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AND
FAMILY GENEALOGIES

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Martha J., fifth child of John Murphy, 1834-1891, became the wife of George C. Pitzer, Dean of St. Louis Medical College. Francis Marion, sixth child, was born in Feb. 1836.

Samuel Lewis, born Mar. 22, 1840, died in infancy; Mary Jane, Oct. 5, 1841 (Mrs. John G. Bayless); and the youngest child, John W. Murphy, July 7, 1844, became an eminent physician and surgeon. He practiced in Cuba, Clinton Co., before opening an office in Lynchburg.

Hugh and Mary (Gibson) Murphy, identified with the business interests of Lynchburg for so many years, were the parents of Horace G., 1861 (His first wife was Maggie M. Dumeniel, who died one year after marriage, and his second wife was Mary Roser); Harry, 1868; Daniel Elias, 1869; Raymond Pierce, 1871 (He married Nellie Britton); and Jessie (Mrs. Albert Feike).

The Murphy family who settled in Dodson Twp. have been influential throughout Southern Ohio. Hugh was a teacher, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, and was instrumental in the organization of the Farmer's Exchange Bank. He became its President in 1892. He purchased a mill in the village which was operated for many years by his sons and his son-in-law, Feike. His son, Harry, became the owner of a leading hardware store. His son-in-law, John G. Bayless, was in the Navy during the Civil War and William R., brother of Mary (Cashatt) Murphy was a member of the 175th Reg., O. V. I.

John and Thomas Cashatt emigrated to Highland Co. the year it was formed. They were surveyors and real estate dealers. The brothers reared large families. Daniel, son of John Cashatt, born in August, 1815, survived until Apr. 7, 1883. His wife, Amy, born in 1817, died Dec. 4, 1874. Thomas F. Cashatt died in 1893 when he was seventy-six and William R. Cashatt, born in 1831, survived until 1908.

BISHIRS

The Bishir family originated with Christopher Bishir of Westmoreland Co., Pa. With his wife and several small children, he set out for Ohio in the early 1800s. They stopped over for some time at the mouth of the Crawfish River, arriving in Union Twp. in our County in 1810. In 1833, they moved into a wilderness cabin, on the east side of the road to Allensburg. Their home on Bradford Survey No. 917 was one mile south of Lynchburg.

Jacob Bishir, son of the pioneer, Christopher Bishir, was born in Pennsylvania in 1797 and died in Dodson Twp., Jan. 30, 1868. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1798, survived until Apr. 23, 1875. A son, Jacob, Jr., born in 1830, died in 1861.

Christopher, named for his father, Christopher Bishir, Sr., was born in the Westmoreland Co. home of his parents in 1805. He acquired the title of Major through his association with the State Militia. When he reached his majority, he married Susan, daughter of the pioneer, Joel Hart. He passed away

in 1839, she survived until Christmas Eve in 1883. Andrew, 1828-1911, son of Christopher Bishir, Jr., married Piety Ann, 1832-1921, daughter of Calvin and Matilda (Wilson) Turner. He served as a Sergeant in the 192nd Reg., O. V. I. during the Civil War. They were the parents of seven children: Alonzo, James W., Emma, Mollie, Arthur A., Isodore and Lizzie Bishir. Andrew and Piety Anne Bishir lived to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1910.

Andrew Bishir learned the cooper trade from his father and continued to operate a shop on the farm. He was foreman of Freiburg and Workum Distillery for eighteen years. Jonathan and William Bishir, 1841-1934, both served in Co. I, 24th Reg., O. V. I.

GEORGE SPICARD, VETERAN OF REVOLUTION

George W. Spicard, 1758-Feb. 15, 1848, another of the worthy veterans of the Revolution, located his land grant on Fulton Survey No. 7,232, west of Fairview, on the north side of the trace, now U.S. 50. One son, William, was already married when they arrived in the County.

Alexander, another son, born in 1801, survived until June 1881. His wife, Easter Deeds of Greene Co., born in 1800, passed away Sept. 18, 1862. William Spicard passed away at an early date, his wife, Jane, survived until Nov. 28, 1876. Her death occurred at the age of 94. They made their early home in the Stroup settlement in Dodson Twp.

Alexander T., son of Alexander Spicard, was born in December, 1835. He lived in Salem Twp. and survived until 1916. His wife, Mary E., born May 2, 1835, passed away in April, 1899. A son, George Spicard, became a farmer in Highland Co. His wife was Mary Ann, daughter of John and Lydia (Burton) Tedrick. He was only 33 years old when his death occurred. They were the parents of Robert, who died in infancy and of Lewis Jefferson Spicard, born Sept. 5, 1860. His mother, member of the pioneer family of Absalom Tedrick, helped her son secure a good medical education. He graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College in 1897. He established an office in Russell's Station and remained until 1901. He practiced in Blanchester, Clinton Co., for many years. He and his first wife, Frances Shephard, were married in 1883. They became the parents of one son, Raymond Spicard. His mother died in 1890, and Dr. Lewis Spicard married Ethel Bazell. He was a leader in the medical society and in fraternal, civic and religious organizations.

A. S. Spicard, born in 1803, passed away Oct. 1, 1872. His wife, Margaret, born in 1802, died Feb. 8, 1886. Both were laid to rest in the Strange Cemetery, south of Fairview.

THE TEDRICKS, THOMPSONS, FROSTS, AND OTHERS

The Tedrick family, associated with the Spicards, Pughs, Websters, Stroups, Liggetts, and many more, emigrated to the County from the State of Maryland. George Tedrick, 1775-Sept. 17, 1862, and his wife, Mary Ann, 1777-Dec. 14, 1849, lived in Salem Twp. John Tedrick, Samuel and his wife Polly, and other members of this pioneer family, arrived in the County as early

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