

Pathways: Morrow's Past, Today

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Barbara Wund

Morrow's First Telephone Operator

by Marlene Schwartz-DeBoard

Barbara Wund's obituary from the Western Star:
"Miss Barbara Wund, 86, who with her sister owned a dry goods store in Morrow for many years, died Tuesday evening in a Silverton rest home. Requiem high mass will be sung at 9:30 am Thursday at St. Malachy Church in Morrow with burial in Morrow Catholic Cemetery. Miss Wund was a teller in the Morrow Bank for many years and for several years was Morrow news writer for the Western Star. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Vale Funeral Home." – Western Star, 1960.

Also, Barbara's parents were John Wund (born in Germany) and Mary Reilly Wund (or Riley) (born in Ireland). She had a sister and a brother. Her sister was Margaret Wund who graduated from Morrow High School in 1896. Margaret worked for 37 years at the First National Bank of Morrow and retired in 1944 as Assistant Cashier. She died in 1955, at her home in Morrow.

Barbara's brother was William R Wund. He is listed as a merchant. He was married to Mary Eva Baldwin on 15 September 1908 by Rev. Charles M Diener, Pastor of St Malachy's Church in Morrow. He and his wife moved to Milford, Ohio and in the 1930 Census he is listed as a merchant in dry goods. (same as his sisters in Morrow.) He died in 1945 and is buried in the Morrow Catholic cemetery. Eva died in 1956 and is buried in the Morrow cemetery.

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Photo: April 27, 1956

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Did you know...?

What would Jeremiah Morrow's surname have been if his father hadn't changed his name?

Answer: Jeremiah Murray.

Chalk Dust

A Quarterly Column by Marlene Schwartz-DeBoard Containing History of the Morrow School and its Alumni

Part 3, "School History" by W. P Harford, written in 1899

"A few of the village scholars attended the Bridgeport school taught in an old frame building which stood on the north bank of the river and a short distance below the mouth of Todd's Fork. Private Schools – about the year 1844 a private school was taught in the two story frame dwelling now the residence of W. T. Whitacre. Miss Sidney Thomas was the teacher. In 1846 a private school was taught in a frame building, which stood on the alley at the north end of the lot now owned by Mrs. Mary Branigan. This building was also used occasionally for church purposes and was subsequently known as the old "carpenter shop." A Mrs. Sharp taught the next private school in the second story of the Hopkins building which until recently stood on the site of the "Harner Block." A Miss Cox also taught in the same place. Miss Cox was succeeded by Mrs. David Sanders who taught a private school in the dwelling now owned by Capt. W. A. Robinson. In 1850 Miss N B Hart, now Mrs. Dr. J. T. Couden, conducted a private school in the brick building on the south side of Railroad Street, now owned by Mrs. Marilla Harner. In 1857-58, W. P. Harford taught a private school in a small one story brick school house, erected by private contribution about fifty feet west of the Catholic Church.

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This building now forms the rear portion of the residence of the late Father O'Donohus. During the winter of this year Mr. Harford removed his school to the brick building on the north-west corner of Railroad and Miranda Streets. In 1863 a Military Academy was established in the large residence on the hill now owned by Mrs. Catharine Kibby. This school continued in successful operation until the death of the principal, Mr. A. Caton. The first public school building in Morrow was erected in 1847, on the present site of the ME Church and Union Hall. The lot was donated to the church and school district by W. H. Clement. The second story of this building was used for church purposes. The first story was occupied exclusively for the school, and until 1852 it contained by one room. During this year it was divided into two apartments, one of which was assigned to Miss N B Hart the lady already mention in connection with the private schools of Morrow. In 1860 the new school building was erected. It contained only four rooms, but owing to the growth of the town and the consequent increasing demands of the school, two more rooms were added during the year 1868. In 1885 that territory known as Bridgeport District was incorporated with the present limits of the Morrow Special District. The schools taught in this vicinity prior to 1830 were known as "Subscriptions schools." From 1830 to 1835 one half of the teacher's salary was paid from public funds and the remaining half was paid by the pupils and prorated on the basis of the number of days in attendance. The school law enacted in 1853 required that the entire salary should be paid from the public treasury. To be continued...

If any of our readers would like to see either of these books, please contact Marlene DeBoard at 937.289.3533 or marlene.deboard@yahoo.com.

Did you know...?

Where and when was Jeremiah Morrow born?

Answer: Near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 6 October 1771.

From Newspapers Past

Taken from a 'Morrow Column' in the
Western Star, March 22, 1883

The voters of Salem Township will have before them at the spring election the "Public Library Question." A township library open to all the people of the township will certainly be a great blessing. One-tenth of a mill, if I am correctly informed, is the small assessment required, or even allowed by law, which is proposed to be levied on the taxable property of the township. This, of course, would not purchase many books, but it would be a good start in the right direction, and other assessments could be made from time to time to increase the number of books. There are near two hundred volumes in the little library now in use here, all of which the members of the Library Association say they will gladly turn over to the township, if a township library can be procured. That will be a good start. It will be encouraging. Under this plan it will not be long until we shall have several hundred volumes of choice books for the people to read. All the people of the township will be members and entitled to take out books under proper regulations. Salem Township is small, and Morrow being almost centrally located, and visited by the farmers two or three times a week, will be a good place to have it and be accessible to all. It is of no use to waste time in explaining the benefits of good books to our people. This is a reading age, and we live in an intelligent reading community. All know the advantages of good books. I fail to see how a farmer worth ten thousand dollars, and who will be taxed but one dollar can hesitate for a moment to vote for the library, and especially ought he to vote for it if he has children and no books at home. Let us all work for this measure. Let each citizen be a committee of one whose duty it shall be to explain to his neighbor how light will be the cost, and how great the benefit.

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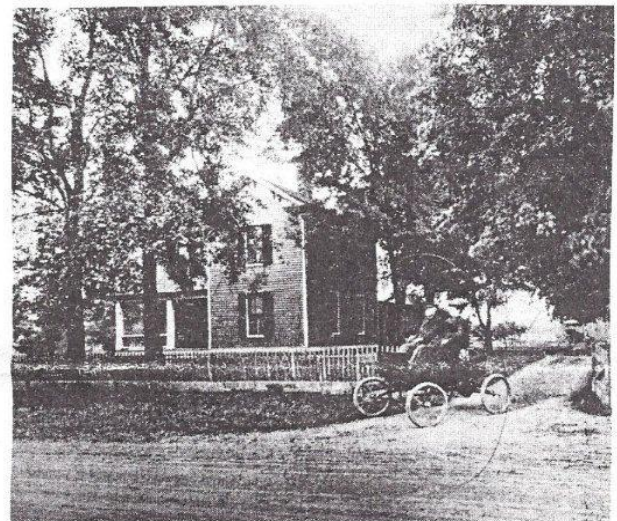
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Believed to be from one of the local
newspapers in 1929

Way Back There....



GERALD MENGLE , at the age of 18 with a George Mengle Milk Truck...notice the fancy leather britchs. (1929)



One of the first of the "horseless Carriages in Morrow was owned by Peter B. Dunham, here shown with his wife in front of his house in Morrow. Dunham owned farm land near Morrow and Lebanon and for a while was a partner in the Morrow Packing Co., the first such industry west of the Alleghenies. The Packing Company apparently canned nothing but sweet corn.

Dunham was born in Union Township in 1839 of Pioneer parents who settled in Warren County in 1810. Does anyone recognize the house? Is it still standing?

Did you know...?

Who is the oldest living person born at home in the town of Morrow? Answer: Martha Haney Mengle, born 25 September 1916, The house located on Todds Fork burned in 1921/1922.

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The Morrow Area Historical Society is in need of display cases to showcase the many wonderful artifacts and memorabilia that have been donated by our many wonderful members. If you have one or more display cases that you are considering donating to the MAHS, please contact us at 513.899.2821. Thank you!

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