

The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801- 1875

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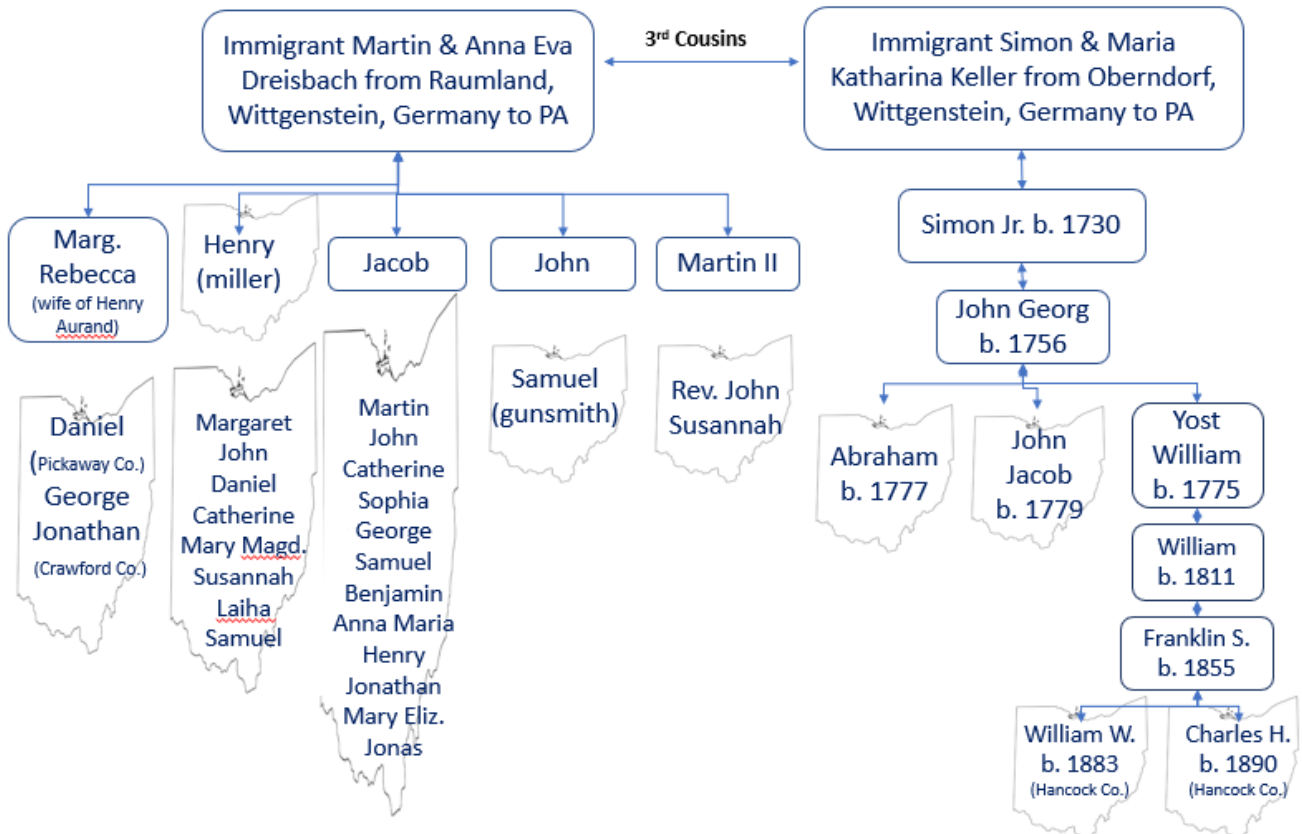
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Dreisbach Church on the Pickaway and Fairfield
County Line, Tarlton Rd., Circleville, OH
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Built in 1832 on land donated by brothers,
George and Jonathan Dresbach. The center aisle
is the county line. Burial location of their
mother, Magdalena Buchs Dreisbach,
three of her sons (George, Jonathan and
Samuel) and at least 42 more Dresbach
descendants





1801 is the first evidence of a land purchase found in Ohio. Henry, the son of Martin Sr., entered a contract to purchase 20 acres in Section 12, Township 3, Range 22 (what later became Pickaway Twp., Pickaway Co.) in order to establish a mill on Scippo Creek at that location. 1875 is the year Henry Dreisbach, the son of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach, passed away. He was the last living Dreisbach of the first wave of Ohio settlers. He outlived all of his siblings, cousins and distant cousins who first settled in Ohio and tamed the forests.

Dreisbach / Dresbach / Dresback Resources

Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association – <https://www.dreisbach-dresbach.org>

Dreisbach-Dresbach Association Family Tree – <https://ddfa.tribalpages.com>

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Foreword

My goal is to answer these questions:

When did the Dreisbach families migrate to Ohio?

Where did they settle?

What was daily life like for them in their early days in Ohio?

“We may not boast of ancestors who came over on the Mayflower, nor one who signed the Declaration of Independence; ours were among those who were pillars of the pioneer community and defended, as they should, their ideals as loyal citizens of America. This is the finest heritage anyone can leave to their posterity, whether it be 1620, 1776, or 1989. We find we are descended from those pioneers who would not allow any but the most necessary work to be done on the Sabbath Day, making Saturday a very busy day with all the cleaning, scrubbing, baking and cooking.”

Source: Fall 1989, *Pickaway Quarterly*, pg. 17,

Dreisbach-Dresbach-Dresback-Trisbaugh

by Charlene Dresbach Woolever

Many thanks to Marcia Dreisbach Falconer who encouraged me to move ahead with my project and to Stephen Roediger who proofread the copy as a favor to me.

Dedicated with love and appreciation

to my parents, Ralph H. and Charlene (Dresbach) Woolever

Because of my parents' enthusiasm for local history and genealogy, I began helping them research our family tree. Even before I knew I loved genealogy, I was involved in it each weekend as we visited elderly relatives and stretched our young legs in cemeteries throughout Ohio. My father was one of the early presidents of the Pickaway County (Ohio) Historical Society in the 1970s and both of my parents were instrumental in getting the society's genealogical library up and running. My mother was Registrar of the Pickaway Plains DAR Chapter for many years. What a tremendous gift it was to share the search for our ancestors with them! I am forever grateful to them and my grandparents for preserving our family's history.

I am what my mother would have been if she had been born on my birthday.

With gratitude and love to my dear husband. Thank you for allowing me the time to devote to my favorite pastime.

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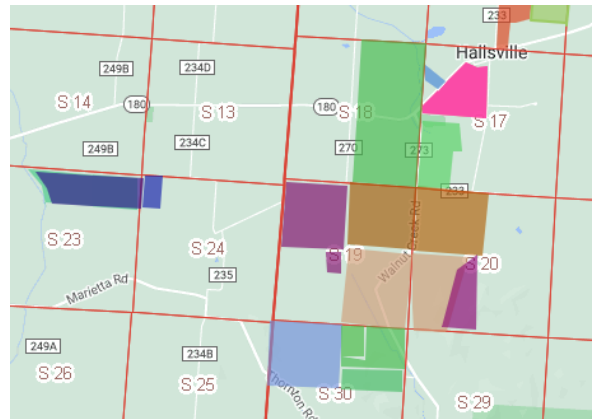
How to Use this Book

I hope that you will find this book useful to identify your Dreisbach / Dresbach / Dresback ancestor and then drive to properties where your pioneer ancestor lived. I have placed the individual family members in this book in the order they made a land transaction in Ohio. This does not mean that is the date they arrived in Ohio. Early arrivals often lived with relatives and friends before they made a purchase. Some properties were bought and sold quickly for a profit, thus, a particular property may not be where the family lived.

I have also sorted the maps by townships with addresses of many of the properties under “Settlement by Townships,” which repeats most of the maps a second time.

I am including the relationship of each settler to an immigrant ancestor – either Simon Sr., or Martin Sr. For instance, George the son of Jacob and the grandson of Martin Sr. will be shown as George (>Jacob >Martin Sr.)

On the maps, you will sometimes see two colors on the same tract of land. This indicates that tract was sold by one Dreisbach to another one. It is like a Dreisbach version of Monopoly. For instance, this map shows purchases in purple made by Thomas McGrady, but the same parcel in Section 20 was owned by William Rogers (tan) in 1820, and purchased by Thomas McGrady in 1839. Likewise, the tract in Section 23 was first owned by Martin in 1814 (green), and then sold to Benjamin (blue) in 1814.



DISCLAIMER: These are NOT exact property lines. My intent is to generally locate the tracts of land within a quarter section, as settled by Dreisbach and Dresbach descendants.

Dreisbach or Dresbach or Dresback? Before migrating west of Pennsylvania, most all used the spelling of Dreisbach. But even then, it wasn't consistent. English transcribers and clerks spelled a name the way it was pronounced. Often that was Treisbaugh or Driesback or several other variations. For the purposes of publishing my research results, I will use the spelling used in the publication.

The source for the family groups is the Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association database available at <https://www.ddfa.tribalpages.com>.

Also be sure to check out the Association's web site at <https://www.dreisbach-dresbach.org/>

When was Ohio open for settlement?

From *Ohio Lands Book*, published by the Ohio Auditor

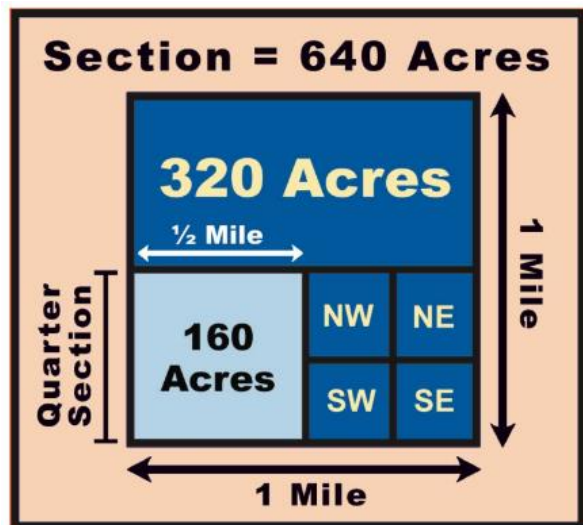
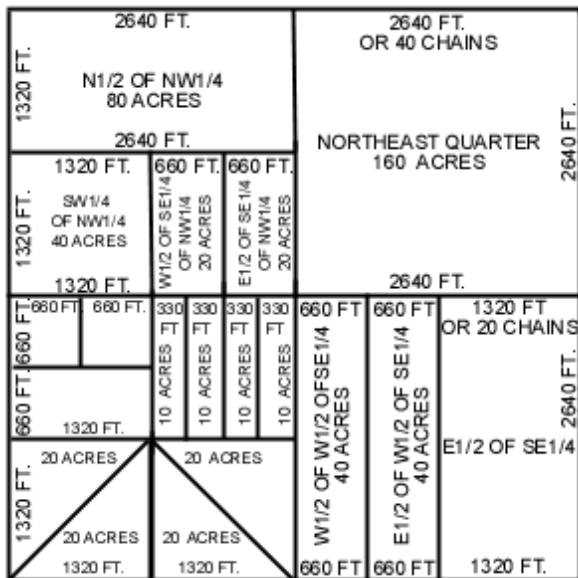
At the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which officially ended the American Revolution, the United States acquired land west of the Ohio River (the Northwest Territory). As available land was surveyed and claimed, settlers in the eastern states began to look westward. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 established a government for the Northwest Territory, but the Land Ordinance of 1785 established how the land would be measured, divided and distributed by creating the Rectangular Survey System, or Public Land Survey System.

Surveyors set about their task of creating square townships, with each side of the township 6 miles in length. This 36 square-mile township was divided into 36 sections of 1 square mile each. Section 16 in each township was set aside as "School Land." The entire section would not be necessary for the school itself, but the balance of it was to be sold, with the monies to go into the construction and upkeep of the school.



With the Land Act of 1796, Congress changed the section numbering system. Sections were now to be numbered so that Section 1 was located in the township's northeast corner. Numbers would progress west and east alternately with progressive numbers until 36 was reached in the township's southwest corner.

Each section was 640 acres. A half-section should always be 320 acres, and a quarter-section should be 160. Actual measurements varied slightly.



When did the Dreisbach families migrate to Ohio?

We don't have an actual date for the migration, but by studying their land purchases (and known locations of their marriages and births of their children) we can determine when and where they settled. By the late 1700s discussions began about settlement opportunities in the west. The lands west of the Ohio River were rumored to be fertile. For some of the families, the desire to move westward became more appealing as their families grew, and tentative plans for migration were put in place.

Planning for such a move to the unknown Western Country was no small project, however, they were used to challenges in their daily lives. Two or three generations earlier, their families had bravely set out on a perilous journey without assurance that they would survive the ocean voyage and safely arrive in America, and they almost did NOT! (See the DDFA Newsletter, March 2013 Supplement [Martin's Transatlantic Voyage](#).) Their faith guided them and their courage sustained them. They succeeded in Pennsylvania, cultivating the land, developing trades, and building churches and schools in their respective communities.



Milestone of Zane's Trace, on Route 22, Kinderhook, Pickaway County. Photo by the Historic American Building Survey. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Family groups joined with neighboring families and discussed how to make the journey. Men were sent to explore Ohio and become familiar with the best locations.

Zane's Trace was blazed through dense wilderness by Ebenezer Zane following existing Indian trails in 1796 and 1797. It passed through Salt Creek Township in Pickaway and Colerain Township in Ross County, but **in 1803 it was barely accessible with wagons**. It was the only major road in Ohio until after the War of 1812. For more information about early highways, see: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/backintime.cfm>



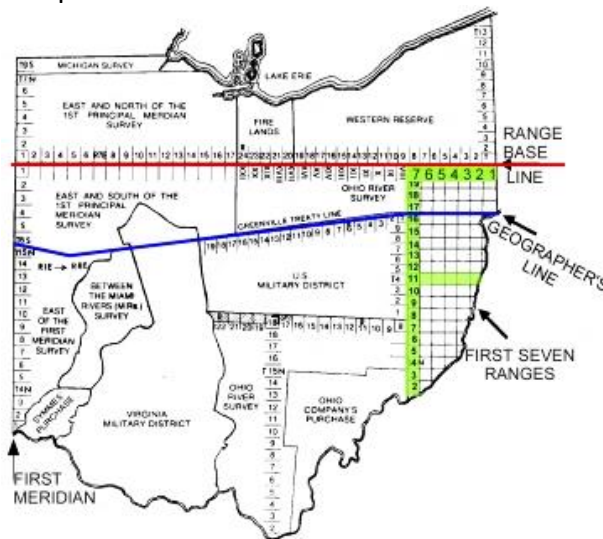
Ohio land offices were initially located in Steubenville, Marietta, Chillicothe and Cincinnati. Settlers could either scout out the land they wanted to purchase and head to the Land Office to make a payment, or build rude cabins on the land they wanted to claim later. These settlers were called squatters. It was common to settle in on land not yet claimed, and squatter's cabins peppered the untamed forest. Occasionally new land owners found an abandoned squatter's cabin on land they had just purchased.

Applying the Rectangular Survey System

Ohio's Major Land Surveys - *Ohio Lands Book*, published by the Ohio Auditor, available online: <https://ohioauditor.gov/publications/docs/OhioLandsBook.pdf>

The first application was the survey in eastern Ohio, called "First Seven Ranges." Each survey from there on had its own meridian and baseline. Moving westward (beyond Ohio), the system was simplified by establishing one major north-south line per state.

The blue line is the Greenville Treaty line established in 1795, with a treaty to end Indian Wars in Ohio. It distinguished Native American territory (north of the line) from lands open to European-American settlers. It actually confined the Indians to Ohio's northwest quadrant and beyond to the north and west. The Line was laid on the ground by surveyors in 1797, and it became a determining feature in the survey and description of Ohio lands.



Source: *Ohio Lands Book* by the Auditor of the State of Ohio

Land in the Virginia Military District (west of the Scioto River) was not surveyed on the Rectangular System, as it was land set aside to Virginia for use in fulfilling Revolutionary War Bounty Certificates earned by Virginians. They continued to use the older "metes and bounds" system. Thankfully, the Dreisbach families settled east of the Scioto.

The Northwest Ordinance initially stated that a section (one square mile or 640 acres) was the smallest unit for sale, and some townships were to be sold in their entirety. The minimum price was one dollar per acre to be paid in cash or in land warrants of equivalent value. No land would be sold on credit.

The Ordinance's other provisions had long term consequences. In each township, section number 16 was to be reserved for the support of public schools. Sections number 8, 11, 26, and 29 in every township were reserved for future sale by the federal government when, it was hoped, they would bring higher prices because of developed land around them. Congress also reserved one third part of all gold, silver, lead, and copper mines to its own use, a bit of wishful thinking as regards Ohio lands.

The counties of Ross, Fairfield, Pickaway and Hocking lie in the Ohio River Survey.

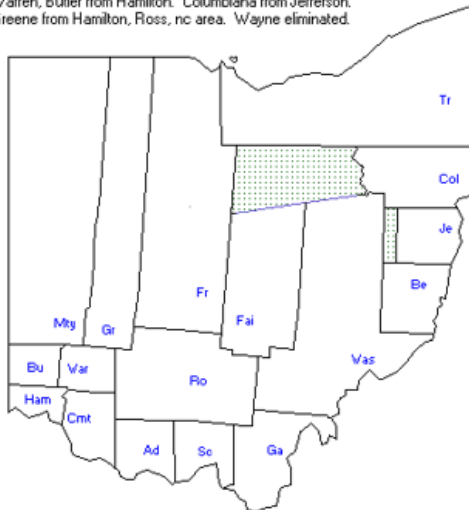


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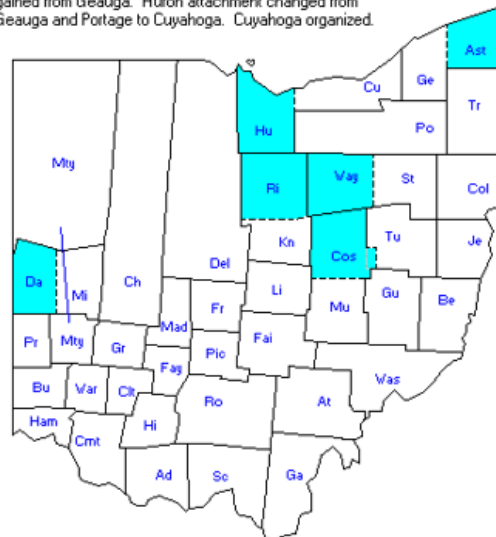
1803

Franklin from Ross, no area. Scioto from Adams.
 Gallia from Washington. Montgomery from Hamilton, no area
 Warren, Butler from Hamilton. Columbiana from Jefferson.
 Greene from Hamilton, Ross, no area. Wayne eliminated.



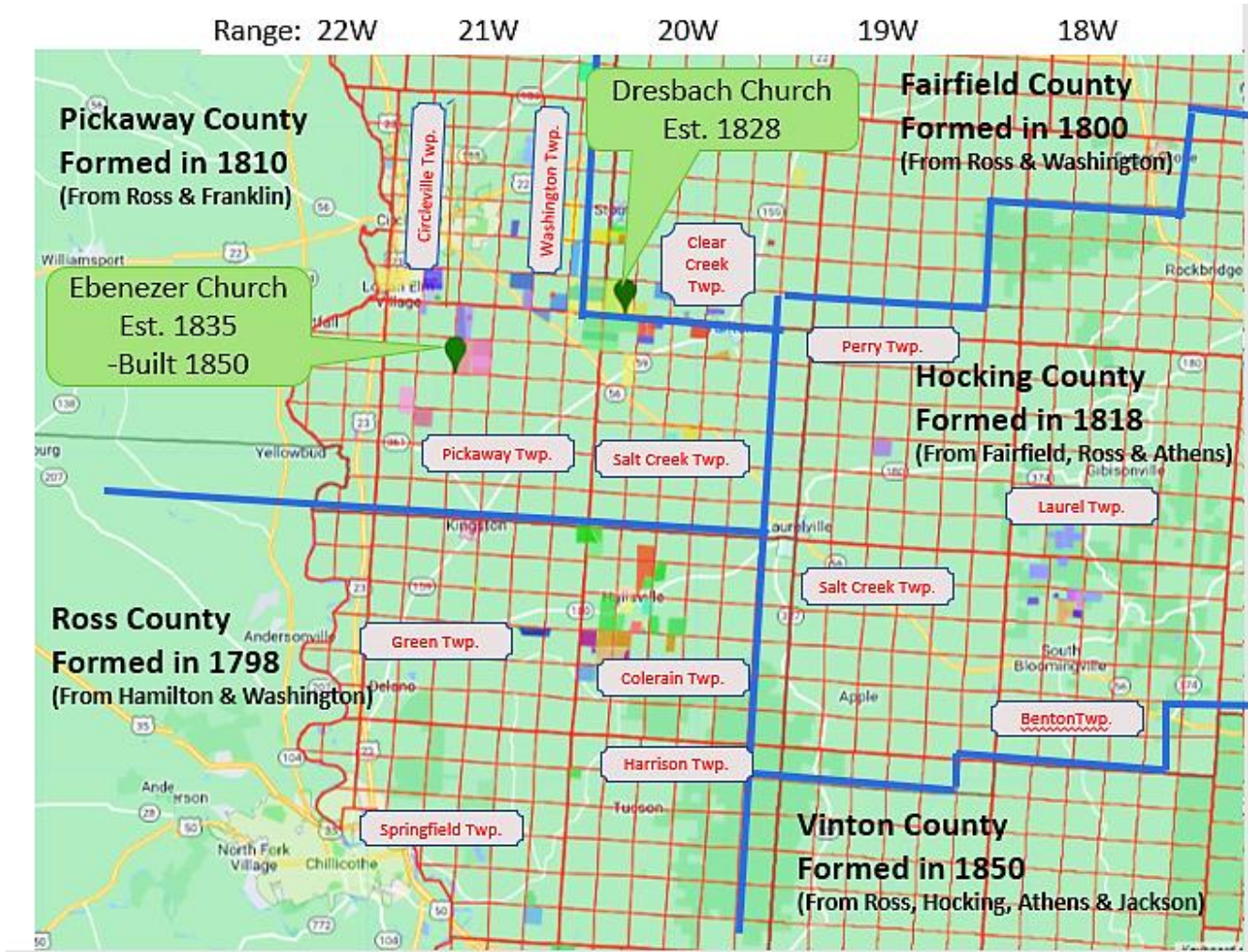
Clinton from Highland, Warren. Fayette from Ross. 1810

Highland, Coshocton from Muskingum, Tuscarawas.
 Madison from Franklin. Pickaway from Ross, Fairfield,
 Franklin. Guernsey from Belmont, Muskingum. Cuyahoga
 gained from Geauga. Huron attachment changed from
 Geauga and Portage to Cuyahoga. Cuyahoga organized.



Progression of counties established in Ohio - Source: <https://www.mapofus.org/ohio/>

Ranges and Townships in South Central Ohio



Blue lines indicate County Lines

Pickaway:

Washington Twp. 11 N Rg. 21 W
Pickaway Twp. 10 N Rg. 21 W

Ross:

Green Twp. 9 N Rg. 21 W
Springfield Twp. 8 N Rg. 21 W

Fairfield:

Clear Creek Twp. 12 N Rg. 20 W

Pickaway:

Salt Creek Twp. 11 N Rg. 20 W

Ross:

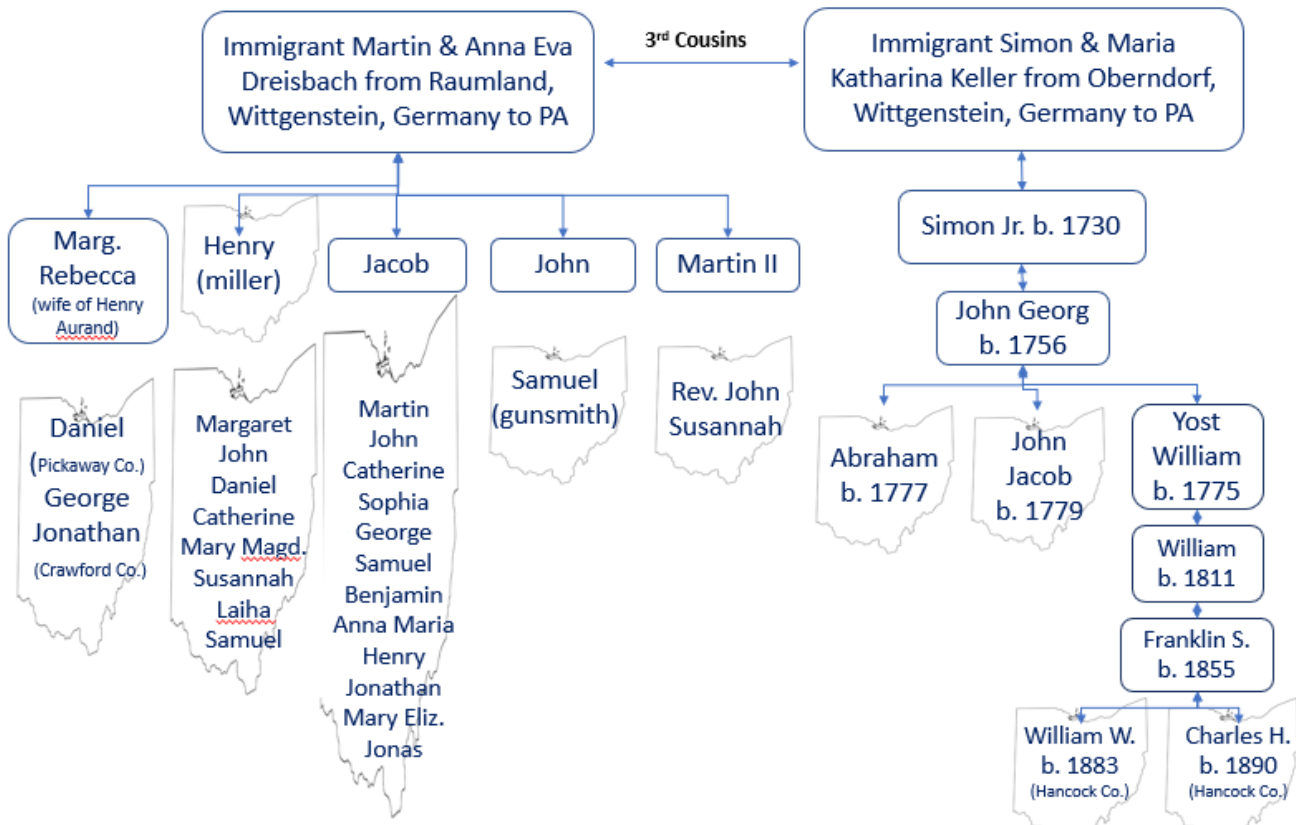
Colerain Twp. 10 N Rg. 20 W
Harrison Twp. 9 N Rg. 20 W

Hocking:

Perry Twp. 12 N Rg. 19 W
Salt Creek 11 N Rg. 19 W

Laurel Twp. 12 N Rg. 18 W
Benton Twp. 11 N Rg. 18 W

Which Dreisbachs migrated to Ohio?



From the *History of Pickaway County Ohio*, Van Cleaf, 1906, page 305, we learn that: Henry Dresbach, (a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach & grandson of Martin and Anna Eva (Hoffman) Dreisbach) came to Ohio in 1811, and after living one year in Ross county, removed to Salt Creek township, where he resided for a time with his brother George.

"In 1811, Martin, John, George, Samuel, Benjamin, Henry, Jonathan, and Jonas Dreisbach, brothers, came from Union county, Pennsylvania. The first three were married, and brought their families. Martin settled in Ross county, John in Pickaway township, and George in Salt Creek, on the banks of the Scippo. The other brothers married, and two – Samuel and Henry – settled in this county. George Dreisbach died on his original location in 1863. His son, William, occupies the old homestead, and is the only member of the family living in the State." (Source: page 253, *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, Williams Bros., 1880)

Also, on pages 261-262, *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, William Bros., 1880, it is related that Jacob, the eldest son [of Martin, the immigrant], married Magdalene Buchs (whose name, anglicized, is Books), and they had a family of thirteen children, eight of whom were sons, namely, Martin, John, George, Samuel, Benjamin, Henry, Jonathan, and Jonas, all of whom were early settlers in Ohio. [Deed records show that 12 children of Jacob and Magdalena settled in Ohio.]

Continuing on page 261: George, [Jacob's] third son, was born January 13, 1784...married Catharine Betts...January 10, 1809. Only the eldest of [George's] children [Mary, b. 27 Nov 1809] was born in

Pennsylvania, [George and wife, Catherine] moving in 1811, to this State. They stopped at first at Peter Spyker's, [George's sister, Sophia] on Salt creek, south of Tarlton, but in a short time removed to the farm upon which their son William, now resides, and which the elder Dreisbach bought of Mrs. Saylor, a widow [purchased in 1814, 330 acres, the North half of Section 6, Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway, the location of Dresbach Church].

In the Winter 1973 issue of the Pickaway Quarterly (article titled, *The Dreisbach-Dresback Family and the United Brethren Church*, pg. 19 – 23), Johnda Davis shared the account of the trip from Pennsylvania of Isaac Eyer Dreisbach, a son of Rev. John Dreisbach, who came about 25 years later than the first families of Dreisbach. However, Mrs. Davis incorrectly placed Isaac Eyer Dreisbach in the family, stating he was a son of Martin Jr., and grandson of Martin Sr. Isaac recorded their journey as follows:

“I was twelve years old when in August of that same year, we as a family, started for the ‘far West’ as it was then called. We started with two two-horse wagons and one one-horse wagon. Abraham, who was one year and one month older than I, had charge of the first two-horse wagon and I the other. The one-horse wagon was in charge of the family and such of the children who were too small to walk, and others who got tired of walking. It carried bed-clothing that was used nights to spread on the floors of the rooms of the taverns.

“We were nineteen days on the road, when on Sunday, the 11th Sept. 1831, we arrived at our destination viz. the west half of Section 9, Pickaway Twp., Ohio, of which I now own the east half. And I toiled on this section of land most of the time since I was twelve and a half years old.”

The War of 1812

Four of the sons of Jacob and Magdalena served in the War of 1812 after they arrived in Ohio.

- Martin served twice during the War of 1812 in Captain John Van Meter's Co. The first term of service was from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. He served again from the 23rd August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816 (the same terms as brother, Henry, and brother-in-law, Jacob Pontious)
- Samuel served twice in Captain John Van Meter's Company: from the 28th of July 1813 through the 6th of September 1813 as a Private in Capt. David List's Company.
- Benjamin enlisted the 28th July 1813 and was discharged 6th September 1813. He served as a Private in Capt. Isaac Monnett's Company.
- Henry served during the War of 1812 twice in Captain John Van Meter's Company: from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813; and again from the 23rd August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816 (the same dates as brother, Martin, and Jacob Pontious). Henry applied for a Survivor's Pension on April 1st 1871. His account of his service relates some of the details of the duties of the three brothers.
- According to the Soldier's Grave Registration Card, Jacob Pontious (husband of Anna Maria Dreisbach) served in the war of 1812 for two terms, from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. He again served his country from the 23rd August 1815 through the 22nd February

1816. Both terms of service were in Captain John Van Meter's Company, and both terms of service match the dates that his brother-in-laws, Martin and Henry, served in the same company.

- Peter Spyker (husband of Sophia Dreisbach) served in the War of 1812, enlisting in in the 1st Regiment of Ohio Militia, under Col. James Denny.
- There are reports that George Dresbach served in the War of 1812. The only documentation I could find in the War of 1812 files on Fold3 was a document stating that he had a substitute, Thomas Elder, SC 4496, Captain George Gibson's Ohio Militia.

The Spiritual Lives of Members of Dreisbach Church in 1801 in PA

We know that church worship was an integral part of the lives of our Dreisbach ancestors because several members of Simon's and Martin's families were instrumental in establishing a church congregation and building the church buildings in their communities.

Simon Dreisbach, Sr., with his sons and friend, William Dieter, started a Reformed church (called "the church at Jost's") in Dreisbachville, Lehigh Twp., Northampton Co. as early as 1748, only 5 years after he arrived in Pennsylvania. At least 2 sons of Simon Sr., Simon, Jr., and Adam, were active in forming a union church with Reformed and Lutheran congregations in 1771. The result of their efforts was the Zion Stone Church at Kreidersville which was dedicated on November 15th, 1772. (For much more detail, read *Simon Dreisbach Jr (1730-1806) A Most Interesting Life*, by Marcia Dreisbach Falconer.)

Martin Dreisbach, Sr., gave land for the purpose of building a church in 1788 in Buffalo Twp., Northumberland Co. That church, The Dreisbach United Church of Christ still thrives today. We are blessed to have the following account of a revival at Dreisbach Church, which has been preserved in the *Annals of Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania*, by John Blair Linn, 1877 (pg. 327-329).

Dreisbach Church Revival, Lewisburg, PA – 1801

"The following sketch, taken from Doctor Harbaugh's *Fathers*, relates, of course, to the Reformed portion of Dreisbach church: The Buffalo church, now called Dreisbach, had, for some time, been in a very distracted condition, having the irregular attention of the irregular Rev. John G. Pfruemer (a circuit rider), but was, for the most part, closed entirely. The young men were growing up without adequate spiritual instruction, and the old members having passed through scenes of strife, had grown, to a great degree, indifferent. Seeing, however, at length, that religious matters were tending in a bad way, they awoke and saw that something must be done. Reformed ministers being at that time few, and difficult to be secured, they thought they saw in Deitrich Aurand, who was still on his farm, a man who could be useful among them as a Reformed minister.

About the beginning of the year 1801 they came together, and unanimously and very cordially agreed to call upon him to preach a sermon in that church, which he consented to do. The appointment was made. The day

arrived. The people assembled in great numbers. The pews, the galleries, the isles, the doors, the lower windows, and even the grove in front of the church were crowded with listeners, anxious to hear the new preacher. Some, no doubt, came from motives of curiosity, but the greater portion were there with a true desire to hear the Gospel. "Never," says an eye witness, "have I seen a multitude so eager to hear the words of life." The sermon ended, he came down from the pulpit, and standing in the altar, he was soon surrounded by the "ancient men" of the church, who earnestly desired him to make another appointment. The congregation, having, in the meantime, stood still, he announced that he would preach again as desired, appointing the time.

The second sermon was attended by a still greater multitude of people, some coming from a distance of ten and fifteen miles. The day was pleasant. The organ, long silent, had been repaired by the skillful hands of Mr. John Betz, the schoolmaster, and was made to accompany the hymns by Stophel Aupel. The theme of the preacher was the astonishing love of Jesus Christ, in condescending to come into the world to save sinners. The absolute necessity of timely preparation to meet death was earnestly and pathetically urged upon all present. Towards the conclusion, different classes were separately addressed and exhorted. The young were asked how the hope for a blissful eternity stood with them; and they were entreated to seek the Lord early, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Then the preacher turned to those in middle life, and in words of melting tenderness and burning zeal, were they warned against delay, and urged to flee from the wrath to come. Finally he turned to the aged, among whom sat his own venerable father, crying with the deepest feeling, Oh! you who are hoary-headed, how stands the matter between you and your God? You stand already with one foot in the grave, and in a few more days will sink into it, and have no more any portion forever in all that is done under the sun. You have, through a long life, enjoyed the mercies and favors of your kind Heavenly Father. Have you served Him with full submission to His will, and loved Him supremely? and have you the assurance that you are reconciled to Him, through His dear Son Jesus Christ? If so, oh ! then it will be well with you. But, if this has not been done, oh! then, I now entreat you, as you value the everlasting rest and peace of your souls, do not delay, but accept the offers of mercy in Christ, our dear Redeemer. "Such," says one who was present, " was the spirit and substance, and such, as near as I can recollect, even the closing words of this never—to-be—forgotten sermon. It made a deep impression upon me as a youth, and I remember distinctly of having seen his own father, and such men as the Dreisbachs, the Dunkels, the Barnharts, the Betzs, the Goodmans, and others, bathed in tears. "

He was unanimously elected pastor, and the congregation of New Berlin joined with them in the call, which he agreed to accept. He had been licensed by the " Brethren," but was not yet ordained or even licensed by the Synod. He began, however, to catechise in the Dreisbach church, and large numbers attended, whom he confirmed, baptizing such as had not been. "Never since that day," says an aged eye-witness, "have I witnessed such solemnity and strong feeling as on that day of the consecration of those youth, and the next day at communion." On the 3d of May the Synod met at York, and a request was made by the congregations of Buffalo Valley and New Berlin for the examination and ordination of Mr. Aurand. He continued to preach to the congregations of Buffalo Valley and New Berlin, until his removal to Huntingdon county, in October, 1804, where he founded the congregation of Water street. He died near there, on the 24th of April, 1831, aged seventy years five months and sixteen days, and is buried in front of Zion's church, at Water street."

In Ohio the Dreisbach United Brethren Church was organized at the house of George Dreisbach about the year 1820, in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County. By 1832 George and his brother, Jonathan, donated land for the church and a worship house was built. This church is also still holding three worship services each week. The Ebenezer Evangelical Church was formed by Rev. John Dreisbach, a long-time minister of the gospel, in the year 1835 in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County. It is no longer an active church.

When did each Dreisbach settle in Ohio?

Using original deed records in all of the known counties with Dreisbach land-owners and Government Land Office Records I have been able to locate all twelve of Jacob (son of Martin Sr.) and Magdalena Dreisbach's children on property in the three-county area of Ross, Pickaway and Fairfield. The first recorded purchase of their children was an 1810 purchase by Peter Spyker, husband of Sophia Dresbach. In 1811 their son Martin made his first purchase, followed by sons, Samuel and George in 1812.

But they weren't the first Dreisbachs with land transactions in Central Ohio. The first was a purchase agreement between Henry Dresbach (son of Martin Sr., and brother to Jacob) and George Moots in 1801, and another agreement in 1805 with John Rush, in order to establish a mill on Scippo Creek before Pickaway County was formed. To differentiate between the various Henry Dreisbachs, I will refer to this Henry as "Henry, the Miller." It was this Henry's son, Daniel, who was Director of Circleville, selling the first lots in town, and later involved in squaring the circle and serving as County Recorder.

Abraham could have arrived as early as 1806. For certain, on 9th June 1810 Abraham, (of Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.), a son of John George (31 Jan 1756-1 Aug 1826) Rev. War Vet, grandson of Simon Jr., purchased from Jacob Coldren Lot 5, Square 9 in Tarlton. The *History of Kingston, Ohio*, page 43-46 lists early pioneers around Kingston, and included in the list as **1806 arrivals** are: "Abram" Dreisbach and Henry Drum (his father-in-law). He could have made a purchase between November 1806 and November 1813 – Abraham, purchased of Isaac Coldren 41 acres and 105 poles, part of the East Half of Section 34, Twp. 12, Range 20, land that Coldren patented in November 1806. This information is taken from the deed when Abraham and wife, Mary, sold 8 acres of it on 13 November 1813 as recorded in Pickaway Co. Book A, Page 683. I have not been able to locate the deed when Abraham bought it.

The following list shows the order individual family members purchased land. From the very beginning of their migration onward through years, there were many transactions of real estate, both buying and selling. Several Dreisbachs were involved in land speculation, and many were purchasing enough acreage to be able to divide their holdings among their children. At times it seems like a real-life game of Monopoly, selling among themselves.

1. 1801 – **Henry, the Miller** (son of Martin Sr.), of **Ross County**, Ohio made a contract to purchase 20 acres of land from John Rush, with George Moots as surety, on Scippo Creek, in Pickaway Twp., Section 12, Township 3, Range 22, recorded later in Pickaway Co., Vol. C, pg. 687. In 1806 Henry purchased the West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4 in Range 21, Twp. 10, recorded in Ross Co., Vol. 7 pg. 329. Henry and sons also improved and/or established a mill on Scippo Creek in R 21 Twp 10 Sec 4.
2. 1806 – 13th November– William Roberts, who becomes the 2nd husband of **Anna Maria** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), the widow of Jacob Pontious, together with John

Port receives a Patent for the E ½ of Section 19 in Twp 10 and Range 20. On 26th September 1820, in his own right, as assignee of John Roberts, together with Abraham Buchwalter received a Patent for the South West Quarter of Section 20 in Township 10 and Range 20 (Colerain Twp.) in Ross Co.

3. 1810 – 9 June – **Abraham** Dreisbach, (>John George>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.), **of Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.** purchased from Jacob Coldren Lot 5, Square 9 in Tarlton, previously in the township of Clear Creek, county of Fairfield but now in the township of Salt Creek and county of Pickaway, Township 11, Range 20, Vol. A, pg. 673
4. 1810 – 5 November – Peter Spyker and wife, **Sophia** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased from John Shoemaker a 72-acre tract in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway Co., just south of Tarlton – Section 3, Twp. 11, Range 20, Vol. A, pg. 143. Peter served in the War of 1812.
5. 1811 – 1 April – **Martin**, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased from John Geehr the East Half of Section 18 (320 acres), (Colerain Twp.) Township 10, Range 20, in Ross County for \$2,400, Vol. 10, pg. 238. The *History of Kingston, Ohio*, page 46, states Martin and Benjamin Dreisbach arrived in Colerain Township in 1809, settling near Hallsville. Martin served two terms during the War of 1812: from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813, and the 23 August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816.
6. 1811 – 5 August – Jacob Pontious, husband of **Anna Maria** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased 140 acres in Colerain Township, the North end of the East ½ of Section 19, Twp., 10 N, Range 20 W. Between 1828 and 1831 Jacob and Mary purchase the undivided shares of the estate of Boston Overly, lying in the North West Quarter of Section 20, Colerain Twp. This land adjoined their farm in Section 19. Jacob served in the War of 1812.
7. 1812 – 1 January – Daniel **Aurand** (son of Henry Aurand and Margaretha Rebecca Dreisbach, daughter of Martin Sr.) receives a Patent for the North West ¼ of Section 36 in Twp., 9, Range 21, Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co.
8. 1812 – 7 August – George (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), assignee of Peter Apple, received a Patent for government lands, being the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 12, Range 20, in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield County, containing 160 acres. The *History of Kingston, Ohio*, page 45, states George Dreisbach arrived in 1811 in Salt Creek Township (Pickaway Co.) and settled on Scippo Creek. He purchased the NE Quarter of Section 1 in Pickaway Twp., and the North Half of Section 6 in Salt Creek Twp., in January and February of 1814.
9. 1812 – 7 August – **Samuel**, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), assignee of Henry Haller, received a Patent for government lands, being the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Washington Twp., Pickaway County, containing 160 acres. Served in the War of 1812, discharged 6th Sept 1813 (same day as brother, Benjamin). After the war he married Catharine Buchwalter on 7 Sep 1814 probably in Pickaway or Ross County, Ohio.

10. 1812 – 1st September – **Daniel** Dreisbach, Circleville Director, (>Henry>Martin Sr.), with his brother-in-law, John Ely (who md. Catherine Dreisbach) purchased 200 acres in Section 19 on the north edge of the Town of Circleville, Vol. A, pg. 380. On the 30th November 1812 Henry (Daniel's father) purchased Lot 11 in Circleville, then sold it to his son, Daniel, on the same date. In 1814 Daniel and partner, James Denny, purchased another 200 acres in Section 20, on the northeast edge of Circleville, Vol. B, pg. 143. This land was divided and sold through the years. It is also where Daniel erected a dam on Hargus Creek and established a grist mill with James Denny.
11. 1813 – 26th November - **Catherine** Dreisbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), and husband, Leonard Wolf, received a Patent for the North East Quarter of Section 21 in Township 11 and Range 20, in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.
12. 1814 – 21st April – **Benjamin** Dreisbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased from his brother, Martin, 105 acres in Ross County, described as "Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam" – located in Section 23, Twp. 9, Rg 21, Vol. 12, pg. 115. On 9 Jan 1819 he purchased another 20 acres in Green Twp. in Section 24, Vol. 15, pg. 498. The *History of Kingston, Ohio*, page 46, states Martin and Benjamin Dreisbach arrived in Colerain Township in 1809, settling near Hallsville. Benjamin served in the War of 1812 – Discharged 6 Sep 1813.
13. 1816 – 2nd November – **Henry** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased the South West Quarter of Section 19 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co. (Twp. 12 and Range 20) from brother, Martin (who had bought the same from brother, George), Vol. L, pg. 203; and also part of Section 6 in Colerain Twp., Ross Co (Twp. 11 Range 20), Vol. 13, pg. 593. In 1817 Henry purchased 110 acres in the adjoining Sec. 24 of Washington Twp., Pickaway Co., Vol. C, pg. 606 and Vol. E, pg. 188. Henry served during the War of 1812 twice: from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813; and again from the 23 August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816.
14. 1816 – 12th August – **John** Dreisbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased 10 acres in Section 17 of Colerain Twp., Ross Co. (on the edge of Hallsville), Vol. 13, pg. 506, which he sold in 1817 and purchased 160 acres – the North West Quarter of Section 30, Range 20, Township 10 (Colerain) Ross Co., Vol. 13, pg. 651.
15. 1817 – 2nd Nov – **Jonathan** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased the West ½ of Section 31 in Clear Creek Town ship, Fairfield Co. (Twp. 12, Range 20) from his brother, Martin, Vol. L, pg. 202. In 1820 he purchased inlots 91 & 92 in Circleville from brother, George, Vol. E, pg. 218; and in 1824 he purchased another 3 lots in Circleville at Sheriff's Sale, Vol. F, pg. 286. On 8th November 1824 he purchased 160 acres in the South East Quarter of Section 31 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co. (the location of Dresbach Church), Vol. O, pg. 54.
16. 1825 – 14th April – **Jonas** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), purchased a 4-acre lot at the edge of Hallsville in Colerain Twp., Ross Co., Vol. 22, pg. 397. He purchased another 70 acres from his brother, Jonathan, on 1 May 1826, located in Section 17, Township 20,

- Range 20, Vol. 22, pg. 398. Jonas and wife Mary (Throckmorton) sold their property in Ross Co. in 1839. Presumably, this is when they made the move to Fulton Co., IL.
17. 1825 – Thomas McGrady and Elizabeth **Betsy** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), b. 4 Feb 1800 in Northumberland Co., married the 1st of April 1824 in Ross County to Thomas McGrady. The earliest land record found for Thomas McGrady is dated 3rd March 1825 when he purchased 145 acres in Section 19, Colerain Twp., less than 3 weeks after Betsy had passed away, Vol. 21, pg. 53.
 18. 1826 – 19th September – **Jacob** Dreisbach (>John George>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.) – purchases a tract of land from John & Catharine Glick in Section 18, Bloom Twp., Fairfield Co. but this transaction is not indexed (Twp. 14 Range 20). That initial purchase is written into later deeds for the same property. He continues to buy, mortgage and sell tracts in Section 18 for 11 years. In 1835 “Jacob Disbrock” is issued a Patent for the NW ¼ of Section 28 in Twp. 7 S Range 8 E in Logan Co., OH.
 19. 1827 – 1835 – **George and Jonathan Aurand**, (sons of Henry Aurand and Margaretha Rebecca Dreisbach, daughter of Martin Sr.) make purchases of small acreage in Crawford County, Ohio.
 20. 1831 – 22nd September – **Rev. John** Dreisbach (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.), purchased the West Half of Section 9 in Township 10 and Range 21, in Pickaway Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio, Vol. J, pg. 270. This is the section where the Ebenezer Evangelical Church was established. In 1833 Rev. John also received a Patent for 480 acres in Section 9, Twp. 2N, Range 14E, Seneca County which he sold in 1842.
 21. 1832 – 1st April – **Susannah**, the sister of Rev. John, (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.), and her husband, John Buchwalter, of Colerain Twp., Ross Co., purchase from his father, Abraham Buchwalter, 207 acres in the East Half of Section 8, Range 20, Colerain Twp., where they now live, Vol. 37, pg. 365. In 1839, they purchase the adjoining SE ¼ of Section 5, Vol. 37, pg. 467.
 22. 1842 – March 10th - **Samuel** Dresbach, **Gunsmith** (>John>Martin Sr.) was the son of John Dreisbach (also a Gunsmith) & Catharine Youngman of Mifflinburg, PA. Samuel md. Mary Magdalene Dunkel (aka Dunkle), lived first in Fairfield County. Made their first (and only) purchase in Ohio, of Lot 4 of Watts Addition in Circleville, Pickaway Co., Vol. 19, pg. 75. His father, John, began his trade of Gunsmith while living on his father’s (Martin Sr.’s) farm. Since Martin Sr. was a blacksmith, it is possible that John learned the trade from Martin Sr. (See *The Life and Times of Martin Dreisbach (1717-1799)*, Falconer, pg. 78.)

Land Patents in Ohio

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT General Land Office Records

Image	Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	CV-0012-037	AURAND, DANIEL, HARMAN, JOHN	1/1/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	009N - 021W	NW¼	36	Pickaway
	OH1440 .353	DRESBACK, DANIEL	3/10/1856	18984	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	NW¼NE¼	8	Hocking
	OH1240 .268	DRESBACK, DAVID	8/1/1839	8400	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	SW¼NE¼	8	Hocking
	OH1440 .354	DRESBACK, DAVID	3/10/1856	18985	OH	Ohio River Survey	012N - 018W	NW¼NE¼	32	Hocking
	OH1260 .006	DRESBACK, JOSEPH	8/1/1839	9040	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	SE¼NW¼	32	Hocking
	CV-0061-539	DRESBACK, MARTIN	10/8/1824	3833	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	SW¼NW¼	7	Hocking
	OH0770 .095	DRESBACK, WILLIAM	4/1/1825	2679	OH	1st PM	001S - 014E	W½NE¼	13	Wyandot
	OH0770 .096	DRESBACK, WILLIAM	4/1/1825	2680	OH	1st PM	001S - 014E	E½NW¼	13	Wyandot
	CV-0057-019	DRIESBACK, ABRAHAM	9/11/1823	102	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 019W	NW¼	21	Hocking
	OH0820 .247	DREISBACH, JOHN	11/14/1833	5356	OH	1st PM	002N - 014E	W½	9	Seneca
	OH0820 .248	DREISBACH, JOHN	11/14/1833	5357	OH	1st PM	002N - 014E	SE¼	9	Seneca
	MW-1072-024	DRESBACH, DAVID, CLUTTER, GEORGE W	7/1/1851	15007	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	S½NE¼	6	Hocking
	OH1240 .267	DRESBACH, DAVID	8/1/1839	8399	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	N½SE¼	6	Hocking
	OH1410 .227	DRESBACH, DAVID	8/10/1850	16773	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	NW¼NW¼	9	Hocking
	OH1410 .228	DRESBACH, DAVID	8/10/1850	16774	OH	Ohio River Survey	012N - 018W	SE¼SW¼	32	Hocking
	OH1410 .229	DRESBACH, DAVID	8/10/1850	16775	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	NE¼NW¼	9	Hocking
	OH1410 .229	DRESBACH, DAVID	8/10/1850	16775	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 018W	NE¼NW¼	5	Hocking
	OH0910 .017	DRESBACH, JOHN	5/7/1835	9680	OH	1st PM	002N - 011E	NE¼	34	Hancock
	CV-0015-117	DRESHBACK, GEORGE, APPLE, PETER	8/7/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	012N - 020W	SW¼	19	Fairfield
	CV-0015-081	DRESHBACK, SAMUEL, HALLER, HENRY	8/7/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 021W	SE¼	35	Pickaway
	CV-0020-038	WOLF, LEONARD, WILLETS, LEVI	11/26/1813	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 020W	NE¼	21	Pickaway
	CV-0004-264	PORT, JOHN, ROBERTS, WILLIAM	11/13/1806	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	010N - 020W	E½	19	Ross
	CV-0053-151	ROBERTS, WILLIAM, BUCHWALTER, ABRAHAM, ROBERTS, JOHN	9/26/1820	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	010N - 020W	SW¼	20	Ross
	OH0620 .228	DISBROCK, JACOB	10/8/1835	1239	OH	1st PM	007S - 008E	NW¼	28	Logan

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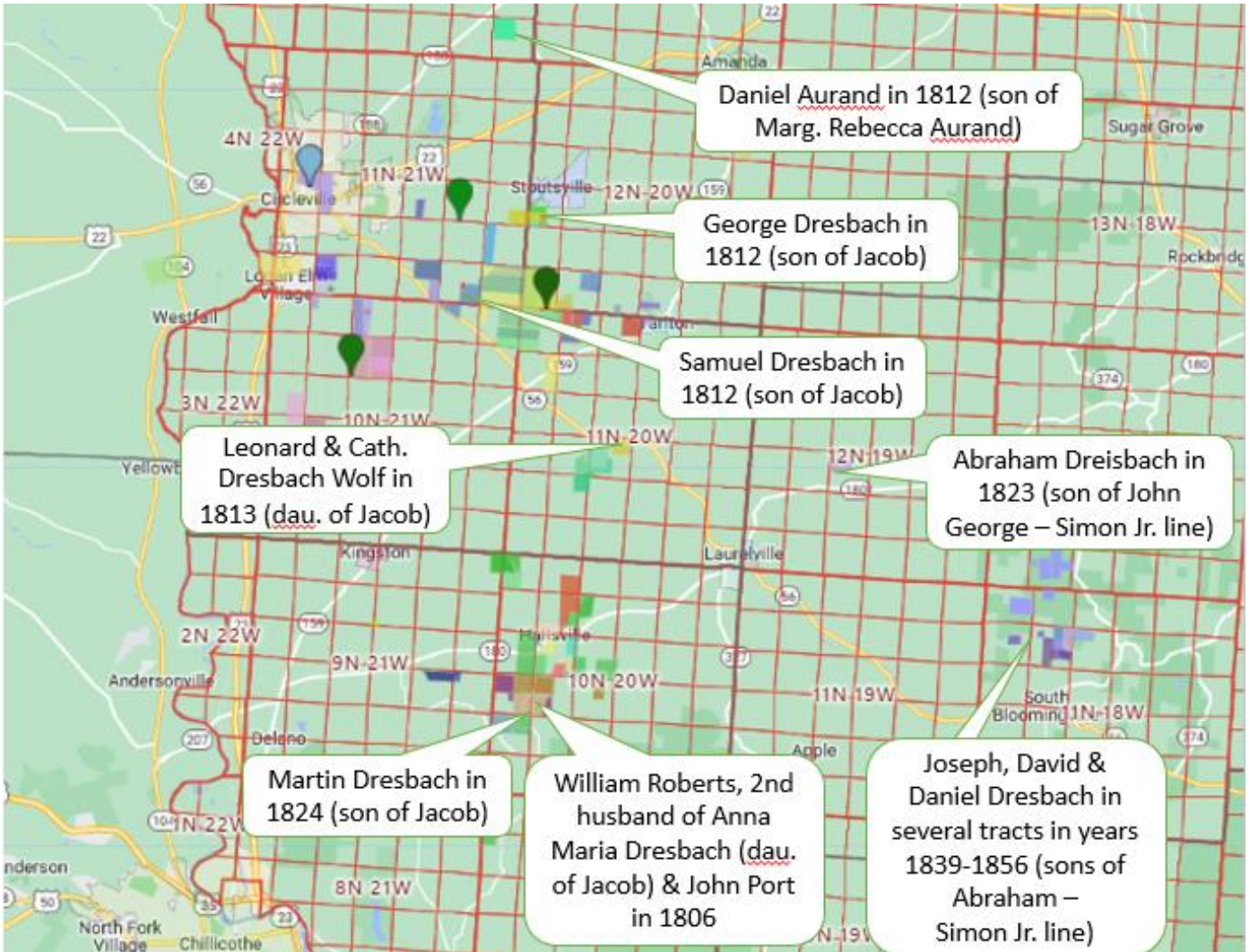
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1. 1806 – 13th of November – William Roberts and John Port received Patent for the E ½ of Section 19 in Twp 10N Range 20W (Colerain Twp., Ross Co.) – 2nd Husband of Anna Maria Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
2. 1812 – 1st of January – Daniel Aurand, (son of Henry Aurand and Margaretha Rebecca Dreisbach>Martin Sr.) receives a Patent for the North West ¼ of Section 36 in Twp., 9, Range 21, Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co
3. 1812 – 7th of August - George Dreshback, Assignee of Peter Apple received Patent for the SW ¼ of Section 19 in Twp 12N Range 20W (Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co.) (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
4. 1812 – 7th of August – Samuel Dreshback, Assignee of Henry Haller received Patent for the SE ¼ of Section 35 in Twp 11N Range 21W (Washington Twp., Pickaway Co.) (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
5. 1813 – 26th of November – Leonard Wolf, Assignee of Levi Willets, received Patent for the NE ¼ of Section 21 in Twp 11N Range 20W (Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.) – Husband of Catherine Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
6. 1820 – 26th September – William Roberts with Abraham Buchwalter and John Roberts received Patent for the SW ¼ of Section 20 in Twp 10N Range 20W (Colerain Twp., Ross Co.) – 2nd Husband of Anna Maria Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
7. 1823 – 11th September – Abraham Driesback received Patent for the NW ¼ of Section 21 in Twp 11N Range 19W (Salt Creek Twp., Hocking Co.) (>John George Dreisbach>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.). *However, later deed records state Sec 21 in **Twp 12N** Range 19W (Perry Twp., Hocking Co.)*
8. 1824 – 8th October – Martin Dresback received Patent for the NE ¼ of Section 30 in Twp 10N Range 20W (Colerain Twp., Ross Co.) (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)
9. 1839 – 1st August – Two brothers, Joseph and David (sons of Abraham>John George Dreisbach>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.) each received Patents for land in Hocking County:
Joseph Dresback – for the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7 Twp 11N Range 18W (Benton Twp., Hocking Co.)
David Dresback – for the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 8 Twp 11N Range 18 W; and, also David Dresback for the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 9 Twp 11N Range 18W (both in Benton Twp., Hocking Co.)
10. 1850 – 10th August – David Dresbach (>Abraham>John George Dreisbach>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.) received three Patents: 1) for the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 32 Twp 12 N Range 18 W (Benton Twp., Hocking Co.); 2) for the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 9

Twp 11N Range 18W (Laurel Twp., Hocking Co.); and, 3) for the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5 Twp 11N Range 18W (Laurel Twp., Hocking Co.)

11. 1851 – 1st July – David Dresbach (>Abraham>John George Dresbach>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.), Assignee of George W. Clutter, received Patent for the S ½ of the NE ¼ and the N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 6 Twp 11N Range 18W (Laurel Twp., Hocking Co.)
12. 1856 – 10th March – Daniel Dresback (>Abraham>John George Dresbach>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.) received Patent for the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 8 Twp 11 N Range 18W (Laurel Twp., Hocking Co.)



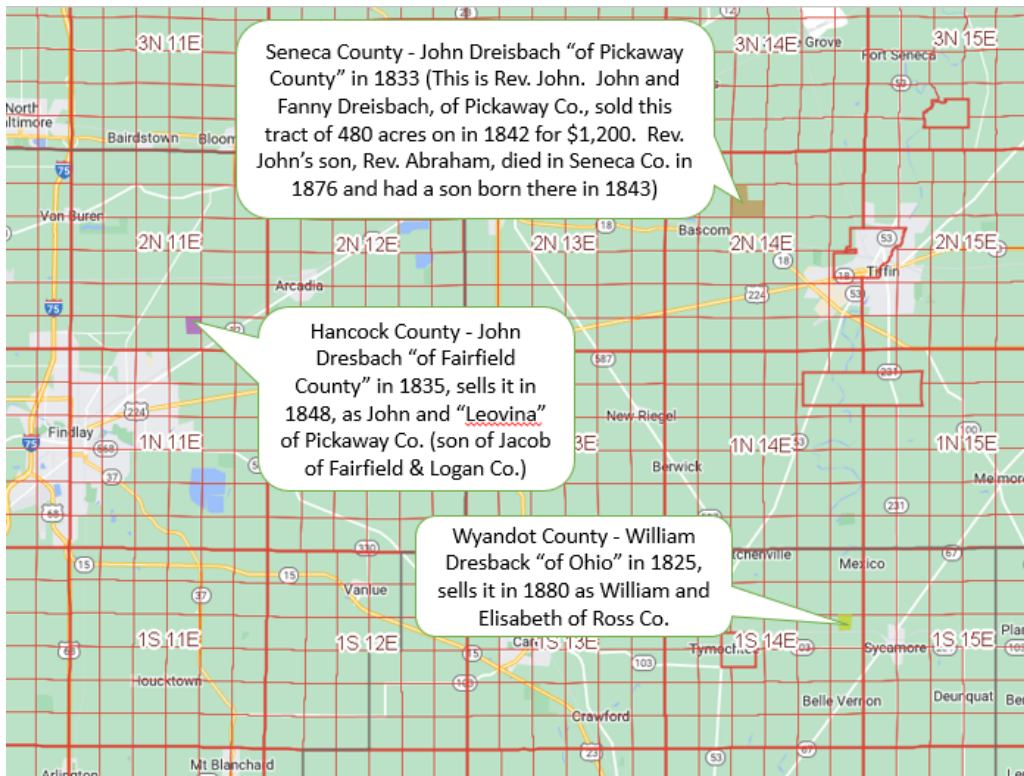
Records of Patented Land in North Central Ohio

North of the Greenville Treaty Line – on land called the Wyandot Indian Cession

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1. 1825 – 1st of April – William Dresback received two Patents for land in Wyandot County, Section 13 of Twp 1S Range 14E; the West ½ of the North East ¼ and the East ½ of the North West ¼. William and Elisabeth Dresback of Ross Co., Ohio, sell these tracts in 1880, witnessed by Wm. H. Dresback & F. D. Ford, a Justice of the Peace in Ross Co. The only William Dresback this can be is William, the illegitimate son of Jonathan (>Jonathan>Jacob>Martin Sr.) No other Dreisbach deed records in Wyandot Co.
2. 1833 – 14th of November – John Dreisbach received two Patents for land in Seneca County, Section 9 of Twp 2N Range 14E; the West ½ of Section 9 and the South East ¼ of Section 9. In 1842, (Rev.) John (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.) and Fanny Dreisbach, of Pickaway Co., sold this 480 acres for \$1,200.
3. 1835 – 7th of May – John Dresbach, of Fairfield Co., received a Patent for land in Hancock County, the North East ¼ of Section 34 of Twp 2N Range 11E; sells in 1848 as John and Leovina of Pickaway Co. This John is **a son of Jacob of Fairfield & Logan Co.** (>Jacob>John George>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.)



Patented Land in West Central Ohio

North of the Greenville Treaty Line – on land called the Wyandot Indian Cession

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1. 1835 – 8th of October – Jacob Disbrock of Fairfield County Dresback received Patent for the North West ¼ of Section 28 Twp 7S Range 8E in Logan County, Ohio, a little southwest of Indian Lake. This is Jacob (>John George>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.)



Mother of 14, 54 Years Old, Journeys 435 Miles to Tarlton

...and it wasn't in a luxurious stage coach on cleared roads for Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach and her family!

As early as 1801 some of the men in our families made the trip on horseback to inspect available government land and make their first payment on a tract. See Henry, the Miller's (>Martin Sr.), contract of 1801. Twelve children of Jacob Dreisbach and his wife, Magdalena, made the trip from Buffalo Valley to Salt Creek Valley, and Magdalena came with them. (Note: According to Jonathan's Journal, she had 9 sons and 5 daughters – when Jacob wrote his will he states there are 13 children).

By the 15th of October in 1803, Jacob (>Martin Sr.) was ill enough to write and sign his Will, saying "I, Jacob Dreisbach of Buffaloe Township in the County of Northumberland & Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Farmer, being at present sickly & weakly in Body, but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, thanks be to God, therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament." Jacob signed as surety for his brother Henry to administer their father's (Martin Sr.) estate on the 24th of April 1804 (probate records of Northumberland Co.), and he passed away on the

21st of June 1804 (according to his son's, Jonathan's, journal). He appointed Magdalena and sons, Martin and John, as executors. He is very specific about the disposition of his property, "It is my will and I do order that my beloved wife Magdalene shall keep in her possession, all that my Plantation whereon I at present reside, [and all other real estate] so long until my youngest child arrives or comes to the age of fourteen years and she remains my widow..." The complete transcription of the Will is on page 134.



Jacob's tombstone at Dreisbach Church in Lewisburg, PA, has been replaced by the Association due to an error in the inscription on his old stone. Many thanks to his 4th great grandson, David Kuwayama, for spearheading this project.

In 1810, their seventh child, Benjamin, was 21 and down the line, Anna Maria was 18, Henry was 16, Jonathan was 14, Betsy was 10, and Jonas was 8. Between the years of 1803 and 1810 the decision was made to sell the lands in the Buffalo Valley and move west. Their "Plantation" included the 152-acre tract he received from his father (for love and affection, no monetary consideration), plus another 144 acres, 80 perches, which was sold to Conrad Dunkle on April 2nd, 1811, photo at right (source: *The Life and Times of Martin Dreisbach (1717-1799)*, Falconer, 2019, pg. 83 & deed records of Northumberland and Union Counties).



Day	Year	Name	From	Name	Book	Page	Date of Record	Location	Consideration	Acres	County
27-Sep	1791	Jacob Triesbach	From	Charles Ellinckhysen by Atty	E	246	Sep 19 1791	Buffalo Twp, Lot 170, W. side of 2nd St. Lewisburg	50 L		Northuml
14-Mar	1793	Jacob Tresbach	From	Martin Tresbach Sr.	Q	117	Aug 23 1810	Buffalo Twp, to son, for love & affection		152	Northuml
20-May	1793	Jacob Driesbach	From	Peter Swarts Jr.	Q	119	Aug 23 1810	Lewisburg Lot 186	23 L		Northuml
3-Mar	1798	Jacob Tresbach	From	Clara H. Thornburgh	Q	118	Aug 23 1810	Lewisburgh Lot 207	30 L		Northuml
13-Nov	1807	Jacob by Exrs, Magdalena, Martin, John	To	Michael Shock	R	140	Jun 15 1812	Mifflinburg, Lot 27	10 L		Northuml
2-Apr	1811	Jacob Dreisbach by Exr Magdalena & Martin Dreisbach	To	Conrad Dunkel	A	175	17 May 1814	Buffalo Tp, Northumberland - 2 Tracts - 2nd Tract called Rotterdam -	3,750 pounds	152.16 & 144 ac 80 perches	Union
1-May	1817	Jacob Dreisbach by Martin (of Colerain Twp, Ross Co. OH), Exr	To	Jonathan Spyker	C	373	1 May 1817	Lewisburg - Lot 186 (West side of 2nd St & East of Appletree Alley), Lot 170 (West side of 2nd St & East of Appletree Alley), Lot 207 (West of 4th St & East of Raspberry Alley)	\$374		Union
21-Apr	1820	Jonathan Dresbach of Ross Co., OH	From	Martin Dresbah of Ross Co.	U	215	May 19 1820	Power of Atty-to release mortg. of Conrad Dunkle			Northuml

It appears that Magdalena lived with her married children in their new wilderness homes. We can identify her in the 1830 Census in the household of Martin Dresbach in Colerain Twp., Ross Co. as the only Female aged 70-79 in available 1830 Dreisbach census records. Family folklore related by Sue Dresbach Gearhart is that Magdalena (with her minor and unmarried children) traveled with her eldest son, Martin, and his young family to Ohio. Martin is reported to have traveled along Zane's Trace by ox cart and wagon, arriving in 1809. However, the first deed recorded for Martin in Ohio is dated **1st April 1811**, and it describes Martin Dresbach as "**of Northumberland County, PA,**" when he purchased the East Half of Section 18 (320 acres), Colerain Twp., Ross Co. The death date recorded for Martin's first wife, Lydia Spyker Dreisbach, is **12 June 1811**, and it is reported that she is buried "somewhere along the trail." The next deed for Martin is dated **16 July 1811**, for the Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 6 in Colerain Twp., and **Martin is identified as "OF ROSS COUNTY, OHIO."**

Magdalena was the daughter of Johann Georg Buchs (immigrated from Germany in 1736) and Christina Metzger who md. about 1756 in New Jersey (his 3rd wife). Magdalena's sister, Sabina (sometimes called Sophia) married Martin Dreisbach, Jr., of Northumberland Co. and became the mother of Rev. John Dreisbach. Sabina also traveled to Ohio, spending her final years with her daughter Elizabeth, wife of David Dunkel, at Amanda in Fairfield Co., OH; and is buried at the Amanda Dutch Hollow Cemetery. (Source of immigration year and Buchs family details: Evangelical Association Annals, of the Dreisbach Class of Buffalo Valley, pg. 74-76).

Magdalena's birth is recorded in 1757 - Baptisms in New Jersey at Musquenickung (Musconetcong) and Raritan: BOCK, Maria Magdalena, dtr Hans Jurg and Christian; b. Mar 15; bapt. Sept 28, 1757 sp. Jacob Metzger and wife Maria Anna Apollonia. (The birth date is written in the journal of her son, Jonathan, as "March the 15th in the year 1759," however, when he gives her death date (of 15th of February 1836) and her age at death (of 78 years and 11 months), the calculated year is 1757, not 1759.)

Magdalena's tombstone at the Dresbach Church Cemetery is broken and the Association has purchased a replacement stone. Many thanks to descendants, Sharon Driscoll, R. Byron Woolever, and JoAn Matteson, who straightened and cleaned the broken stone in October, 2021. The new stone is scheduled to be dedicated on August 20th during the 2023 Dreisbach-Dreisbach Reunion.



The verse inscribed on her original stone is a verse of a Hymn by Isaac Watts #11.110:

God my Redeemer lives,
And often from the skies
Looks down and watches all my dust,
till He shall bid it rise.



Carving a Home out of the Wilderness

Imagine traveling through the forest along Zane's Trace with oxen, horses and wagons (walking beside the wagons most of the way) with great anticipation of the prospects of thriving in the western land. They knew how much work would be required to carve a home out of the wilderness. There were areas in Pickaway Township that were part of the Pickaway Plains in the river bottom of the Scioto which were not wooded. Colerain (Ross Co.), and most of Salt Creek Township (Pickaway Co.) were heavily wooded.

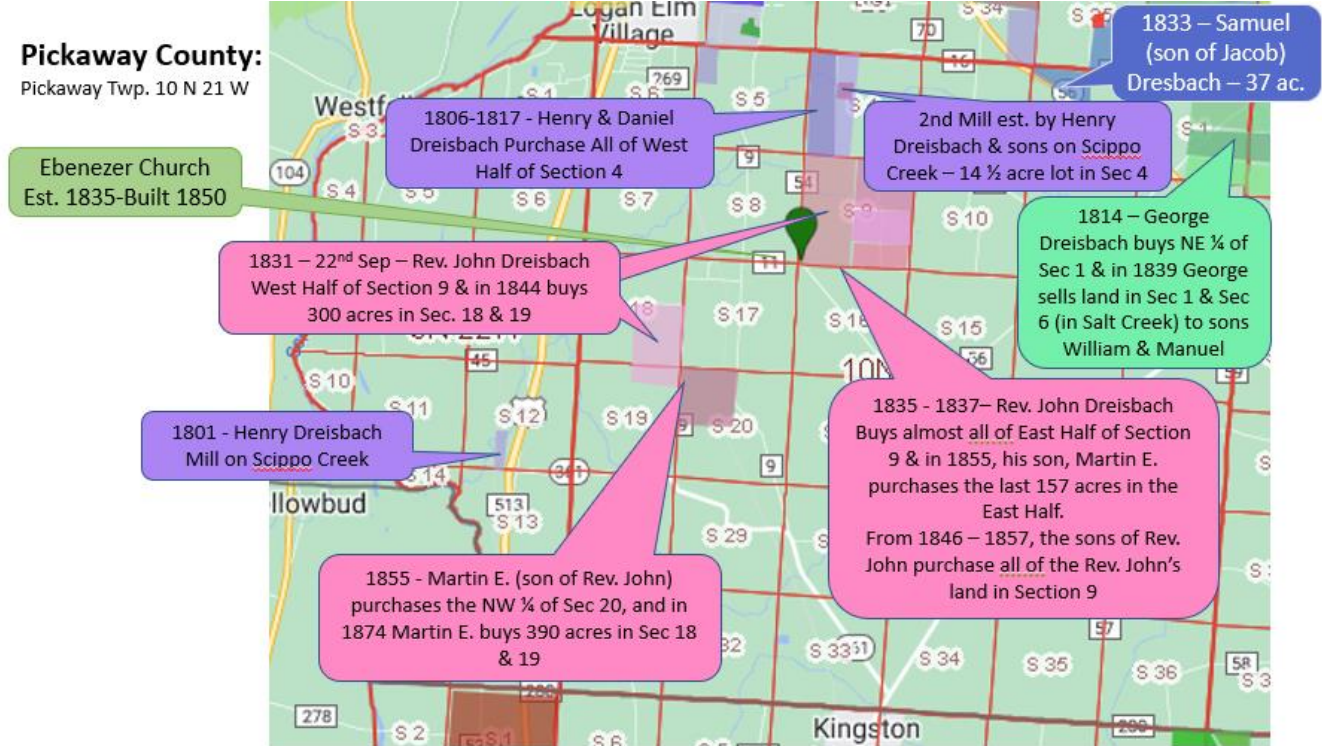
Trees had to be cut down with a felling axe or cross-cut saw to make a spot for the house. The straight logs were notched to fit together and de-barked with a broad axe or an adze for construction of cabins. The tops of the trees were cut into firewood, but the small limbs were set aside in big piles (on top of stumps) and burned. As more settlers moved into a neighborhood, there were wood fires burning constantly, causing a smokey haze to waft through the woods. Water was a necessity, so they located near a good spring or creek for a water source. In some communities there was a cabin constructed for the purpose of providing shelter for newcomers, and was called "the newcomers' cabin." Until enough trees were cut to build a cabin, the families camped in the wagons and lean-tos. Game was plentiful, and some of the boys were in charge of hunting to supply the family with meat. Very few foods could be transported with them from Pennsylvania, but they would have brought a supply of corn meal, flour, salt, potatoes, carrots, and other root vegetables. Winter was likely their first harvest of Ohio maple syrup and "sugaring camps" would have peppered the forests.

To build the permanent log cabin, stones would be placed for a foundation and work began on the fireplace. To lift stones high enough for a functioning chimney, they first built a ladder from small tree trunks and saplings. When enough logs were ready, neighbors were asked to come to their clearing to help raise the logs onto the walls of their one-room cabin. The walls of the cabin were only as high as the men could lift the logs (which weighed hundreds of pounds) or roll them up long logs placed against the cabin walls as an inclined plane. The first objective was to have just one room with a loft, a roof for cover, and a fireplace for cooking and heating. Initially, they may only have had dirt floors. Once the logs were in place, the whole family helped to "chink" the logs or plug the cracks between the logs with mud, moss and sticks. A froe was used to split the wood needed for the shingles on the roof – this was called riving shingles. A shingle river (pronounced with a long "l" as in tiger) was a useful tradesman into the late 1800s on the frontier.

At Hallsville, Isaac Dawson built a 2-story log cabin with porches on each floor. The large upstairs room was used for community functions, like church services, singing bees, spelling bees and social frolics. Abraham Buchwalter, Samuel Dresbach's father-in-law, built the first brick home in Hallsville. They did not yet know that the clay in Colerain made sturdy bricks. Buchwalter transported his brick from Pennsylvania on the backs of mules. (Source: *1837-Economy and Hallsville-1937*, Ada H. Cryder, 1937 Centennial, pg. 4)

Settlement by Township

Pickaway Township, Pickaway County



Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County

Pickaway County:
Salt Creek Twp. 11 N 20 W

1814 - George buys the N ½ of Section 6 & at some point buys the SW ¼ of Sec 6 (can't find the deed) – in 1839 George & Catherine sell to sons William (151 ac) and Manuel (166 ac) in Sec 6 and Sec 1 of Pickaway Twp.

1840 Joseph Dreisbach (son of Abraham) & wife, Elizabeth, purchase 78 acres from her parents, David & Barbara Foust

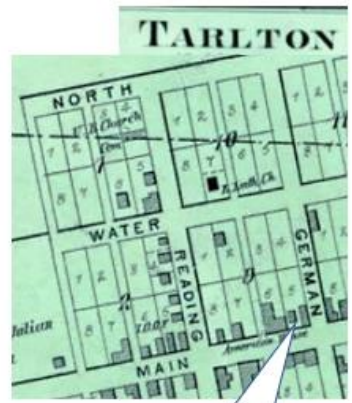
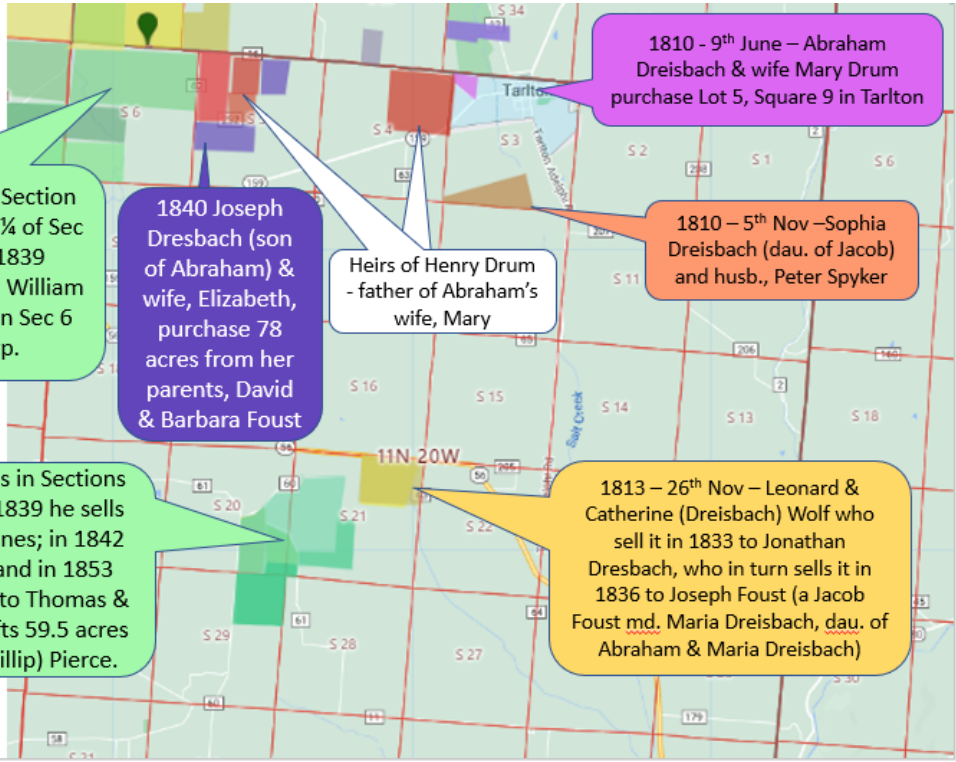
Heirs of Henry Drum - father of Abraham's wife, Mary

1810 - 9th June – Abraham Dreisbach & wife Mary Drum purchase Lot 5, Square 9 in Tarlton

1810 – 5th Nov – Sophia Dreisbach (dau. of Jacob) and husb., Peter Spyker

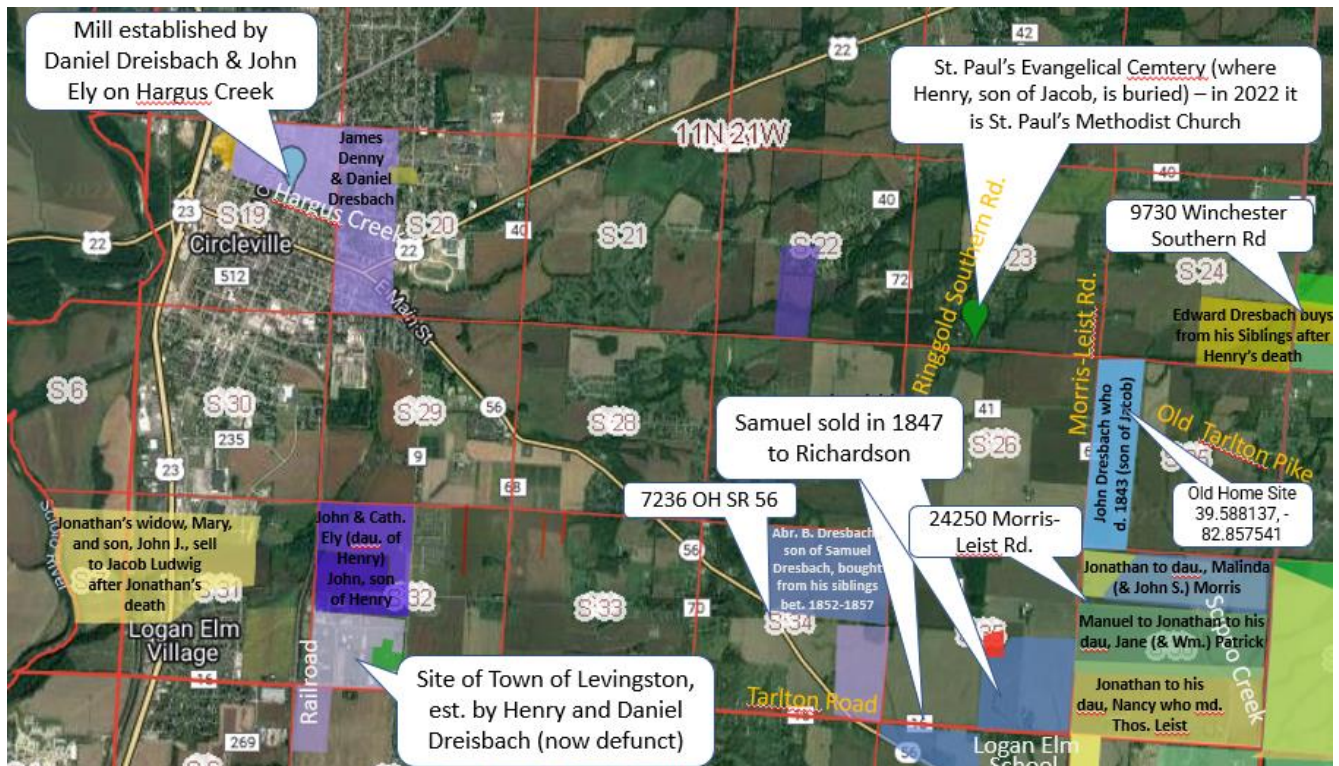
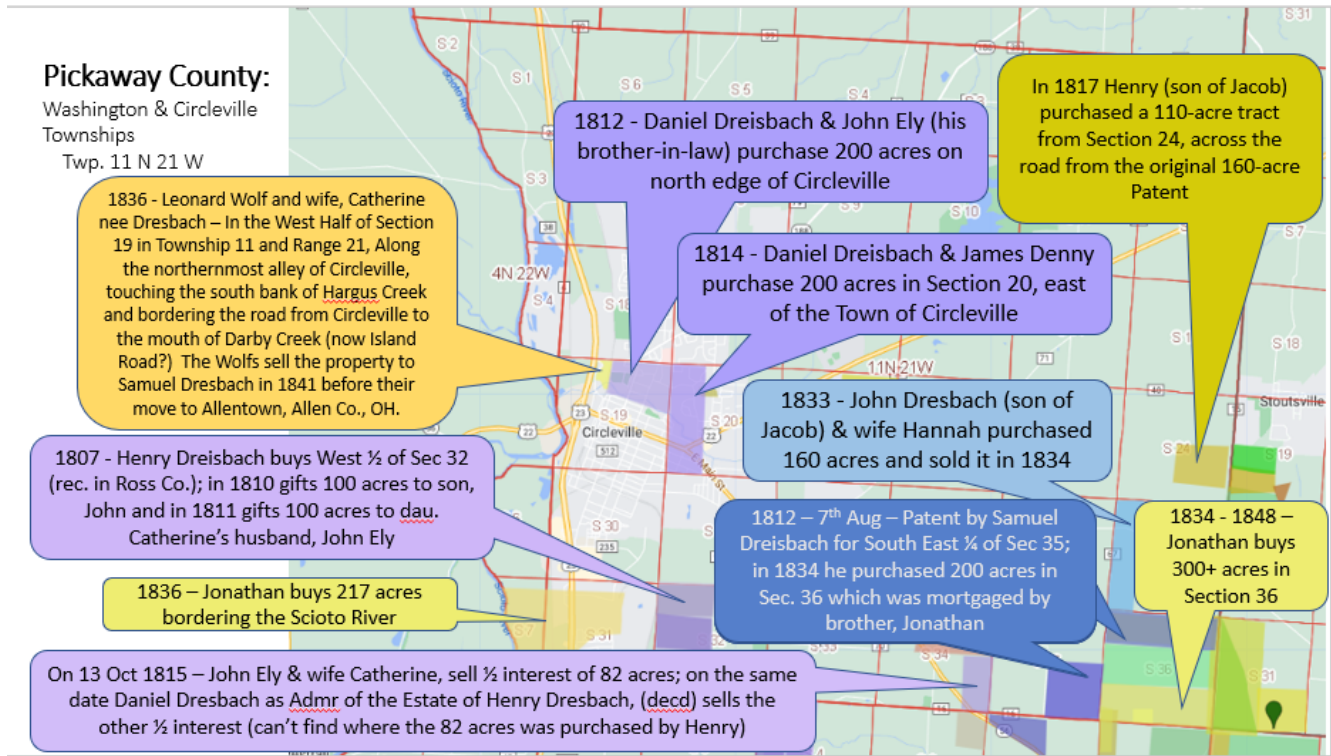
1838 – George buys 463.5 acres in Sections 20, 21 and 29 in Saltcreek. In 1839 he sells 236 acres to son-in-law, Levi Jones; in 1842 sells 110 to a James Warren; and in 1853 sells a 59.5 acre tract in Sec 20 to Thomas & Holderman and in Sec 21 he gifts 59.5 acres to his daughter, Hannah (& Phillip) Pierce.

1813 – 26th Nov – Leonard & Catherine (Dreisbach) Wolf who sell it in 1833 to Jonathan Dreisbach, who in turn sells it in 1836 to Joseph Foust (a Jacob Foust md. Maria Dreisbach, dau. of Abraham & Maria Dreisbach)



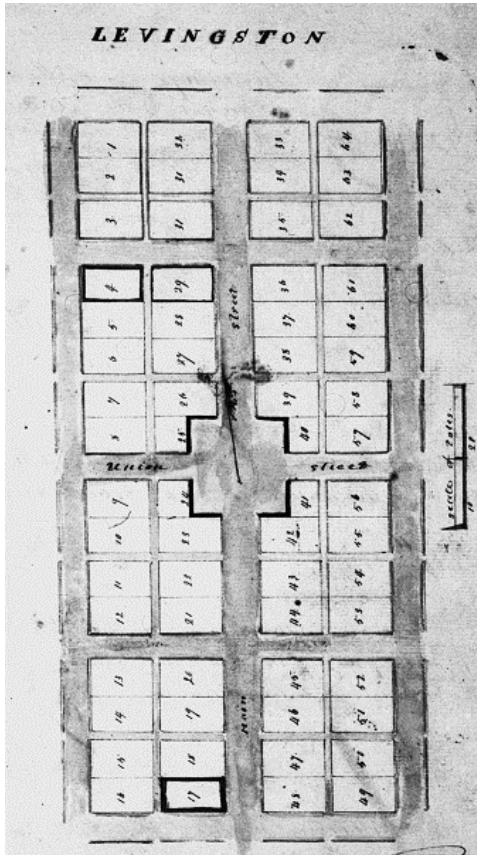
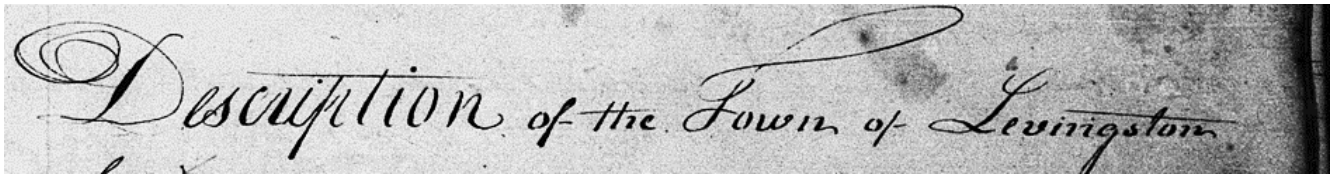
Lot 5 in Square 9, Corner of German and Main Streets, Purchased by Abraham Dreisbach in 1810

Circleville and Washington Townships, Pickaway County



Town of Levingston

Section 32, Township 11, Range 21

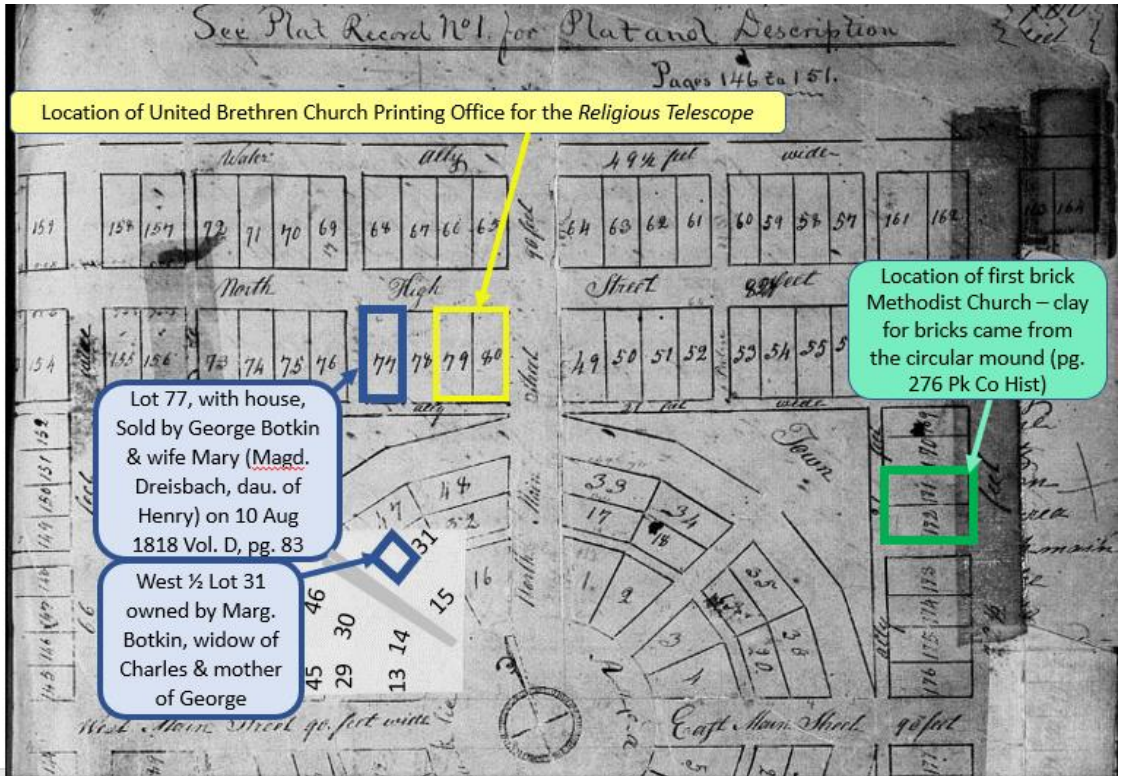


Situate in the County of Ross and State of Ohio being part of Section numbered thirty two in the Eleventh Township and Twenty first Range (WS-Worthington Survey). Main Street is eight-two and one half feet wide running north six degrees East one hundred and four poles in Length. Union Street is Sixty Six feet wide and forty seven feet in Length. Crosses Main Street at right angles forming an Area in the center of the plan of two hundred and thirty one by two hundred fourteen and a half feet for public use. All other streets are sixty six feet wide crossing Main Street at right angles. Alleys are sixteen and half feet wide and Crosses or Intersects at right angles dividing the area into sixty four lots of eighty two and one half feet in front on one or other of the streets and one hundred and thirty two feet deep Except Lots No. 24, 25, 40 & 41 which are 32.5 feet by 66 feet deep. The lots are numbered progressively – Beginning at the North East corner Westerly and Easterly to sixty four. Which lots are for sale. (Ross Co., Vol. 5, pg. 254)

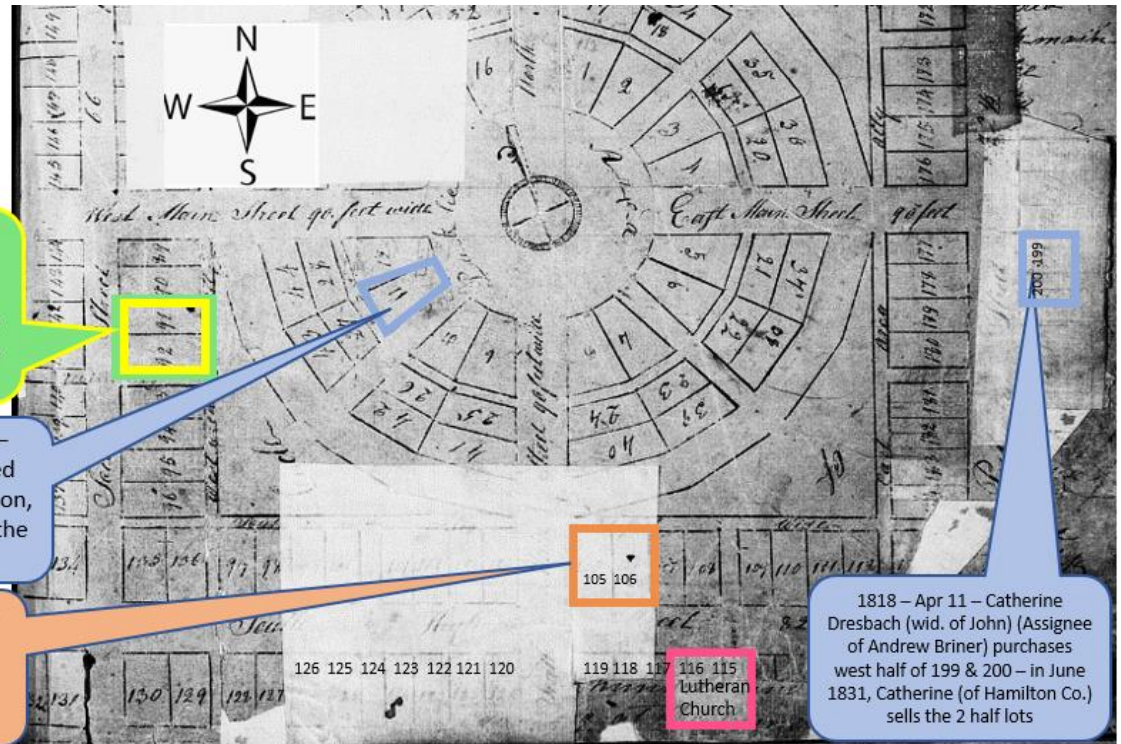
State of Ohio }
 Ross County } Personally came before me the
 Subscribers a Justice of the Peace in and
 for said County. Henry Dreisbach and John Thomas Proprietors
 of the Town of Levingston and acknowledged the within Plat
 and Description of the said Town Was their act and Deed, and desired
 that the same be recorded
 Given under my hand and Seal this
 30th Day of September 1805
 Samuel Edwards
 John Thomas
 Henry Dreisbach

Town of Circleville

The adopted circular layout of Circleville presented by David Kinnear in August and September 1810 (after his submission in July was rejected). A full text description of this revised layout accompanies the plat map in Deed Book Vol. A Pages 699 - 703. Map recorded on page 698.



The adopted circular layout of Circleville presented by David Kinnear in August and September 1810.



Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County

Fairfield County:

Clear Creek Twp. 12 N 20 W

In 1817 Henry (son of Jacob) purchased a 110-acre tract from Section 24, Washington Twp., Pickaway Co. which is across the road from the original 160-acre Patent

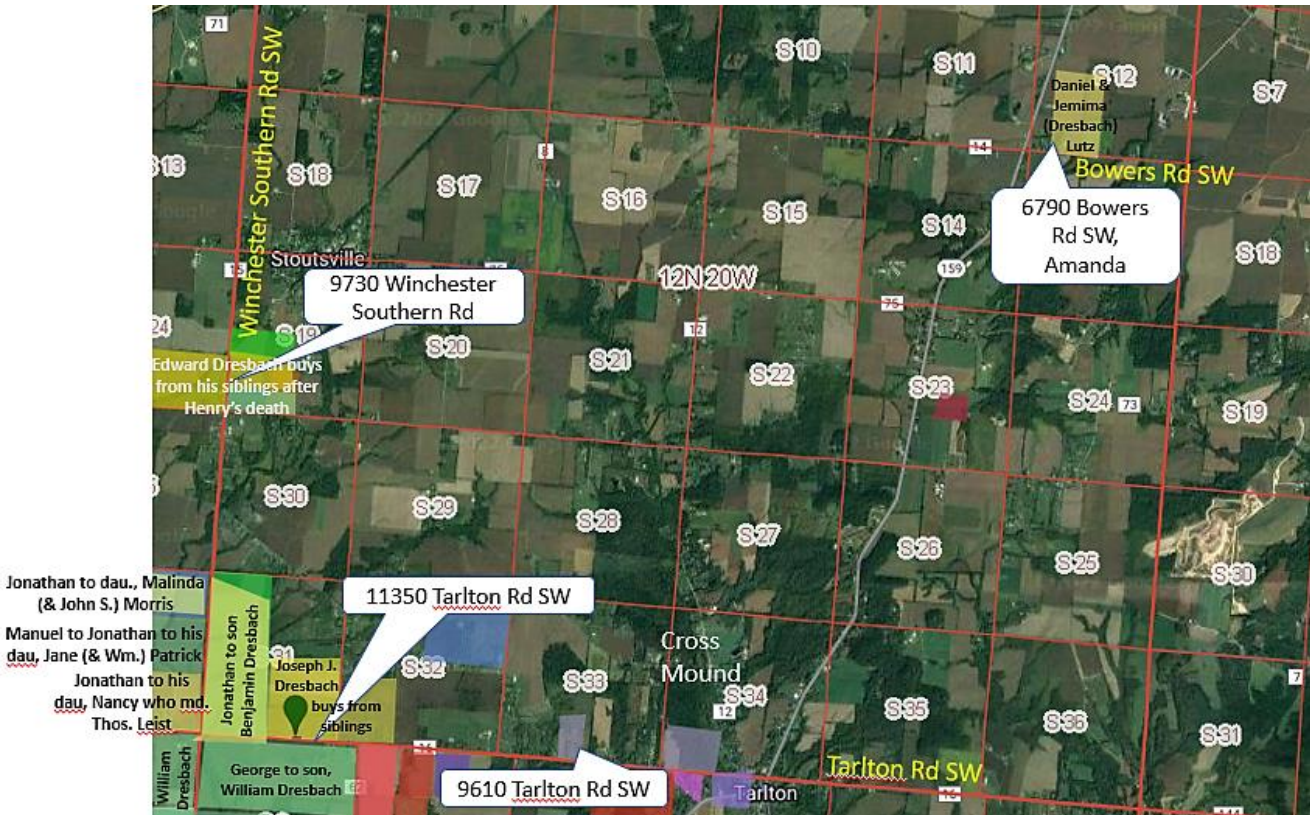
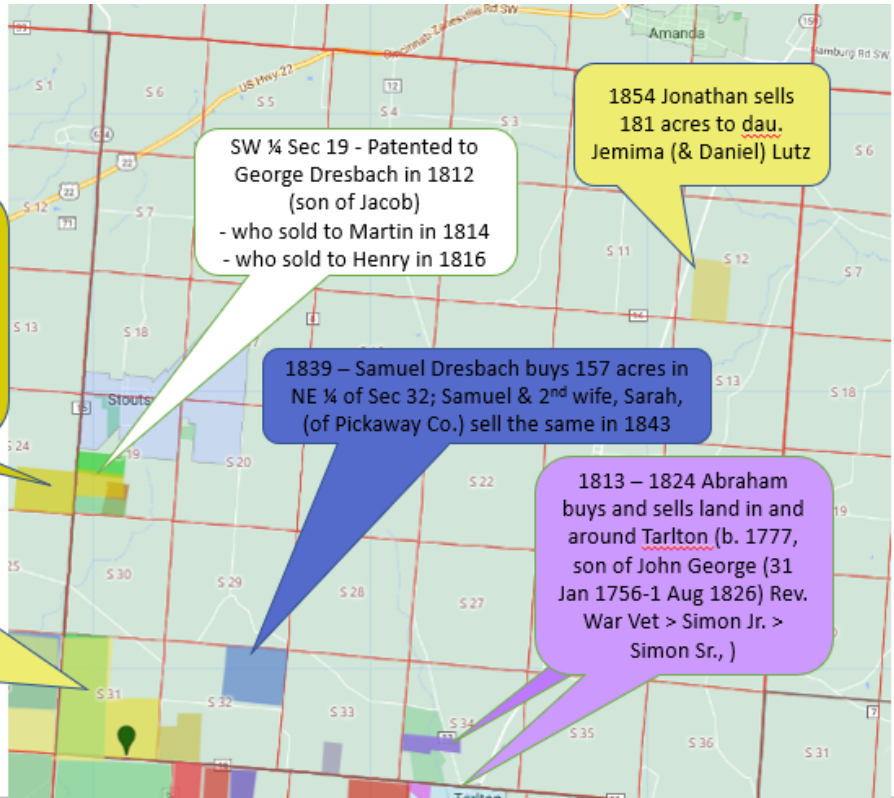
1817 – Jonathan (of Ross Co.) buys the West ½ of Sec 31 from bro., Martin; and in 1824 Jonathan (of Pickaway Co.) buys the South East ¼ of Sec 31.
NOTE: It was in 1832 that Jonathan, Mary, George & Caty deeded the land to the Dresbach Church

SW ¼ Sec 19 - Patented to George Dresbach in 1812 (son of Jacob) - who sold to Martin in 1814 - who sold to Henry in 1816

1854 Jonathan sells 181 acres to dau. Jemima (& Daniel) Lutz

1839 – Samuel Dresbach buys 157 acres in NE ¼ of Sec 32; Samuel & 2nd wife, Sarah, (of Pickaway Co.) sell the same in 1843

1813 – 1824 Abraham buys and sells land in and around Tarlton (b. 1777, son of John George (31 Jan 1756-1 Aug 1826) Rev. War Vet > Simon Jr. > Simon Sr.,)

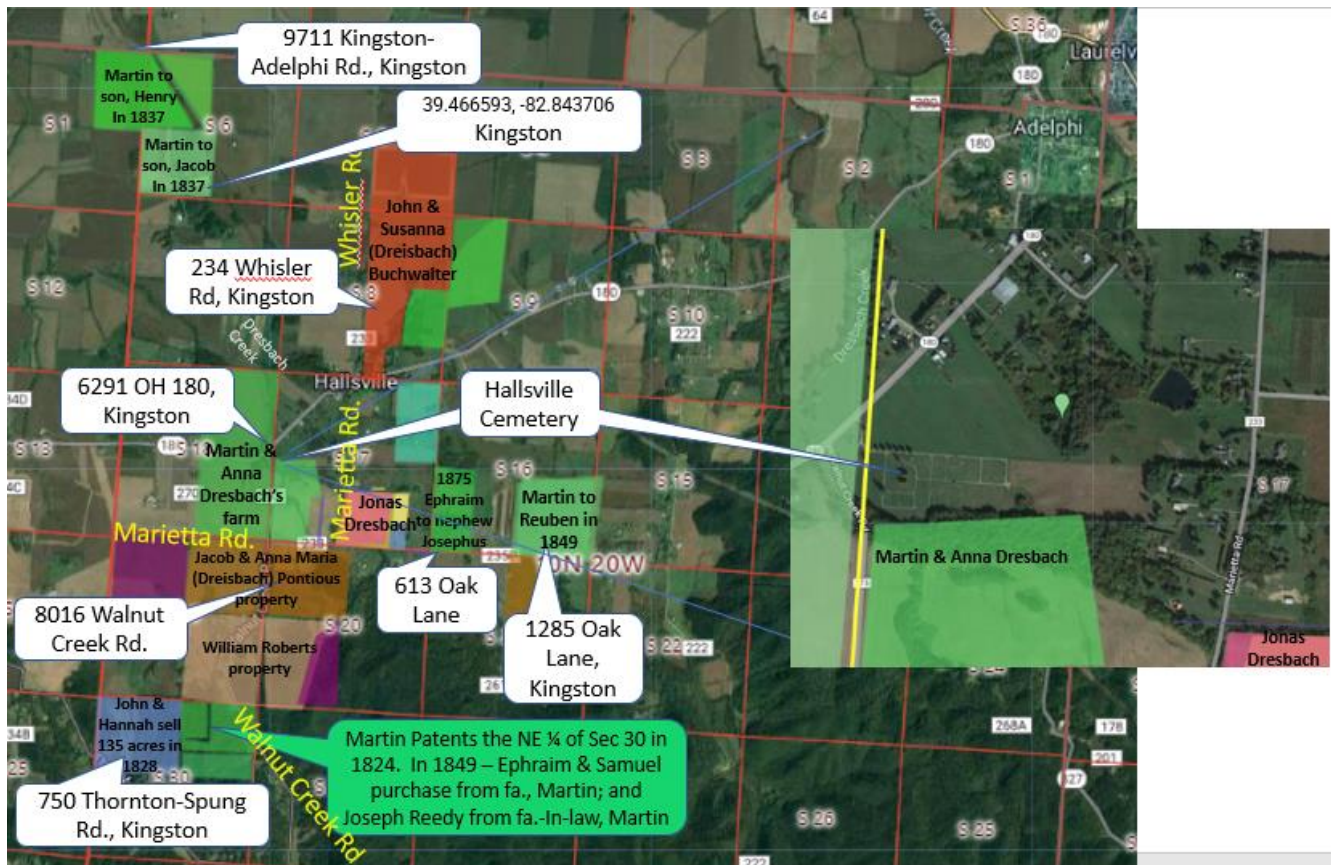
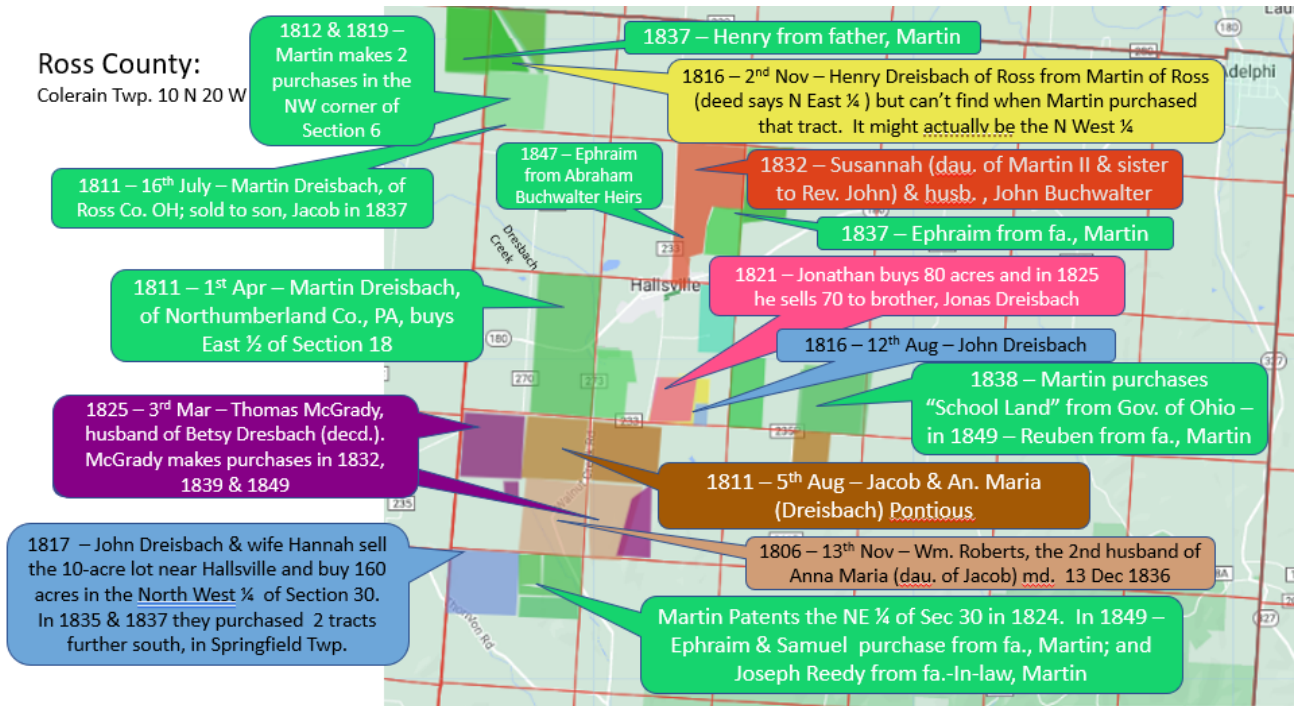


Jonathan to dau., Malinda (& John S.) Morris
Manuel to Jonathan to his dau, Jane (& Wm.) Patrick
Jonathan to his dau, Nancy who md. Thos. Leist

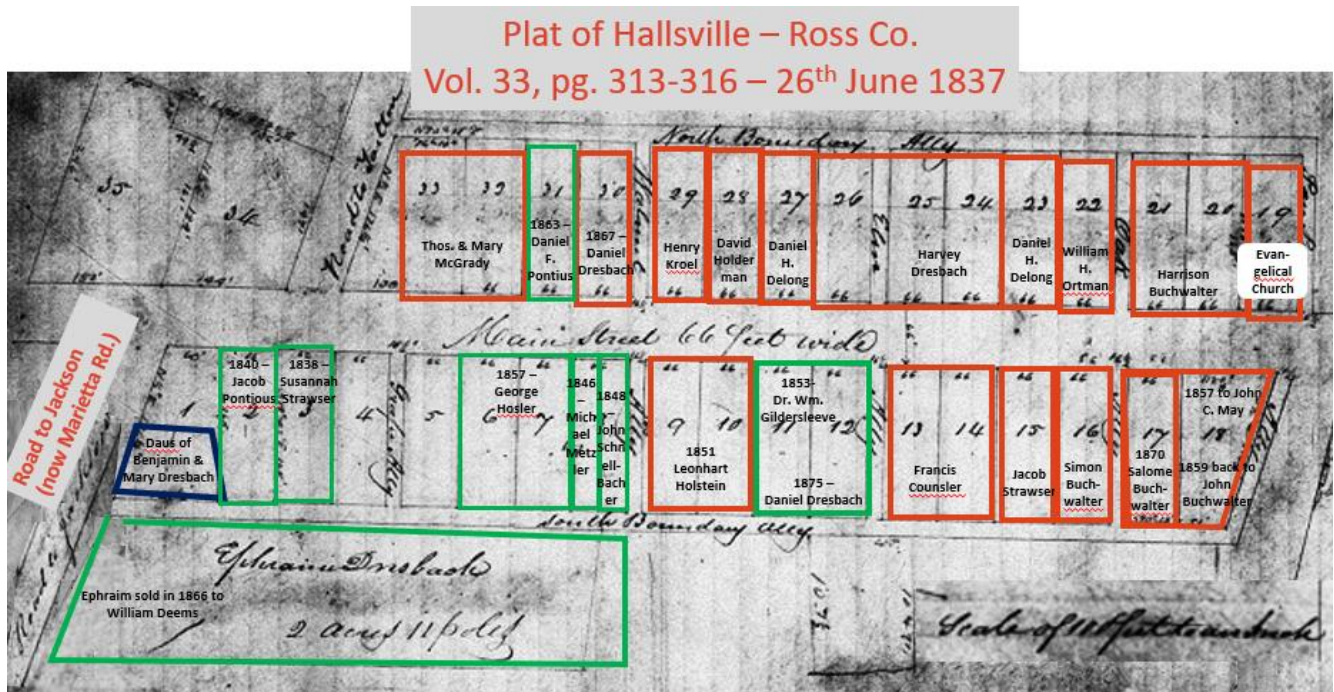
Jonathan to son Benjamin Dresbach
Joseph J. Dresbach buys from siblings

William Dresbach
George to son, William Dresbach

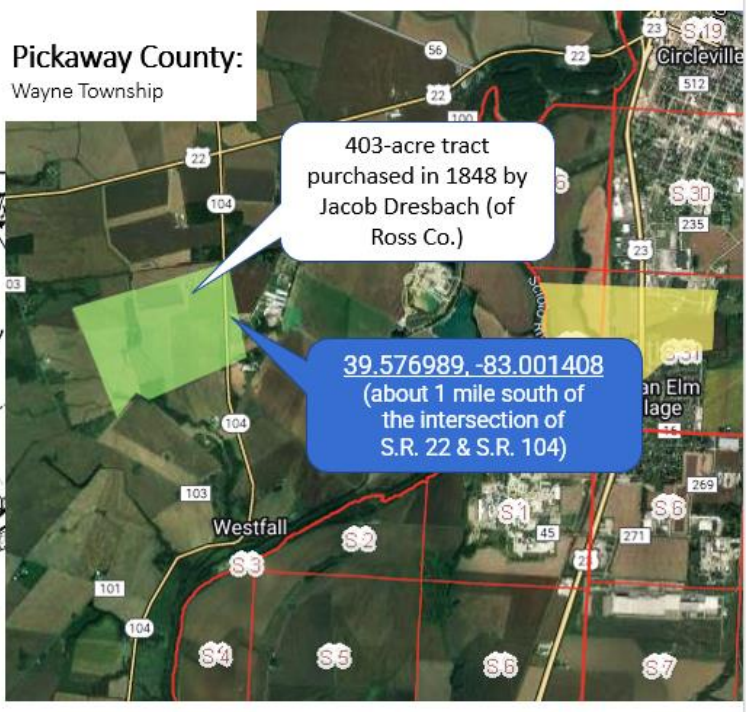
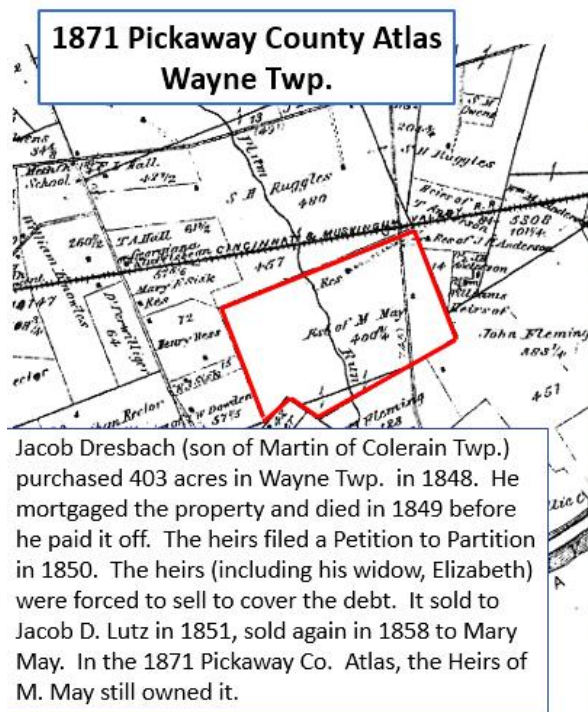
Colerain Township, Ross County



Village of Hallsville (Economy), Colerain Township



Wayne Township, Pickaway County



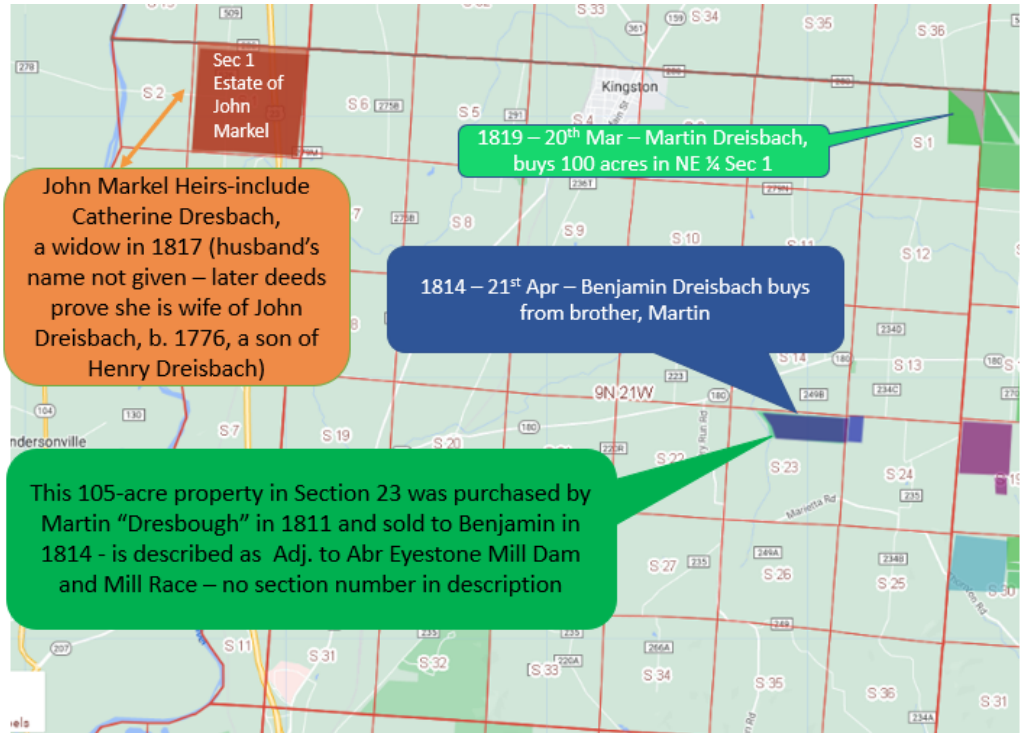
Green Township, Ross County

Ross County:

Green Twp. 9 N 21 W

Note: The wife of John Dreisbach (son of Henry), b. 29 Jun 1776, has not been identified in the Dreisbach-Dreisbach database. If Catherine Markel was his wife, John died prior to the 1817 Markel estate settlement, not AFT 1828 as stated in the database.

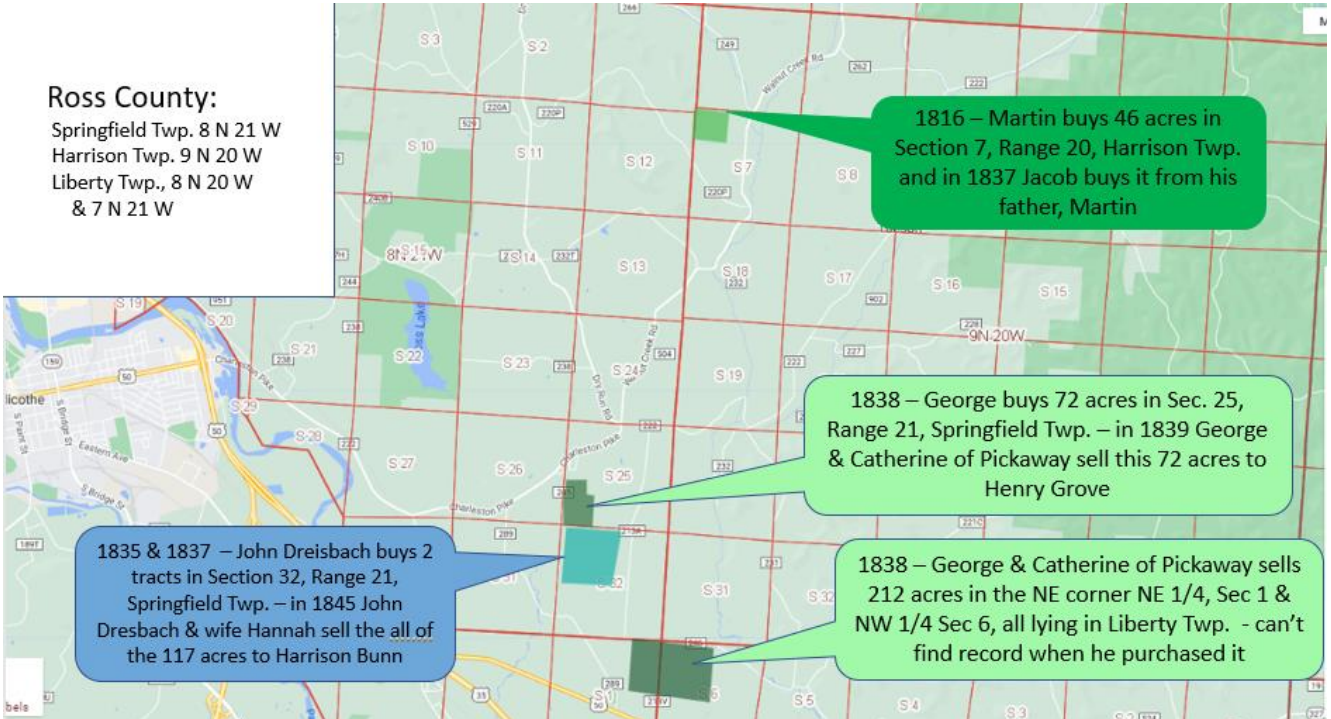
Estate Record found for John – with dates of inventory 11 August 1810 and 2 April 1811



Springfield, Harrison & Liberty Townships, Ross County

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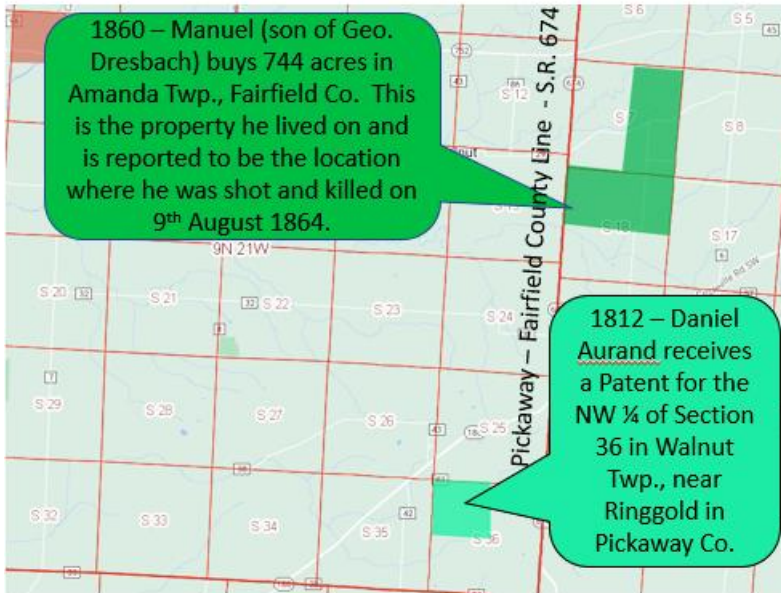
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Walnut Township, Pickaway County & Amanda Township, Fairfield County

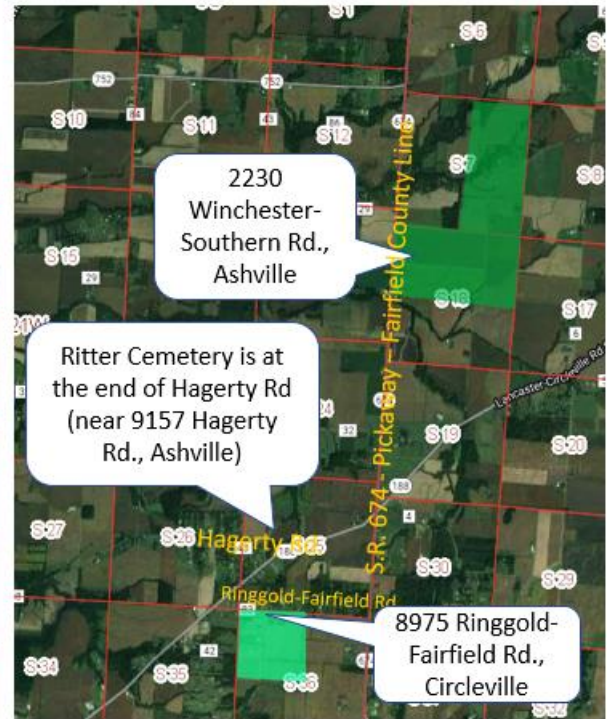
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Walnut Twp. 9 N 21 W



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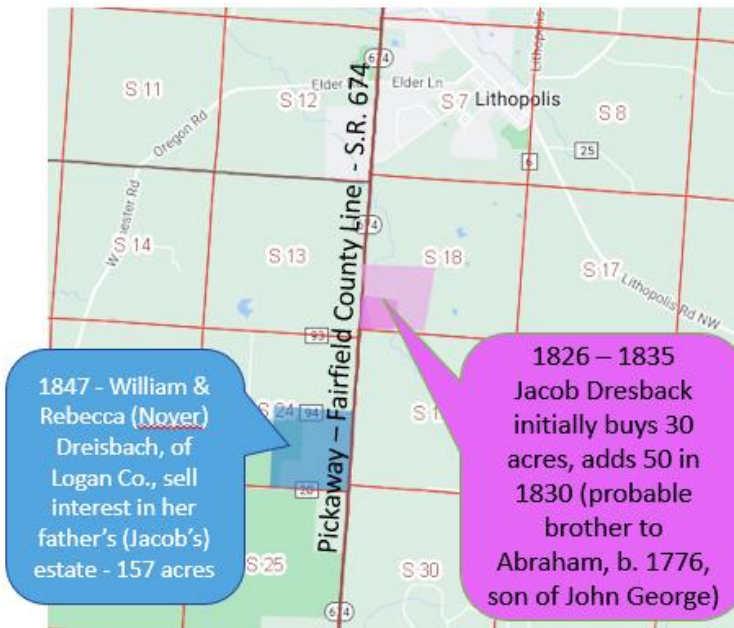
Amanda Twp. 13 N 20 W



Madison Township, Pickaway County & Bloom Township, Fairfield County

Pickaway County:

Madison Twp. 10 N 21 W



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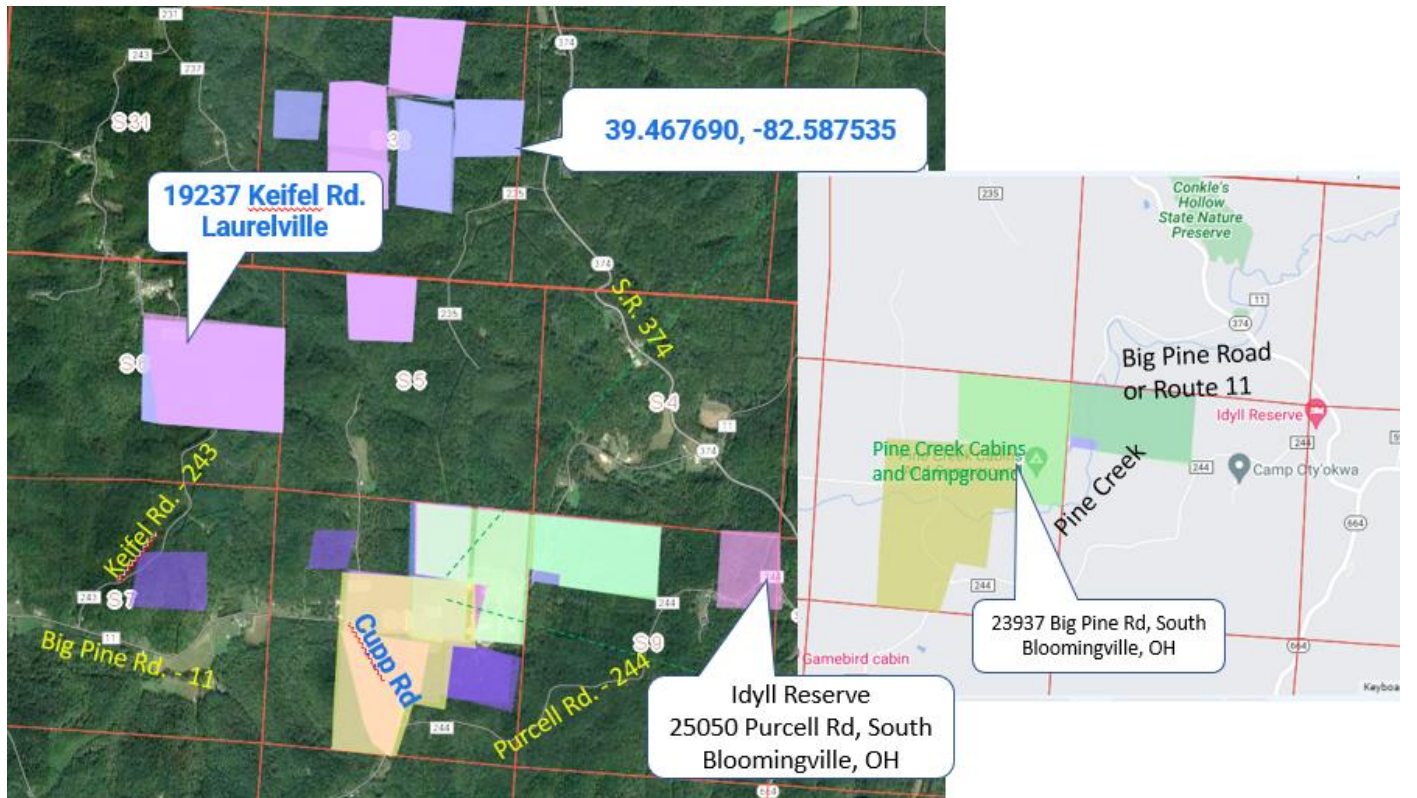
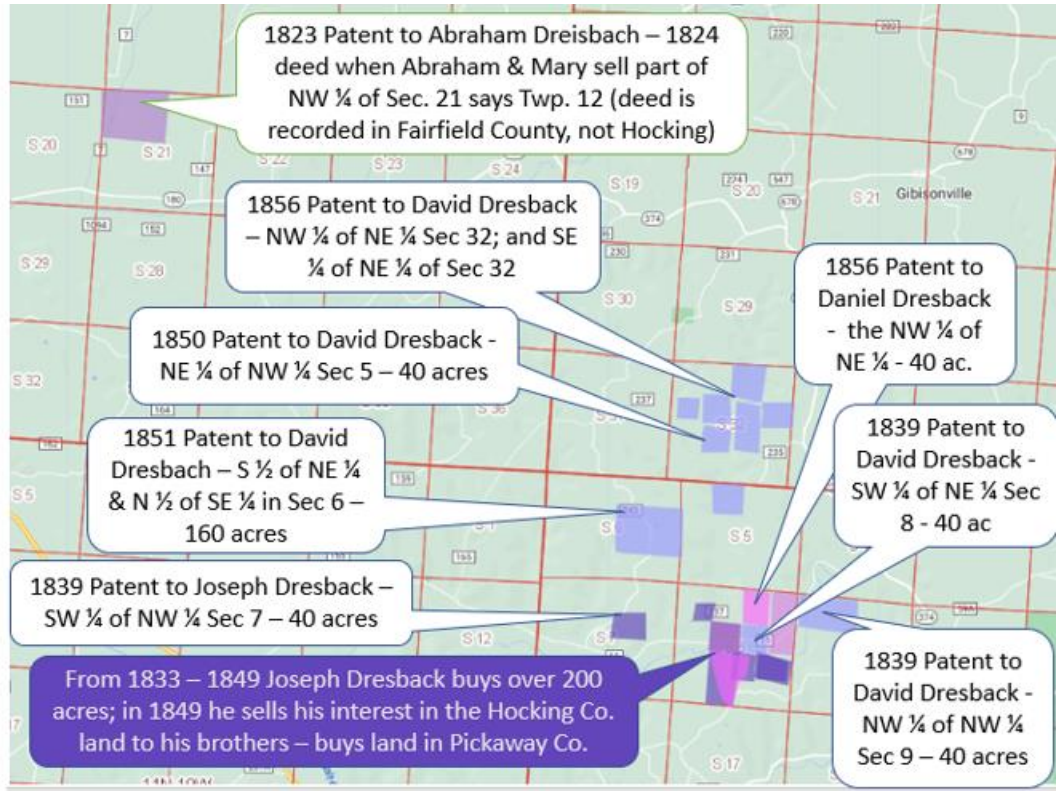
Bloom Twp. 14 N 20 W



Perry, Laurel, Benton and Saltcreek Townships, Hocking County

Hocking County:

Perry Twp. 12 N 19 W
 Laurel Twp. 12 N 18 W
 Benton Twp. 11 N 18 W
 Salt Creek Twp. 11 N 19 W

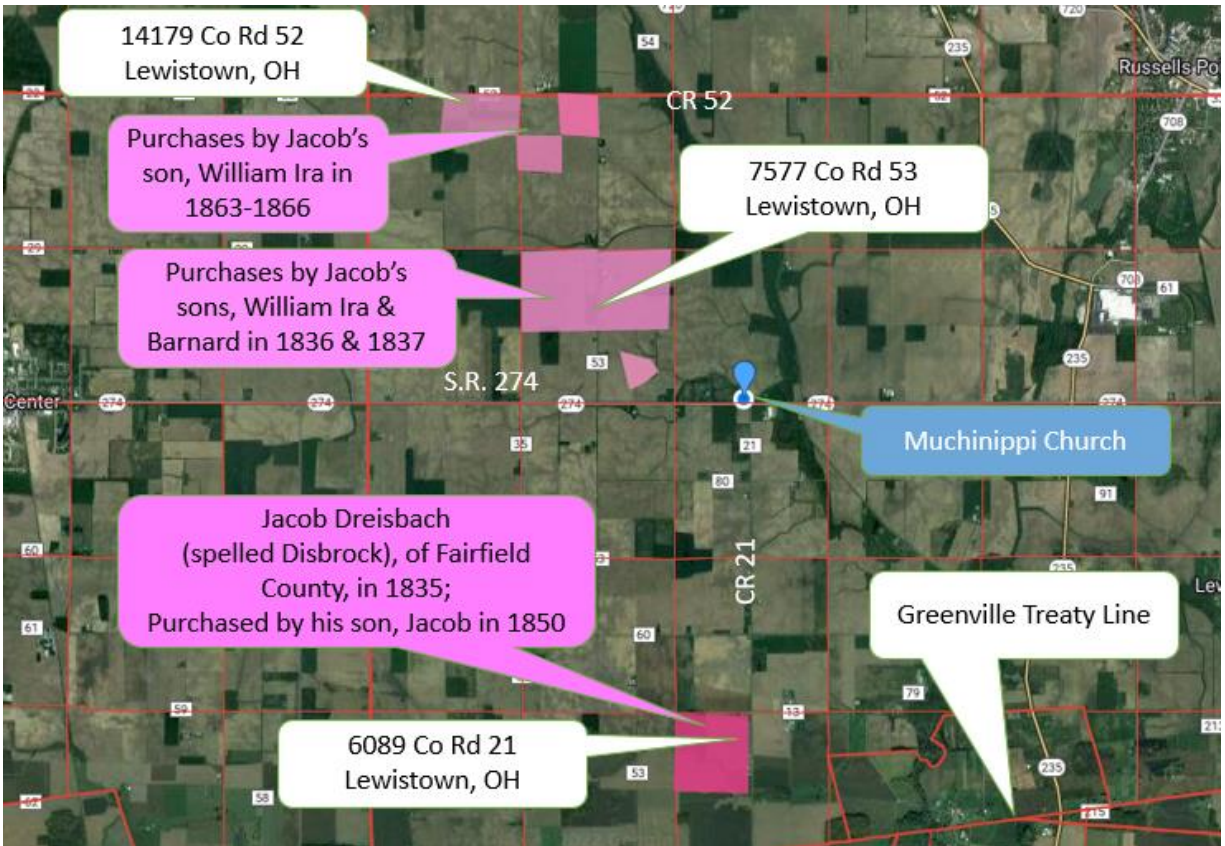
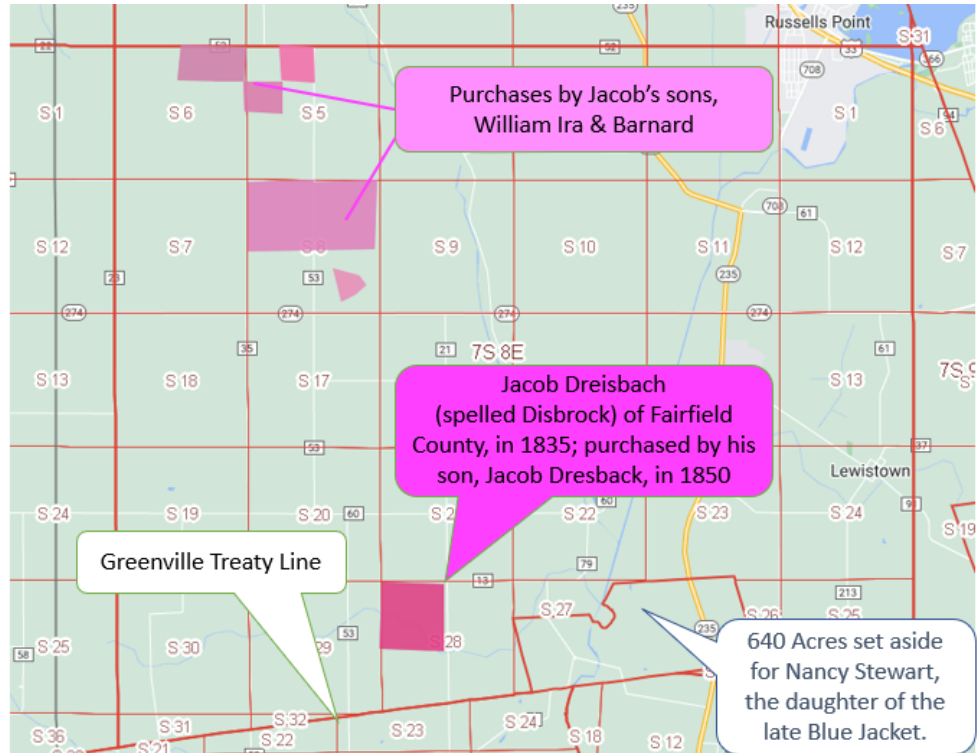


Bloomfield Township, Logan County

Logan County:

Bloomfield Twp. 7 S 8 E

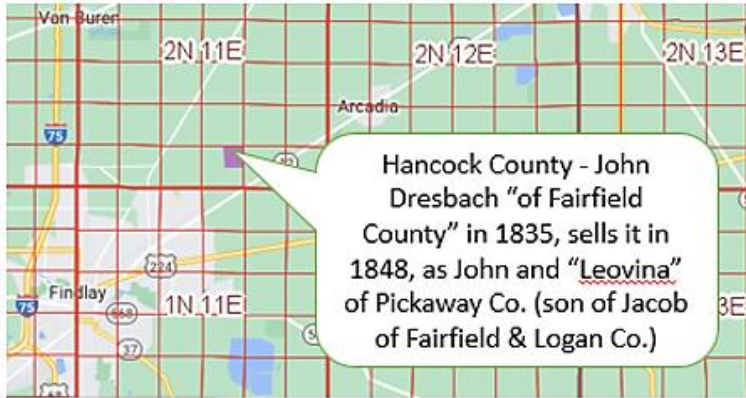
- Land granted Nancy Stewart & Margaret Moore, her mother, the wife of Blue Jacket.
- Shawnee Chiefs, Black Hoof, Wolf, Butler, Snake & Powaussay living at Wapakoneta & Capt. Lewis & Panatha at Old Town, signed this grant, 1813.



Cass Township, Hancock County

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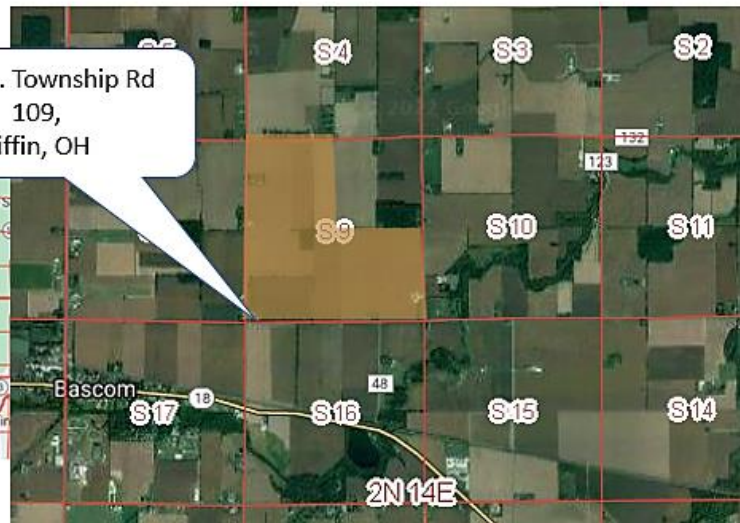
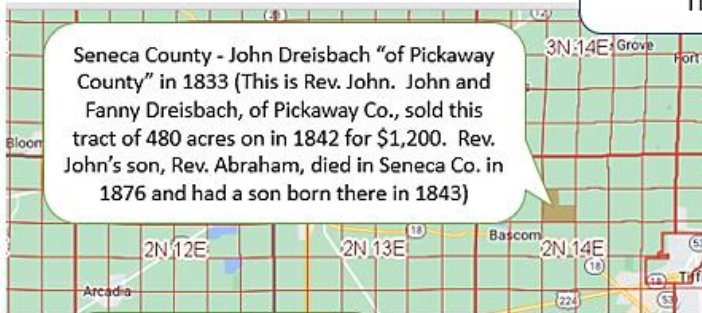
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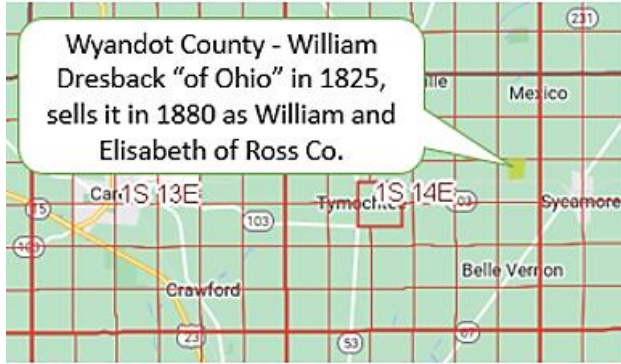
Hopewell Twp. 2 N 14 E



Tymochcee Township, Wyandot County

Wyandot County:

Tymochee Twp. 1 S 14 E



Bucyrus Township, Crawford County

Crawford County:

Bucyrus Twp. 3 S 16 E



1801 – Henry, the Miller, son of Martin Sr.

In 1801 Henry Dreisbach (<Martin Sr.), of Ross County, Ohio, made a contract to purchase 20 acres of land from John Rush, with George Moots as surety, on Scippo Creek, Range 22, Twp. 3, and Sec. 12, recorded in Pickaway Co., Vol. C, pg. 687.

- 1804 – 24th April – In Northumberland Co., PA, Henry is appointed administrator for his father's (Martin Sr.'s) estate, with his son, Daniel, and his brother, Jacob, as sureties (a surety is a person who pledges money as a sign of support that someone will perform a duty). Martin Sr. died intestate (without a will) in 1799. Henry and his son, Daniel, made a trip to the Buffalo Valley (for certain) in April 1804, and likely for several intermittent weeks, or even months, afterwards to settle his father's estate. This must have been a time when family members were discussing Ohio and deciding whether or not to leave the Buffalo Valley.
- In 1805 Henry Dresback and John Thomas record the plat for the town of Levingston, as proprietors (Ross Co., Vol. 5, pg. 254). In 1807 Henry purchased the W ½ of Section 32, Twp. 11, Range 21, from John Thomas. This section lies in what became Wash. Twp., Pickaway Co.
- Henry, the Miller, and sons also improved and/or established a mill on Scippo Creek in R 21 Twp 10 Sec 4, even recording an agreement between Henry and his son, Daniel, to share maintenance and profits
- To differentiate between the several "Henry" Dreisbachs, I will refer to this Henry as "Henry, the Miller."

Henry Dreisbach was born in 1755 (actual birth record not located) in Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. **He died the 26th June 1814 in Pickaway County, Ohio.** Henry and Margaret (Rimmel) were married about 1775.

Henry's first land purchase lies just west of current day Route 23, at the intersection with Route 361. Traveling east on Route 361 leads directly to Kingston five miles away. The agreement was for the sale of 20 acres in Section 12, Twp 3, Range 22, along Scippo Creek, "to be deeded to Henry Dresbach

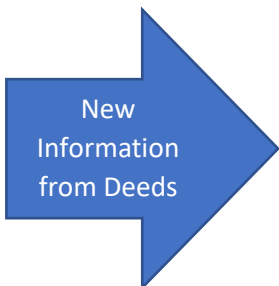
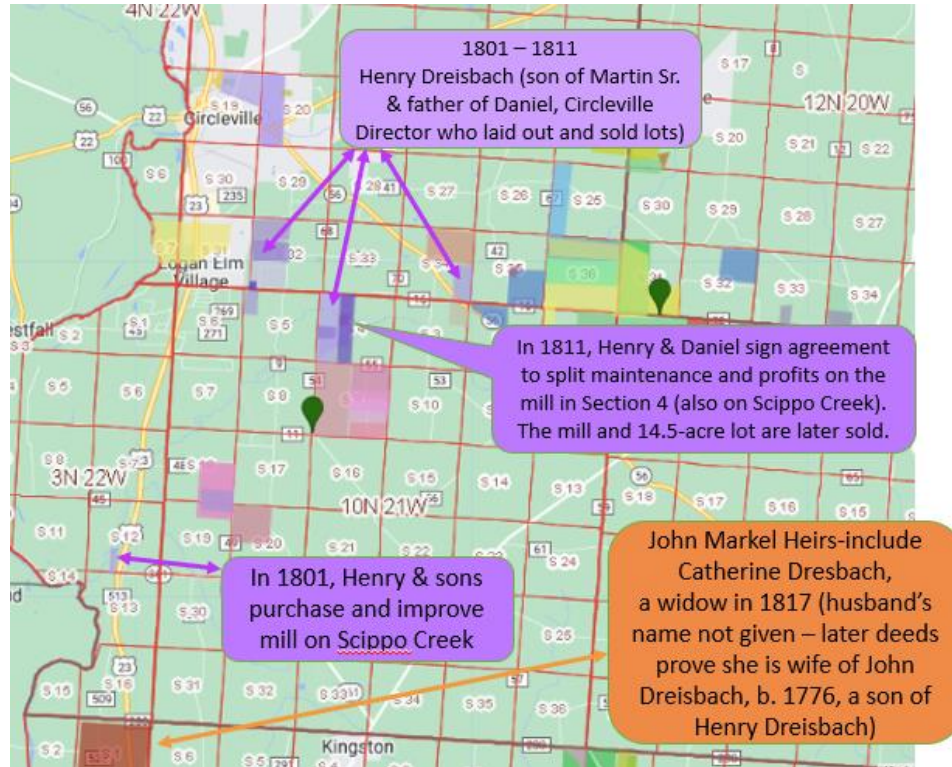


Location of Henry's first mill on Scippo Creek – contracted in 1801

after John Rush receives his Patent for it. Land needs to be sufficient to be able to create a dam 5' in height across the creek, to convey the water of Scippo creek in a canal 8' wide to the said 20 acres of land for the purpose of watering a mill. John Rush agrees to support the same from the ground adjoining with clay and gravel and to secure the privilege of conveying the water through Rush's by canal of 8' wide and room on the side of the canal for the ground taken out of said canal to where the said mill is to be erected on the said twenty acres of land. Henry Dreisbach agrees to pay John Rush the sum of \$300 money of the United States of America in full consideration for the above-

mentioned land on or before the 17th day of May ensuing the date hereof.”

Further, on 17th March 1801 Henry signed over his demand of the within Bond to George Moots for value. Henry made a payment of \$37 on 17th May 1805 (signed by John Rush). On 12th November 1806, John Rush signed a receipt that Henry had paid him the full \$300. Following that, George Moots, assigned his right and title to the transaction to Mickel Ferror on 14th Dec 1814. For value received, Mickel Ferror assigned his claim to the within bond to John Boggs and Elias Reed on 13th Jun 1816. Finally, Elias Reed assigned all his right and title to the within Bond over to John Boggs on 26th Mar 1817. These transactions were recorded in Pickaway County when the agreement was concluded by all parties, recorded 20th October 1817, Vol. C, pg. 687.



Note: The maiden name of the wife of John Dreisbach, b. 29 Jun 1776, had not been identified in the Dreisbach-Dresbach database. In 1817 the heirs of John Markel include the name of Catherine Dresbach, with no husband named (Catharine Dresbach, Jonas Markle & Hannah his wife, Joseph Markle, Hannah Markle, George Ray and Sarah, his wife, Peter Neyheart and Maria, his wife, and Catherine Witzel, children of John Markle, Ross Co. Deed Vol. 14, pg. 339).

Based on a land transaction in 1810, when Henry and wife, Margaret (Rimmel), gifted 100 acres in Section 32, to their son, we know that John lived on 28th April 1810 (Vol. A, pg. 124). If Catherine Markel was his wife, John died prior to the 1817 Markel estate settlement, not AFT 1828 as stated in the database. I have not found another John in these family groups that died prior to 1817. Later deed transactions selling the estate of her deceased husband give her location as Cincinnati.

New
Information

I did find the Will of John Dresbach dated 28th April 1810, recorded in Pickaway County Will Book 1, Page 2, recorded in 1810, which names wife, Catherine, mentioned children but did not name them. Executors are to be brother, Daniel and brother-in-law, John Ely. Also, the inventory for John Dresbach - recorded in Probate Court Volume 1, page 17, for John Dresbach late of Washington township in the County of Pickaway - dates of inventory 11 August 1810 and 2

April 1811. This must be John, the son of Henry, the miller. Source:

<https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/image-details?page=2&place=394842&rmsId=TH-1951-31304-14174-32&imageIndex=16&singleView=true>

Henry, the Miller, was married about 1775 in Pennsylvania to Margaret Rimmel. Henry and Margaret had 9 children (source: <https://ddfa.tribalpages.com>):

New
Information

- John b. 29 Jun 1776, d. after 28 April 1810 and before 11 August 1810
- Daniel b. 28 May 1778, d. 28 September 1850 (wife, Catherine d. 10 Aug 1847, aged 69 Y 10 M), both buried High Street Cemetery, Circleville
- Catherine b. 8 Apr 1782 d. 28 Jun 1828 (md. John Ely 1794 - 25 April 1850), both buried High Street Cemetery, Circleville
- Jacob b. 19 Aug 1784
- Magdalena b. 31 Mar 1787 (md. George Botkin)
- Susanna b. 11 Jun 1790 (md. Mr. Carlisle) [can this be William Carlisle who owned a store at Levingston?]
- Laiha b. abt 1792
- Margaret, and
- Samuel b. abt 1798

Very little information is available about the early deaths in and around Circleville. Thankfully, there were readable tombstones in the High Street Cemetery for a few members of this Dreisbach family.

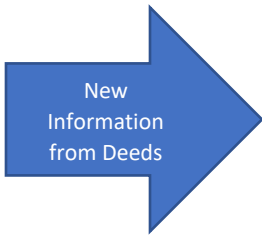
In a deed dated 28th April 1810, Henry and wife, Margaret, convey 100 acres to their son, John, as a gift. The next deed recorded for Henry is dated 31 May 1811 and Henry's wife is not mentioned. Thus, Margaret died after 28th April 1810 and before 31st May 1811.

In a deed dated 27 July 1811, Henry and 2nd wife, Mary, deed 100 acres to their son-in-law, John Ely, as a gift. These tracts to John and Catherine and John Ely lie in Section 32, Twp. 11, Range 21 (Circleville Township) just north of the land where Levingston was platted by Henry and Daniel.

The photo at the right is Margaret, the daughter of Catherine Dreisbach and John Ely. She married William McArthur.

(Source: Taylor Family Tree by HalTaylor83– Ancestry.com)





On June 13th, 1811, Henry Dresbach and Mary Hedges recorded a Pre-Nuptial Agreement in the deed records of Pickaway County, **on the same day they received their marriage license and their marriage was performed by Andrew Einsworth!** Mary Hedges was a widow of Joshua Hedges. The agreement is recorded in Deed Book Vol. A, pg. 204, and is a marvelous example of fairness and respect in years when women’s roles in business affairs were diminished. In the deed records, Henry, the miller, is proven to be a man of honor and integrity in the dealings with his second wife. For that reason, I have included the complete transcription. It reads as follows (I have corrected spelling):

“Articles of agreement of two parties indented and made this thirteenth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven between Henry Dresbach and Mary Hedges both of Pickaway County and state of Ohio. Whereas the said Mary Hedges is seized to her and her heirs in fee simple of and in certain lands messuages or tenements with their appurtenances, situated lying and being in the County and state aforesaid, - and Whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the said Henry Dresbach and Mary Hedges, it is therefore covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties to these presents in manner and form following that is to say ~

First, the said Henry Dresbach for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant and agree to and with the said Mary Hedges her heirs and assigns that he the said Henry Dresbach, **in case the said intended marriage shall be had and solemnized**, by Release and other good and sufficient conveyances in law, shall settle and assure all those lands and messuages or tenements with the appurtenances whereof she the said Mary Hedges is seized to the only use and behoof of her the said Mary Hedges (his intended wife) her heirs and assigns forever and whatsoever the said Mary Hedges is also possessed of or interested in, for and during her natural life, the estate of Joshua Hedges deceased her late husband, and being the administratrix of the personal estate of her late husband as aforesaid. Now the said Henry for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators doth further covenant and agree and with the said Mary Hedges her heirs and assigns that he the said Henry Dresbach (**in case the intended marriage should take effect**) shall and will by like good and sufficient conveyances in law settle and assure the interest and claim of her the said Mary Hedges in the estate of her late husband Joshua Hedges deceased in such manner as that the same may be held and enjoyed, and the rents and profits thereof may be had received & taken by the said Mary Hedges (his intended wife) and her assigns during her natural life. And further he the said Henry Dresbach does covenant and agree to and with the said Mary Hedges (his intended wife) **in case the said marriage will take effect**, he will allow and permit her at any time and all times the liberty of making settlements of her husband’s estate aforesaid, and to make use of such times as may be necessary for her to dispose of such parts of said estate that she may, or shall be entitled to for her dower of said estate and to whom and in what measure she may think right and reasonable, without ____ or hindrance by him the said Henry Dresbach or any person by, through or under him, In testimony whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed Henry Dresbach (Seal) and Mary Hedges (Seal)

Witnessed by James Denny and Isabella Denny -- this is Col. James Denny discussed in Daniel’s section

Pickaway County SS – Personally came before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid the above named Henry Dresbach and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of June 1811
~~
Andrew Ensworth JP (Seal)”

Note that a “mark” is not indicated for Mary’s signature...which was typical for women for many years after 1811. Mary was able to sign her name rather than use an “X.” Mary must have been a strong woman. The migration of her and her first husband, Joshua Hedges, is related in the *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties*, published in 1880 by Williams Bros., regarding the settlement of Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co., pg. 274, and states:

“Joshua Hedges with his wife and eleven children came into the country in 1804. They came with team and wagon through the wilderness from Berkeley County, Virginia, their native home, to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, a town on the Monongahela River. There they loaded everything on a flatboat and traveled thus to Marietta, and thence by wagon over the rough and almost impassable roads to Zanesville. Their household goods which were packed in eight or nine trunks, were left at Marietta to be shipped up the Muskingum. The shipping agent neglected to send them for several weeks, leaving them exposed to the weather, and the goods were utterly destroyed. The family went to Lancaster in Fairfield county where they made a temporary location arriving the 17th day of May of the above year [1804]. Mr. Hedges died there the same summer and in the fall the family came to Walnut. They put up a cabin on Section 9, which, with other lands, the father had entered, and moved into it on Christmas Day. In 1812, Mrs. Hedges married Henry Dreisbach, of Pickaway Twp. and moved with him to Bloomfield, where they kept a tavern.”

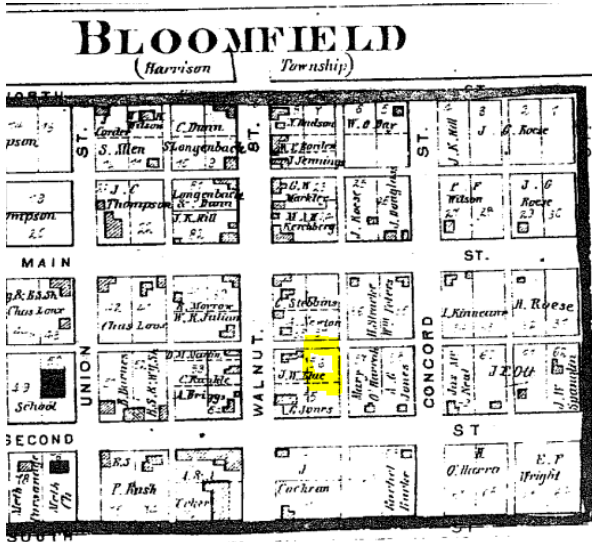
A tavern! Mary’s late husband, Joshua Hedges (of Franklin County) died intestate. By law this entitled Mary to 1/3 of his estate. Joshua had made payments at the Chillicothe land office prior to his death on four tracts of land in Pickaway Co. – the South East ¼ of Section 13, in Harrison Twp., the North West ¼ of Section 8 and all of Section 9, and the West ½ of Section 19 in Walnut Twp., for a total of 1,280 acres. On the 13th of January 1812, Mary Hedges Dresbach and her children recorded an agreement releasing her from her duties as Administratrix and a \$4,000 bond, and releasing her dower share of the estate of her late husband in exchange for \$200. Her children named in these releases were: Joshua, John, Obed, Jabez, Cynthia, Phebe, Rhoda, Cyrus, Morgan Morgan [sic], and William. The first two releases are recorded in Vol. A, pg. 299, and Vol. A, pg. 325. A third record (Vol. A, pg. 300) on January 28th, 1812, conveys the Patent for the West ½ of Section 19 to all of her children for \$1.00, reserving her 1/3 dower interest. This conveyance ends with a sentence that confirms Henry’s integrity:

“In witness whereof the said Mary Dresbach (to and with the advice and consent of her husband, signified by his signing his name as a party hereunto) hath hereunto interchangeably set their hands & seals this twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1812.
Signed Mary Dresbach (Seal) Henry Dresbach (Seal)”

I think we have found the tavern here: Recorded in Pickaway Co. Deed Records, Vol. A, pg. 492, is the purchase of Lot 56 in Bloomfield on the 2nd of March 1813, as well as a 10-acre tract east of Bloomfield. The purchase price was \$650. **Lot 56 is described in the deed as the same place where Henry Dresbach now lives.** This same lot with house, together with the 10-acre tract, were sold for

\$900 on the 13th of March 1817 on the court house steps by Henry's son, Daniel, as Administrator of Henry's estate.

Walnut Street is now S.R. 23.



Lot 56 is highlighted in yellow



Lot 56 in Bloomfield today (lavender)

On the 23rd of July 1811 – Henry, the miller (after his marriage to Mary Hedges) and his son Daniel (Circleville Director) recorded an Article of Agreement for Daniel to retain half the profit of a Mill in Section 4, Twp 10, Range 11 (Pickaway Township) in exchange for maintenance on the Mill. (Range 11 would be Morgan Co. – 3 counties east of Pickaway, so must be Range 21, where Henry purchased the West ¼ of Section 4 in 1807). Henry's first mill in 1801 was on Scippo Creek in Section 12 Twp 3 N, Range 22 W. It was hard to determine the location of this mill due to errors in deed description, but an 1828 deed confirms Range 21, Twp. 10, Section 4, Pickaway Twp., when the 14.5 acres with mills was

sold for \$400 to settle debt of Daniel Dresbach and John Ely, Vol. H, pg. 332.



2nd Mill owned and operated by Henry, the Miller, in partnership with his son, Daniel, and son-in-law, John Ely.



Ross County

Name	Month	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Survey or Section	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pg	Consideration			
Dreisbach	30-Sep	1805	Henry Dresbach & John Thomas	To	Record Plat for town of Levingston							5	254	
Dreisbach	June 3	1806	Henry Dresbach, of Ross	From	John Barr & Jane (Bauer?)	Son of Martin, Pt of W 1/2	Sec 4 R 21	Pickaway Co	151	7	329	\$500		
Dreisbach	Aug 18	1807	Henry Dresbach, of Ross	From	John Thomas & Ann	Son of Martin, West 1/2, in what became Circ. Twp., Pickaway	Sec 32 R 21	Franklin Co	320	7	327	\$1,000		

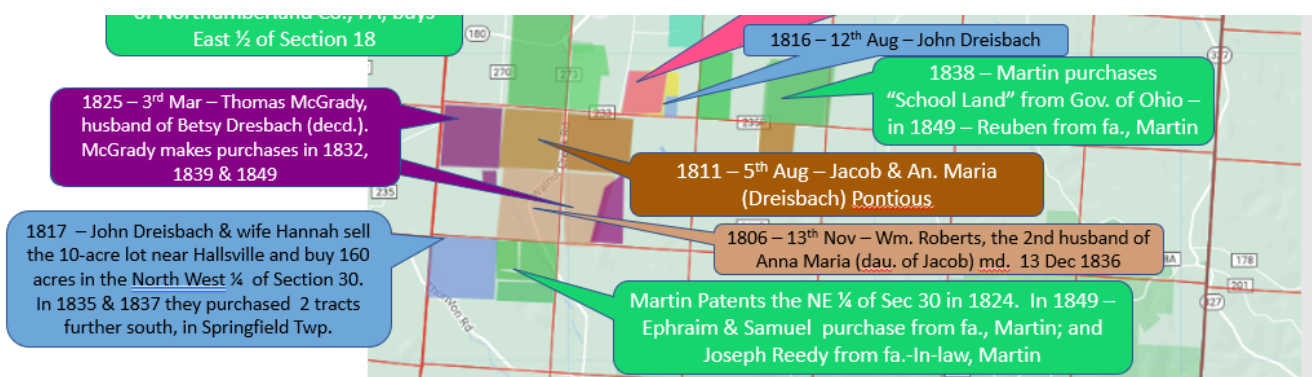
Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Mar 17	1801	Henry Dresbach	To	George Moots			22	3	12	20	Assignment Scippo Creek	C	687	
May 17	1805	Henry Dresbach	From	John Rush			22	3	12	20	Article of Agmt	C	687	\$ 300
Apr 28	1810	Henry Dresback & Margaret	To	John Dresback (their son)	Circleville		21	11	32	100		A	124	gift
May 31	1811	Henry Dresback	To	Henry Spyker to Daniel Ludwig in 1812	Levingston	12						A	357	\$ 15
Jun 13	1811	Henry Dresback	To	Mary Hedges							Pre nuptial agmt	A	204	
Jul 23	1811	Henry Dresbach	To	Daniel Dresbach, his son	Pickaway		11	10	4		Agmt of Grist Mill-maintain for 1/2 profits - Range 11 must be error in the agreement - 11 would be in Morgan County - prob. R 21 Twp 10 Sec 4	A	206	
Jul 24	1811	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	Daniel Dresbach, his son	Pickaway		21	10	4	14 1/4	in E 1/2 of W 1/2 on Scippo	A	210	\$ 128
Jul 24	1811	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	Daniel Dresbach, his son	Cir Twp		21	11	32	3	where I now live	A	207	\$ 500
Jul 27	1811	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	John Ely & wife Cath. (dau.)	Pickaway & Washin		21	11	32	100	Pt of W 1/2 (by land of heirs of John Dreisbach)	A	212	\$ 1
Jan 28	1812	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	Joshua, John, Obed, Jabez, Cynthia, Phebe, Rhoda, Morgan Morgan & William Hedges	Walnut		21	9	19	320	Conveyance of West 1/2 of Sec. 19, Walnut Twp.	A	300	\$ 1
Jan 30	1812	Mary Hedges Dresbach	From	Cynthia Hedges, Joshua, Obed, Jabez, John, Phoebe							Release of Admrx	A	325	\$ 200
Jan 30	1812	Mary Hedges Dresbach & Henry	To	Joshua, John, Obed, Jabez, Cynthia, Phebe, Rhoda, Morgan Morgan & William Hedges							Release of Dower	A	299	\$ 200
Jan 30	1812	Mary Hedges Dresbach & H	To	William Hedges et al							Interest & Dower	A	299	\$ 200
Feb 17	1812	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	John Green to Daniel Ludwig in 1812 to Marg. Fultz in 1823	Levingston	19, 20, 14						A	329	\$ 450
Feb 17	1812	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	John Green	Washington		21	11	32	10		A	341	\$ 250
Apr 6	1812	Henry & Mary Hedges Dresbach	To	Samuel Todd to John Kuder 1812	Levingston	21 & 22						A	487	\$ 1
Nov 20	1812	Henry Dresbach	From	Daniel Dresbach	Circleville	11						A	437	\$ 78
Mar 2	1813	Henry Dresbach	From	Hugh Creighton & W Deed of Mortgage	Bloomfield	56				10	Lot 56, being the same in which Dresbach now lives AND 10 acres east of Bloomfield	A	492	\$ 650
Jun 25	1814	Henry Dresbach & Mary (the day before he died)	To	Andrew Ensworth to Henry Nevill in 1816	Levingston	9 & 24					Conf. by Henry same date; by Mary on 2nd Aug 1814	B	248	\$ 38
Feb 28	1817	Henry Dresbach by Admr	To	Andrew Fultz	Livingston	20					Feb Term 1815 Common Pleas, James Denny Clerk	C	487	\$ 100
Feb 28	1817	Henry Dresbach by Admr	To	George Bogart	Bloomfield	56				10	Sold to satisfy mortgage	C	760	\$ 900
Mar 19	1817	Henry Dresbach et al (can't find	From	Peter Apple, et al							water course	C	486	
Mar 1	1819	Henry Dresbach by Admr	To	James Ballard assnee	Livingston	9, 10, 11, 12					Lots 13, 14 & 40	D	268	\$ 35
Aug 3	1822	Henry Dresbach, decd by Admr Daniel									to settle estate	F	351	
Mar 25	1824	Henry Dresbach by Admr	To	George List	Pickaway		21	10	4	105	W 1/2	F	215	\$ 709
Jul 1	1824	Henry Dresbach decd by Admr	To	Samuel Moyer et al	Pickaway		21	10	4	28	W 1/2	F	328	\$ 560
Sep 20	1827	Henry Dresbach heirs by Audit	To	Samuel Moyer	Pickaway		21	10	4	1	Tax sale	H	151	\$ 10
Jan 15	1828	Henry Dresbach decd by heirs	To	Samuel Morris	Pickaway		21	10	4	9	7 Poles W 1/2	H	39	\$ 109

1806 – William Roberts, 2nd husband of Anna Maria (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)

William Roberts together with John Port receives a Patent for the E ½ of Section 19 in Twp 10 and Range 20 on the 13th November 1806. Additionally, on 26th September 1820, in his own right, as assignee of John Roberts, together with Abraham Buchwalter received a Patent for the South West Quarter of Section 20 in Township 10 and Range 20 (Colerain Twp.) in Ross Co.

	CV-0004-264	PORT, JOHN, ROBERTS, WILLIAM	11/13/1806	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	010N - 020W	E½	19	Ross
	CV-0053-151	ROBERTS, WILLIAM, BUCHWALTER, ABRAHAM, ROBERTS, JOHN	9/26/1820	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	010N - 020W	SW¼	20	Ross



“William Roberts entered section 10 in Colerain Township as early as 1811. He planted an orchard in 1813.” This is from pg. 438, *A Standard History of Ross County, Ohio*, Vol. 1, 1917, edited by Lyle S. Evans – but I cannot find any deed for him in Section 10!

William Roberts and his wife, Hannah, and Jacob Pontious and wife, Anna Maria “Mary” Dresbach, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.) lived on neighboring farms in Colerain Twp. William’s wife, Hannah, passed away sometime after a deed transaction dated the 24th of Jun 1834. Anna’s husband, Jacob, died 24th January 1833. **William and Anna Maria, widow of Jacob Pontious, were married on the 13th of December in 1836 in Ross County.**

William and Anna Maria Roberts had one son together:

- Albert Dresbach Roberts, b. 1838 and d. 28 Sep 1899 at Chillicothe, Ross County.

Ross County

Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name		Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol	Pr	Consideration
July 13	1811	William Roberts & wife Hanna	To	John Port	N end E 1/2	Sec 19 R 20	Colerain	140	10	268	\$10
July 30	1811	William Roberts et al	From	John Port		Sec 19 R 20	Colerain	180	16	338	\$10
Dec 17	1830	William Roberts et al	To	Frederick Hoffman et al Hannah Search, wife of William Search		Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	80	26	433	\$300
June 24	1834	William Roberts Sr. & Hannah	To	William Search	NW corner	Sec 29 R 20	Colerain	40	29	224	\$50

1810 – Abraham, son of John George (>Simon, Jr.>Simon Sr.)

Abraham's father, John George b. 31 Jan 1756 and d. 1 Aug 1826, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, was a son of Simon Dreisbach Jr. and his wife, Maria Dorothea Dies. John George married Sophia Catharina Jung. John George was one of 4 deaf children of Simon Jr. and Maria. See John George Dreisbach in the Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association Tree for more information (<https://ddfa.tribalpages.com/>). Note: Abraham's surname is spelled "Dresback" in the database.

Abraham Dreisbach (of Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.), on the 9th of June in 1810 purchased from Jacob Coldren Lot 5, Square 9 in Tarlton, previously in the township of Clear Creek, county of Fairfield but now in the township of Salt Creek and county of Pickaway, Township 11, Range 20, Vol. A, pg. 673.

Abraham could have arrived as early as 1806. The *History of Kingston, Ohio*, page 43-46 lists early pioneers around Kingston, and included in the list as **1806 arrivals** are: "Abram" Dreisbach and Henry Drum (his father-in-law).

Abraham was born May 10th 1777 in Kreidersville, Northampton Co., PA. His baptism is recorded at the Zion Stone Church in Kreidersville, Allen Twp., as "bap June 15." This is from a transcription of the original Zion Stone Church baptism records, found at the Easton PA Public Library. The left-hand column is the parents, the right-hand column gives the sponsors' names:

(Baptisms by Rev. John Conrad Steiner - June 1777 - Sept. 1781).			
George Dreisbach	Abraham	b May 10, (1777)	Henrich Strauss
Sophia		bap June 15,	wf. Gertrude

He married Maria Drum, the daughter of Johann Henrich "Henry" Drum and Barbara Abt. Maria was born in Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA, on 1 January 1783. We have no record of the marriage of Abraham and Maria, but we do have deed records settling the estate of her father, Henry, naming Abraham and Mary Dresbach as heirs. Their eldest child was either Maria, estimated to be born between 1805 and 1810, or Joseph, born the 11 September 1808 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio. (Maria's father received a Patent on the 3rd of August 1810 for the South West ¼ of Section 4 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway.)

Abraham and Mary had five known children:

- Joseph, b. 11 Sep 1808 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co., d. 16 Aug 1880 in Blue Mound, Macon Co., IL, md. Elizabeth Foust.
- Maria, b. abt 1805-1810 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co., d. about 1876 in Pickaway Co. She married Joseph Foust.
- David, b. 23 Feb 1812, d. 4 April 1865 in Benton Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio. He married Jane Smith. David was Associate Judge in Hocking County, and served two terms in the Ohio Legislature (1848 and 1849)
- Daniel, b. 5 Apr 1814, d. 19 Nov 1897 in Hocking Co. His wife's first name was Julia.
- Levi, b. 5 Jul 1833, d. 5 Jan 1837 in Pickaway Co., at the age of 3 years.

Between November 1806 and November 1813 – Abraham, purchased of Isaac Coldren 41 acres and 105 poles, part of the East Half of Section 34, Twp. 12, Range 20. Information taken from deed when Abraham and wife, Mary, sold 8 acres of it on 13 November 1813 as recorded in Pickaway Co. Book A, Page 683: “East Half of Section 34 patented to Isaac Coldren on 10 Nov 1806, and Isaac Coldren by Indenture under his hand and seal, **bearing even date herewith**, did grant 41 acres and 105 poles of said half section to Abraham Dreisbach in fee, of which the above 8 acres is part as by the said Indenture to be recorded may more fully appear...” The same transaction recorded in Fairfield Co., Vol. M, pg. 255 says **WEST ½ of Section 34!** [NOTE: **Can’t locate the deed from Isaac Coldren to Abraham Dreisbach in Fairfield, Pickaway or Ross Co.**]

1813 – 27 July – Abraham, and wife, Mary nee Drum, (of Pickaway County) in deed settling the estate of Mary’s father, Henry Drum which was land located in Section 4 of Saltcreek Twp., Pickaway County.

1823 – 11th September – Abraham Driesbach received a Patent for the North West Quarter of Section 21 in **Township 11** and Range 19, containing 160 acres. Deeds recorded in Fairfield County selling land in Hocking County refer to the location as “part of NW quarter of Section 21, **Township 12**, Range 19 – looks like the Township was noted wrong in the Patent

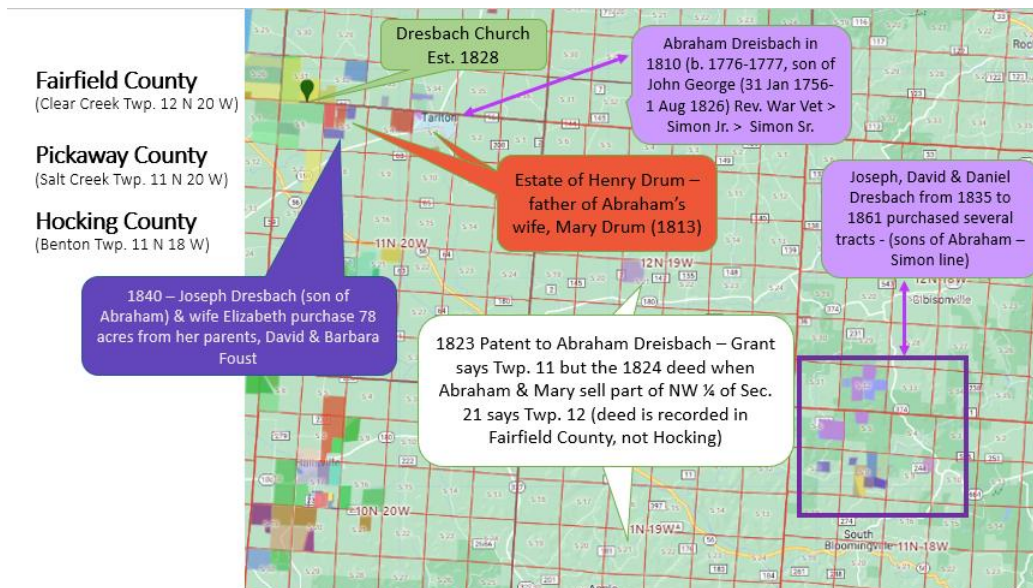
Between 1810 and 1824, Abraham Dreisbach purchased and sold several tracts of land in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., and Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co. – all in the Tarlton neighborhood.

Abraham died the 19th of April 1842 and Maria passed away on 19th of May 1865 at Tarlton. They are both buried at the Tarlton Cemetery, Pickaway Co.

Abraham’s son, David, became an Associate Judge in Hocking County, and served two terms in the Ohio Legislature (1848 and 1849).

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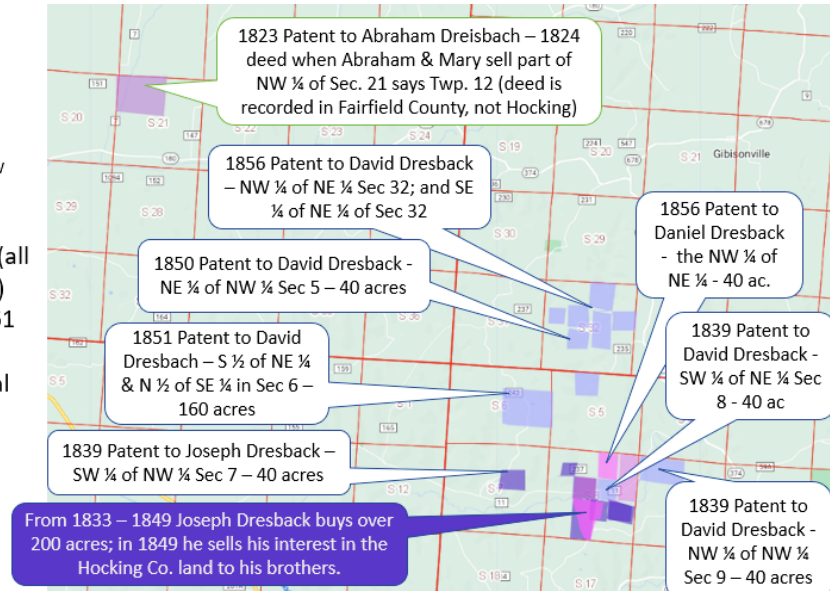
David Dresbach, Esq., died at his residence in Laurel township, Hocking county, on the 4th inst. He was a prominent man in his county, having served several years in the Legislature, and as associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was born in Saltcreek township, this county, and was in the neighborhood of sixty years of age. His son, W.S. Dresbach, is the present Representative from Hocking county. His remains were interred at Tarlton on the 6th.



Hocking County:

Perry Twp. 12 N 19 W
 Laurel Twp. 12 N 18 W
 Benton Twp. 11 N 18 W
 Salt Creek Twp. 11 N 19 W

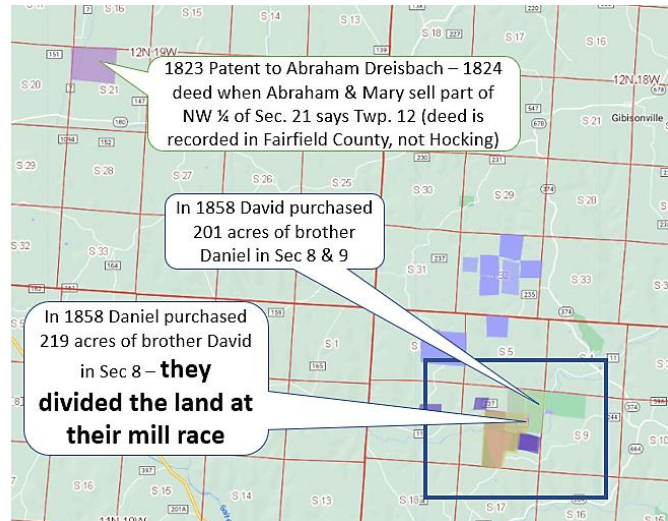
Joseph, David & Daniel Dresbach (all sons of Abraham) from 1835 to 1861 patented and purchased several tracts in Hocking Co.



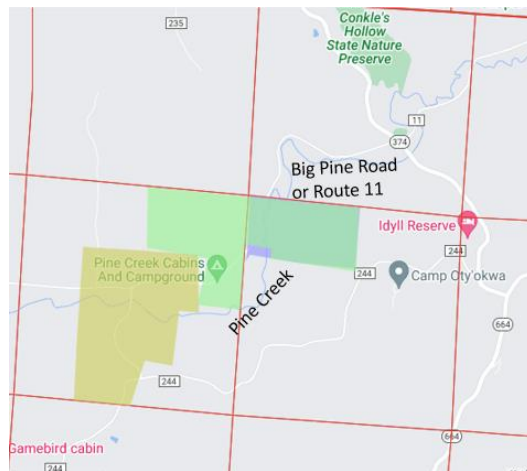
Hocking County:

Perry Twp. 12 N 19 W
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 Benton Twp. 11 N 18 W
 Salt Creek Twp. 11 N 19 W

From 1849 to 1858 they divide their shared tracts. Joseph settled in Pickaway County on land he purchased from his in-laws, David & Barbara Foust.



Area in the blue square is magnified on the next image



Magnification of the tracts owned by David and Daniel Dresbach in Hocking Co. The Pine Creek Cabins and Campground is located there today.

Fairfield County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Nov 8	1814	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	Michael Kisinger	Clearcreek	20	12	33	35	Pt of SW 1/4 Sec 33	J	81	\$ 80
Apr 8	1815	Abraham & Maria Dresback	To	Christian Horn	Clearcreek	20	12	34	2	Pt of W 1/2 Sec 34	J	275	\$ 40
Apr 6	1815	Abraham & Maria Dresback	To	Jacob Saylor	Clearcreek	20	12	34	2	Pt of W 1/2 Sec 34	J-2	373	\$ 34
Apr 6	1815	Abraham & Maria Dresback	To	Jacob Holsman	Clearcreek	20	12	34	2	Pt of W 1/2 Sec 34	J-2	374	\$ 36
Aug 5	1815	Abraham Dresback (of Fairfield Co)	To	Henry Haller	Clearcreek	20	12	33		SW 1/4 Sec 33	L	465	\$ 1,350
Nov 13	1816	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	Jesse Palmer	Clearcreek	20	12	34	8	Pt of E 1/2 Sec 34	J-2	539	\$ 96
Apr 1	1816	Abraham & Maria Dresbaugh	To	Jacob Dunbaugh (sp?)	Clearcreek	20	12	34	12	105 P, Pt of W 1/2	L	142	\$ 80
Aug 5	1817	Abraham Dresback (GrSon of Simo	From	Michael & Catharina Kisner	Clearcreek	20	12	33	25	Pt of SW 1/4 Sec 33	L	467	\$ 400
Dec 1	1817	Abraham & Maria Dresback	To	Adam Neff	Clearcreek	20	12	34	10	7 P, Pt of W 1/2	L	510	\$ 100
Nov 13	1818	Abraham Dresback (of Pickaway Ct	From	Isaac Coldran Patentee	Clearcreek	20	12	34	41	105 P, Pt of W 1/2 Sec	M	255	\$ 249
Aug 5	1822	Abraham Dresback (Bond-Gdn of tl	To	Henry Drum	Clearcreek	20	12	33			N	235	\$ 400
Feb 10	1824	Abraham Dresback	From	Abraham & Barbara Buckwa	Clearcreek	20	12	33	60	Pt of SE 1/4 Sec 33	N	505	\$ 300
	1824	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	John Kamp	Hocking-Salt	19	12	21	25	Pt of NW 1/4 Sec 21	N	587	\$ 100
Apr 19	1824	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	Jacob Lutz	Clearcreek	20	12	33	60	Pt of SE 1/4 Sec 33	N	616	\$ 200
Nov 22	1826	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	Philip Fetherolf	Hocking-Salt	19	12	21	15	Pt of NW 1/4 Sec 21	P	63	\$ 90
May 23	1828	Abraham & Maria Dresback et al (H	To	Jacob Drum	Clearcreek	20	12	33	12.5	Pt of SW 1/4 Sec 33	P	627	\$ 200
Sep 8	1849	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	John Simonton	Madison	19	12	21	50	Part of NW 1/4 Sec 21	15	715	\$ 300
Nov 8	1849	Abraham & Mary Dresback	To	Benjamin Barnet	Madison	19	12	21		Part of NW 1/4 Sec 21	15	716	\$ 1,000

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jun 9	1810	Abraham Freisbach	From	Jacob Coldren & W	Tarlton	5					Square 9	B	238	
Jul 27	1813	Abraham Dresback & W, & heir	From	Henry W. Haller & Polly	Saltcreek		20	11	4		Q.C. NW 1/4	C	685	\$ 10
Nov 13	1813	Abraham Dresback & Mary, of f	To	Jesse Palmer	Tarlton, Fairfield Co		20	12	34	8	Pt of E 1/2	A	673	\$ 95
before Nov	1813	Abraham Dreisbach	From	Isaac Coldren	Tarlton (Fairfield Co.)					41	and 105 Poles	A	673	
Jun 11	1814	Abraham Treisbach & Mary	To	Alexander Chambers	Tarlton	5					9th square	B	241	\$ 30
May 3	1818	Abraham Dresback & W - Drum	To	Henry Drum	Saltcreek		20	11	5	52	49.5 P NW 1/4	D	195	\$ 400
May 23	1818	Abraham Dresback & W - Drum	To	Abraham Marts	Saltcreek		20	11	5	50	NW 1/4 (patent says SW)	D	132	\$ 400
May 23	1818	Abraham Dresback & W - Drum	To	Jacob Drum	Saltcreek		20	11	5	52	49.5 P NW 1/4	D	192	\$ 400

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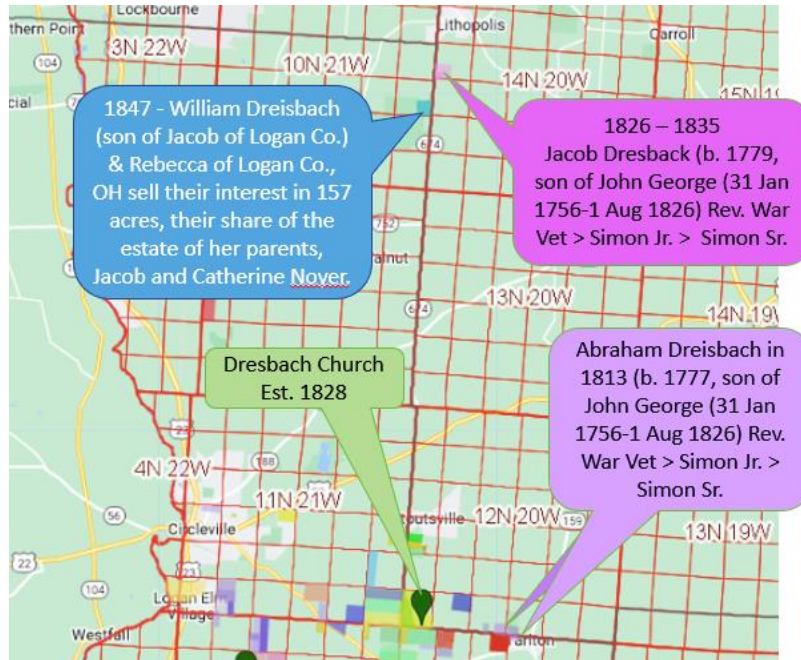
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	1833	J. D. Dresbach	From	Andrw Huffman	Benton		18	11	8	80	E 1/2 of SW 1/4	C	565	
	1833	J. D. Dresbach	From	Andrw Huffman	Benton		18	11	8	40	NW of SE	C	565	
	1833	J. D. Dresbach	From	Andrw Huffman	Benton		18	11	8	40	NE of SE	C	565	
	1837	Jos. Dresbach	From	Jonathan Huffman	Benton		18	11	8	40	SE of NW	D	404	
	1841	Jos. Dresback	To	Jonathan Huffman	Benton		18	11	7	55	SW of NW (?)	F	496	
	1845	David & Danl Dresback	From	F. Huffman	Benton		18	11	8	80	E 1/2 of NE	H	683	
	1849	Daniel Dresback	From	Jos. Dresback	Benton		18	11	8		E 1/2 of SW & NW SE & I	K	131	
26-Jun	1847	Daniel Dresback	From	Jos. Dresback & Elizabeth	Benton		18	11	9	280	See below	K	131	\$ 1,000
	1849	David Dresback	From	Jos. Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	40	SE of NW	K	133	
26-Jun	1847	Jos. Dresback & Elizabeth, of Pickaway Co.	To	Daniel Dresback, of Hocking (occupied by Daniel and brother David, who is half owner)	Benton		18	11	8 & 9	280	All on main Pine Creek: E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 8 80 ac; NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac; NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 9 40 ac; SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac; SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac (equal undiv. Half of several Tracts)	K	131	\$ 1,000
26-Jun	1847	Joseph Dresback & Elizabeth of Pickaway	To	David Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	40	Undiv 1/2 SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 8 40 acres	K	133	\$ 50
22-Dec	1847	Jos. Dresback of Pickaway	From	David Dresback & Jane	Benton		18	11	8 & 9	80	Undiv 1/2 NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 9 40; SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac	K	134	\$ 50
	1849	Jos. Dresback	From	David Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	40	SW of NE	K	134	
	1849	David & Danl Dresback	From	Wm. Lindsey	Benton		18	11	8	40	SW of SE	K	145	
	1849	David Dresbach	From	USA	Benton		18	11	5	35	Benton	K	81	338
	1849	Jos. Dresback	To	Daniel Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	280	E 1/2 SW & NW SE & NE	K	131	
	1849	Jos. Dresback	To	David Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	40	SE NW	K	133	
	1849	David Dresback & Jane	To	Jos. Dresback	Benton		18	11	8 & 9	80	Undiv 1/2 NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 9 40; SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 8 40 ac	K	134	

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Town	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Page	Consideration
	1849	David Dresback	To	Jos. Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	40	NW NE	K	134	
	1851	D. Dresback	From	Peter Shellenberger	Laurel		18	12	32	82	SW of NW & NE of SW	L	277	
	1853	David Dresback	From	L. Holstein	Laurel		18	12	32	82	SW of NE & NW of SE	M	614	
	1855	David Dresback	From	Ben L. Hood							Water Privilege	O	245	
	1855	David Dresback	To	Jno. W. Poland	Benton		18	11	6	80	N 1/2 SE	O	266	
	1855	David Dresback	To	J. L. Maxwell	Benton		18	11	9	3	pt. NW NW	O	504	
27-Jan	1858	Danl Dresback & Julia Ann	To	David Dresback	Benton		18	11	8 & 9	201	Pt NW 1/4 Sec 9 & NE 1/4 Sec 8	P	581	\$ 1,500
26-Jan	1858	David Dresback & Jane	To	Danl. Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	219	Pt of NW 1/4, pt of SW 1/4 & pt of NE 1/4	P	582	1500
	1856	Danl Dresback	To	Directors Dist. 2 Benton Twp	Benton						School lot	P	583	
27-Jan	1858	David Dresback	From	Danl. Dresback & Julia Ann	Benton		18	11	8 & 9	201	Pt NW 1/4 Sec 9 & NE 1/4 Sec 8	P	581	\$ 1,500
26-Jan	1858	Danl Dresback	From	David Dresback	Benton		18	11	8	219	Pt of NW 1/4, pt of SW 1/4 & pt of NE 1/4	P	582	1500

It is believed that Abraham and Jacob are brothers. There are 3 baptismal records at Zion Stone Church for children of George and Sophia Dreisbach: Abraham (see page 50), John Jacob (see 1826-Jacob on page 119), and Yost William:

George Dreisbach Jost b Jan.8,1775 John Jost Dreisbach
 Sophia William bap Feb.12,1775 Anna Maria Dreisbach

Abraham and Jacob did not settle in the same neighborhood, but the same county. It would be nice to find a document to solidify this assumption. There is one reference made to the Simon line by Rev. John Dreisbach (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.) in the family history he wrote in the mid-1800s. The June 2021 DDFA Newsletter by Marcia Falconer gives the details and is available online: [June 2021 - When the Simons and Martins Met - revised Aug 2021](#). Specifically, Rev. John says, "George...had among other sons, Abraham, Yost and John, the last two mentioned resided on the north branch of the Susquehannah, above Berwick. Abraham settled in Ohio and had Joseph and his brethren and sisters..."



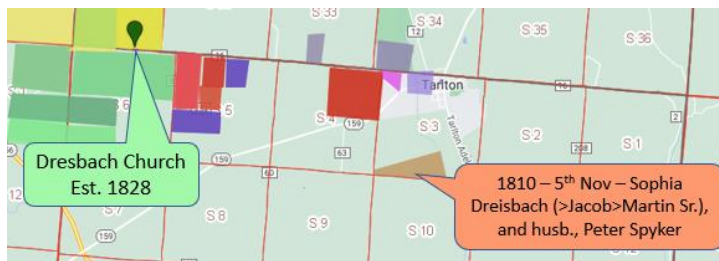
1810 – Sophia, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.) and husband, Peter Spyker

1810 – 5 November – Peter Spyker and wife, **Sophia** Dresbach purchased from John Shoemaker a 72-acre tract in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway Co., just south of Tarlton – Section 3, Twp. 11, Range 20, Vol. A, pg. 143. Sophia sold the tract on December 25th, 1838, after Peter's death.

“George Dreisbach and his brothers in 1811 also their brother-in-law, Peter Spyker, in the same year.” (Salt Creek Township settlers listed in *History of Pickaway County, Ohio*, Van Cleaf, page 166). Peter was a son of John Henry Spyker and Anna Maria Weiser, and a brother to Lydia Spyker (the wife of Martin Dresbach) and Catherine (the wife of John Dresbach – 3 siblings married 3 siblings).

Peter Spyker served in the War of 1812, enlisting in in the 1st Regiment of Ohio Militia, under Col. James Denny.

The 72-acre tract purchased by Peter & Sophia (Dreisbach) Spyker is still visible in the satellite image today.



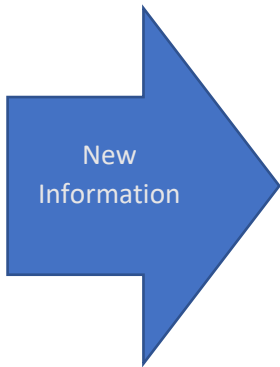
Peter Spyker (b. 9 Jan 1776 Northumberland Co. and d. 15 Mar 1832, prob. Ross Co.) and **Sophia Dresbach (b. 8 Apr 1780 Northumberland Co. and d. 5 Nov 1860, Pickaway Co., OH)** were married on the 17th June 1800 at Lewisburg, PA. Both are buried at Tarlton. Their children per ddfa.tribalpages.com:

- Anna, b. 10 Jan 1806
- Catherine, b. 3 Feb 1807, PA, d. 9 Jan 1827
- Mary Magdalene, b. 28 May 1808
- Elizabeth, b. 16 Aug 1811, md. John Dresbach (son of Daniel>Henry>Martin Sr.)
- Jonathan, b. Aug 1812 & d. Sept 1812 at Tarlton
- Jonas, b. 13 May 1823, d. 28 Aug 1824 at Tarlton

In 1815 Peter and wife purchased part of two lots in the town of Circleville, mortgaged them, paid off the mortgage and sold the lots in 1828.

The source for the death dates for Peter Spyker and his wife, Sophia, is page 16 in the *Abraham Holman Family Supplement* by Richard Holman May, 1979, Mill Valley, CA. The DDFA Database, and *The Dreisbach Book* in 1998 gave the death place for Peter as Scioto County, Ohio. It looks like the source for this information was a

Bowsher Roop Database online in the 1990s. At this point there is no reference found to back up the Scioto County death place for Peter Spyker.



The deed executed in Pickaway County by the heirs of Peter Spyker on 25th December 1838, (Vol. 16, page 421) lists the names of his heirs with **three additional children (Eliza, Aaron and Lydia)**, and they signed the deed under these names:

- Sophia Spyker, Widow and 6 children, all now of lawful age:
- Mary Magdalene, intermarried with Jacob Monnett
- Elizabeth, to John Dresbach
- Eliza Spyker
- Aaron Spyker
- Lydia Spyker
- Anna Maria Spyker

Recorded in Pickaway County, Guardians and Bonds 1810-1855, pages 202 and 203:

Know all men by these presents, that we, **Sophia Spyker, Henry Dresbach & Samuel Dresbach** of Pickaway County in the State of Ohio are held and firmly bound unto the State of Ohio in the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200) current money of the United States for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors & Administrators...this 17th day of May 1833, The condition of the obligation is such that whereas...Sophia Spyker has been appointed guardian of **Anna Maria Spyker, minor child of Peter Spyker**. Now therefore if the said Sophia Spyker shall discharge with fidelity the trust referred in her & records an accurate statement of her transactions with a just account of the profit...from the real or personal estate of her account & delivers up the same to the Court when thereunto requires, then this obligation to bond is null, otherwise to be & remain in full force...

Also, on same date, 23 May 1833, Sophia is appointed guardian of **Aaron Spyker, Lydia Spyker, and Eliza Spyker, minor children of Peter Spyker** (with Henry and Samuel Dresbach as sureties, \$600 bond).

The marriage of Mary Magdalene Spyker to Jacob Monnett occurred on the 18th of November 1830 in Pickaway Co., by David Lewis, Minister of the Gospel (recorded Vol. 3, pg. 84). Jacob Monnet was b. 18th March 1806, the son of Rev. Jeremiah Crabb Monnet, a great pioneer Methodist circuit rider in Ohio (Source: *Colonial Families of the United States*, Monnett family of Huguenot ancestry, pg. 339).

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Townshi	Lot	Rang	Tw	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Nov 5	1810	Peter Spyker	From	John Shoemaker & wife	Saltcreek		20	11	3	72.05		A	143	\$ 560
Sep 29	1815	Peter Spyker	From	Henry Spyker & W	Circleville	105 & 106					Part inlots	B	559	\$ 200
Feb 11	1823	Peter Spyker	From	Jacob Burget & Eliza	Circleville	105 & 106					Mtg to be pd by 1 Feb 1826	F	5	\$ 150
Feb 10	1824	Peter Spyker	To	Jacob Burget	Circleville	106 & 106					Part of 2 lots	F	4	\$ 150
Jun 24	1828	Peter Spyker & W	To	Jacob Burget	Circleville	105 & 106					Deed release on mortgage	I	9	
Dec 25	1838	Peter Spyker Decd	To	George Crits	Saltcreek		20	11	3	72.08		16	421	\$ 2,200

1811 – Martin, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1811 – 1 April – **Martin** Dresbach, of Northumberland County, PA, purchased from John Geehr the East Half of Section 18 (320 acres), (Colerain Twp.) Township 10, Range 20, in Ross County for \$2,400, Vol. 10, pg. 238

In the deed dated **1st April 1811 Martin is identified as “OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA.”** Notably, the next deed for Martin is dated **16 July 1811**, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 6 in Colerain Twp., and **Martin is identified as “OF ROSS COUNTY, OHIO,”** Vol. 10, pg. 237.

In 1814 he purchased the West Half of Section 31 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co. and in 1817 sold that tract to brother, Jonathan.



Martin Dreisbach was the first Adelphi man to withhold whiskey from workmen in the field. (Source: *A Standard History of Ross County*, pg. 440). This was at a time when corn was routinely distilled, alcohol was a commodity manufactured from their crops, enjoyed by the majority of the men, and ministers accepted whiskey as pay. Martin was an early prohibitionist!

A Standard History of Ross County, Vol. 1, Evans, 1917, pg. 80: Martin and Benjamin Dreisbach, brothers, entered Colerain in 1809. They settled near Hallsville. Martin had five children by his first wife and seven by his second. He died at the age of seventy-four, September, 25, 1850.

Additionally, on page 444 of the same history, it states: Hallsville is a hamlet on the Adelphi pike about five miles west of that village. On June 22, 1837, it was laid out as a town by John Buckwalter, Ephraim Dreisbach and Ambrose Grafton. It was originally named Economy, in honor of the industrial town in Pennsylvania, but finally became known as at present, when a post office was established and called Hallsville, after its first postmaster, William Hall.

1837-Economy and Hallsville-1937, Ada H. Cryder, 1937 Centennial, page 3:

Martin and Benjamin Dresbach, brothers from Pa. settled one mile west of Hallsville in 1809. They had originally come from Germany to Pa. but stayed there but a short time when the stories of the better locations for homes, plus the lure of adventure brought them over the mountains to Ohio. Martin had five children by his first wife, Mary Spiker, who died on the hard trip via buffalo trails over the mountains, and was buried by the wayside. The names of four of these were Simon, Ephraim, Henry and Mary. Ann, the mother of the second group, was also a native of Pa. Their children were Reuben, Jacob, Samuel, Leah (Holman), Katy (Jones), Eliza (King), and Lydia (Reedy). Martin died Sept. 25, 1830 [sic], aged 74. His son, Samuel, grandfather of the present Samuel, lived until his death on the home farm. He had 13 children. Dr. Harvey Dresbach was the son of Jacob. Benjamin (Martin's brother) had 10 children. Six of them who grew up, were Daniel, Andrew, Mary, Susie, Ellen and Hannah. The son, Daniel, was a prominent member of the Hallsville U.B. church, and quite interested, giving of both time and money for the purchase of the church property from the Evangelical Association in 1876. He was married to Margaret Harvey.

Known errors: Martin's 1st wife was Lidya Spyker, and his 2nd wife was Mary Anna Eyer; and, Martin died Sept. 25, 1850 (not 1830).



On page 6 of the same publication, it states: "Ephraim Dresbach, one of the twelve children of Martin Dresbach, was never married. He lived on the Main street of Hallsville, the second house east of Henry Kroell's (Joe Clark's store) in the brick house now [in 1937] owned by Mrs. S. H. Clark. When the latest school building was erected about 1875, he offered \$800 if the foundation of this building were built so that a second story might be added at some future date. He died in Dec. 1876, and lies buried in Dresbach Row, in the Dresbach cemetery."

And on page 7: "The Scioto Conference for the year 1843 was held at a United Brethren Church near the home of Martin Dresbach at Hallsville. This church stood at the end of Sam Dresbach's lane on the line between Green and Colerain townships."

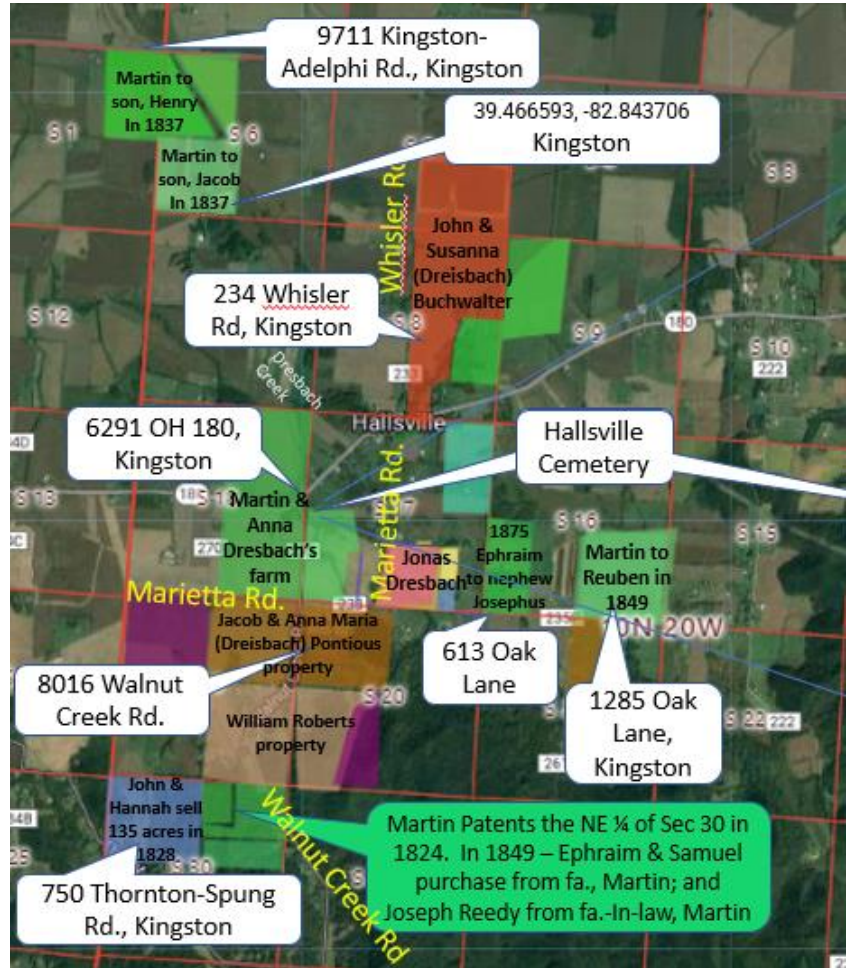
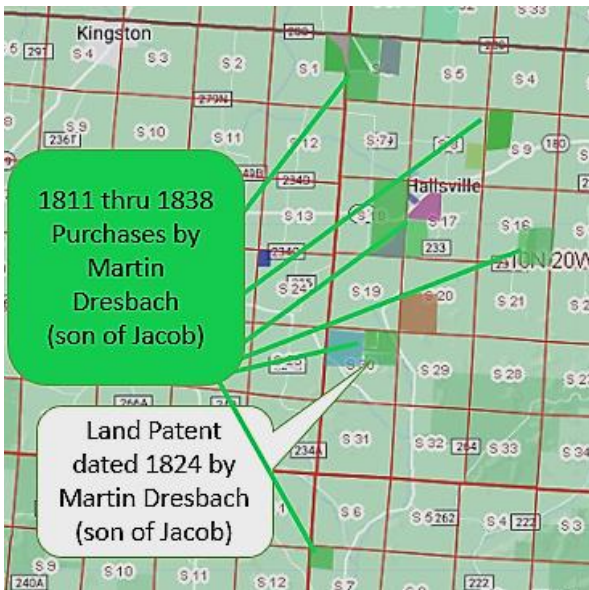
Page 253, *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, Williams Bros., 1880, states: In 1811, Martin, John, George, Samuel, Benjamin, Henry, Jonathan, and Jonas Dreisbach, brothers, came from Union county, Pennsylvania. The first three were married, and brought their families. Martin settled in Ross county, John in Pickaway township, and George in Salt Creek, on the banks of the Sciopo. The other brothers married, and two – Samuel and Henry – settled in this county. George Dreisbach died on his original location in 1863. His son, William, occupies the old homestead, and is the only member of the family living in the State.

Portrait and Biographical Record of the Scioto Valley, Pg. 195, in the biography for Reuben Dresbach, it states Martin was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Buffalo valley, Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio at an early day, and was one of the first settlers in Colerain township, Ross county. His parents had died in Pennsylvania previous to his coming west. He was the oldest in the family, and brought his brothers and sisters with him to Ohio. He bought land in this township, and after he had established a home here he returned to Pennsylvania and married Miss Annie Ire [Eyer], a native of that State, whom he brought back with him.

In 1824 Martin received a Patent for the NE Quarter of Section 30, Twp 10, Range 20 in Colerain Township, Ross Co.

	CV-0061-539	 DRESBACH, MARTIN	10/8/1824	3833	OH	Ohio River Survey	010N - 020W	NE¼	30	Ross
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In 1838 Martin purchased 164 acres in Section 16 (designated as School Lands) from the state of Ohio, conveyed by Governor Joseph Vance.



Martin was the eldest son of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach, and was born the 22nd March 1776, in the Buffalo Valley, near Lewisburg, Northumberland Co., PA (now Union Co.). He **died at Hallsville, Ross Co., on the 25th September 1850**. Age at death is 74 Y 6 M 3 D = b. 22 Mar 1776. He is buried at Hallsville Cemetery.

Martin married Lydia Spyker, the daughter of John Henry Spyker and Anna Maria Weiser, and the sister to Peter Spyker (who married Martin's sister, Sophia) and to Catherine Spyker (who married Martin's brother, John - 3 siblings married 3 siblings) on the 24th of May 1801 in Northumberland

County, PA. Lydia died on the 12th of June 1811, along the trail on the trip to Ohio, but the place is not recorded. Her parents' Bible gives her death date and states she "died on her journey to Sciota" from the rigors of the trail near Pittsburgh, PA. It is interesting to note that Martin, Samuel and Anna Maria Pontious, children of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach, all named a son Simon. Their children were:

- Simon (Rev.), b. 4 Mar 1802, Northumberland Co., D. 12 Mar 1867 in Carroll Co., IL. He md. Frances Bowman on 4 Jan 1828 in Ohio. In the "Biographies" section of Dreisbach-Dresbach.org you will find details about [Rev. Simon Dresbach – 1802 – 1867](#). Their son, Henry Spyker Dresbach (1835-1895) moved to Illinois, md. Amanda Giddings. They had a son William Henry, b. Nov 1860, who md. Belle Weidman and had a son, **Glenn Ward Dresbach**, the poet (1889-1968 in Arkansas). See [Glenn Ward Dresbach – 1889 - 1968](#) also under "Biographies" on Dresibach-Dresbach.org
- Ephraim, b. 17 Jul 1803, Northumberland Co., d. 18 Dec 1875 in Ross Co.
- Jacob, b. 20 Aug 1805, Northumberland Co., d. 16 Oct 1849 at Circleville, Pickaway Co. Married Elizabeth Harvey on 18 Aug 1835 in Pickaway Co.
- Mary, b. 23 Aug 1806 in Northumberland Co., d. 13 Apr 1884 in Pickaway Co. Married Thomas McGrady on 31 January 1826 in Ross Co.
- Henry, b. 10 Oct 1809 in Northumberland Co., d. 31 Aug 1850 in Ohio

Martin returned to Northumberland County and married Anna "Mary" Eyer on the 28th of May 1812. Their first child was:

- Lydia, b. 21 April 1813 in Ohio, and d. 3 Aug 1894 in Ross Co. She married Joseph Reedy.

Martin served twice during the War of 1812. The first term of service was from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. After that period of service, Martin and Anna had another daughter:

- Catherine, b. 3 Oct 1814 in Ross Co., and d. 18 Apr 1887 in Pickaway Co. She married Abel Jones on the 6th of April 1830 in Ross Co.

Once again Martin served his country from the 23 August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816. Both terms of service were in Captain John Van Meter's Company. Following the war Martin and Anna had four more children:

- Samuel, b. 14th July 1817 in Colerain Twp., Ross Co., and d. 15 Feb 1874 in Colerain. He married Hannah Ranck on the 27th of July 1851 in Colerain Twp., Ross Co. There is a transcription of the biography that appeared in the *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Scioto Valley* on the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site under "Biographies" – [Samuel Dresbach – 1817 – 1874](#). In *Pioneer Record of Ross County*, pg. 102, Colerain Twp., Samuel Dresbach, an early settler, a man of influence, and full of enterprise, has held several township offices, and is much esteemed.
- Reuben, b. 5 Dec 1815 in Ross Co., d. 12 Feb 1916. He married Susanna Pontius on the 15th of March 1846 in Ross Co. Also in the "Biographies" section of the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site you will find the biography of [Reuben Dresbach – 1815 – 1916](#).
- Eliza, b. 6 Mar 1820 in Colerain, d. 11 June 1904 in Pickaway Co. She married John King.
- Leah, b. 6 Nov 1822 in Colerain, d. 4 Feb 1871 in Green Twp., Ross Co. She married Abraham Holman on the 30th of December 1841 in Ross Co.

Martin's son, Jacob (1805-1849) purchased 403 acres west of the Scioto River, in Wayne Twp., Pickaway County in 1848. When he died in 1849, he had a large mortgage on the 403-acre property. To settle his estate, that tract was sold. The following is a partition action to settle his estate:

Petition to Sell Land (from *Pickaway County Ohio Partition Records Abstracts*, pg. 57)
 Pickaway Co. Common Pleas Court, Vol.3, pg. 524-530:

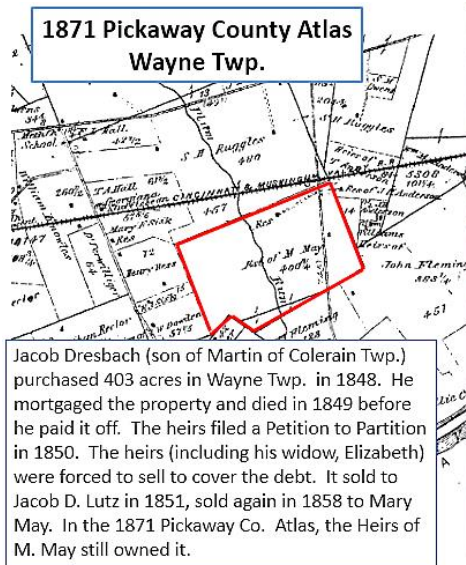
Ephraim Dresbach Admr. of Jacob Dresbach Dec'd.
 vs Elizabeth Dresbach and Others

On September 10, 1850, a petition was filed by Ephraim Dresbach stating that on November 6, 1849 he was appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob Dresbach, and he has determined that the personal property of the said deceased is insufficient to discharge the debts of the estate. Jacob Dresbach dec'd. owned about 403 acres which was mortgaged to Anthony Walke of Ross Co. on June 1, 1848. Said deceased left Elizabeth Dresbach as his widow who is willing to waive her right to dower and understands that the land has to be sold. Said deceased left the following children: Martha Ellen, Igedaliah, Josephus, Harvey, Gede Leah [sic] Dresbach all minors. The appraisers could not agree on the value of the land and the court had to replace them and issue a new order. On September 4, 1851, they finally came forward with a valuation of \$9,228.70. On November 1, 1851, the land was sold at public auction [on the court house steps] for \$6,755 [to **Jacob D. Lutz**]. After the payment of the mortgage and other fees the widow got \$2,451.34.

- 1850 Census for Wayne Township, Pickaway County, lists Elizabeth Dressback, age 38, with five minor children, spelled by the census taker as follows: Marthay E., age 13; Egdeli, age 11; Josephus, age 8; Harvey, age 6; Gidili, age 3

Pickaway County Deed Record of Jacob's purchase and sale:

Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Rang e	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jun 1	1848	Jacob Dresbach of Ross (son of Martin III)	From	Anthony Walke & Susan	Wayne					403	No survey # or mortgage mentioned	23	166	\$ 7,800
Dec 12	1851	Jacob Dresbach decd by Admr (son of Martin III)	To	Jacob D. Lutz	Wayne					403	Sold per Partition order	28	518	\$ 6,755

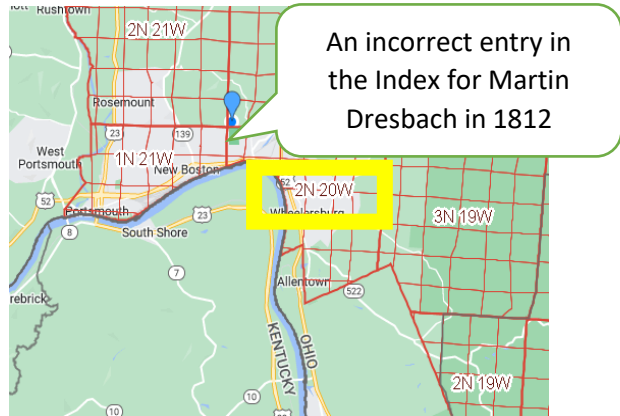


An incorrect entry in one deed indicates Martin purchased land in Scioto County:

Martin Dresbach Land
Purchase in southern Ohio?

No.

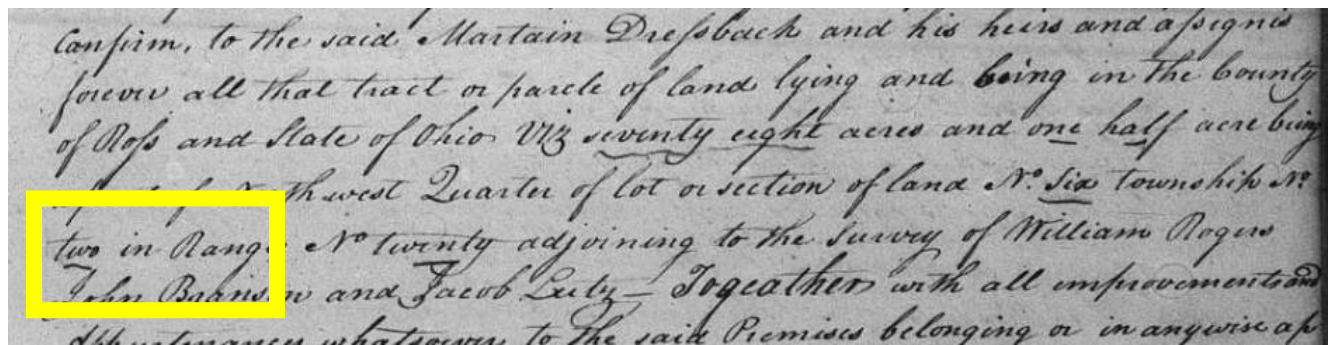
The importance of accurate deeds!



In the Ross County Deed Index is an entry dated August 3, 1812, that gives the location of the property purchased by Martin as Scioto County.

DATE	TO	FROM	ACRES	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	CO.	VAL.
Oct 4 1812	Do	Stark & Bunn	19	49	24	20	Scioto	112
Aug 3 1812	Do	Bunn & Peter	11	49	24	20	Scioto Co.	102
July 16 1811	Do	Bunn & John	10	27	6	20	Columbiana	400
June 17 1816	Do	Bunn & Peter	13	27	20	20	Harrison	100
May 18 1815	Do	Bunn & Jacob	30	22	2	20	Columbiana	100
Dec 29 1817	Do	Bunn & Jacob	22	19	17	20	Columbiana	641

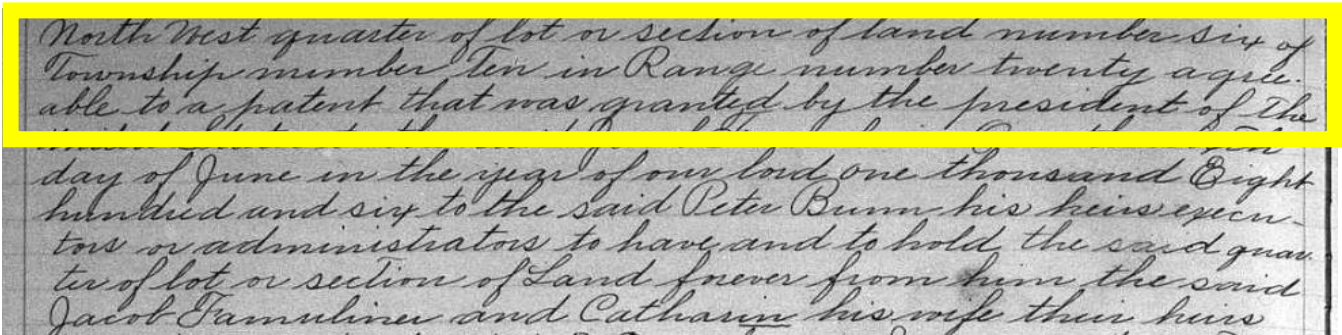
Vol. 11, pg. 49, shows Peter Bunn & wife sell to Martin Dresbach **Sec. 6, Twp. "two," Range 20.** It is written wrong in the deed.



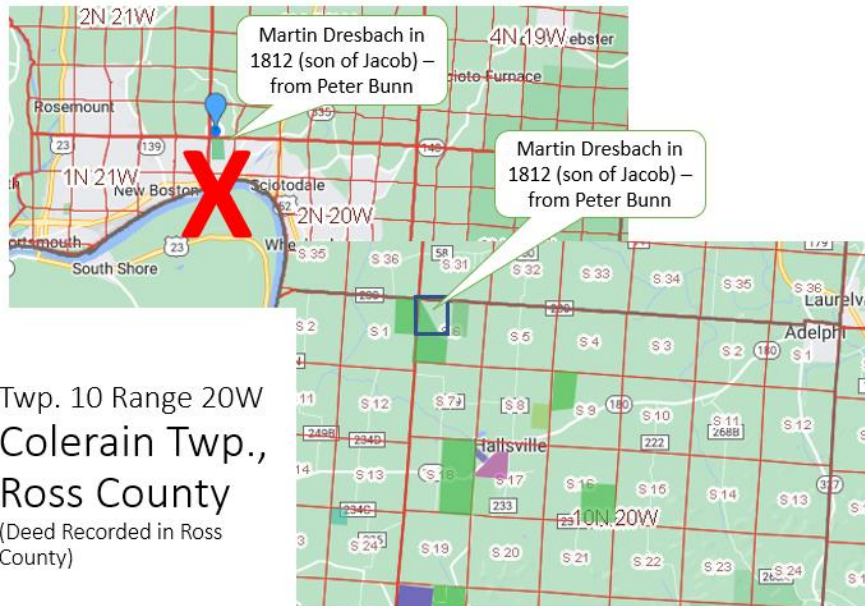
The deed index entry for Peter Bunn's sale to Martin Dresbach, states the location is "not in Ross."

DATE OF INST.	NAME	TO OR FROM	NAME	Kind of Instrument	RECORD Val. Page	Survey or Section Subdiv. or Addition	Town or Township	Val.
Aug 3 1812	Bunn Peter	To	Dresbach Martin	W.	11 49		Not in Ross	112
Jan 7 1815	Do	To	Simpson Andrew	W.	10 266	Sec. 19, R. 20	Harrison	387
Oct 1 1820	Do	To	Bunn Harrison	W.	7 354	Sec. 31, R. 20	Harrison	250
Mar 10 1811	Do	From	Bunn Benjamin & M.	W.	10 250	Sec. 19, R. 20	Harrison	100
Nov 31 1815	Do	From	Dresbach Peter & M.	W.	13 260	Sec. 31, R. 20	Harrison	100
May 1 1817	Do	From	Famuliner Jacob & M.	W.	8 124	Sec. 1, R. 20	Columbiana	400

To find the source for the reference to "Township No. two," I went back to the deed when Peter Bunn purchased the same 78-acre tract from Jacob Famunliner and wife, Catherin. In that deed the location is written as "Township number Ten."



Not really Scioto County Township 2, Range 20!



Twp. 10 Range 20W
Colerain Twp.,
Ross County
(Deed Recorded in Ross
County)

Ross County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pg.	Consideration
Apr 1	1811	Martin Dresbach, of Northumb	From	John Geehr	E 1/2 Sec 18	Sec 18 R 20	Colerain	320	10	238 \$2,400
July 16	1811	Martin Dresbach, of Ross	From	John Bryanson & Susanna	SW 1/4 Sec 6	Sec 6 R 20	Colerain		10	237 \$600
Nov 18	1811	Martin Dresbough	From	Andrew Crouch & W Elen	Beg at Eyestone Mill Dam, to Eyestone Mill Race; 105 ac, 2 Rod, 20 perches, witnessed by John Dresbach	Sec 23	Green (not stated in deed)	105	10	279 \$1,000
Aug 3	1812	Martin Dresbach, of Ross	From	Peter Bunn & W	NW 1/4 Sec 6, Pt of Twp 10 (not 2) deed witnessed by Henry	Sec 6 R 20	Scioto Co actually Colerain,	78	11	49 \$400
Apr 21	1814	Martin Dresbach & Annie of Ro	To	Benjamin Dresbach, of Ro	Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam, which is Green Twp. Sec. 7, Twp. 9, Rg 22	Sec 23	Green (not stated in deed)	105	12	115 \$1,000
June 17	1816	Martin Dresbach	From	Peter Jones	Pt of W 1/2 Twp 9	Sec 7 R 20	Harrison	46	13	500 \$700
Mar 20	1819	Martin Dresbach	From	Lewis R. Rogers & W	NE corner NE 1/4	Sec 1 R 21	Green	100	15	678 \$1,200
Mar 20	1819	Martin Dresbach	From	Lewis R. Rogers & W	from NW corner triangle	Sec 6 R 20	Colerain	38	15	680 \$800
Oct 4	1823	Martin Dresbach, Conrad Ponti	To	Ezekiel Bunn	Est. of Fredr. Pontius	Sec 24 R 21	Green	10	19	457 \$112
Dec 29	1827	Martin Dresbach	From	Jacob Strawser & W	south edge of what became Hallsville Cemetery	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	84	22	195 \$641
May 18	1835	Martin Dresbach	From	Jedekiah Dawson & W	Pt of W 1/2	Sec 9 R 20	Colerain	107	30	221 \$1,908
June 29	1837	Martin Dresbach & Anna	To	Ephraim Dresbach		Sec 9 R 20	Colerain	107	34	69 \$1,908
July 8	1837	Martin Dresbach & Anna	To	Jacob Dresbach		Sec 7 R 20	Harrison	46	34	426 \$2,184
July 8	1837	Martin Dresbach & Anna	To	Jacob Dresbach	SW 1/4 Sec 6	Sec 6 R 20	Colerain	160	34	426 --
July 8	1837	Martin Dresbach & Anna	To	Henry Dresbach (the son)	38 ac of NW 1/4 Sec 6; 100 ac of Sec 1	Sec 6 & 1 R 20 & 21	Colerain & Green	138	34	428 \$1,815
July 8	1837	Martin Dresbach & w. Anna	To	Jacob Dresbach	& pt Sec 9 Twp 9 R 20	Sec 7 R 20	Harrison	206	34	426 \$2,184
Jan 25	1838	Martin Dresbach	From	Governor Joseph Vance	School Land W 1/2 SE 1/4	Sec 16 R 20	Colerain	82	49	346 \$626
Jan 25	1838	Martin Dresbach	From	Governor Joseph Vance	School Land E 1/2 SE 1/4	Sec 16 R 20	Colerain	82	49	346 \$1,700
Jan 25	1849	Martin Dresback (no wife)	To	Ephraim Dresbach	NE 1/4	Sec 30 R 20	Colerain	60	49	258 \$329
Jan 23	1849	Martin Dresback (no wife)	To	Reuben Dresbach		Sec 16 R 20	Colerain	165	49	347 \$2,500
Jan 25	1849	Martin Dresbach (no wife)	To	Joseph Reedy	NE 1/4	Sec 30 R 20	Colerain	21	52	602 \$131
Jan 25	1849	Martin Dresbach (no wife)	To	Samuel Dresbach	NE 1/4	Sec 30 R 20	Colerain	39	53	450 \$246

Fairfield County:

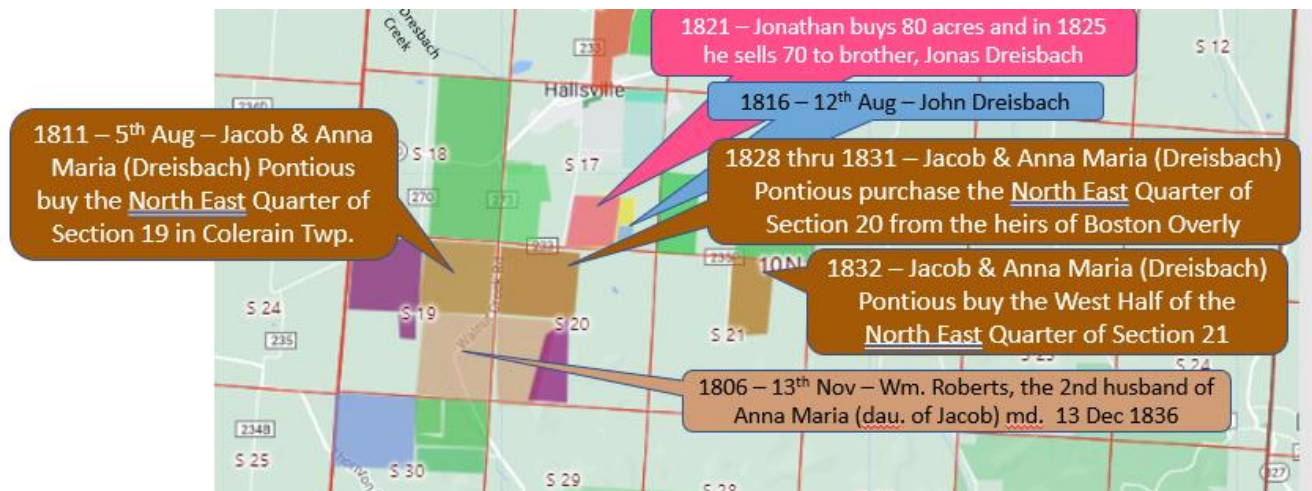
Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Ran	no	Twn	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jan 28	1814	Martin Dresback (of Ross Co.)	From	Winn Winship (Est by Exrs)	Clearcreek	20	12	31	320	W 1/2 Sec 31	J	30	\$	1,332
Feb 5	1814	Martin Dresback (of Ross Co.)	From	George & Catherine Dresba	Clearcreek	20	12	19	160	SW 1/4 Sec 19	J	31	\$	157
Nov 2	1816	Martin & Anny Dresbach	To	Henry Dresbach	Clearcreek	20	12	19		SW 1/4 Sec 19	L	203	\$	575
Nov 2	1817	Martin & Anny Dresbach	To	Jonathan Dresbach	Clearcreek	20	12	31	320	W 1/2 Sec 31	L	202	\$	1,531

1811 – Anna Maria, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), and husband Jacob Pontious

1811 – 5 August – Jacob Pontious, husband of **Anna Maria** Dresbach (daughter of Jacob & granddaughter of Martin Sr.), purchased 140 acres in Colerain Township, the North end of the East ½ of Section 19, Twp., 10 N, Range 20 W.

Between 1828 and 1831 Jacob and Mary Pontious purchase the undivided shares of the estate of Boston Overly, lying in the North West ¼ of Section 20, Colerain Twp. This land adjoined their farm in Section 19.

In 1832 Jacob and Anna purchased 80 acres on the west side of the North East quarter of Section 21.



A Standard History of Ross County, Vol. 1, Evans, 1917, pg. 80: Several members of the Pontius family, consisting of Martin, John, George, Benjamin, Jonathan, Jonas, Sophia and her husband, Mr. Speaker, Ann Al., wife of Jacob Pontius, and Elizabeth Dreisbach came from Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania, in 1811, and settled in Colerain and Green townships, Ross County, and in Pickaway and Fairfield counties.

Anna Maria was born the 13 Feb 1792 in Northumberland Co. She and Jacob Pontious were married in 1808 or early 1809 probably in Northumberland Co., PA. *A Standard History of Ross County, Ohio*, page 438, states that the Pontious family (including Jacob and wife, Ann M.) came from the Buffalo Valley in Pennsylvania in 1811. Their Pontious children were (per www.ddfa.tribalpages.com):

- Samuel, b. 5 Oct 1809 in Northumberland Co., PA, d. 1898 in Green Twp., Ross Co. He married Susanna Frederick.
- Elizabeth, b. 15 April 1811, d. 1837 in Ross Co. She married Samuel Throckmorton.
- David, b. 26 Feb 1813, Ross Co., d. 2 May 1902. He married Mary Harvey.
- Jonathan, b. 6 January 1815, d. 10 October 1841 in Ross Co. He md. Maria Betzer.
- Susan, b. 29 November 1816, d. 28 December 1885 in Ross Co. She married Mortimer Wilkerson.
- Jacob, Jr., b. 7 February 1818, d. 16 February 1901 in Ross Co. He married Eliza Shipp.
- Simon, b. 22 June 1825, d. 1899 in Illinois. He married Elizabeth Bunn.
- Anna Maria, b. 1828

According to the Soldier's Grave Registration Card, Jacob Pontious served in the war of 1812 for two terms, from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. He again served his country from the 23rd August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816. Both terms of service were in Captain John Van Meter's Company, and both terms of service match the dates that his brother-in-laws, Martin and Henry, who served in the same company. See War of 1812 section on page 12 for more detail.

Jacob Pontious passed away on the 24th of January 1833, and is buried at Salem White Church.

William Roberts' wife, Hannah, passed away sometime after a deed transaction dated the 24th of Jun 1834. **William Roberts and Anna Maria (nee Dreisbach), widow Pontious, were married on the 21st of February 1836 in Ross County.** William and Anna Maria Roberts had one son together:

- Albert Dresbach Roberts, b. 1838 and d. 28 Sep 1899 at Chillicothe. He married Rebecca Jane Strawser.

After the marriage of William and Anna Maria, there are several deeds recorded with the children of Jacob and Mary Pontious to settle Jacob's estate. In the deeds she is called "Mary" Roberts and always signs with her mark "X."

Anna Maria Dreisbach Pontious Roberts passed away on the 2nd July 1866. She is buried at Salem White Church Cemetery.

Transactions for Jacob and Anna Maria (Dresbach) Pontious – all in Ross County


Aug 20	1828	Jacob Pontious	From	Solomon Overly & W	1/15th NW 1/4 (patented to Boston Overly in 1807)	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	22	490	\$40
Aug 20	1828	Jacob Pontious	From	Jacob Overly & W	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	22	487	\$40
Oct 18	1828	Jacob Pontious	From	David Overly & W	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	22	488	\$40
Oct 29	1828	Jacob Pontious	From	Samuel Van Gundy & W	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	22	492	\$40
Jan 24	1829	Jacob Pontious	From	John Byerly & Susannah n	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 21	Colerain	160	23	297	\$40
Jan 24	1829	Jacob Pontious	From	Wm. McLaughlin & W	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	23	301	\$40
Oct 22	1829	Jacob Pontious	From	James Blue & W	W 1/2 of NE 1/4	Sec 21 R 20	Colerain	160	24	52	\$1,000
Jun 25	1830	Jacob Pontious	From	Eve Overly	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	24	493	\$40
Apr 21	1831	Jacob Pontious	From	Isaac Overly	1/15th NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	25	318	\$40
May 5	1832	Jacob Pontious & W	To	Samuel Throckmorton		Sec 21 R 20	Colerain	80	26	324	\$500
May 5	1832	Jacob Pontious	From	Samuel Throckmorton		Sec 21 R 20	Colerain	80	26	405	\$500
Mch 10	1840	Jacob Pontious	From	Ephraim Dresbach			Economy	2	37		
Aug 29	1842	Jacob Pontious & Eliza Ann, his wife (Heirs of Jacob Sr.)	To	Daniel Pontious	1/7 N end of E 1/2 Sec 19; 1/7 of NW 1/4 Sec 20 patented to Boston	Sec 19 20 21 R 20	Colerain	380	41	87	\$825

Transactions for William and Anna Maria (Dresbach) Pontious Roberts – all in Ross County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name		Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pr.	Consideration
Oct 8	1836	William Roberts & Mary	From	John Immell & W, Sarah nee Overly	W 1/2	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	32	222	\$45
Jun 11	1838	William Roberts & Anna Mary	From	Elias Overly		Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	34	476	\$155
June 15	1839	William Roberts et al	From	Anthony Bitzer G. & W		Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	37	214	\$107
Mar 15	1845	William Roberts	From	Elias Overly		Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	160	43	314	\$200
April 18	1846	William Roberts & Mary	To	David Pontious	Pt of NW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	19	44	574	\$400
April 18	1846	William Roberts & Mary	To	Samuel Pontious & wife, Susan, David Pontious & wife, Mary Ann	Pt of NW 1/4 (by partition)	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	19	45	1	\$400
Nov 2	1846	William Roberts & Wife, Mary	From	Simon Pontious & Elizabeth	Pt of NE 1/4 Not indexed - tract of land set off by Partition to Mary Roberts, widow of Jacob Pontious deceased as her dower	Sec 19 R 20	Colerain	65	49	288	\$200
April 18	1846	William Roberts et al	From	David Pontious & wife, M	Undiv 4/7	Sec 19 R 20	Colerain	65	49	289	\$800
Apr 18	1849	William Roberts & Wife, Mary	From	Samuel Pontious & wife, Susan		Sec 19 R 20	Colerain	65	49	289	\$800
Aug 28	1847	William Roberts	From	David Pontious & Wife	Pt of NW corner	Sec 20 R 20	Colerain	19	49	290	\$400

1812 – Daniel Aurand, son of Marg. Rebecca (>Martin Sr.)

1812 – 1 January – Daniel Aurand, son of Margaretha Rebecca Dreisbach (the dau. of Martin Sr.) and her husband Henry Aurand, receives a Patent for the North West ¼ of Section 36 in Twp., 9, Range 21, Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co. Daniel owned this property until he died on the 13th November 1853. After his death, his widow and heirs went through partition proceedings and the son, Henry, purchased the shares of this quarter section from his siblings.

Image	Accession	Names ↑	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	CV-0012-037	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 2px;"> <div>P AURAND, DANIEL,</div> <div>P HARMAN, JOHN</div> </div>	1/1/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	009N - 021W	NW¼	36	Pickaway

Daniel was born 3 Jan 1777 in Northumberland County, PA. He **married Mary Elizabeth Dreece in 1794** in Northumberland Co. The source for their children is www.ddfa.tribalpages.com:

- Catherine, b. abt 1795, d. after 27th June 1854 (when she signed over her share of her father's farm to her brother, Henry)
- John, b. 29th March 1801 in Northumberland Co., md. Catherine Treece and moved to Hancock Co., Ohio. He signed over his portion of his father's farm to brother, Henry, on 12th June 1873. He d. 1st November 1876 in Hancock Co.
- Samuel, b. 26th Nov 1803, Northumberland Co., md. Rachel Treece and also moved to Hancock Co. On the 17th October 1854 he signed over his share of his father's farm to brother, Henry. Samuel d. 17th July 1887 at Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio.
- Jacob, b. abt 1807, d. 21st August 1821 in Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co.
- Mary, b. 1st December 1810, md. James Bailey on the 1st of May 1833 in Pickaway Co. Before 1850 she md. 2nd to Jacob Huffer. She d. 13th April 1887 in Amanda Twp., Fairfield Co.
- Henry, b. 1816 in Pickaway Co., md. Sarah Spayd on the 6th of September 1840 in Sandusky, Ohio, but he purchased his father's farm from his siblings and lived in Pickaway County until his death on the 10th August 1891.
- George, b. abt 1817 in Pickaway Co., and d. abt 1851, possibly in Adams Co., IN. He was not living when his father's estate was settled.

Daniel died on 13th November 1853 and his wife, Elizabeth died 16th August 1857. They are both buried in the **Ritter Cemetery on the north east edge of Ringgold** on Hagerty Road.

- The only other property purchased by Daniel Aurand and wife, Elizabeth, is Lot No. 165 in the town of Circleville in 1817. They sold the lot In 1830 for a profit of \$5.00
- On the 20th of January 1821, Daniel Aurand and John Williams sign a deed as guarantors of Anthony Weaver, who mortgaged the South West ¼ of Section 30, Twp. 11, Range 21, in Circleville Twp. The mortgagee was Gerhart Miller of Cumru Twp., Berks Co., PA. Anthony Weaver passed away before he could repay the mortgage and Gerhart Miller sued in the Pickaway Co. Court of Common Pleas to recover the debt.






Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jan 1	1812	Daniel Aurand	From	United States	Walnut		21 W	9 N	36		NW 1/4 M.S. Patent	30	488	
Apr 22	1817	Daniel Aurand & John Clark	From	William Winland & W	Circleville	165						C	640	\$ 50
May 9	1820	Daniel Aurand witnesses: John	From	Anthony Weaver & W Eve	Circleville		21	11	30	25	SW 1/4 W.S.	E	361	\$ 100
Jan 20	1821	Daniel Aurand & John Williams	From	Anthony Weaver & W	Circleville		21	11	30	160	SW 1/4 W.S. Guarantors Daniel Aurand and John Ludwig	E	364	\$ 4,000
May 28	1825	Daniel Aurand (banker)	From	Andrew Huston (Mortgag	Circleville		21 & 22	11 & 4	31 & 7		Lots 7-23-39-109-110-112 Mortgage	F	502	\$ 1,553
Nov 6	1830	Daniel Aurand & Elizabeth, John Clark & Eleanor	To	Venus, devisee of Francis Horsey	Circleville	165					W 1/2	I	521	\$ 30
Nov 6	1830	Daniel Aurand & Elizabeth, John Clark & Eleanor	To	John Sapp	Circleville	165					E 1/2	11	433	\$ 27

1812 – Samuel, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1812 – 7 August – **Samuel** Dreshback (assignee of Henry Haller) received a Patent for government lands, being the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Washington Twp., Pickaway County, containing 160 acres. Samuel sold 10 acres from the 160-acre tract in Section 35 on 11 Dec 1813, as a single man.

	CV-0015-081	 DRESHBACK, SAMUEL,  HALLER, HENRY	8/7/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	011N - 021W	SE¼	35	Pickaway
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Samuel was born 5th Dec 1787 in Northumberland Co., PA., the 6th child of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach.

Samuel served in Capt. David List's Co. (Army) as a Private from 28 Jul 1813 to 6 Sep 1813 during the War of 1812 (per Soldier Graves Registration Card. His brother, Benjamin was discharged the same date, but his Soldier Graves Registration card says he served in Capt. Isaac Monnett's Co. (a different company than Samuel).

After the War of 1812 **Samuel married Catharine Buchwalter (daughter of Abraham Buchwalter and Barbara Bauer) on 7 Sep 1814**, probably in Pickaway or Ross Co., OH. Samuel and Catherine had the following children (per Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association Tree, <https://ddfa.tribalpages.com>):

- Rachel, b. 25 Dec 1815 in Ohio (location per census records)– md. Lorenzo D. Morris on 3rd March 1837 in Pickaway County. Died in Edgar Co., Illinois on 22 November 1896. Her age inscription is 80 Years 10 Months and 12 Days which equals a birth date of 10th January 1816.
- Abraham Buchwalter, b. 7th November 1817 in Ohio, d. 3 Apr 1884 in Illinois, md. Sarah Hostler on 2nd November 1852 in Pickaway Co.
- Isaac Buchwalter, b. 4 April 1820 in Ohio and d. 7th February 1895 in Harlan, Allen Co., Indiana, md. Catherine Metzger 13th April 1843 in Pickaway Co.

1821 – **Trip to Pennsylvania** - On the 16th January 1821, Abraham and Barbara Buchwalter appointed Samuel Dreisbach, their son-in-law, and John Buchwalter, their son, in Ross Co., OH, as Power of Attorney, "who are about to go on a journey to the state of Pennsylvania," to settle a real estate sale with Jacob Betts of Colebrookdale Twp., recorded in Berks Co. Vol. 31, pg. 521. On 29th April 1819 the Buchwalters had sold 140 acres to Betts for 5,000 pounds (Berks Co. Book A Vol 22 page 412). On the 15th March 1821, Jacob Betts and his wife, Catherine, conveyed the 140 acres back to Abraham Buchwalter.

- Mary, b. 21st January 1822 in Ohio, d. 2nd April 1911 at Circleville, Pickaway Co., md. James Earnhart on the 9th January 1845 in Pickaway Co.
- Jacob Buchwalter, b. 25 Feb 1824, Pickaway Co., d. 7th December 1899 at Paris, Edgar Co., Illinois, md. Mary Patterson on 7th September 1852 in Adams Co., Ohio

On the 27th March 1824, Samuel Dreisbach, again in Pennsylvania on behalf of Abraham and Barbara Buchwalter, completed the sale of 140 acres in Colbrookdale Twp., Berks Co., PA to Peter Deisher for 1,800 pounds, recorded Vol. 33, pg. 367.

- Martin Buchwalter, b. 1 July 1826 in Ohio, d. 7th March 1863 in Edgar Co., IL

- Samuel Buchwalter, b. 4 March 1828 in Ohio, d. 10 March 1862 in Edgar Co., IL, md. 16th March 1854 to Mary A. Cheesman in Edgar Co., IL
- Levi Buchwalter, b. 26 May 1830, d. 11th September 1853, Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.
- Elizabeth B., b. 25 Apr 1832, md. William Sturgeon on 4 March 1856 in Circleville, and died on the 29th of April 1924 in Circleville in her 94th year. Her obituary appeared in the Circleville Herald on 30 Apr 1924. She left no children, but several nieces survived her. In her will she directed her executor to purchase a suitable monument to be erected in the Dresbach Cemetery for her parents, Samuel and Catharine Dresbach.
- William Henry, b. 18 July 1834 in Ohio, md. Amanda J. Crabtree on 22nd December 1859 in Edgar Co., IL. There is a FindAGrave memorial for William H. Driesbach b. 18 July 1833 and d. 20 Aug 1914, in Marshalltown, Iowa. This MAY be William, son of Samuel and Catherine. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/127142954/william-h-driesbach>
- Benjamin, b. 8th December 1836 in Ohio, d. 6th January 1840, Pickaway Co. at the age of 3 yrs.
- Simon P., b. about 21st December 1840 and d. 21 October 1842, Pickaway Co., aged 1 year

His **first wife, Catherine, died on the 17th February 1841** in Pickaway Co. On **the 29th of December 1842 Samuel married 2nd Sarah Britton** in Pickaway County. They are reported to have had two babies that died in infancy. Samuel still owned most of his Patented Quarter Section (150 acres in Section 35, Washington Twp.) until 1847 when he and 2nd wife, Sarah, sold it and the 37-acre tract in Section 2 of Range 21, Township 10 (Pickaway Twp.) After **Samuel died on 17 Dec 1849**, his son, Abraham Buchwalter Dresbach bought the North East Quarter of Section 34 from the heirs.



Will of Samuel Dresbach - Pickaway County, Ohio - Dated 3 Jan 1848, Probated 27 Dec 1849

In the name of the Benevolent Father of all, I, Samuel Dresbach, senior, of the County of Pickaway, the State of Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and testament, Viz:

Item 1st - pay debts and funeral expenses

Item 2nd – immediately sell personal property

Item 3rd It is my will that my Executor, as soon as my son, William Henry Dresbach, shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, proceed to sell all the real estate of which I may be seized and possessed, upon credit or otherwise, as he may deem most advantageous to my surviving heirs.

Item 4th It is my will that my Executor shall pay out of the proceeds of such sales, or out of any other moneys which may come into his hands, belonging to my estate, to each of my children: Samuel Dresbach, Levi Dresbach, Elizabeth Dresbach, and William Henry Dresbach, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to make them equal with my other children, Rachel, Abraham B., Isaac B., Polly, and Martin.

Item 5th It is my will that my Executor pay to my wife Sarah, if she should survive me, the one third of such amount as may be found in the hands of my Executor upon his final settlement with the Court.

Item 6th It is my will that my Executor pay the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to my children, Rachel Morris, Abraham B. Dresbach, Isaac B. Dresbach, Polly Earnhart, Jacob Dresbach, Martin Dresbach, Samuel Dresbach, Levi Dresbach, Elizabeth Dresbach, and William Henry Dresbach, or to their surviving heirs, share and share alike.

Item 7th It is my will and I do hereby so direct, that if the thousand dollars, so bequeathed as aforesaid to each of my children Samuel, Levi, Elizabeth and William Henry, shall not be promptly and punctually paid as soon as they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years respectively, that the bequests shall bear legal interest from that time till paid.

Item 8th I do hereby direct, authorize and empower my Executor to make, execute and deliver, all such deeds and conveyances for such real estate as he may sell and dispose of in as full and perfect a manner as I would or could do when living.

Item 9th I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, Abraham B. Dresbach, to be my Executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1848

Samuel Dresbach (Seal) Witnessed by Samuel Jones and William Miller

Samuel is buried at the Dresbach Church Cemetery on Tarlton Rd. near his mother and two brothers, George and Jonathan.

Petition for Dower (from *Pickaway County Ohio Partition Records Abstracts*, pg. 51)

Pickaway Co. Common Pleas Court, Vol.3, pg. 375-382:

Sarah Dresbach vs Abraham Dresbach and Others

On March 2, 1850, a petition was filed by Sarah Dresbach stating that Samuel Dresbach died in December 1849 leaving her as his widow and Abraham B. Dresbach, Isaac Dresbach, Rachel Morris (nee Dresbach) wife of Lorenzo D. Morris, Polly Earnhart (nee Dresbach) wife of James Earnhart, Jacob B. Dresbach, Martin Dresbach, Samuel Dresbach, who are of age, Levi Dresbach, Elizabeth Dresbach, and William H. Dresbach as minors all his children and heirs. Said Deceased owned several tracts of land described in the case. One tract of 208 acres of land were partitioned where 76 ½ acres were set aside for dower. A map is on page 381.

NOTE: The only transaction in Ross County, is part of the settlement of his father-in-law's estate

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pa.	Consideration	
Feb 4	1842	Samuel Dresbach (son of Jacob) & John Bookwalter	To	Henry Bookwalter	Est. of Abr. Bookwalter	Sec 8 R 20	Colerain	64	45	528	\$969

Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Aug 7	1812	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob)	From	U. S. of America	Washington		21	11	35	160	SE 1/4 Patent	13	288	
Dec 11	1813	Samuel Dresbach-no wife-bef he married Cath. in 1814 (of Jacob)	To	Henry Shock	Washington		21	11	35	10	Pt SE 1/4	A	623	\$ 55
Apr 19	1823	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob)	From	John Gootee & Betsy (Earr	Pickaway		21	10	3	63	& 129 P Pt E 1/2	F	58	\$ 260
Jun 7	1824	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob)	From	Jonathan Stouffer & W	Pickaway		21	10	3	17	& 85 P E 1/2	F	316	\$ 400
Sept 27	1824	Samuel Dresback (of Jacob) & Catherine	To	Jonathan Stouffer	Pickaway		21	10	3	17	83 P, E 1/2	F	386	\$ 74
Mar 18	1831	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob)	From	Jonathan Stouffer & W	Pickaway		21	10	3		Roadway	J	132	\$ 4
Apr 1	1831	Samuel Dresbach Execs for Abr Buchwalter (father-in-law)	To	Samuel Lutz			21	10	36		NE 1/4 Mortgage Rel	15	475	\$ 800
Mar 22	1833	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob) & Cath.	To	Jacob D. Lutz	Pickaway		21	10	3	63	131 P, E 1/2	11	287	\$ 383
Mar 26	1833	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob)	From	Jacob D. Lutz & Polly	Pickaway		21	10	2	37	& 29 P NW 1/4	12	28	\$ 222
Mar 1	1834	Samuel Dresbach, of Pickaway	From	James Morris decd by Exe	Washington		21	11	36	200	Pt N 1/2	13	288	\$ 1,960
Oct 2	1837	Samuel Dresbach	From	Jonathan Dresbach (mortg	Washington		21	11	36	200	Mtg Canc 2-15-1840	15	277	
May 25	1841	Samuel Dresbach of Pickaway (of Jacob)	From	Leonard Wolf & Cath. Dre	Circleville		21	11	19	15		18	165	\$ 1,200
Jun 26	1841	Samuel Dresbach of Pickaway (of Jacob)	From	Jacob Shoemaker & Susan	Circleville		21	11	19			18	389	\$ 50
Mar 9	1843	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob & widr of Cath. Buchwalter)	From	John Coons & Eleanor of T	Washington		21	11	34	207.5	NE 1/4 E end NW 1/4	19	200	\$ 6,000
May 11	1847	Samuel Dresbach & Sarah (Britton-2nd wife)	To	Geo. S. Richardson	Pickaway & Washin		21	11	35	197	29 P, SE 1/4 of 35; NW 1/4 of 2	22	210	\$ 7,000
May 11	1847	Samuel Dresbach & Sarah (Britton-2nd wife)	To	Geo. S. Richardson	Pickaway & Washin		21	10	2	197	29 P, SE 1/4 of 35; NW 1/4 of 2	22	210	\$ 7,000
Jun 7	1847	Samuel Dresbach & Sarah (Britton-2nd wife, s. of Jacob)	From	Geo. S. Richardson	Washington		21	11	35	10	deed of explanation	22	222	--
Jun 21	1851	Samuel Dresbach (of Jacob) by Exec Abr. B. Dresbach	To	Jacob Y. Miller	Circleville		21	11	19	15	N 1/2	25	502	\$ 900
Sep 16	1851	Abraham B. Dresbach	From	Lorenzo D. Morris & Rache	Washington		21	11	34	208	E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 M.S.	30	217	
Aug 19	1852	Abraham B. Dresbach (settling	From	James Earnhart & Mary	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	30	218	
Nov 29	1852	Abraham B. Dresbach (father,	From	Samuel B. Dresbach (bro)	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	30	216	
Nov 29	1852	Samuel B. Dresbach	To	Abraham B. Dresbach	Washington		21	11	34	208	NW 1/4 NE 1/4	30	216	
Dec 16	1852	Abraham B. Dresbach (Samuel's	From	Levi B. Dresback	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	30	216	
Jan 1	1853	Abraham B. Dresbach (estate	From	Isaac Dresbach & Cath. of	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	31	406	
Apr 5	1854	Abraham B. Dresbach	From	Jacob B. Dresback & W	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	30	215	
Feb 4	1856	Abram B. Dresbach & W	To	James Earnhart & W	Washington		21	11	34	48	NE 1/2	30	570	
Mar 1	1856	Abraham B. Dresbach	From	Elizabeth Dresbach	Washington		21	11	34	208	Q.C. E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4	31	399	
Jan 24	1857	Abraham B. Dresbach	From	Martin B. Dresbach, of Edg	Washington		21	11	34	208	E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4W.S.	31	398	
Jan 26	1857	Abraham B. Dresbach	From	William Henry Dresbach of	Edgar Co., IL		21	11	34	208	QC E. of NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 V	31	399	

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
Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jul 27	1839	Samuel Dresbach	From	Thomas Eddingfield, Shff, H	Clearcreek	20	12	32	157	Pt NE 1/4 Sec 32	6	282	\$ 3,058
Mar 9	1843	Samuel & Sarah Dresbach (of Picka	To	John Coons	Clearcreek	20	12	32	151	Pt of NE 1/4 Sec 32	8	702	\$ 3,057
Oct 7	1878	Samuel Dresbach (Tr) et al	From	George Dresbach et al	Clearcreek	20	11 & 12	6 & 13		Sale to U. B. Church	44	105	\$ 1

NOTE: There are several Samuels that could have purchased land in Pickaway County through the years:

- 1) Samuel, the son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr., b. 1787, so old enough to Patent this tract in 1812 (the same timeframe that his brothers are buying land), and he also had a son named Samuel, b. 4 Mar 1828
- 2) Samuel, the son of Henry, and grandson of Martin Sr., b. abt 1798 (poss. D. about 1835 – source not known)
- 3) In 1842 Samuel, the Gunsmith, purchased Lot 4 in Circleville – no other property is sold by his heirs after he died in 1868. He also had a son named Samuel Dunkel Dresbach, b. 1822
- 4) Samuel, the son of Martin III, and grandson of Jacob, b. 4 Jul 1817, d. 1874 in Colerain Twp., Ross Co.

1812 – George, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1812 – 7 August - **George**, son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr., (assignee of Peter Apple) received a Patent for government lands, being the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 12, Range 20, in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield County, containing 160 acres.

Image	Accession	Names ↑	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	CV-0015-117	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 2px;"> <div> DRESHBACK, GEORGE,</div> <div> APPLE, PETER</div> </div>	8/7/1812	0	OH	Ohio River Survey	012N - 020W	SW¼	19	Fairfield

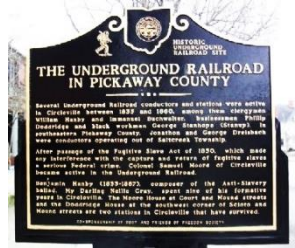
- This same quarter section was sold to his brother, Martin, in 1814 and Martin sold it to their brother, Henry, in 1816
- There are reports that George served in the War of 1812. The only documentation I could find in the War of 1812 files on Fold3 was a document stating that he had a substitute, Thomas Elder, SC 4496, Captain George Gibson’s Ohio Militia.
- 1814 – George purchased the North Half of Section 6 in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, bordering Fairfield County on the north. This is where George builds his home farm and that northern edge of the North West Quarter becomes the location of the Dresbach Church.
- **1820 - The Dreisbach United Brethren Church was organized** at the house of George Dreisbach (where his son, William Dreisbach, now lives), about the year 1820. The members were George Dreisbach and wife, Henry Dreisbach and wife, John Dreisbach, Elizabeth Whetsel, and a few others, whose names are now forgotten. This appointment was, and is still, on the Pickaway circuit, which originally embraced some thirty appointments, but now has only four. The regular services of the class were held at the dwelling of George Dreisbach, every other Sabbath, until 1835, when the present brick church was erected, which is located at the north line of the township. (Source: page 254, *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, William Bros., 1880)

It is a tradition among church members and family that the bricks for the church building were manufactured on the farm of George Dresbach, by forming and cutting the clay mixture and allowing the bricks to dry in the sun. A few times there have been cars who missed the curve in the Tarlton Road and crashed into the church property. One of those times during the repairs, this brick was found and preserved – engraved 1832 D....and may say G D.

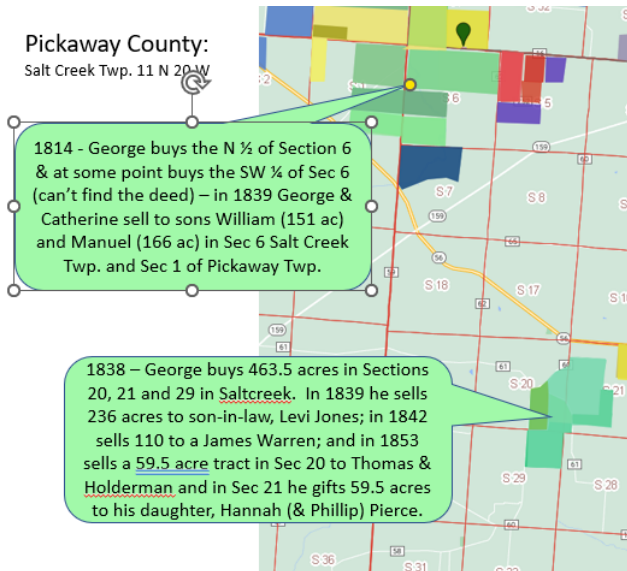
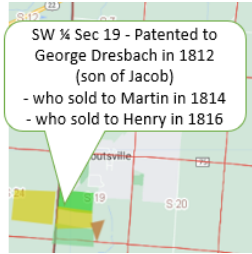


- 1834 – George and brother, Jonathan, are appointed by the conference of the United Brethren Church to purchase a printing press for the purpose of printing their newspaper, the ***Religious Telescope***.
- 1838 – George purchases a large tract of land of 463 acres in Sections 20, 21 and 29 of Salt Creek Twp.

- 1835 – 1860 - **The Underground Railroad** – Historical Marker at 304 S Court Street, Circleville: “In southeastern Pickaway County, Jonathon and George Dreisbach were conductors operating out of Saltcreek Township.” Because the operation was extremely secretive, little is known for certain, but it is said the George and Jonathan moved runaway slaves by wagon into Circleville.



- On the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site there is more information about the life of George and his children under [George Dresbach – 1784 – 1863](#) in the “Biographies” section.



Land purchases by George Dreisbach, several tracts in Pickaway County and his first purchase in Fairfield County in 1812



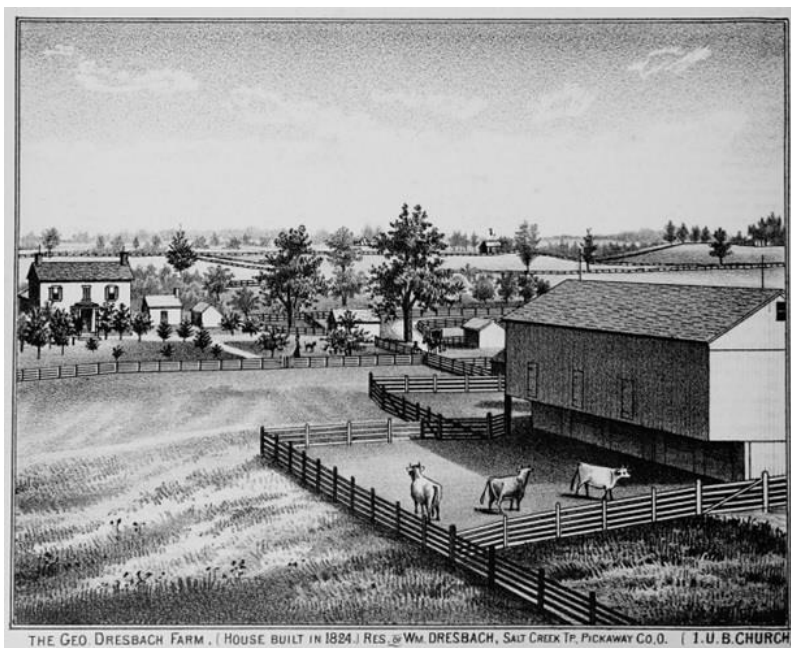
- George was born in Northumberland County on the 13th of January 1784 (Franklin Pickaway Hist, pg. 26). He married Catherine Betz on the 10th of January 1809 in Northumberland Co. **George died the 7th of October 1863 and Catherine died the 10th of February 1858, age at death is 79 Y 6 M 27 or 24 D = b. 6 March or 9 March 1784.** They are buried at the Dresbach Cemetery on Tarlton Road. Their children were:
 - Mary, born November 27, 1809, Northumberland Co., d. 9 Aug 1876 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co., md. Levi Jones
 - Hannah, born January 2, 1812, Pickaway Co., d. Bloomington, Monroe Co., Indiana, md. Philip Pierce

- Elizabeth, born June 17 1814, Pickaway Co., d. Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana, md. Andrew Metzger
- William, born September 21, 1817, Pickaway Co., d. 5 Mar 1882 in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co., md. Louisa Whitsel
- Manuel, (aka Emanuel) born March 9 1820, Pickaway Co., d. 9 Aug 1864 in Fairfield Co., md. Mary Rice.

NOTE: The Circleville Democrat dated Aug 12, 1864, reported the story of Manuel's murder:

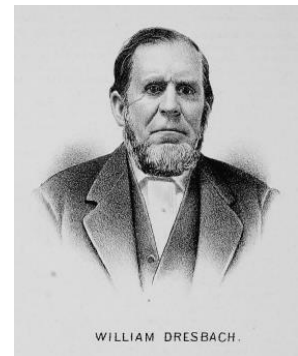
"SHOOTING AFFRAY - Emanuel Dresbach and John Corder, living near together in Amanda township, Fairfield county, got into an unfortunate difficulty on Wednesday morning of this week, which resulted in the death of the former. The facts as we learn them are, viz: Dresbach's dog had run down Corder's cow, and Corder took his gun and went to shoot the dog, when Dresbach came at him with a stone. Corder told him to not come at him or he would shoot him. Dresbach continued to approach with the stone, when Corder fired, the charge taking effect in Dresbach's bowels. The wounded man lingered until evening, when he died. Corder was not in custody at the last accounts we have. Both parties were respectable citizens."

- Sarah, born January 16, 1823, d. 29 Jun 1851, md. Pleasant Brock
- George Betz, born August 27, 1825, Pickaway Co., d. 11 April 1887 at Dresbach, Winona Co., Minnesota, md. Mary Nichols. In the "Biographies" section of Dreisbach-Dreisbach.org you will find more information about his settlement in Minnesota: [George Betz Dresbach, Sr. – 1825 - 1887](#)
- Abner, born August 16, 1831, Pickaway Co., d. after 1880 in Australia
- Solomon, born August 16, 1831, d. 1831 in Ohio



THE GEO DRESBACH FARM. | HOUSE BUILT IN 1824. | RES. @ Wm. DRESBACH, SALT CREEK TP., PICKAWAY CO., O. | I. U. B. CHURCH.

facing page 261, *Hist. of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio, William Bros., 1880*
– this was built in the north half of Section 6 of Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co. The number 1 points out the Dresbach United Brethren Church



William Dresbach (son of George & grandson of Jacob), b. 21 Sep 1817 – pg. 261 Hist. of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio, William Bros., 1880

From the article, **A Small Miracle**, Winter, 1990, *Pickaway Quarterly*, pg. 19, by Charlene D. Woolever:

We have a short history, “*Your Dresbach Story*,” which was given to us by Ned Dresbach, Hugh’s father, several years ago. Included in it is a history written by a descendant of Elizabeth (Betsey Dresbach and Andrew Metzger who married in 1839. Elizabeth was a daughter of George Dresbach and Catherine Betts and a brother to William, who was Hugh’s great, great grandfather.

The writer states, “When grandmother was married, her father gave her a good cow as was the custom at that time. (The sons got a horse.) Her father also had a blind cabinet maker come to his home and make her a ‘settin out’ of furniture, which consisted of four chairs and a four-poster bed, a drop-leaf table, a cupboard and a chest of drawers. The furniture was all made from timber cut on her father’s farm. The chest was made of cherry.”

Betsey and Andrew Metzger moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and at some point the chest sold at auction. In 1989 the chest was in the possession of the Mishlers of Rockland, Texas, who had recently purchased it. In the process of refinishing the chest, they found a letter glued to the bottom of a drawer and contacted the Circleville Chamber to try to return it to Dresbach descendants. When Charlene read the letter, she knew who it belonged to, and contacted a 3rd great grandson of George Dresbach and Catherine Betts, Hugh Dresbach (who was able to purchase the chest). The letter reads:

“This chest of drawers was made as a part of the ‘setting out’ furniture on my mother’s mother, Miss Betsey Driesbach at the time of her marriage to Andrew Metzger, Jan. 1—1839.

The ‘settin out’ consisted of a bed, table, 4 chairs, a cupboard and this chest of drawers, all made by hand by a blind cabinet maker, from cherry trees cut from the bride’s father’s farm near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, where they were married.

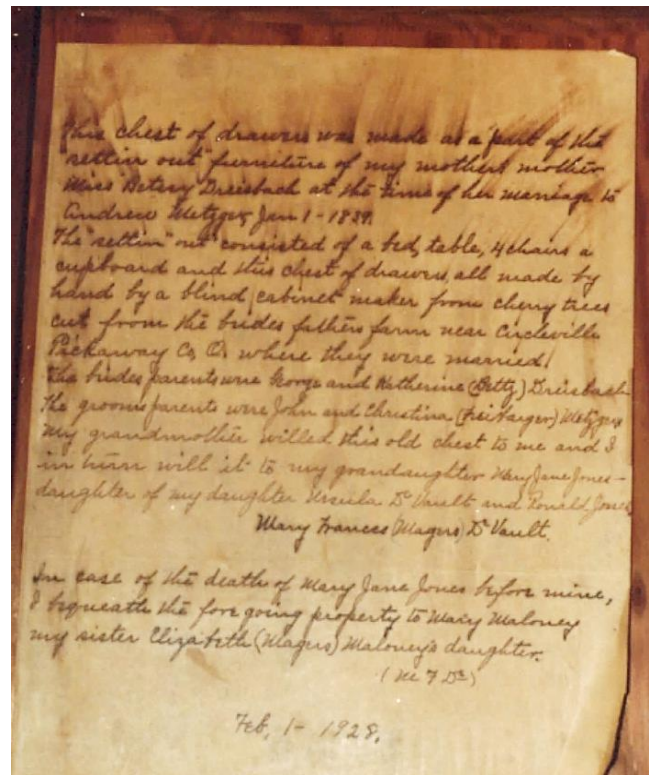
The bride’s parents were George and Katherine (Betz) Driesbach. The groom’s parents were John and Christina (Freibarger) Metzger. My grandmother willed this old chest to me and I in turn will it to my granddaughter, Mary Jane Jones, daughter of my daughter Ursula DeVault and Ronald Jones.

Mary Frances (Magers) DeVault

In case of the death of Mary Jane Jones before mine, I bequeath the foregoing property to Mary Maloney, my sister Elizabeth (Magers) Maloney’s daughter.

M.F.De

Feb. 1st 1928”



Fairfield County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Feb 5	1814	George & Caty Dresback	To	Martin Dresback	Clearcreek	20	12	19	160	SW 1/4 Sec 19	J	31	\$ 157
Oct 7	1878	George, Caty, Jonathan & Mary Dresbach	To	Samuel Dresbach, William Earnheart & Peter Johnston (Trustees)	Clearcreek	20	11 & 12	6 & 31		Dresbach Church - Rec in Pickaway in 1832 - Recorded 7th Oct 1878 in Fairfield	44	105	\$ 1

Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jan 28	1814	George Dresbach, of Pickaway	From	Win Winship, decd by Execs	Pickaway		21	10	1	160	NE 1/4	B	19	\$ 578
Feb 5	1814	George Dresbach	From	Elizabeth Saylor	Saltcreek		20	11	6	330	N 1/2	B	17	\$ 2,310
Nov 27	1819	George Dresbach, of Pickaway	From	Olney Paine & W	Circleville	91 & 92					Inlots	E	88	\$ 500
Dec 18	1830	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	David Foust	Saltcreek		20	11	6	28	43 P N 1/2	J	314	\$ 226
May 4	1832	George Dresbach & Caty, Jonathan & Mary	To	United Brethren in Christ by Trustee	Pickaway & Fairfield		20	11 & 12	6 & 31	1	71.5 Poles	47	63	\$ 1
Aug 23	1832	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	James Lawrence	Pickaway		21	10	1	103	East side of NW 1/4	23	22	\$ 105
Nov 13	1837	George Dresbach - as security fr	From	Lauriston Twining	Circleville	49 & 50					Canc 3-29-1839	15	320	
Sep 15	1838	George Dresbach & Catherine	From	John Cashner & W	Saltcreek		20	11	0-21-2	463.5		16	410	\$ 13,935
Mar 28	1839	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	William Dresbach (their son)	Pickaway & Saltcree		21	10	1	151	36 Poles NE 1/2 NW 1/4	16	412	\$ 3,000
Mar 28	1839	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	William Dresbach (their son)	Pickaway & Saltcree		20	11	6	151	36 Poles NE 1/2 NW 1/4	16	412	--
Mar 28	1839	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	Levi Jones (son-in-law)	Saltcreek		20	11	20 & 21	202	Pt of 464.5 ac sold by Cashr	42	17	\$ 8,956
Aug 21	1839	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	Manuel Dresbach (their son)	Pickaway & Saltcree		21	10 & 11	1 & 6	166	127 P E 1/2 W 1/2	20	262	\$ 2,158
Aug 21	1839	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	Manuel Dresbach (their son)	Pickaway & Saltcree		20	11	6	166	127 P E 1/2 W 1/2	20	262	--
Apr 23	1842	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	James Warren	Saltcreek		20	11	0-21-2	110		23	147	\$ 3,300
Aug 24	1844	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	Levi Jones (son-in-law)	Saltcreek		20	11	20 & 21	33.84		42	18	\$ 921
Sep 18	1847	George Dresbach, William Dres	From	Geo. B Dresbach, merchant							Mtg on chattels	22	363	\$ 3,566
Sep 25	1849	George Dresbach & Catherine	To	Pleasant Brock & W	Circleville	71						24	266	\$ 800
Jul 23	1850	George Dresbach, complainant	From	John Coon & W et al	Pickaway		21	10	1		SE 1/4 Court Decree	24	552	awarded
Sep 10	1851	George Dresbach & W	To	William Dresbach	Pickaway		20	11	6	310	N 1/2	36	578	amt is bla
Apr 22	1853	George Dresbach & W	To	Hannah Pierce, dau.	Saltcreek		20	11	21	59.5	SW 1/4	42	286	gift

1812 – Daniel, son of Henry (>Martin Sr.)

1812 – 1st September – Daniel Dreisbach, Circleville Director, son of Henry (& grandson of Martin Sr.), with his brother-in-law, John Ely (who md. Catherine Dreisbach) purchased 200 acres in Section 19 on the north edge of the Town of Circleville, Vol. A, pg. 380.

On the 20th of November 1812, Henry purchases Lot # 11 in Circleville (in the inside ring around the court house), but he sells it to his son, Daniel, the same date.

In 1814 Daniel and partner, James Denny, purchased another 200 acres in Section 20, on the northeast edge of Circleville, Vol. B, pg. 143. This land was divided and sold through the years. It is also where Daniel erected a dam on Hargus Creek and established a grist mill with James Denny. This is the third documented mill established by Henry, the Miller, and his sons. This James Denny is the Col. James Denny who served in the War of 1812.

Occupations of Record: Merchant, Director of Circleville, a Miller, a Keel Boatman, a Land Speculator in Early Development of the Town of Circleville, County Commissioner, Pickaway County Recorder

- 1805 - Levingston was laid out by Daniel Dreisbach, (actually recorded in Ross County by Henry Dresbach and John Thomas on September 30th, 1805), being situated on the eastern border of the plains in Circleville township. It competed with Circleville and Jefferson for the location of the county seat. During the short period of its life, it was the resort of rough characters, whose actions were constant menace to the neighboring farmers. At its period of greatest prosperity, it contained some 30 or 40 families and had three or four stores, the first store established being that of William Carlisle. The town ceased to exist about the year 1830 and every trace of it has disappeared. (Source: page 90, *History of Pickaway County Ohio*, Van Cleaf, 1906
- The first regular term of the Court of Common Pleas of Pickaway County was commenced July 23, 1810 at the house of Henry Nevill. **July 25th, James Denny was appointed clerk of the Common Pleas Court for the constitutional term of 7 years and gave bond of \$3,000. Daniel Dreisbach was appointed director**, agreeable to the statute, establishing seats of justice, **and ordered to give bond in the sum of \$10,000**, which was given. The Indian fortifications were chosen as the location for the county seat. Daniel's responsibility was to purchase the ground for the site of the new town, lay it out in town lots and begin to sell them. – page 19 and 31 *History of Pickaway County*, Van Cleaf, 1906. [The friendship between James Denny, Henry Nevill and Daniel included a fateful trip to Philadelphia in 1815.]
- 1810 – Aug 4th – Daniel, as Director of Circleville, purchases 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres from Samuel Watt (who gifted 50 acres), the parcel includes the "old fort," for purpose of establishing a town. On the first sale day, Dreisbach disposed of 29 lots, and on the next day 11. The houses were rapidly pushed to completion and by winter about 40 families had taken up their residence in the new town. - Pages 31-32, *History of Pickaway County Ohio*, Van Cleaf, 1906
- 1811 – Jul 23rd – Daniel and his father, Henry, recorded an Article of Agreement in Vol. A, pg. 206, for Daniel to retain half the profit of a Mill in Section 4, Twp 10, Range 21 in exchange for

maintenance on the Mill. This was one month after Henry married his 2nd wife, widow Mary Hedges, and had moved north to Lot 56 in Bloomfield. (Details of the mill location are explained under section for his father, Henry, the Miller.) The 1906 *History of Pickaway County Ohio* by Van Cleaf states on page 103, Pickaway Township:

“EARLY MILLS. The pioneers of the township obtained their grist, at first, at a floating mill located on the Scioto, below Chillicothe. Subsequently Crouse’s mill was erected on the Kinnickinnick in Ross County and the settlers then went there to mill. The first grist-mill in this township was built on Scippo Creek by Daniel Dreisbach about 1815; there was another mill on the same stream at an early date, which was owned by Benedict Morris.”

- 1812 – May 19th – Daniel recorded Articles of Agreement with Samuel Watt for erecting a dam in Hargus Creek and mill race to direct water to his lot (northeastern edge of Circleville)
- 1814 – June 10th – Daniel, with James Denny, secure from Phillip Zeager water from Hargus Creek for the purpose of establishing a grist mill in Section 21 or 22 (Hargus Creek runs through both). Payment was \$175 and to grind the grain of Zeager free of charge.
- **1815 – a trip to Philadelphia** – by Sunday, November 5th and through a few days after November 25th – Daniel made a trip to Philadelphia on business, part of which was acquiring goods (type not specified) to ship to Circleville. In Philadelphia he met up with Col. James Denny and his daughter, Jane, on the 5th.

On November 12th he penned a letter to Isabella Denny, to report to her that her husband, James, had been “violently attacked by the Inflammatory Rheumatism,” but that his health was improving. He related that Isabella’s daughter, Jane, was anxious to get home. He added that he (Daniel) had also been ill, but not confined to his room.

The following week, Sunday, November 19th, Daniel reported in a second letter to Isabella that James was well attended and would be able to sit up in a day or two. Henry Nevill (another business associate) arrived in Philadelphia on Friday, November 10th and was traveling on to Baltimore (for business) on November 20th. With Nevill’s assistance, Daniel had finished his business, as well as the business of James Denny, and had “sent off all the goods last Thursday (November 16th).

On November 23rd Daniel was forced to pen a sad update to Isabella Denny:

Philadelphia, Thursday Morning, November 23d, 1815.

Mrs. Isabella Denny, Dear Madam: With my heart full of grief and sorrow I am obliged to take up my pen and write the news of the departure of your most affectionate husband. Mr. Denny is no more. Oh God, my grief is almost unsupportable. Never did I once think that I should have to be the unhappy instrument of giving such unwelcome tidings to a tender and affectionate family. Still I feel greatly gratified that I was present during his disease, which lasted about seventeen days. He departed this morning at fifteen minutes after four o'clock. Seemed to be perfectly in his senses until his last moment, but had lost the gift of utterance for two days until a few hours before his death. He then recovered

so much that he spoke to your daughter Jane. I hope you will compose yourself as much as possible as to the safe conveyance of Jane. Rest assured, Madam, nothing shall be wanting that will be in my power to contribute to her welfare and safety. I shall have the same charge as was she my own child. I hope you will not have any fears as respect her safe arrival at home. We will, I presume, set off from this city on Tuesday next immediately for home. The remains of Mr. Denny will be interred on tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Please to accept this as my last action until I shall have it in my power to present unto [you] your dear beloved daughter. Jane has behaved with all the prudence that possibly could be expected from a child at the departure of a most tender parent. She will immediately be removed from her present boarding place, that is, after the interment of Mr. Denny, to a Widow Symonton, an acquaintance of Mr. McCrackan's. He advises me to have her taken there. Mrs. Symonton is a lady of much respect, etc. Dear Madam, with grief and sorrow, I remain yours, etc., Mrs. Isabella Denny. Daniel Dresback.

Source: *Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. X, No. 1, January 1907 - pg. 299 – Correspondence of Col. James Denny

- 1817 – May 14th – Daniel, with Henry Nevill (and wife Arimintha), enters agreement to copartner in erection and operation of a mill on the west side of the (Scioto) River in Wayne Twp., Pickaway (was not able to map this Mill location)
- *A Standard History of Ross County*, Vol. 1, pg. 80: Among the old keel boatmen whose names have come down to us were John Boggs, George and Jacob Miller, James McCoy, William Ensworth, Daniel Dresbach and Z. R. Martin. These men used to handle large cargoes, and it is related that on one trip, in 1821, Z. R. Martin took 400 barrels of flour.
- **1834 – Elected County Commissioner** (pg. 202, *History of Pickaway County*, Van Cleaf, 1906)
- The 1830s brought a change in the sentiment of the citizens of Circleville about the unique layout of the circle in the middle of the town. On March 3, 1838 the first steps toward the squaring of the southeast quarter of the circular portion of the town were taken. Daniel Dreisbach, director of the town, was ordered by the court to convey to the said parties all the interest of Pickaway County in said part of Circleville, for the consideration of \$750. Lots were purchased back from the original owners, buildings were torn down and the lots were re-configured. The squaring of the circle, one quarter at a time, continued in this fashion for almost 20 years.
- 1849 – Oct 2nd – the last entry in Pickaway Co. Deed Books as “Daniel Dresbach, Director” after 39 years as Director and almost 6 pages of entries in the Pickaway Co. Deed Index
- 1834 – 1850 as told on page 200 of the *History of Pickaway County*, Van Cleaf, 1906: listing of Pickaway County Recorders: “In 1831 the [State] Legislature passed an act making the office elective and William McArthur was the first recorder elected. He was succeeded in 1834 by **Daniel Dreisbach, who was five times re-elected, dying in office October 1, 1850.**” This date is off a couple days from other sources for his death date. William McArthur married Daniel’s niece, Margaret Ely.

Daniel was b. 28 May 1778, Berks Co., PA. We know that Martin, Sr.'s family and his sons' families, Henry's and Jacob's had made a move from Alsace Twp., Berks Co., around 1773 to Martin's new tract in the Buffalo Valley, Northumberland Co. Since Daniel's birth location is given as Berks Co., we can make an assumption that he was born during the Indian raids in the western frontier of Pennsylvania...the families moved back to more populated areas for protection from the Indian raids. (For a great description of life in Pennsylvania for Martin Sr. and his family, you will be amazed at Marcia Dreisbach Falconer's book, *The Life and Times of Martin Dreisbach (1717-1799)* available at lulu.com.)

Daniel Dreisbach was married on the 19th of November in 1801. His marriage is recorded in *The Annals of Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania, 1755-1855*, Linn, 1877:

"1801 Marriages – November 19, by Reverend Bryson, William Kirk of Turbut, to Miss Jane Knox, of Lewisburg, and **Daniel Dreisbach, merchant, to Katy Dreisbach, both of Lewisburg."**

Katy Dreisbach? Can that really be her maiden name? Or was she a young widow? In deed records, we only have the name Catherine given as the wife of Daniel. In *The Dreisbach Book*, p. 209, it gives Daniel's wife as Katy (Catherine) Dreisbach b. 26 May 1776 in Northampton Co, PA. m. 19 Nov 1801 Buffalo Valley, PA, d. 10 Aug 1847 Pickaway Co, OH.

On the 28th of September 1850, Daniel Dresbach passed away at the age of 72. His wife, Catherine departed this life on the 10th August 1847. Both are buried in the High Street Cemetery. Their children were: *(Note that Pickaway County was established in 1810 – so references to Pickaway before 1810 were Ross, or possibly, Franklin County.)*

- Ely Dreisbach (Dr.), b. 24 Oct 1802, Northumberland Co., a "Physician" in 1850 Census and living in a Boarding House at Tiffin, d. 14 April 1853 in Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio.
- Henry Dreisbach, b. 7 July 1804, Northumberland, d. 13 March 1833, Pickaway Co.
- Charles Frederick Dresbach, b. 12 March 1806, Pickaway Co., Ohio, d. Nov 1847 in Seneca Co., Ohio. He married Lucinda Russell.
- Abner Dreisbach, b. 25 April 1808, London, Pickaway (I really doubt this location for his birth), d. 20 Sep 1809, Pickaway Co.
- John Dresbach, b. 25 May 1810, Pickaway Co., d. 31 July 1852, Pickaway Co., Ohio, md. Elizabeth Spyker, his 2nd cousin, the dau. of Peter Spyker and Sophia Dreisbach (b. 16 Aug 1811, d. 16 Aug 1854), both buried Forest Cemetery. In the 1850 Census he appears in Circleville and is a Laborer.
- Abner Dreisbach, b. 16 Jun 1812, Pickaway Co., d. March 1861 in London, Pickaway Co., Ohio (in 1861 London is Madison County, not Pickaway), md. Jane Gregory 12 August 1835, Fayette Co., OH.
- Daniel Turney Dreisbach, b. 31 July 1814, Pickaway Co., d. 15 Feb 1854 in Seneca Co., Ohio
- James Denny Dreisbach, b. 24 May 1816, Circleville, Pickaway Co., d. 21 Oct 1896, (*Changed spelling to Driesbach*) Little River, Baldwin Co., Alabama, md. Josephine Tate (see following photos)
- Maria Louise Dreisbach, b. 28 Aug 1818, Pickaway Co., d. 11 March 1899, Pickaway Co., md. Lyman Olds
- Theoline Dreisbach, b. 21 August 1821 and d. 6 August 1825, Pickaway Co. (aged 3)

- Catherine Elizabeth Dreisbach, b. 11 Feb 1827, Pickaway Co., md. Fredrick Green



Daniel Dreisbach / Dresbach
(Son of Henry, grandson
of Martin I, the immigrant)
(Pickaway Co. Gen. Library)



James Denny Dreisbach (son of Daniel) and wife, Josephine Tate
Photo included on the Find-A-Grave Memorial of James Denny Driesbach
by John Dickinson -
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72090936/james-denny-driesbach>

DREISBACH, JAMES DENNY, planter and legislator, was born May 24, 1816, at Circleville, Ohio, and died in October, 1896, at Little River, Baldwin County. His parents came from Pennsylvania to Ohio on horseback, and settled in the Scioto Valley. His grandparents came from Denmark and settled in Pennsylvania. He came to Alabama about 1843 and acquired lands in Baldwin County where he engaged in farming. In 1861, he organized, and was captain of, a home guard company, which later disbanded and the members entered the regular Confederate service. In 1872-76, he was senator for the district composed of Baldwin, Monroe and Conecuh counties. In collaboration with Dr. Eugene Smith, he prepared much material on Alabama history. He was an Old Line Whig and opposed secession, but after 1865 was a Democrat; a Mason. Married: November, 1844, near Little River, to Josephine Bonaparte, daughter of David and Margaret (Dyer) Tate, of Little River, the former the son of Adam Tate and Sehoy McGilvray, and half-brother to William Weatherford, the Creek warrior, Margaret was the daughter of Reuben Dyer, who was one of the victims of the Fort Mims massacre. Sehoy (McGilvray)Tate was sister of Alexander McGilvray chief of the Creek Indians. All of these are buried together, near Little River, William Weatherford's home, on the land now occupied and owned by Charles H. Dreisbach, grandson of Sehoy. Children: 1. Ida, m. Henry Clay Staples; 2. Tate Randolph, Confederate soldier, died in Camp Chase; 3. Charles Henry, m. Olivia Barnes; 4. Florence, m. A. B. Nyles; 5. Percy Webb; 6. Arthur Carroll; 7. May, m. Dr. Geo. Ogborne; 8. Hattie; 9. Maude, m. Edward Thring; 10. Dr. Lee; 11. Leila, m. -- Bunn; 12. Clara, m. Walter English; 13. Annie, m. George McCall; 14. Josephine, 2nd wife of Walter English; 15. Roanna, m. Thadeus Barlow. Last residence: Little River. Source: *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama, Vol. 3*, T. A. Owen, Chicago, pg. 508.

In 1850 he appears in the Baldwin County Slave Schedule Census as the owner of 18 slaves & in the 1855 Baldwin Co. Census, he owns 19 slaves, and has a household of 10 whites: Males under 21, 3; Males over 21, 1; Females under 21, 4; and Females over 21, 2.

It appears the slaves were inherited from his mother-in-law. In the Will of Margaret Tate (Josephine's mother) dated 28 Nov 1850, she bequeathed 15 slaves "To my beloved daughter, Josephine B. Driesback and her heirs, I give one negro man named Dick, one negro woman Bella and her four

children named Pheabe, Handy, Dick and Mary, one negro boy named Harry, one negro boy named Lige, one negro girl named Rose, one negro woman named Amy and her three children named Tina, Milly, and Fanny, one negro woman named Flora, and one old negro man named Jonah. It is my wish that the old negro man named Jonah shall do no hard work. I wish my daughter Josephine to have my watch and all of my household furniture, my carriage and old Horse to her and her heirs forever." Margaret also left 35 slaves to her other heirs. Baldwin Co. Wills Vol. 1, page 116.

James Denny Driesbach's son, Tate Driesbach, served in the Confederate Army. Tate was captured and held prisoner at Columbus, Ohio. He became ill from prison life, and his Aunt Maria Dreibach Olds, was summoned to care for him. Tate passed away in Columbus, and was buried at Forest Cemetery in Circleville with the Olds family. Clipping from Portsmouth Daily Times (Portsmouth, OH) 11 Mar 1865:

THE remains of Tate Randolph Driesbach, a Confederate soldier, who died at Camp Chase, was interred in Forest Cemetery, of this city, on the 16th of February. Although but seventeen years old, he had been in the rebel service three years, and was taken prisoner a short time ago. Mrs. L. N. Olds, his father's sister, took charge of his body and had it properly buried. He was a son of James Driesbach, formerly of this city, who went south about twenty years ago, married and settled there, and grandson of Daniel Driesbach, deceased. — *Circleville Democrat.*



Tate Driesbach – Photo contributed to the Find-A-Grave memorial for Tate Randolph Driesbach by HGWells
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/91817313/tate-randolph-driesbach>

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Aug 4	1810	Daniel Driesbach, Director appointed by Court of Common Pleas for Pickaway	From	Samuel Watt et al	Washington		21	11	19	100 3/4	Article of Agmt - 50 acre gift - parcel includes the "old fort" for purpose of establishing a town	A	27	\$ 450
Oct 3	1810	Daniel Driesbach, Director	From	Valentine Keffer & W			21	11	19	1/4	or 40 Poles	A	72	\$ 8
Oct 3	1810	Daniel Driesbach, Director	From	Samuel Watt & W			21	11	19	29	& 2 P	A	74	
Oct 3	1810	Daniel Driesbach, Esq., Director	From	Jacob Zeager, Jr. & W	Circleville		21	11	19	71	& 78 P - Part of Sec. 19,, Patented in 1805 to Zeager	A	64	
Jul 23	1811	Daniel Driesbach, his son	From	Henry Driesbach & Mary	Pickaway		11	10	4		Agmt of Grist Mill- maintain for 1/2 profits - Range 11 must be error in the agreement - 11 would be in Morgan County - prob. R 21 Twp 10 Sec 4	A	206	
Jul 24	1811	Daniel Driesbach, his son	From	Henry & Mary Hedges	Pickaway		21	10	4	14 1/4	in E 1/2 of W 1/2 on			
May 19	1812	Daniel Driesbach (for himself)	From	Samuel Watt	Adj. Circleville						Article of Agmt - Next to north boundary of the town - for erecting a dam in Hargus Creek and race to direct water to his lot	A	383	
Aug 22	1812	Daniel Driesbach, John Ely (bro i	From	Jacob Markel							Sale of chattels	A	379	\$ 400
Sep 1	1812	Daniel Driesbach, John Ely (bro i	From	Samuel Watt & Judith	Circleville		21	11	19	200	See A - pg. 28 & 29	A	380	\$ 75
Sep 1	1812	Daniel Driesbach, John Ely (bro i	From	Samuel Watt & W, Judith							Right of way to build dam	A	382	
Nov 20	1812	Daniel Driesbach	From	Henry Driesbach & Mary	Circleville	11						A	436	\$ 500

The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801-1875

Apr 30	1813	Daniel Dresbach, John Ely (bro i	From	John Peebles & W	Circleville			21	11	19	1	& 64 P	A	503	\$ 111
Jun 10	1814	Daniel Dresbach, James Denny "Denny and Dresbach"	From	Phillip Zeager	Washington							Article of Agmt - the right of raising the water 6' by a dam on Hargus Creek at the main fork of the creek for the grist mill they are building	B	36	\$175 and to grind the grain of Zeager
Sep 1	1814	Daniel Dresbach, James Denny	From	Frederick Zeager & W Sar	Circleville			21	11	20	200		B	143	\$ 4,000
Sep 2	1814	Daniel Dresbach, James Denny	To	Frederick Zeager (mortga	Circleville			21	11	20	200	Dresbach & Denny to pay \$500 per year			\$ 3,000
Sep 14	1814	Daniel Dresbach, James Denny	From	Jacob Zeager, Sr.	Circleville			21	11	20	2.55		B	141	\$ 115
Sep 16	1814	Daniel Dresbach, John Ely, Pete	From	Nathan Kennedy by Shff				28	10	21	250	pt. of 1/2	B	138	\$ 700
Mar 1	1815	Daniel Dresbach & w Catherine	To	James Denny	Circleville	Outlot 1 & 1 more		21	11	20	3.5 & 5.45	2 lots - first outlot laid off by James Denny and Daniel Dresbach & another lot	B	323	\$ 358
Mar 2	1815	Daniel Dresbach	From	(Gen.) James Denny & Isa	Circleville			21	11	20	2.55 & 200		B	321	\$ 1,000
Mar 2	1815	Daniel Dresbach	From	James Denny & w Isabella	Circleville			21	11	20	pt of 200	part of 200 acres			\$ 1,000
Apr 1	1815	Daniel Dresbach, Admr of Henry Dresbach	From	Mary Dresbach, widow of Henry								Article of Agmt-Rel. of dower rights	B	528	\$ 400
Jun 5	1815	Daniel Dresbach	From	Frederick Kayler				21	11	32	41.5	W 1/2 - mortgage held by Daniel (s/b Sec 22?)	B	457	\$ 600
Jun 5	1815	Daniel Dresbach & w Catherine, of Circleville	To	Frederick Keyler	Washington			21	11	22	41.5	W. S. (pt of Sec 22)	B	450	\$ 600
Oct 13	1815	Daniel Dresbach, Admr of Henry Dresbach	To	Abraham Pauston (Pansle	Washington			21	11	34	82	21 Perches, 1/2 of SE Qtr (1	C	210	
Feb 10	1817	Daniel Dresbach	From	William Carlisle & W	Pickaway			21	10	4	151	W 1/2	C	449	
Mar 19	1817	Daniel Dresbach	From	John Ely et al							250	QC water course, west side of river	C	488	
May 13	1817	Daniel Dresbach	From	Henry Nevill & W	Wayne						53	& 105 P - west of river	C	570	
May 14	1817	Daniel Dresbach, of Circleville	From	Henry Nevill, of town of Jefferson							53	& 105 Poles. Parties equally own tract west of the Scioto. Agmt to copartner to erect & maintain Grist Mill	C	559	
May 22	1817	Daniel Dresbach	From	George Botkin & W	Pickaway			21	10	4	151	W 1/2	C	573	
Apr 30	1818	Daniel Dresbach, Henry Nevill	From	David Henderson	Wayne						50	Pt of Alexander Dunlap Pa	D	112	
Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration	
Feb 26	1819	Daniel Dresbach	From	Samuel Hill & W	Circleville		21	11	29	4	Hill's outlot 4	D	255	\$ 200	
Sep 28	1819	Daniel Dresbach & Catherine his w.	To	Peter Kuder	Circleville						Land Beg. At SW corner of Lot 11, adjoining Circle alley, and Bastile alley	E	126	\$ 100	
Nov 29	1820	Daniel Dresbach	From	Frederick Zeiger	Circleville		21	11	20	5.44	outlot(s)	E	248		
Apr 3	1821	Daniel Dresbach & Catherine his w.	To	John Groce	Circleville		21	11	20	3.5	W.S.	E	360		
Apr 3	1821	Daniel Dresbach & Catherine his w.	To	Jacob Levangood	Circleville		21	11	20	3.52	W.S.	E	370		
Apr 3	1821	Daniel Dresbach & Catherine his w.	To	Henry Ely	Circleville	Outlot 4,	21	11	20	8	W.S.	E	396		
Apr 27	1821	Daniel Dresbach	From	Frederick Zeiger	Circleville		21	11	20	30	outlot(s)	E	295		
Aug 3	1822	Daniel Dresbach, Exec et al	From								Order for more bon	F	351		
Aug 3	1822	Daniel Dresbach, Admr	From								Right to water course on 10	F	351		
Mar 25	1824	Daniel Dresbach, Admr	From	George Leist	Pickaway		21	10	4	105	W 1/2 - water course	F	217	\$ 1	
Jan 15	1828	Daniel Dreisbach, Admr of estate of Henry, his father, decd., Samuel, Laiha, Margaret, Susannah Carlisle late Dresbach, George Botkin and Magdalena, his wife late Magdalena Dresbach, John Ely and Catherine, his wife late Catherine Dresbach, all heirs of Henry	To	Samuel Morris	Pickaway		21	10	4	9	7 P, W 1/2	H	39	\$ 109	
Nov 29	1831	Daniel Dresbach	To	Lutheran Church of Circle	Circleville	115-116					burying Ground	J	362	\$ 1	
Mar 26	1838	Daniel Dresbach, Director	To	Edson B. Olds							"squaring the circle" Court Decree	15	507		
Aug 8	1849	Daniel Dresbach	From	Town of Circleville		15					CEMETERY	24	184		
1810 to	1849	Daniel Dresbach, Director	To	Multiple Purchasers	Circleville	Lots						A-120	24-171		

1813 – Catherine, (>Jacob>Martin Sr.), and husband, Leonard Wolf

1813 – 26th November – Leonard Wolf, husband of **Catherine** Dreisbach (daughter of Jacob & granddaughter of Martin Sr.), received a Patent for the North East Quarter of Section 21 in Township 11 and Range 20, in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway Co.

- In 1822 Leonard and Catherine sold this 160 acres to Jacob Lutz, on the condition that he pay them \$1,200 by February 1, 1823. He must have defaulted on the payment because they sold the same property again.
- In 1826 Leonard and Catherine sold a 35-acre portion of the same Quarter Section to Benjamin Shoch (their daughter, Christina Wolf married Benjamin Schoch in 1822)
- And in 1833 Leonard and Catherine sold 120 acres of the same Quarter Section to Jonathan Dreisbach (Catherine’s brother)
- In 1836 Leonard and Catherine purchase two tracts totaling 15 acres of land, bordering the northwestern edge of Circleville, Sec. 19, Twp. 11, Range 21
- And in 1841 Leonard and Catherine sold those 15 acres to her brother, Samuel.
- Leonard and Catherine are in the 1850 Census in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., 2 households from her brother, Jonathan, but I haven’t found a land purchase in Fairfield

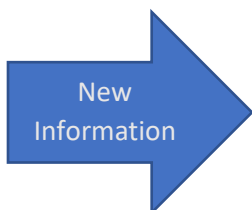
Leonard Wolfe	68, b. PA
Catharine Wolfe	67, b. PA
David Wolfe	30, b. OH
Daniel Wolfe	26, b. OH

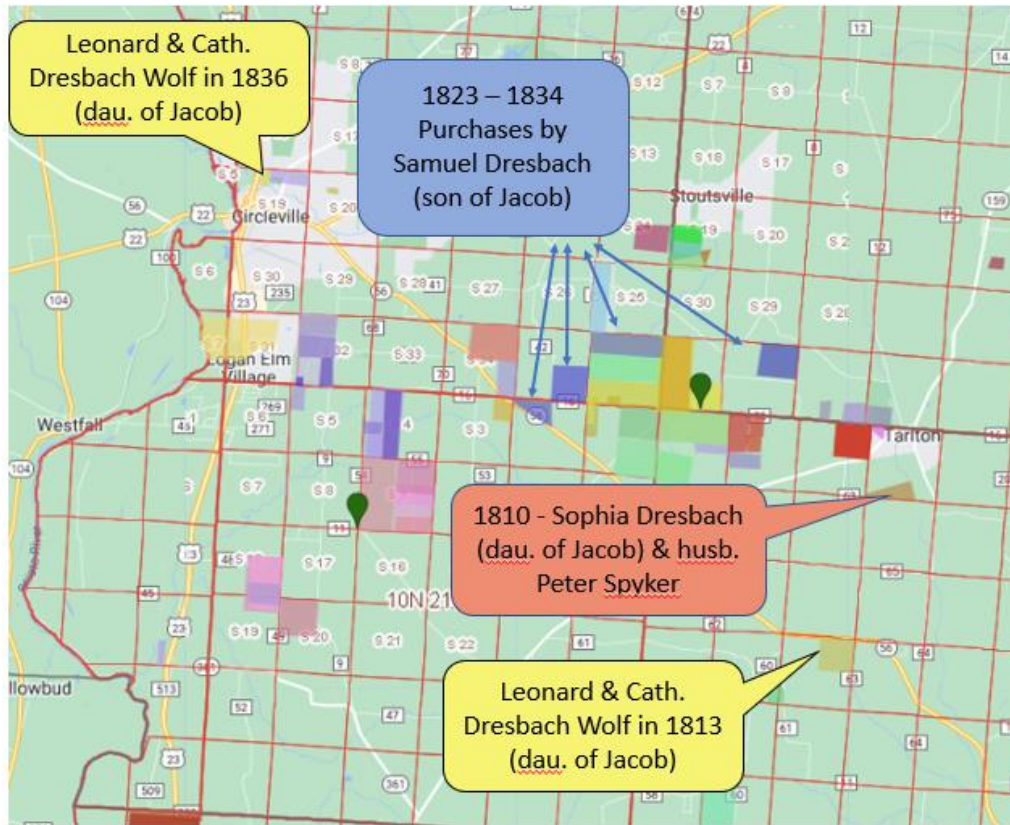
- In the 1860 Census Leonard and Catherine have followed their son, David and his family, to Allentown, German Twp., Allen Co., Ohio. They are enumerated next door to each other. After 1860 Daniel and his family also moved to Allen Co. (Deed recorded in Allen Co., Ohio, Vol. V, pg. 546, dated 12 March 1855, Daniel Wolf, of Fairfield Co., buys Inlots 35 and 36 in Allentown from Michael Noll)

L. Wolf	79, b. PA
C Wolf	78, b. PA
D Wolf	38, b. OH
M J Wolf (Minerva Hoy)	23, b. OH
J W Wolf	3, b. OH
C S Wolf	1, b. OH

- **Catherine and Leonard Wolf passed away in Allentown, Allen Co., Ohio: Leonard on 25th September 1860 and Catherine on 28th May 1868.** They are buried at the Allentown Cemetery. See Find A Grave Memorial:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/78685934/catherine-wolf>





Pickaway County

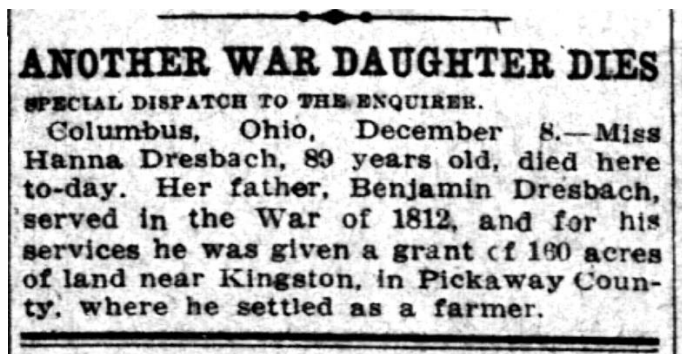
Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Rang e	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Nov 25	1813	Leonard Wolf & wife, Cath. Dre	From	U. S. of America	Saltcreek		20	11	21	160	NE 1/4; Recorded in 1884	53	287	
Nov 9	1822	Leonard Wolf & wife, Cath. Dre	To	Jacob Lutz	Saltcreek		20	11	21	160	NE 1/4, to be pd by 1 Feb 1823-must have failed	F	35	\$ 1,200
Feb 23	1826	Leonard Wolf & wife, Cath. Dre	To	Benjamin Shoch	Saltcreek		20	11	21	35	NE 1/4	G	73	\$ 385
May 11	1833	Leonard Wolf & Cath. Dresbach	To	Jonathan Dresbach	Saltcreek		20	11	21	120	NE 1/4 WS	11	429	\$ 1,440
Feb 9	1836	Leonard Wolf & wife, Cath. Dre	From	Abraham Force, of Wash.	Circleville		21	11	19	1	& 15 P, NW 1/4 W.S.	14	72	\$ 300
Feb 9	1836	Leonard Wolf & wife, Cath. Dre	From	Abraham Force (Vol. 14, p	Circleville		21	11	19	14	NW 1/4 W. S.	14	73	\$ 1,000
May 25	1841	Leonard Wolf & Cath. Dresbach	To	Samuel Dresbach (of Jaco	Circleville		21	11	19	15	WS, adjoining Circleville	18	165	\$ 1,200

1814 – Benjamin, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1814 – 21st April – **Benjamin** Dreisbach (son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr.), purchased from his brother, Martin, 105 acres in Ross County, described as “Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam in Green Twp.” – located in Section 23, Twp. 9, Rg 21, recorded in Vol. 12, pg. 115.

- On 9 Jan 1819 he purchased another 20 acres in Green Twp. in Section 24, Vol. 15, pg. 498.
- According to the Soldier Graves Registration Card, he served in the War of 1812 – Enlisted 28th July and discharged 6 Sep 1813. He served as a Private in Capt. Isaac Monnett’s Co., and is buried at the Salem Reformed Cemetery (White Church on 180). The War of 1812 General Index Card for Benjamin Dresbach states he served in 2 Odd Battalion (Dawson’s Ohio Militia) as a Private.

There is one document on Fold3, filed under the Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Index that states that his application was not rejected. It states that he served in Col. John Ferguson’s military unit. (Ferguson’s unit was from Chillicothe.)



Cincinnati Enquirer, 9 Dec 1913

1836-Economy and Hallsville-1937, Ada H. Cryder, 1937 Centennial, page 3:

Martin and Benjamin Dresbach, brothers from Pa. settled one mile west of Hallsville in 1809. They had originally come from Germany to Pa. but stayed there but a short time when the stories of the better locations for homes, plus the lure of adventure brought them over the mountains to Ohio. Martin had five children by his first wife, Mary Spiker, who died on the hard trip via buffalo trails over the mountains, and was buried by the wayside. The names of four of these were Simon, Ephraim, Henry and Mary. Ann, the mother of the second group, was also a native of Pa. Their children were Reuben, Jacob, Samuel, Leah (Holman), Katy (Jones), Eliza (King), and Lydia (Reedy). Martin died Sept. 25, 1830 [sic], aged 74. His son, Samuel, grandfather of the present Samuel, lived until his death on the home farm. He had 13 children. Dr. Harvey Dresbach was the son of Jacob. Benjamin (Martin’s brother) had 10 children. Six of them who grew up, were Daniel, Andrew, Mary, Susie, Ellen and Hannah. The son, Daniel, was a prominent member of the Hallsville U.B. church, and quite interested, giving of both time and money for the purchase of the church property from the Evangelical Association in 1876. He was married to Margaret Harvey.

Known errors: Martin’s 1st wife was Lidya Spyker, and his 2nd wife was Mary Anna Eyer; and, Martin died Sept. 25, 1850 (not 1830).

My search for the location of this 105 + 20 acre property: This 105-acre property was purchased by Martin “Dresbough” in 1811 and sold to Benjamin in 1814 - is described as “Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill

Dam and Mill Trace” with no reference to a Section number. Abraham Eyestone’s mill is recorded in *The History of Kingston, Ohio*, pg. 17: “Cotton Mills - Green Twp. – Abraham Eyestone, sawmill and carding and cloth filling machine, School lands near the river.” (School Lands in each township are usually designated as Section 16, but in Green Twp, the 1875 Atlas clearly designates Section 15.) Benjamin bought an additional 20 acres in Sec. 24, Green Twp. in 1819.

Conveyances of 125 Acres, Sec 23 & 24, Range 21, Green Twp (also referred to as Sec 24 Range 21)

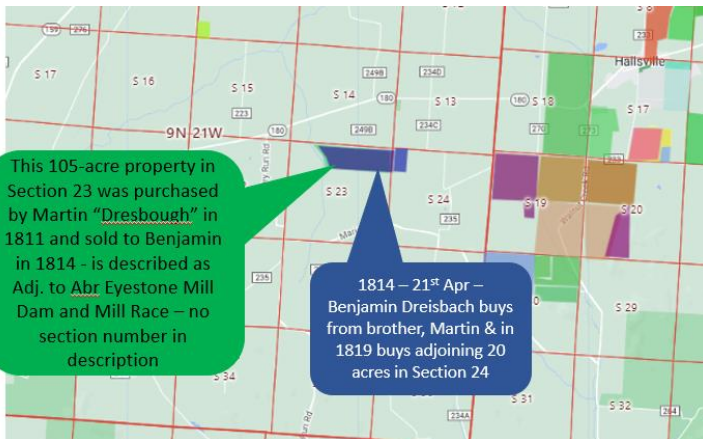
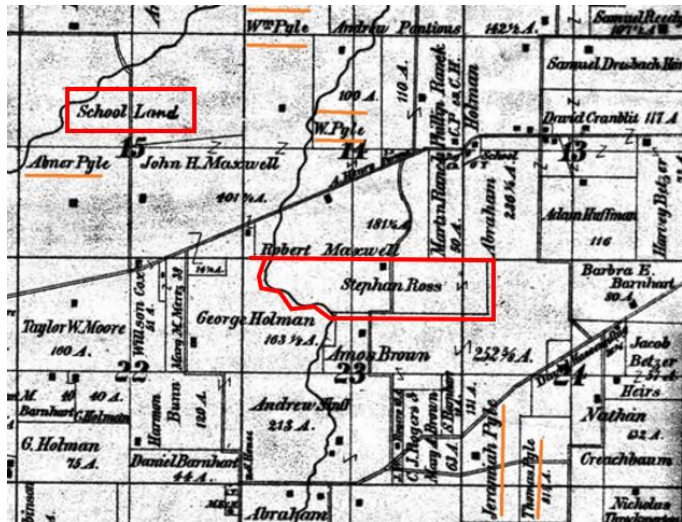
- 1860 from Heirs of Benjamin Dresbach to (his son) Daniel Dresbach
- 1864 to Julian Bogenschutz
- 1866 to Stephen Ross

Month	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Survey or Section, Subd	Town or Township	Acres	Vc	Pg	Consideration
Apr 21	1814	Benjamin Dresbach, of Ross	From	Martin Dresbach & Annie	Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam, which is Green Twp., Section not stated in deed	Green	105	12	115	\$1,000
Jan 9	1819	Benjamin Dresbach	From	Eleazer Cowgill	Pt of Sec 24	Green	20	15	498	\$320
Oct 24	1864	Daniel Dresbach & W	To	Julian Bogenschutz	Sec 24 R 21	Green	125	67	481	\$9,623

Green Twp., Ross County, Ohio

1875 Atlas


The same 125 acres still owned by Stephen Ross in 1875!



Benjamin was born 13th October 1789 at Lewisburg, Northumberland Co., PA, the fifth son of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach. He was 14 years old when his father passed away. He appears in

the 1817 Ross County Tax List, located in Green Twp. **On the 27th of April 1815 he married Mary Margaret Pontious in Ross County.** [Note: There is a burial enumerated at the White Church Cemetery (Salem Reformed) on S.R. 180 for a Mary (Zimmer) Dresbach b. 1792 and d. 1813 and someone has indicated on her FindAGrave Memorial that she was the wife of Benjamin Dresbach. I have not been able to find a marriage record for Mary Zimmer or Benjamin prior to his marriage to Mary M. Pontious.)

Benjamin and Mary (Pontious) had the following children, all born in Ross County. **Benjamin died on the 4th of December 1857.** The heirs sold the 125-acre farm to the eldest son, Daniel, and Mary moved into Chillicothe with four of her daughters. The 1860 Census in the 4th Ward of Chillicothe lists Mary Dressbach, aged 67, occupation House Keeper; Elisabeth aged 35; Mary aged 32; Hannah aged 30, occupation Milliner; and Ellen aged 22. This location must be the Outlot 57 in a February 10th 1862 deed. **Mary passed away on 12th March 1862.** She and Benjamin are buried at the Salem White Church Cemetery.



New
Information
from Deeds

- Daniel, b. 13th February 1816. He married Margaret Harvey on Christmas Eve, 1840 in Ross Co. According to 40 years of census, they had no children. In 1860 Josephus Dresbach, the son of Daniel's deceased first cousin, Jacob, was living with them. Daniel moved to Hallsville, Lot 30, in 1867, and made another purchase in Hallsville of Lots 11 and 12 in 1875. On the 20th of March 1883 Daniel and Margaret, his wife, sold Lot No. 30 in Hallsville. Daniel passed away on the 3rd of December 1883, and is buried at Hallsville Cemetery. The settlement of his estate gives the locations of his surviving siblings.


- Elizabeth, b. abt 1822 and d. after she appeared in the 1860 Census with her mother in Chillicothe
- Hannah, b. 17th September 1824 and d. 8th December 1913 (her death notice from the *Cincinnati Enquirer* is included above). She is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery.



New
Information

- Mary M., b. 4 Jan 1821, appeared in 1860 Census with mother, was in Decatur, Illinois in 1883 and still living in 1897 when partition of Daniel's property was filed. Mary's Will was filed in Decatur, Macon Co., IL, on the 7th of November 1906, giving her death date as "about 10th October 1906. Her tombstone says 9th October 1906. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, IL.

- Benjamin, b. 1825 and d. 6th December 1853 in Ross Co. He is buried at Salem White Church Cemetery.



New
Information
from Deeds

- Andrew Jackson, b. 24 October 1831, d. 15th March 1896 in Warrensburg, Macon Co., Illinois. He married Hester Ann Minear on the 8th of September 1863 in Ross County. I was not able to locate him in the 1860 census, but he appears in the 1865 Illinois State Census residing in Whitmore, Macon Co., IL. Their children: Mary E., b. 1864, Benjamin, b. 1866, and Charles A., b. 1868.

- Susannah, b. abt 1833, as Susan V. Dresbach, married William E. Roberts on the 13th September 1859 in Ross Co. She d. 4th Feb. 1862 and is buried at the Salem White Church Cemetery. According to the SAR applications of Lyle J. Gardiner and Fred Richard Gardiner, Susan had one daughter, Susie b. 22nd Feb 1861, who married Richard J. Gardiner on the 13th July 1882.

- Martha Ellen, b. 1836 appeared in 1860 Census with mother, was in Decatur, Illinois in 1883 and still living in 1897 when partition of Daniel’s property was filed. On the same marker as the information for her sister, Mary M., are the dates for “Mattie” Dresbach, b. in year 1841 and d. 21st September 1899. (The date of 1899 has been mis-read as 1889 on FAG – I’ve sent a message with the death record from the Illinois Death Index as 20th September 1899.)



When Benjamin & Mary’s son, Daniel, died in 1883, M. L. Buchwalter was appointed Administrator on December 31st. The filing for Administrator lists his heirs:

- Margaret, his widow, Hallsville
- Andrew J. Dresbach, brother, Decatur, Illinois
- Mary M. Dresbach, sister, Decatur, Illinois
- Hannah Dresbach, sister, Chillicothe
- Martha E. Dresbach, sister, Decatur, Illinois

According to a deed dated the 22nd of Jun 1897, after the death of Daniel’s widow, Margaret Harvey Dresbach on 28th December 1896 (Ross Co. Death Records), his sister, Hannah, filed a Petition to Partition on the 15th of January 1897. Those named in the suit were:

- Hannah Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Mary Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Martha Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Charles Dresbach (a nephew, & son of Andrew J. Dresbach),
- Elizabeth Dresbach (a niece, & daughter of Andrew J. Dresbach) and
- Andrew Hellmuth (I haven’t been able to identify)

Ross County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Page	Consideration	
Nov 18	1811	Martin Dresbough	From	Andrew Crouch & W Elenc	Beg at Eyestone Mill Dam, to Eyestone Mill Race; 105 ac, 2 Rod, 20 perches, witnessed by John Dresbach	Sec 23	Green (not stated in deed)	105	10	279	\$1,000
Apr 21	1814	Benjamin Dresbach, of Ross	From	Martin Dresbach & Annie	Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam, which is Green Twp., Section not stated in deed	Sec 24 R 21	Green	105	12	115	\$1,000
Apr 21	1814	Martin Dresbach & Annie of Ross	To	Benjamin Dresbach, of Ross	Adj. Abr Eyestone Mill Dam, which is Green Twp. Sec. 7, Twp. 9, Rg 22	Sec 23	Green (not stated in deed)	105	12	115	\$1,000
Jan 9	1819	Benjamin Dresbach	From	Eleazer Cowgill	Pt of Sec 24	Sec 24 R 21	Green	20	15	498	\$320
Oct 4	1823	Martin Dresbach, Conrad Pontius	To	Ezekiel Bunn	Est. of Fredr. Pontius	Sec 24 R 21	Green	10	19	457	\$112
Oct 6	1860	Andrew J. Dresbach, Mary M. (widow), Elizabeth, Mary M., Hannah, Susan V. & her husb. William E. Roberts, Martha E.	To	Daniel Dresbach (son of Benj. & Mary)		Sec 23 & 24 R 21	Green	125	64	66	\$6,875
Feb 10	1862	Mary M. Dresbach, Mrs. (widow)	From	Horatio N. Pugsley & W	Subdv. 2 (See Vol. 34, pg 506, 507 for plat)	Outlot 57	Chillicothe	65	332		\$610

The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801-1875

Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol	Pr	Consideration	
Sept 7	1863	Daniel Dresbach & W Margaret, & Andrew J. (heirs of Mary M. Dresbach)	to	Elizabeth C., Mary M., Hannah, Martha E. Dresbach	Subdv. 2 (See Vol. 34, pg 506, 507 for plat)	Outlot 57	Chillicothe	66	405	\$1	
Oct 24	1864	Daniel Dresbach & W, Margare	To	Julian Bogenschutz		Sec 24 R 21	Green	125	67	481	\$9,623
Dec 4	1867	Daniel Dresbach	From	Rebecca Holderman		30	Economy	71	61	\$900	
Oct 9	1875	Daniel Dresbach	From	Ephraim Dresbach		11 & 12	Economy	81	31	\$2,500	
Mch 20	1883	Daniel Dresbach & Margaret	To	Frank Countsler		30	Economy	94	429	\$1,100	
June 22	1897	Daniel Dreisbach by Sheriff, per Partition action filed 15th January 1897	To	Englebert R. Rebstock		11 & 12	Economy	123	282	\$700	

Outlot 57 purchased on 10th February 1862 by Mary M. Dresbach, widow of Benjamin, in Chillicothe – bounded on north by Water Street, on the east by the Maysville-Zanesville Turnpike Road (now S.R. 159 – Bridge St.) and on the west by Hickory Street.

The 1860 Census in the 4th Ward of Chillicothe lists Mary Dressbach, aged 67, occupation House Keeper; Elisabeth aged 35; Mary aged 32; Hannah aged 30, occupation Milliner; and Ellen aged 22. This location must be the Outlot 57 Mary purchased in 1862, after selling the farm to son, Daniel in 1860.



1816 – Henry, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1816 – 2nd November - **Henry**, son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr., purchased the South West Quarter of Section 19 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co. (Twp. 12 and Range 20) from brother Martin (who had bought the same from brother George), Vol. L, pg. 203; and also part of Section 6 in Colerain Twp., Ross Co (Twp. 11 Range 20), Vol. 13, pg. 593.

- In 1817 Henry purchased 110 acres in the adjoining Sec. 24 of Washington Twp., Pickaway Co., Vol. C, pg. 606 and Vol. E, pg. 188. From the *History of Pickaway County* (Van Cleaf, 1906), pg. 188: “Henry Dreisbach settled on a farm in section 24, Washington township, soon after his marriage, which occurred August 30, 1817.”
- Henry sold a 3-acre lot out of his SW ¼ of Sec. 19 in 1822, but retained the rest of the section until 1848 when he sold it to his daughter, Angeline and her husband, Daniel Meisse/Miesse.
- From page 305 of the *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties*, by William Bros., 1880: Henry Dresbach... came to Ohio in 1811, and after living one year in Ross County, removed to Salt Creek township, where he resided for a time with his brother George. At an early date he took up the farm in Washington township where his son Edward now resides, and there remained until his death. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and after his return from service entered actively into the labor incident to the life of a pioneer, cleared up his farm, and made upon it many valuable improvements.

He began with little, had few advantages, but accomplished much. He was industrious, energetic, frugal, and, as a natural results, was successful. His farming was profitable, and his business affairs generally resulted favorable, so that, although not becoming a rich man, he yet accumulated more than a competency. Politically, he was a Democrat.

Henry Dresbach was a man of sterling moral worth, and one of those citizens who, by labors and example, benefitted the neighborhood in which he passed his life. He was a religious man, too, in practice as well as in theory. In his earlier years he was a member of the church of the United Brethren, but afterwards became connected with the Evangelical Association.

- In 1846 Henry & wife, Mary (Stauffer) sold the 115 acres in the NE ¼ of Sec 24 to their son, Edward.
- There are several Henry Dresbachs, but this property is definitely the son of Jacob & Magdalena. There may be other purchases by a “Henry” that are this Henry. Proven by the sale of the property by the specific children to settle Henry’s estate.
- Other Henrys in Ross and Pickaway Counties:
 - Henry, b. 1809, son of Martin b. 1776
 - Henry, b. 1755, son of Martin b. 1717
 - Henry, b. 1804, son of Daniel b. 1778



Edward Dreisbach Eliza A Dreisbach

Edward, son of Henry Dreisbach and Mary Stauffer - pg. 305 Hist. of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, William Bros., 1880

- Henry served during the War of 1812 twice in Captain John Van Meter's Company: from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813; and again from the 23 August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816, and is buried at St. Paul Evangelical Church Cemetery in Washington Twp., Pickaway Co. (these dates are on the Soldier Graves Registration Card and disagree with his Survivor's Pension document, but are the same dates given for Martin's service). The War of 1812 General Index Card for Henry says he served in 2 Odd Battalion (Dawson's Ohio Militia) as a Private.
- His brother, Samuel, served in Capt. David List's Co. (Army) as a Private from 28 Jul 1813 to 6 Sep 1813 during the War of 1812 .
- His brother, Benjamin, served in the War of 1812 – Enlisted 28th July and discharged 6 Sep 1813. He served as a Private in Capt. Isaac Monnett's Co.
- His brother, Martin, served twice during the War of 1812 in Captain John Van Meter's Co. The first term of service was from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. He served again from the 23 August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816.
- Jacob Pontious (husband of Anna Maria Dreisbach) served in the war of 1812 for two terms, from the 20th of July 1813 through the 17th of August 1813. He again served his country from the 23rd August 1815 through the 22nd February 1816. Both terms of service were in Captain John Van Meter's Company, and both terms of service match the dates that his brother-in-laws, Martin and Henry, served in the same company.
- Peter Spyker (husband of Sophia Dreisbach) served in the War of 1812, enlisting in in the 1st Regiment of Ohio Militia, under Col. James Denny.
- See War of 1812 section on page 12 for more detail.
- There is a pension file for Henry on Fold3. Henry did receive a land warrant for service from July 29th to August 11th 1813 – Land Warrant No. 15289-160-155.
- Henry was born 22 November 1794 in Northumberland Co., PA. After migrating to Ohio and serving in the War of 1812, **he married on the 30th March 1817 to Mary Stauffer. Henry d. 9 June 1875, the last surviving child of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach, and the last of that first generation of Dreisbach settlers in Ohio, in Washington Twp., Pickaway Co. and**

Mary passed away on the 21 September 1850, both on their farm in Section 24. They are buried at the St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Washington Twp. They had 10 children in 19 years.

- Esther, born January 13, 1818, md. Joseph Meisse, of Fairfield county, d. 12 Dec 1893, Fairfield Co., OH
 - Henry, born July 12, 1819, died July 13, the same year
 - Eliza, born December 25, 1820, died November 29, 1832, Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway
 - Mary, born March 23, 1822, md. Abraham Miesse, and afterward, Mr. Raudabaugh; died September 11, 1862; age 46 Y 1 M 18 D, calculates to a birthdate of 24 Jul 1822
 - Elizabeth, born November 10, 1824, died August 29, 1850
 - Angeline (Mrs. Daniel Miesse), born December 19, 1825, died June 9, 1878
 - Josephine (wife of Dr. J. Weist, of Jay county, Indiana), born February 9, 1828
 - Edward, born September 17, 1829; d. 14 Oct 1896, there is a full biography of Edward's family in the "Biographies" section of Dreisbach-Dresbach.org, [Edward Dresbach – 1829 – 1896](#).
 - Louisa, born May 29, 1833, wife of John Switzer, of Fairfield county, d. 8 Jun 1914, Jay Co., IN
 - Joannah, born May 6, 1837, died February 14, 1840
- The Dresbach U. B. Church was organized about 1820 at the house of George Dreisbach; among the first members were George Dreisbach and wife, Henry Dreisbach and wife, John Dreisbach and Elizabeth Whitesel. (Source: pg. 168, History of Pickaway County, Van Cleef, 1906)
 - Additionally, **Henry applied for a Survivor's Pension** on April 1st 1871 that was rejected because he didn't meet the requirement for number of days served. The official days of service credited to Henry was only 41 (July 29th to August 11th and August 11th to September 6th 1813). Sixty days of service were required for a Survivor's Pension. In response to questions about his service, on January 27th 1872, (**when he was 77 years old**) Henry wrote a letter to his attorney in Columbus, T. W. Tallmadge, responding to questions about his service.

Stoutsvill January the 27th 1872 (*Spelling is preserved*):

Respected Sir you request me to give you the officer I served under I lived in Rofs Conty belonged to the od Batallion For John Van meters Company under Mage Isaac Dawson on the 20 of July we received orders to march we was then atacht to the Chillicothe Riegment under Cornel Fergason when we got to Upper Sandusky Governor Megges was there with us the expence being great to united states he trid for voluntears the Governors proclamation was thus them that vollenteard for 40 days should be Exemt for six months ____ [Tours?] we vollntearde of Cours we had to [make new officers Captan Texas Monet Samuel Jones our Leutenan under General Lucas Now for the land warent Congrefs granted me A land warrant for 160 Acrs I sold it to Samuel Marefield there is no Dispute I went to se him in order to get the Number he has kept no record of it I hant no record but it is true the best of my judgment I got the warent in 1855 or 56 if I could see yo we soon fix busnes now Sir wen ever you are ready let me know and if nead be I will come to see you and we can fix businefs a cording Law

With Respect I remain your fellow traveler to Bar of God Henry Dresbach

I have transcribed the letter and included a copy of his handwritten letter. It is an amazing artifact of the early Dreisbach families in Ohio, and includes his strong signature!

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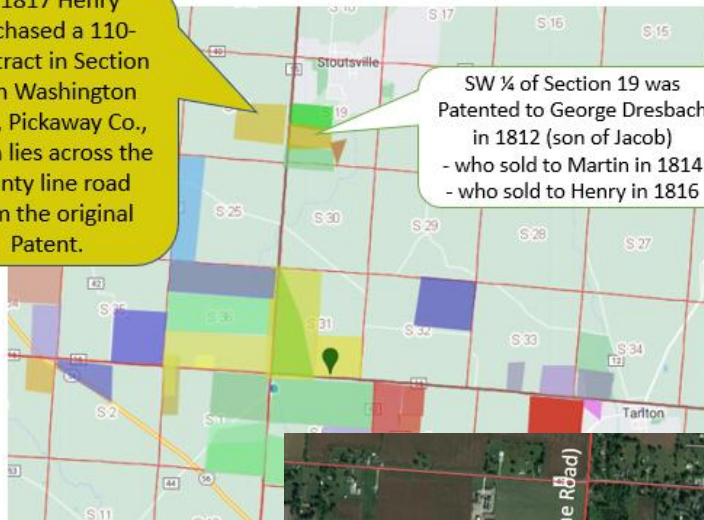
Respected Sir you request me to give you the officer
 i served under i lived in Ross County belonged to the 1st
 Battalion for John Mansmeters Company under Major Isaac
 Dawson on the 20 of July we received orders to march we was
 then Attached to the Chillicothe Regiment under Colonel Ferguson
 when we got to upper Sandusky Governor Meigs was there with
 us the expeience being great to united States the time for volenteers
 the Governors proclamation was that those that volenteered
 for 40 Days should be Exempt for six months however we volenteered
 of hours we had to make new officers Captain Isaac Monst
 Samuel Jones our Lieutenant under General Lucas Now for the
 land warrant Congress granted me A land warrant for 160 Aers
 I sold it to Samuel Marefield there is no Dispute I went to
 see him in order to get the Number he has kept no record
 of it I have no record but it is true the best of my judgment
 I got the warrant in 1835 or 36 if i could see you we soon fix business
 now Sir when ever you are ready let me know and if need
 be i will come to see you and we can fix business aording
 Law With Respect I remain your fellow traveler
 to Bar of God
 Henry Dreisbach

Letter in Henry Dreisbach's (>Jacob>Martin Sr.) handwriting regarding his service in the War of 1812

Pickaway County:

Washington Twp. 11 N 21 W

In 1817 Henry purchased a 110-acre tract in Section 24 in Washington Twp., Pickaway Co., which lies across the county line road from the original Patent.



Fairfield County:

Clear Creek Twp. 12 N 20 W

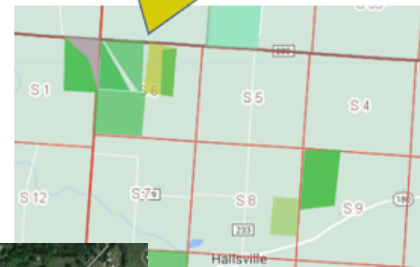
SW 1/4 of Section 19 was Patented to George Dresbach in 1812 (son of Jacob) - who sold to Martin in 1814 - who sold to Henry in 1816



Ross County:

Colerain Twp. 10 N 20 W

In 1816 Henry purchased a 78-acre tract from his brother, Martin, in Section 6, Colerain Twp., Ross Co. He sold it in 1817. Could be in the NE or NW 1/4



Fairfield County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Nov 2	1816	Henry Dresbach (of Ross Co.)	From	Martin & Anny Dresbach (of	Clearcreek	20	12	19	160	SW 1/4 Sec 19	L	203	\$ 575
Jun 1	1822	Henry & Mary Dresback	To	Daniel Shoemaker	Clearcreek	20	12	19	3	14 P, Pt SW 1/4 Sec 19	N	114	\$ 30
Jul 4	1848	Henry & Mary Dresback, of Pickaw	To	Daniel Miesse	Clearcreek	20	12	9	157?	SW 1/4 Sec (really Sec. 19 - index errs)	15	391	\$ 2,000

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
May 8	1817	Henry Dresbach, of Colerain Tw	From	William Dunn, of Beaver T	Washington		21	11	24	60	Pt of SE 1/4	C	606	\$ 300
Sep 20	1817	Henry Dresbach (Sec. 24)	From	Henry Trees & W	Washington		21	11	24	50	Pt of SE 1/4	E	188	
May 25	1853	Henry Dresbach (Sec. 24)	To	Edward Dresback	Washington		21	11	24	115	SE 1/4	28	93	

Ross County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol	Pg	Consideration	
Nov 2	1816	Henry Dresbach & Mary, of Ros	From	Martin Dresbach & Annie,	Pt of NE 1/4, (deed says N East)	Sec 6 R 20	Colerain	78.5	13	593	\$500
Aug 1	1817	Henry Dresbach & Mary (Stauf	To	William Patton	Pt of NW 1/4, (deed says N West)	Sec 6 R 20	Colerain	78	14	489	\$1,000

1816 – John, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1816 – 12th August – **John** Dreisbach (son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr.), purchased 10 acres in Section 17 of Colerain Twp., Ross Co. (on the edge of Hallsville), Vol. 13, pg. 506. Based on birth records reported about his children, John, his first wife and the oldest four children were in Ohio by October of 1810.

- John sold the 10-acre tract in 1817 and purchased 160 acres – the North West Quarter of Section 30, Range 20, Township 10 (Colerain) Ross Co., Vol. 13, pg. 651. Thornton Road runs through this tract. They sold 135 acres of this tract in 1828.
- In 1829 John purchased 160 acres, the West half of the West Half of Section 25, Washington Twp., Pickaway Co. from Johannes Harman & wife Dorothy, paying \$500 down and agreement to make payments for the remained. Payments were completed in 1833 and on 25th November 1833 the deed was conveyed to John. The 1830 Census shows John and family living in Washington Twp.:

1 Male aged 50-59; 1 Female aged 30-39; 3 Males aged 0-19; and 4 Females aged 5-19

John and wife, Hannah sold this property in 1834 and moved back into Ross Co.

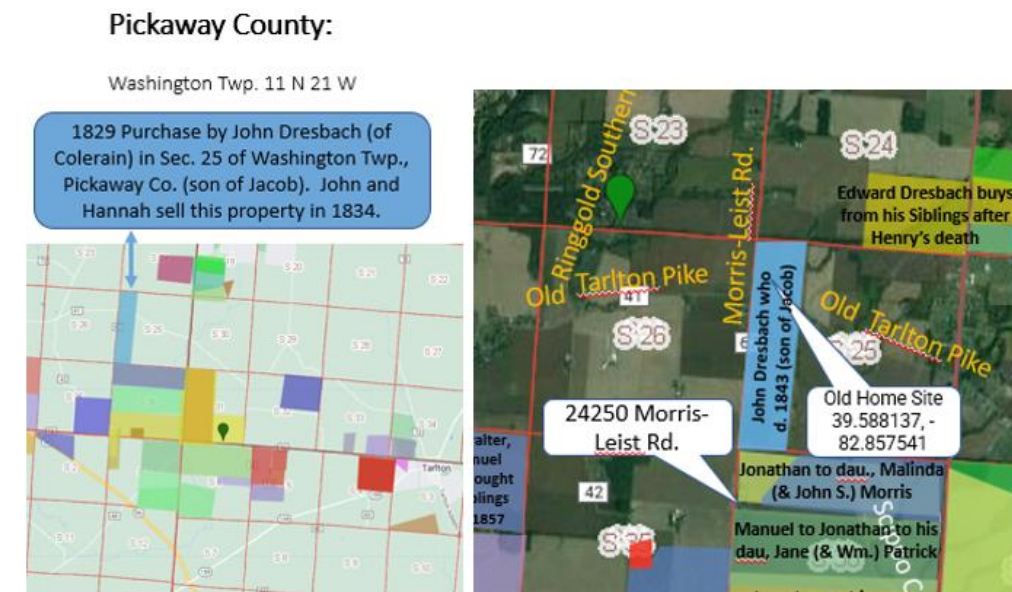
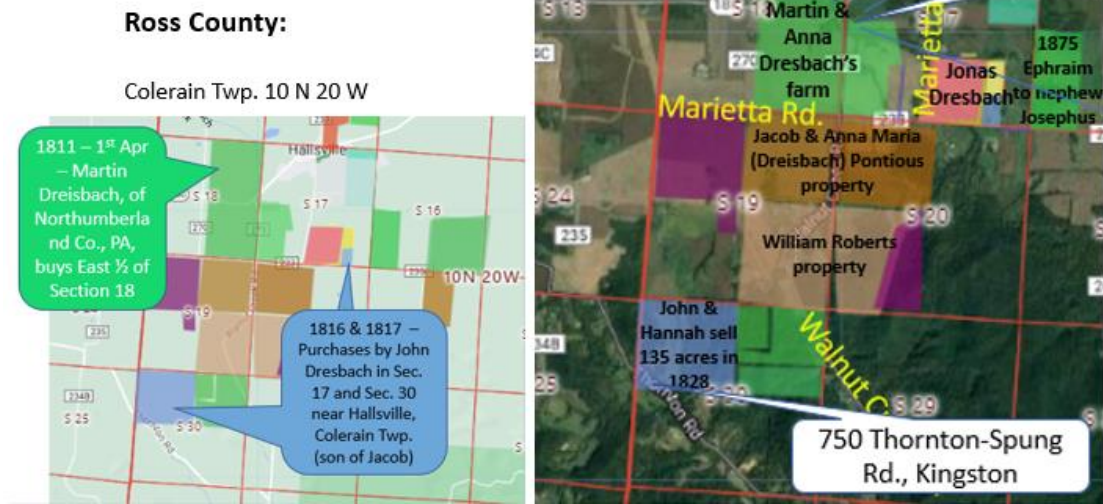
- In 1835 and 1837 Big John makes two purchases in Section 32 of Springfield Township, the two tracts lying in the North West ¼ of the section.
- My nickname for this John Dresbach is “Big John” because of a newspaper clipping (with incorrect origins of John) found by my mother, Charlene Dresbach Woolever (name and date of the newspaper unknown):

A John Driesbach weighed in excess of 700 lb. and could button his vest around a sugar barrel. His 2nd wife was Hannah Famerlinger or Tamerlinger. They were married 07 Apr 1816. He came to Ohio from Illinois and settled in Ross Co. near Anderson Station, buried at New Holland, Ohio. Their children: George B., b. 1827, Sophia, Hepzibah, Lydia, Martha.

- *Portrait & Biographical Album of DeWitt & Piatt Counties, IL*, Chapman Bros., 1891, pages 890-891, in the biography of John P. Dresbach, son of Gabriel Dresbach and Mariah Pyles. It states: "The grandfather of our subject was John Dresbach, a native of Germany, who after emigrating to the United States, settled in Ross Co., Ohio, when Indians were numerous in that region. Some of the members of the family were taken captive by savages, among them two great aunts of our subject. Grandfather Dresbach died in the Buckeye State."
 - Great aunts of the subject, John P. Dresbach, would be children of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach or Col. Henry and Anna Maria (Weiser) Spyker – I have never seen another account of Indians kidnapping any of their children. Have you? If so, please contact me.

- John was born the 23rd of September 1778 in Northumberland Co. By two marriages he had 19 children. **He married Catherine Spyker on the 9th of August 1803** in Northumberland Co., the daughter of John Henry Spyker and Anna Maria Weiser. Catherine was the sister to Lydia Spyker who married Martin, and to Peter Spyker who married Sophia - 3 siblings married 3 siblings. She passed away on the 3rd of November 1815. They had 8 children in 10 years:
 - Gabriel, b. 6 Jan 1805, Northumberland Co., md. Maria Pyle on 8 Dec 1826 n Ross Co., She d. 1 Sep 1848 and Gabriel md. 2nd to Margaret Patterson on 12 Aug 1849 in Peoria Co., IL. The biography of Gabriel's son, [John P. Dresbach – Piatt Co., IL – 1835 – 1913](#) is included in the “Biographies” section of the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site.
 - Mary Magdalena, b. 13 Sep 1807, md. 20 July 1826 to Christopher Ross in Ross Co.
 - George Y. (a twin), b. 2 Sep 1808 at Mifflinburg, md. Harriet S. Boyer on 17 Apr 1832 and d. before 1845
 - Amelia (a twin), b. 2 Sep 1808 at Mifflinburg, Union Co., PA, d. before 1845
 - John Spyker, b. 13 Oct 1810 in Ohio, md. Mary Vincent on 20 Mar 1834 in Ohio and d. 8 Sep 1884 in Piatt Co., IL. In the “Biographies” section of the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site is a biography for [Ephraim Dresback – Piatt Co., IL – 1848 – 1922](#), the son of John Spyker Dresbach.
 - Anna, b. 22 Apr 1813 in Ohio, md. William McGrady on 30 Jul 1831 in Ohio, and d. 16 Aug 1884 (prob. Allen Co., IN)
 - Ephraim, b. 1814 and d. after 1863 (prob. In Illinois)
 - Catherine, b. 2 Jul 1815, md. Elijah Moore on 11 Sep 1834 in Pickaway Co., d. 26 Aug 1889 at Moran, Allen Co., KS
- On the 23rd of June 1831, John Dresbach is appointed Guardian of two of his children, John Spyker (bond of \$250), and Anna (bond of \$200), in Pickaway County. Bondsmen in these appointments are J. W. Finley, Gabriel “Evans,” and Gabriel Dresbach. I believe the Gabriel Evans is probably an error in his last name, and it should be Gabriel Dresbach for both. (Found in Guardian Bonds 1810-1855, Pickaway County - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9QP-FRDB?i=140&wc=S2CL-JW5%3A266274601%2C266356401&cc=1992421>)
- **He married a second time on the 7th of April 1816 in Ross County to Hannah Famulinger** (some spell it Vanmulter). **John d. on the 17th of July 1843 in Springfield Twp., Ross Co. and is buried at the Concord Cemetery at Londonderry, Ross Co.** She died on 16th Aug 1876 in Missouri and is buried at the Blackjack Cemetery west of Nashville, Barton Co., MO. They had 11 children in 12 years:
 - Elizabeth, b. 28 May 1818, md. in Ross Co. on 31 Dec 1835 to John Pyle, and d. in Richardson Co., Nebraska
 - Jacob, b. 25 Sep 1919, md. his first wife, Nancy King, on 1st Feb 1844 in Ross Co., and md. 2nd to Matilda Grayham on the 10 Aug 1882 at Monticello, Piatt Co., Illinois. He d. before 1900 in Illinois – probably Piatt County
 - Jonathan, b. 21 Oct 1821 and d. at the age of 3 on 18 Nov 1824
 - Martin, b. 22 Aug 1823 and d. at the age of 11 months on 24 July 1824

- Hephzibah, b. 16 Jul 1825 at Circleville, Pickaway Co., md. Frank Johnson on 7th October 1845 in Ross Co. and d. at the age of 94 on 19 March 1920 at Sterling, Whiteside Co., Illinois
- George Books, b. 4 Sep 1827 in Ross Co., md. Elizabeth J. Veail on 24 Nov 1857 in Ross Co., and d. 24 Jan 1913 in Fayette Co., Ohio (buried at New Holland, Pickaway Co.)
- Sophia, b. 3 Nov 1829 in Ross Co., md. Dr. Thomas Ferabee on 11th April 1854 in Ross Co., d. 11 June 1889 and is buried at the Londonderry Cemetery, Ross Co.
- Caroline, b. 12 October 1831 and d. 4 January 1834, aged 2 years 2 months and 23 days, buried at the Dresbach Church Cemetery
- Eliza, b. 22 July 1834, married Milton A. Watt on 31 March 1864 in Piatt Co., IL, and died at Arcadia, KS
- Thomas M., b. 9 March 1836 and d. at the age of 14 on 23 August 1850
- Martha Jane, b. 5 July 1840, md. Thomas M. Welsh on 4th November 1860 in Piatt Co., Illinois and d. in 1874 in Missouri



Ross County:
Springfield Twp. 8 N 21 W



Ross County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name		Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pg.	Consideration
Aug 12	1816	John Dresbach	From	Ambrose Grafton	Pt of 17	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	10	13	506	\$200
Apr 4	1817	John Dresbach & Hannah	To	Ambrose Grafton	Pt of 17	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	10	14	224	\$200
Jan 6	1817	John Dresbach & Hannah	From	Jacob Levingood	NW 1/4	Sec 30 R 20	Colerain	160	13	651	\$600
Sept 22	1828	John Dressbach & Hannah	To	Margaret Pontious	NW 1/4	Sec 30 R 20	Colerain	135	23	45	\$550
Aug 17	1835	John Dresbach, son of Jacob(Springfield Twp)	From	Samuel Purdum & W	West side of NW 1/4	Sec 32 R 21	Springfield	111	30	348	\$900
Apr 20	1837	John Dresbach (son of Jacob)	From	Daniel Doll & W	E side of NW 1/4	Sec 32 R 21	Springfield	58	33	178	\$500
Nov 25	1845	John Dresbach (son of Jacob) by Martin Dr., Admr	To	Harrison Bunn		Sec 32 R 21	Springfield	117	48	243	\$1,334
Aug 26	1854	John Dresbach (son of John) & Mary, of Ross Co.	To	John Senff	& 142 poles	Sec 32 R 21	Springfield	43	56	180	\$44

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Rang	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Jan 2	1829	John Dresbach of Colerain Twp.	From	John Harman, Sr. (unable to speak) - conveyance witnessed by his wife and children to confirm	Washington		21	11	25	160	Article of Agmt-Mortgage- John pd \$500 in 1829 and agreed to pay \$100 the next 4 years - completed the obligation in 1833	12	7	\$ 900
Nov 25	1833	John Dresbach (Wash. Twp.)	From	John Harman, Sr. & Dorot	Washington		21	11	25	160	Pt of W 1/2 - Mortgage Released	12	8	\$ 900
Oct 31	1834	John Dresbach & Hannah	To	Abraham Heffner	Washington		21	11	25	163.5		13	103	\$ 1,800

Other possible John Dresbachs of age to buy land in or around Pickaway and Ross counties:

John, b. 25 May 1819 in Pickaway, the son of Daniel Dreisbach (Circleville Director). This John reportedly married Elizabeth Spyker, the daughter of John Peter Spyker and wife Sophia (>Jacob>Martin Sr.) and d. 31 July 1852. They are buried at Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

1817 – Jonathan, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

1817 – 2nd Nov – **Jonathan** Dresbach (son of Jacob & grandson of Martin Sr.), purchased the West ½ of Section 31 in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield Co. (Twp. 12, Range 20) from his brother, Martin, Vol. L, pg. 202.

- Note: In a 1973 article in the *Pickaway Quarterly*, author, Johnda Davis, states that Jonathan purchased Lot #3 in the original town plat of Circleville in 1812, the same year his brother, George, purchased Lot #11. In 1812, Jonathan was only 16 years old!. I could not find any record of a deed for Jonathan before 1817. Neither could I find that George purchased Lot #11, but he did buy Lots 91 and 92 on 27th November 1819, Vol. E, pg. 88.
- In 1820 Jonathan purchased Inlots 91 & 92 in Circleville from brother, George, Vol. E, pg. 218; and in 1824 he purchased another 3 outlots on northeast side of Circleville, in Section 20 at a Sheriff's Sale for property owned by Daniel Dreisbach, ordered sold because of a judgment against Daniel, Vol. F, pg. 286.
- On 8th November 1824 he purchased 160 acres in the South East Quarter of Section 31 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co. (the location of Dresbach Church), Vol. O, pg. 54.
- Throughout his lifetime he bought and sold many properties or was involved in financing tracts (as mortgage holder) so that his name appeared on the deeds.

1816 – 29th April – **Jonathan's son, William Dresbach, was born** out of wedlock to Anna Susanna Eyestone (German is Augenstein) and her companion, Jonathan Dresbach. Jonathan and Susanna Eyestone never married. Abraham Eyestone owned a milling business in Green Township, Ross Co. next to the property in Section 23 of Green Township that Martin Dresbach purchased in 1811 and sold to his brother, Benjamin in 1814. Anna Susanna was the Miller's Daughter.

William Dresbach lived in Green and Colerain townships all of his life (dying in September 1886) and always went by the name of Dresbach, not Eyestone.

Source: *Genealogy: Eyestone and Related Families*, compiled by J. Bruce Eyestone in 1948, accessed at the Library of Congress, pages 14-15:

"Anna Susan (Susanna) Eyestone, sixth child of Abraham and Roena Pferching Eyestone [or Augenstein in the original German form], born in western Pennsylvania, September 1, 1798, came with her parents in 1799 to Ross County, Ohio. She had a son by a companion, Jonathan Dresbach. The son was named William. After the death of her mother, she cared for the home and her father. Land which she owned was given to her son, William."

William Dresbach and family – *Eyestone and Related Families*, page 41:

"William's father, Jonathan, in his will gave to William \$1,000.00 which he invested in Northern Ohio near where the Van Gundy's and other Eyestones had settled."

The Will for Jonathan Dresbach has not been located, in spite of several searches at the Fairfield County Court House (and Pickaway and Ross). It may never have been recorded. We have assumed it existed at some point, since it is referred to by J. Bruce Eyestone in his Eyestone history. However, Jonathan transferred his properties to all of his children except Joseph J. (and William) before he died. His home farm was transferred to Joseph J. by the rest of his full siblings after the death of Jonathan. The rest of his personal property may have been distributed before he died or by his widow, Mary, after his death; therefore, there may not have been a need for a Will. There are two adjoining land patents purchased in 1825 in Wyandot County under the name of William Dresback. Those two tracts were sold in 1880 by "William and Elisabeth Dresbach of Ross Co." The only William Dresbach this can be is William, the illegitimate son of Jonathan. It appears that Jonathan paid for the government land and gifted it to William, because in 1825 when the patent was issued, William was only 9 years old.

Anna Susanna's birthdate in the Eyestone history differs from the calculated birth date from the inscription on her tombstone. According to the tombstone she died the 5th December 1886 at the age of 90 Y 3 M 3 D, thus her birth date is 2nd September 1796. Eyestone made an error of two years in the birth date for William Dresbach as well. He published the date of 29 April 1818, but William's tombstone reads that he died 5th September 1886 at the age of 70 Y 4 M 6 D, which makes his birth date 30th April 1816.

1817 – The Case of an Angry Father – Since no will has been found for Jonathan and nothing else was documented to prove the paternity, we are thankful that a Dreisbach researcher (Kevin Driesbach) did find a court case in Ross County regarding the paternity of William. It seems that the jury felt Abraham was "over-reaching" in his suit for \$1,000 damages, as they only awarded \$200.

Ross Co. Common Pleas Court, Volume N, pg. 433:

Eyestone vs. Dresbach was first heard before the Court of Common Pleas on the 16th of July 1817 when Abraham Eyestone sued Jonathan Dresbach in a plea of trespass with force and arms. The Sheriff of Ross County was ordered to issue a summons to Jonathan Dresbach. Or, in the words of 1817 legalese: "if he be found in your bailiwick to appear before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County at the courthouse on the first day of August term next to answer unto Abraham Eyestone a plea of trespass with force and arms in breaking and entering plaintiff's house and debauching his daughter damages \$1,000." The summons was served July 18th. Two definitions of debauching per Merriam-Webster are 1) to corrupt by intemperance or sensuality; and 2) to lead away from virtue or excellence.

The August term came and went. At the November term 1817, Abraham Eyestone's attorneys, Creighton & Bond, complained:

- Jonathan with force and arms broke and entered the house and debauched his daughter, Susanna
- The first day of September 1816 and on diverse other days and times between that day and the day of the serving of the Summons (July 18, 1817) he did break and enter the House of the said Abraham and Susanna. [Note that on 1 Sep 1816 Jonathan was 20 years old and Susanna was 19. It appears to be an ongoing youthful love affair.]

- Susannah became pregnant and sick with child. On 15th June 1817 the said Susannah was delivered of a male child
- Abraham was deprived of the Services and assistance of his said daughter in his domestic affairs and expended a large Sum of Money to Wit “the Sum of fifty dollars of lawful money of the United States” the time his daughter was recovering from her pregnancy, and in the nursing and maintaining of the the child, damages of the said Abraham \$1,000 and therefore he bring suit”

First of December 1817 Jonathan Dresbach by his attorney, Henry Brish, adsue [counter sues] Abraham Eyestone and defends the face [accusation of] injury, and says he is not guilty of the premises above laid to his charge in manner & form as the said plaintiff hath above declared:

- On or about the month of April 1817 and before the commencement of this suit Jonathan and Abraham accorded together concerning the trespass and matters alleged in the declaration of the said Abraham supposed to be committed by the said Jonathan. They submitted themselves to the Arbitration of Andrew Pontious, Peter Bitzer and Eleazer Cowgill, arbitrators indifferently elected to arbitrate the said supposed trespass & matters in the said plaintiff’s declaration alleged and it was agreed between the said parties that the award of the said arbitrators should be binding and conclusive between them. (Eleazer Cowgill was called as a witness in the trial.)
- Arbitrators published to the said parties as their award that the said Jonathan should pay to Abraham the sum of \$250 in three payments and the costs, which Jonathan did.
- Abraham accepted and received in full Satisfaction and payment of the award by said arbitrators and in full Satisfaction of said Supposed trespass and grievance in the declaration mentioned, acquitted & discharged Jonathan from any further or other claim.

On 9th April 1818, parties came by their attorneys, before a jury of 12 men. The case was heard and jury retired to consult of their verdict. On 10th April 1818, the jury returned their verdict: “We the jury find the defendant guilty and do assess the plaintiff damages by occasion thereof to \$200.” Court ordered plaintiff recover damages and costs expended in this suit. Court Costs were \$22.79. Notice was made of appeal to the next Supreme Court by defendant.

At December 1819 Term, the case was appealed to the Supreme Court, held at Ross County. The jury could not agree on a verdict and the case was dismissed, at the defendant’s costs. (Ross Co. Supreme Court, Vol. D, pg. 445)

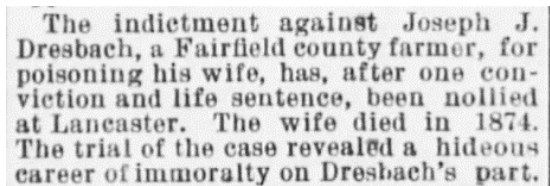
Thus ends the saga of Jonathan and Susanna. Did Abraham forbid Jonathan from seeing Susanna again? One would assume so. Were they forbidden to marry? We cannot know. There is evidence of the type of good works that Jonathan was involved in throughout the rest of his life and it makes me believe that Jonathan would have married Susanna if Abraham would have allowed it.

1820 – April 21st – Jonathan’s older brother, Martin, appointed Jonathan his Power of Attorney to make a trip to Pennsylvania on Martin’s behalf to release a mortgage given by Conrad Dunkle of Union Co., PA. The Power of Attorney was recorded in Northumberland County, PA, on the 19th of May 1820. Was Martin keeping Jonathan busy, with this errand? Possibly. However, it was an

important errand to file the release of the mortgage of Conrad Dunkle on the sale of their father's farm in 1807 (source: *The Life and Times of Martin Dreisbach (1717-1799)*, Falconer, 2014, pg. 83).

1821 – November 8th – Jonathan and Mary Johnston are married in Ross County. They had 12 children in 18 years:

- George, b. 12 Sep 1822 in Fairfield Co., d. 11 Feb 1823, Fairfield Co.
- John Johnston Dresbach, b. 26 Feb 1824, Fairfield Co., md. Mary Hannah Morris in Pickaway Co. on 3rd June 1847, and d. 11 Oct 1892 Macon Co., IL
- Malinda, b. 15 Feb 1825, Pickaway Co., md. John S. Morris on 21 Sep 1843 in Fairfield Co., d. 22 Sep 1909, Circleville, Pickaway Co.
- Benjamin, b. 7 Oct 1826 in Fairfield Co., md. Sarah E. Roby on 16 Oct 1849 in Fairfield Co., d. 17 June 1883, Fairfield Co.
- Jemima, b. 19 Sep 1828, Fairfield Co., md. Daniel Lutz on 17 Feb 1848 in Fairfield Co., and md. 2nd to Samuel P. Johnson, d. 10 Dec 1892, Fairfield Co.
- Mary, b. 4 Apr 1830, d. 8 Aug 1830 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH
- Harriet, b. 29 Oct 1831, d. 15 Dec 1839 in Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH
- Lydia, b. 13 Aug 1833, Fairfield Co., md. Peter S. Lutz on 18 Sep 1851 in Pickaway Co., d. 6 Jun 1913, Pickaway Co.
- Nancy, b. 9 Jul 1835, Fairfield Co., md. Thomas Leist on 28 Feb 1867 in Fairfield Co., d. 25 May 1890, Pickaway Co.
- George, b. 20 Aug 1836, d. 23 Aug 1836, Clear Creek Twp., Fairfield Co.
- Joseph, b. 17 Feb 1838, Fairfield Co., md. Emily Patrick on 11 Feb 1862 in Fairfield Co., md. 2nd Sarah McCollister, (his death date may be 6 May 1896, Stoutsville, Clearcreek Twp., Fairfield Co.). This Joseph was charged with the murder of his first wife by



The indictment against Joseph J. Dresbach, a Fairfield county farmer, for poisoning his wife, has, after one conviction and life sentence, been nollied at Lancaster. The wife died in 1874. The trial of the case revealed a hideous career of immorality on Dresbach's part.

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poisoning in 1881, found guilty, but the verdict was nollied "prosecutor or plaintiff has decided to abandon the prosecution". For details surrounding Joseph and his wives, see the April, 2010, Dreisbach Family Association Newsletter, [Dresbacks in Ohio](#).

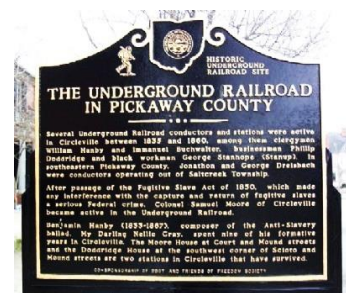
- Jane, b. 25 Jan 1840, Fairfield Co., md. William Patrick on 28 March 1860 in Fairfield Co., d. 1919, in Circleville, buried Prairie View Cemetery, Whisler. William Patrick was a brother to Emily Patrick, the deceased wife of Joseph Dresbach.
- 1820 – Dresbach Church was established in the home of George Dresbach, in the North Half of Section 6, Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, which he had purchased in 1814. His property was bordered on the north side by the Pickaway-Fairfield County line. North of his property, lying in Clear Creek Township (across the county line in Fairfield County), was the property of his brother, Jonathan in Section 31 which he had purchased in 1817 and 1824. According to the history of the Dresbach Church published in 1998 on the occasion of their 170th anniversary of the church building in 1828:

“The church was erected on land donated by the Dresbach brothers, Jonathan and George who lived on adjoining farms, separated only by the county line between Fairfield and Pickaway counties. Each brother gave one-half of the land for a church and cemetery. The church building is located in the center of the plot, so that the county line runs directly down the center aisle of the church. The first burial in the cemetery was in 1830.”

- 1832 – George & Caty Dresbach and Jonathan & Mary Dresbach convey 1 acre and 71 ½ Poles to the Trustees of the society of the United Brethren Church of Christ, and their successors, forever
- 1834 – Jonathan and brother, George, are appointed by the conference of the United Brethren Church to purchase a printing press for the purpose of printing their newspaper, the **Religious Telescope**.
- 1840 - From the *History of Pickaway County Ohio*, Van Cleaf, 1906, page 250: “The last bear killed in Pickaway County was discovered by William Drum and George Morgan, on the farm of Drum’s father, and followed by them into Washington Twp. Pursued closely by men and dogs, the bear ran up a white oak tree, on the farm now owned by George W. Stout. Among those who joined the chase were **Jonathan Dreisbach** and John Reichelderfer, who had their guns with them and were pretty good shots. Both were ambitious of the honor of killing the animal, and, in order to gratify them, it was decided by Drum and Morgan, masters of ceremonies, to let them shoot simultaneously. The bear was killed instantly. He lodged in the fork of the tree, which had to be cut down in order to get him. The animal was a very large specimen, and his hide was sold for the sum of \$18. This was in June 1840.”
- 1846 – **Otterbein University** - the Scioto Conference of the United Brethren Church of Christ, at their conference meeting held at the Bethlehem Church in Walnut Twp., nominated a committee of Rev. William Hanby (who wrote the following obituary for Jonathan), Jonathan Dreisbach, Esquire, and Rev. Lewis Davis, all from Pickaway Co., to complete the transaction to purchase from the village of Westerville, an existing college, Blendon Young Men’s College, with buildings, and establish Otterbein University. (Source: *Pickaway Quarterly*, Spring 2022, by Dr. Bob Hines, pg. 13-14)

- 1835 – 1860 - **The Underground Railroad** - “Several Underground Railroad conductors and stations were active in Circleville between 1835 and 1860, among them clergymen William Hanby (Benjamin Hanby’s father) and Immanuel Buchwalter, businessman Phillip Doddridge, Colonel Samuel Moore, and black workman George Stanhope (Stanup). In southeastern Pickaway County, Jonathon and George Dreisbach were conductors operating out of Saltcreek Township.”

This historical marker is located at the Colonel Samuel Moore house, 304 S Court Street, Circleville, where a tunnel was found in the basement. The tunnel leads south about ½ mile and was used by harbored runaways. Conductors operating through south-central Ohio helped to move escaping slaves north to Canada. Historians examined a



building on the farm owned by Jonathan, and did find some relics of the correct time period (information presented at the 2016 Reunion).

- **Jonathan passed away the 18th of May 1861.** Mary passed away the 7th of October 1864. He and Mary are buried at the Dresbach Church Cemetery on Tarlton Road.

Obituary: DIED Mr. Jonathan Dresbach departed this life on the 18th inst. in the sixty-fifth year of his age after a very severe illness of Lung Fever, for some six weeks. Mr. Dresbach was favorably known as a good citizen, an exemplary and kind father, and an affectionate husband. He has lived in this country some fifty years and has been identified with the interest and improvement of this county for this last half century. During his sickness, and especially a few days previous to his departure out of this world, he enjoyed great peace of mind, and was anxious to depart and be with the sinner's friend. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn his absence.

W. Hanby (appeared in the Circleville Watchman on 24 May 1861)

Jonathan and Mary (Johnston) Dresbach - Portraits were purchased by Ralph H. and Charlene D. Woolever in 2006 and donated to the Pickaway County Historical Society. They are displayed at the Pickaway County Historical Society Museum



Jonathan's Journal

FROM A LEDGER KEPT BY JONATHAN DRESBACH COMES THE FOLLOWING FAMILY INFORMATION: (This is not all of the children – Joseph and first born, William, are excluded). Original spellings have been retained in copying from the Dresbach ledger provided courtesy of Harold Himes. Xerox copies are on file at the Pickaway County Genealogical Library, Circleville.)

"Family record of Jonathan Dresbach and of his father and mother

- Jacob Dresbach was born in the year ____ on the _____. Jacob Dresbach departed this life June the 21st in the year of our Lord 1804.
- Leadiah Dresbach was born March the 15th in the year 1759. Leadiah Dresbach departed this life on the 15th day of February 1836, aged 78 years 11 months. Lived with her husband 29 years and 3 months and a widow 31 years 7 months 24 days and had 14 children - 9 sons and 5 daughters and at her death had 108 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren."

"November the 1th, 1843, Malinda Dresbach res'd of Mr. Jonathan Dresbach, her father, as an outfit for housekeeping: Two beds, 80 lb of feathers, 4 coverlets, 4 quilts, 7 blankets, \$75.00; Goods per bill by Rodgers \$57.50; Furniture by Pontious & Robonson \$29.00; One iron kittle, candle molds, pan & sarver \$3.72; One bay mare \$50.00; three coves \$30.00; three hogues \$5.00; one wheal & reale \$4.50; April the 1th, 1854 to cash paid on the setelment of the expense of the house with L. S. Morris \$75.69."

"March the 1th, 1846 John J. Dresbach reseved of Mr. Jonathan Dresbach, his father, as an outfit for housekeeping: Two beds, 46 lb of feathers, 2 coverletes, one some worne, 1 quilt, 5 blankets, \$38.50; two bedsteds \$10.00, six chares \$5.00 tabel and stand \$21.50; Goods per bill by Grage & Oldes \$22.00; One Iron Kittle \$2.00, One bay mare \$55.00; three coves \$30.00; seven sheape \$7.00; To cash to pay for two horses \$135.00."

“April the 1th, 1848, Jemima Dresbach reseve of Mr. Jonathan Dresbach, her father, as an outfit for housekeeping: Two beds, 79 lb of feathers, 4 coverletes and 4 quiltes, 7 blankets \$74.75; To goods per bill by George B. Dresbach \$17.50; To goods per bill by Atwater & Martin \$2.93; To goods per bill by Atwater & Martin \$7.87; To goods per bill by Burse for cokin stove \$28.68; To goods per bill by Doddridg \$24.00; To crockes & washbord, lg. bacon tray & tabel \$7.51; to seven chares by Melane \$9.00; To two bedstedes & stand \$12.50; To three coves \$30.00; To one horse \$65.00; To seven hed of hoges \$14.00; To one big wheal and reale \$5.00; To one yoke of 2 year old oxin \$31.00.”

“December the 1th, 1846, Benjamin Dresbach reseved of Mr. Jonathan Dresbach his father as an outfit for housekeeping: Two beds, 42 lb. of feathers, two coverlets, 5 blankets \$29.50; To furniture, 2 bedsteds & tabel, 1 safe, 1 set of chare, 1 rocking chare \$25.87; To goods per bill by Noha Gray \$7.37; To goods per bill by Atwatter \$71.35; To one kooking stove \$30.00; To three coves \$3.00; To one horse & one mare \$125.00; To cash to mek him equale with John L. Dresbach \$52.00.”

“December the 1th, 1851, Lydia Dresbach reseved of Mr. Jonathan Dresbach hir father as an outfit for housekeeping: two bedes, 73 lb of feathers \$18.25; four coverlets, four quilts, sevin blankits \$59.50; To one burow with glass, 2 bedstids, 1 tabel, 1 stand, 1 rocking chare \$40.00; one set of chares, one safe, one bake tray, one washbord \$15.25; to one kooking stove, churn, tabel and tin ware \$43.97; to two sets of knives and forkes and butcher knife and 2 sad irons \$5.80; October the 1th, Goods per bil by Delaplane \$24.16; November the 9 To Crockes, jars and scisers \$2.70; To two coves and two heffers \$28.00; to one dun horse \$75.00.”

“May 1, 1860 Jane Dresbach - goods per bill by John Coon & Co. for drses \$24.38; goods per bill by Fred Picking tin ware \$6.70; furniture by G.W. Mires \$31.50; stove and furenture and coffee mill W. W. Biers \$35.25; stand & bacin tray by W. Robey \$3.50; Bill of goods by Delaplane \$29.19; 68 lbs of feathers, 4 coverlits, 4 quilts, 5 blankets \$53.25; one bay mare \$80.00; three cows \$30.00; March 10, 1863 Cash paid by John J. Dresbach \$33.00.”

“April 30, 1863 Nancy Dresbach - one bed and beding \$16.00; 4 coverlits, 3 quilts \$35.00; one bay mare \$60.00; one heifer \$4.00; April 30, 1865 cash by John J. Dresback \$212.00; April 30, 1863 paid Nancy Dresback \$115.00 for wages alow'd by her father.”

Fairfield County

Date	Year	Name	From	Name	Township	Range	Twn	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	ation
Nov 2	1817	Jonathan Dresbach (of Ross Co.)	From	Martin & Anny Dresbach (of	Clearcreek	20	12	31	320	W 1/2 Sec 31	L	202	\$ 1,531
Nov 8	1824	Jonathan Dresbach (of Pickaway Co)	From	Robert Howard & wife, Wid	Clearcreek	20	12	31	160	SE 1/4 Sec 31	O	54	\$ 1,100
Apr 4	1826	Jonathan Dresbach	From	David Wetzell	Clearcreek	20	12	31	same 160	SE 1/4 Sec 31	P	17	\$ 120
Jul 16	1854	Jonathan Dresbach, Daniel Upp, George Valentine Jr., School Directors of School Dist. No. 2, Clearcreek	To	George Valentine Sr.	Clearcreek	20	12	29	84 Poles	Part of SE 1/4 Sec 29	22	188	\$ 30
Apr 6	1854	Jonathan & Mary Dresbach, to their son	To	Benjamin Dresbach	Clearcreek	20	12	31	320	W 1/2 Sec 31	26	279	\$ 7,770
Apr 6	1854	Jonathan & Mary Dresbach, to their dau.	To	Daniel Lutz & Jemima (Dresbach)	Clearcreek	20	12	12	181	Part of Sec 12 (114 ac her patrimony of \$4,000)	28	748	\$ 6,335
Feb 27	1854	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Peter S & Lydia Lutz	Clearcreek	20	12	12	181	Part of Sec 12	23	359	\$ 6,335
Aug 8	1856	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Rebecca Spangler	Clearcreek	20	12	32	44	Part of SW 1/4 Sec 32	23	359	\$ 200
Aug 9	1856	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Henry Spangler (deed by Ex	Clearcreek	20	12	32	42.75	Part of SW 1/4 Sec 32	23	360	\$ 1,440
Apr 22	1857	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Lamech & Susan Spengler	Clearcreek	20	12	32	2	Part of SW 1/4 Sec 32	24	507	\$ 200
Apr 6	1859	Benjamin Dresbach (son of Jonathan)	From	Jonathan & Mary Dresbach	Clearcreek	20	12	31	320	W 1/2 Sec 31	26	279	\$ 7,770
Nov 14	1864	Heirs of Jonathan & Mary: Benjamin & Emily, John J., Melinda, Jemima, Lydia, Nancy, Jane Dresbach and spouses, et al	To	Joseph Dresback	Clearcreek	20	12	31	160	SE 1/4 Sec 31	39	386	\$ 1

Ross County

Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol	Pg	Consideration
May 15	1821	Jonathan Dresbach of Ross	From	Abraham Strasser & Catherine	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	80	17	572	\$800
May 15	1821	Jonathan Dresbach (no wife)	To	Joseph Buckwalter	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	10	36	208	\$120
May 1	1826	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	Jonas Dresbach	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	70	22	398	\$1,000
Jan 11	1851	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	James Davis, the elder, of Pike Co.	488	Franklin	1214	51	259	\$5,398
Feb 22	1855	Jonathan Dresbach & W	To	James Davis	13575	Franklin	75	57	224	\$37

Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or Fro	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Rang	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Sep 5	1820	Jonathan Dresbach	From	George Dresbach & Cath	Circleville	91 & 92					Inlots	E	218	\$ 500
Apr 2	1824	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Daniel Dresbach by Shff	Circleville		21	11	20	23.55	3 lots	F	286	\$ 244
Nov 23	1829	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	Thomas Huston	Circleville	OL 6	21	11	20	3.5	Pt W 1/2 Sec 20	I	206	\$ 75
Jan 27	1832	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	David Valentine	Washington		21	11	20	17.5	W 1/2		11	398 \$ 280
May 4	1832	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary, George & Caty	To	United Brethren in Christ by Trustee	Pickaway & Fairfield		20	12	31	1	71.5 Poles		47	63 \$ 1
May 4	1832	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary, George & Caty	To	United Brethren in Christ	Pickaway & Fairfield		20	11	6	1	71.5 Poles		47	63 \$ 1
Feb 4	1833	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary, Daniel & Cath.	To	James D. Caldwell	Circleville		21	11	20	2.55	W 1/2		11	165 \$ 150
May 11	1833	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Leonard Wolf & Cath. Dre	Saltcreek		20	11	21	120	N pt of NE 1/4		11	429 \$ 1,440
May 31	1833	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	John Barnes, Jr.	Circleville	91							11	358 \$ 300
May 5	1834	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	Jacob Rutter	Circleville	92							12	175 \$ 250
Sep 3	1836	Jonathan Dresbach, of Fairfield	From	Peter Stahl & Magdalene	Washington		21	11	36	217	& 47 P - excepting 16 acres sold to Green & Morgan		14	259 \$ 3,000
Nov 29	1836	Jonathan Dresbach & Mary	To	Joseph Foust & W	Saltcreek		20	11	21	120	NE 1/4; Deed Reads Range 21, but should read Range 20		14	447 \$ 1,800
Oct 2	1837	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Samuel Dresbach & Cath.	Washington		21	11	36	200	Pt N 1/2		15	307 \$ 4,000
May 14	1839	Jonathan Dresbach	From	William R. Rhinehart	Circleville	11					Mtg Inlot Olds Add		16	482 \$ 544
Dec 5	1843	Jonathan Dresbach	To	School Dist No. 6 Wash. T	Washington		21	11	36		48 Poles NW 1/2		23	422
May 10	1845	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Amelia Green et al	Washington		21	11	36	12	& 5 P SW 1/4		20	414 \$ 400
May 21	1846	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Joseph Olds & W			21	11 & 4	31 & 7	358	& 100 P along the River		21	313 \$ 9,682
Oct 29	1846	Jonathan Dresbach (& bankers)	From	Philip B. Doddridge & W et al		75					1/35 Int Cir Mills (water power plant)		21	449 \$ 1,000



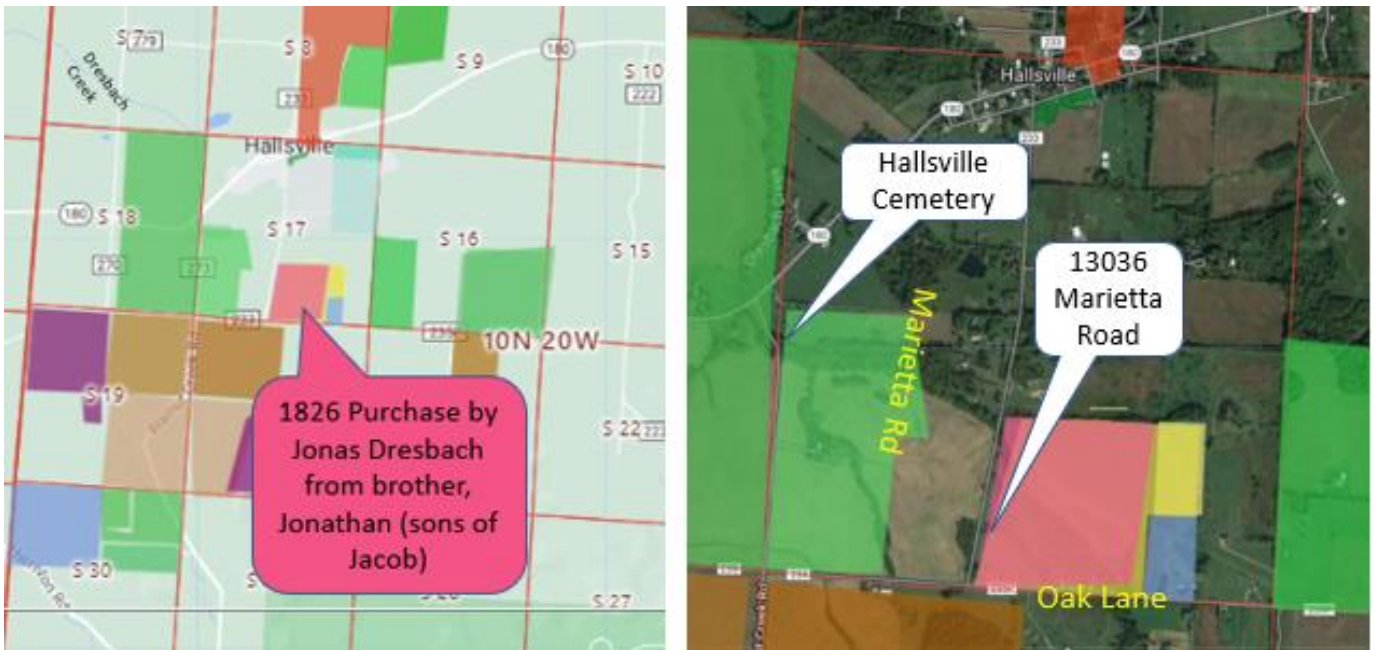


Pickaway County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Dec 12	1846	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Mary Morgan et al	Pickaway & Washing		21	11	36	54	& adjoining Sec 1 - Und 2/6 Int	22	34	\$ 200
May 27	1847	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Andrew J. Morgan	Pickaway & Washing		21	10 & 11	1 & 36	54	Und. 1/2 Int. QC	22	297	\$ 100
Feb 16	1848	Jonathan Dresbach et al	From	James Lawrence	Pickaway & Washing		21	10 & 11	1 & 36	45		23	82	\$ 1
Sep 1	1849	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Samuel Earnest, David Kir	Pickaway & Washing		21	10 & 11	1 & 36	27	NW 1/4 Amicable Partition SW 1/4	24	154	--
Mar 2	1854	Jonathan Dresbach	From	Thomas J. Winship & W	Saltcreek		20	11	7	210	E 1/2	30	350	\$ 7,350
Apr 6	1854	Jonathan Dresbach & W to Dau.	To	Lydia Lutz & H, Peter	Saltcreek		20	11	7	210	E 1/2 to dau., Lydia Lutz (114 ac her patrimony of \$4,000)	30	349	\$ 7,350
Apr 6	1854	Jonathan Dresbach & W	To	Christian Waidelich	Pickaway		21	10	1	23	NW 1/4	30	363	
Apr 6	1854	Jonathan Dresbach & W to Dau.	To	John S. Morris & Malinda	Washington		21	11	36	200	to dau., Malinda Morris (120 ac her patrimony of \$4,000)	34	461	\$ 6,000
Apr 11	1854	Jonathan Dresbach & W	To	John J. Dresbach	Circleville		21	11 & 4	31 & 7	358	100 Poles	32	548	\$ 12,888
Jun 23	1854	Jonathan Dresbach et al by Shff	To	Merchants & Mechanics B	Circleville	4-N1/2				2.5	Val & Keffer's Add	29	205	1/2
Apr 8	1858	Jonathan Dresbach	From	John S. Morris & W	Washington		21	11	36	233	from dau., Malinda & husb.	32	347	\$ 11,000
Jun 7	1864	Jonathan Dresbach decd, Mary widow	To	Jacob Ludwig	Circleville		21 & 22	11	7 & 31	338	Mary sells her dower interest for \$5,000 (WHY? NO WILL?)	36	373	\$ 5,000

1825 – Jonas, son of Jacob (>Martin Sr.)

- 1825 – 14th April – **Jonas** Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.) purchased a 4-acre lot at the edge of Hallsville in Colerain Twp., Ross Co., Vol. 22, pg. 397.
- He purchased another 70 acres from his brother, Jonathan, on 1 May 1826, located in Section 17, Township 20, Range 20, Vol. 22, pg. 398.
- Jonas and wife Mary Throckmorton sold their property in Ross Co. in 1839. This is when they made the move to Illinois, as they **appear in the 1840 Census of Fulton Co., Illinois.**



The County of Ross, Bennett, 1902, pg. 243:

“A mound once stood on the farm of Jonas Dreisbach which was utilized for the manufacture of brick, to which purpose the clay was found to be specially adapted. A house was built in Kingston by Doctor Prettyman from this brick, which is all that remains to perpetuate the recollection of this ancient work. During the disintegration of the mound six or seven human skeletons were discovered which crumbled to dust on exposure to the air.”

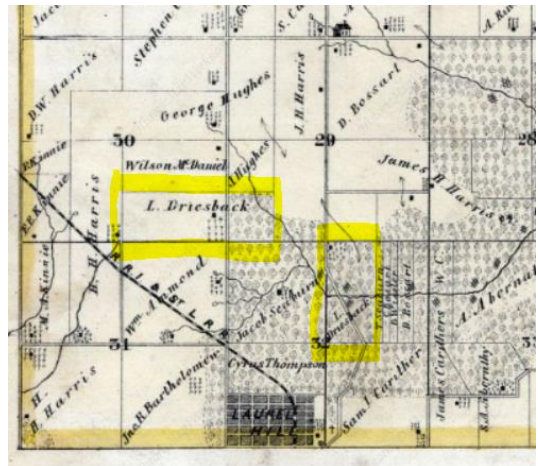
Ross County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Page	Consideration
Apr 14	1825	Jonas Dresbach	From	Peter & John Strawser	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	4	22	397	\$61
May 1	1826	Jonas Dresbach	From	Jonathan Dresbach & wife Mary	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	70	22	398	\$1,000
June 14	1839	Jonas Dresbach & Mary	To	William F. & Franklin Linn, of Union Co. PA	Sec 17 R 20	Colerain	80	37	264	\$5,690

Jonas was born in Northumberland Co., on the 30th July 1802, so was only about 8 or 9 years old when the family migrated to Ohio. **He married Mary Throckmorton on the 14th October 1824 in Ross County. Jonas passed away on the 23rd April 1863,** and Mary on the 26th December 1873 in Fulton Co., IL. They had three sons. In the 1870 Census, Mary was living with their youngest son, Leonidas and his family.

- Alfred, b. 15th April 1830, Ross Co., d. 3rd May 1854, Fulton Co., IL
- Bennet, b. 10th March 1834, Ross Co., d. 6th May 1854, Fulton Co., IL
Note that these two young boys, aged 24 and 20, died within three days of each other.
- Leonidas, b. either 15th October 1836 (stated in his obituary) or 25th February 1837 (on his tombstone) in Ross Co., Ohio, and d. 22nd January 1900. He married Ravina Johnson, December 24, 1862. They had one daughter, Carrie Hope.

I have not been able to locate deed records for Fulton Co., Illinois, but L. Driesback appears in Farmers Twp., Fulton County in the 1871 Atlas (see snip on the right).



Obituary – *The Macomb Journal*, Macomb, Illinois, 01 Feb 1900, Thursday

Leonidas Driesbach was born in Ross county, O., Oct 15, 1836, and departed this life Jan. 22d, 1900, at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 7 days. He came with his parents to Table Grove, Ill., when but a small boy. He had two brothers, Alfred and Bennett, both of whom died while Leonidas was yet in his minority. He was, up to the time of his death, the only one remaining of his father's family.

He was married to Ravina Johnson of Vermont, Ill., on Christmas Eve of the year 1862. To them was born one daughter, Carrie Hope, now the sole companion of the devoted mother, and to deeply share in her bereavement.

It was the writer's fortune to know most intimately the one who was familiarly called by his friends and acquaintances, "Squire" Driesbach. He also enjoyed his trusting friendship as none other, perhaps, and now wishes to give his testimony to his worth of character. The needle is not truer to the pole than was he to his convictions of trust and duty. Wherever honor called, there was he ever to be found. He was steadfast as a friend pure in his manhood and upright in every word and work.

In religion he was a Universalist and believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He never wavered in his faith, and when the summons came he was far from home and family. But there he found friends who were ready to do all required of them, and extended what consolation was possible in human language to the devoted wife on her arrival. But her coming was too late to gain his recognition for which the sore heart so hungered, and in a few hours he passed over to the innumerable throng which swell the tide of life on the other side.

The remains were brought to Table Grove and to the church where he worshiped in early manhood where loving words were spoken by his old-time friends and the pastor, Rev. John H. Hughes. From thence the body was taken to its last resting place in the Table Grove cemetery and buried.

Farewell, dear friend, we shall meet again.

J.H.

1825 – Thomas McGrady and Betsy Dresbach (>Jacob>Martin Sr.)

- 1824 – Thomas McGrady and Elizabeth “**Betsy**” Dresbach – the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena & granddaughter of Martin Sr. Elizabeth “Betsy” Dresbach, (b. 4 Feb 1800) married the 1st of April 1824 in Ross County.
- They had a baby daughter, Elizabeth, b. in January 1825, and d. 20 May 1825
- **Betsy died the 16th Feb 1825**, apparently from childbirth. She is buried at Salem White Church. **Thomas remarried to Betsy’s cousin’s daughter, Maria** (daughter of Martin III, of Ross Co. & Lydia Spyker Dresbach)
- 1825 - The earliest land record found for Thomas McGrady is dated 3rd March 1825 when he purchased 145 acres in Section 19, Colerain Twp., less than 3 weeks after Betsy had passed away, Vol. 21, pg. 53

New
Information

Thomas and Mary had at least one son, Samuel, b. in 1830. He appears in the 1850 census living in his parents’ home. He enlisted for service in the War with Mexico on September 14th 1848 in Chillicothe (recruited by S. Stewart) and was discharged on 12th October 1848 at Louisville, KY. The reason for discharge is given as “By civil authority.” His status is listed as “A Recruit,” not a Private. Samuel was 18 years old when he enlisted, 5’ 7” tall, had blue eyes, auburn hair and was fair complected. He was a farmer and gives his

birthplace as Ross Co. There is a Find A Grave Memorial for a Samuel McGrady in Vermillion Co., Illinois, with a death date of 19 Jul 1852, aged 22 Y 4 M 22 D which would be a birthdate of 28 Jan 1830. This may be the Samuel McGrady from Ross Co., Ohio. There is a record of appointment of Administrator in 1852, and a Will appears in the Vermilion Co., Index to Wills (Vol. D, Page 347) but the Will Book is not available online.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21779379/samuel-mcgrady>

Ross County:

Colerain Twp. 10 N 20 W

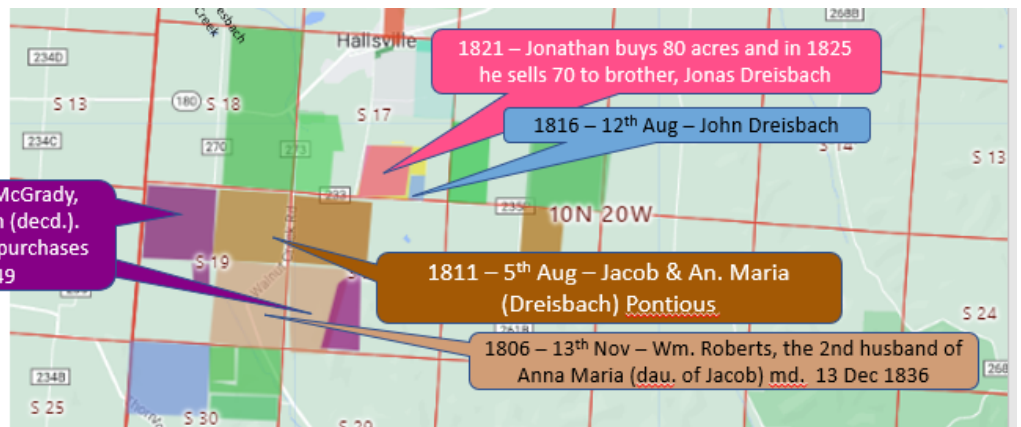
1825 – 3rd Mar – Thomas McGrady, husband of Betsy Dresbach (decd.). McGrady makes additional purchases in 1832, 1839 & 1849

1821 – Jonathan buys 80 acres and in 1825 he sells 70 to brother, Jonas Dreisbach

1816 – 12th Aug – John Dreisbach

1811 – 5th Aug – Jacob & An. Maria (Dreisbach) Pontious

1806 – 13th Nov – Wm. Roberts, the 2nd husband of Anna Maria (dau. of Jacob) md. 13 Dec 1836



There is a story related in the *History of Kingston, Ohio*, published for their Sesquicentennial in 1984, on page 32:

“Uncle Tom McGrady

Many will remember the colorful figure of the man who loved to fight. Thomas McGrady was born in 1798 and died in 1888. He lived where the Boden property is now located in Kingston. At an early primary election he won most of the athletic events and a jealous rival named Shotts decided to wrestle Uncle Tom. The contest ended with McGrady the victor. Afterwards Uncle Tom heard that Shotts had whipped his brother down at Jackson. He walked thirty miles to Jackson and inquired for Shotts. He was told that Shotts was a dangerous man weighing 256 pounds and “scienced.” Uncle Tom “allowed” that he had walked thirty miles to fight and would not be denied. A large crowd gathered to watch McGrady who weighed 220 pounds and the giant Shotts in fighting togs wage a desperate battle in which McGrady won. After the fight Shotts took McGrady home to dinner without the least resentment.”

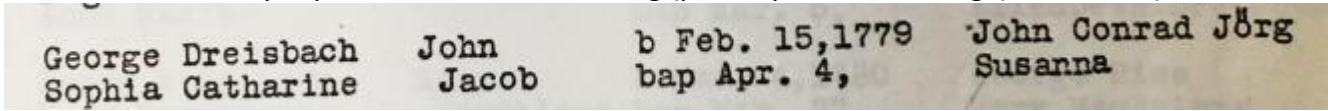
[I cannot say for certain that the Uncle Tom McGrady in this story is the Thomas McGrady who married two Dreisbach women. However, the birth and death dates are so very close to the dates we have for Thomas McGrady (1797-1885), that I wanted to include it in this manuscript. There is only one other Thomas McGrady that I was able to find in the vicinity, and that is a Thomas McGrady, b. 1856 and d. 1910 at Circleville. “Our” Thomas McGrady settled near Hallsville by 1825, sold his farm at Hallsville in 1860 and appears with wife, Mary, in the 1860 Census of Pickaway Twp., Pickaway Co., with Kingston as his post office. In the 1870 Census he and Mary are still living in Pickaway Twp., but at Tarlton post office.]

Ross County

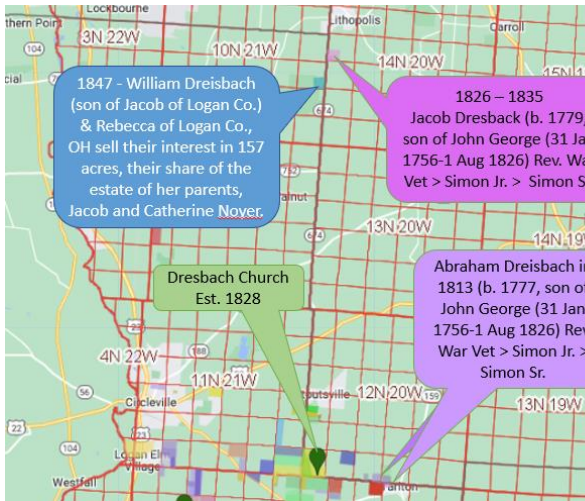
Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Section, Subdv.	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pg.	Consideration
Mar 3	1825	Thomas McGrady	From	John Van Meter	NW 1/4 or W 1/2 of N 1/2 of Sec. 19	Sec 19 R 20 Colerain	145	21	53	\$2,000
Apr 18	1832	Thomas McGrady, of Ross Co.	From	Ezekiel Bunn & w	Pt SW 1/4 Sec 19, Begin	Sec 19 R 20 Colerain	10	26	276	\$200
Feb 17	1839	Thomas McGrady	From	John R. Reedy & w	W 1/2 of SW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20 Colerain	80	38	535	\$800
Mar 1	1842	Thomas McGrady & Mary	To	Mortimore D. Wilkinson	W 1/2 of SW 1/4	Sec 20 R 20 Colerain	80	39	404	\$1,000
May 22	1849	Thomas McGrady & Mary	To	U.B. Church Colerain Twp	Pt of NW 1/4, running along Marietta Rd,	Sec 19 R 20 Colerain	43 Poles	40	430	\$25
Oct 1	1851	Thomas McGrady	From	Washington Crandall & w		Sec 13 R 21 Green	10	52	5	\$500
Sep 9	1856	Thomas McGrady	From	Henry Vangundy		Sec 9 R 21 Green	35 p.	63	4 or 5	\$515
Oct 18	1860	Thomas McGrady & Mary, of P	To	Conrad Reedy	NW 1/4 or W 1/2 of N 1/2 of Sec. 19, same as	Sec 19 R 20 Colerain	164 & 3 f	64	84	\$10,000
Jul 24	1864	Thomas McGrady	From	Ferdinand Rose & w		Sec 4 R 21 Green	15	67	595	\$1,282

1826 – Jacob, son of John George (>Simon, Jr.)

- Dreisbach book supplement, pg. 123, and ddfa.tribalpages.com for the family of John George Dreisbach: John Jacob b. 15 Feb 1779, bapt. Zion Stone Church 4 Apr 1779, Son of John George (1756-1826 Allen Twp., Northampton) Rev War Vet & Sophia Jung / Young. This is from a transcription of the original Zion Stone Church baptism records, found at the Easton PA Public Library. Sponsors: John Conrad Jörg (possibly should be Jung?) & Susanna



- 1826 – 19th September – **Jacob** Dreisbach, (>John George>Simon Jr.>Simon Sr.) purchases a tract of land from John & Catharine Glick in Section 18, Bloom Twp., Fairfield Co. (this is not indexed, but referenced in a later deed) - Twp. 14 Range 20.



Fairfield County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Sep 19	1826	Jacob Dresbach (not indexed-referred to in Q 430)	From	John & Catharine Glick	Bloom	20	14	18	50	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 18			
Aug 2	1828	Jacob & Elizabeth Dresbach	To	Samuel Boyer	Bloom	20	14	18	20	Pt of SW 1/4 Sec 18	S	416	\$ 75
Oct 17	1829	Jacob & Elizabeth Dresback	To	John Stanberry	Bloom	20	14	18	50 & 30	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 18 & Pt of SW 1/4 Sec 18	Q	430	\$ 110
Aug 2	1828	Jacob Dresbach & W Elizabeth	To	Samuel Boyer	Bloom	20	14	18	20	pt of SW 1/4	S	416	\$ 75
Oct 17	1828	Jacob Dresbach (of Fairfield Co.) & W Elizabeth	To	John Stansberry	Bloom	20	14	18	50 + 30	SW part of SW 1/4 & a 2nd part of SW 1/4 Sec 18	Q	430	\$ 110
Oct 16	1830	Jacob Dresbach (of Fairfield Co.)	From	John Stansberry	Bloom	20	14	18	50	SW part of SW 1/4 Sec	Y	102	\$ 100
Aug 1	1835	Jacob Dresbach	From	John & Katharine Glick	Bloom	20	14	18	50	part of SW 1/4 Sec 18	Y	103	\$ 150
Aug 1	1835	Jacob Dresbach	From	Jeremiah & Christina Kersh	Bloom	20	14	18	50.62	part of SW 1/4 Sec 18	Y	105	\$ 100
Sep 19	1835	Jacob Dresbach	From	John & Catharine Glick	Bloom	20	14	18		SW part of SW 1/4 Sec	Y	151	\$ 150
Aug 15	1835	Jacob Dresbach - Mortgage	From	Ohio Life Insurance & Trust	Bloom	20	14	18	80.62	Pt of SW 1/4	Y	152	
Aug 15	1835	Jacob Drisbach	To	Ohio Life Insurance & Trust	Bloom	20	14	18	80.62	part of SW 1/4 Sec 18	Y	152	\$ 300
Jan 18	1837	Jacob Dresback (no wife)	To	Jacob Smith	Bloom					Lithopolis IL 172	1	518	\$ 162
Mar 11	1837	Jacob Dresback (no wife)	To	Samuel Smith	Bloom				80.62 - 20	part of SW 1/4 Sec 18	2	129	\$ 1,200
Feb 22	1851	Jacob Dresbach	From	Ohio Life Insurance & Trust	Bloom	20	14	18		Release of Debt	2	27	\$ 511

Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Dec 28	1847	William Dreisbach & Rebecca, of Logan Co	To	Isaac Bowser	Madison		21	10	24	157	SE 1/4 - heirs of Jacob Noyer	23	601	\$ 210

The maiden name of Jacob's wife, Elizabeth, has not yet been located. According to her tombstone, Elizabeth died 24 June 1835 aged 53 Y 6 M 11 D (calculated birth date is 13th December 1781). This death date agrees with deed entries because her name is not mentioned when Jacob sold Lot No. 172 in Lithopolis to Jacob Smith in 1837, nor is she mentioned on the 11th of March 1837, when Jacob conveys his property in Section 18 to Samuel Smith. Jacob and Elizabeth had the following children according to <https://ddfa.tribalpages.com>:

- Jacob, b. 28th September 1803 in PA and d. 17th September 1855 in Champaign Co., Illinois. He married Catherine Hoy.
- John, b. 3rd November 1804 in PA and d. 7th November 1886 in Pickaway Co. John married twice: 1st to Anna Hoy and 2nd to Lavina Snyder / Schneider.
- Magdalena, b. abt 1812 in PA and d. 22nd February 1892 in Logan Co. She married Samuel Hall.
- William Ira, b. 19th March 1815 in Northampton Co., PA and d. 27th January 1893 in Salem Twp., Shelby Co., Ohio. He married 3 times: 1st to Margaret Rebecca Noyer, 2nd to Mary Norris, and 3rd to Margaret Jane Dunston.
- Barnard, b. 1818 in Ohio, and d. 25th August 1893 in Shelby Co., Ohio (FindAGrave Memorial: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/69863547/barnhart-dressback>). Barnard was married twice, 1st to Louisa Pierce and 2nd to Rhoda Dillon Scott.
- Elizabeth
- Anna md. Henry Stace on 8th March 1868 in Shelby County, Ohio

In 1835 "Jacob Disbrock" is issued a Patent for the NW ¼ of Section 28 in Twp. 7 S Range 8 E in Logan Co., OH. (Source: <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/>)

Land Patent
Certificate
for
Jacob
Disbrock

of Fairfield
County

Certificate
No. 1236

The United States of America,
To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

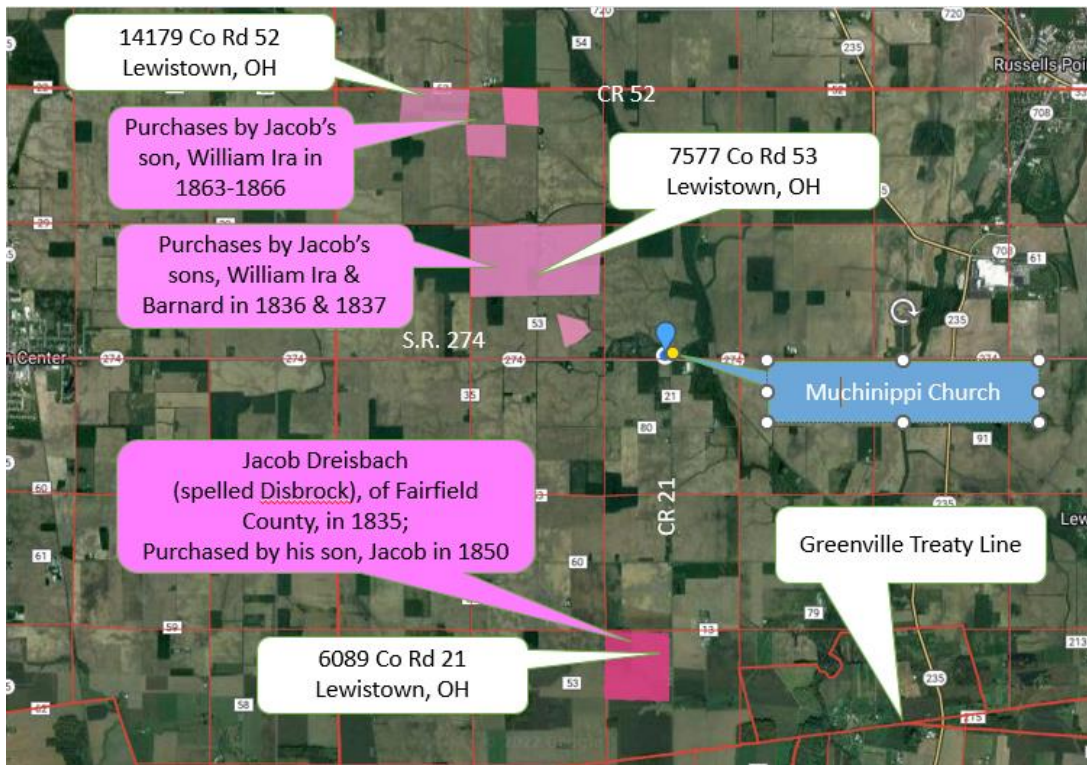
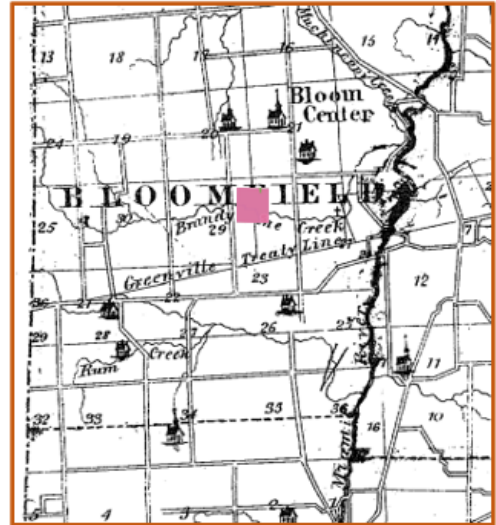
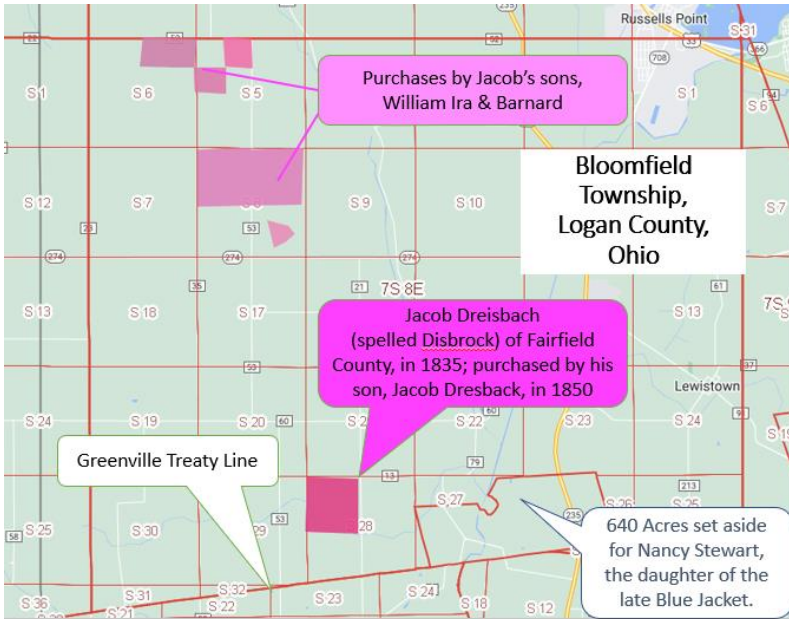
Whereas, *Jacob Disbrock of Fairfield County*
has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Rega
whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Jacob Disbrock
according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for
The north west quarter of Section twenty eight in Township seven south of Range eight east in
the district of lands subject to sale at Rega Ohio containing one hundred and sixty acres
according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been pur-
chased by the said Jacob Disbrock.

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the
several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said *Jacob Disbrock*
and to his heirs, the said tract above described:
To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said
Jacob Disbrock and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Andrew Jackson*
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto
affixed.
October
Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the eighth day of April in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty five and of the Independence of the United States
the Fifty ninth sixtieth

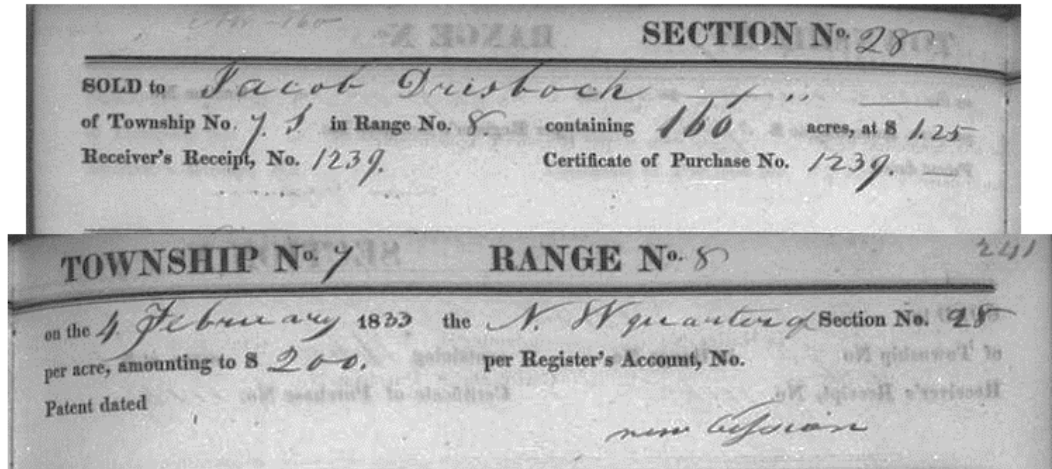
Andrew Jackson,
By the President:
Ethan Brown
Bleah Hayward Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Bloomfield Township,
Logan County,
Ohio



U.S. Govt.
Record of Sale
at Piqua Land
Office to Jacob
Disbrock
(here it looks
like it is spelled
"Dresback"
or "Dresbach")

Source: BLM Tract
Books For Piqua
Land Office



Source: Source: BLM Tract Books For Piqua Land Office - FamilySearch.org

1845 - Conveyance of **same land to William and Bernard Dresback from their brother, Jacob and his wife, Catherine:** Deed recorded in Logan County, Ohio – Vol. O, Pg. 695 – Dated 3 Jan 1845, Recorded 3 Jan 1846: Jacob Dresback and Catherine, his wife, **for consideration of \$1,000**, convey to William Dresback and Bernard Dresback, being land lying in county of Logan, Ohio, “Being the North West Quarter of Section Twenty Eight (28) in Township Seven (7) South, Range Eight (8) East in the district of lands sold at Piqua, Ohio, containing 160 acres”

1850 – Conveyance of **same land to Jacob Dresback from his brothers, William and Barnard Dresback:** Deed recorded in Logan Co. – Vol. W, pg. 245 – Dated 21st May 1850, Recorded 28 Aug 1852: William and Barnard **for consideration of \$1,000** paid by Jacob Dresback, ““Being the North West Quarter of Section Twenty Eight (28) in Township Seven (7) South, Range Eight (8) East in the district of lands sold at Piqua, Ohio, containing 160 acres”

Jacob died on the 19th of December 1857 and is buried at Plum Cemtery, Logan Co., Ohio.

Interesting Lease Agreement:

Vol. N, pg. 197, Logan Co., Jacob leases 20 acres of land to Solomon Lovell

Description: 20 acres for 10 years, commencing at NE corner of said Dresback’s field, on the south line, Running west 40 rods, thence north 80 rods, thence east 40 rods to the beginning.

I will reserve all the good building timber on said land, which I will blaze and notch, the said Lovell may Clear all of said 20 acres if he will, but he is not bound to clear the whole of said land; further the said Lovell shall not burn any good rail timber for fuel, Nor on his clearing, the House that now stands on Said land shall be included for the use of said Lovell, further all the rail timber that is left after the said Lovell has made as many as he wants, to fence said land, shall then belong to the said Dresback And may cut and make use of the same, provided he will clear up the tops.

Dated 1 April 1841

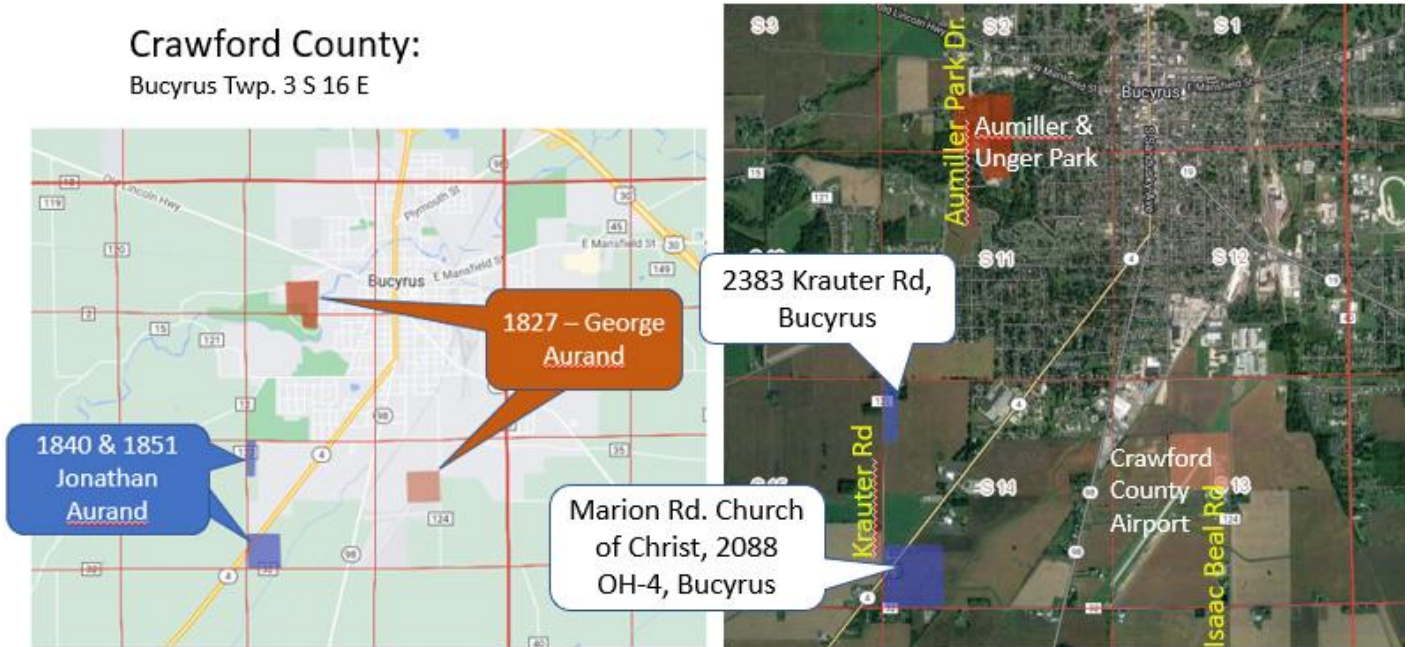
and signed Jacob Dresback (Seal) and Solomon Lovell (Seal)

Logan County:

Month / Day	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Townsh	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
8-Oct	1835	Jacob Disbrock, of Fairfield Co.	From	United States	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	28	160	NW 1/4, Patent, 1.25/	I	530	\$ 200
20-Sep	1836	Wm & Barnard Dresback, of Fairfield Co	From	Isaac Clemans	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	80	S 1/2 of NW 1/4	L	328	\$ 160
20-Sep	1836	Wm & Barnard Dresback, of Fairfield Co	From	John B. Clemans	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	160	NE 1/4 pt of Sec 8 of the Lewistown Reserve	L	329	\$ 325
20-Sep	1836	Wm & Barnard Dresback, of Fairfield Co	From	Jesse S. Clemans	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	40	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	L	330	\$ 82
1-Feb	1837	Wm & B Dresback, of Fairfield Co	From	Thomas Clemans	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	40	NW 1/2 of NW 1/4	L	331	\$ 100
7-Oct	1839	William Dresback & Rebecca, of Logan	To	William R. Road	Edinburgh	Inlot 15					Logan Co.	L	152	\$ 10
1-Apr	1841	Jacob Dresback	To	Solomon Lovell							Lease 20 acres 10 yrs	N	197	
3-Jan	1845	Jacob Dresback & Catherine, his wife	To	Wm. & Barnard Dresback	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	28	160	NW 1/4 of Sec 8	O	695	\$ 1,000
24-Feb	1846	Bernard Dresback	From	William Dresback & Rebec	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	160	North 1/2 of Half Sec	P	135	\$ 1
24-Feb	1846	William Dresback & Rebecca, of Logan	To	Bernard Dresback	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	160	North 1/2 of Half Sec	P	135	\$ 1
2-Dec	1847	William Dresback	From	Jacob S. Yohe	Bloomfield		8 E	7 S	8	50	SE part of SE 1/4	R	102	\$ 425
25-May	1848	William Dresback	From	Walcot M. Spencer			8 E	7 S	17	10	pt of W 1/2 of NW 1/4	S	421	\$ 31
17-Nov	1848	Bernard Dresback	From	Michael Benjamin	Stokes		8 E	6 S	30	49.66	E fraction of NE 1/2	R	612	\$ 600
21-May	1850	Jacob Dresback	From	William & Barnard Dresback (no wives listed)			8 E	7 S	28	160	NW 1/4	W	245	\$ 1,000
13-Sep	1850	William Dresback	To	John Wagoner			8 E	7 S	8	80	E 1/2 of SW 1/4	28	414	\$ 400
15-Jan	1851	Bernard Dresback & Rhoda	To	Samuel Hall			8 E	7 S	8	80	S 1/2 of NW 1/4	V	37	\$ 900
10-Jun	1854	William Dresback & Mary	To	Thomas J. Reed	Edinburgh	Inlot 25					Logan Co.	30	502	\$ 10
6-Nov	1855	Bernard Dresback & Rhoda	To	James McCune			8 E	6 S	19	25	W 1/2 of SE 1/4, lies on SW side of Muchinippi Creek; Bernard reserving the saw mill for his own right	31	62	\$ 200
26-Dec	1859	Bernard Dresback	From	J. W. Strayer	Quincy	pt of lot 18					in western addition of Quincy	39	533	\$ 400
29-Aug	1859	Barnard Dresback & Rhoda	To	Henry Rhoads			8 E	6 S	30	49.66	E pt of NE 1/4	50	129	\$ 500
2-Dec	1862	Bernard Dresback & Rhoda	To	J. R. Long	Pleasant		8 E	1	1	2.25	privilege of building a dam from west to east, entire water privilege so that no mill can be built on the east bank	40	589	\$ 1,500
9-Sep	1863	William Dresback	From	James Johnson	Stokes		8 E	7 S	5	40	SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	39	432	\$ 340
20-Aug	1864	William Dresback	From	Madison Franks	Stokes		8 E	7 S	6	80	N 1/2 of NE 1/4	40	619	\$ 1,200
30-Mar	1865	Bernard Dresback & Rhoda	To	John Piper	Pleasant		8 E	2	3	40	SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	42	321	\$ 500
14-Sep	1865	William Dresback	To	Samuel Hall	Stokes		8 E	7 S	8	80	N 1/2 of NW 1/4	51	554	\$ 4,800
21-Nov	1865	Zebedee Dresback	From	William Barker	Stokes		8 E	7 S	5	40	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	42	324	\$ 550
1-Sep	1866	William Dresback	To	Sophia Kesler	Stokes		8 E	7 S	5	40	SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	43	326	\$ 1,900
20-Feb	1872	William M. Dresback & Sarah A.	To	Wesly & Jacob Pence	Stokes		8 E	7 S	9	200	3 tracts: E 1/2 of SW 1/4	50	69	\$ 500
20-Feb	1872	William M. Dresback & Sarah A.	To	Wesly & Jacob Pence	Stokes		8 E	7 S	9	200	& W 1/2 of SE 1/4	50	69	\$ -
20-Feb	1872	William M. Dresback & Sarah A.	To	Wesly & Jacob Pence	Stokes		8 E	7 S	9	200	NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	50	69	\$ -
30-Jul	1872	Wm. M. Dresback	To	D. W. Wright								50	439	
20-Feb	1872	Wm. M. Dresback	From	Wesly & Jacob Pence								50	440	
9-Feb	1876	Barnard Dresback	From	J. W. Staley								54	508	

1827-1835 George & Jonathan Aurand, sons of Marg. Rebecca (>Martin Sr.)

- 1827 – 1835 – George and Jonathan Aurand, sons of Margaretha Rebecca Dreisbach (>Martin Sr.) and her husband Henry Aurand, make purchases of small acreage in Bucyrus Township, Crawford County, Ohio.



- Family of **George Aurand, b. abt 1783 in Snyder Co., PA, and d. 1829 in Crawford Co., Ohio** and Barbara Dreese b. abt 1790 in PA and d. about 1829 in Crawford Co. Both died of tuberculosis. They had 5 children, but 2 died young. The three surviving children were:
 - Barbara, b. 14 Aug 1822 in Beaver Twp., Union Co., PA, d. 30 Jul 1907 at Bucyrus, Crawford Co., Ohio. She married Abraham Yost on 25 Aug 1842.
 - George, Jr., b. Jul 1825 in PA, d. 12 Aug 1908 in Goshen, Elkhart Co., IN. He married Caroline Caton and had a son, James b. 1851, and a daughter, Olive b. 1856
 - Christina, b. abt 1824, md. 1844 to Joseph Wiseman and they migrated to Morrow County, where they raised a family of 5. Hint: It looks like this Christina passed on in August of 1891 and Joseph on 31 August 1882, and that they are buried at the Westfield Baptist Cemetery in Morrow Co. (per a Soldier Grave Registration card for Joseph Wiseman)

- The family of Jonathan Aurand is covered in three biographies which appeared in the *History of Crawford County and Ohio*, and are included in the “Biographies” section of the Dreisbach-Dresbach.org web site under [Jonathan Aurand Sr. – 1796 - 1875](#). The Obituary for Jonathan Aurand was published in the *Bucyrus Journal* on Friday, September 10, 1875:

An Old Pioneer

Jonathan Aurand was born in Beaver Township, Union County, Pennsylvania on the **seventh day of April 1796**. His father, Henry Aurand, having previously united in marriage with Margaret Tresbaugh. In 1815 he studied the catechism under Isaac Garhart, and was admitted in full communion with the German Reformed Church, and was so consistent and faithful a laborer in the vineyard, that he was made a deacon, although scarcely over twenty-one. Later in life, he became an elder in the Church.

April 18, 1819, he was married to Susan Whittemyre, who was a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1827, he came to Ohio and August 20, 1828, in a new country, with no relatives near, his wife died, leaving four children. July 28, 1829, he was married to Rachel Whittemyre, who became, after her marriage, a member of his church. By his first wife he was blessed with eight sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter preceded him to the spirit land. **He died June 12, 1875**, aged 79 years, 2 months and 3 days, leaving beside his children, 59 [or 69] grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren to mourn his loss.



New Information
from Deeds

By researching Abraham Yost, who, with his wife, Barbara, purchase the interest in property originally owned by George Aurand, I was able to find the following obituary for Barbara Aurand, the wife of Abraham Yost. Her siblings, George Aurand of Elkhart Co., Indiana and Christina Wiseman, wife of Joseph Wiseman of Morrow Co., Ohio sold their interest in the property.

- **Obituary for Barbara Aurand Yost, daughter of George and Barbara Dreece Aurand**, Wednesday, July 31, 1907, published in *The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph*

Death Calls An Aged Lady

Mrs. Yost Lived Here Eighty Years

Mrs. Barbara Yost, one of the oldest residents of Bucyrus or of the entire county, died at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ophelia Shealey, 440 South Sandusky avenue, in her eighty-fifth year. She had been ill for a period of eighteen months, during which time she had not been able to get about very much. She became bedfast six weeks ago and toward the end of her illness, suffered a second slight stroke of paralysis, which hastened her death. The first stroke was suffered a year and a half ago. Previous to that time she lived alone for about eight years, but from that time on she made her home with Mrs. Shealey.

Mrs. Yost was a pioneer Bucyrus resident and one of the oldest persons in Crawford county, both in point of years and length of residence here. She was born in Beaver township, Union Co., Pa., on August 14th 1822, living to the age of 84 years 11 months and 15 days. Since she

was 5 years old she has lived in and near Bucyrus, residing in the same house for a period of nearly sixty-five years.

Mrs. Yost was the eldest child of George W. and Barbara (Dreese) Ourand [Aurand], who came to this county from Union county, Pa., **in 1827, driving overland in wagons with quite a large party of neighbors**. Mr. and Mrs. Ourand and their children settled on a farm just west of Bucyrus, on the river road and but a short distance from the west corporation line. Mrs. Yost's mother and father both died within a year after locating here, their passing away being due to tuberculosis, doubtless brought on by the exposure of their hard trip overland. They had five children, two of whom died in infancy while a third daughter died late in life. There is still one son living, George Ourand, of Goshen, Ind.

Mrs. Yost made her home with the family of William Shroll until a short time before her marriage. She was wedded to Abraham Yost, for many years a prominent Bucyrus resident, on August 25th, 1842. His death occurred on January 24th, 1898.

For over sixty-four years Mr. and Mrs. Yost lived in the same house, still standing next to the Paxton garage on South Sandusky avenue. The workshop of her husband stood on the property now occupied by the garage. After her husband's death Mrs. Yost, who was an exceedingly active woman for her advanced years, lived 8 years alone in this house, doing her own work and caring for herself in every way. As she grew feeble and when illness overtook her, she was cared for by her children. She leaves 2 daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The daughters are Laura Ann, wife of James P. Kendall of Marion and Ophelia, widow of Frederick Shealey, of this city. The great grandchildren are the children of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Poland of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Yost was for many years a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, afterward uniting with the Methodist church of which she remained a member until her death. She was a faithful church member and a Christian lady. Though a woman of quiet tastes, she was warmhearted and neighborly and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She was a typical example of the pioneer woman, hardy and accustomed to looking on work as a necessity for health and happiness. She enjoyed many long years of usefulness and her familiar figure will be sadly missed by her many warm friends and her numerous acquaintances in this city. The children and other relatives have the sympathy of friends of the family in their sorrow at her death.

Biography for Joseph Wiseman, husband of Christina Aurand:

History of Morrow County and Ohio, O.T.Baskin, 1880, pg. 650:

JOSEPH WISEMAN, miller, Westfield; was born in Pennsylvania, May 2, 1821; his father was a shoemaker, which calling he followed as well as farming, in Pennsylvania and Ohio; his parents originally settled in eastern Ohio, and after several removals, they came from Crawford Co. to Lincoln Tp., Morrow Co., where his father died in 1859. His time was spent in Ohio in attending school and in assisting his father on the farm; at the age of 23 he married **Miss Christiana Aurand**, from which marriage there were five children, three of whom are now living; two are married and one yet at home. Mr. Wiseman came to Westfield in 1849, and bought the mill which he now owns, and in which he began business, learning it as he went along; by an unfortunate partnership, he found at the end of two years the \$500 he had invested was entirely gone, and hence he had to begin anew; since that time he has been successful, and has accumulated property; besides owning one of the best mills in the country, he has sixty-seven acres of land in the vicinity. The present structure of his mill property was built in 1856; it has two run of buhrs [sic], and does the very best of work, having a large custom trade; Mr. Wiseman has in connection with his flouring mill, also run by water, a saw mill, running an old-fashioned sash-saw which does a superior class of work to the modern and more rapid kinds. Mr. Wiseman has held various positions of trust in the township, and was for fifteen years Justice of the Peace, which attests his popularity among the people of Westfield Tp. Politically, he musters with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 407, at Ashley.

Crawford County

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town	Range	Section	Acres	Description	Vol	Page	Consideration	
	1827	George Aurandt of Crawford	From	Henry Whited & Clarinda		16	3 S	13	40	undiv S 1/2 of E 1/2 of NW 1/4	1	80	\$ 55
	1827	George Aurandt	From	Henry Whited & Clarinda		16	3	2	1	S 1/2 (except a small lot) in E 1/2 of SW 1/4	1	81	\$ 68
23-Aug	1827	George Aurandt	From	Michael Beadle & Ruth		16 E	3 S	11	20	Along Sandusky River	1	89	\$ 60
	1835	Jonathan Aurandt & Rachel	To	James Harvey		17	3 S	14	10	pt of W 1/2 of NW 1/4, beg at NW of section, south - of Bucyrus land district	6	148	\$ 60
	1840	Jonathan Aurandt & Rachel	To	Jacob Bowers		17	3	23	20	S 1/2 of N 1/4 of W 1/2 of NE 1/4	8	107	\$ 150
28-Aug	1845	George Aurandt (no wife)	To	Abraham Yost		16	3	2		undiv 1/3 of S 1/2 of E 1/2 of SW 1/4	10	342	\$ 200
	1851	Jonathan Aurandt	From	Enos Barrett & Mary		16	3	14	40	40 ac off S and W 1/2 of SW 1/4	17	59	\$ 1,100
	1862	George Aurandt & Caroline of Elkhart Co., IN, Joseph & Christina Wiseman, of Ohio	To	Abraham Yost (wife Barbara Aurandt, dau. of George & Barbara Dreese Aurandt))		16	3	2	40	Interest in S 1/2 of E 1/2 of SW 1/4 (i.e., the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4	22	528	\$ 1
	1857	Jonathan Aurandt	From	George Draesky		16	3	15	4.75	in E 1/2 of SE 1/4	18	670	\$ 300
	1860	Jonathan Aurandt	To	Andrew Kerr		16	3	4 & 15		unreadable	21	92	\$ 600

1831 – Rev. John, son of Martin Jr. (>Martin Sr.)

1831 – 22nd September – **Rev. John** Dreisbach (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.), purchased the West Half of Section 9 in Township 10 and Range 21, in Pickaway Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio, Vol. J, pg. 270.

It was Isaac E., the son of Rev. John, who wrote of their journey, giving the date of their arrival on the west half of Section 9 as September 11, 1831, as cited in the Winter 1973 issue of the *Pickaway Quarterly*, pg. 19 – 23, by Johnda Davis:

“I was twelve years old when in August of that same year, we as a family, started for the ‘far West’ as it was then called. We started with two two-horse wagons and one one-horse wagon. Abraham, who was one year and one month older than I, had charge of the first two-horse wagon and I the other. The one-horse wagon was in charge of the family and such of the children who were too small to walk, and others who got tired of walking. It carried bed-clothing that was used nights to spread on the floors of the rooms of the taverns.

“We were nineteen days on the road, when on Sunday, the 11th Sept. 1831, we arrived at our destination viz. the west half of Section 9, Pickaway Twp., Ohio, of which I now own the east half. And I toiled on this section of land most of the time since I was twelve and a half years old.”



Rev. John (photo, at right, *Pickaway Quarterly*, Fall 1989) was 42 years old when he brought his family into the “far west” of Pickaway County. By that time he had been a preacher for 25 years. (He was licensed to preach by Rev. Jacob Albright when he was 17!) For great detail on John’s early years as circuit rider and Bishop of the Evangelical Association, see the Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association newsletter: [June 2014 - Rev. John Dreisbach \(from 1789 to 1815\), grandson of Martin](#) and [Rev. John Dreisbach – 1789 - 1871](#) in the “Biographies” section of Dreisbach-Dresbach.org. While ministering to congregations at the home of Abraham Eyer, he met and courted Mr. Eyer’s daughter, Catherine.

John was b: Jun 05, 1789 in Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, **and d: Aug 20, 1871** at Circleville, Pickaway Co, OH. **He married Catherine Eyer (b. 11 March 1785) on the 11th of April 1811** in Northumberland Co., PA. John was 22 and Catherine was 26. They had 2 children before Catherine passed away of tuberculosis on 12th April 1815.

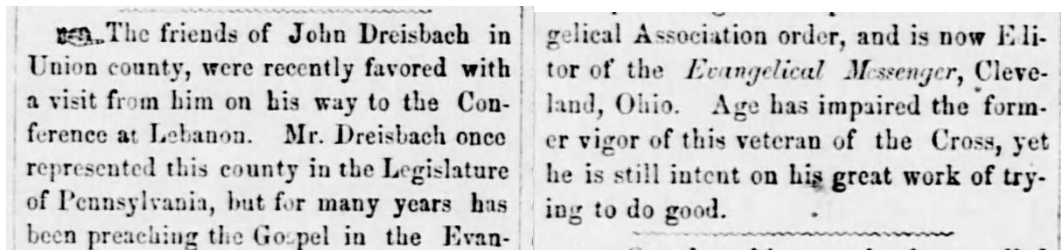
- Salome Eyer, b: Abt. Jan 13, 1812 in Union Co. She married Henry Buchwalter on 18th February 1836 in Pickaway Co., and she d: Jan 01, 1891 in Ross Co. OH
- Elizabeth Eyer, b: Jul 12, 1813 in PA, md. Benjamin Steeley on 2nd April 1835 in Pickaway Co., and she d: Dec 21, 1891 in Pickaway Co. OH

After her death, **John married Catherine’s sister, Fanny on 26th February 1817** in Union Co. (formerly Northumberland Co.). Frehne (Fanny) EYER was b: Sep 22, 1791 and d: Nov 26, 1876 in Pickaway Co.

OH. John's 13 children all have the middle name "Eyer" and all lived long lives. Catherine and Fanny were the daughters of Abraham Eyer and Catherine Greybill.

- Abraham Eyer, b: Feb 21, 1818 in Union Co., PA, and d: Nov 28, 1876 at Tiffin, Seneca Co., OH. He married 1st Mary Ann Miesse on Apr 16, 1840 in Fairfield Co., OH and 2nd Elizabeth Strome on Mar 21, 1857. Abraham married a 3rd time to Sarah Hankey in about 1872. See the "Biographies" section of Dreisbach-Dresbach.org for information about Abraham Eyer's son, [Cornelius Miesse Dresbach - 1850-1932](#)
- Isaac Eyer, b: Mar 28, 1819 in Union Co. PA, md. Lydia Hittle on 9th February 1841 in Pickaway Co., and he d: Mar 27, 1897 in Pickaway Co. OH. Also in the "Biographies" section of Dreisbach-Dresbach.org you will find information about the life of [Isaac Eyer Dreisbach - 1819-1897](#), his daughter, [Mary Hittle Dreisbach Smith](#), and his son, [Benjamin Franklin Dreisbach](#).
- Catherine Eyer, b: Aug 17, 1820 in Union Co. PA, married Rev. Lewis Einsel on 3rd of May 1842 in Pickaway Co. She d: Feb 08, 1905 in Lafayette, IN
- Sophia Eyer, b: Nov 27, 1821 in Union Co. PA, married twice: 1st to John Kemmerling and 2nd to Eli Loose. Sophie d: 29th August 1904 in Monroe, Michigan
- Jacob Eyer, b: Mar 17, 1823 in Union Co. PA, md. Catherine Wagner on 7th March 1844 in Fairfield Co. Jacob d: May 11, 1909 in Jasper Co. MO
- Leah Eyer, b: Oct 20, 1824 in Union Co. PA, md. David Brandt Wagner on 19th January 1845 in Pickaway Co. Leah d: Nov 23, 1891 in Pickaway Co, Ohio
- Martin Eyer, b: Sep 08, 1826 in Union Co. PA, md. Elizabeth Reedy on April 9, 1848 in Ross Co. Martin d: 3 Jun 1911 in Circleville, Pickaway Co, OH
- Susannah Eyer, b: Mar 04, 1828 in Union Co. PA, married George L. Kamp on 20th November 1851 in Pickaway Co., and she d: Jan 11, 1906 in Woodford Co, Illinois
- John Eyer, b: Apr 28, 1830 in Union Co. PA, married Mary Reedy on Christmas Day, December 25th 1851 in Pickaway Co., and he d: Feb 27, 1864 in Pickaway Co, Ohio
- Fanny Eyer, b: Nov 26, 1832 in Union Co. PA. She married Lewis Clinton Spickler on the 11th November 1852 in Pickaway Co. and d: May 30, 1914
- Martha Eyer, b: Nov 07, 1834 in Circleville, Pickaway Co., OH, after the move from PA. She married William Cowpers Gildersleeve on 11th November 1852 in Circleville and d: Nov 25, 1876 in Denver, Denver Co, CO

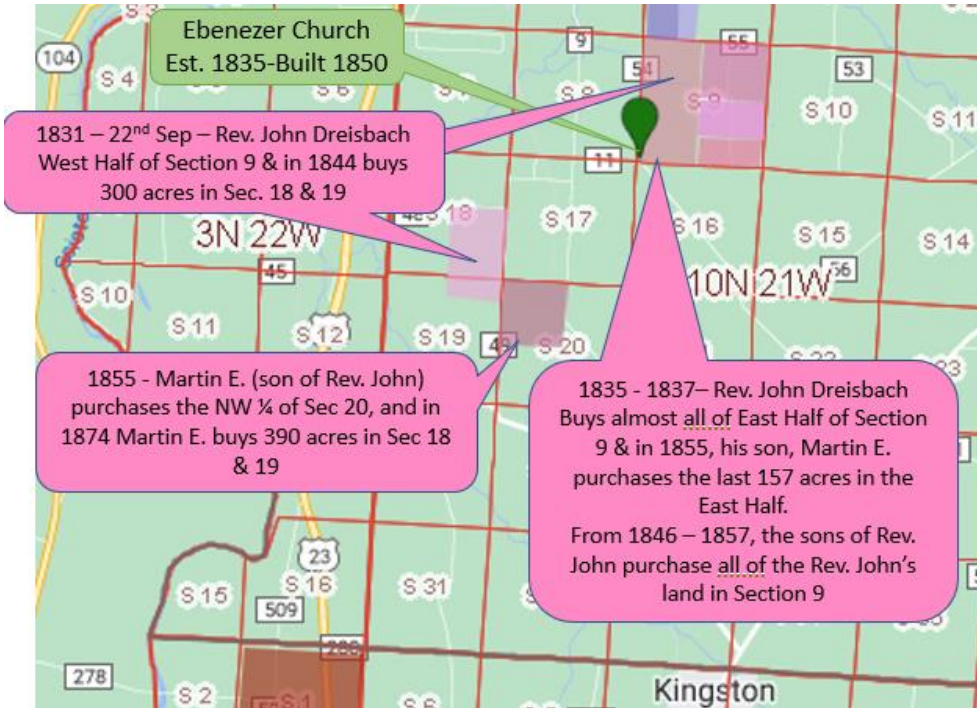
This article appeared in the *Lewisburg Chronicle*, Lewisburg, PA, on 28th September 1855, regarding a visit from Rev. John Dreisbach:



The friends of John Dreisbach in Union county, were recently favored with a visit from him on his way to the Conference at Lebanon. Mr. Dreisbach once represented this county in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, but for many years has been preaching the Gospel in the Evangelical Association order, and is now Editor of the *Evangelical Messenger*, Cleveland, Ohio. Age has impaired the former vigor of this veteran of the Cross, yet he is still intent on his great work of trying to do good.

John continued to purchase adjoining tracts for several years beginning with parcels in the West Half of Section 9 in 163 acres in 1835, 112 acres in 1837, and to complete the section, the final 56 acres in 1842. In 1833 he also received a patent for a 480-acre tract in Seneca County, Ohio (which he sold in 1842).

- In 1844 he made his final purchase in Sections 18 and 19 with a 222-acre parcel.
- For the next few years, he made arrangements with several of his children to sell them a portion of his land holdings.



“HISTORY OF THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION, from its origin until 1845. Translated from the German, by Pres. W. W. ORWIG, of New Berlin.” Vol. 1.

This work embodies a history of the Albright Methodist denomination, which assumed a separate organization within the memory of many of our readers, and its history can therefore be gathered in a reliable form. The execution of the labor by Pres. Orwig, is highly commended by the two papers of the church. A good portion of the early materials were gathered by the venerable JOHN DRIESBACH, formerly of our Valley, yet living in Ohio, who traveled in the ministry with Mr. Albright himself. Mr. Driesbach entered the itinerancy in 1807—over fifty years ago—and has lived to see his fellow laborers in the Gospel increased from 8 to 500, and the membership increased from 220 to 30,000.

Rev. John Dreisbach - Lewisburg Chronicle (Lewisburg, PA) 12 Feb 1858



Pickaway County:

Date	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Rang e	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Sep 22	1831	John Dreisbach (Rev. John)	From	Henry Bishop & W	Pickaway		21	10	9	320	W 1/2	J	270	\$ 3,400
Mar 4	1835	John Dreisbach (Rev. John)	From	John Coons & Cath.	Pickaway		21	10	9	163	N 1/2 of E 1/2 (NE 1/4)	12	485	\$ 2,030
Oct 28	1837	Charles F. Dresbach	From	Pickaway Co. Auditor	Pickaway		21	10	19	12	SW 1/4 Tax Sale	15	299	
Dec 2	1837	John Dreisbach (Rev. John)	From	Jonas Weaber & W	Pickaway		21	10	9	112	& 10 P E 1/2 in SE 1/4	15	371	\$ 2,000
Oct 15	1841	Abraham E. Dreisbach (the son)	From	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & F.	Pickaway		21	10	9	112	E 1/2 W.S.	19	111	
Oct 25	1841	Isaac E. Dreisbach (the son)	From	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & F.	Pickaway		21	10	9	112	& 10 P E 1/2	19	112	
Mar 31	1842	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	From	Thomas Emmerson & Marg	Pickaway		21	10	9	56	& 5 P E 1/2 pt of SE 1/4	19	116	\$ 1,000
Mar 15	1844	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	From	Abraham Swisher & Marg	Pickaway		21	10	18 & 19	222	E 1/2 SE 1/4	20	76	\$ 5,550
Sep 21	1844	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Lewis Einsel (Rev.) & Cath	Pickaway		21	10	18 & 19	80	SE 1/4 E 1/2	20	187	\$ 2,000
May 1	1846	Isaac E. Dreisbach	From	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & F.	Pickaway		21	10	9	56	& 5 P E 1/2	24	129	\$ 1,250
May 1	1846	Jacob E. Dreisbach	From	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & F.	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	& 109 P W 1/2	24	152	\$ 4,192
May 1	1846	John E. Dreisbach	From	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & F.	Pickaway		21	10	9	173	& 140 P W 1/2	28	330	\$ 4,347
May 1	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Abraham E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	9	50	150 Poles E 1/2	24	128	\$ 1,250
May 1	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Isaac E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	9	56	5 Poles E 1/2	24	129	\$ 1,250
May 1	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Martin E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	19	142	E 1/2	24	151	\$ 560
May 1	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Jacob E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	109 Poles W 1/2	24	152	\$ 4,192
May 1	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	John E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	9	173	140 Poles W 1/2	28	330	\$ 4,347
Jun 15	1846	(Rev.) John Dreisbach & Fanny	To	Evangelical Assn by Truste	Pickaway		21	10	9		77 Poles W 1/2	21	340	\$ 1
Feb 12	1850	Martin E. Dreisbach & W	To	Benjamin Steely	Pickaway		21	10	19	142	E 1/2	24	353	
Mar 15	1853	Jacob E. Dreisbach & W	To	David B. Wagner	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	109 Poles W 1/2	27	498	
Mar 14	1854	Isaac E. Dreisbach	From	Abraham Dreisback & W	Pickaway		21	10	9	163	NE 1/4	29	85	
Mar 14	1854	Abraham Dreisback & W	To	Isaac E. Dreisback	Pickaway		21	10	9	163	NE 1/4	29	85	
Jun 20	1855	John E. Dreisbach	From	David B. Wagner & W Lea	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	& 109 P W 1/2	30	143	
Jun 20	1855	Martin E. Dreisbach	From	David B. Wagner & W Lea	Pickaway		21	10	9	157	& 109 P Und 1/2 of W 1/2	30	144	
Mar 4	1857	John E. Dreisbach	From	Martin E. Dresbach & W	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	& 109 P Und. E 1/2 of W 1/2	31	464	
Mar 4	1857	Martin E. Dreisbach & W	To	John E. Dreisbach	Pickaway		21	10	9	167	109 Poles W 1/2	31	464	



Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Lewisburg Chronicle

TRUTH.—The *Evangelical Messenger* is the organ of the Albright Methodists, and edited by JOHN DRIESBACH, formerly a Democratic Member of the Legislature from Union Co., Pa. Speaking of Pres. Pierce's proclamation respecting Kansas, the *Messenger* says:

"If there shall prove to be no one-sidedness in the contemplated action, it will all be very well; but if the power of the United States is to be invoked to keep in countenance Atchison and his gang of desperadoes, a storm will be raised beyond the ability of any administration to control."

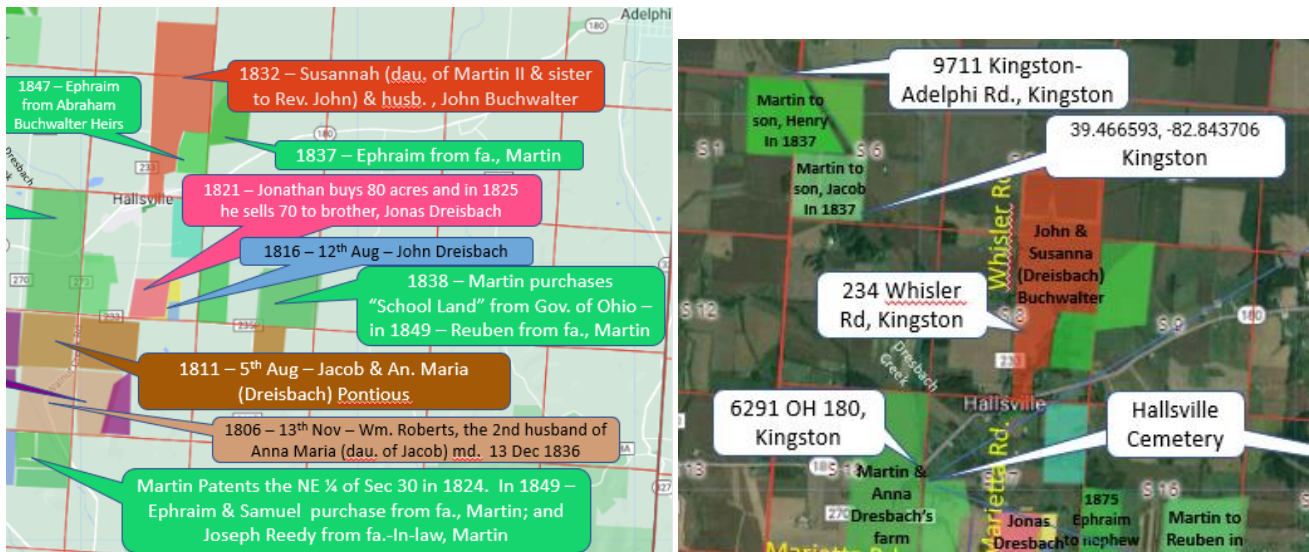
Lewisburg Chronicle (Lewisburg, PA)

14 Mar 1856

Rev. John Dreisbach commented on the politics of his day

1832 – Susannah (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.) and husband, John Buchwalter

- 1832 – 1st April – **Susannah** (>Martin Jr.>Martin Sr.), and sister to Rev. John, and her husband, John Buchwalter, of Colerain Twp., Ross Co., purchase from his father, Abraham Buchwalter, 207 acres in the East Half of Section 8, Range 20, Colerain Twp., where they now live, Vol. 37, pg. 365.
- In 1839, they purchase the adjoining SE ¼ of Section 5, Vol. 37, pg. 467.
- John Buchwalter partnered with Ephraim Dresbach and Ambrose Grafton to lay out the town of Economy, now called Hallsville.
- **Susannah was b. Dec 15, 1793 in Northumberland Co., PA, and d. March 17, 1881 in Ross Co.** Her husband, John Buchwalter (the 3rd) was b. 13 March 1787 in Berks Co., PA, and d. 13 November 1872. Both are buried at the Hallsville Cemetery.



Ross County

A Standard History of Ross County, Vol. 1, Evans, 1917, on page 444 it states:

Hallsville is a hamlet on the Adelphi pike about five miles west of that village. On June 22, 1837, it was laid out as a town by John Buckwalter, Ephraim Dreisbach and Ambrose Grafton. It was originally named Economy, in honor of the industrial town in Pennsylvania, but finally became known as at present, when a post office was established and called Hallsville, after its first postmaster, William Hall.

Month	Year	Name	To or From	Name	Survey or Section, Subc	Town or Township	Acres	Vol.	Pg.	Consideration	
Apr 1	1832	John Buchwalter & Susannah (Re)	From	Abraham Buchwalter & B apt of E 1/2	Sec 8 R 20	Colerain	207	37	465	\$3,000	
Apr 11	1834	John Buchwalter	From	Abraham Buchwalter Sr. & W Barbara	Sec 8 & 17 R 20	Colerain	6	72	82	\$500	
Dec 20	1839	John Buchwalter	From	James Caldwell and Maria	Undiv 6 / 8 SE 1/4	Sec 5 R 20	Colerain	160	37	467	\$4,720

1842 – Samuel, Gunsmith, son of John (>Martin Sr.)

1842 – March 10th - Samuel Dresbach, Gunsmith (son of John Dreisbach, a Gunsmith in Mifflinburg, PA, & Catharine Youngman and grandson of Martin Sr.), & wife, Mary Magdalene Dunkel (aka Dunkle), purchased Lot 4 of Watts Addition in Circleville, Pickaway Co. But they were in Ohio before that purchase because this first deed states: Samuel Dresbach, of the county of Fairfield. Their youngest child was born in March 1833 in PA.

- **Samuel was b. 9 Sep 1789 in PA & d. 29 Nov 1868 Pickaway Co., OH** (obituary can be found on FindAGrave.com – Forest Cemetery – but I think the obituary was written in the Lancaster newspaper – so he could be buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Lancaster). **He married Mary M. Dunkle on the 5th of January 1813.** She was born about 1792 and was the daughter of Jacob Dunckel and Anna Catherine Shoemaker.
- Occupation of Gunsmith in Circleville 1850 & 1860 Census

Children:

- Eliza b. abt 1813 in PA, md. 1 Apr 1851 in Fairfield Co. to William Miller
- Charles D. b. 14 Nov 1815, Union Co., PA, md. 23 Dec 1842 in Fairfield Co. to Caroline Matlock, had 3 ch., md. 2nd on 17 May 1861 in Hartford, CT (in marriage record it states “of Lancaster, Ohio” to Catherine Morgan (widow Rolland). In Lancaster in 1870 Census, in New York City in 1880 Census. Conn. Records in Hale collection state that he died 19 Jun 1881 & buried in CT, **but there is a deed dated 27 Aug 1884**, recorded in NY and Pickaway Co. where he and wife, Cath., convey to Ann Dresbach (wife of Reuben P.) Lot No. 4 (later 232) in Circleville (where his father, Samuel, lived). I think the death record transcription was wrong...maybe should be 1887 rather than 1881.
- Catherine b. 1819 Mifflinburg, PA, md. 25 Dec 1839 in Fairfield Co. to George Little
- Susan D., b. 24 Aug 1820, Union Co. PA, md. 3 Jun 1841 to Samuel Dreisbach Buchwalter
- Samuel D. Dresbach, b. 1823/25 Pennsylvania, (Lancaster, OH Merchant) d. Aug 1891, single
- John N. Dresbach, b. 1825/26 Union Co., PA, (Hatter – 1850 Census at Circleville – later store owner in Lancaster), d. 3 Mar 1862 at Lancaster, single
- Mary Jane, b. 10 Feb 1828, Mifflinburg, PA, d. 20 Apr 1907 at Circleville, single
- Jacob Dunkel Dresbach, b. 18 Aug 1830, Union Co., PA, d. 27 Jan 1832, Union Co., PA
- Reuben P., b. March 1833, Pennsylvania, (Printer in 1850 Census at Circleville), d. 21 Mar 1907, Circleville, OH, md. Ann Davenport on 12 Mar 1861 in Pickaway Co.

(Source for information on his children: Descendants of Elias Youngman
<http://unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/all2018/4.pdf>)

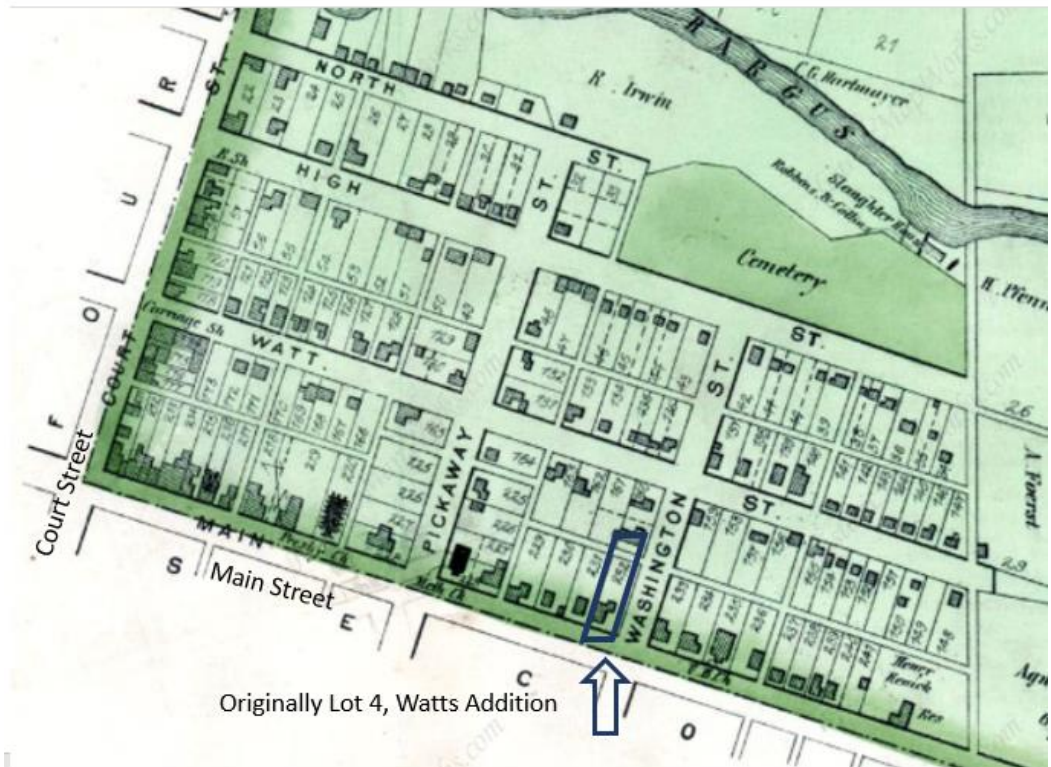
Samuel Dresbach (Gunsmith), and his descendants, are named in deeds involving Circleville Lot 4 of Watt's Addition (later Lot 232 in the revised plan)

Pickaway County:

Month / Year	Name	To or From	Name	Town or Township	Lot	Range	Twp	Sec	Acres	Description	Vol	Pg	Consideration
Mar 10	1842 Samuel Dresbach of Fairfield Co., Gunsmith	From	Samuel Haynes & Rebecca	Circleville	4					Watts Add	19	75	\$ 1,000.00
Jul 11	1853 Samuel D. Dresbach of Fairfield Co.	From	Samuel Dresbach & Mary	Circleville	4					Watts Add	28	171	\$ 1,200
Jul 11	1853 Samuel Dresbach & Mary M.	To	Samuel D. Dresbach (their son)	Circleville	4					Watts Add	28	171	\$ 1,200
Apr 13	1869 Anna Dresbach (wife of Reuben P.)	From	Samuel D. Dresbach	Circleville	232					Old Lot #4 Watts	40	341	\$ 1,800.00
Apr 13	1869 Samuel D. Dresbach of Fairfield Co.	To	Anna Dresbach of Pickaw	Circleville	232					Old Lot #4 Watts	40	341	\$ 1,800
Mar 15	1880 R. P. Dresbach & Ann, his wife, of Circleville	To	Martha Davenport, (Ann's	Circleville	232					North end of lot- 50 x 66'	48	179	\$ 160.00
Aug 25	1884 Ann Dresback (wife of Reuben P.)	From	S. D. Dresback, Charles D. Miller, S. D. Buchwalter, C. H. Buchwalter and wife M. L. Buchwalter, C. D. Buchwalter, Alice Buchwalter, Mary J. Dresbach, John B. Miller & wife Mary J. Miller	Circleville	232					Watts Add Old Lot #4	53	390	\$ 1.00
Aug 25	1884 Mary J. Dresback et al	To	Ann Dresback (wife of Re	Circleville	232					Old Lot #4 Watts	53	390	\$ 1.00
Aug 25	1884 S. D. Dresback et al	To	Ann Dresback (wife of Re	Circleville	232					Old Lot #4 Watts	53	390	\$ 1.00
Aug 27	1884 Ann Dresback (wife of Reuben P.)	From	Charles Dresback & wife Cath, of New York City	Circleville	232					Watts Add Old Lot #4	53	394	\$ 1.00
Aug 27	1884 Charles W. Dresback	To	Ann Dresback (wife of Re	Circleville	232					Old No. 4 Watts	53	394	\$ 1.00
Aug 28	1884 Ann Dresback (wife of Reuben P.)	From	Samuel Woodward & wife Cath. M. Woodward of Warren Co., OH	Circleville	232					Watts Add Old Lot #4	53	392	\$ 1.00
Aug 28	1884 Ann Dresback (wife of Reuben P.)	From	Catherine Little of Hamilton Co., Ohio	Circleville	232					Watts Add Old Lot #4	53	393	\$ 1.00
Aug 29	1884 Ann Dresback (wife of Reuben P.)	From	Amos Reedy & wife Rosa, of Mason Co., IL	Circleville	232					Watts Add Old Lot #4	53	395	\$ 1.00
Jun 9	1893 Anna Dresbach & R. P. Dresbach	To	Georgianna Grand Girard	Circleville	232					pt lot	64	305	\$ 2,250.00

1871 – D. J. Lake’s Atlas of Pickaway County published by C. O. Titus

In the 1973 Pickaway Quarterly article by Johnda Davis, she recalled that she was told the Dreisbach gunsmith had his shop at the corner of Washington Street and East Main Street - which is the exact location of Lot 4 / 232



Dreisbach / Dresbach in central Ohio Tax Lists & Census

Henry Dressback	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1806
Henry Dresbaugh	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1807
John Dresbaugh	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1807
Henry Tresbach	OH	Ross County	1st District	1808
John Tresbach	OH	Ross County	1st District	1808
Daniel Dresback	OH	Ross County	Piccaway Township	1809
Henry Dresback	OH	Ross County	Piccaway Township	1809
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Piccaway Township	1809
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Piccaway Township	1809
Daniel Drisback	OH	Pickaway County	Miscellaneous Township	1810
Henry Drisback	OH	Pickaway County	Miscellaneous Township	1810
John Drisback	OH	Pickaway County	Miscellaneous Township	1810
John Drisback	OH	Pickaway County	Miscellaneous Township	1810
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1816
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1817
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1817
Benjamin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Green Township	1817
Benjamin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Green Township	1817
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1817
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1817
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Buckskin Township	1818
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Buckskin Township	1818
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1818
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1818
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1818
Martin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Colrain Township	1818
Benjamin Dresback	OH	Ross County	Green Township	1818
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1818
John Dresback	OH	Ross County	No Township Listed	1818

The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801-1875

Ross County, Ohio																										
1800																										
1810																										
1820		Males									Females															
Green	Dresback, Benjamin	4	1 (26-44)			1 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			1 (under 10)														
Colerain	Dresback, Martin	16	1 (45 +)			3 (16-25)			4 (10-15)			2 (under 10)			1 (45 +)			1 (16-25)			2 (10-15)			2 (under 10)		
Colerain	Dresback, John	9	1 (26-44)			2 (10-15)			1 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			1 (10-15)			3 (under 10)								
Colerain	Pontius, Jacob	8	1 (26-44)			1 (10-15)			3 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			2 (under 10)											
Ross County, Ohio																										
Name		Total	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	< 5	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	< 5				
1830																										
Green	Dresback, Benjamin	8					1			1		2							1			1	1	1		
Colerain	Dresback, Martin	12			1			3		1	1	1	1 (Magd?)			1			1			1	2			
Colerain	Dresback, Jonas	5					1					1						1	1			1				
Colerain	Pontius, Jacob	9				1		1	2	1	1	1						1				1	1			
1840																										
Colerain	Dresback, Martin	7			1			2	1						1							2				
Colerain	Dresback, Jacob	6					1	1				1							2				1			
Green	Dresback, Benjamin	10				1		1		2					1				2		2	1	2			
Green	Dresback, William	4					1				1				1				1							
Springfield	Dresback, John	9		1						1	1	1			1				1		1	1	1			
Colerain	Roberts, Wm (Anna Ma	6				1				1		1			1				1		1					

Pickaway County, Ohio																										
1800																										
1810																										
1820		Males									Females															
Washington	Dresback, Catherine	6				2 (16-25)			1 (10-15)			1 (26-44)			2 (10-15)											
Washington	Dresback, Daniel	11	1 (26-44)			2 (16-25)			2 (10-15)			3 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			1 (under 10)								
Washington	Dresback, Henery	5				1 (16-25)						1 (under 10)			2 (16-25)			1 (under 10)								
Salt Creek	Dresback, Georg	8	1 (26-44)						1 (10-15)			2 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			2 (under 10)								
Washington	Dresbach, Samuel	6	1 (26-44)						1 (10-15)			2 (under 10)			1 (16-25)			1 (under 10)								
Salt Creek	Spyker, Peter	10	1 (45 +)			2 (16-25)						1 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			2 (10-15)			3 (under 10)					
Salt Creek	Wolf, Leonard	9	1 (26-44)									2 (under 10)			1 (26-44)			1 (16-25)			2 (10-15)			2 (under 10)		
Pickaway County, Ohio																										
Twp Name		Total	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	< 5	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	< 5				
1830																										
Washington	Dresback, Henry	10					1					1	1 (who?)					1			1	2	3			
Washington	Dresbach, John	10			1				1	1		1					1			1	2	1	1			
Salt Creek	Dresbach, George	11				1		1	3		2				1				2			1				
Salt Creek	Dresbach, Joseph	3						1								1		1								
Salt Creek	Wolf, Leonard (Cath. D	10			1	1			1		2				1			1			2	1				
Circleville	Dressbach, Daniel	7			1				2	1					1						1		1			
Washington	Dresbach, Samuel	11				1		1		2	1	3					1				1	1	1			
Salt Creek	Spyker, Peter	9			1				1	1					1				3		1	1				
1840																										
Salt Creek	Dressback, Abraham	2		1											1											
Washington	Dressback, Samuel	12			1			2	1	2	2	1				1			1			1	1			
Washington	Dressback, Henry	7				1					1				1				1		1	1	1			
Salt Creek	Dressback, Joseph	6					1		1		1						1					1	1			
Salt Creek	Dressback, George	7			1				1	2					1				1		1					
Pickaway	Dressbach, William	5						1		1	1	1						1								
Pickaway	Dressbach, Reverend J	13			1			1	1	1	1	1				1		1	3	1	2					
Circleville	Dresback, Daniel	4		1										1				1			1					
Circleville	Dresback, John	5					1				1						1									
Pickaway	Wolf, Leonard (Cath. D	6			1			1	1						1			1	1							
Circleville	Spiker, Sophia	10					1	3						1				1	2		1	1	1			

The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801-1875

Fairfield County, Ohio																					
Fairfield County, Ohio																					
		Males										Females									
Name	Total	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5
1830																					
Clear Creek	Dresback, Gabriel	4					1		1		1						1				
Clear Creek	Dresback, Abraham	5			1			1	1						1			1			
Bloom	Dresbach, Jacob	7			1		2		2						1			1			
Clear Creek	Dresbach, Jonathan	12				1	2	1			1	1					1	2		1	2
1840																					
Clear Creek	Dressback, Jonathan	10				1			1	1	1					1		1	1	1	2
Clear Creek	Gres (Dresbach), John	5				1					1						1				2
Bloom	Dresback, Samuel	5			1		1				1				1			1	1		

Logan County, Ohio																					
1810																					
1820																					
Logan County, Ohio																					
		Males										Females									
Name	Total	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5
1830																					
1840																					
Bloomfield	Dresback, Jacob	7				1				1						1					4
Stokes	Dresback, Wm.	5		1			2				1						1				

Hocking County, Ohio																					
1810																					
1820																					
Hocking County, Ohio																					
		Males										Females									
Name	Total	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	30-39	20-29	10-19	10-14	5-9	<5
1830																					
1840																					
Benton	Dresbaugh, David	4				1	1				1							1			
Benton	Dresbaugh, Danie	2					1											1			

Will of Jacob Dreisbach 1804

Dated October 15, 1803, Recorded August 21, 1804 in Northumberland Co., PA

In the name of God Amen, this Fifteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, I Jacob Dreisbach of Buffaloe Township in the County of Northumberland & Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Farmer, being at present sickly & weakly in Body, but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, thanks be to God, therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it, hoping through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ to receive Remifsion of all my sins, and an happy admifsion into the Regions of blefs and immortality; and as to my Body I recommend it to the Earth, to be Buried in a Christian like and decent manner. And touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

In Premis. - It is my will and I do order that in the first place, all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied, after my decease by my hereinafter named Executors.

Item. It is my will and I do order that my beloved wife Magdalene shall keep in her pofsefsion, all that my Plantation whereon I at present reside, and piece of Timber land and three lots of Ground in Derrs Town, in the Township of Buffaloe aforesaid, and one Lot of Ground situate in Youngmans Town in West Buffaloe Township, so long until my youngest child arrives or comes to the age of fourteen years and she remains my widow, as also so much from my farming utensils, house furniture, horses and cattle as she has need of for to keep house, and to farm or rent my aforesaid real estate as she will see cause, and from the incomes thereof to bring up and have my younger children educated like my older one, as also to pay all taxes which shall be afsefsed on the same in said time.

Item. It is further my will and I do order, that as soon as my youngest child arrives or comes to the age of fourteen years, that then my aforesaid plantation and other real estate shall be sold by my herein named executors or the survivor or survivors of them, either upon public or private sale as they see best cause, provided also if my executors should see cause and that it would be for the better advantage for my children to sell my aforesaid real estate before the aforesaid time of my youngest child arriving to the aforesaid age, they are at liberty to sell the same, provided they will purchase back lands for the money for the equal use or share of all my children or each of their lawful representatives; hereby empowering and authorising my executors or the survivor or survivors of them, or in case they should be dead, then the Orphan Court of North'd County, to execute good and lawful Deed or Deeds for my aforesaid Real Estate unto the purchaser or purchasers as to vest a Fee Simple Estate in him or them.

Item. It is my Will and do order that after the sale of my aforesaid Real Estate, and the money as the same becomes due, I give and bequeath the Sum of two hundred pounds from the first money paid in hands, unto my beloved wife the same to be in lieu and full for a Widow Dower of my beloved Wife, but if in case my executors should purchase back lands as aforesaid and my beloved wife, would be willing to move out with my children, and my children will give her lands or find her good and reasonable maintenance as a Dowery if she and them can agree, and then the aforesaid two hundred pounds shall be laid in lands; and then it is my will and I do order, that the aforesaid lands or the money from my real estate as the same becomes due, except the said two hundred pounds for the dowery of my beloved wife shall be equally divided amongst my thirteen children or the survivors of them or each of their representatives, provided always that my executors shall have & take due regard to deduct from each and every of my childrens or their representatives share such sums of money or other articles as I have given and advanced them in my life time, and sat down or charged them in my book, to being them upon an equal share from the whole of my estate,

Item. It is my will and I do further order, that after my beloved wife gives up farming or when my real estate should be sold as aforesaid, that then my beloved wife shall have and take from my personal estate, one bed, spinning wheel, reel, one cow, and such other household furniture as she wants and has need for to keep house for herself and which I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife in lieu and full for her one third part or demand against my personal estate. And the remainder of my personal estate, that is to say, what my beloved wife has no use for to Farm as aforesaid, and when she give up farming, shall be sold upon public (vendue by my executors or either of them, and the money arising from the Sale, shall be equally divided amongst all my children or the survivors of them or their representatives as aforesaid.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Magdalene and my two sons, to wit, Martin & John to be executors of this my last Will and testaments hereby revoking, disannulling and marking void, all former Wills & Testament by me heretofore made. Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament.

In Witnefs whereof I the said Jacob Dreisbach have hereunto set my hand & Seal, Dated the day & Year first above written. -- Jacob Dresbach (seal).

Signed, Sealed, published pronounced and declared by the said Testator, as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us the Subscribers - Henry Spyker, Henry Dresbach, Northumberland Co., PA.

Deed Conveying land to Dresbach United Brethren Church in 1832

NOTE: The 1973 *Pickaway Quarterly* article by Johnda Davis, pg. 22, misstated some of the facts about the deed signed by George, Caty, Jonathan and Mary Dresbach to convey land for the church and cemetery. Investigating the original documents, I found that the deeds were not recorded the same day. The deed is dated May 4th 1832, as Johnda reports. However, they were not recorded in the Recorder's Offices until 1878, after the death of all of the parties. The deeds recorded in Fairfield and Pickaway are identical deeds, word for word. From the affirmation by David Kinnear, an Associate Judge for Pickaway County, we see that he examined the parties on two separate dates: "this 4th day of May and 13th day of June in the year of our Lord 1832" – those are the dates George & Caty and Jonathan & Mary visited the court house to sign the official deed – and that may be recorded in the Common Pleas Court records, but not at the Recorder's Offices until 1878.

Deed dated 4th May 1832

Vol. 47, pg. 63, Recorded in Pickaway County, September 27, 1878 (Received September 25th, 1878)
Same deed...word for word...

Vol. 44, pg. 105, Recorded in Fairfield Co., October 7, 1878 (Received September 28, 1878)

George Dresbach and Others To Trustees, Glebeland, 1 A & 71 1/2 Poles, Pickaway and Fairfield, \$1.00
(Heading of Pickaway County recording)

This Indenture made the fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between George Dresbach & Caty, his wife, Jonathan Dresbach and Mary, his wife, the former of Pickaway and the latter of Fairfield Counties in the state of Ohio, of the first part
And Samuel Dresbach, William Earnheart and Peter Johnston, all of the said County of Pickaway in the state of Ohio as Trustees in trust, for the use and purposes hereinafter mentioned of the second part –

Witneseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar current money of the United States to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof they doth hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge said parties of the second part and their successors; Have granted bargained sold aliened and confirmed and by these presents do acquit bargain sell alien and confirm unto them the said parties of the second part and their successors in trust forever,

all that tract or parcel of land lying and being on the County line part in the County of Pickaway and part in the county of Fairfield in the state of Ohio,

Beginning at post in the section, township and county line 71 poles 18 links west from the southeast corner of Section No. 31 hereinafter scribed from thence running North 6 poles 15 links to a post thence S 85 degrees W 22 poles 8 links to a post in the edge of the road, thence with said road S 22 degrees W 13 poles (crossing the section line at 5 poles, to a post, thence N 77 degrees East 27 poles 20 links to a post, thence North one pole to the place of Beginning containing one acre and 71 1/2 poles of land It being part of Section No. 6 in Township No. 11 in Range No. 20 and part of

section No. 31 in Township No. 12 in Range No. 20 congress land Chillicothe district. Together with all and singular the improvements and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and all the Estate right, title, interest, property claim and demand of them the said Parties of the first part of in and to the same, to have and to hold the above mentioned and described one acre and 71 ½ poles of land hereby conveyed with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part and to their successors forever as **glebeland** for the special use and benefit of the society of people called the United Brethren in Christ and to be under the management and control of a majority of said society forever agreeable to law and the rules and regulations of said church with liberty and privilege for the people in said Vicinity to bury their dead in said lot of ground as a grave yard if they think proper.

In witness whereof the said George Dresbach & Caty his wife, Jonathan Dresbach & Mary his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed in the presence of us
John Kraft
D Kinnear

George Dresbach (Seal)
Caty Dresbach (Seal)
Jonathan Dresbach (Seal)
Mary Dresbach (Seal)

[The Fairfield County recording includes the following affirmation, word for word:]

The State of Ohio Pickaway County SS

I hereby Certify that George Dresbach & Caty his wife, Jonathan Dresbach and Mary his wife personally appeared before me the subscriber Associate Judge in and for said County and state severally acknowledged the signing sealing and delivery of the within written Indenture to be their act and deed for the uses and purposes herein expressed, the said Caty and Mary being of full age, separate and apart from their said respective husbands by me examined &c thereunto voluntarily consenting and that without the persuasion threats or fear of their said husband. I also certify that from my own knowledge that they are the persons whom they represent themselves to be. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of May and 13th day of June in the year of our Lord 1832.

D. Kinnear

Associate Judge

Recd Sept 28th 1878 & Recorded Oct 7 1878 attest T. Fishbaugh, _____ (Fairfield County)

Received for record Sept 25th 1878 - Recorded Sept 27th 1878 J. B. Valentine R P C (Pickaway Co.)



Interior photo shows the arched ceiling which has been preserved, Exterior photo shows damage to the church when a truck missed the curve in the road.

1998 History of the Dresbach Church – 170th Anniversary

1820 – Dresbach Church was established in the home of George Dresbach, in the North Half of Section 6, Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, which he had purchased in 1814. His property was bordered on the north side by the Pickaway-Fairfield County line. North of his property, lying in Clear Creek Township, across the county line in Fairfield County was the property of his brother, Jonathan in Section 31 which he had purchased in 1817 and 1824.

- According to the history of the Dresbach Church published in 1998 on the occasion of their 170th anniversary of the church building:

“The church was erected on land donated by the Dresbach brothers, Jonathan and George who lived on adjoining farms, separated only by the county line between Fairfield and Pickaway counties. Each brother gave one-half of the land for a church and cemetery. The church building is located in the center of the plot, so that the county line runs directly down the center aisle of the church. The first burial in the cemetery was in 1830.”

“There is tradition that the bricks for both the church and the house of George Dresbach were fired on the George Dresbach farm, just across the road from the present church building, and that both the church and the house was erected in the same year.” (1828, but the date on the brick is 1832)

“The exterior of the church has been changed very little. The interior has only been changed to improve heating. The original pews are still being used, but have recently been refinished by the present membership and friends.”

“The original belfry bell came from Cincinnati by wagon pulled by eight oxen. According to our records, it cost \$83.40 collected from donations. It remains in the belfry today.”

“It is believed to be the second oldest church west of the Allegheny mountains with continuous church services.”



When repairing the corner of the building the original 8' long stone foundation slabs were clearly visible

The Religious Telescope

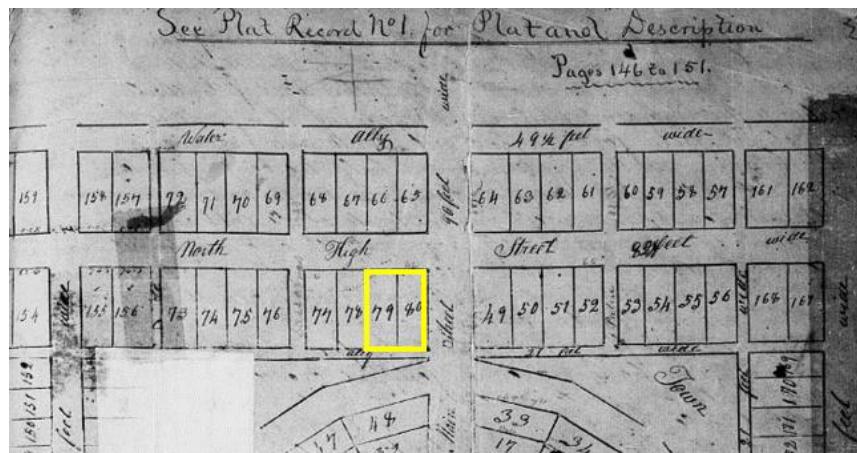
“On the twelfth of April, 1834, Rev. John Russell and Jonathan and George Dreisbach, by authority of the general conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, bought a printing press in Circleville, and located there the *Religious Telescope*. They bought, also, a lot and two houses for the use of the same. The first number appeared December 16, 1834. It was a medium-sized folio, and published semi-monthly. Its editor was the Rev. William Rhinehart, a man of much talent. The paper was made a vigorous representative of the principles of the United Brethren church, and its only official organ. In 1839 Rev. William Hanby succeeded Rev. Mr. Rhinehart in the editorship. The paper reached, in 1843, a circulation of two thousand copies, and in 1845 had three thousand subscribers. Rev. David Edwards became its editor in the latter year.

The paper was removed to Dayton, Ohio, in August, 1853, where it is now published. It is now a large, eight-page paper, and has a circulation of nine thousand.” Source: page 165, *The History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Ohio*, Williams Bros., 1880

Further, on page 186 of the same history, it states, “and also a lot and two houses of Mr. Z. R. Martin, on North Main Street” – see entry in the Pickaway deed index below:

Martin, Zachariah R. & W. by trustees	United Brethren in Christ	12	13	34	Circleville	79	80
						79	
						80	
					Part lots		24 559

Pickaway Co. Deed Book 24, page 559: ...on 13th December 1834...between Zachariah R. Martin and Rebecca his wife of the town of Circleville of the first part...and Jonathan Dresbach, George Dresbach, and John Russell of the state of Ohio trustees in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned...for consideration of \$131 ... have granted, bargained and sold...part or parcel designated by being the South third part of two In Lots in the town of Circleville numbered on the original plat...79 and 80...except 12 feet wide of the west side of Lot 79 reserved...with all of the buildings and improvements, water and water courses...For the special use and benefit of that Denomination of people called and known by the name of the United Brethren in Christ agreeable to the rules and regulations of the general conference of said church.



Location of the offices of the Religious Telescope in Circleville

Deed Conveying Land to Ebenezer Evangelical Church in 1846

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Know all men by these presents that we, John Dreisbach & Fanny, his wife, of Pickaway County in the State of Ohio for & in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to us in hand paid by Isaac E. Dreisbach & Lewis Einsel & Benjamin Steely, all of said County of Pickaway, O, &c. Upon the sealing & delivery of these presents whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained Sold released confirmed & conveyed and by these presents doth give grant bargain Sell release confirm and convey unto them the said Isaac E. Dreisbach & Lewis Einsel & Benjamin Steely & their Successors as Trustees in Trust forever for the use and purposes hereinafter mentioned & Described, all the estate right, Title, interest, property claim & demand whatsoever either in law or equity which he said John Dreisbach & Fanny, his wife, have in to or upon all and Singular a certain lot or piece of land Situate in Pickaway County in the State of Ohio being part of the west half of Section number 9 of Township number 10 in Range number 21, Worthington's Survey Congress lands sold at Chillicothe, bounded & described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in the Section line one pole east from the Southwest quarter of said Section Number 9, from thence running parallel with the Section line north 7 poles to a post, thence East 12 poles & 3 links to a post, thence South 7 poles to a post in the Section line from which a Black Oak Sapling 8 inches diameter bears South 20 degrees W 38 links distance thence with the Section line West 12 poles & 3 links to the place of Beginning containing 77 Poles more or less as the same is now surveyed off. Together with all and Singular the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to Hold all and Singular the above mentioned & described lot or parcel of land containing 77 poles more or less with the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Isaac E. Dreisbach & Lewis Einsel & Benjamin Steely and their Successors in office forever in Trust for the Special use & purpose of a burying ground and a place of Worship for the use of the members of the Evangelical Association in the United States of America according to the rules and discipline of said Church that now is or hereafter may be established by the annual and General Conferences of said Sect or denomination of People called the Evangelical Association in the United States of America, all to be under the control & management of said Church Agreeable to the Discipline thereof. And the said John Dreisbach and Fanny, his wife, doth by these presents Warrant and forever defend the right & Title to the said premises hereby conveyed unto the Evangelist Society aforesaid from the claim or claims of all persons Whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the said John Dreisbach & Fanny, his wife, have hereunto sit their hands & seals this 15th day of June in the year of our lord 1846. John Dreisbach (Seal) Fanny Dreisbach (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us . . . D. Kinnear & Nichs Kinnear

"I, the above named John Dreisbach, hereby promise and agree with the Trustees above named and their Successors forever that they may have one rod wide along the west line of the above named Section No. 9 from the South West corner of said Section Northward to the County Road 52 poles in length for the special purpose of a road or passway to and from the aforesaid lot of land of 77 poles.

Given under my hand & seal this 15th day of June 1846 John Dreisbach (Seal)
Witness D. Kinnear - Filed for record June 20th 1846 David Kinnear Notary Public

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