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without a President, at the end of which time the Rev. J. H. chosen by the board as President, and still continues to hold. The first board was John S. Eversole, Erastus Bogle, White, John Danison and John H. Huston. John Danison account of moving from the community. The present same as the original, except White and Danison, with Rev. and Dr. Holland additional. Miss Mary Miller of Con- was the first Principal, who continued four years. Rev. second Principal, and continued one year, and afterward, Prof. H. F. Acker, one year; Prof. D. W. Parks, one Elijah Burgess, one year; Prof. D. W. Parks, one year; Rutledge, one year; Prof. Hastings, one year; and now, Frank Murch. For the first six years they employed an as- which time but one instructor has been employed. Upon they have graduated about seven persons each year. It is to say, that the Rev. White, who became the first Presi- main mover in establishing the academy. The communi- good patronage, and is much benefited by this institution, small.

The first mill was built upon Jonathan's Creek, and where now stands, by a man by the name of Hendricks, in an soon at least as 1820; it was one of the first water mills in. Here they did sawing and all kinds of grinding. In he mill was re-built, which continued in use until 1880, hinery was removed to Hebron, in Licking county, Ohio, after was destroyed by fire. The frame is still standing but is of no use.

built upon the western edge of the township, a few years ks built, also upon Jonathan's Creek, by Asa Dolson. a saw and grist mill, and was in use until about 1862. no mill in operation in the township.

This township has two post offices, one at Mount Perry and one at Sego. Mount Perry at first was a natural collection of houses around Hendricks' mill and John Guysinger's blacksmith shop, both of whom had their dwellings here. Nathan Melick bought the mill, built and kept a store, and laid out the first lots, east of Main street. James Hayes bought the first lot that was sold, and George Curry bought the second one. They both built upon the lots and lived in the town, about 1828. In 1876, John Danison laid out the Danison addition, west of Main street, and sold the lots. It is now a town of about one hundred and ten inhabitants, has an academy, three churches, two stores and a post office. The post office was established over fifty years ago, with Nathan Melick as post master, and at that time received mail once a week from Somerset. They now have tri-weekly mails from Chalfant's Station, a place about three miles west on the B. & O. R. R. Mount Perry is about three miles north from the Zanesville, Somerset and Maysville Pike, and near the center of the township. Is beautifully located on Jonathan's Creek. It is said that everybody in Mount Perry are on friendly terms, which speaks wonders in its praise.

ersert church, and October 22d, 1865, the trustees met at the old parsonage, nearly opposite the church, and organized, with Judge C. C. Hood in the chair, P. V. Ferree, secretary pro tem. The members present, were: Dixon Brown, William Ream, John Huston, Martin Berkey, C. C. Hood, Dr. Skinner, P. V. Ferree, and the newly appointed pastor, R. W. Manley. The business was, to receive the report of a committee to examine property for a parsonage. After the report, a committee, consisting of David Ream, Dixon Brown, John Huston and Lewis Edwards, were appointed to purchase the present parsonage property of B. Whitmer. Wm. Ream for Zion, Robert Chalfant for Hopewell, Dr. Skinner and William Huston for Somerset, were appointed to raise subscriptions to pay for the property. These committees were both successful, and after thorough repairs, under the administration of brother J. M. Weir, the Circuit may well feel proud of its parsonage.

"In 1854, the Somerset Collegiate Institute was organized, with a semi-official relation to the Ohio Conference. Charles Nourse was Principal, and the following constituted the Board of Directors, viz.: Rev. James C. Taylor, *ex officio*; Eli Spencer, William Spencer, John Ritchie, George Morris, Thomas Wiles and R. Miller. This school continued to be taught in the old Fink tavern building for about eight years, when the property was sold for the use of the public schools.

"About the year 1829, the Somerset society was strengthened by the accession of Ensor Chilcote and family. He was truly a leader in the charge for many years, and his mantle of power still rests upon his family in the church.

"In the Official List of 1861, I find James Chilcote as Recording Steward, with Charles Nourse, Dixon Brown, and J. P. Huston, Stewards for Somerset; William Ream and David Ream, for Zion; and Mordecai Yarnell and John Kelley, for Hopewell. Leaders at Somerset—O. T. Mohler, morning class; Martin Berkey and C. C. Hood, noon class; James Chilcote, Monday night class; A. B. Leach, Tuesday night class, and Gideon Ritchey, Wednesday night. Hopewell—Mordecai Yarnell and Melzar Kendall. New Zion—Isaac Cooper and George Ritchey.

"The Trustees of Somerset Station, 1843, were Ensor Chilcote, C. C. Hood, Jacob Knowles, Thomas Price, John Ritchey, John Beckwith, and G. Morris.

"Bishops Asbury, McKendree, Roberts, George, and others, have been here, the honored guests of John Mains, preaching in succession in the house, school-house, the jail-lott, and the church. The Fairfield Circuit has become a district; the school-house and cabin classes have become a trio of congregations.

"The Hopewell Class.—In 1812 or 1813, a class was organized, to meet at Abram Hamisfar's (now Rusk's), of which Robert Chalfant was leader, and contained the following members: Mercy Chalfant, Abram and Hannah Hamisfar, Charles and Margaret Hamisfar, 'Father' and 'Mother' Fismorris, and their daughter, Elizabeth Miller; James and Jane Benjamin, Polly Hutchins, Nathan and Ella Benjamin, Daniel and Peggy Miner, Jacob Miner, Rebecca Miner (now Denni-

son), Sally and Frank Miner, Thomas and Amy Kendall, Nelly and Nancy Cane, and George Guysinger.

"This class formed, in part, the basis of Hopewell and Zion classes, which were formed about 1830. The Hopewell class grew rapidly, and in 1834 a log-built church was dedicated, by James McMahon, preaching from John xv:5, 'I am the vine, ye are the branches.' It was called Chalfant's Church. The class-book for 1840-41, now in the hands of Sister Cochran, gives the class as follows: Robert O. Spencer, P. E.; William P. Strickland, J. Parker, preachers; Robert Chalfant, leader; Thomas and Amy Kendall, Jared and Sarah Dennison, John, Margaret, Thomas, Nancy and Elizabeth Randolph; Mary Edwards, Mary Wilson, Drusilla Ferguson, Rachel Foreman, Margaret Chalfant, Jane Hinebaugh, Maxwell Edwards, Elizabeth Kelley, Elizabeth Bear, Thomas N. Edwards, Martha Thompson, David Yarnell, George Cowen and Mary Ann Cowen, Amos Dennison, Mary Yarnell, Lydia Ann Edwards, Catharine Cox, Mary and Elizabeth Sturgeon, Mahala Dennison, Emeline Ferguson, Margaret and Olive Hinebaugh, Eliza and Sarah Bateson, Ebenezer Snellen, Robert and Elizabeth Emery, Louis Edwards, Robert, Mary Ann, Sarah and Comfort Chalfant; William Van Horn, Rebecca Cox (now Wilson), Catharine and Margaret Cox, Elisha and Mary Wilson. Rev. James Kendall was converted here, and was called to the ministry, entering the Ohio Conference in 1851.

"The present neat and commodious Hopewell Church was built in 1860, when Rev. James Mitchell was in charge, though the project was started the year before by Brother S. C. Riker. It was dedicated by Brother Riker, assisted by Dr. Frazier, P. E., no money being asked for, as all the expenses had been provided for beforehand.

"The first Hopewell Sabbath School was said to have been organized in Bozerman's school-house, in 1831 or 1832.

"In the winter of 1872-73, a gracious revival, under the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Thomas, resulted in the accession of about forty persons, on probation, a very large proportion of whom now remain steadfast as members in the church.

"New Zion.—Rev. James McMahon was appointed to the Somerset Circuit in 1834, and soon after his arrival he was taken by Martin Berkey, then a young man, to the residence of David Ream, Sr., where he preached, and organized a class, with young Berkey as leader. A Class-book, now in his possession, gives the following members, under date, May 27, 1835: Martin Berkey, leader; Rebecca Berkey, George Boor, Elizabeth Boor, Elizabeth Ritchey, Wilson Ritchey, James Ritchey, George Ritchey, Jane Spencer, Eleanor Cain, Rachel Patton, Rebecca Boor, James Cain, Hannah Cain, Priscilla I. Cain, Rachel Berkey, Martin Boyers, Gideon Ritchey, Elizabeth Boor, Phebe Cain, Rebecca Drury, Rachel Herron, Rachel Carr, Margaret Spencer, Edward Hamilton, Rachel Hamilton, Mary Hare, Mary Hull, Hester Stiles, George Coleman, Jacob Stateser, James Hutches, William Patten, Elsie Benjamin, Rebecca Fleehart, Elizabeth Emrine, Matilda Sharen, and Hester Chilcote—total, 38. Another roll gives the names of William and Rachel Padon, Mahlon S. Gregg, Emily Gregg, Charles Hamisfar, Catharine Hamisfar, and Dorcas Davis. Ensor Chilcote is

the Sheriff to take Alexander White, Attorney-at-Law, into custody, and commit him to prison for one hour, for striking Robert F. Slaughter, also an Attorney-at-Law, in presence of their Honors, when in session. I note this circumstance to show that the Court, at that early period, did not suffer an indignity to pass unnoticed.

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The most important of these is that above the rock-mill, seven miles from Lancaster, on the Lithopolis road. Another embankment, inclosing some ten or twelve acres, near Bauler Church. There are others in Berne Township, near Ream's

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Mill. But as verbal descriptions without diagrams would fall short of satisfaction, and as the mounds constitute no part of the history of the county, the notice of them closes here.

#### WAR OF 1812.

I am able here to transcribe, from Sanderson's pamphlet, the organizations of two companies commanded by him in the war with England, in 1812 and 1813.

His first company enlisted in Fairfield County in 1812, to serve one year. The following shows the organization:

Captain, George Sanderson; Lieutenant, David McCabe; Ensign, Isaac Larimar; Sergeants, John Vanmeter, John Smith, James Larimar and Isaac Winter; Corporals, James White, Daniel Hudson, Robert Cunningham and William Wallace; Privates, George Baker, William Bruback, Daniel Baker, Robert Cunningham, John Pagan, John Davis, William Edmunds, Reese Fitzpatrick, John Hiles, Christopher Hiles, Thomas Hardy, Philip Hines, Archibald Darnell, William Jenkinson, William Jenkins, Samuel Johnson, Isaac Finkbone, John Kerley, Joseph Monteith, John Collins, Chas. Martin, John McIntire, Jacob Monteith, Jonas Monteith, Jacob Mellon, Daniel Miller, William McDonald, William McClung, Henry Martin, William Nelson, Joseph Oburn, Cornelius Pest, William Ray, John Swiler, Daniel Smith, Jacob Sharp, Thomas Short, Samuel Work, Joseph Whetson, Henry Shoupe, John Huffman and Samuel Nolan—42.

This company, with all its officers, on the 16th day of August, 1812, was captured by the British in command of General Brock, or rather surrendered by General Hull, and were paroled not to enter the service until regularly exchanged. The exchange did not take place until May, 1814. In the meanwhile, many of the privates and officers re-enlisted on account of the perfidy of General Hull in surrendering them when there seemed, according to the best judgment of the Americans, no occasion for it. Under this belief the men disregarded the parole. General Sanderson was one of the men who re-enlisted before the exchange, and in April, 1813, he mustered another company from the counties of Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, and from portions of the Western Reserve. The following is its constitution:

*George*

Captain, Geo. Sanderson; 1st Lieutenant—; Quartermaster, Abner P. Risney; 2d Lieutenants, Arora Butler, Andrew Bushnell, John H. Milford, Abraham Fisk; 3d Lieutenant, Ira Morse; Ensign, William Hall. Sergeants: 1st, John Vanmeter; 2d, Chaney Case; 3d, Robert Sanderson; 4th, John Nebding; 5th, Luther Edson. Corporals: 1st, John Dugan; 2d, John Collins; 3d, Peter Carey; 4th, Smith Headly; 5th, Daniel T. Bartholomew.

Musicians: John C. Sharp, drummer; Adam Leeds, fifer.

Privates: William Anderson, Joseph Anderson, John Atkins, Joseph Alloways, Thomas Boyl, John Bartholomew, John Berryman, Henry Bixler, Abraham Bartholomew, Samuel Bartholomew, James Braden, Sheldon Beebe, James Brown, John Beady, Eli Brady, Charles Bardinow, John Batiese, Daniel Baker, John Busley, Thos. Billings, Daniel Benjamin, Henry Case, Archibald Casey, Joseph Clay, Holden R. Collins, Blades Crenens, Chester P. Cabe, Nathan Case, Chaney Clark, Almon Carlton, Stephen Cook, David Crosby, Jesse Davis, Asa Draper, Walter Dunham, George Paugherty, Eneas Devore, Benjamin Daily, John Evans, Joseph Ellinger, Peter Fulk, John Forsythe, Daniel Filkall, John Fabel, Ephraim Grimes, Wm. L. Gates, Elenathan Gregory, Joseph Gibson, Samuel Gause, John Hunt, James Hagerly, Josiah Hinkley, John Hall, Frederick Hartman, David Hughes, Perlin Holcomb, John Harter, Jacob Headly, John Harbertson, John Leas, Ambrose Joice, James Jones, John Johnson, James Jackson, John L. Johnson, John Kister, James Kincaid, George Kinsinger, Jonathan Kittsmiller, Samuel Kinisman, Joseph Larimon, Frederick Leathers, Henry Lief, Amos Leonard, Merinas W. Leonard, William Lanther, John McClung, Peter Miller, Morris McGarvy, Joseph McClung, John McElwayne, Francis McClelland, Hosesa Merrill, John McCrkey, Joshua Mullen, James Moore, Thomas Mapes, John McBride, Wm. M. Clair, Henry Mainus, Andrew Miller, John McConnell, Alexander McCord, William Harjer, Isacher Nickerson, George Osborn, Geo. Parks, Samuel Pratt, Powell Pain, Benjamin Burkhardt, Luther Palmer, Arzell Pierce, John Ray, David Ridenour, William Reed, Geo. Rapply, Elijah Rogers, Asa Rose, Joseph Straller, Henry Shalley, Christian B. Smith, Perry Spry, John Sunderland, Christian Shypower, David Severs, John Severs, Henry Skolls, Ephraim Sum-

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mers, Henry C. Strait, Jonathan Sordan, Jacob Shoup, Chas. Smith, Mynder Shears, Adam Senor, John Smith, T. Sharp, S. Sheanar, G. Shadwick, S. Taylor, J. Trowinger, F. Tesler, B. Thorp, F. Tucker, I. Thorp, J. Twadle, P. Vandeaf, I. Vanney, A. Walker, A. White, I. Weaver, I. Wheeler, T. Wheatly, D. Walters, J. Wright, J. Welshaus, C. Wolfly, F. Williams, W. Wallace, A. Wilson, W. Watson, J. Young, H. Zimmerman, D. Zeigler, D. Woodworth, S. Tyler, J. Tennis, L. Vanney, J. Wilson—157.

#### SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FAIRFIELD.

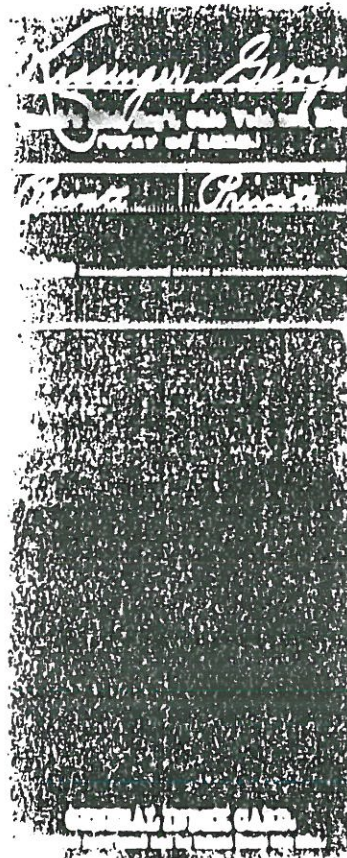
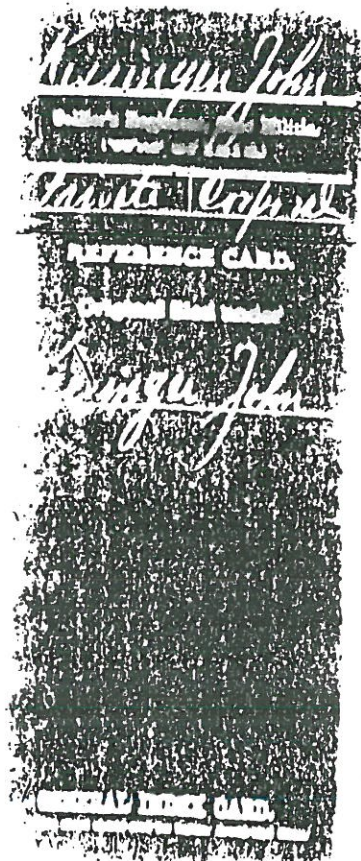
Here follows a list of all the members of the General Assembly of Ohio, from 1808 to 1876, inclusive, who were citizens of Fairfield County. The date shows the year of their election:

#### Representatives.

1808—Patrick Owings and Elijah B. Merwin.  
1809—Thomas Swearingen and Thomas Ijams.  
1810—Thomas Swearingen and Thomas Ijams.  
1811—Thomas Ijams and Richard Hooker.  
1812—Richard Hooker, Nathaniel Wilson, Sr., and George Nye, Sr.  
1813—Emanuel Carpenter, John Leist and Benj. Smith.  
1814—Benj. Smith, Richard Hooker and John Leist.  
1815—Benj. Smith, Richard Hooker and John Leist.  
1816—John Leist, Jacob Claypool and Jacob Catherlin.  
1817—Daniel Smith, Robert F. Slaughter and John Leist.  
1818—Daniel Smith, John Leist and Jacob Claypool.  
1819—Robert F. Slaughter and John Leist.  
1820—Wm. Trimble and Valentine Reber.  
1821—Robert F. Slaughter and George Sanderson.  
1822—Geo. Sanderson and Jacob Claypool.  
1823—Geo. Sanderson and Robert F. Slaughter.  
1824—John Leist and Robert F. Slaughter.  
1825—Geo. Sanderson and Wm. W. Irvin.  
1826—Wm. W. Irvin and Samuel Spangler.  
1827—Wm. W. Irvin and Samuel Spangler.  
1828—Samuel Spangler and John Chaney.  
1829—John Chaney and David Ewing.  
1830—David Ewing and John Chaney.  
1831—David Ewing and Samuel Spangler.

George's John's brother

Ohio War of 1812



Why don't they mention John in the Putnam  
County History? They mention George his Brother —

I need to see what there is in Washington Archives  
on these men —

and deed for the purposes within mentioned. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of March 1817.

Exmd.

Isaac Brown, J. P.

Recorded April 7th, 1837.

Attest: Wm. F. Moeller, Recorder

James Monroe President of the United States of America. To all to whom these presents shall come; Greeting; Know ye, that John Philips and Charge Gordon assignees of Henry Gordon and John Guisinger having deposited in the General Land Office a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Zanesville, whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the north east quarter of section nineteen of Township seventeen, in Range fifteen of the lands directed to be sold at Zanesville by the act of Congress entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory north west of the Ohio and above the mouth of Kentucky river", and the acts amendatory of the same, there is granted by the United States unto the said John Philips and Charles Gordon the quarter Lot or section of land, above described. To have and to hold the said quarter lot or section of land, with the appurtenances unto the said John Philips & Charles Gordon, their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in Common and not as joint tenants. In Testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington the 8th day of March in the year of our Lord 1817, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the forty first.

By the President James Monroe.

Josiah Meigs Commissioner of the General Land Office

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west 40 perches to a stone north 44 degrees west and 43 links from a white oak bearing south 04 degrees

Jacob is believed to be the brother of John the blacksmith who is the son of Charles Sr. We know Jacob & another brother George lived near each other in Crawford Co. Ohio.  
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### JOHN GUISS.

P. 845

Research into the early history of Crawford county indicates the fact that the Guiss family was founded here in early pioneer days and that they became identified with agricultural interests, thus aiding in the work of reclaiming wild land for purposes of civilization. Our subject is numbered among the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Cranberry township, on the farm which Jacob Sheets and wife now own. His father, Abraham Guiss, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Jacob Guiss. Both removed from the Keystone state to Columbiana county, Ohio, at a very early day, locating near New Lisbon, and in 1836 they came

with their respective families to Crawford county. The journey was made with ox-teams and they were twenty-one days upon the way. In addition to their household effects and other personal property they brought with them three geese, one of which is still living and is now in possession of our subject. The grandfather entered nearly one thousand acres of government land and took up his abode where Jacob Myres resides. He was the father of twelve children, namely: John, George, Abraham, Christian, Henry, Anne, Susan, Catherine, Martha and others whose names are not remembered. The grandfather, Jacob Guiss, or real name Guissinger, wandered from home when quite young, and on going to school the "inger" was omitted by the teacher and thus only Guiss remains.

The Guiss family lived in true pioneer style and endured the usual hardships and trials which fall to the lot of settlers upon the frontier. Amid such surroundings our subject was reared, and upon the old homestead he remained until twenty-one years of age. At the age of nineteen he began teaching in the district school, having thirty-five scholars, of whom thirty-one were relatives. He remained in charge of that school for two years, and for a similar period had charge of the New Washington school, after which he was engaged in photographic work in Plymouth, Ohio, for two years. Subsequently he spent one year as a bookkeeper in Cleveland, and then returning to Plymouth, he clerked in a general store for two years. The succeeding year was spent as a salesman in Shelby, Ohio, after which he bought an interest in a store in West Liberty, carrying on business at that place for two years. He was next owner of a half interest in a store in Sulphur Springs, where he carried on mercantile pursuits for fourteen years, meeting with good success in his undertakings. On the expiration of that period he removed to the farm upon which he now lives and which has been his home continuously since 1880. He is engaged in general farming, having eighty acres of rich land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation.

Ref: Centennial Biographical of  
Crawford Co. Ohio

He names children for family members.  
He had a brother John & one George. Catherine was his mother's name.

On the 19th of November, 1863, Mr. Guiss was united in marriage to Miss Susan Fry, and unto them have been born six children: William H., a practicing physician residing in Tiro, Ohio; Melville, who makes his home in Cedartown, Georgia, where he is serving as treasurer and secretary of the Alabama & Georgia Iron Company; Ethie, who is engaged in school-teaching and makes her home with her parents; Charles A., who was also engaged in teaching school, but is now taking a course at the Ohio State University; Warren G., who is the principal of the Chatfield schools; and Maude R., who is attending the Heidelberg School of Oratory. The children have been pro-

vided with good educational privileges, all but one being graduates of the Washington high school.

Mr. Guiss has frequently been called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him for public honors. For nine years he served as justice of the peace and discharged his duties with strict fairness and impartiality. He was also township clerk of Liberty township, was assessor, notary public for six years, and for ten years was assistant postmaster at Sulphur Springs. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, and in every position in which he has served he has discharged his duties in a most able and energetic manner, winning the commendation of all concerned. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at New Washington, has filled all the chairs and is now a past chancellor. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the fraternity. He is widely and favorably known and is held in the highest regard where he is best known.