

all the skill at command; for on such occasions the good cook will do her level best to set up the finest product possible.

The merry enjoyment of the occasion drifted the scribe off his duty so that he forgot to learn to whom honor is due for the fine viands, but of course first honor is to Mrs. W. L., the mother of the home.

Chairman Tho. L. Garber called the reunion to order after the tables were cleared. The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved, and the election of officers for next year was taken up. The result was as follows: Samuel M. Garber, President. Carl Garber, Sec. and Treas.

The rule is that these officers shall choose their own committee of arrangements.

Aunt Rebecca Garber graciously extended an invitation to the Reunion to be held in her grove near her residence next year, and it was gladly accepted. The Reunion was held in the grove before. This grove is where the editor first gathered maple sap and helped to operate a sugar camp, and it is to him as well as to many of the family, a homecoming to get back into the old grove.

A motion was approved to reimburse those who incurred expense in arranging for the general reunion.

The collection taken resulted in \$2.60.

A picture of the gathering was taken, but we have no account of the results.

There being no formal program prepared and no further business to consider, adjournment was declared, to meet again on Thursday after the third Wednesday in August, 1917.

The little Garber's and connections had a most royal time together on the lawn and about the home of our generous host and hostess.

#### A GARVER REUNION.

On the last Saturday in August the editor attended the Garver Reunion,

held at Chippewa Lake, a short ride from Ashland, Ohio by interurban travel.

We sought to learn a few things about the history of this Garver family whose relationship is scattered about the country between Wooster and Cleveland, Ohio.

We found the family a little larger than the Garber Reunion of Bellville, Ohio, with similar tradition of ancestry and the common Garber physiognomy.

We were referred to Judge John Garver of Fremont, Ohio for a history of the family. We wrote to him after our return, but to this time we have received no reply. We were told that he had written a family history and understand that he had traced the family line back to Switzerland.

These Garvers came from Pennsylvania as did our family of Garbers. They also have developed the conclusion that the manner of spelling the name, Garver or Garber is a family choice rather than a lineal orthography.

They were a jolly people together.

The Judge John Garver of Fremont, Ohio was formerly a man of Ashland county, and by motherhood a cousin to the editor's wife.

We intend to publish any letter we receive from Judge Garver.

We became acquainted with L. F. Garver, an editor of Medina, Ohio, who is a slim young man, who in body would make a fair match with the editor of the Chronicle.

We also became acquainted with A. L. Garver, of Roaring Springs, Pa. He is the first person of all our experience who carries all our name but one letter. He is a rather heavy, chummy middle aged man, a hail fellow well met, and engaged a large interest in our affection because he is a jolly good soul, and has our name, A. L. Garver with the "v" changed to "b". He is treasurer and general manager of the Roaring Springs Blank Book Co.

While this matter of Garber history

was in hand we sought further to learn and wrote to one of the prominent Dunkard ministers of the Miami Valley, near Dayton, Ohio.

We copy his letter with the exception of a few personal paragraphs.

Dear Brother: I am glad to hear from you once more in life. I will cheerfully do for you, what I can; but am sorry I can do but little for you, further back than grandfather, John Garber, who was a resident of Rockingham Co., Va. and moved to Montgomery Co., O. about 85 years ago. His companion was an Erbaugh. Grandfather's family were rugged, hardy, farming people. Strong believers in the Dunkard faith composed of Jonathan, my father, Samuel, Jacob, John, Daniel, Sarah, Susan, Hettie and Nancy. My father, Samuel, lived and died here in this Co. on Bear creek. His children were 9 in number, 5 sons and 4 daughters, all farmers and substantial believers of the Dunkard church; their names are Henry, Susan, John, Elizabeth, Abraham, Mary, Hannah, Noah and Samuel.

My father was an Elder in the Brethren or Dunkard church and well posted in the Bible, with a strong conviction of the primitive rules and practice of the church and to raise children [as Paul directs] in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In consequence of this his children all fell to the Old German Baptist Branch in which the demarkation is most clearly seen—"Ye are our Epistle, written in our hearts; know and read of all men."

My wife was Samuel Arnold's daughter a family of 2 sons and my wife. Her father was also born in Rockingham Co. Va. My family consists of 2 sons and one daughter: Samuel, Lizzie and Harry. All in the same church. Myself, wife and 3 children, at their best, all run over 200 lbs. in weight. Have 8 grandchildren, one little darling grandson in eternity, death caused by an accident with an animal.

Fraternally, Henry Garber.

This family of Garbers are prominent in the administration of the Old German Baptist branch of the Dunkard or Brethren Church. The writer above was years ago editor of the Vindicator, their church paper, which I have printed for years, and is yet on the editorial committee and is still a constant contributor to its columns. He is prominent in the counsel of that branch of the Dunkards. Several of his close relationship were ministers of the Dunkard Church.

We were hoping to gather from him more about the tradition of his ancestors, but coming to Ohio so many years ago, and possessing enthusiasm for religion and the care of churches, were not conducive to the care of family tradition.

However the Dunkard affiliation and family location identify that family with the Garbers and Garvers scattered about.

A. L. Garber.

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Sept. 21, 1916.

Dear Editor:—I will write a few lines for the Chronicle to all of my Aunts and Uncles and to my many Cousins to let them know that I left Kalamazoo about ten days before the Leedy and Long Reunion, and went to Harrod, Ohio, to be ready to go with them to the Reunion and when the time rolled around to go we all expected to go with Uncle Joe, in his son's automobile.

When the day come we found the auto full so they could only take Uncle Joe and Aunt Tena and I went on the R. R. to Mansfield and Ankenytown, where we met our warm hearted Cousin. After the social greetings were over taken to his home where I made my place of stopping for many years. But one familiar face I miss so much is Uncle Isaac. But we all shall see Him by and by.

For my part I enjoyed our reunion very much. There was such a warm feeling among all and such a hearty welcome; it made us all feel good and thankful to

the Lord that we were spared to be there.

After a few days Aunt Leedy and I went to Bellville to do some business for Aunt Tena. We left that place and went to Fredricktown and there we met Mr. Amos and Verda his wife, and were with them. On Sunday we went over to Manerva Hess's and had a family reunion. Had a pleasant time in their new home that they acquired last June. It is a fine home. I surely was glad to see Mrs. Hess's health so much better than it was a year ago. My prayer is that it may still get better. We planed to go to Ankenytown on the train but Cousin Amos kindly took us over in his Ford.

There were Aunt Tena and Aunt Lovina, I and our baggage and Mr. and Mrs. Amos and children, but we were all placed and we made the trip all O. K. and with right side up with care. We were there a day and Aunt Tena went to Bellville to visit among her old neighbors and we were at Cousin John Swanks quite a bit. From there we left for Harrod and we got to Joe's at seven o'clock on Wednesday and who should we meet there but our Cousin Lewis Long, wife and daughter on their way to their home in Portage Co., Ohio.

Well I tell you that we put in all the time we could that night for they had all things ready to leave on the first train the next morning from Harrod. So we were up early and bid them all good by and a happy journey. I staid at Uncle Joe's and Aunt Tena's until I was ready to start to Michigan to visit my daughter, and I have been, here quite awhile. I had the pleasure of meeting Cousin Jake Long's second daughter who came to see my daughter and I learned how the Cousins were at Vandalia. So you see I have been quite fortunate to see so many of my relatives. But I would be happier still if all of our Cousins and relatives who gave us a helping hand might enjoy some of the good fortune that helped us here from them all.

I will say that I have word from my niece at Kalamazoo that her oldest son, George had a boy to come to his home to live with him and wife and they like the boy very much.

I close for this time. My time is about here to leave for St. Cloud, Fla. By the time you get this I will be on my way. I wish one and all of my cousins and friends God's blessing, and the peace of God be with us all, is my prayer. As ever yours in love and good wishes.

W. R. Helms.

#### DEEDSVILLE, INDIANA.

Aug. 12, 1916.

Dear Editor:—I will write a few lines for The Chronicle. Relatives and Cousins around Deedsville are all well and busy trying to keep cool this hot weather. Two weeks ago to-day we buried our mother. She had been afflicted for two years. Died with leakage of the heart. She was very patient in her last illness. She is gone from us but will not be forgotten.

My Sister is here from Northern Michigan. Will return home next Tuesday. Her address is Maple City, Michigan.

I see by The Chronicle we have several cousins living in that state. I would love to go to Ohio to the Reunion and meet our relatives. Will enclose mother's obituary.

Olive Karn.

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#### THE CHRONICLE AND REUNIONS.

The reunions were generous this year in the expression of gratefulness to the Chronicle. We thank them for the praise, and shall be pleased to see responsive efforts returned from friends. The subscriptions this year were much better than previous years. We are thankful for them. There are many more families who ought to throw their influence and subscription on the side of the Chronicle. No more potent influence in promoting family regard is available than the quarterly visits of the paper. Every boy and every girl will have his energy and ambitions enlivened by reading about his family relationship and when the cost is only 20 or 25 cents a year, no home in the whole Leedy relationship should neglect to subscribe for it.

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small because friends overlook renewing when their subscriptions expire; another cause is our neglect to send statements when subscriptions are due. We have many duties, and it appears to us our relatives ought to read their subscription record on their address label and save us the time or expense of sending duns, when we do all of the editorial and office work of the paper free for the family.

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#### THE GIANTS OF THE FOREST.

In looking over the reunion assembly this year we were impressed with the difference of manhood now and the first one held.

At the first reunion the forest pioneers were in abundant evidence. A few are left yet but they are a precious few. Aaron B. Leedy and Levi B. Leedy, Uncle John Garber and Wash L. Garber, were about the limit. Levi B. Leedy stands up over six feet. Uncle John is near the six feet mark, Uncle Wash, in his best days and Aaron B. Leedy, carried two

hundred pounds or more of clean manhood.

The Leedys and Longs were generally shorter men but they were broad and stout and lifted the scale a ound the two hundred pound mark.

The sons of those giants of the forest are chiefly little men, seldom reaching one hundred and seventy pounds. We need some wood to chop to expand our physiology and grow bigger bones and muscles.

The trouble has been a too full meat diet, especially pork which hardens the tissues rapidly. More hay in the foods eaten will grow bigger people—cabbage, salads, herbs, greens and the like grow big bony and athletic men. Meats, cereals and potatoes hasten the hardening of the tissues which limit growth.

#### NEWS AND NOTES.

Mrs. Anna Leedy, wife of David Leedy, deceased, who had been living in Akron, Ohio, has moved to Toledo, Ohio. She resides with her daughter.

Our nephew, E. A. Garber and family of Perrysville, Ohio paid us an enjoyable visit on the 2nd of September. All was delightful except the day was too short.

The Indiana Reunion has a capital secretary; one who does things. Her list of subscribers to The Chronicle came in nice order, and a report of the Reunion promptly followed.

The fall of the year is the right time to tell the friends to get into The Chronicle family, there is room for a thousand more.

Cousin Mary Miller seems to have a good hold on the presidency of the Indiana Reunion.

On September 21st., Prof. Levi L. Garber and family bid adieu to Ashland

as resident citizens and moved to Kent, Ohio. They sold some of their furnishings and shipped a car load. Bro. L. is engaged for a year in the State Normal College in that town. It is the first big move of his life. He and his family of wife and four children filled his Ford to capacity. L. L. is a splendid instructor, knows somewhat about caring for his health, and as the saying goes, will make good in his new position.

Cousin John Garber, of Bellville, O., gave us a little visit on the 25th of Sept. We is an entertaining visitor. He was on his way to Akron, where he expected to visit and then drive a Ford back to Bellville for the garage manager where he is employed.

We will be greatly obliged to friends who change their post office address to have the change reported to us. We are occasionally receiving reports from post masters, stating that the Chronicle is unclaimed.

Our Bro. Elihu L. Garber, of Bellville, Ohio, is serving as chairman of the commission chosen by the town to superintend the construction of water works for the village. He voted against water works at the election, which carried for water works, yet the authorities had such confidence in his honor and integrity and ability that they pressed him into the head management of the task. The contractors declared that that was the first water work's plant they ever put in where the commission was entirely honest with the town. We speak of this not only in honor to Bro. E. L., but in honor to the Leedy-Garber quality of character.

Frank Crain, our nephew, was caught with a sudden and severe case of appendicitis Sept. 15 and was hurried to Cleveland for an operation. He passed thru the treatment and has returned to Ash-

and. He has been employed at the Ashland post office for years. Frank has not read the Chronicle much and probably does not know that the use of enameled cooking utensils is liable to catch any one in time. A scale so small as to be invisible to the naked eye is large enough to cut the linings of the bowels and cause festering and become the center of a "stone" by an accumulation of tartar like that which gathers on the teeth. There are thousands of them in food cooked in porcelain kettles and enameled pans. The scales are little flat disks and sharper than razors, saw-toothed and every other form which will cut and tear the tender linings of the appendix valve. The enamel is also poisonous, and when a scratch is made it is as dangerous as a poisoned Indian arrow. In the old days of brass and iron cooking utensils there was no appendicitis, as there now is.

Friends made the second Sunday of September a great day at the editors home. E. L. Garber and family of Bellville, Ohio, and a lady friend, four of them; Wm. Garber and family, three of them, Samuel M. Garber his wife and two sons, and Mrs. Frank L. Garber and her three sons suddenly came in on us, and later L. L. Garber and his family of five and our son-in-law, Benj. Zercher came in from the farm in his father's auto so that with our own, six automobiles were lined up in front of our residence. It looked as tho something was doing at the old home. It was a great social day and we immensely enjoyed the visit. The family table was stretched out to the limit and packed full and every soul present was a Garber, excepting one.

Cousin Heber Garber, of Akron, Ohio has become quite a house-building contractor. He has ten to twenty men employed at times.

We exceedingly sympathize with Cousin Denis K. Leedy, conductor on the B. & O. R. R. in Columbus he made a misstep on the platform and some how fell between the platform and train, and had one of his arms so mangled that it was necessary to amputate it at the shoulder. He has been a railroader nearly all his life and was careful. Our feet will sometimes slip.

The Ohio Reunion has named an extensive list for The Chronicle. Be sure to read them over in the report and tell them the news. It will be great if we receive a letter from every one of them for the next Chronicle. This appointment by resolution of the Reunion, however, in no way means to limit the freedom of every one to write. There seems to be a backwardness of the other branches of the family about writing. Their representatives are first in the list of branches and we will be glad to hear from all in such word about themselves and relatives as they are pleased to write.

We made some effort to enlist the interest of friends in securing donations to a fund to pay the expenses of Historian Roy B. Leedy for a trip to Maryland and Virginia in search for the earliest history of the Leedys, Longs and Garbers. We received very little. It does seem that the friends ought to take interest enough in this project to finance a single trip on a mission of such importance.

The next fifty years will see the nation lined with great tubs in which mail and light merchandise cars will be run by air suction at the rate of one hundred miles a minute. In those days, The Chronicle can be sent to friends on the route before the ink is dry on the paper. Later it may be made practical to shoot people thru too. It will be a great day when people residing in Ohio can do business daily in Chicago.

We hear Uncle John Garber has been seriously afflicted this November, but have not recently heard whether he has rallied again or not. He will be ninety years old in December if he lives.

Cousin Win Garber and family came to Ashland Oct. 28 and spent the 29th visiting his Ashland relatives. He returned to his home near Bellville, Ohio in the evening. The auto is a great machine. It makes near neighbors of relatives ten to forty miles away.

Historian Roy B. Leedy visited Ashland during the fall. Once he came with a company of church Sabbath School workers, and later when he made a trip on another mission. This time he remained with us over night.

This paper is considerably later than we expected it would be. One delay after another drifted us along. But you get the four numbers each year and all the news sent to us.

That is quite an array of correspondents the Ohio Reunion made. Read the report and see whom they are; then help the one in your community to get hold of the family news.

The correspondents appointed by the Reunion will do us a favor by taking hold of the work at once and send to us a letter of news for the next issue. We want to begin work on it next month.

#### SEARS, MICHIGAN.

Editor of the Chronicle:—I wrote you in my former letter that I expected to attend the Daniel Long Reunion to be held near Pioneer, Ohio. On Thursday August 31st, I took the train at Sears and arrived on the reunion ground Sept. 2nd at 9:30 a. m. Uncles Noah, Simon Long's and Aunt Sally Shankster were there to greet us. A few minutes, my

mother Catherine Rutledge came and many cousins, some of whom I had not seen in over 20 years. Renewing old acquaintances yes: we were all somewhat surprised not to see cousins W. H. Helms of PawPaw, Mich., Aunt Tena Mock and Cousin Joe Long of Harrod, Ohio. We trust that at some Future Reunion they will be spared to meet with us.

After visiting and talking of boyhood days, the word went out that dinner was now ready. The president was absent to the disappointment of all so the vice president, Cousin Noah Long Jr. took charge of the meeting. All being seated around the tables cousin Noah called upon cousin Charley Throne to give the address of welcome after which the writer gave the response. Then Uncle Noah Long returned thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, then all did eat, there being 116, all relatives but six who were visitors.

After the dinner was over there was a volunteer program which was well responded to. The first was a song by the writer, title, "The Church in the Wild-wood." Then the cousins, aunts and uncles, one after another followed with a song or recitation. The last on the program was a German song by Uncles Noah, Simon, Aunts Catherine and Salley which took the cap sheaf off of all. The program lasted over one hour. Uncle Noah Long presented to his Bro., two Sisters, children, nephews and neices a streamer with the words, "The Daniel Long Family Reunion and a large word of Welcome added. Length 35 ft., width 3 ft for which we all voted a vote of thanks to uncle Noah for his gift.

The secretary read the past years report. God through his mercy and kindness saw fit to spare us all. Seven more were added to the Long family by birth.

The business hour was called and the following officers were chosen for a term of two years. President, Cousin Lin-

#### BURNS—GARBER.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 7, 1916, the Editor's daughter, Ruth M. was married to Mr. Burns. We copy, below a write-up of the event in the Ashland Daily Times-Gazette.

##### Home Wedding

One of the prettiest weddings of early fall took place at eight o'clock Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Garber on Orange street when their daughter, Miss Ruth Myra Garber was married to Mr. Lester Lloyd Burns of this city. Fifty relatives and friends of these young people were present. Dr. J. Allen Miller, dean of Ashland College and Brethren minister, officiated, using the ring ceremony which was performed before a bank of ferns. House decorations were beautiful, roses and gladioli carrying out the dainty color scheme of pink and white. The bride wore a white taffeta dress and carried white Bride's roses. Miss Mary Buchanan of West Salem was bride's-maid. She wore a costume of pink net and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. Tillman Kiefer of this city was best man. As a prelude to the simple and impressive ceremony, Mrs. Earl McKean played the Lohengrin Wedding March. Following congratulations and best wishes, to the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Garber gave a three-course wedding supper, at which the color scheme of pink and white was retained.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns left Friday for Beachland, near Cleveland to spend a day or two. They will occupy the J. W. Myers cottage which Mr. and Mrs. Myers have kindly opened to them. After Oct. 1 they will be at home on Troy street, Ashland.

The bride is one of the city's most talented young women, a graduate of Ashland College in piano. She was graduated from Ashland High school in 1911. Her genial and pleasing personality has won her many friends. Mr.

coln Ober of Auburn, Ind.; Vice President, Cousin Noah Long, Jr., Pioneer, O.; Secretary and Treasurer, Cousin Galen Shankster, Pioneer, Ohio. The business being closed, all went to an open field and had a fine game of ball.

After the boys were through, the girls tried their hands at playing ball. As the sun was disappearing beyond the Western hills, they thought best to adjourn until next year, at the next place of meeting, which was voted to be at the home of Cousin Sylvester Cocanower, east of Pioneer, Ohio, one half mile, on the first Saturday of Sept. 1917.

The writer visited among cousins, aunts and uncles around Pioneer and Alerdton, Ohio until Sunday the 24th, it being my 52nd birthday; it was the wish of the writer to eat one more birthday dinner at the old home with Bro. George and family. When we ushered out to the dinner there were 20 who ate dinner with me. My heart was full and the tears began to flow, as I had not eaten a birthday dinner with my mother brother and two sisters and their families since I was 17 years old. Truly my heart was made glad to rejoice and how glad I am to know the Lord spared us all to enjoy the day together.

On Thursday the 28th we went to Hillsdale, visited friends and also the county fair. Then, Oct. 1, went to Reading to visit friends until the 12th, then visited at Allen until Oct. 16th. The 3 towns are in my home state. Arrived home Oct. 17th, finding my family all well.

Truly my trip was one that will long be remembered. Now my prayer is the God of heaven may keep us all faithful until death do us part, and if not permitted to meet on this earth may we at last be reunited above where reunion will never break up and no more good bys be said.

I close with love and best wishes to all the readers of the Chronicle.

W. C. Hickok.



Burns is a young man of excellent qualities who is making good as a department foreman at the Faultless Rubber Co. Both young people have many friends who with the Times-Gazette offer them sincere wishes for all the success and happiness life can bring.

They returned from Cleveland, Ohio on the 10th and began to equip a home for themselves, a minute's walk from our residence.

In less than thirty years, my wife and I were married, three children grew up and in 1914, 1915 and 1916, married, and we are alone again as the hosts of a family.

It does seem that marriage is a failure and not worth while.

A. L. Garber.

ROMEO KEISER M. D. DECEASED.

Dr. Romeo Keiser yielded to the General Reaper, Wednesday morning Nov. 1, 1916. He was grafted into the Leedy connection in marriage to Miss Bell Dyer, the daughter of Susan Leedy Garber Dyer, of the Abraham Leedy family, t17, Hence he was a brother-in-law to the Editor. A Columbus daily contained the following notice.

Dr. Romeo O. Keiser, aged 45, one of the best known homeopathic physicians in the country, died Wednesday morning at his home, 1394 East Long street, after an illness of some length. He had been a practicing physician in Columbus for 17 years. He was a graduate of Ohio State university, of Ohio Medical college and of the Cleveland Homeopathic college.

He was a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Keiser of Bryan, Ohio, his father having been a practicing physician there for many years. His two brothers, Dr. F. L. Keiser and Dr. J. G. Keiser, are both well known Columbus physicians.

Dr. Keiser was president of the Homeopathic Medical society of Ohio in

1914 and for five years previous to that was secretary of the organization. He was a lecturer on pediatrics in the college of homeopathic medicine at Ohio State university and was physician at the state school for the deaf for the past six years. His office was for many years on the northeast corner of Marion street and Washington avenue, but recently was at 427 East Long street.

Besides his two brothers he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Belle Keiser. He was a member of the Maccabees and also of the Knights of Pythias. He was also a member of the First Universalist church and of the Phi Upsilon Rho homeopathic fraternity.

Funeral services at the residence Friday morning at 10:30, Rev. E. V. Stevens of the First Universalist church officiating. The body will be sent to Bryan for burial.

The funeral was attended at Columbus, Ohio by his brother-in-laws, Aaron, Elihu, Franklin and Levi Garber and wives of A. L. and F. L., two nieces of the Crain family, and Mrs. Jennie Lee, who is a neighbor in the city, whom were relatives from the Leedy side. One of his brothers resided with them, and the other brother has a family and lives in another part of the city. These were all the near relatives in the city. The Keiser relationship is located chiefly about Bryan, Ohio where the body was taken for burial.

The disease that carried life away, was a kind of tuberculosis, causing empyema or abcess of the lungs. Some time ago Doctor had an operation performed and a tube put into the abcess to carry away the pus.

The residence was more than crowded full by friends of the Doctor in Columbus. He was a most agreeable and true man and had an extensive acquaintance and many fast friends. The final tribute of respect possible for them to express was gifts of flowers, and the room in which he lay, was banked full of flowers,

more than could be well packed on an ordinary wagon.

In connection with the religious funeral services. Dr. Shulze paid a high tribute to his memory upon his professional life and accomplishments as a physician and instructor.

Dr. Elias A. Keiser, his father was a brother of Mrs. Joseph A. Leedy, who in her lifetime was the mistress of the old Pioneer Leedy home at Ankenytown, Ohio. The old Keiser home was north of Mansfield, Ohio.

Dr. Elias was born April 4, 1838, and his wife, Lyda J. Brown, was born May 16, 1846. She was related to the Martin Brown family, Hancock Co., Ohio, who married Catharine Leedy the oldest sister of Uncle Isaac Leedy.

Dr. Elias was married Oct. 10, 1867, and Dr. Remeo was the oldest child and was born Dec. 29, 1870. His brothers, Forest LeGrand was born Sept. 22, 1879 and Jay Gould, April 26, 1884.

Mother Keiser was a most noble and good benevolent woman and died suddenly while visiting near Edmond, Kans. June 7, 1907, and was buried at Bryan, Ohio. Dr. Elias Keiser died Jan. 28, 1912.

Romeo Orpheus Keiser and Miss Bell Dyer were married at the residence of her mother, in Bellville, Ohio, by the editor, Nov. 28, 1901.

Thus the curtain is dropped over another useful life cut short by over exertion in professional life that crowded out careful attention to the little things of rest, exercise, diet, and avoiding contamination from life among the sick.

MARY JANE LEEDY.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hill Leedy, daughter of George and Sarah Cool Hill, was born in Oakland County, Michigan, thirty miles north of Detroit, July 6, 1834, and passed away at her home in Deedsville, Ind., July 27, 1916, aged eighty-two years and twenty-one days.

December 26, 1861, she united in marriage to William Harrison Leedy, and to this union were born five children, four daughters and one son. One daughter died in infancy.

On December 17, 1879, Harrison, the husband and father, was taken away by the hand of death, and the next day Mausaline, a beautiful daughter, aged twelve years, was called by the same irresistible hand. George Elbelt Leedy, of Deedsville, Ind; Sevilla Kcefer, of Maple City, Mich., and Mrs. Ollie Karn, of Deedsville, are the children remaining. Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and a large circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn.

Mrs. Leedy was the last of her parents' family of ten children. At the age of two years her parents removed to Ontario county, New York, and three years later they came to Union township, Miami county, Indiana, and settled on the farm west of Deedsville commonly known as the Hill homestead. With the exception of a few years that was her home ever since.

In girlhood she united with the Baptist church at Weasaw in Union township and never removed her membership from that band of Christians. She always took a part in the services of other denominations and was gifted in speech and prayer.

She taught subscription schools for a number of terms in Miami county. She had the saddle on her pony to go and collect some of the money due her for teaching when the storm came up from which the bolt of lightning came that took from this neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville, father and mother of Mrs. Lucy Leffel. She was the second person present to lend aid in that sad hour. That occurred fifty-six years ago this month. No writer would attempt to tell of all the changes that have taken place in this county during the seventy-seven years she had been a resident, but she lived to ride in all the conveyance of

travel from the ox cart to the automobile. Her father's cabin in Union township was located on an Indian trail and she would often relate how the Indians in passing by would unceremoniously push aside the piece of carpet which was used for a door and after looking around would quietly pass on.

At a meeting held at Perrysburg in the interest of pioneers a few years ago she took an active part and pointing to Chief Gabe Godfroy, of the Miamis, who was present, said that she had seen him when she was a small girl. She also related what a fright her brother, Julius Hill, received one evening when she was belated in returning from a relative's residence about a mile away. He thought that the wolves, which were quite numerous in that locality, had eaten her.

She suffered intensely during her last illness and often remarked that she was awaiting the call to rest.—*Peru Republican*.

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#### HEALTH NOTES.

Some people say that some fruits cause rheumatism. This is true, speaking in a general way. It is a common belief that a liberal meat diet causes rheumatism. There is some truth in this. The fact is that decaying food in the intestines cause diseases, so also do wrong combinations of foods. It is a fact also that no natural food eaten in a natural way causes rheumatism. To illustrate tomatoes freely eaten are a very certain cause of rheumatism. But if eaten raw, and alone, they are food which will not cause the trouble. As soon as the skin is removed from a tomato, the air produces chemical changes and they are then poisonous to some degree. When mixt with cane sugar in cooking, they become very unhealthful, and when mixt with cereal starch, as in using bread crumbs in soups or stews they make a particularly bad diet. Acids and cereal starches are always bad together, and people would be immensely ahead if they would avoid acid fruits and sour foods mixt with breads or other cereal starches. Sour apples and dough

mixtures are always bad. Often in speaking of these things people will exclaim, What shall we cook. The answer is easy—don't cook so much. Get away from the slavery of the kitchen. Eat more raw and soaked fruits. That is dried fruits, well soaked in pure water. Boil the water to settle the earthy matter carried in solution. Hard water, well boiled five minutes, and allowed to cool in the vessel in which it is boiled, leaves in settlings nearly all the foreign matter. After careful testings we have discovered that water well boiled, allowed to settle, and then carefully dipped out of the vessel without stirring up the bottom is nearly as healthful as distilled water. You may not see any deposit in the vessel, but it is there, and don't dispute it; there are millions of atoms of solid matter so small that the human vision can not see them. But you know you can see the deposits in water heating vessels where hard water is used, when handfuls of accumulations can be removed. Health is always worth going after and a few minutes daily attention taken from useless beverages like coffee, tea, cocoa, etc., and spent in boiling water will be a great step toward better health and less physical disturbance.

Whatever is done in preparing meals, keep away from the habit of sameness. Make milk and meat alternate one another; one at one meal a day and milk at another. Do not eat both at the same meal. A bit of cheese may be used with milk; it aids in the digestion of the milk. These three are fine staple articles of diet in any home, and eggs are another. Already these make a rotation that will provide tissue building material in abundance. To these may be added nuts, making five items to build up the waste of the body. When we begin to name over the available foods, it becomes a surprise that any one should fall into a diet rut and undermine the health for want of rotation in the preparation of meals.

Taste is largely a creation of habit. Almost any mean thing will be liked after long use. If we know a thing is healthful, let the taste make some sacrifice. There will then be less tendency to overeat those things which appeal to the taste.

*James A. Leedy*  
*Editor*

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## THIS AND THAT

*From Roy B. Leedy, Historian.*

New Year's Greetings to all the readers of the Leedy Chronicle. Our Editor informed me recently that he wanted to get the next Chronicle out early in the New Year and requested me, "to sit down and dash off matter for a couple of pages and to write things in general and nothing in particular." I will do my part to help him keep his New Year's resolution, for it will make us all glad. To write of "things in general and nothing in particular," I wondered what subject to use, and for the lack of a better one I named it, "This and That."

I have been so swamped in work since I returned after Conference in September, that I have had no time at all to devote to the Leedy history. I had to work up a Convention program in our Young People's organization. Then I have had so much of my spare time occupied in attending to duties as secretary of our Conference S. S. Board. Added to this I was put on a committee to gather material for a history of the Ohio Conference of our church, the Evangelical Association. I have been working hard at this since September so as to get on record some valuable facts that are now only in the memories of our aged folks and in danger of being lost beyond recovery by their sudden demise.

In this respect, I have rescued from practically all of our aged folks in the Leedy family whom I could reach by personal interview and correspondence such facts of history that would be in danger of passing into sudden oblivion. There are some letters still unanswered and some history not reported on but I can not go after it. Some records will have to be left out of the history unless the friends get busy and send in these delayed reports.

While I contribute this article gladly, dear Editor, I do not understand why so many of the relatives take no interest

in sending in a letter or little news to the family paper. Our family publication has been blest with some regular correspondents in the past. Some still contribute occasionally. Others have fallen from the ranks. None of us have forgotten the frequent and interesting writings of "Uncle" Isaac Leedy. The warm feeling of his friendship was manifest from his pen as well as from his personal touch. One need only reread some of his articles to feel again his presence and almost hear again his voice. This is something I have tried to keep in mind as I write the history. Wherever possible I make quotations so as to present more vividly the individuality of the person written about. We are fortunate as a family to have preserved in the Chronicles for twenty years, writings from many of our Leedy friends and relatives who have now been consigned to the tomb. But while their bodies sleep in the dust, and their tongues are silent and speechless, yet their memories remain fresh, and when we read again their letters, they seem to come again into our presence and talk to us. Our words portray us in a larger sense than most of us imagine. Kind and loving words spoken or written linger in the chambers of the soul thru the many years. And so likewise do unkind words. Our Leedy relatives have a large opportunity of keeping their memories green by writing their thoughts down in the family paper. In the days of physical vigor is the time to do this. As a reader of the Chronicle for the past twenty years, I have noticed how those who wrote frequently for the paper, gradually dropped out because of declining strength. The feebleness of age caused an unsteady hand and failing sight. Then presently we read the sad news of the last moments of their earthly life.

I went thru Ankenytown on my way to Mt. Vernon, the day before the Reunion in August and spent several hours

in the Knox Co. Court house gathering records. Returning to Ankenytown toward evening I found our genial cousin Charley Beal who took me in his new auto out to the Pioneer John Long farm. I turned my Kodak upon it and got a good picture. Next he took me to the cemetery where I got a picture of the burying place of the Pioneer Leedys. Catharine Leedy Hetrick was the first person to be interred there, which was in the year 1846. We went next to the old Mulsbaugh cemetery and I obtained an excellent photo of the grave monuments of John and Susannah Long. If some one of the Long relatives will gather \$4.00 and send it to me I will have a cut made of both the Pioneer home of John and Susannah Long and their grave markers, and will have it published in the Chronicle with a write up of the 100th anniversary of their emigration to Ohio.

Cousin Charley took me next to Staunton Leedy's where I got a picture of his home, the old Pioneer Samuel Leedy home, the only residence of the Pioneer Leedys still standing just as he left it. Here I stayed over night. The next morning on my way to the Reunion I walked down the County line and coming to a point where the farms joined I got up on a fence post and looked out East, West, North, South and in all directions my eyes fell on land originally owned by the Pioneer Leedys which made up the Leedy settlement. To the north and northeast was the settlement of John Leedy, Margaret Crow, and Daniel Leedy; to the south and southeast, the land of Jacob Leedy and John and Susannah Long; to the south and southwest that of Susan and Katy Leedy Hetrick, Abraham Leedy; and to the northwest that of Samuel Leedy. If David Leedy had remained there instead of going near his wife's people in Montgomery Co. the family circle in that Leedy community would have been complete. The inspiration of that scene was electric in stirring up reverence and

thoughts for our Pioneer forbears, who made the first paths in the wilderness which once lay wild over the region before my eyes. With a brave and sturdy hand they opened the way for the generations which have followed them and are now reaping harvests from fields they found all covered with timber and thickets.

After getting a picture of the Pioneer Jacob Leedy home I went to the Reunion where I greatly enjoyed the 20th annual gathering of our relatives and friends. I stayed in Ankenytown over night gathering records from Aunt Tena and Uncle Joe Long, Aunt Lovina Leedy and cousin Wm. Helms. In the morning cousin Charley Beal, after keeping me over night, showed his kindness again in taking me in his machine to Butler. On the way I obtained a picture of the Pioneer Martin Crow and Daniel Leedy farms. I had also a short visit with Uncle Aaron Leedy and obtained from him a description of the original log-house in which grandfather Daniel Leedy raised his fifteen children.

After visiting some of my people about Butler I left for home on Friday, stopping at Bellville and searching some old Newspaper files and thence to Mansfield where during a wait on trains of three hours. I went out to a park on Park Ave. West, and obtained a splendid picture of the block house erected there at the time of the Mansfield centennial in 1907, and the old Penna. wagon, presented to the Centennial commission at that time by the Hammond Bros. of near Butler. It is to be regretted that since then the wagon has been left out in the weather and is fast falling to pieces. It is perhaps the only wagon still preserved which brought pioneers to Richland County.

The story of this wagon is connected somewhat with the Leedy history. I used to see the old bed often when a boy, as it stood under the overshadow of the barn at the old homestead of David Garreb.



It was sold at the Garber sale to the Hammond Brothers for fifty cents in 3890, and I had not seen it for 26 years. Susan Deets, the only surviving child of David Garber says that her father came to Ohio in this wagon in 1823, with his mother and stepfather Samuel Brallier. Her father used to haul his grain in it to the Lake and be gone over a month while her mother remained alone in the log cabin with wolves howling fiercely all night in the wilderness about. David Garber was a brother of Samuel Garber who came to Ohio in 1821 and later married Catharine Leedy, daughter of Pioneer John Leedy, and who became the progenitor of the Leedy-Garbers.

I just looked up the date of Uncle John Garber's birth and found it to be Dec. 11, 1826. This makes him now over 90 years old. I have not heard from him since the Reunion and trust he is hale and hearty.

I started this article a week or more ago but did not have time to finish it. This is now Jan. 15, and I just recalled that January was the month Aunt Tena Mock's birthday came in. To my surprise on looking up the exact date I found it to be Jan. 14. She was born in 1827, so yesterday was her 90th birthday. Thus we have two surviving children of the Pioneer Leedy families over 90 years of age. My records show that Elizabeth Leedy of Argos, Ind. will be upon the second day of next March. However they claim she was ninety last March and if this is correct, there are now three cousins of the oldest surviving generation who are over 90 years of age.

Since the breadth of my subject would hardly admit of an end I will break off here suddenly and will say nothing further except that I will send the Editor a cut to be printed with this article, which will be, tho a little late, my Christmas and New Year's greetings to all my friends and acquaintances who are members of the Leedy family and readers of the family Chronicle. I used this

picture on a calander which I gave to the friends and members of my sunday school and church.

Kenmore, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1917

#### THE SKAVLEM AND ODEGARDEN FAMILIES.

Some time ago our editor received a copy of a family history through the courtesy of Mr. Thomas Holverson, of San Diego, Cal., who thought it might be of some benefit in our history project. Indeed this will be the case. Mr. Holverson and his sister both intermarried in the Virginia branch of the Leedy families and their records are all gathered together in this book. A short time before the reunion the writer called on our Editor and in the course of our conversation he showed this book. I was so interested in it that he said I could take it with me if I would write a review of it. So this explains why this review is not from our editor's pen.

On July 26, 1913, sixty persons of the Skavlem and Odegarden families met in Yost Park, Beloit, Wis., for their first family reunion. Hon. H. L. Skavlem, of Janesville, delivered an address in which he narrated the family chronicle from the time the first immigrants landed from Norway in America in 1839. "Mr. Thomas Holverson then of Portland, Oregon, urged concentrated efforts to gather up the records of our pioneer ancestors for permanent preservation. Much of this was already irretrievably lost, and in a few more years all would be blotted out unless we took early action for collecting the scattered data yet available. The sentiment was unanimous in favor of making the effort. H. L. Skavlem volunteered to take charge of the work, and thus was initiated the work of which this volume is the result.

This was a timely and very commendable undertaking. Had the forefathers of the Leedy family begun to gather its history at a similar period after the first immigrant arrived in this country, they would have undertaken this task over one hundred years ago. When the Skavlem history was gathered there were old fathers yet living who were born across the sea and could tell the story from the beginning. It is not so with the Leedy family. We are too

late to gather these facts of the first family from even the grandchildren for they are all gone and the great grandchildren are nearly all passed away.

The founders of the Skavlem family in America were Halvor Gullikson Skavlem and his wife Bergit Ols-datter Skavlem, whose original home across the sea was Nummedal, Norway. They had seven boys and one girl: Ole, Gullick, Paul, Halvor, Kari, Gjermund, Lars and Herbrand.

In 1838 Austen Nattestad had come from Norway to America and made a journey of exploration into the new region about Lake Michigan as far as Chicago and when he returned to his native land he incited his countrymen about the New World by his stories of the many opportunities awaiting the sturdy pioneer there. The Skavlem family among others caught the spirit of adventure. Gullick with a wife and daughter and three single brothers Gjermund, Lars and Herbrand embarked for the new world and landed in New York Aug. 23, 1839. Ole Nattestad, a brother of the venturer Austen Nattestad had founded the first Norwegian settlement in Wisconsin at Jefferson Prairie, the previous year, 1838, and the Skavlem family were bound for that settlement. From New York they made their journey by way of the Erie Canal, Great Lakes finally reaching the then "infant frontier settlement" of Chicago. The rest of the way they made mostly on foot, walking beside the ox teams which transported their baggage. In 1841 the remainder of the family, excepting one son, Halvor, all joined the company in Wisconsin. The brave old father was then 81 years of age and is reputed to be the oldest Norwegian emigrant to America. He lived only eight days after his arrival at the Skavlem settlement in Wisconsin.

Herbrand Halvorsen Skavlem was the father of Fosten (Thomas) and Rebecca Holverson who intermarried in the Leedy family. The interesting change of Norse names is treated in three chapters in the Skavlem book. Herbrand's name became Abram Halverson, thus losing the family name Skavlem. Abram Holverson was born in 1822 and came as a single young man with his older brothers to America in 1839, and settled near Beloit, Wis. He passed through typical pioneer experiences here, living in a log cabin and transporting his grain with ar-

ox team to Milwaukee, a distance of 80 miles.

In 1869 Abram Holverson reentered pioneer experiences by moving to a claim of government land in Southeastern Kansas. The nearest railway was 17 1/2 miles distant; to the north no neighbor nearer than 30 miles and 80 miles to Eureka the nearest place for mail and supplies. Here Abram Holverson reared his family and was still living [1915] at Cedar Vale, Kansas, with his daughter, Hannah Holverson Hines, at the age of 91 years.

Fosten or Thomas Holverson, son of Abram Holverson was born in 1846 in Wisconsin and served as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. For a time he was in business with Joseph H. Leedy in Eureka, Kansas. In 1888 he sold out and moved to Oregon. He is now located in San Diego, Cal. 952 14th St. In the year 1872 he was married to Emma J. Leedy who was born at Eaton, Ohio, 1852, and to them was born two children. The author of the Skavlem history makes special mention of Thomas Holverson "for his unstinted aid and financial support in the prosecution of this work; in fact the production of this work is largely due to his enthusiastic support." The Leedy family is still waiting for a Leedy philanthropist upon whom to bestow laurels for a special gift or endowment toward the cause of a published history.

Rebecca Holverson a sister of Thomas Holverson married Joseph H. Leedy a brother of Thomas' wife Emma Leedy. Joseph and Emma Leedy were children of Abraham and Rebecca (Taylor) Leedy. Abraham was a son of Samuel Leedy (b. 1779 tribe 6) and was born in Virginia in 1811. In 1833 he moved with his father to Preble county, Ohio, where he was married in 1840. He laid out the town, of Andrews, Ind., and afterward moved to Eureka, Kans., where he died in 1880. Joseph Leedy died in 1903 and Emma Leedy Holverson in 1913. Charles A. Leedy of Eureka, Kans., is the only one of the family now living.

The Skavlem history comprises XIX chapters and contains 245 pages, 99 illustrations, and over 800 names. The author H. L. Skavlem is prominent in Wisconsin as a member of the state Historical society, state Archaeologica society and Wisconsin Natural History society. He has made valuable contri-

butions in the historical and scientific work of his state.

Mr. Skavlem dedicated his family history to the father of Norse Literature R. B. Anderson his own valued friend. We repeat as a fitting close of this review a quotation from Mr. Anderson which appears in the Foreword of the Skavlem history.

"How our fathers toiled, and how much they suffered, we their descendents who are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, can never realize or know, and we owe them a debt of gratitude which we can never pay. The best we can do is to live worthy lives and try to keep green the memories of those who did so little for themselves and so much for us."

Roy B. Leedy,

Kenmore, O.

#### NEOSHO FALLS, KAN.

Dec. 17, 1916.

Dear Cousin:—Yours of late date received and complying with your request I will say that I am the son of Samuel K. and Margaret Whitnah Leedy of Bellville, O. I was born on the Shaffer farm, west of Bellville, March 22, 1847. My father is the 3rd son of Big John Leedy the Pioneer. My oldest sister and father died in the early 50ties. Sister Elizabeth, 73 yrs. old is the wife of C. Robinson and lives near Bellville, O.

Virginia [Leedy] Hayes the next of the family, died near Denver, Colo. something like a year ago. I live at the above address.

Bro. John the next younger is a subject of King George and lives at White Court, Alberta, Canada. The youngest Henry C. Leedy lives at Reedley, Calif.

I married Julia Etta Newpert in Montgomery Co. Ill., Sept. 7, 1876. We have 6 children living and 4 dead. Virginia [Leedy] Smith lives at Yuma, Colo. and has 2 children: Robt. Conrad and Katharine.

Margaret [Leedy] Seaton the next oldest lives on a claim 32 miles south of Lamar, Colo. They have 4 children.

Robt. Bevan, Edith, Dwight and Randall.

Oliver the oldest of our boys living is at Hudson, Wyo., is living with his 2nd wife. His first wife having died when her child Fern was about 6 mo. old. He has a boy, Harold Wendell.

Frank lives at Trilby, Florida, has 1 boy, Robt. Everett.

Edna [Leedy] Grantham lives at Luray, Kansas and Eugene N. Leedy the youngest is in Wyo. with his brother.

#### GENEOLOGICAL

Across the water on my fathers side, I am Swiss, and Irish [Keith] on my mothers side; I am Scotch Irish. Robt. Burns being my great grandfather, English [Southworth]. Low Dutch [Van meter]... Welch [Whitnah]; on this side York State Yankee, Pennsylvania Dutch and Old Virginia. So you see I am a scrub thoroughbred.

#### A "JINER"

I joined the Union League at Phillips farmhouse near Frank Woold Mill when I was 14 yrs. old. The Grange when it first started, the Knights of Labor, the F. M. B. A. and Alliance, Knights of Pythias and Masons since, and am a Granger at present.

#### POLITICAL

Born and raised a Republican I refused to vote for Grant for a second term, having voted for him for the first term. Cast my last national Republican ballot for Jas. G. Blaine; helped elect Cleveland the last time he ran and laid awake nights to hate him for his action on the money question and invasion of State Rights, but did not desert the party on that account.

#### RELIGIOUS

My family are all Methodists, except Oliver and myself. I never saw a party platform or a Creed that I could indorse entirely—don't believe in miracles in the past, present or prospective. Yet I believe in a Supreme Being who rules the universe.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

I went to two graded schools, 6 different country schools, taught 14 or 15 terms of school in 4 districts, have been town clerk and treasurer and represented Woodson Co. Kan in the "Pop" Legislature of 1890-91, Left Ohio for Indiana 1868; left for Ills. in 1869; left for Kans. 1884; have lived here on the Neosho river since—except 4 years in Wyo. 1907-1911. Served 4 mo. 8 das in Capt. Leedy's Co. D, 1864.

Now Cousin I have written quite a bit, use it as you think best some of the other relatives might take a hint and write also. I enclose an item concerning Bro. John herewith.

Robt. B. Leedy.

Note—This is a fine lay-out cousin, and we are tickled that you are so close home; of the Big John tribe.

#### PIERCETON, IND.

Dr. C. E. Leedy has returned from a trip to Jacksonville, Florida, and other points in the south. Mr. Leedy found them sowing oats, setting out Cabbage plants and going ahead with their spring work. This sounds rather strange to us with the thermometer hovering around zero.

Elias Leedy, son of Abram and Sarah Leedy was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 15, 1840; died Nov. 29, 1916, aged 76 yrs. 6 mos. and 14 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Schaaf in January, 1864. To this union was born ten children, seven boys and three girls.

One daughter preceded them in May, 1908. The wife and mother passed to her reward March 12, 1913, leaving to mourn their loss nine children, 28 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Washington Union, on Friday, at ten o'clock conducted by Rev. G. F. Hubbartt, and interment was in the church cemetery.

While working on an old water tank at Dola, Ohio, Saturday morning, J. D. Greer, of Pierceton, sustained a fall which resulted in the fracture of the large bones above both ankle joints and the crushing of one heel. Mr. Greer also received a cut on the side of the face and was severely jarred which it was feared might cause an injury to the spine. The injured man was brought to the Lutheran hospital at Ft. Wayne where his injuries were dressed. Mrs. Greer was notified immediately and left for the hospital on the 10:56 train Saturday morning, where she remained till Sunday evening. She went back again on Monday and will remain during the week.

The accident occurred while an old water tank was being torn down. The staves of the tank were about eighteen feet in length and were difficult to handle. Braces were placed inside the tank to hold them in position till they could be lowered one at a time. When all had been taken down but four or five they started to fall and the plank which had been used as a brace swung around striking Mr. Greer on the back and knocking him from the floor of the tank on which he was standing. Seeing that he must fall, he jumped to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet, and alighted on some of the timbers. Mr. Greer has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company as carpenter for eight years, working most of the time between Ft. Wayne and Crestline.

He is slowly recovering and the surgeon announces that no amputation will be necessary. This occurred late in December.

Mrs. Greer, a Leedy favored us with the above and also the following items of news. The accident to Cousin Greer was quite serious. To have both ankles broken is no light injury.

Oarlene Blanchard, grandchild of David S. Leedy and Albert Scheinost of



Fairfax, South Dakota, were united in marriage in Warsaw on the 19th of August by Rev. A. G. Neal.

Nellie R. Ward, daughter of William and Nancy Ward and grandchild of David S. Leedy and Robert C. Lancaster, were wedded on the 9th of Sept. 1916 by Rev. J. Thomas Bean. They reside in Pierceton, Indiana.

Allie O. Headlee, daughter of Susan Leedy Headlee and granddaughter of David S. Leedy and Gwym F. Lancaster were united in marriage on the 29th of July 1916, by Rev. A. G. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Headlee spent two months with friends and relatives in Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Faulkner of Ft. Wayne, Ind. are the proud parents of a five pound daughter, born Dec. 3, 1916. It was named Elizabeth Maxine. Mrs. Faulkner is a grandchild of David S. Leedy.

#### BOSTON, MASS.

Jan. 1, 1917.

Dear Editor:—Well as this is the first of a brand New Year I thought I would start it right by writing a few lines to the good old Chronicle. I am the youngest son of Dennis K. Leedy who resides in Newark, Ohio, and I also have a twin brother who is at present in Akron, Ohio. I am at present employed by Uncle Sam as a machinist mate in the United States navy, and that is what prompted me to write this letter more than anything else.

I have read the Chronicle almost since I have been big enough to read and I have never yet seen or heard of a Leedy who has proffered his service to Uncle Sam as a sailor, altho I do know of one who served three year's in the army but one only. I am not much of a writer but I

am going to try and fill two sheets of paper at least, and I hope to see this in the Chronicle some time. I am very proud of the Leedy name and I have never yet met anyone by that name or who was linked to that name in any way who was not honest, industrious, open and frank and they were always ready to extend their hospitality to any and all of their relations; and every time I think back along our long line of ancestors, [as far as I can learn about I mean] I can't hardly help but throw out my chest a little and hold my head a little higher and go to work to make the good old name of Leedy go down in history or be famous in some good way. I will say right here that as far back as I can find out about them there has never been a stain on our name of any kind whatsoever.

Well as I have only been in the Navy one year. I can't tell you very much of my travels and experience in foreign countries as I haven't had much travel and I guess I won't until the great war is over. But we are going to make a nice trip to South America and the Danish West Indies, also Mexico and Panama and we start the tenth of Jan. so I will write a nice piece for the Chronicle. I am only 20 years old and I have 5 brothers and two sisters, 4 brothers are married.

Yours very truly,

No doubt you heard about my father's accident in Columbus, Ohio, some months ago, when he fell under his train and had his left arm cut off, also his middle toe on his left foot but he is getting along nicely.

A. B. Leedy, Mach. Mate U. S. N.

U. S. S. Jacob Jones

In care P. M. New York,  
New York.

Always speak an urgent word to relatives to take the Chronicle when it is in place to do so.

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### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

We resolved to get this number of the Chronicle out in January. When we had time and opportunity, we did not have any matter worth while in hand to make it a Leedy Chronicle in fact. We waited and while we waited the winter rush of printing came in and the severe weather sent the usual sickness among the office employees, and then we could not attend to all the duties, and the one with least resistance naturally fell to the rear.

Again, there are times when we fail to have the spirit of writing as we have at other times. We are sometimes in the spirit of writing so much that we might pencil a Chronicle of readable matter. But unfortunately this condition is too much like the phases of the moon, it comes around now and then and is not subject to any particular wish.

Another hindrance to the interests of The Chronicle is the loss of the spirit of sacrifice among the people. There are few now who love to perform a service

for the joy of others without receiving a compensation. People everywhere are willing to make great efforts for good pay; but the grind of making effort for the entertainment of others without pay has lost its attraction.

The moral to this is write letters of news to The Chronicle.

A Christmas package of good cheer  
Is what we all had planned to send;  
One full of tender thoughts and dear,  
And merry greetings without end.

But Maude and Marjory and I,  
With Laura B. and Harriet,  
Heaped up the gift so wide and high  
No train on earth could carry it.  
Charles A. Leedy.  
Youngstown, Ohio

### NEWS AND NOTES.

The doing of the Reunion resolution committee touched a vibrating cord when they appointed the list of Chronicle correspondents.

Be sure you send to us your correct address. We frequently receive notice from cities that there is no such street as we have in our mailing list.

Uncle J. L. Garber's letter has the old time ring in it. It is a wonderful stretch of life we have passed thru since he was a big boy and we were a little boy.

We would say to Cousin John Spayde that sticks which strike good are good sticks. You struck first and struck good.

Prof. L. L. Garber makes weekly trips to Ashland on behalf of the State of Ohio to teach the Ashland public school teachers Psychology.

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R. F. Leedy resides in Fribly, Florida, and is related to the Leedy family at Neosho Falls, Kansas.

Robt. B. Leedy, Neosho Falls, Kans. has sent in four new names for the Chronicle and a contribution to the history fund. We thank him.

We are informed that Clement V. Leedy, Bellville, Ohio, was seriously afflicted with typhoid pneumonia in December. T14 and 17.

Cousin John L. Swank favored us with this clipping from the local paper, Bellville, Ohio:

"John L. Garber, who claims to be the oldest man in Jefferson township, celebrated his 90th birthday Monday. Several friends and relatives called to see him and wish him many more happy birthdays. He can read without glasses. Two of his grand nieces, Miss Anna Aungst and Mrs. Olive Swank, whose birthday anniversary falls on the same day, were entertained with a delicious chicken dinner. Mr. Garber has resided in this district for more than half a century, and in his younger days was a carpenter and millwright. The last building which he built was the one in which he celebrated the day. The last public building he erected was the Walnut Hill School house in 1869, for which he received \$533.00. The seats and desks were hand-made from black walnut. He built both house and barn at Walnut Grove, hewing the timbers for in 80 foot barn in one winter. Some of his various experiences are very interesting to the fourth generation of his descendants.

One by one the friends pass over the brink of life. We are all too busy to die, but we die anyway.

Prof. L. L. Garber visited his mother, Mrs. Susan, Leedy Dyer, at Columbus

the 4th of January. She is suffering from rheumatism in the hips and was confined to her bed much of the time.

We are pleased over the hearty letter from our young Leedy cousin in the Navy of our country. The Chronicle has a warm place in the affection of relatives who have read it from their youth.

There is something interesting in seeing associated in an issue of the Chronicle letters from Indiana, various points in Ohio, and other states about the movements of the Leedy people and connections.

The Garbers and Garvers are becoming more notable than they were in the past. The names frequently appear in the daily papers. W. F. Garver, of Holmes county, Ohio, is in the Ohio Legislature. G. A. Garver, appears as a speaker in the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Retail Merchants' Service League, the first organization of the kind in the U. S. He and his brothers operate a retail department store in Strasburg, Ohio, a town of 1100 inhabitants which does a business of half a million dollars a year.

We spent the 27th and 28th of January on a visit to our Mother, Mrs. Susan Dyer, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Bell Keiser, Columbus, Ohio. Mother has been confined to her bed most of the time for several weeks with a kind of painful rheumatism in her back and hips. Her vitality is so reduced by age that medical treatment so far has failed to reach the difficulty. It will be remembered by some that Mrs. Keiser lost her husband, Dr. R. Keiser, notice of whose death appeared in the last Chronicle. She has nicely regained her usual activity and strength, since the wearing experience thru which she was compelled to pass.

Mr. Rufus H. Horn and Miss Bessie M. Crain were married at her home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grubb, at North Liberty, Ohio, Jan. 20th, by Rev. Linn, pastor of the Ankenytown Brethren Church. Miss Bessie is a daughter of Mr. Edward and Mrs. Jennie Crain, and a granddaughter of Mother Susan Leedy Garber Dyer. The newly-wedded came to Ashland on the 22nd and visited her brother Frank Crain, and spent an evening with us also. Mrs. Grubb is the daughter of Elizabeth Garber Leedy, where Mrs. Horn has made her home for some time, and which will be their future home for some time. We wish them the largest share of happiness and prosperity.

We are glad to hear that Uncle John Garber has regained a measure of health again. Uncle John has a good grip on life.

We wish a good spirit would move on some Leedy or connection to buy about three acres of the old Leedy grove near Ankenytown for permanent reunion grounds. Or suppose 100 of us give \$5.00 apiece for that purpose. There ought easily be a hundred of us to take a part in establishing such a landmark and monument to the Leedy name and connections. We have two \$5's in our hand: who will make up the 98?

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leedy Feb. 14, 1916, a son, name Harvey B. Leedy, t20, at 1423 Scribner Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

It is a little late to send this announcement of the birth of my grandson and namesake, but friends will be pleased to know it.

Harvey A. Leedy.

Ionia, Mich.

Frank L. Garber visited Mother Dyer in Columbus early in March.

She is making little headway towards recovery, altho she has a good appetite. Her long confinement in bed has greatly weakened her.

We notice in the cut of Historian Roy B. Leedy and family that the little one has a pioneer Leedy head, intellectually.

### BOURBON, IND.

Jan. 4, 1917.

Dear Editor:—During the spring and summer I did some gardening. I was very busy with the weeds; had better garden than my Illinois and Ohio relatives, yet not very good. I did not raise chickens. So did not have chicken for the reunion. But I could not miss any at the reunion.

Our secretary give a good report of the reunion. It looks very much like I have a life job being president. I think may be that they will find a new one another year. We had a very hot summer, but I got a long with my work, and I tell you if any of the relatives would happen to come to see me, they will not say a widow woman lives there, for every thing is in apple pie order.

I left Bourbon the 15 of Nov. I stopped at Warsaw, and visited a couple friends; also at Leesburg and Milford. Arrived at New Paris Monday. Took dinner with our Cousin Ezra Leedy and wife who are not in good health. Ezra is crippled with rheumatism and his wife has trouble with her lungs. But found them feeling better am glad to write. I went to Goshen—spent more than a week in and around Goshen, with cousins and friends. Had a nice time. I have always wanted to visit my cousins there. I was not disappointed in my visit; had a royal good time with them. Thank-giving, at noon, I left for Butler, to see my son Charley married. You will see an account of it in the Chronicle. Fri.

day morn I came to Melburn, Ohio, which is only 1 mile from Sister Minn's. I telephoned out and it was not long until her daughter Grace was after me. So I am still here; have plenty to eat and a warm place to stay. So you will hear from me in the spring when I get back to Bourbon.

Charles G. Miller, son of Mary E. Miller, and Lucile Writenhouse, of Butler, Ind. were married Thanksgiving, at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Writenhouse, pastor of U. B. church in Butler. Only a few friends besides the families were present. After a two course lunch the bride and groom left at 6 o'clock for their home in Detroit, which the groom had prepared at 112 Clardon Ave.

De Foe Leedy, our former secretary of Indiana reunion has two bright little sons, William 17 months old and Robert 3. Hope he will keep the readers posted about them. De Foe is a very busy man.

Ira G. Leedy of Cerro Gordo, Ill., has been walking on crutches all fall from a wound made by the oil can spout 15 years ago. I thought he would have time to write the Chronicle how they were getting along.

Aunt Betsy Leedy, I think is the oldest Leedy living. If she lives until the 6th of March she will be 91 years old. She is staying with her granddaughter at Convec, Ind. She was very feeble the last time I saw her.

Sister Minnie and husband, W. M. Harter, and I were to see our Cousin Liman Kunkle one day last week. They have just got over an accident. Their horse scared at the cars on an overhead bridge.

Think I have written enough, it will

try your patience reading it.

Mary E. Miller.

### BELLVILLE, OHIO

In response to your request for new items of relatives, would say in reply that self, wife and daughter Marie tool a vacation and visited during the Thanksgiving week, J. S. Long and Aunt Tena Mock at Harrod, O. We found both exceptionally well for their extreme ages; he in his 88 year and she almost 90, yet she is as strait as an arrow and sprightly as some who are yet in their teens; and it appears that there is music in both her voice and her feet Uncle Jo, as he is familiarly called in Allen Co., is fat, sassy and as hearty as a buck, auber he cannot quite so far shump mit his wooden leg; and when he gets started in on the old time hymns you can hear his voice on a quiet eve reverberate for a mile or more.

We ate our Thanksgiving dinner with the family which to say the least was fine. Friday we spent with his son and family near by, and on Saturday his grandson, Homer Long, came down from Lima in his Maxwell and took us all to Lima where we spent the day. Had a fine dinner at H. W. Long's, a prominent contractor and builder of that thriving city. We returned to Harrod late in the evening, all excepting Marie who went to Fostoria to visit with her sisters for a week.

Sunday we spent very pleasantly visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turner, Uncle's son-in-law and daughter.

Returned home on the 4th.

Mrs. G. W. Long of Richland, Ia. is making an extended visit with her children in Des Moines, Minnesota, Montana, Chicago, New York and contemplates visiting with her many relatives and friends in this vicinity some time

during the coming year ere she returns to her home.

Theodore Teeter of Fairfield, Iowa, a former resident of this locality is visiting relatives here at present.

John Long sold out in Butler and bought a residence in Mansfield, Ohio, where he is now located.

Bro. Jacob L. Swank is still in a precarious condition from paralysis.

A. T. Leedy has purchased the D. M. Teeter farm one mile south of town from Henry Oswalt for \$3200 and intends moving there next fall.

J. L. Swank.

### WARSAW, IND.

Following an illness of more than a year, the death of Elias Leedy occurred early Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, 1916, at his home near Pierceton, Ind. About a year ago the deceased sustained a stroke of paralysis. Two weeks ago a second stroke, since then his condition had been serious.

Elias Leedy son of Abram and Sarah Leedy, was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 15, 1840; departed this life Nov. 29, 1916. Age 76 years, 6 months and 14 days.

When a young man he came to this county and was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schaaf in Jan. 1864. To this union was born ten children, seven boys and three girls. One daughter Mrs. Sarah Miller, preceded them in May, 1908. The wife and mother passed to her reward March 12, 1913, leaving to mourn their loss 9 children, 28 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Mrs. Hulda Hunter of Sidney, Ind.; William, of Boyne Falls, Mich.; Henry, of Alhambar, Calif.; Bert of Roanoke, Ind.; Rolander, Walter, Amsy, Esta and Mrs. Lettitia Grindle, all of

Pierceton, Ind. and vicinity. He is also survived by three brothers: Ephraim, of Pierceton, Ind.; Jacob, who live southwest of Pierceton, Ind. and Samue of Wenatchee, Washington.

The writer received a letter from John Leedy Spayde a few days ago. It was quite a surprise but was received with a warm welcome. He was very much mistaken about my connection with the Leedy family but shall write him and get him on the right line.

The Indiana Reunion surely will enjoy his visit with cousins, at Winona, whenever it is possible for them to come.

"Uncle" John certainly lives in a very interesting location on this good old earth. We are hoping sometime to just get a glimpse at the Black Hills of South Dakota and test the hospitality of his home.

Hattie Leedy, Secy.

Christian S. son of Abram S. and Sally Brallier Leedy died Oct. 7, 1915.

Ruth Irenc, daughter of George B. and Nellie I. Leedy Perry, born Feb. 23, 1916.

Elias Leedy son of Abram S. and Sally Brallier Leedy died Nov. 29, 1916.

The first note is rather late to be published but neglected to send it in.

Hattie Leedy.

Warsaw, Ind.

### GOSHEN, IND.

Mr. and Mrs. DeFoe Leedy are the parents of a son, Robert Dale, born Oct. 16, 1916. Just helping to keep the Leedy name from running out. We have two boys and quite naturally we think they are the finest boys in town.

Mary Miller, of Bourbon, spent a few days with us last month, but her visit was cut short on account of her going to

Butler, Ind. to attend her son Charles' wedding on Thanksgiving day.  
DeFoe Leedy.

**J. W. LEEDY, LIBERAL, FOR LAC  
STE. ANNE, AND F. W. LUNDY  
CONS., FOR STONY PLAIN**

At the Liberal convention for the Lac Ste Anne held last evening at Onoway, J. W. Leedy, former governor of Kansas, and now a prominent resident of the district, was selected as the Liberal standard bearer at the next provincial election. The vote stood, Leedy, 29; Priestly, 10; White, 10. Mr. Leedy has made an especial study of agricultural credits, and is an advocate of reform in banking laws.

Note—The title above is not dutch but Canadian, and means little more than dutch to us. A portrait shows the ex-governor is still in possession of energy and endurance.

**ANKENYTOWN, OHIO**

Miss Louise Leedy, daughter of Albert O. Leedy, was married to Oscar Parson of Fredericktown, Oct. 28th.

Tennyson Leedy recently purchased the Mary Teeter farm near Honey Creek and will move there in the spring. He intends renting the old Leedy farm his father owned.

Aunt Lovina Leedy of Ankenytown has gone to Florida for the winter. B. C. DeBolt and wife accompanied her.

Winifield L. Garber son of F. L. Garber is recovering from a carbuncle which required an operation. His condition was serious for a few days.

Mrs. Pearl Fouts, of Marion Ohio, is now making her home in Butler with her sister Mrs. Beth Beyers.

Mrs. Lizzie Leedy Ramsey has recovered from an illness of lung trouble. She was ailing for several months.

Mr. Charley Fry, son of John and Nora Leedy Fry was married Thanksgiving to a Miss Belva Fisher of Waterford. Charley is a grandson of Uncle Joe and Aunt Lizzie Leedy. This is the first marriage in this family.

Frank and Lovina Garber gave their usual Christmas dinner for their children and grandchildren. Mother Garber's feasts are known to all the Leedy relatives.

Mrs. Milo Gatton, daughter of J. S. Leedy, with her husband will move back to their farm Jan. 1st. They have been residents of Butler for 5 yrs.

We have forgotten who favored us with these items.

**RAPID CITY, S. D.**

Dec. 9, 1916.

Leedy Chronicle:—Dear Cousin Garber. I endorse the action of the resolution committee in selecting news gatherers, but they surely got a poor stick when my name was put on. I enjoy the Chronicle more and more as the years go by, and will try and report something soon from the Black Hills.

I send you the Booster again. You may have read the article marked. Those are facts, as I could have written. So the person knew what he was penning.

We are having a most delightful fall; no snow, no rain, very little wind—only 2 days cold, 12th and 13th of Nov.

What was the matter with Ohio this election year?

We have a Presbyterian minister, Dr. I. I. Gorby, a fine, strong and eloquent man born in Ohio. He says there is only one state in the Union, i. e., Ohio.

John Leedy Spayde.

**FOR THE LEEDY CHRONICLE.**

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 16, 1917.

Dear Relatives:—I will attempt to write a letter for The Chronicle and give a sketch of our trip. On the 6th of Dec. we, in company with my mother [Aunt Lovina Leedy] and two of our neighbors, left our homes and started for the Sunshine City. We arrived here on the 9th, stopping over night in Jacksonville. St. Petersburg is a good clean town, clean in every sense of the word and a beautiful place to spend the winter. The people of the town unite their efforts to make it a pleasant place for the tourists. The center of attraction is the Park where they can engage in games of different kind, such as croquet, horsehoe, checker, etc. They allow no card-playing nor any thing that is not elevating. There are thousands of tourists here and you can go on the streets at any time and find people going up and down the streets quietly and with perfect order.

On Sunday afternoons we are entertained at the Park with music by the City Band, also vocal music and speaking.

Up to the present time there are two thousand people from Ohio that have registered and no doubt many more who have not registered. Ohio is in the lead and has formed a Society and twice each month we meet at the M. E. church for a program and to get acquainted. These meetings are very enjoyable. I will give a little sketch of one of our meetings taken from one of the Daily papers that will give an idea better than I can give. "The bi-monthly meeting of the Ohio Tourists' Association yesterday was a hummer. Notice was given out two weeks ago that every effort would be put forth by every Buckeye present to see that, with their own attendance every other Ohioan should be invited to rally around the Buckeye standard at the meeting. To this end a

parade was arranged for—and such a splendid response. There was not a section, scarcely a county that was not represented in the parade. Forming at the Park in double column, the line of march was taken up through the park to Fourth St., thence to Central Ave. pausing now and then to give the Ohio yell: "Rah! Rah! Rah! O-H-I-O! Who's all right! Ohio!" Elderly ladies and elderly men brimming over with enthusiasm in the enjoyment of their Sunshine City park, let loose their vocal organs—and the Buckeye Slogan had a resounding inning."

Another one of the interesting features of the place is the splendid opportunity for fishing.

The town is situated on Tampa bay and twelve miles from the Gulf and there is splendid fishing, both on bay and gulf. Large boats leave here each morning for the Grouper banks on the Gulf. B. C. spends most of his time fishing; his largest catch was 90 lbs. in a few hours time; he also won the prize for catching the largest fish which weighed 14 lbs.

We expect, on our return home to stop for a few days at Tampa and Chattanooga where there are many places of interest.

I must bring this letter to a close lest it gets too lengthy. We enjoy The Chronicle very much and are glad to hear from our friends in this way. We would be glad to hear from Cousin Isaac Leedy, he certainly has our sympathy in his loneliness. All good wishes to all our relatives and friends.

Mrs. B. C. DeBolt.

**WEBSTER GROVE, MO.**

R. F. D. No. 6, Dec. 10, 1917

Ed. Chronicle:—Dear Nephew and family. I enclose P. O. money order for renewal of my subscription to The Chronicle. Myself and wife enjoy reading it very much. It so often brings

to memory old friends of our early days. I hope to be able to enjoy the next reunions with you. My son Harley and wife and their son Roland, 12 years old, live with us.

We would be lonely without them.

Our summer, like in many of the near states, has not given us bountiful crops. What we have brings high prices. But for the large whiskey vote of St. Louis, Mo., would be on the dry list. Watch us in couple years.

J. L. Garber.

### NEW PARIS, IND.

Dec. 4, 1916.

Dear Cousin:—I will write you a few lines to let you know how we are. I have quite a case on my hands all the time. Mr. Frame has been in bed for over five weeks, not much sick, but feeble and worn out, he cannot walk at all, but yet he can stand on his feet for a minute or two at a time. He has a good appetite, he can eat a good hearty meal and seems to enjoy his meals; he keeps fat, if he only was not so large I could get along so much better.

Sister Martha has been grandma since the 2nd of July, Ralph's boy is a fine one, weighed 16 lbs. when three months old and now he can laugh and crow and talk baby language. He tries ever so hard to say something.

His name is Robert Kurtz.

Brother James lives in the City of New Orleans.

S. L. Frame.

### MRS. ALONZO LEEDY DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Died—In Rapid City, Friday, December 15, 1916. Mary, beloved wife of Alonzo M. Leedy, of kidney and heart trouble, aged sixty years, eight months and twenty-eight days.

Another sudden death has startled the people of Rapid City. Yesterday

forenoon Mrs. A. M. Leedy passed suddenly away, having been ill but a couple of days. She was taken sick Wednesday while baking bread and grew so ill that she was taken to the apartment above in which her son, Harry, and family reside. Yesterday morning she was out of bed when the summons came, and before she could be placed in bed she passed away.

Mrs. Leedy's maiden name was Hoverstick, and she was born in 1856 at Butler, Ohio. In June, 1878, she married A. M. Leedy and in January, 1881, they came to Rapid City, where they have lived ever since with the exception of a couple of years, 1911 to 1913, when they lived in Blessing, Tex., for the benefit of Mr. Leedy's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Leedy were the parents of two sons, who were born here and have lived here nearly ever since. Harry, who is master mechanic of the R. C. B. H. & W. railroad, and Carl, who lives at Sheridan. Deceased leaves one grandchild.

Three sisters and two brothers survive her. They are Mrs. William Barnum, of Lexington, O., Mrs. Aden Brinley, Mansfield, O., Mrs. Fred Snook, of Barberton, O., and Tom Hoverstick, Lexington, Ohio, and Alonzo Hoverstick, of Shelby, Ohio.

The writer has known "Aunt Mollie" since 1882, and during all that time has never heard a word spoken against her. She was one of the kind who took what came and made the best of it. She was loyal to her friends and helpful to her neighbors. She will be much missed among the circle of relatives and friends with whom she was acquainted.

The funeral will probably be Sunday afternoon though it will not be fully decided until they hear from her relatives. —*Rapid City Daily Journal, South Dak.*

The obituary of Salome Hill will appear in the next number.

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MARY E. LEEDY MILLER  
President of the Indiana Leedy Reunion.

**MARY E. LEEDY MILLER.**

It is with pardonable delight that we are favored with the portrait of the worthy president of the Indiana Leedy Reunion. A good spirit moved upon her to send her portrait for insertion in The Chronicle. She is one of the noble Leedys; always hopeful, full of good humor, chatty and without unpleasant ways and habits.

She was equipped physically and mentally to accomplish great things in life; but like many of the Leedy people, viewed life in its lowly estimate, and

never lived out to much extent, the capacities nature endowed her with. She is honest and generous to a fault, loves to please people, and if circumstances had given her abundant means would have found great delight in relieving the suffering. She is naturally qualified to govern without severity or harshness.

Mary E. Leedy Miller, daughter of Samuel S. and Dalanah Leedy was born 2½ miles north and west of Pierceton, Ind., Sept. 3, 1853. She grew up on a farm which her father and mother moved on from Ohio in 1846, who came



out in a big wagon. The farm was all woods, not a stick of timber cut. Soon a log cabin was built in the dense forest, with Indians and wild animals howling around.

She spent her childhood days on the farm, going to school in the little school house in the country what time could be spared from home. She always had a longing for an education to teach school. Sometimes she would almost give up in despair. But at the age of 20 she went to school in Pierceton. By being a good student the greatest desire of her heart was granted to be a school teacher.

The first year she spent 10 months in the school rooms as a successful teacher. Taught school until 1878, when the mother was taken away and she went home to keep house for her father.

In 1885 November 18th, she was married to Wilson Miller of Tippacanoe Co., Ind. Went to housekeeping in Pymont, Carroll Co., Ind. They lived 6 years in Carroll Co. In 1887, moved to Bourbon, Ind., where she now lives.

To this union three sons were born: Everett O., born 1881, Sept. 5th, who is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad. Charles I. born 1884, April 29th; he is a civil engineer. Lives in Detroit, the superintendent for an architect. Owen W. born 1893, September 17th. Lives in Detroit, putting up the iron structural work for buildings. Mr. Miller died Aug. 26, 1912, very suddenly with heart failure.

Samuel S. Leedy was the oldest son of Pioneer Jacob Leedy, who followed Big John, his brother, to Ohio from Morrison's Cove, Pa. a few years after his settlement, and located in Knox County adjoining the land entered by his brother.

His wife's father, Divalbiss, was also an Indiana pioneer and died at Columbia City, Ind., and his wife married a Tinkey a name familiar about Bellville, Ohio.

She died in Bellville at about 94 years of age.

Samuel S. Leedy died in 1888. He was a man of great mental endowments, with little education and no experience to call out his natural mental powers. He lived largely in the woods, in those days a quality of pioneer life and applied his physical powers in cutting away the forests.

### BOURBON, IND.

April 25, 1917.

Dear readers of Chronicle—Our dear and ever welcome paper is at hand and every word read. I see in my letter I promised you to hear from me this spring when I was at home. So here I am at home once more. Have been at home 4 weeks, ready to make garden. But this morn it is raining, so will write my promised letter. I left my Sister Minnie's, February 19; went to 112 Clarendo Ave., Detroit, to see my newley married son. Found them well and happy; had a very pleasant stay of 4 weeks, visiting son Owen who rooms and boards at 260 Warner Ave. The boys had work all winter. Detroit is a very busy city.

I stopped at Pierceton on my way home. Our Cousin Greer was able to walk out with the aid of crutches. Emma was getting ready to move. They sold their home and bought on Main Street.

Received a letter from Emma saying they were pleased with their new home I was so pleased with our first page of the Chronicle, to see the faces of our Historian, Roy B. Leedy and family. Hope more of our relatives will follow. Glad to read the letter from our Cousin in the Navy. Hope he will write again. It would be against the religious teaching of the Leedy Family to go to war. I know of two Leedy boys that went to the war of 1860 from Indiana. My oldest son went to the Spanish-American war, 1898. They are drifting away from

their teaching in a good many ways. I am glad our secretary of the reunion made mention of the dollar that we are to give to help our Ed. of Chronicle. Hope every one, boy and girl will try what they can earn and bring and tell how they earned the money, so we will get our names in the Chronicle, how we earned the money and how much. Now let all see what we can do to encourage our Ed. We are to have a treat this year Ice Cream and cake.

I thought I would be like our Navy Cousin, fill only two pages but have to take the third page. I wish some of our cousins from Washington state would write and send in the news.

The death of Samuel Leedy and son ought to be sent. Samuel was one of Elias' brothers. Hope Defoe will give the particulars of Maud Leedy's death, his stepmother, wife of William Leedy of Goshen, deceased. She was found dead in her chair a week ago yesterday. Glad cousin John Spayd has come to our assistance by writing news for the Chronicle. Where is our California Cousins; they have not written. Hope we will read letters from every state this year. Spent last week with my Tiosa cousins. Found them well. Aunt is living. She is at Converse with her grand daughter. I did not get to see her; will try and go later to see her. She is very feeble. My love to all the readers of The Chronicle.

Mary E. Miller.

### THE BLACK HILLS.

Rapid City, S. Dak. May, 1917.

Dear Leedy's—The committee, at last reunion who selected a Spayde to report news from the Black Hills surely didn't know what they were doing. Who ever knew one that could write a good letter, let alone, writing something interesting for publication? I never knew one. Therefore, don't expect much and you will not be disappointed.

There might be volums written about the Black Hills, the richest 100 miles square in the world; the gratest gold mine in the world; the greatest dairy cow in the world, the greatest alfalfa land and the finest climate 12 months in a year in the United States, etc. But that is getting away from the rule. We are supposed to write about the Leedys and to the Leedys.

The latest arrival is John [plain John] Leedy; son of Harry, son of Alonzo M., son of Lewis K., son of Big John. In the past 10 years there have been 7 cousins who really commenced life by getting married; in the same time 7 births and 5 deaths, a gain of two in our large family.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brenner [cousins] made a short visit here from "Pine Ridge, S. D. Agency"; and, by the way, few people know Mr. Brennen is the largest, or one of the large farmers in the U. S. His farm is 50 miles wide by 100 miles long and he covers that territory about once a month. He is superintendent of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and has a big job on his hands to line up the Indian on farming and stock raising. The Indians are fast coming to the front in stock, grain, vegetables and are holding yearly district fairs. Their great display of farm products makes the white man sit up and take notice.

Horace C. Gambrell made a short visit to his sister Mrs. D. A. Innes, Southerland, Ia. They have 5 grown sons and Mr. Innes is somewhat worried; he is afraid he will have 5 families to look after should "Uncle Samuel" call all his sons.

Charles A. Gambrell of Wellington, Kans. writes, "We have organized an oil company, have an oil well just outside city flowing many gallon of oil: Expect to have another well not only flowing oil but dollars by millions, I'm in on the million." Well! well! who ever heard of a million dollar

Leedy? There may be many and we would not know it as we are a bunch somewhat removed from the central stock. Nevertheless "I would like to see the color of his eye."

John D. Leedy of Seattle, Wash. writes his cousin Ruth Brewmen Hill; That he has been in nearly all the mining districts of the U. S. except the "100 miles square in the Black Hills." He is of the mining expert Fraternity and will probably make the Hills and his relatives a visit. The last time I saw John D. was in 1890, where I met him as he came up out of a coal mine in the Puget Sound country, state of Washington.

I was mighty glad to get the address from The Chronicle of Robt. B. and John W. Leedy. Quite a number of years since we three started west from Pierceton, Indiana, 1869. I went to live with Aunt "Betsy" Leedy Miskimin in Benton County, Iowa. Don't remember of meeting 'Bob' or John face to face since that date.

Time sure do fly.

The writer might interest the Leedys more if better acquainted. It has been 68 years since leaving Ohio in a wagon drawn by oxen for the thick woods of Indiana and of course do not remember about the Leedys and Ohio.

Greetings to all the Leedys everywhere, from 36 Leedys in the Black Hills of So. Dakota.

John Leedy Spayde.

#### HOME WEDDING.

The following is a clipping from a paper in Knoxville, Tenn., and describes the wedding of my niece, Inez Blanche Garber. Her mother is a daughter of Levi B. Leedy of Fremont, O., and granddaughter of Pioneer Daniel Leedy who settled in Richland, Co., O., in 1824.—R. B. L.

"On Tuesday morning, June 12, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock occurred the marriage

of Miss Inez Blanche Garber of this city to Mr. Harry Ray Kreisher of Mansfield, O. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Garber, on Wells street in the presence of a number of intimate friends and relatives.

Previous to the ceremony Miss Mozelle Runell sweetly sang "I Love You Truly." The bride and groom entered the parlor to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss Emma Tinsley and stood under a canopy made of garlands of daisies, baskets and vases of the same flower being used throughout the parlor.

Rev. O. R. Tarwater, pastor of the bride, officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of embroidered voile with satin trimmings and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride roses.

After congratulations the company repaired to the dining room which was prettily decorated in Dorothy Perkins roses. Here the bride's cake was cut, the finding of the talismanic favors causing much merriment and later a delicious luncheon in which a color scheme of pink and white was beautifully carried out, was served by the bride's sisters, Misses Florence, Marjory and Ursula Garber and Misses Sarah and Mozelle Durnell.

The bride since coming to Knoxville to reside nearly two years ago has, by her many charming traits of character, won many friends who regret she will no longer make Knoxville her home.

Mr. Kreisher is a young man of splendid qualities and is a successful business man in his native town.

The happy couple left at noon for Mansfield, O., where they will reside."

Pay your subscription to The Chronicle at the Reunion; it will save you the trouble of writing. "oct16" on the label means time was out last year.

#### LEST WE FORGET.

I presume that a great many of the relatives are extremely busy like I am and have been this past year and are not sending in much copy for the Chronicle. In these days of excited war conditions and the pressure of high prices we are apt to lay aside our accustomed interest in family matters. As for myself neither of these have caused any falling away in my usual historical zeal for my age and profession have assured my exemption from at least the present draft. Other duties however have crowded into my time so that I have been unable to spend much time at the history this past year.

Lest we forget! Yes, I trust that it will come forcibly to the minds of all the Leedy families, especially of Ohio that at our last Reunion it was decided that the proceeds of the stand should go toward the support of the Leedy history and especial a trip to Pennsylvania. We hope that there will be plenty of volunteers of the relatives about Ankenytown who will help clear the grounds and get ready for the reunion so the burden will not fall on only a few. Remember that if the proceeds is to go to the history project it will be necessary for more to donate their time and service in getting ready for the day.

Lest we forget! Again I have been grieved that I have not already made my trip to Penn. The last old pioneer Leedy living in York, Pa. the original American home of the Leedy family, died some over two months ago. She was of the Youngstown tribe and several years ago I wrote a letter with questions to her for an history but having received no reply I supposed she was dead. Had I know she was still living I would have sent a dozen letters if needed to get a reply. I think the grandfather of this Mrs. Koontz was one of the two lost brothers of the original Leedy family in America. How deeply I regret that

she was the last survivor to tell me whether this was true.

Over a year ago I sent a letter to Chas. A. Leedy of Youngstown, O., to ask his assistance in getting back to the beginning of his tribe. The other day I got a letter from him telling of the death of his great aunt. But in the meantime I spent the past Fourth of July with my brother in Youngstown and took the opportunity to make a personal call on cousin Charles. I found him a very genial friend, a lover of birds as myself and we whiled away several very pleasant hours at his home and in an exceptionally beautiful natural park. The personal visit brought what the letter to him failed to do. May I add also that I called on Mrs. Keck aged 80 years, a grand daughter of Pioneer Jacob Leedy of the Virginia branch. While I had obtained many facts from her thru a faithful correspondence, yet our conversation brought facts to light that our letters failed to do.

May I again remind the relatives from whom I am awaiting history to do it now, lest we forget, and the opportunity be forever gone.

Roy B. Leedy.

Kenmore, O., July 26, 1917.

#### BIRTHDAY AND REUNION.

The L. B. Leedy family reunion on Friday, June 22, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Leedy, east of Fremont, O. The day was very happily spent, the occasion celebrating Mrs. Leedy's 70th birthday anniversary as well as the home-coming. A sumptuous chicken dinner was served at noon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John S. Leedy and family of Monroe, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kreisher of Mansfield, O., Mrs. W. T. Ramsey and sons Harold and Chester Paul of Butler, O., Miss Ruth Garber of Knoxville, Tenn., Rev. Roy B. Leedy of Kenmore, O., Len F. Leedy of Dubuque, Ia., Herman

Leedy of Youngstown, O., Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Seerist and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Leedy and Mr. Guy Leedy.—Ex.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Leedy celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, March 24, at their home five miles southeast of Bellville, O., after a very pleasant voyage of fifty years over life's tempestuous sea.

Surrounded by their children and many invited guests, the day was ideal for the occasion. Mr. Leedy owns and occupies the farm where he was born, and has lived all his years, excepting three years which he spent with four of his brothers in defense of his country during the Civil War. His father, pioneer Daniel Leedy, having entered the land nearly one hundred years ago and the title has been in the Leedy name since the government was established.

Their home was nicely decorated for the event; the golden hues prevailing. The forenoon was spent in receiving guests, introductions, conversation, etc., and when the old grandfather's clock [9 feet high] that stood for ninety years on the floor, announced the noon hour, a very elaborate five-course dinner was served under the supervision of George B. Keiffer of Butler, who has become renowned for his culinary arts.

The tables in the large dining room were beautifully decorated and arranged to seat twenty-six guests; the bride and groom and family occupied the one with the bride's twin brother, Mr. S. P. Oldfield, of Mitchellville, Ia., at her side; the Rev. Roy B. Leedy of Kenmore, O., invoking divine blessing. The Misses Ethel Kochheiser, Mina Frederick, Marie Swank and Leora Keiffer were the very efficient waitresses.

Roy had his camera with him and took a picture of the family at the table, and later, of all out on the lawn.

After the dinner some fine vocal instrumental music was discoursed; the venerable couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, showing the high appreciation in which they were held by their many relatives and friends.

Impromptu speeches were made by the writer, W. L. Garber, S. P. Oldfield and E. L. Leedy, and the bride and groom thanked the donors for their souvenirs brought as kind remembrances.

Taking the two families they break the record of the county and probably of the state for golden weddings, this being the fourth in the Leedy family, viz. Andrew and Susan [Leedy] Kunkle, at Bryan, O., in 1898. Daniel and Eliza Leedy, at Benton, Mo., May 4, 1902, Daniel was a soldier in the Mexican war of 1846-7, so the spirit of patriotism developed early in the family. The third was that of Joseph and Anna [Leedy] Wiseman, on the 14th of November, 1903, at Fostoria, O., and the fourth March 24, 1917.

The two in the Oldfield family were Lyman, and Annie [Oldfield] Andrews, at Bellville, O., in 1895, and Daniel and Matilda [Oldfield] Garber, at Butler, O., in 1899.

The aged couple at 77 and 73 years are hale and hearty, highly favored and pleasantly situated, blest with everything that would make happiness complete. All present united in wishing them many more happy years together. They have built up noble characters which the wise man said is more valuable than gold, yea, more than much pure gold, and are well worthy of emulation.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stichler, of Mansfield, O., Silas Leedy, M. O. Leedy, Bellville, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Leedy, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Chance Mishey, Butler, O., Dwight and Glen Bierly, Hoy Stichler, Mansfield S. P. Oldfield, Mitchellville, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Leedy, Fremont, O., Herman Leedy, Kent, O., Rev. Roy B. Leedy, Kenmore, O., Mr. and Mrs. W.

T. Ramsey, Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gill, Fostoria, O., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Denhoff, Bloomdale, O., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKee, Alvada, O., Mr. Leonard Leedy, Toledo, O., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leedy and son, Sandusky, O., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clever, Miss Lucy Andrews, John L. Swank and daughter Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swank, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kochheiser and daughter Ethel, Miss Mina Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garber, Bellville, O., Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Garber and Mrs. Belle Wineland, Mt. Vernon, O., Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Leedy, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Divelbiss, Mrs. Fanny Loose, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Keiffer and daughter Leora, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swank, Isaac Leedy, Jr. and Miss Susie Eller, Butler, O.—J. L. Swank, in daily paper.

#### BELLVILLE, OHIO

May 28, 1917.

Editor of The Chronicle, Leedy Friendshoft everywhere, Greeting.

As it is time for the appearance of another Chronicle the spirit moved me to jot down a few items that may be of interest to the many readers of our Grand family paper. The health of the relatives in our beautiful little city is good with the exception of W. L. Garber who is considerable indisposed with rheumatism. T. L. Garber has spent nearly all his time this spring on the lawn around his new bungalow erected last season. No doubt when he has it completed it will be the most scientific-ly embellished beauty spot in our Burg. and wouldn't be surprised that ere long He will have his shingle out as a landscape gardener.

We are very sorry to report the death of J. L. Garber, son of H. S. and Sylvia C. Garber, whose obituary you will find elsewhere.

The writer's family has been increased by the birth of two grand-daughters, viz. Leona Mary Swank born to George

Gaylord and Grace Swank, Jan. 31, 1917. and Myrtle Katherine Swank, born to Hugh Orlandis and Novella Swank, March 31, 1917.

The Rev. J. F. Marlette of the Luthern church delivered a very able and inspiring memorial address to the aged griseled gray veterans who are still with us and large audience were in attendance in respect to the living as well as the honored dead, who sacrificed their lives in defense of our country in the war of '63 to '65.

The Rev. J. H. Barnes delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of B. H. S. at 7:30 p.m. May the 27 to crowded house at the Lutheran church Decoration and Registration come very close together this year; the latter no doubt means many graves in foreign lands—who will decorate them? Spring has been very backward, nothing doing much but wheat and grass which look like a bumper crop, especially in the old Leedy valley. With kindest regards to all I beg to remain very respectfully yours.

J. L. Swank.

#### THE SUNSHINE STATE.

If you were asked which State in the Union annually produced the greatest wealth per capita, what would be your answer? Well you would miss it, for it is South Dakota, and you would never guess South Dakota.

Most States call themselves some complimentary pet name, but not all of them have government observations to back that name. South Dakota has. It calls itself the "Sunshine State." Last year there were two hundred and sixty-three days on which there were no clouds.

People who are forever dissatisfied, and drift from State to State, always report the one most disagreeable thing that happened to them as characteristic of the state just left. This, no doubt, largely accounts for that peculiar misappre-

hension that one part of the country has of another. Take the general superficial impressions that prevail in any one State about another State, and at least seven out of ten of them are wrong.

Mention South Dakota and instantly comes the retort: "Blizzards—too cold!" Wrong again. South Dakota temperature for the three coldest winter months averages fourteen degrees above zero. That, in a sunshiny, dry climate, is mild winter weather. In seventeen out of the last thirty winters there was scarcely any snow at all.

Another delightful peculiarity of South Dakota is that most of the rainfall comes when it is needed. In most of the cornbelt States, farther south, the heavy rains come in the fall and early spring, when they most decidedly are not needed. In South Dakota three-fourths of the rainfall occurs during the growing season.

The State has great opportunities, and is not stingy with them. They are calling for farmers, manufacturers, and laborers. Improved land that yields, say, fifty bushels of corn to the acre, can be bought for less than half what the same sort of land brings in States South and East. There are four million acres of government land that is, or soon will be, opened to homesteaders. There are three million acres of school land.

Land may be rented for small cash rental, or may be bought on very easy terms. Corn and alfalfa are the greatest crops—although almost any crop can be grown.

Of course we are not representing South Dakota as a tropical paradise, where figs and pomegranates grow wild. No doubt a man too lazy to keep his blood circulating might get frost bitten. There are obstacles, as in every other State, and it requires a desire for a home and a competence that is bigger than a shiver or a blister to pull a settler through the first year or two. But no American with grit need whine about the lost days

of opportunity as long as western South Dakota is on the map.—Popular Magazine.

#### FORMER YOUNGSTOWN GIRL MANAGES BIG PLANTATION.

Cousin C. A. Leedy favored us with the following from the Youngstown, Telegram.

A Pittsburg paper has an interesting story of a former Youngstown woman, Mrs. Olive Leedy Wales, who is in sole command of a 500 acre farm on Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, in the famous "Eastern Shore" district. The present manor was built in 1772, and has many historical incidents in connection with it in the time of the Revolutionary war, war of 1812, the Civil war, and now, in the war of the present. Mrs. Wales is ably following the traditions of her predecessors. She has six families living on the farm, with their children and grandchildren, making two colonies, one white and the other negro, who help with the cultivation of the acreage, planted in wheat, corn, potatoes, navy beans and tomatoes, also a large market garden, a berry patch, an orchard of no mean proportions from which the neighborhood is supplied and the balance sold in Boston markets.

Mrs. Wales is also interested in raising stock, having pedigreed Percheron horses, Guernsey cattle, Berkshire pigs and sheep, also 500 chickens, turkeys, ducks, guinea hens and pigeons, all on her estate.

Mrs. Wales, who is a sister of W. Edgar Leedy of this city, has made a careful study of farming and the treatment of soils, and has been abroad a great deal, where she has had ample opportunity for gaining knowledge. The farm is one of the most picturesque places on Chesapeake Bay, the old colonial home, and the cabins of the tenants, reminding one of the southern plantations of former days.

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With this key you can tell whether you are behind or paid ahead.

Some of the friends have not paid up for four years.

Farmers are prospering this year and can easily pay. We are pulling against the stream these war time, and your favors are needed.

#### THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL LEEDY REUNION.

To the Leedy relations and their friends: The 22nd Annual Leedy Reunion will be held at the grove near Ankenytown, Ohio on Wednesday, Aug. 15th. Let no one fail to give full consideration of the importance of this meeting. Every one should make a special effort to come and meet everyone of the cousins and friends at this time.

The present trend of events makes future meetings less certain, especially for our young men who may be called to defend the liberties of all nations. So let everyone take heed and come to help make this the greatest Leedy Reunion ever held.

The meeting will be rather informal and largely given up to visiting. But any who has a bit of news, that would be generally interesting upon this occasion should come prepared to respond.

But above all come with the determination of having a day of enjoyment and you will not go home disappointed.

The committee of arrangements is as follows: Dean Martin, W. H. Leedy, Paul Debolt, Lee Garber, Homer Leedy, Elizabeth Martin, Martha Beal, Verda Amos, Lucille Garber and Hazel Swank.

It will be remembered on motion it was decided the stand is to be conducted this year in the interests of the History project.

Albert O. Leedy, Pres.  
Bellville, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1917.

#### COME TO THE INDIANA REUNION

Dear Editor and Leedy Relatives:—As it is drawing near reunion time, want to remind all the relatives through The Chronicle that the Indiana Reunion will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 29, 1917.

Would be very much pleased to welcome all from the adjoining counties

and states at this great family gathering.

Indiana Leedys! lay aside all cares and business and make this a day long to be remembered by being present and bringing all the relatives near you along.

Hattie Leedy, Secy.

The Leedy Reunion is changed this year from the first Wednesday in September to the last Wednesday in August because August has five Wednesdays this year.

We here send a pressing invitation to all relatives to come to Winona Lake, Indiana and have a good time. Last year it was voted to treat the relatives to ice cream. Also to raise a little money for our Editor of The Leedy Chronicle. Every person earning a dollar is to tell how. I wish every one of Leedys to think about a change in the Presidency of our reunion. The women can vote in Indiana this fall. Do not forget we will look for a good company from Ohio.

I am shure I would be glad to be with the Ohio relatives the third Wednesday in August, but can't this year, but will try and plan soon to be there; will be there in thought.

#### A Few Items.

My sons Everett O. Miller is in Company B. officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and Owen W. Miller has enlisted in Company A. 36th Engineer Regiment, Detroit. Will sail for France this week. He is Sargeant.

I visited a week in Lafayette, Ind. with my father-in-law, who is very feeble will soon be 87 years old. While there I visited my son Everett at Fort Benjamin Harrison who has been in Training since the first of May.

Hope the relatives will not look for my bucket of chicken. I am alone. Can't raise chickens and have no one to help me get to Winona. Will now say, good by; hope to see you all soon.

Mary E. Miller, Bourbon, Ind.  
President of Ind. Reunion.

### THE GARBER REUNION.

The Seventh Garber Reunion will be held in the beautiful grove near the home of Rebecca Garber, about two miles east of Bellville, Ohio, on Thursday, Aug. 16th. Relatives and friends are extended a cordial welcome, and let all arrange to come and make it a glad day.

Samuel M. Garber is President and Carl Garber, Secretary, who were authorized to choose a committee of arrangements.

### UNCLE JOHN GARBER PASSES.

On the evening of July 31st at about 5 o'clock, Uncle John Garber, in the ninety-first year of his age, was gathered unto the Fathers.

The funeral was held at Ankenytown, on Thursday, Aug. 2nd.

A history of his life and further particulars will be published in the next Chronicle.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

On March 23rd. Cousin Roy B. Leedy called on us a few moments. He came to Ashland to interview an aged Evangelical Association minister, in the interests of the district conference history of that church. He was looking hearty and cheery and is learning to know what a busy life means.

The Hill Reunion was held at New Berlin, Ohio this year, Sat. July 21st. This place is a village between Akron and Canton. We notice there are remaining four of Barbara Long Hill's children—Catherine Gross, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Susannah Wise, Cleveland, Ohio; Nancy Housley, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Abraham Hill, Hartville, Ohio; Sarah Keim, Akron, Ohio.

Born to Jay Clark Leedy and wife, a son May the 7th. Named, William

Clark. Jay is the youngest son of B. G. and Flora Leedy of Coravallis, Oregon.

Born to Herbert Leedy and wife a daughter named Miriam Ellen.—Elizabeth Leedy, the grandmother.

Our youngest daughter, Violet Lillian, was married, Dec. 9th, to Mr. Lee M. Parsons, of near Zanesville, Ohio. Thus they slip away from us one by one. Our children were all home to spend Christmas which was the first time we were all together for several years, and the next day after X'mas we had a family picture taken, which is precious to me. With love and good wishes to all.—Hannah Leedy Miller, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Prof L. L. Garber and family have returned to Ashland from Kent, Ohio, where they resided about a year.

We like John Leedy Spayde's article. He writes with a freshness as tho he was always right among us. It paid the Ohio Reunion to "resolute" for the letters he has written.

Cousin J. L. Swank is a "habitual writer." He has been at it a long time and writes carefully and well. He deserves honorable mention for his many favors to The Chronicle.

The reunions come early this year and the harvests are very late, so that they almost meet one another.

Along the first of July the editor went to Columbus and assisted Mrs. Bell Keiser in bringing Mother Susan Dyer to Ashland. She had a tiresome winter and spring in Columbus, being in bed most of the time. It is a suffering struggle with her to hold on to life. The warm weather has been favorable to her and she is now able to be about a little, using a cane. Mrs. Keiser spent about a week in Ashland, Cleveland and Bellville before returning to Columbus.

Born to Lester and Ruth Burns, a daughter, July 14th, named, Margery Ellen Burns. This is another number in the Editor's household. We are coming to be many. There are now eleven of our families.

We have gone thru a round of building this spring and have been working like a Trojan. We never get done fussing in these modern days. When a boy we expected to live only till fifty years of age. We have planned to retire from active responsibility to routine labor when sixty-five, and we are in a rush to get ready.

Cousin Roy, the Historian is a worker as the Leedys are and now while hardly more than a boy in age, he is loaded up with all sorts of church responsibilities and duties. But in one respect he is hardly a Leedy—money does not stick on him very well—he has no miser quality and does not measure affairs up with the diameter of the dollar.

We might have had a long list of items, if many other matters had not used up our brain energy. While we waited our opportune moment to write them, they left us beyond recall. We find when the mind gets old things must be done on the spot or they are gone.

We have a nice portrait of Ezra F. Leedy's wife and three generations. We thot of inserting it in this number, but having no history written up we deferred the matter until after the Reunions. We expect to issue the fall number about the middle of September, and the group will make a fine frontispiece.

Half tone portraits are now considerable higher than formerly, but are still much cheaper than a dozen of good photographs.

F. L. Garber and three sons dropped

down on us Aug. 5th. They reported fair health among the friends and rush in gathering in a great harvest.

#### OBITUARY OF SALOME HILL.

Report of the death of Mrs. Dr. C. T. Hill, of 647 North Howard Street, Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Salome Hill died Dec. 28, 1916 at her home on N. Howard Street and was buried on New Year's day at Werstler's Church, 4 miles north of Canton, O.

Mrs. Hill had accidentally fallen down the cellar steps several weeks prior to her death. She had placed some papers on the top step, intending to take them to the cellar the first time she had occasion to go down, it so happened that she had no occasion to go down cellar until after supper, when it was dark, forgetting that she had placed the papers on the step, she tripped and fell head foremost to the bottom of the cellar, breaking 5 ribs on her right side and her right arm above the wrist. From this mishap she suffered severely for about one week, after that she began to improve rapidly, could go about the house. On Dec. 28th she was up and down most of the day until evening when she took suddenly ill and passed away in half an hour, having had a stroke of apoplexy.

Her untimely death was a shocking surprise to all who knew her.

She leaves 2 brothers, U. S. G. Apley, of Akron, Ohio; Jerry Apley, of Ganesville, N. Y.; and a sister Mrs. Lina Scheatzley of Canton, Ohio.

Her maiden name was Salome Apley, and was born at North Industry, Stark Co., Ohio.

She will be greatly missed in the neighborhood, also at the Hill Reunions and the Hill Thanksgiving Dinners, as she was one of the central figures at all the Hill functions; she was jolly and had a willing hand.

Mrs. Salome Hill was a member of The North Hill Christian Church, and was an

ardent church worker, was loved and cherished by all who knew her. She will be missed in the Church. The Church friends and relatives will long mourn her loss.

But she is gone. She has fulfilled her destiny.

Peace to her ashes and rest to her soul.

Dr. C. T. Hill is a grandchild of Barbara Long Hill.

C. M. Hill.

123 So. Summit St., Dayton, O.

#### WARSAW, IND.

March 13, 1917.

Leedy Chronicle:—Enclosed with this short letter is the obituary of Samuel B. Leedy of Wenatchee, Wash., brother to the writer's father, Jacob J. of Warsaw, Ind., Ephram Leedy of Pierceton; the only survivors of the Abram and Sarah Leedy family of Kosciusko Co., Ind. This is the third Bro. of this family to depart this life within the last 18 months. Christ and Elias' deaths at Pierceton, Ind. lately.

Clarence E. son of Samuel B. whose home was at Redlands, Calif. died of Brights disease about 34 hrs. after his father departed this life. But I have not received any details about his death and am unable to send an account of his life and age.

The health of the Leedy family is about as usual excepting colds and lagrippe through this part of Ind.

Will request the editor to send a copy of the Chronicle containing this obituary to the family [of the deceased father and son] whose sorrows came in double measure, but I am sure I can extend to them the sympathy of all the relatives and Leedy's of this state without requesting their consent through The Chronicle.

Hattie Leedy.

R. R. 4., Warsaw, Ind.

Sec. of Ind. Reunion.

By Everett G. Leedy; her brother.

#### Obituary of Samuel B. Leedy.

Samuel B. Leedy, son of Abram G. Leedy and Sarah Leedy was born in Kosciusko Co., Indiana, Feb. 28, 1848. He was the brother of Elias Leedy and Christ Leedy deceased and Ephram Leedy of Pierceton, Ind., and Jacob J. Leedy, of Warsaw, Ind., R. R. 4., the two surviving brothers of the five brothers of this family.

Samuel B. Leedy was united in marriage with Priscilla Leedy, daughter of Abram K. Leedy on Oct. 4, 1876 at Wanaka, Ind. To this union was born eight children. Merle and Lura, long deceased, when but very young were summoned to the land of happiness and rest. Orville A. of Wenatchee, Wash., Clarence E. of Redland's Calif., [who followed his father to his heavenly home about 34 hours after his father's death He was buried in Calif.] Alice O. Caldwell of Wenatchee, Wash., Ernest G. of Wenatchee, Wash., Clara L. Inks of Glenburn, N. Dakota., Forest R. of Peshastin, Wash. Samuel B. Leedy departed this life Feb. 2, at Wenatchee, Wash. Death following an operation for gallstones, only living 4½ days afterwards. Age 68 yrs., 11 mos., 2 das. Was laid to rest in the Wenatchee cemetery.

WENATCHEE, Feb. 3—Samuel B. Leedy, for the past ten years a resident of this valley, died today. Mr. Leedy leaves a wife and six children. The children are C. A. Leedy, E. O. Leedy, Forest Leedy and Mrs. Dan Caldwell, of this city; Mrs. Ray Inks, of Glenburn, N. D., and Clarence Leedy, of Redlands, Cal.—Post Intelligencer.

#### DEATH OF MRS. GRAHAM.

The death of Mrs. Sophrona Graham occurred at the home of her niece Mrs. B. F. Balch in Chicago, on Wednesday of last week. The body was brought to Pierceton, Ind., Friday evening and

taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Greer until the funeral which was held at the Presbyterian church on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. Eakins of the Presbyterian church in Warsaw.

Mrs. Graham was born in Richland county, Ohio, but spent most of her life in Pierceton coming here in her girlhood. She was united in marriage to William Graham who preceded her in death twelve years ago.

She continued to reside here till about six years ago when she went to Chicago to live with her niece. The deceased was 75 years of age. She was the mother of one child who died in infancy. Five brothers and one sister survive. The Spayde family to which Mrs. Graham belonged, lived just east of Pierceton and for many years was prominent in the business affairs of the town.

We remember Sophrona Spayde kept our home at one time when the editor's father and mother were away on a visit. She spent a beautiful life. Her mother was a daughter of Pioneer John Leedy.

Our Aunt, Mrs. Aaron A. Leedy favored us with the above clipping perhaps from a Pierceton paper.

Mrs. Graham died June 20, 1917 with cancer of the stomach. She was a great sufferer since January of the present year.

#### OBITUARY

The community is in mourning. Everybody's heart is bleeding for the afflicted family of H. S. Garber. Their sweet child, Jay Lowell, died last Wednesday morning at 7 a. m. He had been suffering with diabetes for 16 months and was in town the 31st for treatment; his physician was highly elated over his condition and thought that he would outgrow the disease and regain his usual health and vigor, but as if fate were against him, on Sunday morning the measles set in, and notwithstanding all

that best medical skill and kind and loving hands could do, the complication ended his life.

Death always the supremest sorrow, in this case is unusually sad. Jay was a remarkably bright, ambition child and had become a general favorite. Hardly a person in the community who did not know Jay Garber, and scarcely anyone ever passed him without a word, and he was always laughing and skipping along like some fairy. He was a very comely child, with a disposition one could call almost ideal. He was not like other children who have their petty, perverse spells. He was continually in good spirits, ever ready to obey the slightest wish of his father or mother, hence it seems as if he had been intended as a flower merely to bud on earth and blossom in Heaven.

He was 13 years and a few months old, having been born Sept. 7, 1903. His mission on earth seemed to be to love, for he seemed to have a kindly feeling for everybody, and what a sorrow the going out of such a life is! While all sympathize, no human aid can comfort the stricken family. Only God who is good, and who doeth all things well, can bind up the broken hearts of the parents and comfort the brother and sisters. In Jay's life God had a purpose. Why he took him unto Himself at such a tender age is not for us to know, but his mission on earth was performed and he took him to Heaven. The world has been made better and happier and human sympathy sweeter and gentler because this little boy lived in it such a few years. Many have lived in the earth the allotted time of three score and ten years and yet have done not a fractional part the good. Yes, he will be sadly missed in the home, by his schoolmates and by his teacher and classmates in Sunday School and in the entire community.

The funeral took place from the home at 2 o'clock on the 5th and at the Universalist church at 3 o'clock, conducted

by the Rev. J. W. Grimmer.

J. L. Swank.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish through the Messenger to tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly assisted during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved son; the pastor for his comforting words, choir for their sweet and consoling music, and all donors of beautiful flowers.

H. S. Garber and Family.

#### HEALTH NOTES.

##### Summer Colds.

In the early summer the people suffer much from colds. It does appear when life begins to renew on the earth and all vegetation begins to put on the dress of green and bloom that the people also should freshen up and not suffer from the common cold.

One source of unhealthfulness is the accumulated waste which has not passed the putrefactive process which carries it back to the pure elements of earth again. The vapors arising from such sources fill the air, and people breathe the gases from the waste which was preserved by the freezing of the winter.

Another source of impurities is the deteriorating processes taking place in foods kept thru the winter. Potatoes begin to decay and pour their animating substance into sprouts and the sprouts which above all else of the potato should be eaten is cast out with the paring, and only the half decayed remnant is consumed as food.

It has become a common teaching that if the system is kept in health it is not possible to catch cold.

Many have experimented to prove it. They have exercised violently and then lay where there were cold drafts of air, or sat where they would suddenly chill and do other very unwise acts and no colds would follow.

These experiments were fair trials and the results in harmony with facts. There is therefore a reason.

Many people can recall in their own experience occasions where they sat in the wind, became chilly and no cold followed; at other times they caught cold

and could remember no place where they were in drafts or winds or experienced any sensation of chilliness.

The facts are that no one will catch cold when his blood is not charged with impure and excessive food elements. Overeating at one meal will often precipitate a violent cold on some. Others live on a very narrow diet in the spring season and load the blood with needless starch—white bread, potatoes and yellow corn mostly in various forms constituting almost the entire food supply. These are all very starch foods, and can not be eaten exclusively without overcharging the blood with starch. The remedy is more waste in the food; the clean parings of potatoes, cereal brans, wheat bran contained in the middlings produced in grinding wheat, is the best of all, dried fruits, cabbage, dried herbs, and like edible substances.

Common pan cakes, flour breads baked less than two hours, cooked flour in mushes, puddings, and other forms is very productive of blood conditions for bad colds. The waste or cellulose tissue of the grain is disintegrated in cooking so that it is carried into the blood and increases blood pressure and clogs the pores of the skin, so that a wave of chilly air contracts the clogged pores and the waste is thrown back into the circulation and on the lungs or parts of the breathing organs.

Often this waste oozes out of the lining membranes of the nose, mouth, throat and lungs, and undergo a state of putrefaction and bacteria from contact with those suffering from lung and throat trouble, find a nesting and the victim has a stubborn cold on his hands.

The way to avoid colds is to eat a variety of simple foods—eggs, very little meat, not over a small piece once a day or four meals a week, raw milk, potatoes only once a day, bread well toasted or baked two hours, pancakes baked without leavening of any kind, dried fruits freely when there are no green fruits, a few nuts daily, cabbage and other green herbs, or dried herbs when there are no green to be obtained.

Sleep with the windows open, with the head in the middle of the room instead of in a corner or against the wall, and engage in a little hard work or exercise and take a cold water hand bath daily, especially rub the back of the neck with cold water.

Then there will be no colds of any consequence.

Rice is the finest hot weather food for the laboring man in the world. Brown rice, that is, unpolished and uncoated, eaten with eggs, cheese or milk, is a matchless food for the field laborer in hot weather. If the stomach becomes gaunt before the next meal, eat a bread crust or hard cracker to keep it on the job till the next meal. People who are in the training of having the stomach grinding at an old piece of salt and smoked toughened ham from one meal to the other, feel woefully lean before the next meal on a feed of rice and milk. The stomach membranes are filled with digestive fluid with nothing to do, and with such they contract the "all in" feeling.

Heating foods in hot weather put double tasks upon the system. The food must be handled in digestion, and the heat produced must be sent from the body by sweating which also is a drain upon strength.

Most fruits and vegetables with rice are the foods that occasion little heat of the body. Those using them liberally with the regular winter foods occasionally will be able to accomplish the most and suffer the least from heat during the summer.

The chief concern of a proper diet is the right quantity of harmonized foods, as nature supplies them or as nearly as possible. The tinkering processes to make them fit for canning or preserving decreases their value.

People who labor hard do well to eat a little food requiring a long time to digest. Among the cereals, oatmeal requires labor by the stomach. It seems in the order of nature that a busy stomach supplies the system with energy, while easily digested foods are soon gone, and some suffer weakness when the stomach runs empty. Ham has been a great favorite with may. Five or six hours are needed by some to clear the stomach of a mess.

The supposition that ham is a particular strengthening food is an old fake. Because it is retained in the stomach for from five to six hours, using up digestive



energy, is no evidence that it is more strengthening than some other foods which are gone from the stomach in an hour or two.

There is no advantage to health to eat great quantities of green garden products. A moderate use is highly beneficial, but any excess is a danger and deranges normal digestion.

In the summer time people eat much more fresh food than they do in the winter, because it is plentiful, and often suffer from severe looseness of the bowels. It would be a great advantage for health not to make such radical changes.

It is a good practice to hold on to the healthful winter foods during the summer. It need not be used so often, and may be modified in some way to suit the hot weather.

In the winter season, many northern people in the corn belt use yellow corn extensively. In the hot weather it is very heating, and unfits one for hard labor in the hot sun. A little observation can suit it in a measure to temperature conditions. When the cool spells come on after rains, a meal or two on some yellow cornmeal products can be put in.

An excellent practice of corn users in diet is to substitute southern white corn meal during hot weather. In the spring a hundred or two hundred pounds can be put in storage for the summer. White corn meal is not so heating as wheat, and is usually as cheap as yellow, and can be ordered from mail order houses or thru regular groceries. The cost will be a little more on account of freight but the advantage compensates several fold. White corn is one of the most healthful foods there is and those who eat lots of yellow corn in cold weather are very wise to put in a supply of white meal for the summer. A few bushels of yellow can be sold and the proceeds invested in white meal. There is a variety of corn which is no more than white capped. The right variety is southern white, and the meal looks very white.

#### *Eat Rice.*

Northern people do not generally admire rice because they are not trained to

its use. A little practice is required to develop a taste for rice. This is due in part to the custom of scouring off some of the outer coats of the grain and then treating the grain with glucose or talc. These are done to give the grain a nice white appearance and to keep weevil from developing in it.

The study of everycook should be in serving rice to make it tasty in seasoning it. If one method is undesirable, try another.

Remember if polished or coated rice is used it should be carefully washed before cooking, in two or three waters. Brown or uncoated rice need not be washed, and is better not washed.

*Recipes*—Bring to boiling three cups of water, add a half teaspoon of salt and a lump of dairy butter or some good cooking fat as large as a prune. Add the rice slowly not to stop the boiling and boil briskly fifteen minutes. Don't stir while boiling. Set back on stove or in the baker to dry out a short time.

Put into a stew pan one cup of rice dry, or washed if polished, a little salt, a lump of dairy butter size of a prune, good half a cup of fresh milk with the cream in and two cups of water. Put on the fire and stir every minute or two with a fork until it begins to boil briskly. Set the pan in a kettle of boiling water or use a double cooker, cover and leave it with the water in the lower cooker boiling until time to serve. Half an hour will be required to finish the rice, and it may cook longer. This is a good recipe for a fireless cooker.

Rice cooked in this way may be seasoned with raisins, not many, chopped dates, about six to the cup of rice, grated or chipped dairy cheese, minced dried beef, minced dried fish, smoked herring, potted and canned meats, beef extracts and many other foods. Some will like one thing and some another added for seasoning and taste.

The aim should be to find some desirable addition if the rice is not tasty cooked plain.

Rice is decidedly the most healthful food there is as a general food. It grows in water chiefly and contains less soil poison than any other staple food. Its nutritive value is high, containing over 86 per cent of nutritive matter, against 84 in corn, 82 in wheat, 74 in oats, 46 in fat beef and 23 in potatoes.

Rice produces energy without heat.

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## THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL LEEDY REUNION.

The Twenty-second Annual Leedy Reunion was greeted with an ideal day for a family reunion. A heavy rain two nights before left the roads in prime condition for travel. There was no dust anywhere, on leaves, grass, roads or ground. The weather was warm but not unpleasant from heat.

The friends about Ankenytown were engaged over the matter of handling the lunch stand in the interests of the History project and the matter of entertainment for the reunion was crowded to the rear. Our president had arranged no program and we were somewhat at sea in the formal exercises for the occasion.

The friends were slow in gathering. The audience was called to order, and prayer offered, and then recess taken for the dinner.

The friends had failed to provide any singing books for the opening song, and it seemed to be a sort of providential matter that a blind guitarist was on the ground, and he was invited on the stage, and he furnished the opening music for the occasion. He had a tiny bucket hung to the neck of his guitar, and at the recess, the friends actually filled his little bucket with pennies, nickles, dimes and quarter dollars.

The friends were slow and irresponsive in interest in exercises but it was a cheer up and hurrah in casting mites into the blind-man's bucket.

To be plain and blunt about the matter, the burdened friends about Ankenytown, who have grown old under the twenty-one years of sacrifice in prepar-

ing and entertaining the reunion, had talked over giving up the annual gathering, and it was a little hard to dispel the spirit of apathy that was among us.

The shift in the affairs of society has largely impaired the force of the old-time family reunion. Nearly all the friends come in their automobiles and drive them within hearing distance of the stage and the cushioned seats and soft backs are much more enjoyable than a hard old plank with no back as a desirable and restful seat. The disadvantage is the lack of inspiration to a speaker, as people scattered about not under observation are a detracting element.

Fate seemed to frown upon us as no one seemed to be ready to do anything in the way of exercises for the occasion, or develop among us a spirit of enthusiasm. The old relations were all gone, who delighted to make the Reunions of former years an inspiring place of greeting.

We never appreciated before the decisive psychological effect of a few friends together deciding to turn down a reunion project.

Our President felt the discouraging feeling no doubt when he made his trip to look after arrangements for the reunion.

Again, it was noised about that the grove was to be cleared off this winter, and then there would be left no grove near Ankenytown in which a reunion could be held, so that a gloomy future appeared in the prospects.

Notwithstanding this beginning, the results of the Reunion were business-like and will mark another epoch in the history of Leedy Reunions.

After dinner, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name was sung.

Elections of officers followed. Cousin B. C. DeBolt's name was presented by J. L. Swank, head of the committee on nomination of officers, consisting of himself, A. B. and E. F. Leedy.

The Reunion had become of age—past twenty-one years old—and no objection was raised against a president outside of the Leedy name. He was elected by a hearty yea vote.

C. A. Beal, Vice President,  
A. L. Garber, Secretary,  
E. S. Leedy, Treasurer, were voted in as his associates.

The secretary read a letter from Wm. R. Helm, as follows:

St. Cloude, Fla., Aug. 8, 1917.

Dear Ones:—To you all I send my regrets that I will not be with you at your annual gathering. I am sorry that I can't meet my aunts and uncles and cousins and a host of my old acquaintances. My heart and mind will be with you. I will be present in spirit. I know you will have a happy time and that God's blessing will rest upon the officers and members of the association and may they all be faithful and true to our Savior, who gave to us our inheritance to a home beyond the sky; Praise his name.

This leaves me and my wife quite well and enjoying God's blessing. But will say if it is the Lord's will to keep me till the next reunion, I expect to be there and enjoy your presence and sweet smiles that make one feel at home when we are with you. May you all enjoy a happy time, is my prayer.

As ever your Cousin,

W. R. Helms.

St. Cloud, Fla.

It is a matter of interest to observe that our Cousin has again taken a companion unto himself. The woman of his choice kept his Florida home for him about a year before they were married. She was born in Pennsylvania.

John L. Swank read a letter to the Reunion from Historian Roy B. Leedy, who was not able to be present on account of physical disability. We did not have in mind to get the letter, and are not able to insert it here.

Cousin Leon Leedy, son of Pres. A. O. sang "Back in My Mother's Loving Care." much more affecting than he ever sang it before. He is a timid, harmless young man, just held in the army draft.

"Big" Jake Leedy was called on for remarks and he spoke affectingly of the workings of age upon the relationship, and how few of his old-time friends were left, and alluded to the fact that he was older than his father was at his passing.

A. L. Garber spoke a few words on his desire to see a monument being left to the Leedy name and Leedy Reunion and all in favor of providing and improving grounds for the reunion were requested by him and Cousin Jacob to raise their hands and rise to their feet.

The show of strength was weak in front but behind on the stage bench were a row of substantial relatives every one standing. This made the Secretary feel it was worth while and a subscription was started at the moment. The list was headed as follows:

We, the undersigned subscribe the amounts set opposite our names to purchase and improve grounds to hold Leedy and other family reunions and public meetings, payable One-third Oct. 1, 1917. One-third Oct. 1, 1918. One-third Oct. 1, 1919.

With the introduction of this, Cousin Jacob Leedy kept up his plea for permanent reunion grounds, and the secretary went about with his subscription memorandum, and left the duty of secretary go by default.

Several songs were sung, talks given by friends, and we heard the song, God be With You Till We Meet Again.

A collection was taken to push up the receipts for Historian R. B. Leedy's

trip to the east, which was reported to us as \$11.21.

We believe this was the largest collection ever taken on the grounds. The friends had a generous spirit.

We do not yet know whether this was a part of the \$27.00 stand receipts or not. If the \$11.00 is in the hands of the treasurer, then this addition will give Historian Roy some push on his way to the old homes of the Leedys in the east. We might have easily learned the fact about the matter but a thousand little items each taking a little time counts up months and years.

The old familiar smiling faces were very noticeable for their absence.

Mahala and Christ Swank, Elizabeth Leedy and Mary Leedy, Aaron B. Leedy, W. L. Garber and Lovina Leedy and Malinda Stickler were about the number on this occasion. There was no Uncle Isaac, Uncle Joe, Uncle David, no Daniel Beal, no Uncle Joe Long, no Aunt Tena, no Aunt Susie Dyer nor Aunt Lizzie Leedy.

Uncle John Garber had just been carried away to his little home in the earth where his friends can visit him no more nor feel the warmth of his cheering smiles.

A new Leedy Reunion is upon us. The stalwart giants of the forest have passed, and the younger generations look much like children in comparison with those giants of former days. They came with their stalwart bodies, with two hundred pounds a common weight, while now only the occasional one counts one hundred and fifty pounds or more.

The third generations are beginning to bring up their old relatives, John L. Swank, Ezra F. Leedy and some of the rest of us a little younger in years.

The subscription matter caught us away from gathering a list of visiting relatives, and taking further notes on the further exercises.

Jackson L. Garber of Sapping, Mo.

was present and with some of us he was a notable visitor. He had not visited his old home for many years.

The relatives of Hancock county, Ohio were present in force, but not quite so many as usual. Indiana was also represented. The wife of Manassa Leedy, deceased and her son and family were present. They came all the way from Tiosa, Ind. in a long day's drive. Other Indiana and Ohio relatives were present, but the secretary was wholly engaged with his subscription memorandum, and was unable to make further notes.

News about the Leedy Reunion Park will be found under other titles.

After viewing the good results of the Reunion it was perhaps a good Providence that a program of entertainment went by default. The absence of same gave a free way for the Park subscription matter.

In other respects the reunion was up to the standard. The friends were full of jolly good cheer, and the meeting and greeting of friends were as hearty and earnest as it was twenty years ago.

The dinner was as big as usual. We dare say the Leedys seem to have lost nothing when it comes to a show down in getting outside of a picnic dinner. Some of the friends have grown wiser in providing healthful foods, and a few of the unhealthy makeups are left out and their places filled with substantial and healthful viands.

Now let every relative holla for the Reunion of 1918, on August 21. This is the latest date of the month on which a Reunion can occur; and it comes so late in the month that farm work will be well out of the way, and we can well arrange to have a glorious time.

We are in for a longer reunion.

It just comes in mind that the Garber reunion was announced to be held in a grove little more than a mile away, and we believe it will be wise to talk a change of location and hold the Garber

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Reunion this year in the new Leedy park. This will save some of the Garber relatives a lot of getting ready and those driving in their machines can most easily spin off another mile. This will give us two days, at the new Park, and all who choose to attend both will have a cup full of cheer and good will.

## THE INDIANA LEEDY REUNION.

The fourteenth annual reunion of the great Leedy Family met at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 29, 1917 with a good attendance, yet it would more than please the president and all those interested if more from near around would make as big an effort to meet with us as those from a distance.

By ten o'clock Leedy relatives began to arrive by autos, interurbans and other ways of transportation from every direction until noon. Between 150 and 160 had come to enjoy the visiting and feasting of this yearly gathering.

We were very much pleased to have those from Ohio with us and would be very glad to welcome as many as could find it worth while coming.

For the last two reunion days we have missed our cousin and Historian, Roy B. Leedy. We understand that there was cause for his absence but we hope to see him by another year together with his family.

We were also very glad to have with us members of the Long family. Chas. Long, wife and grand daughter of Bristol, Ind. and Elkhart respectively. We hope they were so well pleased with the Leedy family that they will come again and bring a large representation of the Longs with them.

As is the custom at such gatherings every one began to think about dinner and did justice to the bountiful feast set before them, after which everyone was treated to ice cream.

It being farewell day to the soldier boys of Kosciusko County and Warsaw

every one was anxious to leave the meeting place in time to witness the splendid drilling and marches of Company H of Warsaw, so a short business session was held; the meeting being called to order by the president at 1:30 o'clock.

We were led in prayer by Mary E. Miller after which the business part of the meeting was disposed of.

The old officers were re-elected for the next year; namely, president, Mary E. Miller, Bourbon, Ind., vice-president, Homer E. Leedy, Goshen, Ind; secretary and treasurer, Hattie M. Leedy, Warsaw, Ind.

The last Wednesday in August was set for the reunion of 1918, that being the week of the Brethren Conference at Winona Lake, Ind. This time was chosen to enable the relatives attending this meeting to spend one day with us.

We were privileged to have with us Jacob D. Leedy of Abbeville, Ga. who gave us a short talk, which was followed by Chas. Long of Bristol, Ind. Ira G. Leedy of Cerro Gordo, Ill., and Mrs. Harter of Bryan, Ohio.

A collection was taken and the subscriptions for the Leedy Chronicle was renewed by a good number.

We also want to thank the secretary of the Sullivan reunion for the invitation extended us to meet with them on Sept. 1, 1917 at Mexico, Ind. We are trusting and hoping that it will be possible to be with them in the near future.

We give them a cordial invitation to be with us next year.

Hattie Leedy, Secy.

## SWANK REUNION.

The 15th annual Swank reunion on last Wednesday was nearly drowned out. Prepared dinners were served at home and about 2 o'clock forty of the connections met at Elmer Swank's and the following program was rendered: song, America; Invocation, Rev. O. D,

Swank, Toledo; address of welcome; President, J. L. Swank; response, O. D. Swank, followed by our reunion song. After the reading of the minutes of the 1916 meeting by the secretary, Miss Annie E. Aungst, and their adoption, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. L. Swank, Pres.; C. W. Swank, Vice Pres.; Miss Annie Aungst, Sec. The following were appointed as a committee on program: Mrs. A. H. Walker and Marie and Virginia Swank. A reminiscence, of 100 years of Swank History was given by Mrs. A. H. Walker, and "Canning the Kaiser" was sung by the President. A motion was made and carried that the 1918 reunion should be held where the 1917 was intended to be held. Mrs Walker gave a recital entitled "The Inventors Wife," in her usual pleasing style. Song and benediction closed the program. But few were present from a distance; there were three or four families from Toledo in the vicinity but they did not venture out with their large machines. The writer had a small reunion at his home, twenty-two putting their feet under his table and partaking of the table de hote. More than five score years ago As some of us quite well know, A pilgrim came from the east, He came riding on a beast. 'Tis no joke for in my memory, I know it was uncle Henry, He came from the keystone state His fortune here to stake. And wondering round and round Until section 34 he found, When he counted enough silver and gold A title to this land to hold. We are assembled in this grove today, In honor of him who first brought The Swank name this way; And to his brothers and sister, who later came, To occupy a part of this great domain. And after years of great toil and labor. Which they shared with their pioneer neighbor

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They built up fertile plantations,  
Which since have been enjoyed by their  
relations,  
They all have passed o'er to yon golden  
strand,  
And no doubt are extending the becom-  
ing hand  
To the large and increasing band,  
Who now in their places stand.  
To the old pioneers great and grand,  
Who first came to occupy this land,  
We here and now as an assembled band,  
Dedicate this reunion from this stand.  
Our ancestors almost two hundred years  
ago,  
Left their homes in the Vaterland  
And sailed o'er the sea brave and bold,  
The birth of a new nation to behold.  
So their allegiance to this nation they  
declared,  
And they their progeny ever since this  
glorious freedom shared,  
And they have ever rejoiced that they  
came over the wave  
To the land of the free and the home of  
the brave.  
But today, I am sorry to say,  
We are at war with the Vaterland and  
with the Kaiser bold,  
And must fight if a place,  
Among the nations of the world we wish  
to hold.  
Then let us be loyal, true and brave  
For the grand old stars and stripes and  
Woodrow Wilson shout,  
And we will soon be able  
To put the old Kaiser down and out.  
Now to all the Swanks that are alive  
today,  
Great and small, short and tall, young,  
old and gray,  
I bid you all a hearty welcome  
To this reunion here today.

## THE GARBER REUNION.

The Seventh Samuel Garber Reunion was held in the beautiful sugar grove of Rebecca Garber, wife of J. L. Garber, deceased about two miles east of Bell-

ville, Ohio. The reunion had been held in this grove before. It is a place dear to the scenes of childhood for here the editor helped to make maple sugar before he was well able to carry a bucket of water.

There were no exercises before dinner. The attendance was a little larger than usual, and some of the relatives made special effort to get there. But Uncle John L. Garber was not there. He was the patriarch of the Garber reunion, and somehow his family could not bring him along. The unfriendly visit of death came and took him away. Lewis L. Garber now becomes the Patriarch.

Jackson L. Garber, of Sappington, Mo. was present. He was a particular guest of the Reunion; he has not been on a visit to Ohio for about twenty-four years, and left not far from fifty years ago. We enjoyed his visit and association as one of the six children remaining of the original family.

The dinner was elaborate as usual. The relatives gathered around one long common table, at some places two deep, and freely feasted and chatted together for a long time.

About 2 o'clock the friends gathered about a wagon with a platform on it and the formal exercises opened. Rev. Beachler offered prayer. A song was sung by a volunteer choir—Herbert Leedy, F. L. Garber, E. L. Garber and Tennyson Leedy. These relatives are all singers of old. Before the opening they got together in another part of the grove and tuned their voices together and sung as masters of the art. They sang, *The World Needs Men Today*.

Business was then taken up.

It was agreed to hold a reunion as usual in 1918.

Samuel M. Garber was reelected President.

W. C. Garber, Bellville, Ohio, Sec.

Tennyson Leedy, Treasurer.

Minutes read and approved.

Decided to accept the invitation of

Mrs. Olive Walker to hold the next reunion in Walnut Grove which is by her residence on the old Uncle John L. Garber farm, a little more than a mile north of Ankenytown.

Rev. Beachler, son-in-law of Theo. L. Garber was called on and gave us a lively talk. Cousin Beachler is a ready speaker, and always has some solid good sense and amusing remarks to express where they are appropriate.

Jacob Leedy was called and talked about the settlement of the country by our fathers.

Dr. J. A. Garber was called for and made some remarks on family reunions. Dr. Garber is the son of Lewis L. Garber, an eye, ear and throat specialist located at Mansfield, Ohio, and is becoming notable in his profession. He recommended the adoption of a family emblem.

Jackson L. Garber spoke a little of family relations, his long absence and the disadvantages of not being able to hear well, with which he is troubled.

A free for all discussion followed on the war and war policies which became very earnest and a number of the speaking relatives had something to add.

A collection was taken and the Treasurer made a report. Somehow, the reporter became interested in the discussion and failed to make record of the collection.

The quartette sang another song and the reunion adjourned with additional pleasant memories to add to the fund of fond recollections.

#### TO REMIND YOU.

Editor and readers of the Chronicle:—It seems that for over a year I have been dwelling quite apart from the Leedy fraternal connection, and in this period but little of my time has been devoted to the Leedy Reunion Association work. Some of you relatives would have little right to find any fault in me

even if I had laid down on my job; for many letters and appeals have as yet brought no response which still leave a number of gaps in the history. However let me remind you that I am not so easily discouraged, and just as soon as a breathing spell comes amidst other very pressing duties I will get at the history anew and when I have done all I can to collect the history I will know that the blame of blank spaces does not rest on me.

Engaged as I have been at other duties pertaining to my ministerial work for the past year and half, I have had to suspend my correspondence for history, and writing of the same. It has been hard to muffle my eager taste for this. The desire comes to me so strongly at times to get into the work again that I can hardly restrain myself. It reminds me of trying to hold the dog when he spies the rabbit. So I write this to remind the Leedy "freundschaft" that my zeal like Old Glory "is still there."

During two weeks in August I was confined to my bed suffering with an abscess. In the midst of this came the annual Reunion. I had planned to attend but plans were of no avail then. When my good wife went to market the day before Reunion I told her to bring a chicken along so we could at least have something in the day that would remind us of the Reunion delicacies and thus help to break the disappointment somewhat of not being in attendance. And the disappointment was double for this time we had planned on bringing wife and little girl along, who had always gone home on a visit before at Reunion time. But on her return from market there was no chicken in evidence. The whole street car and interurban service of Akron and vicinity was tied up for nearly a week a couple months ago, by the employees striking for a dollar a day raise in the wages. The lowest paid among them before striking was at that,

more than my salary amounts to. Now it would be sacrilegious for a Minister of the gospel to strike for higher wages, even when the coin or bill that was worth a dollar three years ago is worth some less than fifty seven cents now, which also means that the salary of three years ago is almost cut in two. The only thing then for the minister that is left to do is to live in hopes and save. I am thankful here that my good wife knows how to save and keep the table expenses down. For a long time we have been ahead of the food commission in asking for a meatless day each week, in that with us it had already approached three or four days. So my preacher's wife thought the chicken was so high on the roost that she could not reach it.

When Reunion morning came there was also an early knock at the door. This is quite a civilized town here but one of our families lives on the outskirts where it still looks a little like a country home. It was a good sister from this home that stood at the door, holding a package by its feet, and there was a nicely dressed young chicken ready for the pot. She said they had been talking about bringing one for some time and it just happened that they got at it that morning. While it was not exactly an answer to prayer it was at least the answer to a very hungry desire. I never had any chicken that tasted better, and as I ate my Reunion dinner in bed it was a joy to look out to the table and see my dear little girl and her mamma also enjoying it with me.

Now I promised only to write briefly. I want to add this yet that just a day or so ago my youngest brother wrote that he had received his blue card which meant that he should be in readiness, so that within a twenty-four hours notice he could be off to camp. I wish I had time here to tell you my feelings about this. Let me only say that this great war is calling forth a tremendous lot of



bravery, not alone by the boys who go to the front, but also by the mothers and fathers, and wives and children, and other friends and kindred who must give them up to the very worst that might happen. While I pray that God will soothe the many weeping hearts and send again the dove of peace, I also pray that he according to his own wisdom would use this horrible catastrophe in which the nations have involved themselves to rebuke and bring them to repentance for themselves having cast aside the Prince of Peace. Our generation is money and pleasure mad, and in our self-indulgence and religious indifference we have forgotten God. As a Christian church we are in an hour of great crisis, but the point of the compass is upward not downward. Let us hold on to our faith and God will bring us through.

Roy B. Leedy.

Kenmore, O., Dec. 13, 1917.

#### RAPID CITY, S. DAKOTA

Aug. 11, 1917.

In the Chronicle of March, mention is made of "buying some of the old Leedy Grove for a permanent place to hold our re-unions."

I endorse the idea.

Please let me suggest one acre, and beautify that acre. Then build a tabernacle or temple of music. Nearly all will say all the Leedys are musical, with voice, with stringed instruments, with all other instruments and 'high sounding timbrells,' and some of us do dance.

This building is not to be of high spires, beautiful windows nor elegant decorations, but should be one of almost perfect acoustics. The great tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, where the choir loft seats 1000 singers, the acoustics are so perfect that a pin dropped on the floor can be heard 100 feet away or in any part of the building. It is a plain building with oval ceilings.

Well! appoint a committee and have the "Temple of Music" dedicated with a "Festival of Music" at the re-union in 1920 or before. I think we will have a special excursion to that dedication from Rapid City and join in with the one thousand voices that must sing at that time. The "Festival of Music" should not be less than two days and nights.

The seating should be of opera chairs in sets of 5 so they can be easily set aside for all other doings which can be held in the building. In conclusion will say there can be some \$5.00 bills gathered in the Black Hills for that purpose.

John Leedy Spayde.

#### SWEAR VENGEANCE ON THE KAISER

Newark, O., Dec. 17—Young men of Newark have declared a vendetta against the Kaiser.

The death of Archie Leedy, one of the victims on board the torpedoed destroyer Jacob Jones has resulted in a big boom in many enlistments, fifty-one having taken on since word came of Leedy's death.

Twenty-one entrained for Norfolk today to go into training.

"No Hun can kill a playmate of ours and get away with it" said one before the train pulled out.

Note—Archie Leedy was the son of Dennis K. Leedy, one of Joseph Leedys sons, Ankenytown, Ohio. This incident comes right home to us, as Dennis was one of the boys among us.

Cousin Lee Garber son of Frank L., is attending the special term of Agriculture, at the Ohio State University. He is gathering the knowledge to become a scientific farmer as well as a practical one. He is making splendid progress in the studies. It is a wise course to follow to know what there is to be known about the work you are engaged at.

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#### A MILESTONE IN LIFE.

We begin the Chronicle for 1918 with this article; an unusual occurrence to begin an issue of a paper with the middle page.

Our good friends have been wondering why The Chronicle has not been published for months. The reason is that these are strenuous times and we were not able to come down to it. We were all over in work during the fall to get some things done we wanted done before we reached the milestone of sixty-five years of life. At this age, people ought to be allowed to retire from the hard pushes of life. We have not retired much, but we have much of the work done we wanted to do.

Again, our mother came to live with us and she requires some attention—little chores which need but a minute or two, yet all count in the sum of a busy life.

We delayed that we might take a good hold on The Chronicle, and keep up the hold on it. Of course our plans are one thing and the exigencies of life are another. We can not surely tell what we may be compelled to do in these years of wars which are to rebuke a sinning and trifling generation. But our endeavor shall be to be diligent in our editorial labors and let go in an increasing degrees the constant toil by hand in which we have faithfully served for more than half a century. This however, does not mean that we will cease working with our hands and evade the decree that in the sweat of the face, eat bread until we return to our mother earth.

We have planned that in the latter life we would devote time to the service of ennobling knowledge and the Kingdom of Jesus. Therefore The Prophetic Age, The Leedy Chronicle, various tracts on religion, health and phrenology, shall be the delights of life for the next fifteen years, and while we remain active in body and mind, as Jesus may will and prosper us.

We are planning to mail the next Chronicle in April, one the first of June, and the last of July. Notice these dates and send us the family news from all quarters. Remember The Chronicle is your paper and deserves your hearty encouragement and support. We are making some sacrifice in publishing it, both in time and money, and your cheerful assistance will make this labor in behalf of the interests of the family more pleasant.

#### GATHERING UP THE LINES.

There is more of a task about editing a paper, even the size of The Chronicle, than the general observer can appreciate. When the lines are left slip such work becomes a task and to begin again is like going on a piece of work that has passed into confusion. In this



situation that has fallen on the editorial labor of preparing The Chronicle it is necessary to gather up the lines again, and there will occur some confusion in the way of failing to get the matter available it is proper order. Occasionally items are overlooked, a card and a letter misplaced or forgotten. The Chronicle mail comes in bunches with the mail of ten or twelve other addresses and is not always carefully sorted and properly placed.

Again, we are now and always have had many irons in the fire. It is more so now than at any other time in life. It is a good thing to be versatile, in some relations, but when a person's time is spread over so many things that it breaks into holes, the experience is not pleasing neither satisfactory.

The Chronicle has never paid any thing for the editorial labor put upon it and we can not afford to cut the time out of the solid business days, and it is therefore done in snatches now and then.

We used to do much of such labor in the evening during times when some men nursed their favorite habits, but the pressure of age is cutting down such labor—we fall asleep, the pencil falls to the floor and all is off for the time.

This is not meant to be a plea for sympathy, but is a plea for cooperation. We want your help to fill The Chronicle with news about the relatives. If we lose your letter or it fails to reach us, do not turn away with an evil sentiment in that that you are slighted or we don't care for what you send; but keep the good rule of try again, try again.

Help us to gather up the lines.

#### SOME DELAYS.

We have a portrait of the generations of Ezra F. Leedy which we promised to print in this number. We fail to have anything written and can not now take

up the matter. We beg the forbearance of the family.

We also have a portrait of Uncle John Garber. We have waited for the family to send us a biography. This they have not been able to do to this date, and we hold that to accompany a history of his life. Industrious people are covered with pressing duties these times and we find it amazingly easy do delay matters which need not be done at the moment.

#### THE LEEDY PARK.

The Leedy Reunion of Ohio last year did the best work that was ever done before on two counts. First, subscriptions were given to begin the development of a Leedy Reunion Park; and Second, funds were made, worth while, to start Historian Roy B. Leedy on his trip to the old Leedy homes to gather early records of the Leedy people.

The Reunion friends were in a mood to give. The subscriptions to the Park were generous, as we are wont to consider the disposition of the Leedy people, to give for such projects.

Now there is no one and a half way business about the Park deal. The Reunion President and Secretary coun-ciled a few friends and decided upon a course.

A deal was made with the owners of the Grove west of Ankenytown, for the corner nearest the town, and we borrowed the money and paid spot cash for the ground. Frank L. Garber and A. B. Leedy are partners in this honor.

Following this article the deed and transfer is published in full, and every relative who has paid a dollar is part owner of **THE LEEDY PARK.**

We say *The Leedy Park* because it will be easier to say with the Reunion word left out, and it will be made to be more than a Reunion Grove to the Leedy relationship and the people about Ankenytown. Therefore take the name down well in the start, **THE LEEDY PARK.**

The deed will tell you all of the particulars as to location, size of lot, trustees to whom the deed was made, etc. It is of course understood, that the Vice President of the Reunion becomes acting trustee in place of the President in case of his disability to act. This shall be provided for in a code of by-laws which it will be proper for the Reunion to make for the management of the Park. The Trustees are only an executive board and have no right to create rules for managing the Park.

Uncle Isaac Leedy was a conspicuous representative in creating The Leedy Reunion and it was started with a substantial constitution and it needs only to be supplemented by by-laws for complete provisions of government.

Be sure you read the deed carefully and you will know all there is to be known about the Reunion property.

We want to here express our gratefulness to Mr. Ralph C. Ringwalt for the generous treatment he accorded us in the deal. It will be observed that he deeded full two acres clear of the road, but has made the deed to include the road. He was courteous in his correspondence and prompt in executing the work involved in the transfer.

We also want to thank Hannah Miller and Cousin Miller for carefully looking after the securing of the deed.

It will be observed that the witnesses to the deed are both Uncle Isaac Leedy's daughters. Hannah Miller, who belongs to his first family of children, and Emma Merrin who belongs to the second.

The lot is not as large as we might wish, but there will be opportunity to add to it at any time by purchase. A substantial center of grove is established and trees can be planted on any additions that may be made.

Now we ask the friends to move forward and promptly pay back the borrowed money and more to improve the grove. Before the next Reunion we want to put down a well, that we may

have plenty of drinking water on the ground. It has always been a big burden on some one to haul water for the Reunions.

A fence must be put along one side and one end of the park. We hope also to begin to put up a permanent tabernacle to which additions can be made from time to time.

It will be noticed that the Park is to be a community improvement for other reunions and meetings and therefore the friends about Ankenytown can solicit the favors of the people round about. We look for it to become a notable place of public meetings in time, containing a closed tabernacle with seating capacity for a thousand or more people.

The aim is to make this a lasting monument to the Leedy name and connections; to erect a substantial brick building in which portraits, records and relics may be kept forever. This will be a monument worth while. Friends are spending big money to set up shafts at the grave of relatives to waste away and be forgotten, while a Leedy Memorial Hall will keep bright the memory of relatives while there is time and relatives forever. This is the memorial you want to look forward to and share in developing. Decide at once to give and give generously. Do you bit in building this monument to the Leedy relationship.

A subscription blank is pasted in the end of this number. Take it out, fill in the sum of your subscription and mail it to this address.

The Leedy Chronicle

Ashland, Ohio.

This do at your early convenience.

The extent of the improvements made in time for the next reunion will in a great measure depend upon the financial prospects in view. The Trustees can plan larger if they are backed up by liberal subscriptions.

We would be greatly pleased to see

families make their departed fathers and mothers speak in this commendable work. It is said by one holy man that one who died in the beginning of man's career in the earth, that on account of his good work, tho being dead, yet speaketh. Sons and daughters, you can make your fathers and mothers speak in this cause. We mean to have our father speak in this chorus by having a contribution in his name. You can get together and do as much.

Word it this way:

David L. Garber d. Apr. 5, 1865, \$5.00.

Now we have not published a name of a subscriber nor the amount subscribed. We are great for equal opportunity and equal honor. In the next Chronicle we expect to copy the list of subscribers and the amounts they subscribed and amount paid to that date. This will be their receipt. This whole matter will be done in the open that every friend and reader can see all that is done; and where errors occur, the interested relative will please make proper corrections.

This course will give the Leedys of California and the Black Hills time to get into the roll of charter members of The Leedy Reunion Park. Every one who subscribes one dollar will be listed in that membership roll. The old Fathers, old Mothers, middle aged, the young and the children can get in this roll of honor. One dollar, divided in two payments. Any one can do this or find some good relative who will be kind and generous to help him.

Of course we expect the well-to-do relative to do better than this. All who have plenty should esteem this work their own and liberally help it along.

So far there is no subscription more than \$25.00. We desire some of the friends to set up "big money"; some can easily give \$100, others can give \$1000 and be happier for the giving.

When you have reached this point, get the subscription blank and arrange

to fill one section and mail it to The Leedy Chronicle, and send on your hollo for The Leedy Park.

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, Whereas, on the 25th day of May 1907, the last Will and Testament of John S. Ringwalt deceased, was admitted to Probate and record in the Probate Court of Knox County, Ohio, and on the 25th day of May 1907 Julia C. Ringwalt and Ralph C. Ringwalt were duly appointed and qualified as Executors of said decedent by said Probate Court, as will further appear by the records of said Court. That said last will and testament of John S. Ringwalt, deceased gave power and authority to the said Executors to sell and convey any part of or all of said testator's real estate in such manner and upon such terms as they may deem proper.

AND WHEREAS, the said Julia C. Ringwalt died on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1915 leaving the said Ralph C. Ringwalt as the sole surviving Executor of said testator's estate, with no successor of the said Julia C. Ringwalt appointed. And Whereas, the said testator died seized in fee simple of the real estate hereinafter described

Now, therefore, I, Ralph C. Ringwalt as Executor as aforesaid, in pursuance to the said provisions of the said last Will and Testament of said John S. Ringwalt, deceased, and by virtue of the statute in such cases made and provided, and of the powers vested in me and for and in consideration of the premises, and the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) paid, or secured to be paid to me by said Bryant C. DeBolt, Aaron Leedy Garber and Stanton Leedy, Trustees of the Leedy Reunion Association, their successors in office or assigns the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey to the said Bryant C. DeBolt, Aaron Leedy Garber, and Stanton Leedy Trustees of The Leedy Reunion Association, their successors in office or assigns forever, the following Real Estate, situated in the County of Knox, in the State of Ohio and in the Township of Berlin, More particularly described as being the South East part of Lot No. 9, in the second quarter of Township eight (8) and Range thirteen (13) in said Township, County and State, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Lot in the center of the road leading from Ankneytown to Batemantown which point is two hundred and thirty (230) feet west of the Southeast corner of said Lot No. 9: thence North fifteen (15) feet to a point: thence same course along a wire fence four hundred twelve (412) feet ten and three quarter (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches to a stake: thence West two hundred eleven (211) feet to a post: thence South four hundred twelve (412) feet ten and three quarters (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches to a stake on the north side of the aforesaid road: thence same course fifteen (15) feet to the center of said road: thence in the center of said road East, two hundred eleven (211) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two (2) acres and seven one hundredths (7-100), or two (2) acres clear of the road.

Said premises being out of the lands of said testator that remain adjoining the tract herein conveyed on three sides: it is agreed and understood and this grant is upon the condition, binding on the grantees their heirs and assigns and to run with the land, that said grantees shall

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

Since the Reunion, Win Garber and family of Bellville, Ohio paid us a pleasant visit. He made the trip in his auto, returning the same day.

Miss Cora Crain spent several days with the editor's family and other relatives in Ashland the latter part of Aug. She is living with her aunt, Mrs. Bell Keiser, Columbus, Ohio, and attending the Normal department of the State University.

We feel a sense of sympathy for L. B. and Alice Leedy Barr family over the loss of their little boy. Death by accident to young people seems to be doubly sad. Article in next paper.

Mrs. Pauline Senseman, 5750 Eave-land Ave. Chicago, Ill., spent a night at the editors home, Aug. 26, chiefly to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Susan Leedy Dyer. On the 27th she went to Dayton, Ohio to make a short visit to her father-in-law's, Mr. Cornelius Senseman who lives near there, before returning to Chicago. She is the daughter of Frank L. Garber. t14 and t17.

It would be an agreeable practice for relatives when they change their post office addresses to drop a card to the Chronicle, giving the change. We have several times observed that relatives have lived near one another in large cities for years, and had not known that relatives were near to them.

Mrs. Beth Byerly gave her Ashlan County relatives a brief visit the first week in December.

Della Lanehart seems now to be located in Butler, Ohio, permanently. Her family moved to that place some time ago. Butler is becoming quite a resort for our retired relatives.

when required by the said grantee, his heirs or assigns, build and forever maintain, on the north and west sides of the tract herein conveyed, a stock tight fence along and upon the lines separating the said north and west sides from the lands belonging to said testator.

And the said grantees, for themselves, their successors in office or assigns, as Trustees of The Leedy Reunion Association, do hereby covenant to and with the said grantee, his heirs or assigns, that they shall not nor will not authorize or permit, on the said premises, the sale of any alcoholic or other baneful beverage, tobacco in any of its many forms, nor any manner of questionable or immoral game, show or amusement, so long as used and kept for a reunion or public park.

To Have and to Hold said premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said grantees their heirs and as signs forever, as fully and completely as, the said Ralph C. Ringwalt as such Executor by virtue of said last Will and Testament, and of the statute made and provided for such cases, might or should sell and convey the same.

In Witness Whereof, The said Ralph C. Ringwalt as such Executor has hereunto set his hand, this 17th day of November A. D. 1917.

Ralph C. Ringwalt as Executor of the Estate of John S. Ringwalt deceased.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of

Emma Leedy Merrin  
Hannah Leedy Miller.

THE STATE OF OHIO )

Knox County, ) ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this 17th day of November A. D. 1917 before me, the subscriber a Notary Public in and for said County personally came the above named Ralph C. Ringwalt as Executor of the Estate of J. S. Ringwalt, deceased the Grantor in the forgoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing of the same to be his voluntary act and deed as such Executor for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

H. M. Eggleston,

Notary Public, Knox County.

My Commission expires July 14, 1920

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Transferred, Nov. 17th, 1917.

A. D. Rinchart, Auditor.

Friends, send us the names of our Soldier Boys. We want to print the names of all of them.

Prof. L. L. Garber, motored to South Bend, Ind., the last week in August, taking his family on a visit to Mrs. Garber's old home place. They returned on the 5th of September, and spent a night with cousin E. F. Leedy who resides near Fostoria, Ohio.

Aunt Anna Leedy writes—I came to Indianapolis July 19th to visit my daughter and granddaughter. Found them well. My health is good for one of my age. I will be sixty-nine years old the 27th day of October if I am spared to see that day. It will be 20 years next February since your uncle David was laid to rest; that is a long time to me. I thank God the time is coming closer every day and through the help and grace of God we shall all meet and part no more. What a happy meeting that will be on that beautiful shore, where sorrow is no more. My prayer is that we may all obey the great commandments and enter the pearly gate prepared for all God's children. My daughter Etta sent me the Chronicle from Toledo, Ohio which I was so glad to receive. To my greatest surprise found out that Susan Dyer was at your place. The Chronicle is such a comfort to me, I find so much about our Leedy relatives.—Mrs. Anna Leedy.

Alva Leedy, Uncle Isaac's, son, writes that he has been at Chillicothe for three months, working at Camp Sherman, and at the time of writing was working on a large telephone plant. He says there are 30,000 to 40,000 soldiers training in that camp.

Geo. W. Leedy sent their subscription for the Leedy reunion lot, and Mrs. Leedy, his wife wrote a nice letter, saying, we are surely glad that ground for a permanent home for the reunion has been purchased. She also wrote that Cousin George has not been very well this fall.

Stella Leedy was afflicted some with the affliction for which she underwent an operation more than a year ago, in the early part of the winter; now she is fairly well again. Her trouble is some sort of paralysis of the food canal, which prevents her from swallowing food.

Mrs. Bell Keiser visited her Mother Mrs. Susan Dyer, over Thanksgiving and incidentally her other relatives in Ashland. She has nicely recovered from her hospital period, following an operation.

Win. L. Garber and family and F. L. Garber have given Ashland relatives repeated visits during the fall.

W. B. Leedy is in real estate and insurance business in Birmingham, Ala. He promises to write where he fits in the great Leedy family at his leisure. We welcome him and his son as Chronicle subscribers. His local address is 112 North 21st St. He belongs to the Virginia branch.

Cousin Noah Long Sr., Pioneer, Ohio, writes that he intends to make a special effort to attend the next Leedy Reunion at Ankenytown.

Cousin Roy B. Leedy suggests that the military and home addresses of all the boys of the Leedy connection ought to be sent to The Chronicle that a roster of the relatives in the army service can be printed. The close friends of the soldier boys at home should take this matter in hand and send the addresses.

Born to Clyde E. Long and wife of Pioneer, Ohio, a daughter, Pertelle Eyvon, a great, great granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Leedy Long. One more added to the banner family of the Leedy's.

Note—We must all confess that the big Long family is the banner Leedy family.

Mother Susan Dyer is living with her son A. L. Garber, and so far has passed the winter in fine condition. She is now able to do the most in taking care of her bedroom and writes letters to some of the children.

The reunion stand made \$27.92 toward the fund for Historian Roy's trip to the old Leedys' homes in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. This is a good lift. Now let the friends enlarge the sum by their contributions, that he may not be pinched to meet the expenses of the trip.

Mrs. Mahala Swank has passed to the rank of the friends on the other side. As far as we know, there remains only one of Pioneer Jacob Leedy's family, Betsy, as she was called, who is helpless blind and can hardly hear. We expect to publish Cousin Mahala's biography in the April Chronicle.

We do not remember that we printed the death of Catharine Tinkey, which occurred in the fall. She was the oldest child of Zacharia Swank. She was single most of her life. We do not know the name of her husband, Mr. Tinkey who she married a few years ago. Kate, as we were wont to call her at school, had nothing of the frivolous in her habits, was a great worker and talker as well.

Our sister, Jennie Crain, had the misfortune to fall on the icy walks and break her arm.

Prof. L. L. Garber is now engaged in instructing teachers classes under the supervision of Ohio school authorities.

Mrs. Nancy Price recently died with pneumonia. She was a half sister to Cousin Della Lanehart, whose mother was the second wife of Pioneer Lewis K. Leedy.

Aunt Lovina Leedy had no one to go with her to Florida this winter, and she is living around with her children.

Cousin E. A. Garber, F. L's son, is now living in Florida. He was working or the Government at building camps

for the soldiers, and he went to Florida to do the same kind of work. He packed his family and belongings in his Ford and motored all the way. "Lum" is getting to see a little of the world.

We want a bright and interesting Chronicle in April. As soon as you have read this number, write the news you have to send. This winter has been a long severe one and it is time to liven up for the spring tasks. Just preface it with a spirited letter to The Chronicle.

Cousin Stanley Garber of Bellville, Ohio has become a musician in the soldier camps. He has already attained distinction as a war musician.

Aaron B. Leedy has regained fair health after attacks of paralysis.

Now let the friends get busy and send in the news about the relatives at once. We have done the waiting until prompt action is required.

There is left over, articles in type, from Manerva Hess, Mary E. Miller, E. R. Long, W. C. Hickok, Owen Miller, and death of Alonzo M. Leedy and Robert Barr.

#### ORLAND, CALIF.

Jan. 23, 1918.

Dear Cousins:—Will write and tell you that we have traded our city property for a 20 acres ranch, one and a half miles south east of Orland. We moved here the first of November. We like the place very much. It is quite a change from city life.

Manda, Mary, Mr. Gabald, myself and little Kenneth all live here on the ranch. Have 9 cows to milk and about one hundred chickens, 6 hogs, 3 horses, 6 calves, and are living mostly on bread, milk and fruit. We all like it and are feeling fine on the milk diet.

We are having very mild winter weather—just like spring here. Have had very little cold or frost; have made garden, lettuce and other vegetables are looking fine. I guess you are having plenty of snow and cold weather from what we read in the papers. Every one here is sad on account of this terrible war; surely looks like we are in the last times as we read in the Bible of such times to come in the latter days.

Well I would like to see all my dear cousins once more in Ohio and especially my dear aunt Susan Dyer and aunt Elizabeth Leedy but don't expect ever to get back there; but hope to meet you all in heaven and there will be no parting there.

Please address me:

Elizabeth Cripe.

R. D. Box 113, Orland, Calif.

MRS. VIRGINIA LEEDY MATTHEWS,

Mrs. Virginia Leedy Matthews, mother of R. Leedy Matthews, passed into eternal rest at her home, 1857 Central Avenue at 15:45 a. m. yesterday.

As she lived in peace and love here so she entered her heavenly home, quietly and gently, like an angel's whisper. She was one of the best known and greatly beloved of women. Prominent in the church, having been a devout member of St. John's Methodist Church and a professed Christian from her early girlhood. She was most active in patriotic circles; was life chaplain of the Commodore Perry Chapter, D. A. R., and member of the J. Harvey Mathes Chapter, U. D. C., and the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association.

Only last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Matthews attended the Commodore Perry Chapter meeting and her voice went up in a most beautiful, earnest prayer which touched all to tearful thought.

The deepest sympathy is felt in this sad, sudden departure.

Mrs. Matthews was born in Huntsville Ala., and reared in Aberdeen, Miss., and was an educator of broad experience. She leaves one son, R. Leedy Matthews.

The foregoing is copied from the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 22, 1917.

We have obtained from her son, further records of the life of our noted relative.

Mrs. Virginia Leedy Matthews was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on Oct. 11th, 1842 and was reared in Aberdeen, Miss. She was the daughter of Lorenzo Dow Leedy who was born in Abingdon, Va., Feb. 22, 1816. Her mother was Sarah Bibb who was born in Huntsville Ala., in 1818.

Mrs. Matthews was married to Capt. Robert Glover Matthews of Hally Springs, Miss., May 21, 1866. Capt. Matthews served in the Confederate army and was honored for his bravery. He died in the early seventies, having been wounded in the army.

Mrs. Virginia Leedy Matthews was an educator of great ability. She was educated at the Aberdeen, Mississippi Female College and in later years was principle of a large Female School at Okolona, Miss. She was Vice Pres of the Clora Conway Institute of Memphis, Tenn. for a number of years, and then went to New York City as Vice Prin. of the Van Norman School for young ladies.

Since 1900 she has lived with her son, R. Leedy Matthews, in Memphis, Tenn.

Robert L. Matthews, the only child, feels most keenly the loss of his mother. He has not married, and we can imagine the great sense of loss that falls upon him. His father, Col. Matthews died years ago, and his family companion in life was his mother.

We feel a bit mortified that we did not learn about this distinguished family relative while she was yet alive.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.—UNITED WE STAND.

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Four Generations of the Family of Ezra F. Leedy,  
Fostoria, Ohio.



Cleaver Gibson Corner  
Susan Leedy Gibson. Alice C. Leedy  
Marjoria Catharine Corner.

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**FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE  
FAMILY OF EZRA F. LEEDY,  
FOSTORIA, OHIO.**

The eldest portrait is Mrs. Alice C. Leedy the wife of Ezra F. Leedy, who resides at the old home of his father Rev. Jacob A. Leedy, just north of the village of West Independence, Hancock Co., Ohio.

The second grandmother is the daughter of Ezra and Alice, Susan Leedy Gibson, the wife of David Gibson.

The third portrait is Cleaver Gibson Corner, daughter of David and Sudie Gibson.

The fourth, the great granddaughter of Ezra and Alice Leedy, is Marjoria Catharine Corner, daughter of Thomas and Cleaver Corner.

Time rapidly extends its trail of life. Without making note of intervening years, it seems but a short time since the editor was a boy visiting the splendid home of Uncle Jacob Leedy, and Ezra was a lively young man, with a watchful eye on the lassies as they passed by. He finally became the mate of one, and here now are four generations of them. Well, they are a goodly group. Cousin Ezra may well feel proud of them and we are all glad that he and his good wife have lived to caress the fourth generation of their family.

It is human frailty to blame conditions that are not worthy of blame and to ignore conditions which are at fault when there is trouble. The employee will work the usual hours, and then in the night go to saloons, eating places, picture shows and clubs till midnight and then go to their abodes and catch a few hours of disturbed sleep. Then as a cause for broken health they set up hard labor. Perhaps that is often an excuse, because they are obliged to work during the day in place of obtaining the required rest and sleep. But nothing is said about the hours of dissipation and excess. No one suffers from labor if it is sanely performed and is not abusively heavy.

**BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN L. GARBER**

The demise of John Leedy Garber was announced in the Chronicle some time ago.

The cards announcing his death, contained the following:

**AT REST**

John L. Garber, Born December 11, 1826. Died July 31, 1917, aged 90 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Funeral services at the Church of the Brethren, Ankenytown, August 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. James Wyatt Grimmer. Interment in Ankenytown Cemetery.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Swank, a daughter of Pioneer Henry Swank, who very early settled in the Leedy Valley and joined farms with Pioneer John Leedy on the west. She was born Oct. 21, 1830, and died March 14, 1912.

They were married Aug. 27, 1854. To them were born ten children, as follows.

Zeruah Garber Oyster, born March 24, 1855.

Elizabeth Garber Durbin, born Feb. 5, 1857.

Infant, born Dec. 15, 1858, died, Jan. 2, 1859.

Samuel Garber, born Nov. 29, 1859.

Catharine Garber, born April 16, 1861 died, March 20, 1862.

Florence Garber, born Feb. 15, 1865.

Died—

Charley Garber, born Feb. 23, 1869 died, Dec. 10, 1870.

Verda Garber Moses, born, March 6, 1871.

Elvira Garber, born April 27, 1872. Died, May 29, 1872.

Walter Garber, born July 11, 1874. Died—

The Father was born in Jefferson Township, on the original Leedy farm, and spent the greater part of his life in that township.

At the age of 20 years he began the



**JOHN LEEDY GARBER.**

carpenter trade. In 1848, a band of the boys about home went to Iowa and there he worked as a millwright for several years. In 1851 he returned and followed his trade industriously as a contracting builder, and in the country around Ankenytown, erected fourteen residence buildings beside many barns and many other buildings, to the number of more than sixty.

At the time of his death he was the possessor of a farm on which he had erected three houses and an eighty foot barn for which he had hewn the frame timbers with his own hands and prac-

tically all the lumber for these buildings was sawed on his water power saw-mill. The last building he built other than his own was the Walnut Hill school house in 1869, in the district in which he lived.

In March, 1855, he bought a farm in the township east of Jefferson, and 1856 he purchased the farm he owned till his death.

He and his wife united with the Bellville Universalist Church soon after marriage, and they were lifelong members of that communion.

He was a charter-member of the Jefferson Grange, organized and con-

ducted chiefly by connections of the Garber family. It was one of the early granges in the nation.

Uncle John Garber was a model citizen and neighbor and was known for his honesty, sobriety, even temper and manly qualities; kind, pleasing in address, agreeable and inoffensive, even to the hours of his death.

He was an excellent carpenter, an enterprising farmer and lined up in the front rank of progress, and spent a long and useful life, and left his marks in the development of the community.

He was a faithful attendant of the Leedy Reunions, being a grandson of Big John Leedy, and his laughing words will no more greet the friends of the Leedy and Garber reunions. He was a real magazine of pioneer stories, and in his earlier life could talk for hours on the occurrences of the early days in our family history.

John L. Garber was the oldest son of Samuel Garber and Catharine Leedy Garber, a family of twelve children, namely, John, Levi, David, Lewis, Jehu, Elizabeth, Jackson, Washington, Theodore, Mary E., Benton and Mina. The departed of these are Levi, Mina, David, Benton, Jehu and John.

Uncle John passed a noble life and his name will grow dearer as long as it lingers in the memory of friends.

The portrait of Mary Swank Garber, friends say, is very natural. The photograph sent us was very dim and we asked the engraver to brighten it up some.

The group of four contains John L. Garber and his wife and Verda Garber Moses and her husband, Walter Moses.

#### OBITUARY OF JACOB J. LEEDY.

Jacob J. Leedy departed this life October 18, 1917, aged 64 years, 4 mos. and 8 days. He resided near Warsaw, Ind. and spent most of his life in that vicinity.

He was a son of Abram Leedy and Sally Brallier Leedy. Abram was the oldest son of Pioneer Jacob Leedy, who settled near Ankenytown, Knox Co., Ohio, at an early day, about 1814 or 1816. His farm joined the farm of his brother's, Big John Leedy.

Sally Brallier was a half sister to Samuel Garber, the editor's grandfather, so that the family of Jacob J. Leedy is related to our Garber family on two lines.

Jacob J. Leedy was born June 10, 1853

He was married on Dec. 31, 1874 to Doreas Rolston, to this union 5 children were born, 2 sons and 3 daughters.

In the year of 1883 she departed this life leaving her husband and children to mourn their loss.

On September 15, 1887 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Mock; to this union 9 children were born, 4 sons and 5 daughters. One son and two daughters preceded him to the spirit world in their infancy.

He spent most of his life in Kosciusko county, Indiana near his birth place. The remaining years were spent in Michigan, and in St. Joseph and Marshall counties of Indiana.

He is survived by his wife and 11 children: Mrs. Nellie Perry, Osceola, Ind.; Mr. Oscar Leedy, LaMoille, Ill.; Mr. Homery Leedy, Goshen, Ind.; Mrs. Mollie Thomas, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Mertie McCloughan, Syracuse, Ind.; Everett, Hattie, Elmer, Bessie, Verna and Edward of Warsaw, Ind., 19 grandchildren, 1 brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his sudden departure.

Dearest father, thou hast left us,

And our loss we deeply feel,  
But, 'tis God that has bereft us,

He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,

When the day of life is fled,

When in Heaven in joy to greet thee

Where no farewell tear is shed.

Funeral services were held at the



Mary Swank Garber.



John L. Garber.  
Mary Swank Garber.  
Verda Garber Moses.  
Walter Moses.

Washington church on Sunday, October 21, 1917, conducted by Rev. Thomas Plew. Interment was in the Washington cemetery. The services were largely attended.

#### OBITUARY OF MRS. MAHALA LEEDY SWANK.

Mrs. Mahala Swank, wife of Christian Swank, died at their home in Ankenytown, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1918, aged 80 yrs. 3 mos. and 1 day. The funeral took place at the Church of the Brethren, by the old cemetery, and was conducted by Rev. Heistand.

She was one of the younger, or youngest child of Pioneer Jacob Leedy, who moved from Merrison's Cove, Pa. about 1814 and entered land just south of his brother, John Leedy. The family was large, and now only one of the family is left, "Betsey", if our memory is correct, and she is the oldest Leedy living. She

is blind, helpless and almost deaf. She resides in Indiana.

Mahala Leedy Swank always lived in the locality of her birth, and principally on the farm entered by her father.

Her life centered in her home and family duties. She was a good wife, a good mother and a good neighbor, considerate, kind and dependable as a friend. She united with the Dunkard or Brethren church about 1875. Her remains abide in the resting place of many of her friends and relatives in the old church yard a little way from Ankenytown.

She was married to Christian Swank April 29, 1858, at the Court house, Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Swank was born April 5, 1833, at Messersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.

The children born to them are—  
William Henry, born Feb. 28, 1859; died Sept. 3, 1875.

Ida May, born March 28, 1861.

James Franklin, born Feb. 28, 1864; died Sept. 7, 1894.

Ann W. Zettie, born June 5, 1870.

Infant daughter, born March 16, 1873; died on day of birth.

In the death of Our Cousin, another of the living pioneer landmarks is removed from the settlement where the Leedy people crowded back the wild Indian, and cleared the land for the generations which followed.

#### ALONZO M. LEEDY BURIED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday was a very cold and stormy day, and not at all suited to the holding of a funeral. However, services for the late Alonzo M. Leedy were held in the afternoon at the home of Carl Leedy, son of the deceased, conducted by Rev. A. B. Claypoole, who spoke feelingly upon the desire of life and its accomplishment. Several beautiful floral tributes covered the casket and the bearers were all relatives of the deceased. They were Messrs. A. H. and John L. Spayde, H. C. Gambrill, Will Leedy, Irwin Leedy and F. Web Hill. Interment was made in Mountain View Cemetery by the side of his wife who passed away a year ago.—Rapid City Daily Journal, Dec. 10, 1917.

#### ROBERT BARR, INSTANTLY KILLED WHILE HOLDING TO SIDE OF VEHICLE.

Robert Barr, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Barr, 26 Ellenwood Avenue, was instantly killed Aug. 22nd, when thrown from a bicycle beneath the wheels of a Henderson-Overland company truck. According to the report of Policeman Johnson, who made an investigation, the driver of the truck was not to blame for the boy's death. The officer reports the lad was riding up the hill from Lanterman's Falls on his bicycle. The truck also was proceeding up the hill. The

boy grasped the front fender of the truck, but the driver warned him of his danger and stopped his machine. *Crushed by Wheel.*

When he started the truck again the boy grasped a side rail, and in some manner his bicycle was caught in the rear left wheel. Before Patten, hearing the boy's scream of terror, could stop, the lad's life had been crushed out under the wheel. The rear wheel passed over his head.

The boy was a son of I. B. and Alice Leedy Barr, and would have been 10 years old had he lived until September. Surviving with his parents are a brother, Bruce, who recently enlisted, and is now in training camp in New Jersey, and three sisters, Helen, Virginia and Ruth.—Youngstown Telegram.

#### SEARS, MICHIGAN.

Dear Editor of The Chronicle:—I just received my July number. It reminded me to pencil a few lines to the good Chronicle. Well the reunions are now on, but am sorry to say I think I will not be able to attend any this year. Last year I attended the Daniel Long Family reunion north of Pioneer, O.; and would be pleased to meet with them again this year, it is to be held at the home of Cousin Sylvester Cocanower, east of Pioneer, O., half a mile, the first Saturday in September.

My grandmother Long was a Mary Leedy, so the name of "Leedy" is a drawing card. My second son Everett has enlisted to work for Uncle Sam. He enlisted May 23, 1917 at Cadillac, Mich. and from there was sent to Grand Rapids, Mich. and from there to Columbus, Ohio. Was there 4 days and arrived at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 1st. Then July 25th was moved to New York and soon will be ready to sail for France. I wrote him to trust in a higher power than man. Jesus says seek ye the Kingdom of God first, then Paul says obey

#### WARSAW, IND.

March 6, 1918.

Dear Readers of the Leedy Chronicle:—It has been a long time since I wrote to our dear family paper. Many changes have taken place since then; yes, even since last Reunion Day. Possibly many of you already know that our dear father was called away the 18th of October.

Only you who have gone thru with the same trial can realize what it meant to us. I thought that the obituary had been sent in, but when I talked to Bessie today, she said that the paper had come and that it was not in so as I have often thought of writing will write and send the obituary.

Papa always looked eagerly forward to the arrival of the Chronicle and would read it from cover to cover. How well I remember when I wrote my first letter to the Chronicle. I did not tell him and when he saw it he was so pleased at my feeble attempt.

If ever there was a member of the Leedy family loyal to its interests, he was one. Always at the Reunions, rain or sunshine and nearly always the first on the grounds. We children have grown to love these family gatherings as he did. At the close of one Reunion day I have always looked forward to the next. It will be so hard to go to the next one without him but if God wills we shall try to go just as we did when he was here. Never will I forget the last one that he was permitted to be with us, never again shall I have the happy privilege of pinning on his prized Reunion badge. But altho it is so hard for us yet we know that God did only that which was best.

We are thankful that he was spared from all suffering; his last few minutes on earth, even when his sudden departure was such a shock to us.

We were so glad to have so many of our precious relatives with us during our grief-stricken hours. You who have ever

the powers that be. So one can do the will of God and still be obedient to the powers of our government. What we are unable to help is no fault of ours. So one can be loyal to the stars and stripes and serve God. Praise his name forever.

Crops of all kinds are looking fine around here except corn. Hay is a bumper crop. Potatoes are promising and so are beans, cabbage, onions and all garden truck.

As I am writing these few lines, the hunters for huckleberries are many. Some are going and some are coming all the while. Apples are going to be scarce around here. Wheat is good for 20 bushels per acre and oats is a good crop.

The great war the prophets of old spoke of, these are the days that Daniel the prophet spoke of and the angel told the Prophet to close the Book. The prophet was not to understand it then. But in the last days it would be revealed unto man. I for one do believe there is only a few hours of God's time and but only a few years of our time until the Son of Man shall come. So let us one and all be found doing the will of God, and keep gathering in the sheaves.

Let us keep our lamps filled with the oil of gladness and the wicks trimmed and burning with faith, and joy will be ours in the morning and when the sun and moon shall be veiled, and the stars refuse there shining. We that are faithful will have nothing to fear as he will confess us to his Father and say there are my jewels who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. Won't that be a grand welcome, to us that are faithful. Glory be to his name forever.

One who fears God.

W. C. Hickok.

The war is a new experience now but before it is over it will be a cruel experience.

met papa know how his cheery smile and jolly greeting is missed by all who knew him.

This has been a long and lonely winter for mamma, whose health is not very good. We trust that with the spring sunshine she may grow stronger and happier.

There has been another member added to our family. Brother Everett and Anna Mabel Shuder were married the 28th of November. They are now at home with us but expect to make their home in Warsaw after this summer.

How are all the relatives thriving on War rations? They tell me that Mother is hard on corn meal and war flour so don't be surprised if she arrives at the Reunion with corn bread in her basket. If I were home she might pull my ears for writing about her, but I'm out of her reach but then I'm not afraid of my little mother anyway; she isn't of the cross kind and possibly its a good thing for she has a bunch of noisy, teasing children.

I wish that more of the Leedys would write and tell us a little about themselves. Wouldn't it be nice if we could have a letter printed from each of the states where Leedy's reside?

We always keep the Chronicles and I enjoy reading the back numbers. Let us strive to make our paper a better paper. I always give a little lecture but as it doesn't seem to do any good I'll simply half fill up one sheet and feel that I have tried to do my bit, even if it is not interesting.

Last year we had several new faces at the Reunion; let us try to have even more this year. Those who have children, bring them! And let others bring their cousins, neices and nephews. If any of you know of a relative whose name is not in the secretary's book send it in and boost a little.

With love,

Verna S. Leedy.

Warsaw, Ind., R. No. 4.

### FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO.

Oct. 29, 1917.

Dear Chronicle:—Enclosed you will find a clipping from our home paper which I thought might do for the Chronicle. On the 8th of September my husband and I went to Bowling Green to visit his sister, Mrs. C. E. Moree and family. Mr. Moree's mother was a Leedy. We spent a week with them, also attended the Wood County, Ohio fair. We had a fine time. We spent one day in Toledo and Fort Meigs. At Fort Meigs there were about 2,000 of our Soldier boys; some with their cavalry horses, while others were driving the supply wagons. It certainly was a sight which we enjoyed very much.

On the 16th of September we left Bowling Green for Fostoria where we visited Cousin William Gibson's family and others. Here we surely had a good time. Next we went to West Independence to visit our Cousins. Were sorry to find Dave Gibson in poor health. The rest of the friends were well as usual. We had a fine time while with them. They know how to make you feel welcome. The continuous going from place to place was too great a strain on my nerves and we were obliged to come home before we had our visit out.

The friends here are all well as usual.

Fifty relatives of Mrs. J. C. Hess gathered at her home last Sunday to spend the day with her, being her birthday. Those present were Mrs. Lovina Leedy, C. D. Martin and wife of Ankenytown; Mr. C. O. Miller and family, Fred Merrin and family, Mt. Vernon; C. B. Leedy, B. C. DeBolt, Paul DeBolt, Halva Dill, with their families, Palmyra, Don Miller of North Liberty; B. B. Leedy, West Independence; Alva Leedy and family, J. F. Amos and family, Miss Grace James and Margaret Cornell of this place. Mrs. Hess received some very nice gifts. Manerva Hess.

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### A LITTLE MEDITATION.

The Relatives will be interested in the pictures in this number.

Uncle John Garber appears in a portrait that was taken not very long before his death. The original was small, but we had it enlarged. He appears in his usual happy smile which made his presence agreeable up to the time of his departure. There is great satisfaction in having portraits of friends to look upon and revive pleasant memories where life has been an honor to the name and a blessing to others. Such was the life of Uncle John. As a citizen and neighbor his life was faultless; and as he lived in a community his every deed and habit was admirable, with the single exception that radical reformers would name tobaccochewing.

We are pleased also to praise the excellent group of Ezra F. Leedy's wife

and three following generations, and they all are female. There is no reflection nor dishonor in hinting that Cousin Ezra must be a ladies' man, as his children are chiefly girls; nice and good girls. In great sorrow he was compelled to surrender to death his only son when he was in his early manhood.

The Leedy history project, apparently is not receiving much effort at this time. Historian Roy B. has become a busy church man. He is one of the philanthropic class who have little use for money except for the good that can be done with it, and in these days of cheap money, the parson's income is shrunk to about half of its usual buying power. We know he must stay *close to his text* these war days, and we feel disposed to excuse him for the present on the History work.

The June Chronicle will be hurrying along, soon, and any relative purposing to write for that number needs to speedily mail his favor.

We hope to have the reunion announcements well arranged for printing in the Chronicle for about Aug. 1st, and seek to begin now to encourage the officers to gather the lines in hand that all arrangements may be made and ready to announce.

Friends, do not fasten your hold on the dollar too tightly. The wars and commotions which are sure to come upon our nation will loosen our hold on many possessions, and the cultivation of stronger family friendship may come back in great blessing to us when the consuming fire, which God is, will come as a purifying agency upon our nation and its people. Let us hasten to speak to one another often as we see perilous times coming upon us, and use our means in helpfulness.

Let the word go forth that The Leedy Park will be a neighborhood and community improvement; a place where meritorious gatherings of every character can be held. The aim will be to

have it free of expense, except freewill collections to be taken for its maintenance by gatherings which use it.

### ARE THE GARBERS JEWS?

An issue of the Cleveland Press, in February contained a portrait of Aaron Garber, under the title of Jews sought for war duty in Palestine.

The occasion for the title is the movement of the Jews of the world to recruit an army for duty in the Holy Land and adjacent countries.

We copy from the paper the following:

"The British, by offering to return Palestine to the Jews, have given us the greatest opportunity in our history," said Aaron Garber, 545 Society for Savings Building, member of the Jewish Congress, who is to assist in the recruiting.

The fighting in Palestine is, to us, a national phase of the world war, says Garber."

This is the first word we have ever seen connecting the Garber name with the Jewish people.

We have known for a long time that there were many Jews in the world who do not know their identity with the Jewish race. Those who are particularly marked are the offspring of the Jews who called the blood of Jesus upon themselves and their children.

The portrait in the Cleveland paper has the Garber features and those who are familiar with the family would pronounce the profile a typical prosperous Garber face.

It may be we belong to a good family of the Jewish race.

Anyway we have the perseverance and like to make money.

### THE LEEDY PARK.

The following is a copy of subscriptions for the Leedy Reunion Park taken

on the grounds and those received since.

We, the undersigned, subscribe the amounts set opposite our names to purchase and improve grounds to hold Leedy and other family reunions and public meetings, payable

One third, Oct. 1, 1917.  
One third, Oct. 1, 1918.  
One third, Oct. 1, 1919.

Name	Amount
A. L. Garber	\$10.00
A. B. Leedy	20.00
A. O. Leedy	15.00
E. F. Leedy	10.00
B. C. DeBolt	25.00
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In the next Chronicle the secretary will publish an acknowledgment of payments which have been made.

If you want your name to appear in the charter list, send in your subscription before the June Chronicle is issued about the middle of June.

Further, friends who have not paid the amount of their subscription now past due, will do the movement a favor by remitting.

Secretary A. L. Garber expects to be Ankenytown, May 11th and 12th, and informally meet as many friends as will be interested in coming, to talk over plans for the improvement of the park.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

Cousin John L. Spayde favored us with a copy of the Black Hills Booster which contained an account of proceedings in Rapid City, South Dakota, last September during Alfalfa Palace Week. The exposition and fair was quite an event, and represents the Black Hills as being much more than a mining camp.

April 12th and 13th were lively days at the home of the editor. Mrs. Bell D. Keiser, of Columbus, Ohio was spending the week with us in visiting her mother Mrs. Susan Dyer, and on Friday Frank L. Garber, his daughter Essie Carpenter, and her lively little child, came suddenly among us. In the evening Bro. L. L. Garber and his family came in, so that there was quite a reunion of us. On the

13th Win. Garber and his family arrived and made a call, returning home the same evening. This is a great age, in which a family can go thirty miles, make a few calls, and return home for seasonable bed time. Mrs. Carpenter had spent several days, visiting at her old home before they came to Ashland. She left for Indiana on the 13th, and Mrs. Keiser returned to Columbus on the 14th.

A. L. Garber will be about Ankenytown May 11th and 12th, and seeks to talk over plans for improving The Leedy Park. We are going to begin to do something after that and you may have a suggestion or point that we may need.

The letter from attorney W. S. Kessler is interesting, and we are particularly interested in knowing that the Kesslers are also of Swiss descent as are the Leedy's and Garbers.

It interests us because we study race relations. The Swiss people are Israelites from one or more of the tribes of the patriarch Jacob, but so far we have found no positive clue to which tribe of Israel they belong. What strikes us most is that the members of the tribe hing together and marry and intermarry, unconsciously, yet under an unknown overruling destiny.

Well, we are not much given to-praise lawyers, but an honest lawyer makes as good Leedy and Garber relative as any other profession. We know of several Kessler preachers, and we wonder just a little why our cousin W. S. Kessler is not a preacher also. However we are glad to say welcome Dear Cousin, come and share with us the family festivities.

This number of the Chronicle carries the portraits of eight relatives, and every reader will enjoy looking at them. This is far ahead of getting a dozen or two and passing them to a few near relatives. At an expense of two or three dollars

you are able to present your photo to hundreds of relatives in a more permanent way than even a photograph, for many of the Chronicles are kept in files, and when the Leedy Memorial Building is erected they will be mounted in suitable books in it. You don't need to wait for an invitation to have this done and it is no breach of modesty to have it done than it is to have photographs made to please friends. By printing in The Chronicle you please many more friends. Neither should you believe you are too unworthy to do so. As long as you are industrious and honest you are as worthy as any other one.

We observe in the Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal, March 13th, a report of a meeting of the Commodore Perry Chapter D. A. R. at which a very handsome silk American flag, the gift of Mr. Leedy Matthews, in memory of his mother, who was the late beloved chaplain of the chapter.

Mrs. J. Harvey Mathes, presenting the flag said: "My friends of the chapter, I come today on a beautiful but tenderly sad mission, bringing you this flag from a beloved son in memory of a sainted mother who has passed through the gates of night far beyond the silent stars into the sunlight of God's love. She loved this flag and every prayer she breathed as our chaplain was for peace and good will for the whole world, and that it might carry this message to every nation. Can any of us ever forget when her dream life was over how she rested under a mantle of flowers all folded in safety under its stars and stripes. Take it, for it is yours, to keep as a sacred emblem from our forefathers, from her love to our love, from her rest to our rest, until we reach the silent shores of memory."

In accepting the flag Mrs. Bryan paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Mrs. Matthews, her purity of heart and no-

bility of purpose. She spoke of how her presence lent an inspiration for all that was good and upright and of her vigor of mind and broad intellect.

We hear thru friends that Cousin Lizzie Martin of Ankenytown, Ohio was afflicted with pneumonia in March. She is the oldest daughter of the Uncle Isaac Leedy family.

Cousin Mary E. Miller writes that she is now a grandmother. A daughter came to the home of her son Owen, in Detroit, the 8th of November; named Elizabeth Irene.

Frank L. Garber attended the Conference of the Ohio Brethren churches, held at Fremont the second week of April, and while in that place called upon Levi B. Leedy and his son-in-law, Mr. Secrist and reports that they are well and happy. Levi is the youngest son of Pioneer Daniel Leedy's family, and one of the precious few of the third generation of Leedy relatives. Levi is nearer in affection with us than the general relationship because he was a schoolmate and worked for our mother when we were together on the farm.

We are just tickled over Cousin Alberta Scott's letter. It does not appear that she intended to write a letter to the Chronicle, but all will appreciate the interest her letter carries, and the news it brings about the avenue in which her life moves, and the points of prospect before her. It is a warm message right from the heart of an earnest relative which will encourage her sister cousins in noble endeavor. We have noticed that the relatives often write much better when they presume they are writing a personal letter to the editor. When some of the relatives undertake to write, their modesty carries them under a kind of super-dignity and they think it is necessary to write as tho they were carrying the sanctity of a priest.

## ARCANUM, OHIO

March 4, 1918.

The Leedy Chronicle:— Having through Rev. Roy B. Leedy of Kenmore, Ohio, learned that many of the Leedy's spoken of in the Chronicle are relatives of mine, I want to get acquainted with them.

My Aunt Nancy Kessler married William Leedy June 10, 1830, and my Aunt Mary Kessler married Abraham H. Leedy Jan. 21, 1827. They were both married in Montgomery County, Ohio and removed to Miami County, Ind. William and Abraham Leedy were sons of David Leedy who died in 1826 and was buried in Rinehart Cemetery west of Union, Montgomery Co., Ohio.

I also notice that the Leedy's came from Switzerland so did my Great-great-grandfather Kessler, possibly from the same locality. I notice the name of Garber among the Leedy relatives, now it may be the Kessler's are related to them also. My Great Uncle Joseph Kessler and my Great Uncle Benjamin Kessler both married Garber's at Sidney, Ohio. I cannot give the years. I was constrained to mention this on account of the similarity of names.

Miss Freda Albright my stenographer is a great granddaughter of Henry Leedy a brother of my two uncles William and Abraham Leedy. We have taken the matter up with Rev. Roy B. Leedy, the Leedy Historian, through whom we have received much information and are anxious for more. Much of the data given above we received from him, for which we are truly thankful.

We are planning to attend the two Leedy reunions, one at Winona Lake, Ind., and Ankenytown, Ohio, where we hope to meet many of our heretofore unknown relatives. So if you have no objections to a lawyer relative and visitor we will try and be there.

I am enclosing check for subscription to the Leedy Chronicle, I am,

Very truly yours,  
W. S. Kessler.

## BANGOR, ME.

213 French Street  
March 30, 1918.

Dear Cousin:—I was so interested in the February Chronicle that I read it through at once as usual.

It is good news that we have the beginning of an adequate meeting place. I enclose a small check and expect to help each year, but will not pledge now, hoping to do more than war demands on our income now warrants promising.

The Chronicle always emphasizes how widely the Leedys are scattered over the country. Some are in sunshine all the year. Here there is still a good deal of snow. The ice in the Penobscot River is still two or three feet deep and even the salt water 45 miles below here is frozen about a foot deep, preventing the steamers going into Belfast. People drove and motored from Castine to Belfast 15 miles across the Penobscot Bay this winter on thick ice. Thirteen years ago, our first year here, the Bay froze over but the oldest inhabitant could not remember when such a thing had happened before.

It has been a hard winter but this week has been lovely.

We are all busy in War Relief activities. About 40 of us meet every Monday at the Parish House to sew on the right machines [3 have electric motors]. I am on the State Committee of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee and have charge of the drive in Bangor. Thirteen clubs [of women] will take turns in selling bonds at a booth in a prominent store and the Men's Committee has elected me a member and offered me a desk at the general headquarters.

With my work as a Director of the Associated Charities and the Children's Home, for steady diet; and the occasional demands of the Women's War Council,



Red Cross, etc. a ministers wife is kept too busy to consider such mischief as new bonnets and furbelows—Anyhow as Mr. Scott says, "It is more respectable to be shabby now-a-days."

Our Unitarian church here was organized 100 years ago and on June 25 and 24 we will have the celebration. One feature will be the placing of a tablet to Hannibal, Hamlin Vice Pres. under Lincoln. His widow 82 years old attends church regularly and is beloved by everybody.

Before the war Mr. Scott had started to get an endowment Fund of \$50,000 to mark the church Centennial. Since the war he has not solicited money for it but by bequests and gifts it now amounts to \$42,550 and \$3500 for the Parish House which is a separate corporation. The people here seem to like the Hoosier parson, [may the Editor say and his wife.]

Edith writes me that father, [Wash. L. Garber] Aunt Lizzie and Kate and the Cellarius kith and kin are to be with them in Dayton tomorrow. We wish we could join them.

This note has grown into a letter—  
I wish I could remember how to sign myself, but our Chronicles burned when our summer home burned.

Cordially,  
Alberta Garber Scott.

Daughter of Washington L. Garber.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

521 Euclid Ave.,  
March 28, 1918.

Dear Editor:—I shall try and answer your welcome letter which I received while at Indianapolis. Took sick while there and was in bed over 2 months and not able to write to any one in that time. We have not heard from any of you people.

I was so much pleased when I read The Chronicle and found our Leedy relatives had purchased a place of their

own to build a tabernacle to hold the reunions. In regards to myself I never expect to have the privilege of meeting my dear relatives there again but hope to meet them all beyond this veil of tears where God and all his angels dwell. There are so many of our friends over there. We will sooner or later all go over to Zion so let us watch and pray to be ready to meet the call.

You ask me to write for the Leedy Chronicle, and will say I would only be too glad to do so if I felt I was capable, but I feel that there are others that can do better than I so I would rather be excused. I enjoy reading the Chronicle for it is the only way I hear about the Leedy relatives, and I am always glad to get the Chronicle. As soon as I can I will send a little help to the tabernacle at Ankenytown. I want to send some help for Roy B. Leedy, in his good work and to The Chronicle. Hope I may not be forgotten by my Leedy relatives; would love to meet them all again. Etta and I send our love to all.

Aunt Anna Leedy.

#### A YOUNG WRITER'S FIRST LETTER.

Bellville, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1918.

Dear Editor:—I am a great, great, grandson of Big John Leedy. I was nine years old last July. I have never missed a day of school since I began to go. Only about ten minutes. I am now in the fourth grade. When I was in the third grade I used to ride old faithful Bird to school and I would tie up her rein and she would come home herself. But she died two years ago and I have to walk over and back now. I help to feed six calves, carry up corn for the pigs.

When we take boneset we keep from getting sick.

I hope to see all my cousins at the Leedy Reunion this year.

Virgil Garber.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

March 21, 1918.

I am requested to write a letter about my father's family. I was laid up sometime from the effect of a fall on the ice recently.

Sunday March 17th, we met at the home of sister Nerva Hess at Fredericktown, to celebrate our mother's 80th birthday anniversary. The occasion was one long to be remembered. The weather was ideal, and all present enjoyed the day immensely. But we regret that sister Lizzie Martin could not be there, as she is just recovering from a spell of lung trouble.

Brother Bryant DeBolt was obliged to undergo another operation a few weeks ago, but at this writing he is able to be about again.

Brother C. B. Leedy has a new granddaughter, born Nov. 10, 1917, to Homer and Pearl Leedy. They have not yet decided on a name for the little lady.

Sister Lizzie Martin also has a new granddaughter, Beulah Eileen, born Feb. 23, to Floyd and Ollie Martin Swank.

We have two new granddaughters whose births have not been chronicled, Opal Kathleen, born Aug. 15, 1917, to Dan and Mary Miller Crunkilton; and Miriam Leedy, born Nov. 21, 1917, to Lee and Violet Miller Parsons.

Success to the Chronicle and to the Leedy Park, and best wishes to cousins and friends.

Hannah Leedy Miller.

IONIA, MICH.

April 8, 1918.

Dear Cousin and Relatives:—Will write a few lines to the Chronicle, to inform the friends that I am enjoying good health and have been on the job every day. The Foundry operated during the past 20 months. You will see

that I have not had any time to get very far from my work.

I go to Grand Rapids, every two or three weeks to see my son and daughter over Sunday.

I was to Flint, Mich. Thanksgiving to visit my son Arthur; also called on my brother Newton at Nashville, Sunday before Christmas, returning to the Rapids for the yuletide holiday. The children are all well so far as I know at present.

Enclosed draft for five dollars to apply to the Leedy Park Fund. I am hoping that it will be so that I can be at the reunion next August. In fact have made up my mind that sickness would be the only thing that would prevent me from coming.

Birth Notices—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Leedy, at 1039 Ariana St., Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11, 1918, twin girls: Sylvia Mae and Nan Marguerite Leedy. Have not yet decided on a name for the little lady.

Sister Lizzie Martin also has a new granddaughter, Beulah Eileen, born Feb. 23, to Floyd and Ollie Martin Swank.

Box 375.

Harvey A. Leedy.

BOURBON, IND.

October 26, 1917.

Dear Readers of the Chronicle:—I have been thinking of writing every day since our reunion, but have neglected. I know our secretary has given a report of the reunion. Not knowing what she has written I will say I am the President. It seems that they can't think of any one to take my place, so I will serve another year.

We did not have a very good chance for business. Warsaw was giving a reception to the Soldiers and so many of our relatives wanted to see the boys march. We never keep any body from being patriotic. We did not get any response on the Leedy Park. We will need to talk that up. Everybody who

knows the Leedys well know they are not ready to spend their money. I was in hopes I would raise money to help the Chronicle but I lay it all to the war. Hope this trouble will all be over by next year. Will say we had a very enjoyable day.

I am sorry to say one of our most faithful cousins has passed to the beyond. We will miss his smiling face. The father of our Secretary, Jacob Leedy died with apoplexy the 18th of October. I was to the funeral, Sunday, held north of Pierceton, at our old home church. It was a large funeral. Our cousins, 4 in number, came from Goshen. The relatives were all well. I staid all night with cousin Emma Greer. Her husband is so recovered from his accident that he has gone to work.

Hope some of the Cousins will report the news from Pierceton. The secretary will send in the account of her Father's death.

I will go to Detroit next week to visit my son Charles. Owen is now in France; he writes very encouraging letters received one this week dated the 5th of October. This one came through soon generally takes over a month. Everet is in Rockford, Ill., expecting to sail soon. He is in a railroad company; will run trains that carries provisions to the front.

My health is good and am most over a tumble down stairs. My love to all readers of the Chronicle.

Mary E. Miller.

Bourbon, Ind.

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**OWEN MILLER WRITES FROM FRANCE.**

Sept. 10, 1917.

Dear Mother—

No doubt you have visions of your youngest son doing battle with the horrid Germans, covered with wounds and blood and that sort of thing, but you are all wrong. I am all safe and sound

that I can't tell you of my experience so far but the censor regulations forbid it so I'll have to fill my diary and tell you later. Mac and I are billeted in the same place and have it fixed up like a real home. The only thing we had to make friends [deleted by censor] we could sleep. I don't care how long we stay here for it is almost as comfortable as at the fair grounds and the meals are much better. It took us a week to clean up this place and make it sanitary as possible but it is a small job to keep it up now. We haven't had much time to look around yet but I hope to have a little time off before we start to work steady. They sure rightly named this Sunny France, for we sure have some wonderful days and nights. The nights are cool and clear with a large moon shining on the rolling farm land and small villages—a description of France that I read in school.

Mac and I take long walks at night and talk over old times that seem ages ago. He has taken to army life like a duck to water and likes it better every day. I guess he is not sorry at all that he came along instead of going to reserve for he certainly has the ability to get along with all sorts of men and believe me we have some collection of types. Bunk artists seem to constitute a good percentage, but when we get on a job they will either produce the stuff or fade into oblivion.

Who did the draft get around home? I received your letter and the Weekly Squeak this a. m. but found nothing in either. The Squeak was one of July 26th. and I had read that in Detroit. I wish you would see Burt and find out if he is sending it. Well I must get some other letters started on today's mail, so I'll call this off. I'll write you at least every week. As ever,  
Owen.

Sent to Mary Leedy Miller, Bourbon, Ind.

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## MR. AND MRS. F. A. WISE A GOLDEN WEDDING.

The following poetry was written for the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wise, Cleveland, Ohio:

### *Fifty Years of Married Life.*

Fifty years ago today, I remember quite well,  
I met the lady of my choice, a story she did tell,  
It was all about our marriage, previously agreed,  
At her parent's home, she so well did take the lead.

And thus became the bride of fifty years today.  
After many trials and cares, we truthfully can say,  
That together we have fought life's battles through,  
And gained a victory to our credit, in union did pursue.

The yoke of family cares is not an easy one to bear,  
For the trials and temptations were not so rare,  
And made to resolve anew, life's journey pursue,  
As best we could in courage would, our battles renew.

In the year of 1867 the time this narrative began,  
Rather eventful in some respects, as history alone can  
Give us true respect, for the courage we maintained,  
Through all these years of family cares, we solemnly remained.

Legitimate marriage is of a source divine,  
To vindicate the trust of life, so noble in design,  
To further the cause of life by a marriage vow,  
Unrestricted in its joys, as best we know how.

A bride of fifty years, this day so well appears,  
In form as well as stature, and never cherishes fears,  
By virtue of an ambition, holds her own quite well,  
And freely gives the orders, which no one else can tell.

Life in its real value, does not always depend  
Upon the amount of money one has got to spend  
Marriage is more honorable than glittering wealth  
Which contaminates the miser who has no joy of health.

Cornelius the hero as the fruit of our labor,  
Made his first appearance as a worthy neighbor,  
He did not have a bathing suit when he first landed,  
But took his turn in getting washed, first handed.  
He introduced a number he could not well define

But thought he had the preference of the number nine,  
He grew in stature and in favor, through precious care,  
In due season, got a bouncing girl, his companion-ship to share.

The great grand son has a worthy place in this narrative,  
As of the fourth generation he is reckoned as a native  
Of the Wise family a record he holds quite well,  
As a boy in all its meaning by his work we all can tell.

These are precious moments in the history of married life,  
But many a man fails to recognize the trials of a wife,  
He comes and goes as if he had no care,  
And fails to ease the burden his better half must bear.

Our landing place in keeping house was old Molly Stark,  
In the village of New Berlin is where we got the start.  
To build a family of ten, though we could not determine then  
Who should be the next to safely land in the family's pen.

But firmly in devotion to the principles of married life  
So well maintained by the efforts of a faithful wife,  
We grew in favor among the neighbors of the town,  
In society apprehensions we gained a worthy renown.

There was a mission in our aims to conquer life for good,  
And through its rugged pathway we trod as best we could,  
We lost no courage, but took life as best we knew how,  
And made the proper application, then as now.

To classify each member, would tax our patience sure,  
They added to their number as their calling did endure,  
As grandchildren, hale and hearty, to the present day,  
Twelve boys and fourteen girls truly make a good display.

We could not turn back and start our journey anew,  
For the errors of life thus remain if we a better course pursue,  
That in practical life together, but once we lived it to our good,  
Or ill, as we sow the seed so will be the harvest, as it should.

It is well to note some of the unwelcome visitors  
Such as the scarlet fever, measles, as cruel ex-  
cutors,

In enforcing a margin on our general health,  
Whooping cough, chicken pox, they question  
not our wealth.

If it were not for these trials, marriage would be  
amiss,

They visit upon our virtue the sought-for holy  
bliss,

So needful in married life, to confirm the object  
sought,

That by these trials and afflictions marriage is  
firmly wrought.

The proper union of man and wife make mar-  
riage divine,

To perpetuate the human race, as the Creator's  
design.

And what God has joined together let not man  
put asunder,

Is an imperative demand to which we must  
surrender.

We passed along at a moderate rate of married  
life,

For which we place due credit to a faithful wife  
In the cares of family burdens so needful all the  
time,

No lack for the children's needs in their respec-  
tive line.

Thus you see that fifty years has left its impress  
on our kin,

With impunity of mind, we resolved to stay  
within

The border of our marriage vow, as man and wife  
In the discharge of every duty unto the end of  
life.

By F. A. Wise and Wife.

14205 Castalia Ave., S. E., Cleveland, Ohio.

#### EVERETTE MILLER WRITES FROM FRANCE.

"I left Fort Wayne after my furlough, went to Camp Grant and prepared to move, which was on Sunday, and we passed through Chicago, up in through the state of Michigan, and over into Canada at Detroit, and we sure did get a merry ride through Canada, as they sure did hit the high spots. We came back into the states at Niagara Falls and wound around through the state of New York and landed at Tenafly and went into camp at Camp Merritt for a few days, which is a very nice place for a camp. We had our Christmas at Camp Merritt and were loaded on a train for the port of embarkation. The boat left port in the evening and we had a very nice sea for travel all the way over. I

could not come close to telling the miles we covered, or tell how fast we were going, but we were on the move all the time for days. We were protected by many first-class gunners all around us and would have hated to have been on a submarine, for I think I would have had a chance to get off and walk and the water was too deep for that.

We had target practice one day and they sure showed us what protection we had with us, as the guns on our boats made hits every time. We had two scares. The first one was not so bad, as most of us were on deck and after two shots the scare passed and we went on our way without any damage. The second one happened early in the morning and the men were all in the mess room; the guns opened fire before the alarm was given. It makes a person feel mighty funny when they know they are in the danger zone and having the guns commence firing before an alarm is given. After a dozen shots, all of which happened in about five minutes, which seemed like hours, we traveled along without any harm. There were five men died on the boat coming across, all of whom were buried at sea, which is not very many considering the number we had on the boat. We landed at a port in France and were on the boat three days before we unloaded. Going into the bay we saw many aeroplanes, two observation balloons, one of which was stationed up on one of the hills, the other being towed out to sea, attached to a tug boat. We saw many small sailing boats that were not much larger than an ordinary rowboat, one battleship, plenty of torpedo destroyer boats, submarines and plenty of forts and guns to protect the harbor. We were unloaded on a Sunday and loaded on trains and travel on trains until Tuesday afternoon, and went into camp. We passed many camps, and at one place many large buildings in which they kept aeroplanes and heard the fire of cannon in the dis-

tance when we stopped at different places. We saw many French soldiers through the country and towns and learned that some were on furlough, but most of them had been wounded in some way or other. The houses and buildings are all old and the streets and sidewalks are very narrow and very muddy. The country roads appear to be very good; I guess on account of there being no travel over them. I have not seen an automobile nor a four-horse wagon or a buggy, and most of the people are walking, and all of their dress is very old-fashioned, and everybody, young and old, with very few exceptions, wear wooden shoes. I see no young men, on account of all being at the front, and the work is being done by women, and old men and children. They have German prisoners working different places in the fields, spading up the ground, as the farming implements are very old and worn out. Wood is very scarce, as they raise and harvest firewood the same as any other crop.

The roadbeds of the railroads are just as good as they are in the states but the engines and cars are very old-fashioned, the passenger and freight cars have only one pair of wheels under each end and the people enter them from the sides, the same as we do summer street cars. The most of them have no airbrake or steam heat or any of the modern improvements or comforts. To heat most of the cars, at places where they stop they would come around with an iron tank filled with hot water and place them under the seats—and all the cars are very small. The engines run from the first one made up to the present type. Some of them have no airbrakes and the fireman has to stop them with a brakewheel on the tank. Some of the engineers are on the left side, and some on the right side, with no seats of any kind, as it is against the law for a man to sit down in the engine, and none of them have cab room enough to keep the crew out of the weather, with no pilots,

and very few lights are used, and all car and engines are coupled by chains and at night they do their signaling by horns, which all trainmen carry. Very few grade crossings, as all streets and roads go up over or under, with very few exceptions, which are protected by gates, and they are always kept closed until a vehicle wants to pass. While they are running they make very good time, but they spend so much time standing around. The whistle is very seldom sounded and the engines have no bells.

Uncle Sam is making great preparations to do some business, which is easier to be seen over here than over in the states, and is taking mighty good care of us in clothing and eats. Everything is very high over here as eggs are \$1 per dozen and sugar can not be gotten, so if you have more candy and sweets than you know what to do with, they will sure be relished by the men in France. The people are treating us very nice and we would know more how to appreciate it if we could talk their language, but if we stay here long enough we're all going to learn, as they are willing to help us. I am getting so I can talk with my hands better than with my tongue. I am carrying a book, pointing out everything that I want to say to them.

Fraternally yours,

Everette O. Miller.

Address: Master Engineers, Everette O. Miller, Hdqrs. Det., 1st Engrs., A. E. F., via New York.

#### LONGS WHO LIVED LONG.

*Some Notable Examples of Longevity in the Long Genealogy.*

I am producing this article to show all who read it that a healthy old age is desirable. My great grandfather John Long Sr. born 1780 died 1856. Grandfather John Long Jr., born 1803 died 1886. Grandfather's youngest sister, born 1827 still living. Catherine Long

Walsh, my father's oldest sister, born 1827, still living. Joseph Long, father's brother living; born 1829. Also Daniel E. Long, father's brother living, born 1842. My father, Isaac Long, being nearly three score years and ten. Joseph, Daniel and my father served in war of 1860-1865. Joseph being seriously wounded, having right leg shot off at knee. In spite of this he has lead an active and christian life.

The Long ancestry is English.

Looking into some of the causes for long life, I would say, let your guide word be moderation in all things. Heredity seems to play some part in living long. If both sides of your ancestors were long lived it is a double assurance that you will live long if your habits of life are right. Alcohol is dangerous. The general concensus of science is that alcohol will cause a change of spermcell life, a degeneration entailing upon off-spring, defective and criminal tendencies, weaknesses both physical and mental, and if long continued to excess will bring man to sorrow and wreck his life.

I am pleased to state that no Long back as far as I know used ilquor or tobacco.

Tobacco seems to play a minor part in longevity. In some individuals it is harmful and others apparently not. So individual peculiarities and hereditary traits are passed on. So live that your life will be in harmony with the Creator of the universe. Remember that every law broken against God will have to be paid in full, here or hereafter. God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

E. R. Long.

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WELLINGTON, KANS.

The Gambrill Mwercentile Co., Wholesale and Retail Department Store,  
May 11, 1918

The Leedy Chronicle—Dear Relatives—You will find my check enclosed for eleven dollars, one dollar for subscription to the Chronicle and ten dollars for the purchase of the grounds for The Leedy Reunion.

I am the oldest son of Sarah Leedy Gambrill, she being the youngest child of John Leedy of Ankenytown, I think of twelve children. Her brothers and sisters that I remember well were, Uncle Dr. Leedy of Warsaw, Ind., Uncle Abe Leedy of Pierceton, Ind., Aunt Leedy Spayde, Aunt Leedy Brown, Aunt Leedy Maskimin, Aunt Leedy Myers, each of Pierceton, Indiana. And every one of them was very dear to me. I think as fine a lot of people as I ever knew. I remember Grandmother Leedy very well, she made her home with Aunt Spayde and Aunt Brown during her latter years and I think she was blind the last three years of her life. She seemed very fond of me and I would go in her room and visit for hours with her. I remember she told me when they moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio, the first night that they camped on their farm they took up from the government, one of the horses got loose and Grandfather followed him clear to Pennsylvania, and every night for two weeks while he was gone she built a big fire and set up all night with rifle in hand and kept the wolves from getting the children. She told me one day when Grandfather was away that a big deer came up in the yard and she lowered the window and shot him with the rifle. Those were things that were very thrilling to a child which I have always remembered Grandmother was an athlete. I have heard my mother say she could stand on the ground, place her hand on the horse's weathers and jump on the biggest horse that Grandfather had, and she never climbed over a fence, she put her hand on the top rail and jumped over it. She told me of a stage that Grandfather was in and the horses run

away, his being so large he got out on the back step and rolled off. He was too big to jump.

In my immediate family I have a wife and two fine children which the credit to the children is all due to the wife. Frank Leedy Gambrill and Myrne Sarah Gambrill Gatewood, named Sarah for my mother. But I don't want to forget Mr. Charles Clay Gatewood, my grandson, who is nine months old and I never saw a Leedy any smarter than he is, so you know he is pretty smart.

I hope I have said enough to identify myself as a member of the Leedy family. With kindest regards to all the relatives, I am Yours truly.

C. A. Gambrill

FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO.

April 29, 1918.

Mr. Howard Gregg and Lillie V. DeBolt, daughter of Bryant C. and Susie [Leedy] DeBolt were married April 10, 1918, at Mt. Vernon, by Rev. Long. Have gone to housekeeping in Palmyra, Ohio. 75 of their friends gave them a miscellaneous shower in their own home. They received many useful presents which they appreciated very much. One being a set of solid silver teaspoons which were more than a century old. They are something not many young people can boast of. Thus one by one they leave the parental home to build one of their own. One daughter, Miss Ethel remains at home, being the present teacher of the home school.

Manerva B. Hess.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

May 31, 1918

Dear Editor—I am one of the younger generations of the Long family out in Sunny California. I would like to let you and other dear friends of the Leedy Chronicle know of my father's death on April 3rd. Father was always

interested in the Chronicle and would have loved to have written articles for it during his life. But on the account of long sickness he was not able to do so. He had paralysis for over six years but was kind and patient to the last. He was a good Christian and surely is missed by all of us.

I am the youngest daughter of Samuel Long. I have two brothers and three sisters. My oldest brother lives in Chicago and two sisters are in Kansas City and the oldest sister in Wenatchee, Wash.

I was just reading over the April Chronicle and I see the picture of Alice C. Leedy and daughters and granddaughters. Alice Leedy and Ezra F. Leedy were here on a visit in 1915 and spent a week with us and hope they may come again some time as well as others of you eastern friends.

Edna Long.

1302 Girard St.

Note—Samuel Long, perhaps, was the youngest child of the David Long family, and was born in the country not a long way from Ankenytown, Ohio.

Sammy, as we were wont to call him, was a nice young man, and his life has been a credit to the big Long family. Cousin Edna writes nicely, and we hope the Chronicle will be further favored by reports of the relatives in and about Los Angeles.

On the 24th of June Mrs. A. L. Garber returned from a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. Bertha Beck, High Bridge, New Jersey near New York City. Mrs. Beck was in a New York hospital which was responsible for the visit at that time. Mrs. Beck was operated upon for stomach trouble, which was found to be puncture of the stomach from abcess. The surgeon cut out a section of the stomach and sewed the opening shut, and up to date she has been favorably improving.



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#### THE 1918 REUNION.

Dear relatives and friends:—The time for the 1918 Reunion will soon be here. However there will be a good deal of work to be done in order to have the Leedy Park ready to use. I know, however, that we can depend on the Leedys, Garbers, Swanks, Longs and others to do whatever is necessary along that line. So you may expect a call before long to come and help clean up. The program is only in the formation period as yet, but we have the promise of some good things for the Reunion this year, among which are a speech in the afternoon by W. S. Kessler of Arcanum, O. on "Why We Hold Reunions," Roy B. Leedy will occupy some time in giving a description of the settlement by Pioneer David Leedy in Montgomery Co., O., W. H. Leedy of Indianapolis, Ind. has also promised to be present and

to make a speech if able. Mr. Leedy is Grand Secretary of the Ind. I. O. O. F. I am sure the program will be interesting, and if you want to hear and enjoy it all, you will need to come early. I am sure the Leedy Park can be made into a fine place to hold the Reunions.

B. C. DeBolt.

#### THE REUNION PARK.

About the middle of May I went over and spent a couple of days in Ankenytown. The rains spoiled our plans and almost marooned us.

The more we get familiar with the grove the better we like it. The possibilities of development is what we prize the most. The lot is two hundred feet wide and 412 feet deep. At the road on the south end, there is a pond of water, and on the east side and west side there are banks which can be graded down for nice drives. The pond covers about 80 feet of ground each way. North of this pond, the purpose is to put in a substantial well, and some time some generous friend will give us money to erect a nice pump house over it with a large water tank on top. Then a gasoline engine will be placed, to pump water into the tank to supply fountains on the ground in reunion seasons, and supply water for the little lake, in case the dry weather causes it to go dry.

We are aching for some relative to loan us money to put up a shed tabernacle to hold the reunions in this fall. A hundred or two hundred dollars would give us a good start. There may be no rain on reunion day; but we so much prefer to have a dry place to go to in case it should; then we can have more sessions of the reunion. One on Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday evening. With a tabernacle shed, some of us chivalrous old fellows could soldier it on the grounds and share in another reunion that may be held the next day.

The Reunion relatives can easily pay

six per cent interest on enough money to put up a section of a cheap, but well constructed shed to which additions can be made until there is cover for all requirements.

We know our people are great on hoarding possessions, but what does it all amount to in the end. It is much better for society in general to devote a little means for the general good than to pamper a measly selfishness and die without any one to do honor to your name. The good that people do will live after them, but riches heaped together ultimately breed indolence and incompetency that brutalize and debase.

When the Leedy Park is once put into good condition, the Leedy Reunions will become seasons of great benefit to the people, under the form of chatauqua sessions. There is present every year, talent among the relatives, competent to discourse on farm topics, fruit growing, stock raising, social life, reforms, health, mental culture and Bible study, who would gladly respond to invitations, if they were called on in time that they might make some preparation.

The beautiful old reunion grove looks like a calamity. A saw mill is located near the old stand and the remains of trees are lying pell mell over the whole woods, except the Park lot. About every kind of timber is cut into railroad ties. The ties are now treated chemically, so that the woods that naturally rot quickly will last as long as good oak. Railroads have experimented in many ways, but have not found any substitute for wooden ties which is as cheap and practical.

In the purchase of the lot, the Reunion came into possession of the old sugar house, which from the age of its roof, indicates that Uncle Joe Leedy, boiled maple sap in the days of his activity.

The Leedy Park is a common possession of all of us, and let us take a commendable interest in making it a

beauty spot to the honor of the family forever; and a monument that will not topple over by age and corrode by the wear of time.

This park is a family monument, and not for the Leedys only but for their relationship as well.

Time will see a noble and enduring building in the Park, in which the history of the family will be gathered in records, photographs, instruments and keep-sakes elaborate enough to draw the relatives from all parts of the world as visitors. All the country about is tied in the relationship of the Leedys. New people moving into the locality do not abide long until marriage makes them captives in the Leedy relationship net.

There is something admirable in an ambition to be remembered as having lived in the world, and here is an opportunity for the Leedy relationship to associate their names and family records to the Leedy Park project.

Every relative can help.

And now is the best time.

#### NEWS AND NOTES.

The letter from President DeBolt sounded good, and is an omen of an old time reunion. After a reunion is, over twenty-one years old, it is in order to talk about old times.

The issue of the Chronicle occurring this time of the year is usually tame in family news.

There is a snappiness about the writing of our Gambrill relatives that is interesting. Read the letter from Cousin C. A. Gambrill of Kansas, and observe how terse his statements are. The children of Pioneer John Leedy were Lewis, Catharine, Susan, Mary, Abraham, Samuel, Margaret, Rosan, John, Sarah and David. The Keiths are and have been a chivalrous people,