

The Waymire Families

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Since R. Lynn Binkley donated a Sheets rifle owned by his great-great grandfather Daniel Waymire to the Society, I thought it would be interesting to inform our membership about this settler and his family. Some of the earliest emigrants into Randolph and Butler Townships in Montgomery County were members of several Waymire families, who were Quakers from Randolph County, North Carolina. The records can be quite confusing since first names repeated over several generations. The account here was put together from information from Beers' 1882 *History of Montgomery County*, Dora Brentlinger's book, *Beside the Stillwater*, genealogical information provided by R. Lynn Binkley, and other information that were gleaned from records on Ancestry.com.

One thing for certain, the lands on both sides of the Stillwater River proved to be an incredibly attractive to at least two Waymire's who took out land patents in the early 1800s. Most of those who came to this part of Ohio were sons of John Rudolph Waymire who was born in Hanover, Germany in 1725. He had fifteen children (possibly by three wives) while in North Carolina. Among them were sons Daniel (born 1776) and Solomon (born February 23, 1791). Daniel and his line are covered in Beers' history and will not be discussed here. Solomon settled in Randolph Twp. (later became Butler) and married either Mary Coppock or more likely Sarah Mast. He had nine children including Daniel (January 8, 1825 – January 18, 1898). It is this Daniel Waymire whose Sheets rifle was donated to the Society. This rifle, which was made about 1850 by Henry Sheets in Union, Ohio, has never left our area since its purchase and is an especially important part of local history. We are fortunate to have it!

Daniel Waymire married Catherine Hoover (October 12, 1821 – April 10, 1876) and they had five children, among them John Henry Waymire (March 16, 1853 – August 01, 1926). John Henry married Sarah Minerva Cassel (February 28, 1854 – October 25, 1937) and they had seven children. The eldest, Lela May Waymire (October 16, 1880 – January 19, 1950), married John J. Nill ca. 1898. The Nill's lived at 29 North Main Street in Englewood (site of today's Dairy Queen). They had ten children, the eldest being Edith Marie Bill (November 28, 1899 – May 25, 1976). Edith married Enos Emerson Binkley and they had two children, twins Robert Lynn and Leona. Thus, we can trace the lineage of our Sheets rifle from the time it was made through all its owners up to Lynn Binkley who has so kindly passed it on to the Society.