

OHIO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1986

I spent most of this day just getting ready to go. Karen got my clothes together while I went through my genealogical materials to see what was worthwhile to take as a reference. I also took camping gear, my camera stuff and Lance's boom box. At about 4:00pm CDT Karen and I went out to pick up some groceries and then we headed for Mount Pleasant where we were going to meet my sister Judy and her husband, Bill Hierstein. We ate at the Iris Inn and went over to Fairfield where we had tickets to a concert. Donovan, the folk star of the 60's was playing at the Maharishi International University. Our tickets were for the 9:15 show but when we got there a little after 8:00 Donovan hadn't arrived and the 7:15 show had yet to start. He finally began to play at 8:45 which meant our show didn't start till way after 10:00. He gave a good performance singing all old material. It would have been nice if he had sung a few new songs but I'm sure he knows his audience. We didn't get home till 2:00am. I had hoped to get to bed earlier because I wanted to get an early start for Ohio in the morning.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1986

I got up about 6:30am. Four and a half hours sleep is better than nothing. I did get away by a little after 8:00. I gassed up and got this notebook and was on the interstate by 8:42. The drive to Ohio was fairly uneventful. It rained off and on starting in the middle of Illinois. There were some interesting clouds in the Gary, IN, area. Very low and smooth on the underside but undulating. The bottoms of several clouds were conical and looked like they may have been tornadoes starting to form. Northern Indiana and Ohio look very much like Iowa except they are extremely flat. I don't think that is too surprising so close to the Great Lakes. The glaciers should have flattened them out pretty well. I got off the Ohio Tollway at Fremont a little after 5:00 EDT and scouted the place out. With plenty of daylight still I headed over to Clyde and then up to Lake Erie hoping to find out about the ferry. It was just starting to get darker so I thought I would stay in a motel up there. There are about 3 in Port Clinton. All had just started their summer rates, \$52 a night. I guess it's quite the resort area. That cost was too steep so I went back to Fremont and got a motel (the Double A) for \$26. I had picked up a 6-pack of Pabst and after calling home I sat down and watched the TV. "On Wings Of Eagles" was on and after having heard some of that book read on the radio I was glad to see the show.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1986

I got packed up and went next door for breakfast where I reviewed my genealogical correspondence for leads. I asked the waitress for scrambled eggs. Well, the special was hard fried eggs. They must have had a pan of them just sitting around because when mine came they must have taken the fried eggs and just chopped them up. When I went up to pay they never asked if everything was ok. I just paid but they'll never see me again.

The first thing I decided to do was go down to the courthouse and see what they had. I went to the Probate Clerk, the Engineer and the County Recorder. All three were as helpful as can be. The man in the Engineer's Office pulled out an 1851 plat book that is not commonly available and it gave me many good leads. Then I drove over to Clyde, having been in Fremont and called Mrs Lois Hall. She lived in the house once owned by John McIntyre Lemmon, the brother of my great grandmother, Sarah Annett Lemmon. She gave me a couple of suggestions but practically all roads lead to the Rutherford B Hayes Memorial Library in Fremont. I arranged to meet with Mrs Hall at 1:00 on Tuesday. I also called Lisa Nye Alcala and said I may stop by and

see her too. She is an active local genealogist and helped me get several outprints from the Sandusky County Histories. I went to the Hayes Library and spent the rest of the pm till 5:00 doing research there. I had hopes of getting a lot of good information from the Meeks and Beers Sandusky County Histories but they just added color, nothing new. However, the cemetery records were of great help. I found the location of practically all my ancestors' graves. UB Lemmon is buried in the McPherson Cemetery in Clyde. There is a stone for his wife Emily Amanda McIntyre Lemmon there too but there is also another stone for her in the Tew Cemetery in Townsend Township and I think it is more likely that she is buried there. Emily's father, Major McIntyre is buried there as well as UB's father and mother, James Lemmon and Rebecca Blake Lemmon. There was a note in the Thorp family file at the Hayes Library that said that there were some Thorps buried in the DEO_BOLLS Cemetery just over the county line in Margareta Township of Erie County. I drove over that way to see if I could find anything. On the way I passed the Tew Cemetery and got out to photograph the tombstones. After that I saw a State Trooper's car at a house and stopped to ask directions to the Deo_balls Cemetery. He refered me to the funeral home just down the road. By this time it was 6:00pm but they must have been having a memorial service because when I stopped, they were still open. I talked to the man and he said Dave Parker was the township sexton. I called him and he said there was no DEO_BOLLS Cemetery in Margareta Township but there was one, DeYo Cemetery in Groton Township by the intersection of SR269 and Portland Road. I went there and found the graves of John Thorp, my great great grandfather and Milo Thorp, his son, the brother of my great grandfather, William Monroe Thorpe, among others. I also found the grave of Emilie J Thorp my grandfather's sister. She had died at about 7 months of age in 1860. It wasn't till some months after seeing the stone that I realized it was her. A Mr Pickett lives just up the road and he is a township trustee. His hired man said a Mr DeYo lived on the corner of 269 and Portland and when I stopped by, both Mr DeYo and Mr Pickett were there. We talked for a few minutes and refered to the cemetery records which were no help. As I was leaving, Mr DeYo, who was born in 1909 said his father had said that his, Mr DeYo's grandfather, had been a friend of John Thorp's and that Mr DeYo's other grandfather (Mr Ford?) had also been a friend of John Thorp's. This cemetery is in Erie County and maybe I should look there too. I drove back to Clyde and got a motel and called a Mrs Christianson of Villa Park, IL, who I think was a descendant of Milo Thorp. But she had died a few years ago and her husband had given her papers away. I will try to run that down when I go to Chicago later this week. Mrs C had pulled out the 1850 Sandusky County Census Records. The records said that there was a Jane Thorp with a Philo and Monroe. This adds more evidence that Monroe's mother was Jane Wager and not Jennie Dodge. I will do more with this tomorrow.

I saw the end of "On Wings Of Eagles", updated this entry and went to bed.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1986

I got down to the Hayes Library and got started just after it opened at 9:00. This was the hard digging today. I found some Fairfield County Histories and looked up Tallmans but there wasn't much. I also looked at the Aults in Jefferson County, but Frederick didn't turn up. There was an Ault, who like my great great grandfather Frederick Ault, went to California by way of Panama so maybe there was a family connection. Most of my time was spent on the microfilm reader scanning obits. This didn't turn up too much. I left a 2:30 to visit Lois Hall in Clyde. I went over my records and charts with her but she didn't have any new information. She did suggest some places to look though. She said she would keep her eyes open for me. I went back to the motel and then went to Mrs Alcalá's to visit her. I had taken some pictures of UB Lemmon's and Alonzo Thorp's graves.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1986

This is my sister Judy's birthday. She is 36. This was to be the last day of my research in the Clyde area. I didn't go to the Library right away but went to the court house instead. At the Probate Clerk's office I looked up marriage records. These are often better than birth and death records because they show related

families and records are kept as far back as the start of the family usually. I copied down every instance of a Lemmon, Thorp(e) or McIntyre and those sisters whose husbands' names I knew. It's a shame that the wives names aren't indexed too. Even at that I ran across a few sisters by accident. There are 4 sets of marriage records: 1) the index for 1820-1867, 2) the marriage licenses for 1838-1867, 3) the legal certificates of marriage, and 4) a combination of the above 3 for the years after 1867. Many of the ones I found were married before 1838 so there was no license but for Monroe and Sarah I found one and Monroe had signed it. I got a copy of his signature and the rest of the license. My great great grandfather, UB Lemmon is said to have married 3 times according to his bio's in the County Histories. According to court house records he was married 5 times. I only found the graves of 3 of his wives though, Emily, Dorcas, and Sarah Hoyt and Emily had tombstones in two different cemeteries. Maybe he was secretly divorced from the other two. I also looked up a couple of death records but the index was a card file which the public does not have direct access to. The lady had to look up everything and give me the citations. It was a pain and since she was antsy to go to lunch, I didn't pursue it. I went over to the Hayes Library after stopping at the Veterans Center to pick up some of the Lemmons' war records. Most of my time at Hayes was spent with the censuses and I got Monroe and family in 1850 and 1860. In 1860 it showed 2 month old Emilie J Thorp who was to die shortly after that. I also looked up the Aults in 1850. There were 5 Freds and none of them was the right one. Just before I left I asked them for the probate records of Major McIntyre and Milo and Alonzo Thorp. Major McIntyre's were the best and I had them send some copies. After leaving I hurried back to the DeYo Cemetery while I would still have some light. I took pictures of the Thorp graves: John, Milo, and two others. One of the stones had been knocked over and was leaning up against John's when I got there the other day. I leaned it against the other cousin's stone so the view of John's was unobstructed. As I was moving the stone to get the pictures I noticed that John's stone had been broken and it was set up again in front of the old part. I tugged on it and it came up. It was about six inches into the ground. As I pulled it out I noticed that there was an inscription that had been buried. I didn't copy it down but did shoot a photo of it. With it I could back date John's birthday. Since I had such good luck with this I thought I would retry the Tew Cemetery which is only a mile or two away. I rephotographed Major McIntyre's stone. I thought it was strange that his wife Sarah Shutts wasn't nearby. Right next to his stone was one that was badly broken and "illegible" according to the transcriptions on the DAR tombstone records. I wondered if it could be Sarah. As I looked at it I referred to the records I had of her. The chips and weathering started to yield up useable information and I believe that this stone is Sarah's. I have prepared a reconstruction.

The only thing I didn't get done was to run down the addresses in the bios for UB Lemmon and try to shoot pictures of his houses to see if they match the one in the Sandusky County Atlas. I headed for Fort Wayne and due to the time change I arrived in time to poke around the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department for a few minutes.

I went to a Motel 6 and after watching a show, Ninja III - the Possession, I went to sleep. Even though the curtains were thick, there was a light outside the window and you couldn't tell if it was daylight yet. I woke once at 4am but went back to sleep. The pillows were terrible.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1986

I got up early, showered, headed downtown and had breakfast. The restaurant had a cheese sauce on the hash browns that was out of this world so I had seconds. I updated yesterday's entry in this journal and headed for the library.

After three days of research in Clyde and Fremont I was about researched out on the Thorpes, Lemmons, and McIntyres. But I wanted to do a complete job so I tried to find more references. They were few and far between. I was about to give up when I decided to see if there were any Tallman books. There were a few things but mostly I'd seen them before. I did find one McIntyre work that suggests that Major was the grandson of one Thomas McIntyre not William Sr. Looking up Tallmans made me think of the Harrisons. I looked at a few things without much luck but I remembered a book "Settlers by the Long Grey Trail" that

had been suggested to me by a guy I wrote to, Bob Saunders of Salem, OR. I found the book and was able to push the Harrison line back three more generations. The last thing I did before I left was to make a list of all the ancestors who were immigrants. I checked them with the indexes and got some citations for ships lists but I didn't have time to look them up. As I thought of the names I looked to see if there were genealogies of those families. There were for many. All in all it was a very fruitful day.

I drove to Bloomington, Indiana, to stay the night with Karen's sister Linda and her husband, Dan Knudsen. He teaches at the University of Indiana where he got his PhD. We had a few drinks and talked into the wee hours.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1986

Before I left, Linda and Dan wanted to show me the house they had made an offer on. I guess they were just waiting to hear if the offer was accepted. [it was] It's on South Washington just two blocks from where they lived. The three of us and Zach walked over and had a look and when we got back it was time for me to leave for Chicago.

It's about a four hour drive and it was three-o'clock before I got downtown. I went to the Public Library, parked nearby and found out it the wrong branch. I had to walk another five blocks. This branch had the old phone books and so forth. I wanted to see if I could locate my dad's cousin, Richard Dean Tallman. Aunt Louise said he was quite successful as a restaurateur and that his place had been on Lake Shore Drive in the 40's. It was named like a ship. Like say "the Mayflower". But she couldn't remember the actual name. They stopped making City Directories for Chicago in 1929 and you can imagine what scanning the yellow pages under restaurants looking for ship names was like. Even in 1940 there were four pages, three columns per page and no display ads. The only thing that came close was one of the workers said that there was a Drake Hotel. Maybe Aunt Louise was thinking of Sir Francis Drake or maybe the restaurant in the hotel was called the Golden Hind or something. I'll have to work on this one some more. [it was named the Normandy]

I got to my brother's place in Des Plaines. We were going to go out for a fancy supper but his wife Marilyn's flight had been delayed so that was off. We did go out but just to Ponderosa, an inexpensive steak house and it was ok. When we got home Bunny put Jenny and Sasha to bed and we started to go over the research. In the middle he went to pick up Marilyn and when he got back we finished up. I gave him some xeroxes of the carte-de-visits that Emily Mumm had sent from Nebraska and some of the photos I had reprinted.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1986

This was my last day. We got ready and went to the computer show for the type of computer I had. They have a show every year in Schaumburg and Bun was interested this year because he thought he would buy one. Actually, the show wasn't that good but there were a few neat things. Bunny got his computer and a few software packages. I bought a couple of programs. We went back to his place and got him set up. Marilyn had gone shopping so I left and came home. On the way I stopped off at Linda and Lynn Rutherford's in Naperville to give Lynn some programs I had downloaded off the local bulletin board. I arrived home without incident to find Karen and Wendy waiting, Lance being over at Martineks playing Dungeons and Dragons. With not much going on after supper I got a chance to update this journal and close out this account. I'd say I had a very successful trip.

SUMMARY OF OHIO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH MAY 1986

The week of May 19 to May 24, 1986, I went to Ohio to do genealogical research. Most of my time was spent at the Hayes Presidential Library and the court house in Fremont and in Clyde. I also looked around some of the cemeteries in the surrounding area. On the way home I stopped at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. This library is nationally recognized as one of the finest for genealogical research. This account is meant to be a general summary of what I found.

COUNTY HISTORIES

There are 3 county histories for Sandusky County, Ohio. There are also proceedings from the local historical society. Accounts in these works all date from the late 1800's.

History of Sandusky County, Ohio, with Portraits and Biographies of Prominent Citizen and Pioneers by Homer Everett. 1882. pp724, 709, 636, 392, 709, 386

This is the oldest history and has accounts of James Lemmon Sr, UB Lemmon, John McIntyre Lemmon, Alpheus McIntyre, and MB Lemmon, and Alonzo Thorp. These last four are brothers or cousins of some of my direct ancestors. I had received copies of this earlier.

Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Sandusky and Ottawa, Ohio by JH Beers. 1896. pp607-610

This book only has an account of John McIntyre Lemmon, brother of my great grandmother, Sarah Annett Lemmon. However, there is a good deal of information about his ancestors and it is a lengthy account.

Twentieth Century History of Sandusky County, Ohio and Representative Citizens by Basil Meek. 1909. pp836-838 & 926-927

This book has accounts of John McIntyre Lemmon and Frank Collins Lemmon. The latter is a cousin of my great grandmother Sarah. His bio is of interest because it includes information on his father and grandfather.

Year Book of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Association - 1913 prepared by Basil Meek. pp89-91

This work contains an obituary of UB Lemmon and an interesting and detailed account of his life.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The MacIntyre, McIntyre, and McIntire Clan of Scotland, Ireland, Canada and New England by Robert Harry McIntire. 1949. pp161-165

I found this book in the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. It is of some interest because it lists the father of William McIntyre (b. Mar 1, 1754) as probably Thomas McIntyre not William Sr as some of our records indicate. Thomas was married to Sarah _____, and was, in turn, the son of John and Grace McIntyre.

Historical Atlas of Sandusky County, Ohio by Everts, Stewart & Co, Chicago, IL, 1874. Reprinted by The Bookmark, Knightstown, IN, 1974.

This book has bios of James Lemmon Sr, UB Lemmon, and John M Lemmon. It also has illustrations of

the homes of these people and of Alonzo Thorp. The township plat maps show land ownership of several of my relatives.

Settlers by the Long Grey Trail by J. Houston Harrison. 1935. Joseph K Ruebush Co., Dayton, OH. Reprinted 1975, Genealogical Publishing Co, Baltimore, MD 21202.

This is about Harrison relatives on my Grandmother Lenore Tallman's side. The record starts with Isaiah Harrison (1666-1738) and continues as follows: John Harrison (1691-1771) & Jeremiah Harrison (1707-1777), Reuben Harrison (1731-1807) who married his cousin, Lydia Donnell Harrison (1732-1780, dau of Jeremiah), Nathaniel Harrison (1733-1807), Elizabeth Harrison (married John Tallman, my grandmother's greatgrandfather).

The book has a lot of useful information; wills and court records, etc.

William Bowne, of Yorkshire, England, and His Descendants by Miller K Reading. 1903. HE Deats, Flemington, NJ.

The Bownes married into the Lincoln line and eventually into the Tallman line. Descent is as follows: William Bowne, John Bowne, Sarah Bowne (m. Richard Salter), Hannah Salter (m. Mordecai Lincoln Jr).

CENSUS RESEARCH

I looked at the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Sandusky County. Prior to 1850 only heads of households are shown and by 1870 Monroe Thorpe was living in Iowa. The 1850 census was quite interesting. There were 3 Thorp families; Milo and his wife and children, Alonzo and his wife and children, and Jane Thorp aged 54 and in the same house, Philo 20 and Monroe Thorp 15. This lends evidence that my great, greatgrandmother was Jane Wager and not Jennie Dodge as some records indicate. There is a Euriah B Lemmon and his wife, Emily A with their children. The mortality schedule for 1850 lists John Thorp, Sandusky Co, OH, age 58. Died in March of lung inflammation, born NY and was a wagonmaker.

The 1860 census shows Uriah B Lemon and family with son Wm H working as a hired hand for Lavina Banfield. Munroe Thorp is now married to Sarah and they have daughter Emily J (who will die shortly thereafter). Milo Thorp has died but his family remains. Alonzo and his family are still intact. Jane Thorp is now living in Green Creek Twp and is 62 years old.

OBITUARY RECORDS

The Hayes Library has a fairly extensive obituary index. I looked up many relatives and found citations for most of them but finding the actual records was very time consuming and not very rewarding. The cards referred you to microfilms or bound copies of the original newspapers. Oftentimes the reference led to nothing more than a legal notice that the estate had been probated. In these cases there was no obit itself. There is more than I had time to dig through so this would be a source of further research if someone was in the area. I did get copies of obits for Alonzo Thorpe and Matthew McHenry Lemmon.

MILITARY RECORDS

The local veterans office keeps a card file on veterans buried in Sandusky County. I found references for James Lemmon (my ggg grandfather), John M Lemmon (my gg uncle) and John Thorp (Alonzo's son). These are not of much help but it is interesting to know they exist. I also looked through several of the DAR indices but they were not too helpful.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

The Sandusky County Courthouse has a wealth of information in its marriage records. Unfortunately it is only indexed by the man's name so if you are following the maternal line you are out of luck unless you know

the husband's name. I looked for the names Thorp, Lemmon, and McIntyre in all the index books. I ran across a few of the sisters quite by chance and I found some of the sisters because I knew the husband's names. The records themselves don't give much information but they can supply a missing spouse for a family group sheet. There were many marriages of interest and I found records for most of my direct ancestors. Two of the records were signed by the husbands. I got xeroxes of these for Monroe Thorp and for UB Lemmon. Our records indicate that Uriah Blake Lemmon was married three times. In the official marriage records I find evidence for four. With the fifth probably in a later volume or out of county. He married as follows: to Emile A McIntyre 8/21/1834 (book B p5), to Susan Shutts 12/24/1860 (D296), to Mrs Cordelia Spicer 4/5/1866 (E201), to D(orcas) M Ferguson 11/21/1870 (F311). His last marriage was to Sarah Hoyt who survived him. I did not find a record for her.

LAND RECORDS

I found far too many land records to number and there were so many that after a while I just stopped noting them. However, the county engineer has a plat book from approximately 1851 that shows who owned what. Unfortunately, this book is not reproducible and the fellow invited me to take photos of it. It is too bad that they do not have mylars so it could be blue printed. I told the people at the Hayes Library about it and they said that they may go and photograph it.

CEMETERIES

Many of my most exciting finds were in the cemeteries in and around Clyde. The two principle cemeteries are the McPherson Cemetery in Clyde and the Tew Cemetery on Ohio highway 101 northeast of Clyde in Townsend township. I found the graves of many of my ancestors and photographed the stones. The two best finds were a badly deteriorated stone that I concluded was Sarah Shutts McIntyre's (wife of Major McIntyre, I also found his) and the stone of John Thorp, my gg grandfather. There is quite a story behind my finding John Thorp's stone but I won't go into it in this account.

PERSONAL CONTACTS

I met two very helpful people. Mrs Lois Hall, who lives in the house owned by John M Lemmon, is the local regent in the DAR and has an interest in the Lemmon family history because of the house. She is 90 and met John M Lemmon's wife. I also met Mrs Lisa Nye Alcala who is active in local historical groups. In Fort Wayne I found three other names. Mrs Nedra Christianson of Villa Park, IL was doing research on the Thorps but she has since died and her husband gave all her research to a friend who sent it to Salt Lake. There was a Cheryl Arver of Centerville, MI doing research on Lemmons and also a Major Sherrill H Stevens doing research on the Lemmons. I have not yet had a chance to contact these two people. The major should be fairly difficult to get a hold of.

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