

The Garwood Family

The following information was shared by lifetime member Roger Garwood at our "Show and Tell" program in March 2005. Excerpts have been taken from a report written by Steven Garwood, his son, entitled "My Family Heritage."

Three Garwood brothers came to America from Evesham, England in 1690. Their names were Richard, Thomas and Samuel. They settled in Garwood, New Jersey a town named after them. Roger's grandfather, George (1895-1980) married Mary Edith Burkett (1898-1950) and they settled in Pymont, Ohio. In later years they lived on Garland Road in West Milton. They had six children: Edward, Everett Eugene, Maryella, Rozanne, E. Edwin and Myron. E. Eugene "Red" Garwood, Roger's father, was born on December 4, 1917. He served in the Navy in WWII and returned home. Over the years he worked many jobs including running a bread truck in Union, selling Fuller Brush products and also working at Aero Products and later Wright Patterson AFB where he retired in 1980. Roger was born in Union, OH in 1939 on Martindale Road. Roger has a brother Tom. The family lived for several years in the first brick schoolhouse in Union that had been remodeled into a residence. Roger graduated from Randolph and Tom graduated from Northmont.

Red's wife was Bertha Elsie Maggert (1918-1954). Her parents were Forrest Independence (born on the 4th of July) Maggert (1894-1944) and Alice Hoover (1895-1981). Alice's parents were Marion Samuel Hoover (1870-1964) and Amanda Hoe (1869-1944) and her grandparents were Jeremiah S. Hoke (1834-1907) and Mary E. Dohner (1834-1925). Forrest's parents were Pierce Riley Maggert and Rosetta Amelia Funderburg. The Hokes, Hoovers and Maggerts all had large families so many descendants still live in the Union area. Ancestors are buried in many local cemeteries.

What makes genealogy lines most interesting is when facts about their everyday lives have been recorded. Some of the stories from the Garwood family include the following:

- Pierce Riley Maggert was a blacksmith
- Rosetta Funderberg Maggert was part Indian
- Son Forrest Maggert drove a gravel truck and was a carpenter
- Forrest and his wife Alice had ten children. Alice was one of 14 siblings
- Marion Hoover was a millwright and later worked out of his home on North Main Street in Union sharpening saws

Roger married Judy Ann Knaus who grew up in Clayton and attended Clayton Consolidated School. The Knaus family has strong ties to Greene Co., Ohio and counts among their ancestors the Coys, Brannums, Sidensticks and Ankeneyes.

The complete Garwood genealogy is on file in the archives room. We welcome the donation of all family genealogies.