

STORIES BETWEEN THE DASH
PART II

More in depth research and where to look.

- Newspapers
- Church records
- Club records
- Magazines, business journals and periodicals
- University archives
- Historical Societies
- County Histories and Biographical Records
- Wikipedia

Where to begin finding useful articles

- Learn what you can about the locale where your ancestors lived and what is available. This is where a local historical society can lend assistance.
- Local library resources
- Available content on the internet
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Example: University Archives

- Norah Carr 1869 – 1962
- m:
- Frank G. Carpenter 1871 – 1959
- “norah carr” and “frank g. carpenter” and
- [Carpenter-Richardson Family Papers - Archives West \(orbiscascade.org\)](http://orbiscascade.org)

The findings:

[Carpenter-Richardson Family Papers, 1880-1972](#)

Overview of the Collection

Creator

Carpenter family

Title

Carpenter-Richardson Family Papers

Dates

1880-1972 (inclusive)

Quantity

8 Linear feet of shelf space, (16 Boxes)

Collection Number

Cage 171 (collection)

Summary

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County History Example:

- Wade Jefferson Beyerly 1861 – 1945
- Wade J. Beyerly biography
- 1917
- A Standard History of Ross County, Ohio
- Pages 624-626 The Lewis Publishing Company Chicago and New York

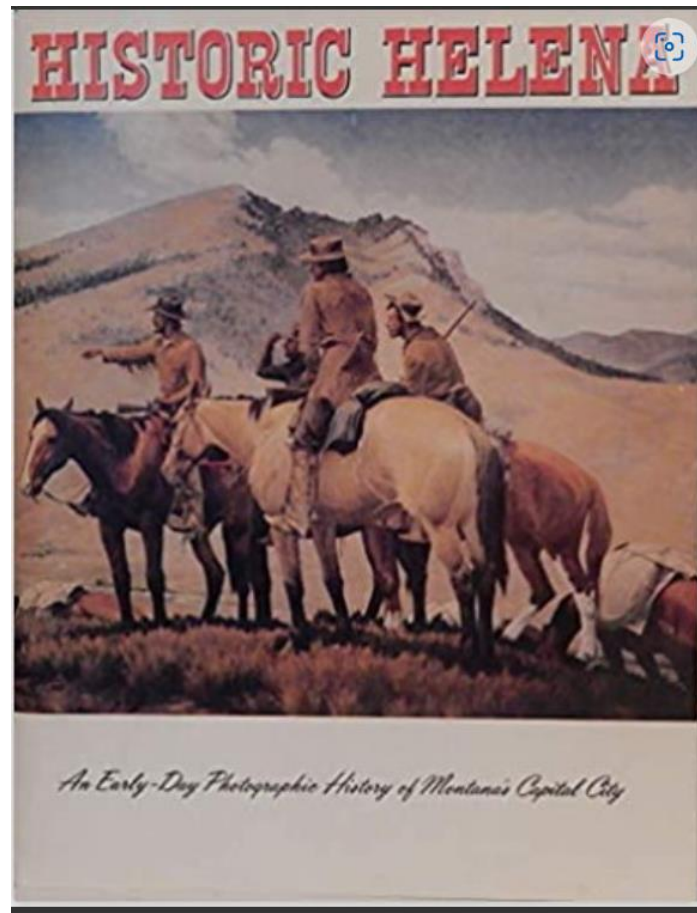
The findings:

- A man of high mental attainments, energetic and progressive, Wade J. Beyerly is widely and favorably known not only as a successful attorney of Chillicothe, but as an educator of prominence, having been identified with the schools of Ross and other counties, either as superintendent or principal, for many years. A native of Ross County, he was born May 25, 1861, in Union Township, a son of Andrew J. Beyerly, and grandson of Michael Beyerly, a pioneer settler of Chillicothe.
- Casper Beyerly, the great grandfather of Wade J. Beyerly, was born in Germany in 1727, and as a young man came to America, sailing from Bremen, and after a voyage of several weeks landing in Philadelphia. A few years later he left that city, removing with his family to Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, where both he and his wife, Katrina, spent their last years. His sons, Jacob and Caspar, settled in Harrisburg. Several of the children of his son Jacob, and a daughter of his son Caspar, came to Ohio to live, while a daughter, Betsey, married a Mr. Wibely, and located in Chillicothe.
- Michael Beyerly, was born March 14, 1774, in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and as a youth learned the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship at the time all shoes were custom made. In 1804, accompanied by his family, he came to Chillicothe, journeying with wagon to Pittsburg, thence down the Ohio River, and up the Scioto, by flatboat. Soon after his arrival, he opened an inn on the site now occupied by the Carson House, South Paint Street, and also established a shoe shop. As there were neither railroads or canals for many years thereafter, all produce was shipped down the rivers on flatboats, and he took several boat loads of flour, grain and pork down the Ohio, Scioto and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. Prosperous in business, he continued a resident of this city until his death in 1841. During the War of 1812, he served three enlistments, first as a minute-man, then as a substitute, and the third as a volunteer. He married Anna Miller, who was born in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1781, and died in Chillicothe, of cholera, September 1, 1833. She reared eight children.
- Born in Chillicothe, November 11, 1815, Andrew J. Beyerly learned the sadler's trade when young, and subsequently followed it as a journeyman in different places. Starting on his own account in New Holland, Ohio, he remained there until 1856, when he located on the old Fulton homestead, in Union Township, Ross County, a part of the farm having come to his wife by inheritance. He then bought out the interests of the remaining heirs, and was there prosperously engaged in farming and stock-raising until his death, in August, 1890. The home farm is still owned by his children, it having been held in the family upwards of a century. The maiden name of the wife of Andrew J. Beyerly was Susan Fulton. She was born May 10, 1834, on the home farm in Union Township, a daughter of William Fulton, and granddaughter of John A. Fulton, one of the very early settlers of Chillicothe. Her great-grandparents, Willian and Susanna (Keys) Fulton, came from England to America in colonial days, settling in Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the Brandywine, where both spent the remainder of their years, his death occurring March 2, 1785. Both are buried in the Ostorn graveyard, near the Doe Run Meeting House, in that county. John A. Fulton, the great-grandfather of Wade J. Beyerly, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1769, and while young received excellent educational advantages. In 1795, as a civil engineer, he came to the Northwest Territory, and assisted General Massie in the surveying of a large portion of the Virginia Military District. Going back to Pennsylvania in 1800, he remained there two years, and in 1802 returned to Ross County with his family, locating in Chillicothe, on the northeast corner of Main Street and the Ohio Canal. He taught school, and also followed his profession of a civil engineer, taking a contract with the Government to survey the line between Indiana and Ohio, south of Fort Recovery. He was much interested in astronomy, and was the owner of two fine telescopes, which in his will he devised to the Chillicothe High School, where one of the lenses is still preserved. A staunch (sp) democrat in politics, he was prominent in public affairs, and served as one of the first mayors of the city. He resided in Chillicothe, an honored and respected citizen, until his death in 1841. His wife, whose maiden name was Lavina Irving, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, in 1773, and died in 1841, in Chillicothe. William Fulton, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born, reared and educated in Chester County, Pennsylvania, becoming a civil engineer. In that capacity, he, with William Henry Harrison, and others, surveyed the state line, the contract for which was taken by his father. He and his father made a speciality of locating lands for the Revolutionary soldiers who had secured land warrants, and through the buying up of warrants acquired several thousand acres of Ohio lands. Locating in Union Township, Ross County, after his marriage, he devoted his time and energies to the improvement of his farm, which he occupied until his death, January 29, 1876. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Loofbourrow, was born November 2, 1792, a daughter of David and Lavina (Gaskell) Loofbourrow, natives of Pennsylvania, and pioneers of Fayette County, Ohio. She died July 29, 1853. She was a woman of deep religious convictions, being an ardent Baptist in her beliefs. She was a mother of thirteen children, Helen; Mary; John W.; William; David R; Jefferson; Lavina; Henry and Margaret, twins; Samuel L.; Wade; Catherine; and Susan. Mrs. Andrew J. Beyerly survived her husband, dying December 1, 1914. She reared seven children, namely; Eliza; Michael Irwin; Wade J.; Lucy E.; Kate L; Grace; and Wallace F.
- Having obtained his preliminary education in the rural schools, Wade J. Beyerly attended the Chillicothe High School a part of one year, after which he took a normal course in James H. Poe's private school. For a number of years he devoted his time to teaching, his first school having been in his home district. He was subsequently school superintendent many terms, having charge of the schools at Richmondale and Bainbridge, in Ross County; in Zaleski, Vinton County; at West Jefferson, Madison County; and at New Richmond, Clermont County; and for ten years was principal of the Western District School in Chillicothe. In the meanwhile, Mr. Beyerly had devoted his leisure to the study of law, and in 1900 was admitted to the bar. He began practice of his profession in 1901, but likewise continued teaching until 1911, when he gave up his pedagogical work, and has since given his attention to the practice of law, his patronage having so increased as to demand all of his time.
- Mr. Beyerly married, in 1886, Anna Harmount, who was born in Deerfield Township, a daughter of Robert and Sarah E. Harmount. She died in 1889, and the two children born of their union died in infancy. Mr. Beyerly married for his second wife, in 1891, Artie M. Sigler, who was born in Jefferson Township, a daughter of Jacob and Smanatha (Leach) Sigler. Mr. and Mrs. Beyerly have nine children, namely; Clare N., who married Josephine Faulkner; Esther G.; Ellen S.; Harold S.; Anna Dorothy; Wade J., Jr.; Irwin F.; Grace; and Robert F. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Beyerly are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Beyerly has been a consistent democrat since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He is a tee-totaler; a strong advocate of temperance; and is secretary of the Dry Confederation of Ross County. Fraternally he is a member of Bainbridge Lodge, No. 196, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; and of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters.
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Magazines – Periodicals Example:

- John William Schroeder 1906 – 1979
- Historic Helena
- 1964
- Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana
- An Early Day Photographic History of Montana's Scenic Capital City - John W. Schroeder contributed many of the photographs in the book

The booklet



Newspaper articles

- Cynthia Ann Parrish 1846 – 1924
- Otterbein Home History
- 19 Sep 2012
- Journal-News Butler County, Ohio

The Findings:

- Otterbein Home was founded 100 years ago
- Sept 19, 2012
- By
- Roger Miller, Contributing Writer
- On May 17, 1913, the General Conference of the United Brethren Church gave official approval to the establishment of Otterbein home on the Shaker lands four miles west of Lebanon. That action was expected, as the church had purchased the vast acreage, 4,005 acres, on Oct. 15, 1912 — making 1912 the official date of Otterbein Home’s founding.
- The purchase of the land and its buildings was a happy coincidence, the result of the efforts of two Christian men, Dr. James M. Phillippi and James H. Fennessey. Dr. Phillippi was an associate editor of the Religious Telescope, a publication of the United Brethren Church. Upon the suggestion of Granville Hixson, one of the employees of Otterbein Press, Dayton, whose aunt lived at the Shaker community, he decided to visit the Christian group to obtain material for a feature article in the church paper. The visit took place on Aug. 9, 1912, and the article was published in the Sept. 1 paper.
- Phillippi’s main contact at Union Village was James H. Fennessey. He was in poor health but still a keen businessman, having advanced through many jobs at Union Village until being appointed legal trustee in 1898. With a dwindling number of members, Fennessey moved all remaining Shakers into one family. He was able to pay off debts, turn a profit and accumulate a bank account of \$125,000. However, he realized that Union Village could not continue. The Shakers wanted the land to remain, according to the original intent of the early Christian farmers who gave the land to the Shaker community, for use in humanitarian purposes.
- Dr. Phillippi was the first to become aware of the possibilities of securing the property for use as an orphanage and old people’s home. Since Dr. Phillippi was raised by his mother in a very poor home, he vowed in his youth he would start an orphan’s home. His plan for an orphanage and home for the aged appealed to the Shakers, so they agreed to sell to the church the complex for \$325,000. The United Brethren church agreed the Shakers could remain on the grounds as long as they wished.
- On Oct. 14, 1912, Dr. Phillippi and Dr. W.R. Funk called together James M. Cox, William H. Washinger, Frederick H. Rike, Jay M. Cogan and G. M. Mathews. They agreed to act as incorporators and trustees for the proposed institution. After an inspection tour of the property the next day, a contract was signed that day to buy the property.
- Dr. and Mrs. J.R. King became the first superintendent and matron, and were charged with the task of supervising the remodeling of the building, of establishing the policies and activities of the home and of developing the ongoing program of the new institution. They were to do this with limited funds.
- Mrs. J.R. King once related that they “moved from Dayton to Otterbein Home in March of 1913. The trip to Otterbein Home was at that time a very difficult matter. They made the trip by horse and buggy.”
- The understanding that the Kings had when they arrived was that no children would be taken into the home for a year, but the demands for a place for children were very high. A short time after their arrival, children began to be admitted. When the first children arrived, there were no sheets for the beds, so Mrs. King used some of her own.
- **The first adult to enter the home was Miss Cynthia Parish of West Alexandria, Ohio. She was admitted on April 3, 1913.** The first children were Carl, Russell and Leona Shimer, from Carey, Ohio. At the same time, the three sons of William Dickensheets were admitted. Both the young and old were housed in a building known as the Boy’s Building. In October 1914, the Old People’s Home was ready. One of the first things done at the home was the organizing a church. In 1915, church membership was 47 people.
- Held April 28, 1915, the third annual board meeting recommended the establishment of a creamery, the erection of a power plant, the remodeling of the old post office building for establishing the home for Missionaries’ Children, provision for better and additional school facilities and a more constructive approach to the home’s debt.
- Growing from that small start, what is known as Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Choices today is made up of five lifestyle communities — Cridersville, Lebanon, North Shore, Portage Valley and St. Marys; and five skilled nursing and rehab neighborhoods — Middletown, Mainville, Monclova, Perrysburg and Springboro. They also provide home health services.
- The childcare program ended in 1963, but since then Otterbein Home has provided care for the aging population. In a newspaper article (April 25, 2012), Dan Sack, Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Choice charitable gift planner, said, “We are looking to honor our past, recognize the vision of today and look down the road to tomorrow.” That may well be 100 more years.

Wikipedia example:

- Joseph Aloysius McGinty 1877 – 1945 (my ancestor)
- First part from a City Directory of Chillicothe, Ohio (1926)

**R. L. POLK
& CO.**
Polk Directory
Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

McGill Geo A (Roma) lab East End Park & Grove Co
h301 Riverside
McGill Lillian G emp Segal-Schadel Co r301 Riverside
McGill Tressie Mrs cook F C Mansfield
McGill Virgil M lab r301 Riverside
McGinnis Charlotte W h243 W 2d
McGinty Jos A (Marie K) blksmith r123 Church
McGinty Jos A (Ada E) driver Stocklin & Herrnstein
h100 Prospect

This is where it helps to know some history:

Albert E. Herrnstein

American football coach



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Albert Ernest Herrnstein was an American football player and coach. He played at the University of Michigan as a halfback and end from 1899 to 1902 and was the head football coach at the Haskell India...

Born August 15, 1882 · Chillicothe, Ohio, U.S.
Died August 14, 1958 (aged 75) · Chillicothe, Ohio, U.S.
Position(s) Halfback, end
Overall 49–15–2

The Findings:

- Since my ancestor was about the same age as Albert Herrnstein and they lived in the same town and my ancestor was a driver for Stocklin & Herrnstein, did they know one another?
- Could their paths have crossed? Did they talk football?

Church records example:

- John Egidius Hecker 1726 – 1773

[Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013](#)

SUMMARY OF BAPTISMS

Rev. John Egidius Hecker	32	Rev. Caspar Wack	130
Rev. John Daniel Gross	10	Rev. John Herman Winkhaus	62
Entered by unknown hands	5	Rev. John Mann	115
Rev. Christopher Gobrecht	5	Rev. John Henry Hoffmeier	164
Rev. Nicholas Pomp	9	Rev. Thomas Pomp	529
Rev. John Theobald Feber	3	Rev. Samuel Helffenstein	80
Rev. John William Pythan	37	Rev. Jacob Christian Becker	<u>55</u>
		Total	1,236

Additional findings:

A history of the Tohickon Union Church, Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

A certificate, dated June 1751, was in existence till recently in Allentown, in the hands of one of his descendants,²³ which showed that John Egidius had studied in the University of Herborn. The matriculation book of the university, covering this period, is unfortunately lost, so that the exact time when he entered Herborn can no longer be determined.

Hecker emigrated to Pennsylvania and landed in Philadelphia in the ship "Neptune," Captain James Wier, from Rotterdam via Cowes, on September 23, 1751. On October 23, 1752, he appeared before the Reformed Coetus of Pennsylvania, at its meeting in Lancaster. The minutes state (p. 76):

"A certain young man was present by the name of Hecker, who arrived in this country last year, and has begun to preach without ordination. He requested that he might be examined and ordained by us, so that hereafter he might go on laboring with honor and quietness of conscience in his so-called congregations. He received this answer, that although he might produce good testimonials, our

Historical Society example:

- Sherman Hobert Roe 1905 – 1988
- White Lake (Wisconsin) Historical Society photograph

The photo



Yard workers Joe Bordeau, Sherman Roe, Bob Boyd and Tom Hansen took time out from their stacking job in the yard to pose for this 1928 picture. They like to stack the piles high but carefully to get maximum drying. The average pile was 14,000 board feet. The aisles of the piles were at an angle to the prevailing winds. There was a space of two feet between each pile and the alleys were about ten feet wide. Maple and birch were seasoned for 60-90 days, while hemlock was seasoned 30-60 days.

Your next adventures begins where??

- Set aside time for research
- Document, print and save what you find
- Use the language of the era in which your ancestor lived to make the reading more relatable
- Identify your ancestor as a “Noteworthy” find
- Don’t fabricate your findings, however, use what you find to relate that information to other important events or happenings in the same vicinity as your ancestor

Talk it out

- Could he have...
- Would she have known ...
- Where did they live
- As time passes was the information lost?
- Was the story oral and later written?

Bring those ancestors to life

- Photos, paintings, sketches
- Descriptions
- Make them account for their actions
- Draw a timeline
- Investigate your findings and see if the results are plausible
- Last and not least – SHARE what you have found with others

SHARE

- If your local historical society does not have a copy of some of your family papers, make a copy and donate.
- Give a written short story to children, grandchildren and others and ask for their feedback and input. Did they find it interesting?
- Write an article for your local historical society newsletter, Facebook page or website.
- Include your information so that others may follow up with you.

The dash -

- It seems insignificant, but when you open up the pages of history the stories are there waiting to be found and retold.
- You are making your dash now. Create a journal. Save important papers, photos and articles about your life.
- Create a chronology of all the things you have done and what you thought was important for others to remember.
- What will your dash reveal about you?