

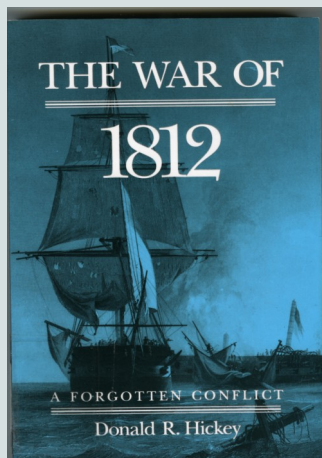
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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200th  
Anniversary



War of 1812 - "Mr. Madison's War"  
A Two Hundred Year Remembrance

By Marge Samuelson

The War in Ohio.

My sixth great-grandfather, Zebulon Orr, came to Ohio about 1798 and settled in the Scioto Valley. He was twenty-seven years old and a farmer. By the outset of the war he was forty-one, married with two children. Like most men between the ages of sixteen and forty-five he served with the local militia. The law required the militia to meet two times a year, in April and September. The men were required to wear uniforms if agreed upon, but most wore their everyday work clothes. When reporting for drill, which usually lasted about six hours, they were required by law to report with a musket and bayonet, cartridge box, or powder horn and bullet pouch; one pound of powder and four pounds of lead; priming wire, brush and six flints. If they did not appear when called out by the president or Governor, they were subject to court martial, or had to pay a heavy fine. A law passed in 1803 exempted Quakers, Mennonites, and Dunkers; instead they had to pay a three dollar annual payment. Ministers and jail keepers were also exempt. Preferring a militia to a standing army, the Ohio government held the sentiment that "standing armies in peacetime are dangerous to liberty." The Ohio militia seemed a powerful force at the beginning of the war, but in reality most of the men lacked arms. After the battles at Fallen Timbers and Tippecanoe, the Indian threat was reduced to such an extent they no longer felt the need to carry arms; many didn't own them and if they did they were often unusable. The Army had to hire civilian gunsmiths to repair faulty weapons.

Chauncey Eggleston, a resident of Aurora, Ohio, recalled "We were poorly prepared for war, our discipline (training) was naught, and our arms but few and poor, some good rifles and good shooters, but we were farmers and our war arms, what there were, were wholly unfit for battle...we were in some distress."

At the beginning of the war, support was strong in Ohio; they felt it was the only way to obtain an honorable and permanent peace with Britain. Another sentiment was to "to free our frontier settlements from the dreadful appre-

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

*By Jesse Stewart*

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last message to you as President of JCGS. As I reflect on the last 5+ years as your President, I realize I've received more from our great group than I've given.

During my tenure, I've had the support and backing of many people who have contributed so much. I've also had the chance to learn from many of you. I hope that in return I've been able to provide some leadership and keep the ship moving forward, but I know I haven't done it alone. When thanking people, one always runs the risk of omitting someone, so I won't name names – you who contribute so much to JCGS know who you are. So, thank you for all you've done for the Society and me.

It's always good to get new blood in any organization – new ideas and new approaches help keep an organization vibrant. That's what JCGS has been – vibrant – over the ten or so years I've been affiliated with it. We are constantly moving forward and branching out. I want to see that continue. New leadership will help ensure that happens.

Although my focus is diverted to another endeavor for the next few months, I will continue to be part of JCGS and contribute where and when I can. I hope some of you will step forward and join one or more of our committees. Attend the Executive Committee meetings on the first Friday of each month to participate in decisions regarding the direction your Society will take. Join the Education Committee (meets the second Friday of the month) to develop learning opportunities for your fellow members. Or, participate in the Library or Technology Advisory Committee – either could benefit from your help.

Before I close – a quick question. Have you found your ancestors in the 1940 census yet? Even though it's not all indexed, you can find people if you know where they lived. Come on in to the Research Center and let our volunteers assist you.

Happy summer & good “ancestor hunting”!

### **From the Technology Advisory Committee**

Having trouble understanding how to use one of your computer programs? Need assistance in figuring out how to best use your genealogy software? Don't forget that there are fellow JCGS members ready to help. Send an e-mail to [wajcgs@olympus.net](mailto:wajcgs@olympus.net) giving us a few details about your problem and we'll find someone to lend a hand!

### **From the Treasurer**

Paula McNeese, JCGS Treasurer, reports that as of March 31 we had \$14,134 in cash and CD's and our endowment held by the Seattle Foundation was worth \$100,527. The new budget for 2012 has been passed by the Board of Directors. She also reports that our recent Annual Seminar yielded better than forecast financial results.

## War of 1812 - "Mr. Madison's War" (cont.)

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hension of the Tomahawk & Scalping knife in the hands of a barbarous Savage & British foe...", believing the British were supporting the local Indians by offering scalping rewards. Patriotism for the liberties won in the Revolutionary War meant the obligation to defend them for some. The ministers of the time gave sermons admonishing the faint-hearted and declared "Cursed be he that goeth not forth to battle, and cursed be he that keepeth back his hand from blood."

As the war continued there was a lack of serviceable arms and equipment for the militia. In April of 1812 the Secretary of War authorized payment to the militia in Ohio the sum of \$16 plus \$40 for clothing, assuming the men would use it for purchasing much needed arms and clothing, and particularly blankets. There were few of these items available to purchase on the frontier, what was available was outrageously expensive, and most of the money was sent home to their families. The lack of supplies for the militia and the army continued throughout the war.

The militia expected to serve for a short time, at most three months, and many had only their summer clothes with them, and some were without socks or barefoot. The governor could call out the militia as the need arose, often doing so without the knowledge of the army officers. These small detachments of militia were exhausting much needed supplies, but this practice continued throughout the war.

### **A struggle between State rights and Federal law.**

As the war dragged on, frequent requests on the militia began to affect morale and many requests were made for deferment. The men were needed at home to plant or harvest the crops, or their families would have a rough winter ahead of them.

To relieve the situation, in February of 1813 the militia was relegated to building roads, convoying supplies, and manning blockhouses. One Ohio officer remarked, "The militia of Ohio have been made pack horses and merely served as convenience for others to receive the honor and glory."

Zebulon Orr, a private in Captain Caleb Odle's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Ohio Militia, served from October 26 to November 12, 1813, a short time, which was typical for the Ohio militia at that time.

### **What led up to the war.**

Between 1803 and 1812 the British had illegally impressed 10,000 Americans to work on British ships and in July 1805 the British decided that American traders who traveling between neutral and enemy ports, allowed them to seize commercial ships. As the years passed, illegal impressments and seizing of American commercial ships became a major problem increasing anti-British sentiment. In 1807 an American ship fired on a British ship, refusing to be boarded, causing a major political incident. Thomas Jefferson instituted a "peaceful embargo" against Britain but it was an economic disaster for local merchants. In 1811 was the Battle of Tippecanoe, where Native American Chief Tecumseh's brother (the Prophet) led an attack against William Henry Harrison's army of 10,000 men, with the backing of the British. On June 18, 1812 the American government declared war against the British. An underlying cause was the American attempt to capture Canada, but in three attacks, they failed miserably.

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## New Members

### ***WELCOME!***

*Merrie Freed*  
*Karen Jensen*  
*Kathy Pool*  
*Adele Rudy*  
*Gwen Lovett*  
*Evelyn Hardin*  
*Jacqueline V.*  
*Burrows*  
*Ann Guthrie*  
*Barbara Matter*  
*Marzee Wade*  
*Sandie Guinup*  
*Debra Terry*  
*Dick Reynolds*  
*Debra Dodd*  
*Laura Merrit*  
*Dave Woodruff*  
*Leslie Carlson*  
*Darold Seed*  
*Cathy & Bob*  
*Sampson*  
*William Laird*  
*Bennette Sanner*  
*Elsa Golts*  
*Brian P. McConaghy*  
*Nona Nordby*  
*Karen Chang*  
*Cheri VanHoover*  
*Len Friedel*  
  
*Duayne Lewis*

## DON'T MISS IT!

The Education Committee

JCGS has a full schedule of events for the coming trimester. You can refer to the calendar in this issue for dates and times (don't forget to mark your calendars), but here are details of some of the special things coming up in our monthly meetings, resource corners, and discussion groups:

**May 19 Meeting:** Civil War Artifacts with Jerry Hamilton, past President of JCGS. While stationed at Yorktown, VA, Jerry collected a number of artifacts from the Civil and Revolutionary Wars. He will discuss some of the major battles, and give us an opportunity to actually touch weaponry and ammunition that was used by and against our ancestors. Quite an eye-opening experience!

**May 26: Resource Corner:** Northern Ireland: Ginny Majewski will give a review of how to find your Protestant ancestors in Ireland. She will speak from her success in tracing her ancestors.

**June 16: Meeting:** Rod Fleck will be showing us how to use military records to learn more than that our ancestors served in the war. Rod Fleck is currently in charge of the Attorney/Planning Department for the City of Forks

**June 30: Resource Corner:** Genealogy on the Cheap: Marge Samuelson and Dianne Duncan will help us explore ways to get much needed information on our ancestors without spending an arm and a leg!

**July 21 Meeting:** Mining the Gold at Ancestry.com with Gary Zimmerman, President, Fiske Genealogical Library. Most of us have had the pleasure to listen to Gary Zimmerman before – he's always knowledgeable and fun to learn from. In this presentation, Gary will show us how to determine if Ancestry actually has records that might be of help, and give us some tips for effectively searching the databases.

**July 28: Resource Corner:** Recessions of our Ancestors with Eileen Johnston. Eileen will talk about how economic recessions influenced the lives of our ancestors.

### **Aug - No Meeting**

**Aug 25: Resource Corner:** Using Cyndi's List with Bev Brice. We often forget about using this wonderful website which provides links to many resources in an easily searchable format. Bev will remind us how to use Cyndi's List.

### **Discussion Groups:**

**The Writers Discussion Group** is for all of us who want to present our family history in some form other than Genealogy Charts. There are as many options as there are people sitting around the table, so join in to pick up some ideas and support for your family story. Bev Brice [bb@olympus.net](mailto:bb@olympus.net) is the coordinator of this group.

**The Canadian Discussion Group** is for all those of you who are researching ancestors in Canada. It gives an opportunity to share resources you have found. It is also a good chance to get new ideas on your research problems. Take advantage of this helpful informal exchange of information. Eileen Martin [eileenm20@centurylink.net](mailto:eileenm20@centurylink.net) and Barb Way [pistach@cablespeed.com](mailto:pistach@cablespeed.com) are the coordinators of this group.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY - AUGUST 2012

DATE - DAY	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
May 12 Sat	Writers Group
May 19 Sat	Monthly Mtg: Civil War Artifacts - Tri Area Community Center
May 25 Fri	Canadian Discussion Group
May 26 Sat	Resource Corner - Ulster Research
May 31 Thurs	Library Volunteer meeting
June 9 Sat	Writers Group
June 16 Sat	Monthly Mtg: Military Records - Tri-Area Community Center
June 29 Fri	Canadian Discussion Group
June 30 Sat	Resource Corner - Genealogy on the Cheap
July 14 Sat	Writers Group
July 21 Sat	Monthly Mtg: Mining the Gold at Ancestry.com - Tri-Area Community Ctr.
July 26 Thurs	Library Volunteer Meeting
July 27 Fri	Canadian Discussion Group
July 28 Sat	Resource Corner: Economic Recessions of Our Ancestors
Aug 7 Tues	Library Committee
Aug 11 Sat	Writers Group
Aug 24 Fri	Canadian Discussion Group
Aug 25 Sat	Resource Corner: Using Cyndi's List

## TO CITE, OR NOT TO CITE?

Paul. S. Hanaway, Jr.

“Whether tis nobler in the mind” to cite sources or not, “that is the question”. For the writer attempting to impart biographical information and/or family history, the degree of source citing may be at issue. The writer’s approach may be genealogical vs. philosophical, academic vs. personal, historical vs. relational, objective vs. subjective, or from the view of a researcher vs. that of a family member.

Genealogical publications each have their own standards and requirements; that is their right and prerogative. But outside of those hide-bound, even imperative and arbitrary rules and requirements for citing sources, there lies a whole stage-full of possibilities: personal choice or preference, necessity, explanation, or clarification. All or none of these may have a place in the script of your pages.

Some have created intricately complex methods of recording, classifying, and categorizing each and every source which has been pursued, scrutinized, researched or devoured; both those sources containing, and those bereft of, pertinent or useful information.

An argument presented for such an extensive and all-encompassing research record is both as a “source of sources” and a record of what has been reviewed without reward. The latter, particularly but not solely, holds some water in the talent bucket of the professional genealogist working for clients.

The research record, it can be argued, is a means of avoiding a trip over a road already travelled, repeating a review of already examined sources. A retort to that might be empathy for one who cannot recognize a document or record previously reviewed without the help of a “cheat-sheet”. It can be further argued that the time and effort of creating and maintaining the research record system takes less than that of recognizing the familiarity of the already researched content. Ah, well.

Citations may be necessary for researchers to counter client or publication challenges to the validity or thoroughness of the research. It may also serve to give subsequent readers the opportunity to review the cited source, but their legitimate purpose escapes me.

It would seem most propitious that job #1 is to determine precisely who the intended audience is. If it is a national society or publication, follow its rules. But for descendants, other misguided relatives, or just the curious, let your data, facts and conclusions stand confidently on center-stage. They can be aided by a chorus of those limited source citations used to arrive the “preponderance of evidence” in the presence of unresolved facts or used for explanations which overly detract from the message of the script. Additionally, support can be summoned from a choir of an appropriately-voiced “probable” or “possible” when substantiation of a conclusion is less than absolute. But must each and every fact or statistic be subject to evidence “proved beyond a reasonable doubt”? Why?

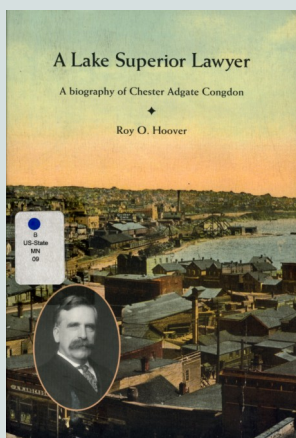
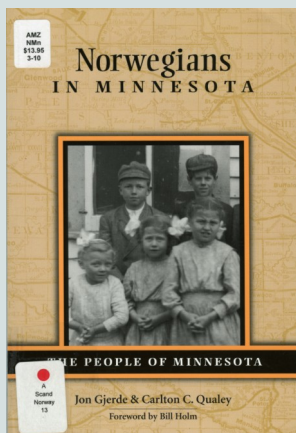
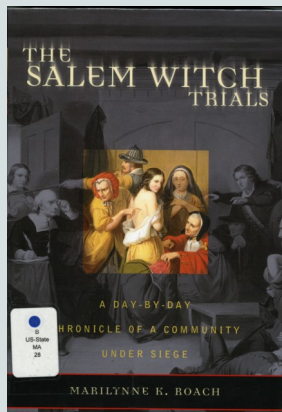
Interruption of a reader’s attention – with numerous footnotes, or worse, endnotes, many merely proving there is indeed a “legitimate” source of your information or conclusion- like the cough at the crucial point in the soprano’s aria, is unforgivable!

There is a risk of sacrificing information obtained by the researcher for the sake of the research process itself.

For an alternate perspective see *To Cite...or Not to Cite - Another Point of View* - page 10



## New Books



## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Title	Author	Comment
<b>FOREIGN</b>		
Klondike '98	Becker, Ethel Anderson	History with pictures, Yukon territory
Our French- Canadian Ancestors	Laforest, Thomas J	Genealogies vol 1-12, 15
The Backwoods of Canada	Traill, Catharine Parr	A woman pioneer in 1832 in Ontario
Dictionary of Canadian Biography	Hayne, David M (ed)	Brief biographies of surnames. Search each volume. V 1,2,3,5,10,11
Your Scottish Ancestry	Irvine, Sherry	Logical research approach for families in North America
<b>STATES</b>		
Pleasant Hill and Its Shakers	Clark, Thomas D and Ham, F Gerald	History of settlement in Kentucky
31 Was A Good Year in Vernon parish, Louisiana	Wise, Erbon W	1931 newspapers in Vernon Parish
Louisiana Newspaper Project Printout	L S U Libraries	Statewide Bibliography of newspaper, brief description
The Salem Witch Trials	Roach, Marilynne K	Transcript of trials
Norwegians in Minnesota	Gjerde, Jon & Qualey, Carlton	Social History
They Chose Minnesota Survey of state's ethnic groups	Holmquist, June Drenning (ed)	60 ethnic groups in Minnesota 1850-1980
Ho! For the gold fields	White, Helen McCann	Wagon trains Minnesota to Montana 1860s
A Lake Superior Lawyer	Hoover, Roy O	Biography of Chester Adgate Congdon Minnesota 1880-1916
Ghost Towns of Montana	Miller, Donald C	Pictures and history of old towns
New Amsterdam and its people	Innes, John H	Property owners in Manhattan, NY 1655
Beverwijck	Venema, Janny	Social history of Albany NY under the Dutch

## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

Title	Author	Comments
<b>STATES (cont.)</b>		
Memories and Documents About Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and Her People	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church	Scotland County North Carolina, includes names
Guam Residents- who died as a result of enemy occupation and liberation of Guam between 8 Dec 1941 and 10 Aug 1944	National Park Service website	A list of those who died during WW II
<b>US GEN</b>		
Moneymakers	Tarnoff, Ben	Counterfitters and economic cycles in US 1700s and 1800s
<b>FAMILY HISTORY</b>		
Blankenbeckler Family of South-west Virginia	Blankenbeckler, Wm F	Genealogy of Family in Virginia
<b>REFERENCE</b>		
Family Word finder	Reader's Digest	Thesaurus for Genealogists
Erin's Daughters In America	Diner, Hasia R	Social history girls from Ireland 1840s
Genealogical & Local History Books in Print	Schreiner, Bette and Kamm	Supplement to other volumes
Searching On Location: Planning a Research Trip	Balhuizen, Anne Ross	How to make the best of your trip
Long Distance Genealogy	Crawford- Oppenheimer, Christine	Where records are located and how to obtain them
Map of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1905	Rowland, G. T.	Shows streets



# JEFFERSON COUNTY RESEARCH

By Bev Brice

We have indexed on our website 8705 names from various records that show military service. For those without ancestors in Jefferson County, look to see what we have - you may find similar records in your research location.

Harlean Hamilton has read the Leaders carefully for the years 1940-1945 and indexed all the references she found to military service. This included notices of enlistment for local residents. It also references soldiers who were stationed at Fort Worden or Fort Flagler. You seldom find someone with the dedication of Harlean to create this index. However, it suggests the wisdom of reading newspapers for these years.

Fort Flagler Families has been compiled by Carol Maki on behalf of the Friends of Fort Flagler. Their goal was to document the soldiers who served at Fort Flagler prior to 1930. Some of the records that Carol has searched include: Census for 1910 and 1920, Monthly Post returns and enlistment records, WA State Death Records, Guest Register at Fort Flagler, Postcards and pictures from the collection held at the Fort, Newspapers, Ebay, and Church files found at the Genealogical Society. Carol will be donating copies of the notebooks she has compiled to the Genealogy Society. Again this is an interesting list of sources to check.

The JCGS website also includes a listing of Jefferson County National Guard 1890-1895.

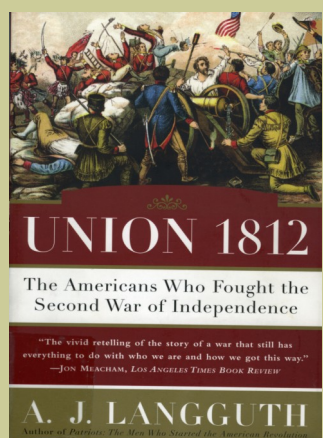
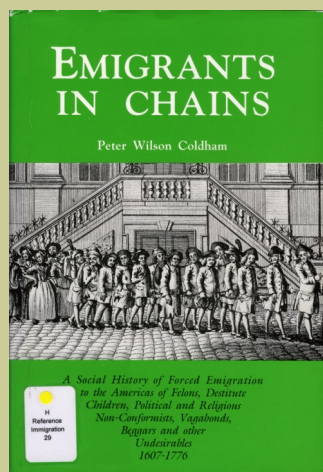
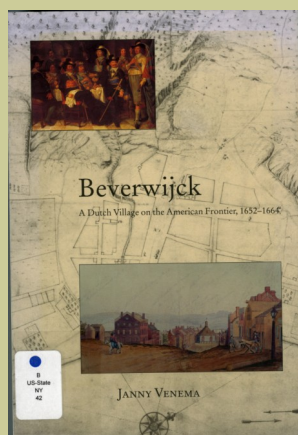
An additional source for information related to the military is the Subject Index to the Leader created by Marge Samuelson. Some of the references refer to individuals in the military. There are also broader subjects of interest such as these headlines:

21 Oct 1927: Pioneer Camp Found High Up in Cascades. Names of old-time Jefferson County Residents carved in trees. Used at time of Indian trouble (Northern Battalion)

5 Sept 1918: World War I Sugar Allotment

Good luck researching the military experience of your ancestors and also the experience of families during time of military conflict.

## New Books



## TO CITE, OR NOT TO CITE? ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

By Bev Brice

I like to use footnotes for information that is not "Common Knowledge" in my genealogical writings. One of the main reasons is so that I will remember where I found the information should I need to check the record a second time.

It also lets the reader know where I got the "fact" and that can be helpful for two reasons:

- 1- There may be additional information in the original record that will be of use to the reader although it was not important to me. An example would be details about a sibling that I didn't note.
- 2- It allows the reader to evaluate the strength of my arguments. If my conclusion as to the maiden name of the wife is based on "what Aunt Jane said" as opposed to a marriage record, I would hope that someone 20 or 50 or 100 years from now would be able to find a more solid basis for the name.

I take Paul's point that we can get so caught up in the "proper" citing of sources that we neglect to use our heads and analyze our information. If you have entered the required information, genealogy programs will have formatted the footnote for you. This removes the tedium from the process and frees you up to do the fun part.

Also it is indeed important to decide who your audience is for what you put together. The research summaries I am trying to produce would not qualify for publication in the journals-it would take a lot more work to get them there and I choose not to spend my limited time that way.

The prevailing practice in published popular histories today is to have no notes at all, and certainly not footnotes. This I find appalling. I want to follow up on some of those tidbits for my own purposes-why not let me do it. I urge us all not to assume our descendants will refuse to look at what we have done because there are footnotes there! I may be misguided, but I hold out hope they will meet the challenge.

## BOOK REVIEW BY BARB LARSEN

### YOUR GUIDE TO THE FEDERAL CENSUS FOR GENEALOGISTS, RESEARCHERS, AND FAMILY HISTORIANS

By Kathleen W. Hinckley

With all the interest in the 1940 census becoming available, I chose this book for review. The author guides you in the use of the census to document families, communities and social history. To me, the most important chapters are Getting Organized and Research Strategies. Maps are printed to illustrate the areas included on each census. Each census year has a list of recorded information. Lesa Barnes introduced us to Non-Population Schedules last year. The book discusses these little known censuses in detail.

I believe new and experienced researchers can benefit from this book.

It was published by Betterway Books in 2002.

It is in our library filed as: H - Reference - Census 01.

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**We're on the Web!**  
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### Meetings:

**3rd Saturday  
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## War of 1812 - "Mr. Madison's War" (cont.)

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### And what were the results of the war?

In December of 1814 the treaty of Ghent was signed, with the British and Americans agreeing to return to the status quo prior to the war. Not knowing that the treaty had been signed, Andrew Jackson scored a huge victory in January of 1815 at the battle of New Orleans; 700 British were killed and 1400 wounded, with only eight American soldiers lost. This victory paved the way for Jackson's bid for the presidency.

### And what of Zebulon?

He continued farming; when he died in August of 1840, he left his farm to his wife Nancy; produce, a horse and wagon were left to his son Zebulon, and to my 5th great-grandfather Harvey Orr he left fifty dollars. This was a great find for me personally, as it proved the relationship between Zebulon and Harvey, as well as mentioning Harvey's first wife. In such documents we find our families.

### Sources:

*Notes on the Ohio Militia during the War of 1812*, James T. Brenner  
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