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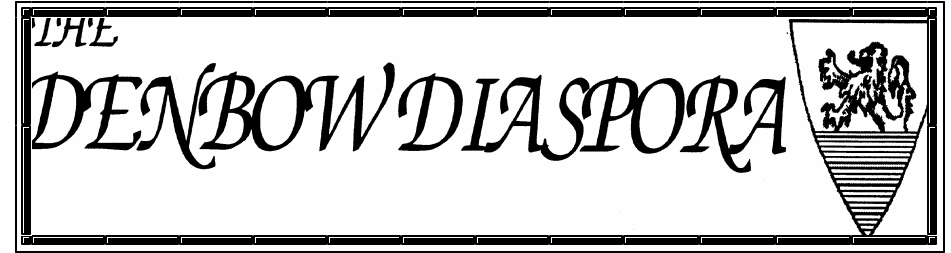


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## Ohio Documents Tell Story— but many pieces are missing

This issue of *The Diaspora* will feature some historical documents that will shed a little light on a few additional aspects of the history of the Denbow family in Ohio. These and other documents that we've presented in past issues paint just a very small part of the mosaic that is Denbo(w) family history. A great deal of information is missing and still needs to be gleaned from the sands of time. That's where you fit in. We want to publish the research you've done on your part of the family tree!

The first documents on the following pages are land purchase documents. Specifically, they are land patents that indicate purchase of Ohio land by Thomas Denbow, 1823 (Pres. Monroe); Benjamin Sharp, 1825 (Pres. J. Q. Adams); Elias Sharp, 1827 (Pres. J. Q. Adams); and Basil (Bazeleel) Denbow, 1833 (Pres. Jackson).

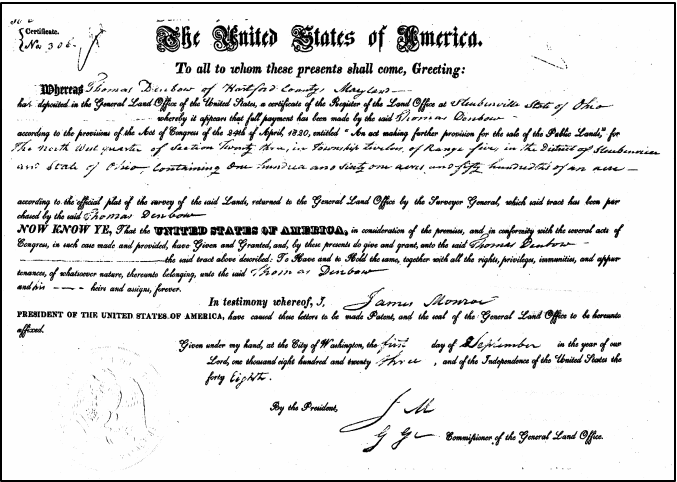
A detailed report of the significance of these documents can be

found in the April 1996 issue of this newsletter (Vol. 3, No. 2). It is available in Adobe Acrobat format on the web at [www.cjd.iqthost.com](http://www.cjd.iqthost.com). In this current issue, you'll also find reprints of some newspaper clippings with various facts about the Denbow clan in Ohio. These clippings include obituaries and a few other stories with family history significance.

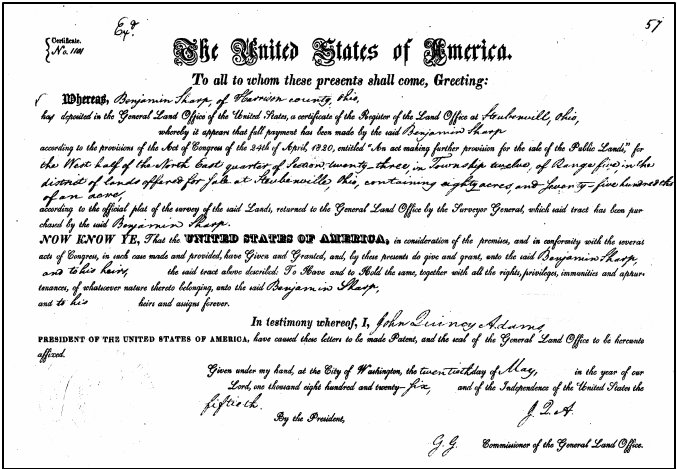
Also in this issue is a photograph of a gathering on the front lawn of the James T. Denbow homestead just outside of Woodsfield on what is now State Route 78. This photo was taken at a celebration of the 100th birthday of a "Mr. Nalley," who may have been a Civil War veteran.

The other major thrust of this issue is to entice you to come to the 2002 Denbow Reunion in Zanesville, Ohio. See details of the planning for this fantastic celebration inside, and please response ASAP to so that we can place a deposit with the riverboat company for the dinner cruise.

Ohio Denbow Clan Land Patents — 1823-1833



**1823:** Thomas Denbow, of Harford County, Maryland, receives Patent on Land in Harrison County, Ohio.



**1825:** Benjamin Sharp, of Harrison County, Ohio, receives Patent on Land in Harrison County, next to Thomas Denbow's land.

**Hampton Inn** 1009 Spring St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-6511 \* (800) 426-7866, 64 rooms, free continental breakfast, hot tubs, whirlpool, indoor pool, pets permitted, handicapped accessible. Group rates available.

**Red Roof Inn** I-70 Exit, 160, 4929 East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-6300, 78 rooms, pool, hot tub, handicapped accessible, group rates available.

**Travelodge** I-70, Exit 155, 58 N. Sixth St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-0611 In room coffee, hot food vending, Bryan Place across the street. In-room refrigerators, coin-operated laundry available. Cable TV, exercise and meeting room facilities.

**Holiday Inn** I-70, Exit 160, 4645 East Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701 740/453-0771 or 800-465-4329 Holidome with large indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room with sauna, video games, ping-pong and pool tables. In-room coffee, room service, restaurant and lounge on site. Free HBO, remote-control TV, laundry service. Free parking.

**Super 8 Motel** I-70, Exit 152, 2440 National Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/455-3124 Complimentary coffee, two restaurants in walking distance, VCR, movie rental, microwave and refrigerator available. Remote control cable with HBO & ESPN, pets with permission. Waterbeds and FAX machine available. Baggage handling upon request.

# Lodging in Zanesville — Make Reservations Now!

**AmeriHost Inn** I-70, Exit 155, 230 Scenic Crest Drive, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/454-9332, 61 rooms, offers four private whirlpool suites, a meeting room for up to 35 people, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna, exercise equipment and continental breakfast. Group rates available.

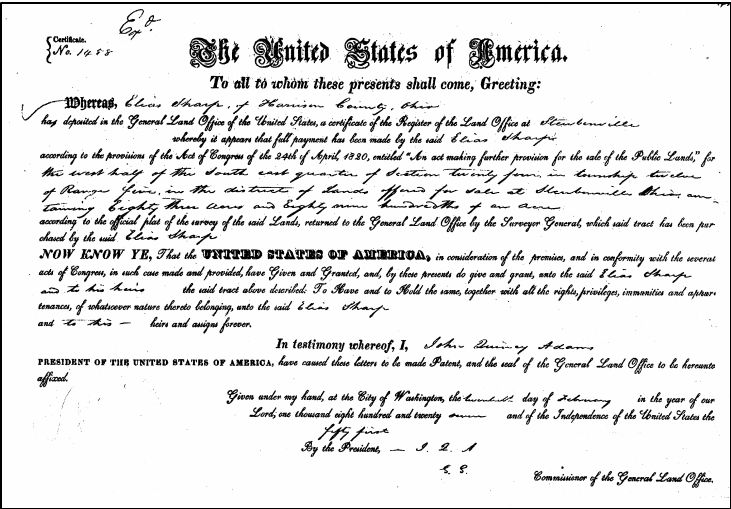
**Best Western: Town House** I-70, Exit 155, 135 N. Seventh St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/452-4511 Restaurant and lounge on site. Free hors d'oeuvres during happy hour. Free HBO. Available within three blocks: free indoor swimming, Jacuzzi, sauna and exercise room. Non-smoking rooms available.

**Days Inn** I-70, Exit 160, 4925 East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-3400 Recipient of four "Sunbursts." Member, Silver Motorcoach Plus Program. Free coffee & tea on site. Remote-controlled cable TV. Fax machine and copier available. Indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna. Ample parking for RV's, motorcoaches, trucks.

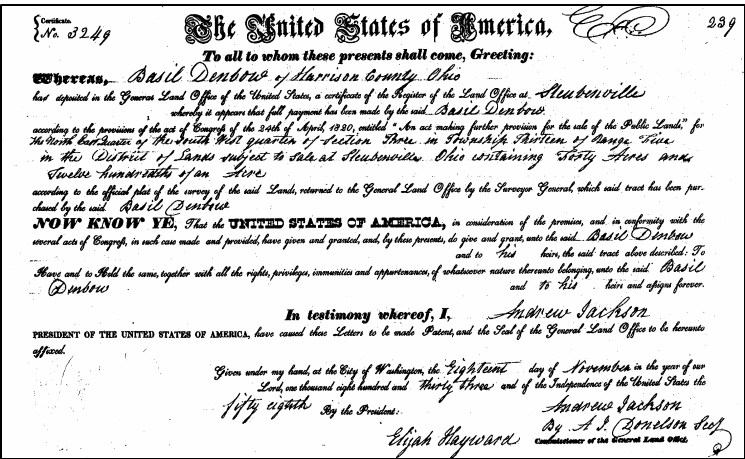
**Baker's Motel** I-70, Exit 164, 8855 East Pike, Norwich, Ohio 43767 740/872-3232, 61 units, color TV & cable, free movies, laundry facilities. Across from the National Road - Zane Grey Museum.

**Comfort Inn** I-70, Exit 155, 500 Monroe St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/454-4144 Coffee, tea, hot chocolate available 24 hours. Free continental breakfast. Deli and legal beverages on site. Walking distance to four major chain restaurants. Indoor pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, exercise room, laundry facilities. Non-smoking rooms available.

**Fairfield Inn (Marriott)** I-70, Exit 155, 725 Zane St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-8770 Welcome reception, free continental breakfast, Red Lobster adjacent. Remote-control cable, free HBO, FAX machine. Indoor pool, whirlpool. Group rates available.



**1827:** Elias Sharp, of Harrison County, Ohio, receives patent on land just north of Benjamin Sharp's land, the SW corner of which touches the NE corner of Tom Denbow's land.



**1833:** Basil Denbow, of Harrison County, Ohio, receives a patent on land a few miles NE of these other early land purchases. This land is near Harlem Springs, Ohio.

## Clippings & Other Relevant Material

**MRS. RICHARD CLEGG**  
The death of Mrs. Richard Clegg, one of the older residents of Barnesville and well-known Warren avenue woman occurred in her home Wednesday, due to complications and infirmities.

Mary C. Denbow Clegg, a daughter of Basil and Ruth Denbow, was born April 11, 1909 in Monroe county where she spent her early life, but had lived in Barnesville for many years.

Besides her husband, Richard Clegg, she is survived by one daughter and one son; Miss Verda Clegg in the home; Stephen Clegg, South Chestnut street, Barnesville; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

With Campbells in charge, a short funeral service will be held in the home at one o'clock Friday afternoon and final rites will be conducted at Bracken Church near Lewisville at 2:30. Rev. R. S. Phillips of the First Methodist church officiating at both places. Interment will be made in Bracken church cemetery.

In Memoriam of George Denbow of  
Lewislville, Monroe County, Ohio

On January 13, 1900, just as the sun was setting, it was announced that the life of George Denbow had gone out. He lived a short time after he became ill and died at his home in Lewislville, Ohio. The news came as a great surprise to all from the dear sir. The physical claims his death was caused from a stroke of paralysis. He was born in Germany, August 29th, 1833, and at his age was 70 years, 3 months and 15 days. He enlisted in Capt. Breese's Company D 25th U. S. V. He was a good soldier and was discharged August 19th, 1865, at the close of the war, during which time he never flinched from duty, and thus displayed a loyalty to home and country that has never been called in question. And so it was in everything he undertook, whatever came he engaged in. Whenever friends needed his assistance, his action was of that decisive kind that impressed one with the gentleness.

And now that he has passed to his reward, may we not believe that gentleness is the reward in which he shall be only comforted. And we shall be only comforted when the time goes on and we learn to only reflect upon his life may we ever be ready to think and ponder the noble life of George Denbow, the noble Father and Christ our Saviour, that such group led hands with him in a world of sorrow and we shall never sorrow fall and where we shall never eternally in heaven.

George Denbow was buried in the Denbow family lot in the cemetery at Lewislville, Ohio, on the afternoon of January 15, 1900. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Nelder, of Summerville, Ohio. His remains were taken to the residence of the Jas. F. Mann Post No. 2, of Ohio of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans. The bereaved family and brothers have the honor

From bottom left, clockwise: George W. Denbow (1834-1906), obit; Mary Denbow Clegg (1860-1945), obit; and 1790 Maine census, note a John Denbow at the top of the column. Can anyone tell us more about who this John Denbow is? We would love to have additional stories in future issues about the Maine clan, or any other Denbow or Denbo line of interest to readers.

John Dewey	1842	3.3
Lebanon Fisher		1.22
Abel Hixson		1.16
Richard Galt		1.16
Benjamin Hall		2.3
Joseph Jones		1.16
David Brown		1.17
Joseph Harper		1.16
Stacy Smith		5.8
Thomas Hall		3.6
Joseph Wallis junr		1.12
William Hall		1.16
Elly Brown		2.13
Joseph Wallis		2.13
John Cummings		1. "
Benjamin Wallis		2.13
John Hall		1. "
James Wallis		1. "
John Small		1. "
Abel McCormick		1. "

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**2002 REUNION RSVP FORM**  
**Reservation for Friday Dinner Cruise**  
**Must** be in by Oct. 5, 2001!!

Please cut out this reply form or make a photocopy and send it in ASAP. While reservations are required only for the Friday night Diaspora Dinner, your courtesy in replying about all events would be appreciated! Reservations for the Friday night dinner **must** be accompanied by a check for \$10.00 per person attending and received by Oct. 5, 2001!

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Diaspora Dinner on Friday Night, July 26, 2002. My party will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ people. I've enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (number of attendees x \$10). I will send in a total of \$25 per person by Jan. 5, 2002.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the Saturday Picnic and Get-together. (I anticipate \_\_\_\_\_ number in my party.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in a side-trip to the Longaberger basket company on Saturday afternoon (tentative, to gauge interest only) .

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take part in the Sunday Field Trip (\_\_\_\_\_ will be in party). Please indicate if you'd like to see the first Denbow lands in Carroll County, or would rather go to another site, please specify \_\_\_\_\_



# 2002 Denbow Reunion — Zanesville, Ohio July 26-28

The Denbow Family Reunion will be held next year in the City of Zanesville, Ohio, and will be hosted by Larry and Kay Denbow. Plans are still being developed for the complete weekend package, but the Friday night Diaspora Dinner will be a dinner cruise along the beautiful Muskingum River. This cruise has already been reserved but requires an advanced deposit. Therefore, anyone planning to go on the dinner cruise MUST send in a deposit of \$10.00 by Oct. 5. The remaining \$15 of the total \$25 cost per person will be due in to *The Diaspora* office by Jan. 5, 2002. If you wish to pay the full amount now, your check for \$25 will be cheerfully accepted.

It is also advised that you book reservations at one of the hotels or motels listed in the following pages just as soon as possible. Zanesville is a busy place in the summer months,

particularly with the numerous tours of the internationally famous Longaberger basket company. If there is enough interest (see attached form), a side tour can be arranged to this facility during the Denbow Reunion weekend.

As in past years, we will also have a Saturday picnic and some kind of "field trip" on Sunday to a spot with significance for Denbow family history. Past trips have included various spots in Monroe County; Denbo, Pa., and the first Denbow lands in Ohio. A return to the latter venue is being contemplated for this year, but that is very tentative and could change. The reservation form has a place for you to indicate whether you'd be interested in this or another alternative.



*The Lorena Sternwheeler is the riverboat on which our dinner cruise will take place. She is moored at Zane's Landing Park at the west end of Market Street and is 104 feet long, 17 feet wide. The hull is 68.5 feet and draws 2.5 feet of water. She has carried governors, Miss Americas, Anita Bryant, Pat Boone, and the*

## More Ohio Newspaper Clippings . . .

ed to hear of the sudden death of John Denbow, sr., which occurred March 21, 1903, caused by paralysis. The subject of this sketch was born August 9, 1827, in Harrison county, Ohio, and died March 21, 1903, being 75 years, 7 months and 12 days old. At the age of nineteen he came to Monroe county where he has ever since resided. In 1852 he was married to Drusilla Brownfield. To this union one child was born. In 1856 he was again married to Sarah Paith, and the fruits of this union were seven children—three sons and four daughters all of whom still survive except one son. Deceased leaves to mourn his death an aged widow, three sons, Robert R. Joseph and Sebastian. Four daughters, Mrs. Frank Keylor, Mrs. Ross Buchanan, Mrs. William Bender, and Mrs. Charles Poehlman. Also four brothers, Levi, George, William and Martin, besides a host of relatives and friends. The deceased was converted and joined the M. P. church at Lewisville about thirty years ago and lived a devout christian and a faithful member until his death. He was always ready to do his part. He was a devoted husband, a kind father and a good neighbor. Truly the church has lost a faithful brother, the community a model citizen. But our loss is his eternal gain as he frequently expressed his readiness and his submissiveness to God's holy will. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. S. Willis of the M. P. church. The remains were laid to rest in the Buchanan cemetery. Farewell brother till we meet again.

Flowers were donated by Mrs. John Egger, Mrs. Ed. Keylor, Mrs. C. A. Baker, Mrs. Bertha Wise, Mrs. Robert Mackelbee and Miss Clara Buchanan.

We weep for those who go before,  
From love and friendship torn,  
And think we show our loss the more  
The longer that we mourn  
Yet is not theirs the happier fate?  
Will we not understand  
They only go before and wait  
There, in the better land.

Life is a training school no more  
What we call death is birth;  
They only live who go before;  
We only wait on earth.  
Then why such grief? Of death such dread?  
For us, not them, tears should be shed  
There, in that better land.

J. N. L. and J. W. B.

**John W. Denbow**  
WOODSFIELD, JULY 27 — John William Denbow, 86, of Lewisville died Tuesday at the Vaughn rest home, Zanesville, following several weeks' illness. Surviving are a brother, H. S. Denbow of Zanesville; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Wise of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Denbow was a retired carpenter, and a member of the Lewisville Methodist church. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Lewisville church. Rev. Floyd Workman will officiate, and burial will be in Lewisville cemetery. The body will be taken to the church Friday at 12:30 p. m. and will remain there until services. It is now at the Gardner funeral home, Stafford.

The following is a list of all soldiers of the war of 1861 to 1865, who reside in Summit township, Monroe county, Ohio:

John W. Reeves, company C, 92nd O. V. I.  
John W. Gramlich, company C, 92nd O. V. I.  
Henry Dillon, company F, 144th O. V. I.  
Emanuel Paith, company A, 116th O. V. I.  
Mathias Rucker, company F, 110th O. V. I.  
William Metz, company C, 119th O. V. I.  
Christian Reeder, company I, 179th O. V. I.  
Marion Y. Thornberry, company C, 20th O. V. I.  
John Greenbank, company K, 79th O. V. I.  
Samuel D. Wise, company H, 30th O. V. I.  
Martin Denbow, company K, 78th O. V. I.  
Levi Denbow, company K, 78th O. V. I.  
George Denbow, company D, 37th O. V. I.  
Philip Ripper, company H, Pennsylvania Battery, Light Artillery.  
Sincelar McVay, company I, 12th Ohio Cavalry.  
Cass G. Oldinger, company K, 173rd O. V. I.  
Geo. Distler, company G and D, 7th Regiment, W. Va. Infantry.

From left, clockwise: John Denbow (1827-1905), obit; John W. Denbow (1863-1949), obit; list of Civil War vets still alive in Summit Twp, Monroe County, Ohio, in 1904 from *Spirit of Democracy*; and 1924 filler on Denbow birthday trivia (note Basil, or Bazzel, is James father, not grandfather).

**FAMILY BIRTHDAY**  
January 15th is family birthday in James T. Denbow's family. Mr. Denbow's grandfather, Basil Denbow, was born January 15th; his father, John Denbow, was born January 15th, James's birthday comes on January 15th, and his son Clem's birthday is January 15th. Can you beat this?

## Mr. Nalley's 100th Birthday at J.T. Denbow's House



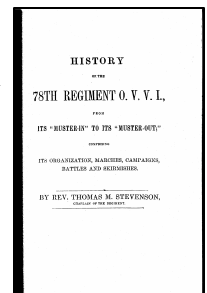
This photo is a little bit of a mystery. It comes from the collection of Garren Snyder of near Gallipolis, Ohio. Garren's husband, Gail, is a descendant of Levi Denbow, whose Civil War letters were featured in the last issue of the newsletter. It is unclear who Mr. Nalley is. We could date this picture if anyone can fill us in on the life of Mr. Nalley and tell us when he was born. Any help would be appreciated.

Here's what Laura Denbow Brown, granddaughter of Levi Denbow (1832-1911) wrote to describe this picture and the Denbows in it that she knew: "Birthday party for Mr. Nalley was one hundred years old; he sits by the base drum and the man with the base drum was William Denbow nephew of Sinclair Denbow with tenner drum — my father (Harold Sinclair Denbow) next to him is Basel Denbow he plaid fife too — 3 Denbow brothers and nephew William was son of Basel — To extream right of picture the tall man with long white beard is Levi Denbow father of the other Denbows." [Editor's note this is reprinted here exactly as written with the same punctuation and spelling. ]

## From the Diaspora Bookshop . . .

Two popular publications are still available from *The Denbow Diaspora* book store:

- The Regimental History of the 78th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry in the late War of Rebellion can be purchased for \$40.00. This reprint is much cheaper than the original, which brings up to \$450 from rare book dealers.



- The Denbow Family Book, by W. A. Roberts, also a reprint, sells for \$18.00. This book contains more information than is available in any other one source on the Denbow family in England.



Both prices include postage and handling. To order, send a check or money order, payable to: *The Denbow Diaspora*, at the editorial offices at 17 Coventry Lane, Athens, Ohio 45701-3718.