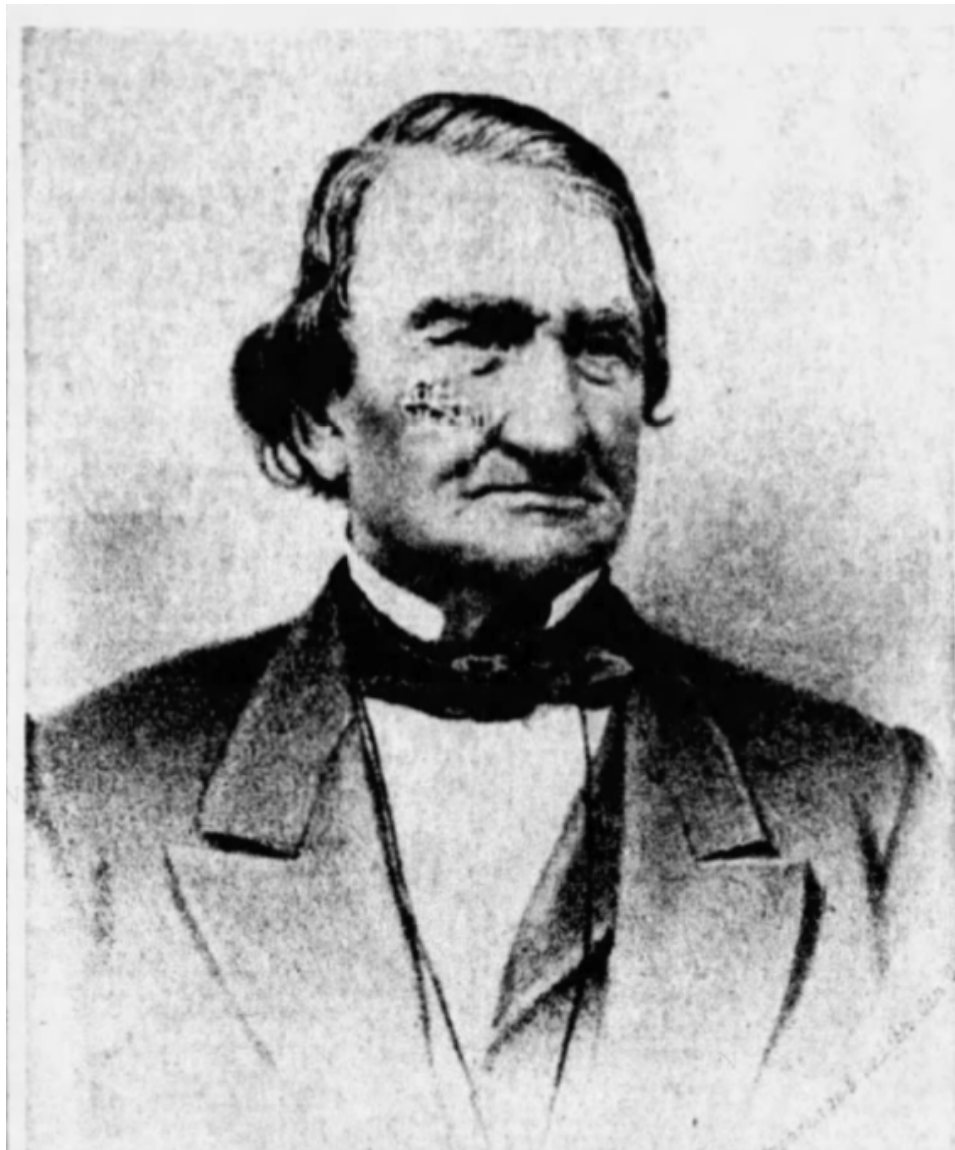
When William Neil decided on retiring, his initial \$300 investment climbed to a payout of \$25,000 plus all dividends he continued to receive. Once Neil retired and concluded his position within the stagecoach company, Darius restructured the outfit, running the stagecoaches in the name of D. Tallmadge, prior to his newfound partnership forming the "Western Stagecoach Company."

The involved investors officially part of the startup and launch of The Western Stagecoach Company identified as W. S. Sullivan, D. W. Deshler, and Peter Campbell of Columbus; Peter and John Voorhees of Dayton; J. S. Alvord of Indianapolis, Indiana; and K. Porter of Wooster, Ohio. At first their operations restricted them only to Indiana. However, at the advancement of the expansion of the west, with its evolving transportation options, rapidly overcrowded the business to operate in Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. The profitable corporation maintained its reputation regarding it both powerful and influential in the building of the United States as it furthered its borders westward. The investors did not need to fund any of the continued operations as the business quickly paid for itself, yielding stability.

1833 brought the arrival of Darius Tallmadge to the humble city of Lancaster, Ohio. Here he directed business



AN EARLY STAGECOACH from the 19th century
Courtesy of WildWestHistory.blogspot.com



DARIUS TALLMADGE | *Courtesy of The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*

from this point on in his life as a respected businessman and admired leader of the community.

For twenty years, he excelled as the most enterprising and public-spirited citizen. Through his active behavior and influence, he managed the completion of Lancaster's two railroads: the old Muskingum Valley Railroad and the Hocking Valley Railroad. Both intersected in Lancaster.

His stagecoach operations continued to run to Wheeling, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Portsmouth, proudly displaying the affixed inscription "*D. Tallmadge*" above each stagecoach door in gold lettering. He held the title, "Stagecoach King" all over Ohio, mainly due to his connections with the Neil and Deshler families.

Charles Goslin added that the old Coach Road, connecting Logan and Lancaster, led the horses along the path, guided wheels along the way, and carried the load of luggage and passengers daily. The stagecoach lines carried the mail and dignitaries, including those of Henry Clay and President William Henry Harrison. It even carried William Allen, who once

rode in a stage from Lancaster to Chillicothe before becoming a Senator.

Three years after their initial arrival, the family purchased the large brick house from Mr. Myers located on the west side of Columbus Street between Mulberry and Union. It was later sold to Theodore Mithoff, then torn down, and now holds the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing offices.

Darius soon established a branch of the State Bank of Ohio fourteen years later in 1847, where he served as the first President, holding the position for twenty years, and later became a member of its State Board of Control.

Tallmadge held to meticulous attention to financial matters gaining him both a reputation revealing him the most accurate of all financiers in the state and named Lancaster's wealthiest man at the time, even given going through several periods of personal financial embarrassment stating, "any one of which alone would have crushed an ordinary man."

Once rumors of the California gold rush ignited the greedy infection across the country's landscape, Darius dashed quickly at the opportunity and sent one

hundred horses across the prairies and plains accompanied by fifty stages to the land of tantalizing treasures, in the ambition of setting up stage routes there for the prospectors. His son, James Augustus Tallmadge led the massive emigration toward California in 1849. Afterwards he journeyed south to South America, set up the first line of stages in Valparaiso, Chili, and died there six years later, on June 5, 1856, at 24 never to return home.

During the year Darius waved goodbye to his son, James, as he journeyed west, he also parted ways with his wife, Sarah, that same year on Saturday, June 23, 1849, as she succumbed to death. She was known as an amiable Christian woman by the others in the town and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since their arrival in Lancaster. One son remained, Theodore Wood, known as Theo, who took up residency in Columbus. Well-known, he amassed respect throughout not only Lancaster, but all of Ohio. He eventually relocated to Washington, D.C., passing away on December 4, 1904.

Just over sixteen months later, at fifty years old, Darius moved on from his grieving to marry Elizabeth S. Creed, also of Lancaster, on Thursday, November 7, 1850 and purchased a 500-acre property from Daniel A. Robertson that same year. Elizabeth's brother, John M. Creed owned the property just one year prior, located half a mile west of Lancaster within the Rosebank area, now known as the Mithoff House off Route 22. Here Tallmadge established a handsome brick home, adding to the existing cottage, surrounded by laid out spacious grounds and adorned with complimenting landscape. He also installed a plank walk leading from the canal on W. Main Street through the lowlands to where his gate stood. Along the path he planted willow trees every three feet to shade the walk. The older residents of Lancaster recall this to be known as "Lover's Lane" stating many courtships took place beneath those willows. Eventually they were cut down in 1923. Tallmadge enticed viewers to stop by the house and examine the statues he imported from Europe, charging a small fee for admittance.

Still presently owned locally, the home now belongs to Larry and Sandy Nusser, which enjoy the first full scale Italian villa in the county as their long-time residence. After Darius's time with the property the residence sold to G. A. Mithoff in 1864 who added a wash house and then it transitioned to Lewis "Mux"

Mithoff in 1933, shifting the name to the Mithoff Home.

From its early years, the large home grew from a quaint cottage with the addition of the cottage office, icehouse, and smokehouse, built for the family in 1837, by his brother-in-law, an attorney, orator, and aspiring politician, John M. Creed.

The property changed hands to Daniel A. Robertson in 1849, where he built a parlor, an above bedroom, a second entry hall, and a verandah.

While Darius lived in the gorgeous brick mansion he built after purchasing it from Robertson, he raised quality thoroughbred horses and Durham cattle. Many remember his Duroc horse, Sparrowhawk.

Recovering from his own financials, transforming problems to prosperity, and overthrowing all odds in the face of adversity, his later years yielded a leading edge with both money and labor establishing enterprises to benefit his town.

Through his unwavering influence he instigated the operation through his mineral resources to inaugurate Hocking and Perry counties. He stood in the forefront of the frontier with voice, money, and hand as he contributed to the safety and wellbeing of his fellow countrymen, as no other citizen gave more attention and labor to its material advancement, or employment to more men in need due to hardship.

His life exhibited fascination, excitement, aggressiveness, and courage. Known for his benevolence, bountiful charity contributions, he held the position as a kind friend and a fighting enemy.

Tallmadge pioneered the organization of the first fair in Fairfield County which debuted the second week of October 1851 in a field owned by the Society's president, John Reber. He also situated himself to assist in providing Lancaster with municipal water systems and a gas company, now operating as the Lancaster Utility office. In addition to his accomplishments while living in Lancaster, he suggested the undertaking of building the Methodist and Baptist churches. Another feat, mainly a hobby of his, to improve the streets of early Lancaster allowing for better transportation, given his area of expertise, allowed him to initiate the launch of widening the streets and enhance the avenues starting in 1861. He headed up the construction of the flagstone walls across from Main Street, one being opposite the cash store and another



"THE MITHOFF" located off Route 22 | Courtesy of the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

across the street from the Hocking Valley National Bank.

To Tallmadge, a protégé to the hard ways of life, he understood, fully cognizant, of what education meant in addition to learning out of the textbook, that individuals need to gain a practical standpoint as well.

Identifying his own inadequacies, Darius drove his passion to establish education within reach for others, knowing certain paths never surfaced in his own life due to his own lack of formal education. Only able to show his notable natural capacities in the practical pursuits of life, he remained strong in his prejudices, held firm convictions and intense purpose, showed large heart and strong will, and unimpeachable integrity. He continued to stay true to his friends, while unrelenting to his enemies.

This component led to combine with his passion developed the foundation of the early public school system throughout Lancaster alongside other local businessmen. He also assisted numerous families in achieving college educations for their children. Unknown to him, an elementary branch would later stand on his property and be dedicated in his honor, bearing his name, on Sunday, February 12, 1956, to stand as a memorial to his efforts.

While owning two successful farms, Darius pioneered the use of clay tile for draining swampy lands excavating the water to reclaim the land beneath. He worked the sites in the southern and western parts of Lancaster, and on his property where the present site of Tallmadge school stands, along with the adjacent homes in the neighborhood.

The *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* revealed, "according to Diane Eversole, Tallmadge principal, the school was built in 1955 'what was a cornfield.'"

Julia McFarland's great-grandfather, William Henry Lee Conrad I, owned that property prior to the surveying, excavating, and building of the new school and forced to relinquish the site to the city via imminent domain. In a sense, William Conrad had Darius to thank for his livelihood with the farmland as he relieved it from the swampy waters decades ago.

A discrepancy emerged when Tallmadge Elementary developed as to the spelling of Darius's last name. At the time belief brought the spelling of the avenue with one "I" incorrect while the school held the correct spelling.

Upon further research this lies incorrect. Darius's father held to the original spelling Talmadge consisting of one "I." Darius kept with his father's version of spelling with one "I" in his surname as shown on the 1830 and 1840 census, however the 1850 census and on he added an "I" to make it Tallmadge. *Although no reason presents itself of the sudden shift between that decade, he did marry a second time to Elizabeth Creed on November 7th of that same year. Perhaps it bared weight to him moving on with a new chapter in his life with the marriage and the move, shifting his name in a new direction to compliment the change.*

A fire brought the destruction of the Union Hotel owned by Col. Nobel. A new brick building materialized in its place branded by the name, "The Phoenix." Once Tallmadge reached the ability he acquired the hotel, adding one

story, and changing its name to the “Tallmadge House.”

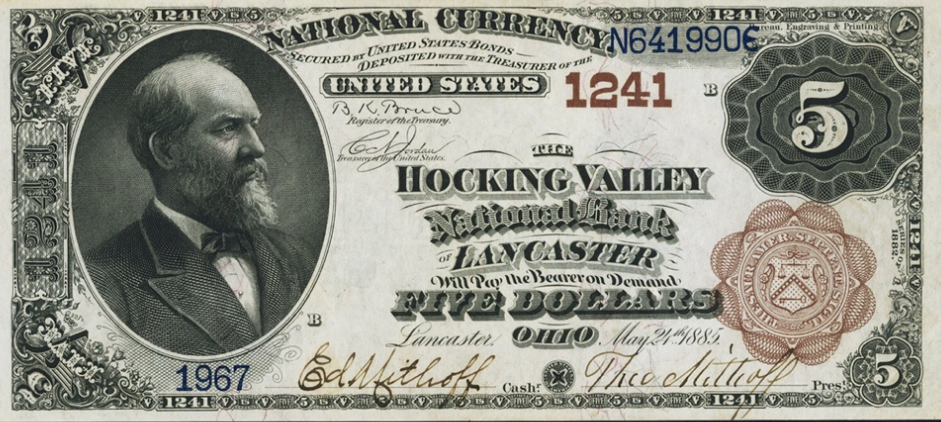
A few years before the death of Mr. Tallmadge, one remembered him to call upon the post office and purchase two or three money orders for fifty dollars apiece, explaining they provided gifts for widowed daughters of his old friends.

Darius Tallmadge’s last residence he took up before moving permanently to

the hotel prior to his death remained the Reese-Peter’s house on E. Main Street in Square 13. He purchased it in 1865, when he retired as president of the Hocking Valley National Bank, part of one of Ohio’s oldest banks located on W. Main Street in Lancaster, Ohio. During the transition he stayed at the Mattox property, now the site of the First Presbyterian Church.

Upon the arrival of 1873, Darius requested Rev. T. R. Taylor of the Methodist Episcopal Church to come and baptize him while he remained confined to his bed in February, three months after his first attack of pneumonia. Known as a 32nd degree mason and an odd fellow, Mr. Tallmadge built the famous Tallmadge Hotel standing on W. Main Street where the Kirm Hotel would stand in the 1930s.

He passed away, a Methodist, within the walls of his private room at his hotel, The Tallmadge House, in Lancaster, Ohio on March 27, 1874, from pneumonia. The undertaker transported his corpse from the hotel to the Methodist Church. Forever, a legacy of Darius Tallmadge will remember him as the famous “Stagecoach King” owning the



NATIONAL BANK NOTE from The Hocking Valley National Bank, Lancaster, Ohio
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stagecoach lines, banker, railroad builder and magnate, philanthropist, and benefactor of education in the early Lancaster days, and remains etched across the Lancaster elementary school on the corner of Lewis and Tallmadge Avenue.

Tallmadge’s funeral procession proceeded the afternoon of March 29, 1874, under the Knights Templar. The tragic event summoned special trains transporting those from Circleville, Zanesville, and Columbus to pay their respects to Darius Tallmadge’s life and support his family during the difficult time. Smaller towns, such as Logan, released their citizens by carriage to partake in the event.

Pallbearers selected were those of the Order of Masons, and gentlemen of the deceased’s peers. From Fairfield County: F. A. Foster, John T. Brazee, John Mason, D. Keller, D. Huber, W. McFarland, Jacob Beck, W. Rippey, John M. Ashbrook, G. Wilson, and D. Sifford. From Columbus: J. F. Bartlett, J. J. Janey and Judge J. Cox II.

The caravan departed the Tallmadge House Sunday at two o’clock and pro-

ceeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church where Rev. J. R. Boyd delivered the sermon. Once the sermon closed, everyone dismissed, and reconvened where they advanced to the Elmwood Cemetery. Judge Virgil Shaw, Past Master of the Lancaster Commandery, conducted the Masonic services once at the site delivering the final words of a legacy remembered to Lancaster.

The Masonic organization held their member, Darius Tallmadge, in high esteem due to his formal devotion to their requirements, and he, holding a prominent feature, came together with the assembly of the brotherhood who gathered for the event of the cornerstone placement for the new Central Lunatic Asylum erected in Columbus, Ohio.

At that moment, upon conclusion, the coffin lowered into the earth encased by the ground. Darius Tallmadge became a memory to history as his legacy lives on.

Darius Tallmadge’s grandson, Frank Tallmadge, discovered a receipt from one of the drivers after preserving many records for the business over time. Dated January 27, 1838 from James Cutshaw in



DARIUS TALLMADGE Tombstone
Courtesy of FindAGrave.com

Lancaster, Ohio follows: “Darius Tallmadge, Dr. to James Cutshaw, to driving stagecoach from October 1 to December 31, 1937, \$37.00.” Also noted, it stated, “With the item of extra pay at five dollars the total earnings for the three months arrived at forty-two dollars.” Frank’s memory recollects Mr. Cutshaw, however not as a driver. James Cutshaw died in Lancaster on January 13, 1886 and laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery as well.



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY INFIRMARY | Photo taken by Joe McFarland

LANCASTER – Staring back from above the cracked cement steps, the Fairfield County Infirmary, noted as one of the most haunted places in Ohio among the former Mud House Mansion, stands silently off Route 37, Granville Pike, waiting to be noticed.

Originally opened in 1828, the wood-framed structure provided a safe haven for society’s misfits and outcasts. The facility furnished treatments and living conditions for those who needed support, attempting to get better and released back into society.

Prior to the construction of such a facility, contracts were issued to the lowest bidder, the township officer, known as “Overseer of the Poor” who held the responsibility of caring for these individuals unable to cope with society. They relied on the provision of food, clothing, and medical care.

The current standing 181-year-old brick building wasn’t built until 1840 when the original wood-framed structure filled to its capacity demanding more room be made, forcing an expansion in 1865 to meet those demands, by adding the additions to allow for laundry, storage, living, and farming facilities.

Installations of gas lines for light and heat integrated the environment in 1917

followed by piping to channel fresh water throughout its walls by 1926. Its evolution staggered behind that of the country as the infirmary did not incorporate electricity until the installation in 1958.

Adequacy filled the conditions once before in the 1920s as county officials dined with the inmates on occasion. Lancaster residents gathered Christmas donations for gifts for the residents disconnected with the outside world. Local bands and orchestras brought entertainment for the elderly while enjoyment of ice cream and music obliterated the concept of time.

The asylum, with its corrugated corridors, withheld walls, and concealing ceilings, entices one to attempt to extract its legend, its secrets, without getting caught, almost tantalizing the curiosity of those that dare and equivocate the past.

The foundation of the infirmary’s reputation fascinated a group of paranormal investigators to make the trek, touring the location and foray its ancient historical secrets. Staying for three days, the team documented their findings and released “*The Forgotten*” documentary directed by Matthew Feole, to unveil their findings, available to rent on Amazon.

The “Old Poor House” encased those with mental disorders, severe health affliction, alcoholism, and those left with permanent scars tattooed across their flesh. With death drenching through its doors the county opened a cemetery devoted solely to inhumate the persons who expired within the enclosed walls. Those not claimed by next of kin, traveling by alias, or proper burial remained out of reach claimed a plot of earth to forever be encased in. For this reason, there only stands a few tombstones as the rest are unmarked with untold stories forever silenced by the earth beneath.

One ghostly tale tells of Jane Householder, a 73-year-old inmate resident who burned, once flames leapt from the oven and enveloped her clothing in flames. Two staff personnel managed to grab two rugs and smother the flames after hearing the shuttering scream. Successfully distinguishing the fire brought no salvation as Jane died nine hours later.

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JANE (ASKINS) HOUSEHOLDER’s Tombstone, one of the few on the grounds.
02 JUN 1856 - 22 MAR 1929
FAIRFIELD COUNTY
INFIRMARY CEMETERY
Courtesy of Ancestry.com

DID YOU KNOW?

General William T. Sherman, the sixth of eleven children left behind to cope with the death of his father in 1829, moved into his neighbor’s home becoming one of the family due to the financial struggle now placed on his mother, Mary (Holt) Sherman.

Now in the care, informally adopted, of his father’s neighbor and friend, Thomas Ewing, William grew a fond connection with Mr. Ewing’s daughter Eleanor Boyle Ewing, known as Ellen, his informal foster-sister, and they wed on May 1, 1850, in Washington, D.C.

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Another incident involved an inmate striking the superintendent across the head with a bar used to stack hay, in 1924. Later it surfaced that the inmate took the opportunity to act in retaliation as Superintendent Floyd Hummel took pleasure in regularly beating inmates in the front yard and across the road working the field callous to witnesses passing by.

Thought to be revolutionary treatments and innovative exercises at the time, actually induced cruel and extensive punishments leading to disfiguration, complication, and in severe cases – death.

A dungeon upstairs detained those who refused to obey the house rules, placing them in chains against the wall, quarantined from the adjacent quarters where travelers stayed. While working to earn their keep they attempted to suffocate the screams of those incarcerated. Another jail cell remained below where 24-hour isolation demanded rules be followed.

With the ability to lose yourself to the many levels and corridors, the property housed an active funeral parlor, the morgue shared with the city, an asylum, orphanage, and haven for weary travelers and transients.

Before the property across the road

sold in the 1960 decade to make way for the Ohio University to expand with its remote campus, the farmland yielded crop to provide for the inhabitants’ food and a source of income until its funding faded. As the funding dried up so did the care as the inmates faced abuse, mistreatment, and malnourishment, unleashing the dark, eerie energies that stain the walls and plague the halls from the evil demeanor of the doctors and nurses left behind.

The Gorsuch company attempted to purchase the property, however upon conducting their surveying tests, they realized raising another building on the property showed many impossibilities from their findings. Underneath the ground displayed dots almost resembling a grid in rows. They later discovered the dots were actually skulls as the dead were buried vertically to relieve the grave digger the task of excavating such a large section of earth for burial preparations. It is believed there are over 1,200 persons buried in the cemetery with an additional 1,600 buried behind it in another section. This defends the stories of the “unrested” dead since they are standing and not laid to rest underneath the earth.

Upon the abandonment of the property in May 1985, the remaining sixteen inmates were now forced to facilities where care surrounded them until their days’ end or were forced to find their own way in the world.

Granville Pike in Lancaster, transitioned to county offices for a time after installation of proper equipment to accommodate its new purpose. The structure succumbed to atrophy where abandonment left it to hold tight its mysteries for the next seven years until Adam Kimmell rescued it from its own estrangement to preserve the history and stories saturating the structure.

Once Adam took over the property a former worker of the Clarence E. Miller building, as it was known after the 1986 renovations, stopped to give his personal encounter of the property, explaining he worked there between 2000-2004. He mentioned that the third-floor cell imprisoned 10-14 mentally ill patients against their will. The screams persisted throughout the workday as he attempted to drown them out just twenty years ago.

Kimmell further explained when the undertaker drained the deceased to preserve the body after death, the formaldehyde drained into the local water supply through the active stream below the building, poisoning local residents. The stream remains active today.

Adam Kimmell hopes to preserve this ancient relic of Fairfield County’s history and gives tours through the night to see what may linger about once the sun fades into the night and the darkness steers its guests.



The book cover for "ACT.IV.ATE: THE BOOK" by Joseph R. McFarland. It features a silhouette of a person in a hooded cloak holding a glowing blue and red power button symbol. The title "ACT.IV.ATE" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with "THE BOOK" underneath. The tagline "CLAIMING FULL ACCESS IN A DEACTIVATED WORLD" is at the bottom, followed by the author's name "Joseph R. McFarland".

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YOUNG STANLEY PRATT
Courtesy of FindAGrave.com

Pratt taught within several school systems including forty-two years at the Lancaster High School from 1931 to 1965 with a specialty in American History.

When the contest initiated for a new design of the American flag due to Alaska and Hawaii joining the states, Pratt put his students to work on challenging them to construct the next design. That design materialized into the flag we solute today from the original design of his pupil, Robert Heft, in his 1957 class.

Honored for his outstanding ability

as a teacher and jurist, Pratt found himself recognized in 1994 when added to the Lancaster High School Hall of Fame.

While teaching at the Lancaster High School, Stanley resided at 635 Garfield Avenue remaining local and attending many speaking engagements. The *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* mentioned his speech, “*We Met the Enemy and Made Friends*,”he delivered on Tuesday, May 29 at 9:30 am, in the South school auditorium, at the commencement exercises for 96 eighth grade students – the class of 1956.

Stanley Pratt was a member of the

Ohio State Bar and Fairfield County Bar associations.

Locally he attended First United Methodist as a member for over fifty years and the Olivedale Senior Citizens Center.

Stanley Franklin Pratt passed away twenty-five years ago today on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, at the Fairfield Medical Center at 92. Frank E. Smith Funeral Home arranged the event as Rev. R. Robert Kimes officiated the funeral followed by interment at the local Forest Rose Cemetery where his remains were placed to rest.



STANLEY PRATT with other grange officers as they attend the 4th Annual County Banquet
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PVT. EDWARD RAY MOYER Portrait
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WORLD WAR I - BREMEN – Saturday, April 29, 1893, Edward Cyrus Moyer and Mary Almeda Hoshor celebrated the birth of their child, Edward Ray Moyer, in Rushcreek Township, Ohio, near Rushville.

In 1917, Edward registered for the war and on his Registration Card listed his occupation as a farm laborer and noted his personal traits as medium height composed of dark brown hair and blue eyes.

Edward’s soldier roster displayed his accomplishments starting with joining the ERC Columbus Barracks when called to active duty on July 17, 1917, noted from Bremen, Ohio. His military career listed the following: Company E, 10th Regiment Engineers until November 12, 1918, then 36 Co. 20th Regiment

VALUED VETERANS AND HEROES

PVT. EDWARD RAY MOYER
29 APR 1893 - 17 MAR 1919
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“HE GAVE HIS TODAY FOR OUR TOMORROW”

Engineers until February 18, 1919, then 6 Co. 2nd Regiment Training Battalion 158 Depot Brigade until his death.

He ranked as private as of approximately August 25, 1917 and joined the AEF that same year on September 10th. He remained there until returning home when he caught scarlet fever. During his departure back to the states, his mother was notified as he left France January 28, 1919, and arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey on February 9th.

The American Expeditionary Forces, A.E.F., formed on July 5, 1917 in France under the command of Gen. John J. Pershing as a formation on the Western Front of World War I for the United States Army.

Bronchial pneumonia developed after an attack of scarlet fever and claimed private Moyer at 20:07 hours on St. Patrick’s Day, Monday, March 17, 1919, one and a half months before his 26th birthday, after returning to Camp Sherman from overseas a few weeks ago.

He breathed his last at Camp Sherman due to the attack of pneumonia after serving twenty months overseas with the 10th regiment Engineers Rainbow division. Contributing to the multiple primary causes noted on his death certificate, there listed first,

bronchopneumonia affected the right lung, causing inflammation and infection. This type of pneumonia specifically targets the lung’s tiny air sacs known as alveoli. Second, pleurisy effusion corrupted the left lung, an inflammation of the pleura, where a fluid buildup between the lungs and chest causes excessive pain when inhaling and exhaling due to poor circulation with the heart.

His interment commenced in the Grandview Cemetery on March 20th, located in Bremen after a funeral service honoring his life at Bremen Presbyterian Church at 10:00.



MOYER Tombstone - Grandview Cemetery
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In the name of God. Amen. I, Michael Hiestand of the County of Fairfield and State of Ohio being now in ill health of body but of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, blessed be almighty God for His mercy and goodness towards me in this and in all other particulars considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof: and being desiring to settle my worldly affairs and to make a proper disposition of the Estate both real and personal which by the good will and pleasure of the Lord hath been acquired by me do therefore now make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First – I command my soul by the maker of Heaven and Earth and my body to the Dust out of which it was formed to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner.

Second – I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Grace, two cows and one heifer, her choice of the best cattle, one horse her choice, six sheep her choice and fifteen hogs her choice. Also the clock, cupboard, all the bedsteads and bedding with all the household and kitchen furniture as long as she continues to be my widow, but provided she should be married it (the property) shall be equally divided into four parts and for my wife, Luranney, Mary, and Susanna shall cast lots which is to have first choice and the balance not mentioned herein shall be appraised and sold (that is all the personal property) at public vendue, and of the sum it shall sell

for my said wife shall have the third part after my just debts are paid out of it and the balance be equally divided between my three daughters.

Thirdly – My will is that Mary and Susanna shall be furnished with the same amount of personal property that my daughter Lurrany got from home when she commenced housekeeping that they will be sat out or furnished with those goods when they need it or before the property is divided.

Fourthly – I will and bequeath to my aforesaid wife, Grace, the East Eighty-acre lot of the farm in Fairfield County she is to have full possession thereof as long as she likes it being the place where we now live on.

Fifthly – I will to my youngest child Susanna the West Eighty-acre lot also in Fairfield County and as soon as she arrives at the age of twenty-one or

whenever she shall be married to take full and sole possession as long as she lives. And the East Eighty-acres willed to my said wife after her death shall also fall to Susanna and she and her (if any) to have full possession and control of the aforesaid farm as long as they or eight of them shall live. After their deaths it shall fall into the hands of her bodily heirs if she has any, if she has no children it shall fall into the hands of my daughters named Lurrany and Mary and their heirs.

Fifthly – I will to my daughter Lurrany and her husband the two-hundred-acre farm lying in Licking County as long as they or either of them shall live to have full possession and control thereof with the exception that as long as my wife remains my widow they if she desire shall give her the third of all the grain that is raised on their farm. And after their deaths it (the farm) shall fall to Luranny’s bodily heirs if she has any then living, if none, it shall fall to Mary and Susanna and their heirs.

They shall however not pay or give the third of the grain the first five years from this date.

Sixthly – I will that my daughter Mary shall have when twenty-one or is married the two hundred acre lying in Franklin County as long as she and her husband (if any) live shall have full possession and control as long as they or either of them shall live, with exception that my wife if still my widow is to have the third of all the grain that is raised on their farms if she desires it, if she be no more my widow she is not to have any share from Mary or Lurrany farms then as before Mary’s bodily heirs if any shall have the farm: after their deaths if she has no children, Lurrany and Susanna shall possess the farm their heirs.


And lastly – I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Grace Hiestand, to be the executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments formally made by me. In testimony which I have herewith set my

hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-two. Michael Hiestand.

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by the said witnesses to testator as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have signed our names the same – Tobias Hiestand, Jacob Pickering, Jacob Hampton Pickering, David H. Pickering, and Jacob Pickering and Jacob Hampton Pickering of the subscribing witnesses of said will being duly sworn in open Court deposed any said that at the time said will was executed said testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding of full age and under no restraint. That he fully understood the tenor and perpert thereof: that they attested said will at the request of said testator in his presence and in the presence of each other. Where upon their testimony

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Genealogy Tip

RECORDING ALL CHILDREN

Prior to the 20th century men and women mostly married young between the ages of 18 and 25 after their courtship. Typically, children shortly followed thereafter adding to the family

and the spacing between births were between one to three years. Women also had children up into their early forties. It’s important to note that when researching a family to ensure all the

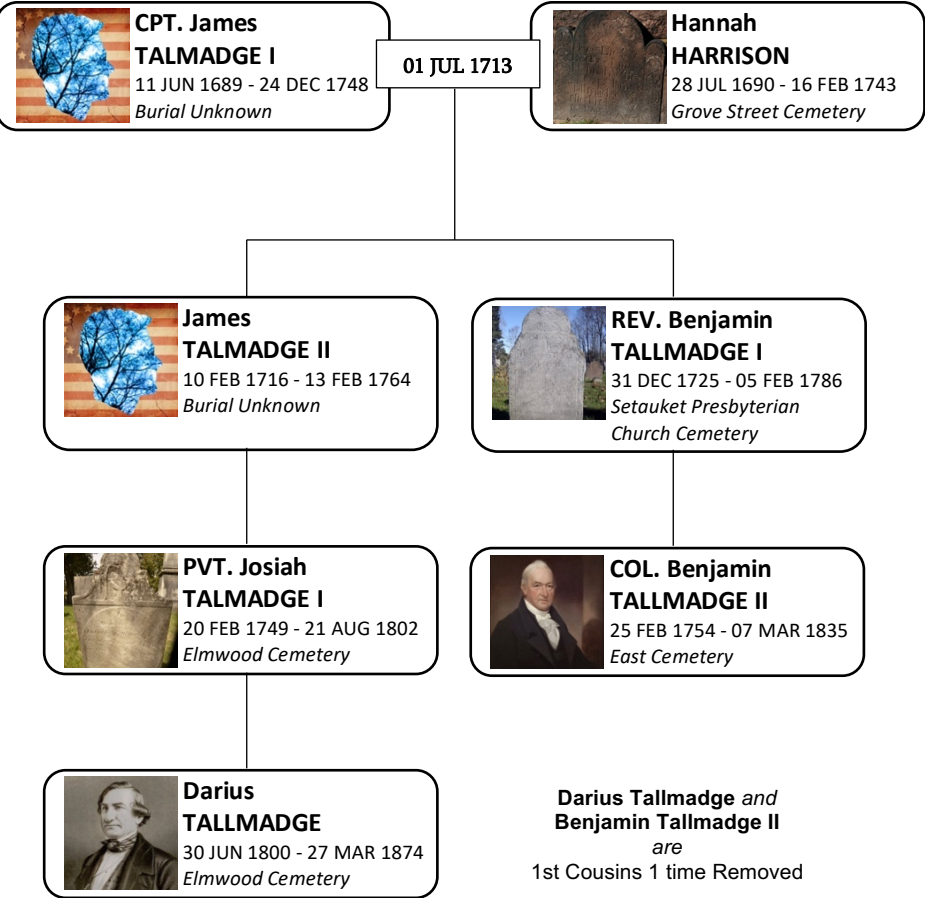
children are accounted for making sure not to miss a child. At times families were known to have infant deaths and stillborn babies due to the harsh conditions and plagues of disease.

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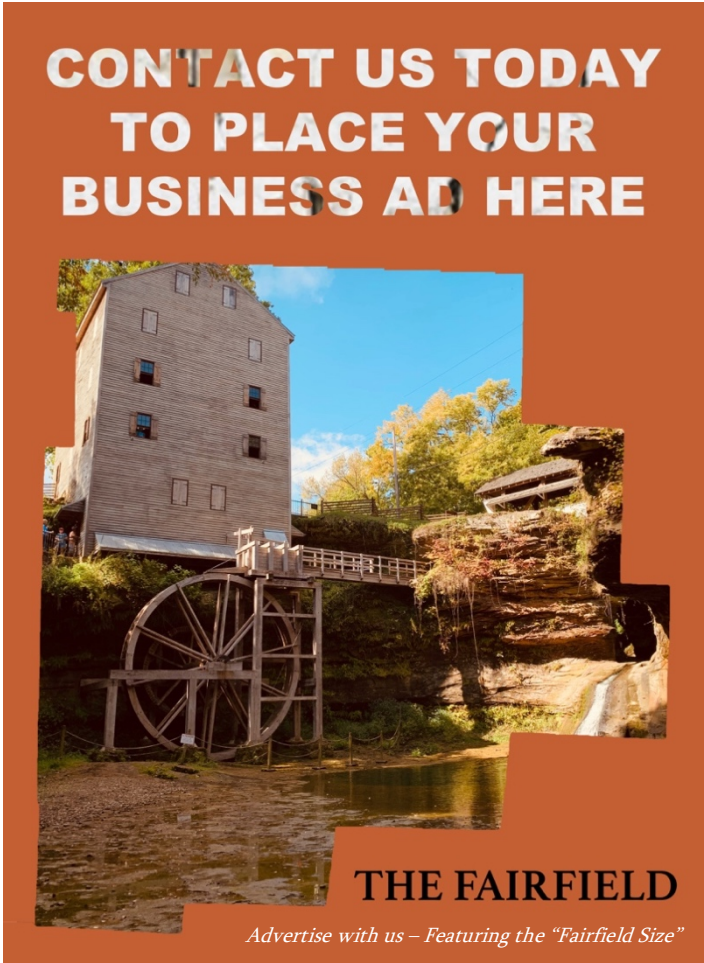
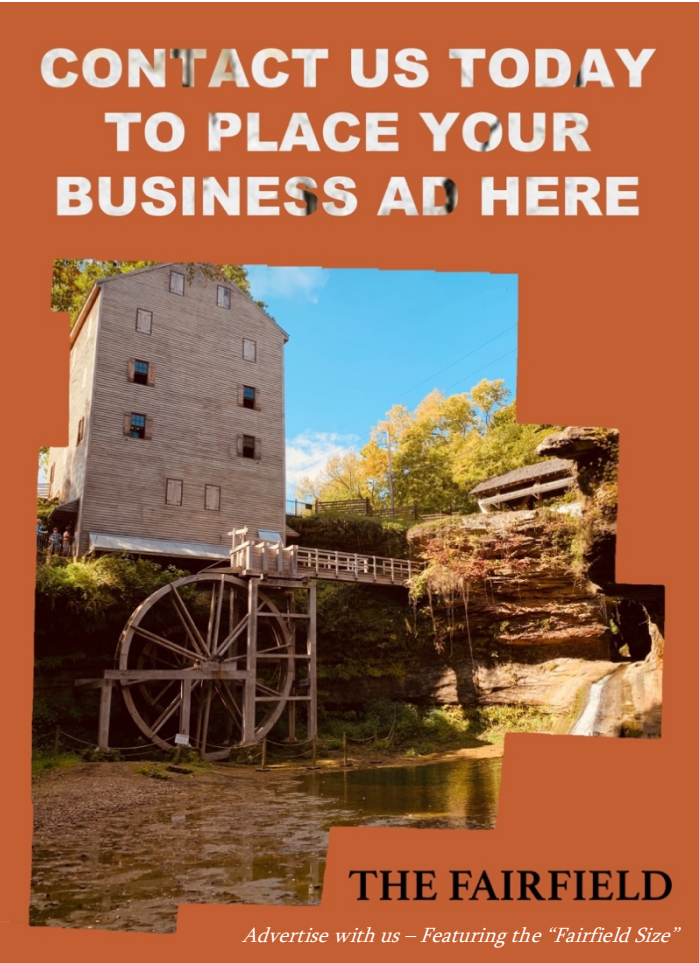
DARIUS TALLMADGE CLOSELY RELATED TO GEN. WASHINGTON’S REVOLUTIONARY CULPER SPY RING

Benjamin Tallmadge fought alongside Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War. His knowledge of Long Island made him indispensable, as Gen. Washington bestowed the task upon him to form the six spy Culper Ring.



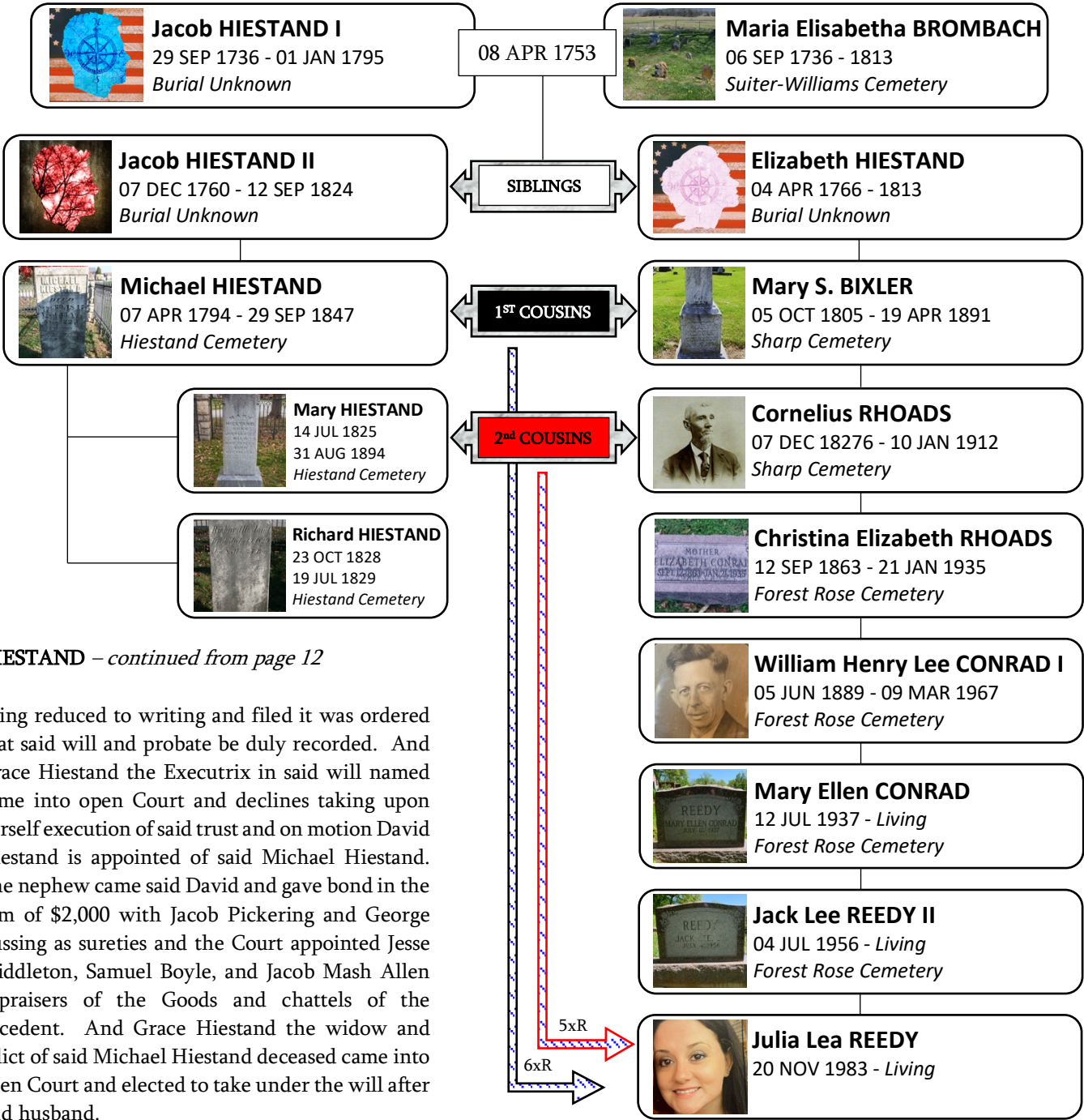
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being reduced to writing and filed it was ordered that said will and probate be duly recorded. And Grace Hiestand the Executrix in said will named came into open Court and declines taking upon herself execution of said trust and on motion David Hiestand is appointed of said Michael Hiestand. The nephew came said David and gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 with Jacob Pickering and George Tussing as sureties and the Court appointed Jesse Middleton, Samuel Boyle, and Jacob Mash Allen appraisers of the Goods and chattels of the decedent. And Grace Hiestand the widow and relict of said Michael Hiestand deceased came into open Court and elected to take under the will after said husband.

Will taken exactly from extracted file from Ancestry.com

CEMETERY SALUTE

Hiestand Cemetery Pickerington, Ohio

A small family burial ground remains intact within the borders of Violet Township in Pickerington, Ohio. A center piece to the cul-de-sac of the Summerfield neighborhood, located off Harmon Road, the four surviving tombstones stand as a reminder of the old Hiestand family farm that once occupied the land.

A developer purchased the land in the late 1990s with the sole intent to

build a sub-division of homes promising to leave the cemetery safely unharmed. The company removed the tombstones to ensure their integrity so their placement may not match exactly where their remains lie. Before they re-installed the tombstones they removed the fence, sandblasted it, and rebuilt it surrounding the tombstones united with new stone columns at each corner.


The township remains thankful for the historical preservation as many developers typically remove the remains of the deceased and relocate them to rest elsewhere.

The remaining four tombstones belong to Michael and Grace (Pickering) Hiestand and their two children: Mary and Richard. Grace is Abraham Pickering's younger sister, who founded the city of Pickerington.



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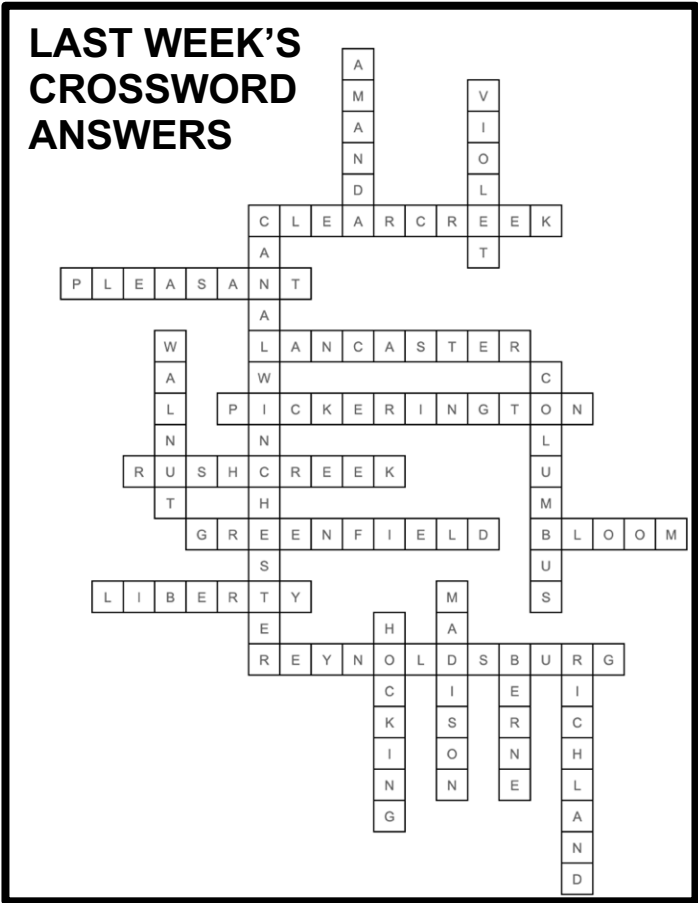
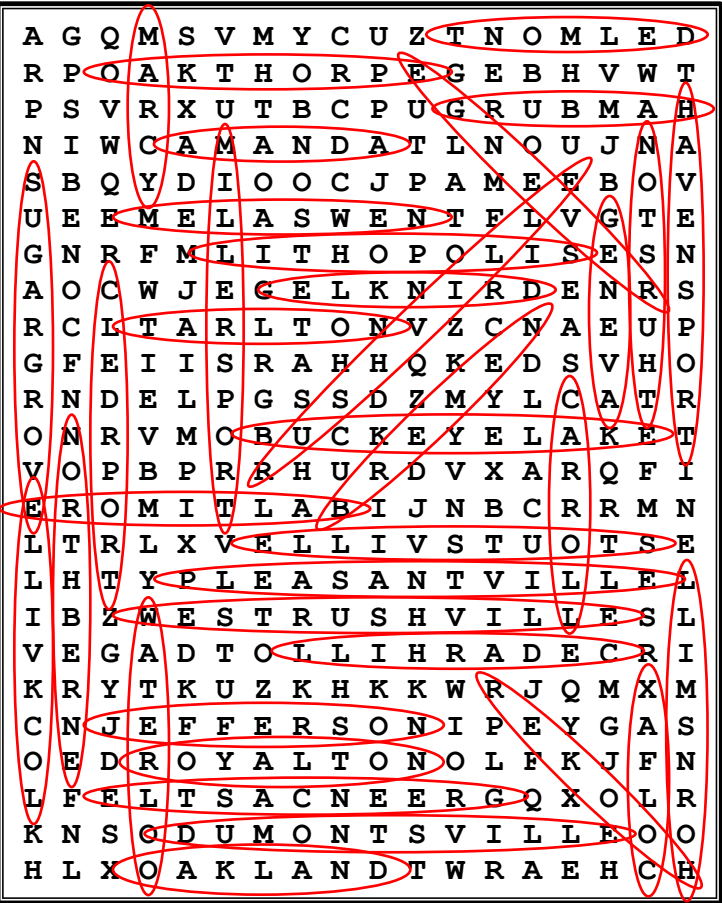
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Paving Tomorrow

Across

1

Last week's ACT.IV.ATE Bible verse found in this book.

7

Restored Martha Washington's Bible.

9

Added to the 1850 Census along with birthplaces.

10

President George Washington's wife.

11

City where Ebenezer donated Zane's Square for public use.

12

First President of the United States.

13

_____ G. Heft.

14

General Lee's daughter.

16

Regarded first settler of Fairfield County.

18

Symbol of freedom flying, designed by Heft.

19

Ending point to Zane's Trace.

Down

2

Founder of Lancaster, Zanesville, & Chillicothe.

3

Served in the Colored Infantry during the Civil War.

4

County founded December 9, 1800.

5

Trail etched out from West Virginia to Kentucky.

6

Painted the "The Crucifixion" in Logan, from Sugar Grove.

8

City where Zane's Trace starts.

15

Cemetery where Joseph Hunter is buried.

17

Anna Maria James's maiden name who lived at 529 E. Walnut Street in Lancaster, Ohio.

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Darius

Edward Moyer

Engineer

Forest

Franklin

Grace

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Infirmary

Josiah

Margaret

Methodist

Pickering

Pratt

Private

Robert Heft

Rose

Sharp

Spy

Stagecoach

Stanley

Tallmadge

World War

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