

## Fulton County Early Obits and Bios A-D

**ELIJAH ANDREWS**, was born in Stark County Ohio, Perry township, September the 23 1823. Moved with his parents to Wayne (original states Wane) County Ohio in 1834. Was married to Lucyette Hale in 1850 and moved to Fulton County in 1851 (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**LUCYETTE (HALE) ANDREWS** was born in Chautauqua County, New York February 29, 1832 and moved with her parents to Ohio in 1838 settled in Copley Center, Summit County, was married to Elijah Andrews in Akron May the 16 1850 and moved to Fulton County in 1851. (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**GIDEON AYERS**, was born in Wayne County April 29, 1834 and died September 9th 1892. At the age of three years he came to reside in Fulton County and remained here until 1851 when he went to California and remained in the west fourteen years. Four years and eight months of this time he served in the War of the Rebellion. In 1866 he returned and has made Fulton County his home ever since.

Respectfully Eliza Ayers . OBITUARY Tedrow, Ohio July 10, 1893 (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**ELLIOTT BAYES**, a pioneer was born in Clinton Township in 1840 and was a son of William W., and Mary (Tedrow) Bayes who were born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and married in Holmes County, Ohio and settled in Clinton, Fulton County in 1837 with one daughter Elizabeth. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are now living. Elizabeth A., Jane, Elliott, Isaac E., enlisted. Mary died in 1869 aged fifty four years and William W., died in 1885 aged seventy six years.

William W., purchased farms from the government, one of 160 acres he paid \$1.50 per acre, he owned 240 acres in all. William W's father was Thomas who settled in Clinton and was a Justice of the Peace and also held other minor offices. William was a prominent and influential man very active in all church affairs, services being held at his house until they could find larger quarters. The town's elections were also held at his log house for several years, such was the public spirit of the man. Elliott Bayes was married in 1875 to Frances M. Fraker a daughter of Squire William and Nancy A. (Krytzer) Fraker of Clinton Township. They have had a family of five children; Helen, Inez, Harry W., H. Blaine., and Florence M. Mr. Bayes has a farm of 85 acres and owns a part of the old homestead farm he enlisted in the 130th Ohio regiment on the 100 days call and served for . (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**THOMAS BAYES** The death of Uncle Tommy Bayes, as he was familiarly called occurred at his residence one mile west of town on Monday last. (May 6, 1889 - is penciled in) His death was not unexpected as he has been in feeble health for a long time. Mr. Bayes was born in Somerset Co., PA, May 19th 1806. He came with his parents to Ohio about the year 1816. He was married to Lamenta Swan November 6th, 1834 and moved to Fulton County in 1837, settling on the present site of Wauseon, his farm including nearly all of what is now the business portion. The house in which he lived while owner of the town site was situated on the east end of what is now the residence lot of Andrew Clark, fronting on Leggett Street and is remembered by the early settlers. He sold the track to Barber, Sargent and Leggett the proprietors of the town site and purchased the home where he has since lived and where he died. He was the father of ten children, six of whom survive him. His wife died some years ago. He was a man strictly upright and conscientious, doing what he believed to be right and just regardless of consequences. Possessing a nobility of character attained by few. He was a member of the M. E. church for 58 years his consistency and faithfulness on the line of duty being a model for many. The esteem in which he was held by the community was attested by the large attendance at his funeral which was held at his late residence on Wednesday last nearly 100 teams being in the procession. Rev. J. H. Fitzwater conducted the services and the remains were interred in the Bayes Cemetery. . (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**WILLIAM W. BAYES**, was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania October 1st 1809 and died at his home near Wauseon, Ohio November 1st 1885 at the ripe old age of 76 years. The span of a life, how briefly told, but a life like his is not hidden when mother earth receives its fellow dust - a man - such a man as he does not cross to live when the pall of death settles upon the brow. Life goes out but he lives on in pleasant memories, noble of deeds, active labors, sweet mementos of living memories, grateful hearts and only in the rounded measure of eternity can such a life be measured and estimated at its time worth.

William Bayes parents when he was but eight years old moved to Holmes County, Ohio. In the year 1834 he was married to Miss Mary Tedrow and three years after marriage in September 1837 he, with his young wife, came to what is now Fulton County and what most this county had been at that early date. My own memory dates back to a period at least 15 years later and what a vivid picture is presented to my mind of great forest, cleared patches, hives and sores, log cabins with stick chimneys, muddy roads, impossible roads and no roads - swamps and soils, bone peckers, cow bells and mosquitoes, corduroy, blue jeans, colic and drilling, bare foot men and women or with old shoes strapped to their feet with cow hide for Sunday. At the time of the arrival of our brave young couple into what is now Fulton County, roads were hardly known, by ways were cut to suit the occasion, cabins were few, school houses almost unknown and the nearest mill at Maumee. Going to mill was attended with more hardship and fatigue in those days than a trip to New York now.

His cabin was among the very first ever erected in Clinton township, the forest fell before his axe and soon a little cleared spot, constantly enlarging, developed into the pioneer farm, small fields, rail fences and plenty of stumps but fertile soil always rewarding the husbandman (provided the lakes of water soaked away in time for the seed sowing and planting). Mr. Bayes was among the fore most to look after the intellectual and religious needs of the neighborhood and continued largely to these ends. His house was the home of the pioneer preacher and for a time, at least, his cabin was used for church services. The Methodist Church in the county round about owed much of its prosperity to his efforts and in turn yielded to him a rich foliage of enjoyment. How those pioneer Methodists enjoyed their church privileges, how they went to meeting in log cabins, school houses or barns and quarterly meeting occasions, how their log cabins were filled with the worshiping guest come perhaps from many miles away. Beds were made upon the floor so thick that they almost touched each other.

I will remember the time when the deceased, Uncle Tommy Bayes and others, used to stop at my fathers log cabin, on those ever memorable occasions and what found joyous happy meetings they had, what happy lives were theirs too. The whole life of Mr. Bayes was that of the typical pioneer one among this foremost in every good word and work, a teacher in doing kindly deeds and noble acts. To Mr. and Mrs. Bayes were born eight children, all of them living but one and all of them among our last and most useful citizens.

The wife of his youth died June 7, 1869 after which sad event he lost much of his former interest in his surroundings and the activities of life; always experiencing much joy in his church relationship however. His interest never stopped when talking of his early struggles and he seemed especially joyous when talking of the pioneer preachers, especially Herbert and P. Elder Brooskenridge and some others whose names I do not now remember.

He was stricken with paralysis in December 1883 and hence forward was almost helpless and a constant sufferer until death which came nearly two years later. "Uncle Bill" familiarly so called by old and young, was one of a few old men whom the writer always especially remembered for their just, pure, upright lives and we gladly pay this memento of respect to the man. Whose life was always one of pure motives and whose memory is a perpetual benediction. Kind, pure generous hearted, old friend, hence! And farewell!

Unknown Author .

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The following is the shortened version that actually appeared in the local newspaper:

Death of William W. Bayes William W. Bayes was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania October 1st 1809. His parents, when he was eight years old, moved from Pennsylvania to Holmes County, Ohio. In 1834 he was married to Mary Tedrow. To them were born eight children, all now living but one. In September 1837, he moved to what is now Fulton County and settled on the farm on which he died. His cabin was among the very first built in Clinton

Township. He entered heartily into the work of clearing away the forest and developing the resources of the country. He early saw the necessity of school and religious training of the children and did all in his power in that direction. His house was the home of the pioneer preachers and his cabin was for a time the church building. By his influence and liberal support in the early settling of the county, the M.E. Church is largely indebted for its commanding influence in this community. His wife died June 6th 1869, from that time he lost interest in the activities of life. In December 1883 he was stricken down by paralysis from which he never recovered. After a severe illness of eight weeks he died November 1st 1885 at the ripe old age of 76 years, 1 month and 1 day, loved by all who knew him.

**MRS. MARY BULER** - born in Orleans County, Vermont February 25, 1821. Moved to this county in the spring of 1834, married to Mr. D.L. Buler March 1838, resided on a farm in Royalton and Amboy Townships until 1881 when they moved to Wauseon where she resided to the date of her death, March 20, 1889, at the age of 68 years and 23 days. Mrs. Buler was the mother of five children, only two of whom are now living; Mrs. Addie Buck of Royalton and Mr. Louis Buler of Delta this county.

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**GILMAN CHEADLE**, died December 17th 1891 in his 85 year. He was born in Morgan County, Ohio March 10, 1807. His parents came from Vermont a few years prior to his birth and were of English decent.

He was left an orphan at an early age, dependent on his own exertions. This rough struggle with adverse circumstances, left its impression on his character. While developing the aggressive persistent combative elements to struggle successfully with the world, the more noble and finer sentiments of the mind and heart suffered irreparable loss. Never the less his life was brightened by many deeds of benevolence, and needing hands stretched out were not passed by unheeded. He married at the age of 21 years after which he engaged in running a flat boat on the Muskingum and Ohio rivers. Where in a few years by active industry and close application to business, combined with economy, he had saved several hundred dollars, with which, with his young wife and children, he started in the fall of 1834 for the North West country. Winter coming on he stopped in Marion Ohio till spring, when he again pushed on to the Maumee.

He put up long enough in Perrysburg to go to Wapakonetta to the U.S. Land office, where he entered 440 acres of land, which he had never seen, and in what is now Fulton County.

Here, his life work commenced in earnest. Enduring hardships of which we know very little, but with which all pioneers endured uncomplainingly, born up by the hope of finally seeing their work crowned with success. Here he cleared up a large farm in that dense forest known

as the "Six Mile Woods," mainly by the strength of his own good right arm. He made a comfortable home for wife and little ones. The orchard which he planted have furnished fruit for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the maple groves still remains that have furnished sweet for all.

Here perhaps his happiest days were past, watching the development of his children and the improvement of the country. In after years he added to his already large farm so that he was enabled to give to each his six remaining children, (three having died in infancy, and one in early manhood) 80 acres of land.

In the winter of 1871 he removed to Wauseon which became his permanent home and the remainder of his property he invested in real estate in that place. He was rather unfortunate in his last few business transactions but left ample means to satisfy every legal claim and a competency for his aged widow.

In 1828 he married Susannah Rockey Feller who patiently labored by his side, for over sixty years, enduring privations, encouraging him with her sympathy and rejoicing in his successes.

She is now tenderly cared for by her daughter Mrs. R.S. Sharpe on what was part of their original farm. (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

## **PHEBE COBB**

Ottokee March 18th 1889

Mr. D.W. H. Howard

Dear Sir:

In the proceedings of the Fulton County Pioneer meeting held in Wauseon February 22nd 1889, I noticed in the list of deceased members of the association, for the past year that the name of my mother Phebe L. Cobb, who died March 16th 1888, was not included. Thinking perhaps that it was an oversight you will do me a favor to include her name with the rest as I am quite sure she was a member of the Pioneer association and if such her death ought to be noticed by them.

I remain yours truly,

A.H. Cobb

**GONE FROM OUR EARTHLY GATHERINGS**

In Memoriam - Phebe Cobb nee: Knapp

Mrs. Phebe L. Cobb was born Oct 6th 1820 in New Fairfield, Connecticut -

was married to O.A. Cobb in New York City November 1841 - came, with her husband, to what is now Fulton County in May 1846; died March 16th 1888. She was the mother of six children, three died early. Ernest, born 1843, enlisted in the war of the Rebellion. He was discharged in 1863 from disability; he died in March following soon after reaching home. Four times she had yielded a loved one to the Angel of Death.

Settled in Ottokee in 1846:

Can the young women of today, looking over this county, with its broad acres of cultivated lands, its pleasant homes, filled (many of them) with not only the convenience but luxuries of life, comprehend what it was for a young wife to leave home and friends in the East and come here forty-four years ago?

What a demand for courage and self-sacrifice for one like her, with a loving heart,

tender sympathies, a keen appreciation of all beautiful things, and insatiable thirst for intellectual advancement, to leave the enjoyments and advantages found in the neighborhood of schools, colleges and public libraries, and go with her husband to build a new home in the then, far away wilds of Ohio.

Let the mind drift back to that period - forty-four years ago - we stand in the shadow of a forest, broken by patches of clearing around the rude cabins of the first settlers. Blazed trees mark the roads between settlements, winding around swamps and ravines, only the east and west roads being regularly laid out. No outlet for water falling on a large area of land, it stands in bogs and marshes filling the atmosphere with miasma poison that spreads disease in early cabin.

Toledo, then only fourteen years from its first settlement, was but a dirty little town remarkable for nothing save its unwholesome atmosphere floating up from the filthy Maumee, whose sluggish water "Did cream and mantle like a standing pool". The air of that little city by the lake did not then, as now, palpitate with the shriek of engines and the roll of ponderous freights. It stood in comparative silence, its wharf being the one important place of the town. For all direct eastward travel embarked there and to that point came a great share of the westward travel, landing there with their goods and shuttles and pursuing their course from hence with teams to their destinations.

It was there that Brother Cobb's party disembarked; the importance of the dock to that town can be estimated from the fact that he was charged \$12.00 for landing his horses and wagons upon it. We think of Toledo now as out a few minutes distant from us but then the now dragging of a team over wretched roads with the "Six Mile Woods" to pass through in the trip, made it a dread, even, for stalwart men.

They arrived in Ottokee in May 1846, four years before the place was named, and four years before there was a Fulton County. They immediately commenced the building of a frame house, the first one erected for miles around and moved in before doors or windows were

made. It was a manes of severe trials, Sickness, privations, hardships, such as only pioneer life can know. What pin can ever record the struggles, the sufferings the heart aches, attending the settlement of a new country?

The miscreant rising from standing water and decaying vegetation brought all forms of malarial disease, not only to their family but to all the families in reach of them. But such trials developed the grandest womanhood; there was courage, strength, and soul in it, a beautiful unselfishness that almost commands our worship.

The first little school house was completed on the corner, just east of D. Number's Store; (the site should be appropriately mark). Mrs. Cobb sufficiently recovered from her first year's sickness, taught the first school in it, in 1847. Beginning her labors there for the community, her whole life was one of helpful blessings to all who knew her. Her fine appreciation of intellectual enjoyments, made the privations of isolated life more keenly felt. "Dearly bought the hidden treasure,

finer feelings can bestow hearts that vibrate sweetest pleasure, thrill the deepest notes of woe." But as fire refines and brightens the golden ore so trial enlarges and enriches the soul.

With the love and devotion of a faithful wife and mother she hushed the yearning for the old house life and set earnestly to work to make the new one enjoyable. How grandly well she succeeded the many who have shared her hospitality can attest. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. An effort to emulate her virtues will be the highest tribute we can pay to her memory.

By Julia P. Aldrich

Transcribing note: This was written in 1889 (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)

**ELIZABETH (nee DICKSON) STRUBLE**, (married name Struble) Elizabeth Dickson was born May 18th 1816 in Bazetta Township Trumbull County Ohio. Left an orphan by the death of her father at the age of 12 years she not only supported herself but aided her mother in caring for a large family until her marriage with William Struble which occurred August 20th 1835.

Lived in Trumbull County until September 1846 when they removed to Henry County, now Fulton, then almost an unbroken wilderness and there endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life. Much credit is due the deceased for her courage and perseverance in battling the trials and troubles that beset them on every hand. Slow to choose the privations of a western life, when once the step had been taken nothing could turn her from the determination to build a home for her children. Success finally crowned their efforts and a large farm was improved on which they lived until April 1881 when they removed to Wauseon where they resided until her death which occurred December 26th 1889. She was the mother of 11 children 6 of whom with her husband survive her. Her last illness was long and severe but was

borne with Christian fortitude and as she assured her life partner she was only going to her Happy Home.

So-“Call not back the dear departed,  
Anchored safe where storms are o’er  
on the border land we left her  
soon to meet, to part no more.”

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**MARY (nee SCOTT) DOMITIO**

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MERCHANT TAILOR CLOTHIER

Wauseon, Ohio April 8th 1890

Mr. Thom. Mikesell:

Dear Sir, at your request I will have you the following;

Mary Domitio, oldest daughter of John and Marieane Scott, was born in Clinton Township, Fulton County Ohio, July 25th 1840, Married C. Domitio October 2nd 1859, Died April 2nd 1889. She was mother of four children, her two first children died and two youngest children and husband are a living.

This is not as much of a history of deceased as you probably wanted, but it is all I can give you at present.

Respectfully yours,

C. Domitio (info transcribed from obit/bios that were submitted to the Fulton County Pioneer Society between 1883 and 1905)