

**Decatur County, “Men in Decatur County Who Are Past 70 Years of Age,”
Greensburg Daily News, July 1937**

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In July 1937 the *Greensburg Daily News* published the names of men who were then seventy years of age or older, according to a “sextennial census.”¹ The lists were spread over the course of four issues and were divided according to township: Adams, Clay, Clinton, Fugit, Salt Creek, Jackson, Sand Creek, and Washington.² The value of this kind of column, aside from the names, locations, and ages of those listed, is enhanced by the newspaper’s other contents: flour advertisements, 4-H news, celebrity news, and so forth. These surrounding articles help the genealogist paint a picture of what his/her ancestor’s life may have looked like.

Notes

1. According to several nineteenth-century U.S. congressional documents, a “sextennial census” was a census taken less than ten years apart. See, for example, “A Permanent Census Bureau” in *The Executive Documents of the Senate of the United States for the First Session of the Fifty-Second Congress, 1891–92* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1892), 138, available in GoogleBooks at <http://books.google.com>. Research into the government of Decatur County might reveal who ordered a sextennial census and for what purpose.
2. *Greensburg Daily News*, for Adams and Clay Townships: July 14, 1937; for Clinton, Fugit, and Salt Creek Townships: July 16, 1937; for Jackson and Sand Creek Townships: July 17, 1937; for Washington Township: July 22, 1937.

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Below is a transcription of the columns that appeared in the *Greensburg Daily News*:
"The following named men . . . have passed the three score and ten milestone of life according to
sexennial census which was taken again this year. The names and ages of women are not
required."

Adams Township

Daniel Apple, 70.	Joseph Eck, 88.	Will R. Pleak, 84.
John Bowman, 70.	C. P. Freeland, 75.	James H. Parker, 87.
Frank Brown, 70.	Augustus Goyert, 72.	Isaac Redington, 79.
Warren Brooks, 70.	Sanford Halloren, 71.	Albert Robertson, 77.
J. W. Bailey, 77.	Edward J. Huffman, 77.	John E. Robbins, 73.
John T. Brooks, 72.	Oliver Johnston, 71.	Warren Robertson, 82.
Thomas Coy, 74.	Rary Kelley, 76.	Ed Robertson, 74.
John Coy, 78.	John Keith, 78.	William M. Roberts, 80.
Emmett Clark, 72.	Robert Kirby, 75.	William Scudder, 76.
James H. Colestock, 81.	George F. King, 75.	Anda Swango, 79.
James Coy, 84.	L. E. Lines, 72.	Edward Scon, 71.
E. E. Crippen, 73.	Robert Lacey, 74.	Frank Shields, 70.
George Connall, 83.	James Leffler, 76.	James Townsend, 79.
Charles O. Cline, 75.	Joseph Lindner, 71.	John W. Tremain, 86.
John Doggett, 73.	Ben F. Miller, 71.	Charles Templeton, 77.
Rasty Dorrel, 73.	Lee Morrison, 70.	J. T. Teitstort, 77.
C. W. Davis, 77.	A. B. Mulroy, 77.	George C. Walker, 74.
A. F. Eubank, 74.	Nathan Greenberry, 81.	Francis M. Wiley, 73.

Clay Township

Willis Arnold, 74.	Richard Christian, 75.	J. E. Norris, 72.
McClelland Barnes, 72.	Thomas Deweese, 79.	Elmer Powner, 71.
Robert Back, 70.	Jackson Ewing, 74.	James A. Pumphrey, 72.
John W. Burney, 87.	Robert Gallentine, 71.	Henry Peek, 81.
Edward Burney, 84.	Frank Hiner, 84.	John F. Richey, 79.
John Corya, 78.	Charles W. Johnson, 70.	W. M. Richardson, 71.
W. E. Carrol, 75.	John Jones, 78.	Albert Sanders, 77.
W. W. Champ, 70.	John F. Jones, 71.	W. M. Trowse, 70.
F. M. Champ, 78.	William H. McGee, 80.	Arthur B. Trimble, 76.
Ira Carman, 77.	Willard A. Miers, 81.	Charles W. Worland, 75.
Ed Clapp, 76.	William A. McClintic, 76.	

Clinton Township

William Bruncker, 82.	William Harrell, 80.	Robert Ramer, 75.
John Batty, 70.	Daniel Innis, 85.	John Spillman, 79.
Theodore Crume, 85.	Grant G. Johnson, 73.	Levi Sawyers, 71.
John A. Carr, 70.	Jacob Manby, 73.	Elmer Sefton, 71.
Joseph Darringer, 74.	S. V. Pleak, 80.	John Troutman, 75.
William Emrick, 79.	William Palmer, 77.	Luke Terhune, 94.
William Harding, 72.	David Ramer, 70.	Theodore Vordie, 73.
Jacob Hoover, 74.	Emer Ruddell, 75.	Samuel Weir, 86.

Fugit Township

Henry Alteman, 78.	Jacob W. Hite, 84.	John Rosenberry, 77.
Charles M. Beall, 82.	M. B. Hite, 79.	Fred Springmire, 75.
Joseph Berkemeier, 73.	Nathan M. Logan, 79.	Joseph P. Showalter, 75.
William Brodie, 76.	William Laudick, 72.	Henry Springmire, 72.
J. W. Christian, 75.	John H. Metz, 70.	Jacob Sager, 78.
Robert F. Donnell, 79.	Frank Marlow, 71.	William Springmire, 82.
Henry Dravis, 75.	Rufus S. Moore, 71.	John C. Sidebottom, 70.
Jefferson Davis, 86.	Ben Moorman, 75.	Henry Theising, 72.
Charles J. Deiwert, 73.	George E. Morford, 71.	John F. Tarplee, 79.
Henry C. Doles, 72.	John L. Osborne, 83.	Cornelius Vanausdall, 72.
Henry Davis, 72.	Edgar Ray, 83.	Adolph Vohland, 81.
C. B. Emmert, 72.	Will E. Robinson, 71.	Jacob Wallpe, 73.
William C. Gillespie, 79.	Ben Rusche, 76.	Fred Zeigler, 81.
Charles Hall, 84.	Henry Raver, 70.	

Salt Creek Township

Asa G. Barnard, 86.	George Gentry, 71.	Richard King, 95.
Ben Beasley, 75.	Frank Haurert, 73.	Thomas King, 75.
Henry Bockover, 75.	Fred J. Hadler, 80.	James A. Melton, 72.
William A. Clemons, 84.	Edward Hart, 73.	Joseph Morrison, 86.
Perry Clark, 75.	Francis M. Hart, 71.	Charles Meyers, 73.
John R. Cook, 83.	Reuben Harding, 75.	Ed Moulton, 70.
Arthur Davis, 78.	Nathaniel Hart, 76.	Robert Moulton, 75.
James Doles, 76.	William Herbert, 73.	D. C. Price, 74.
Rev Dokes, 70.	Alfred Harding, 81.	Jesse Robinson, 71.
Charles Forkert, 80.	George S. Hindman, 71.	Peter Sales, 80.
Henry Floster, 70.	Edward Harding, 70.	Ed Tappmyer, 77.
Edon H. Green, 80.	H. M. Loyd, 71.	John F. Thackery, 75.
George Grow, 77.	Marion Johnson, 78.	Charles Wood, 74.
Godfried Geis, 77.	William King, 78.	Neal Woods, 73.

Jackson Township

John Bowen, 86.	W. S. Fear, 76.	Frank Owens, 83.
W. E. Beasley, 81.	John Forman, 80.	Henry Purvis, 74
Joseph A. Burns, 75.	James S. Gaston, 78.	Horace Shafer, 81.
Frank Bennett, 73.	William Golay, 72.	Frank Snook, 76.
John W. Crise, 79.	William Hubbard, 70.	W. F. Smith, 80.
O. G. Cramp, 85.	Martin Hill, 88.	Smith Thompson, 80.
W. J. Cooper, 74.	Ed A. Johnson, 74.	John O. Thomas, 71.
T. E. Castor, 72.	C. E. Johnson, 72.	James T. Talkington, 82.
John H. Deniston, 74.	Frank W. Lawson, 73.	William T. Vanest, 92.
William J. Deniston, 72.	W. E. Moore, 70.	John H. Woodruff, 74.
James Deniston, 72.	Jiles J. Milholland, 88.	A. W. Wolf, 82.
John S. Emly, 71.	Jesse McMellan, 83.	

Sand Creek Township

Seth Burgess, 76.	S. B. Jagers, 76.	Albert Ricketts, 70.
Charles L. Bridges, 81.	A. Johnson, 74.	William Smith, 85.
Jacob Biehl, 79.	George Keith, 79.	Winn Sanders, 75.
James J. Braden, 74.	John N. Keith, 82.	Lee Spencer, 74.
J. M. Cann, 84.	Jacob Knarr, 74.	Jacob Stiegerwald, 70.
James Corya, 70.	Stephen D. Layton, 76.	Charles W. Swope, 77.
J. E. Davis, 70.	E. E. Logan, 78.	Frank Sharp, 84.
E. C. Davis, 72.	Isom Low, 72.	H. M. Sharp, 81.
George W. Davis, 78.	Frank Manuel, 71.	Francis Scripture, 70.
John L. Davis, 75.	Willis Maple, 86.	Frank Tyner, 70.
A. Duckworth, 70.	George W. Moor, 83.	Thomas Tumilty, 70.
P. N. Elliot, 73.	Edward McDonald, 70.	M. B. Taylor, 78.
Richard Fowler, 80.	George C. Nicholson, 70.	Alonzo Tower, 70.
Sanford Grayson, 76.	J. C. Nicholson, 76.	John W. Vaughn, 73.
J. H. Gibson, 71.	John J. Parker, 75.	Ben R. Voiles, 70.
George Golay, 73.	William Puttorff, 80.	A. H. Vaughn, 71.
Charles A. Hearn, 76.	Henry Pool, 76.	Oscar Wasson, 75.
Silas Hudson, 85.	U. S. Parker, 70.	George Wainscott, 76.
Lafe Hall, 70.	Joe Parker, 73.	James J. Wright, 74.
William Hughes, 79.	William Ricketts, 73.	Edward Whalen, 71.
J. N. Jerman, 74.	C. C. Robbins, 76.	James A. Wood, 80.
Howard Jenkins, 77.	John E. Robbins, 75.	

Washington Township

Eugene Allen, 74.
Ira Aldrich, 73.
Virgil Alexander, 75.
C. B. Ainsworth, 70.
Enoch Allen, 78.
Henry N. Alkire, 81.
Luther F. Almonrode, 72.
Alfred M. Applegate, 86.
Stephen C. Arnold, 76.
William Bottorff, 74.
W. H. Babcock, 81.
Sam Berg, 92.
David Biddle, 87.
L. D. Braden, 75.
James F. Blackmore, 71.
Oscar Barkley, 77.
A. C. Brown, 83.
H. H. Brown, 77.
John W. Beck, 71.
George W. Bird, 72.
Charles H. Bair, 79.
S. B. Bussell, 88.
James F. Blackard, 81.
Paul BeDunnah, 86.
Elmer Campbell, 71.
Louis Cris, 76.
Frank R. Christman, 82.
Theo. Chris, 79.
J. H. Christian, 81.
Peter Clark, 84.
E. Cunningham, 85.
Emerson Canfield, 83.
James E. Carroll, 77.
William Christian, 81.
Winfield S. Cook, 85.
Calvin Copner, 83.
Charles Crockett, 75.
Charles E. Curlow, 73.
John F. Custin, 77.
Jerry M. Conger, 89.
C. P. Corbett, 76.
Isaac Doles, 77.
James Deem, 85.
Frank H. Duhme, 87.
Henry Doerr, 76.
Julius M. Doty, 70.
Cyrus Donnell, 77.
Omer Davis, 78.
Joseph Durr, 85.
John E. Dowdle, 78.
Joseph Dannacher, 94.
Elmer E. Davis, 72.
A. C. Dunn, 77.
William H. Davis, 77.
Arthur L. Davis, 75.
Francis A. Davis, 78.
D. C. Dewitt, 81.
Joseph Dimmick, 85.
Goldsmith Dohoney, 82.
Ralph M. Davis, 71.
Charles E. Downs, 73.
Thomas E. Davidson, 72.
Frank Elder, 92.
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August Eineman, 78.
William Erdmann, 72.
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Chester Y. Edkins, 74.
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John H. Grow, 72.
Hugh Griffin, 70.
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C. B. Harrell, 70.
John H. Hermisch, 81.
Thomas E. Hamilton, 84.
Henry A. Huber, 71.
W. J. Hill, 78.
Ira J. Hollensbe, 81.
F. M. Henry, 70.
David Hughes, 78.
Samuel Heffner, 74.
C. M. Hood, 71.
Arnold Hardebeck, 78.
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William R. Henry, 83.
Richard Hitshew, 84.
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William A. Hopkins, 79.
Arminious Hubbartt, 86.
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Aaron Keller, 84.
Ben Kinkade, 88.
William C. Knobloch, 78.
William E. Ketchum, 72.
William C. Konzelman, 70.
Thomas Kent, 72.
John W. Koenigkramer, 72.
Ed Kelley, 82.
Joseph Kelly, 73.
Clem Kessing, 75.
Sam V. Littell, 77.

Washington Township (con't)

James S. Littell, 75.	Jethro C. Meek, 84.	John S. Shannon, 70.
George S. Littell, 82.	John Montanye, 79.	Philip Spohn, 74.
Henry Luttle, 72.	L. O. McNaught, 76.	Charles E. Sturgis, 76.
Michael Lenenweber, 77.	William D. McCormack, 80.	C. E. Shields, 78.
John R. Livingston, 70.	Robert A. McCoy, 78.	Charles Suttles, 83.
R. S. Lawrence, 71.	Dan McCormack, 76.	Adolph Sandmier, 76.
Wesley Lanius, 80.	William A. McCoy, 74.	Z. Taylor Stevens, 87.
George W. Land, 78.	Frank C. Newkum, 73.	George Shinault, 70.
Loran W. Lang, 77.	Cicero F. Northern, 77.	William Sammons, 75.
Fred Leopold, 71.	Henry Nauman, 73.	James Sparks, 78.
George D. Littell, 74.	Francis M. Needham, 70.	Edwin T. Shaw, 72.
Willis Ed Lanham, 79.	John W. Owens, 77.	Jacob Schneider, 84.
Richard Morgan, 79.	Walter B. Pleak, 83.	Martin Sparks, 72.
George Montgomery, 80.	Thomas A. Pool, 73.	Israel Schreiber, 71.
O. G. Miller, 70.	W. J. Porter, 79.	Thomas Taylor, 72.
George W. Magee, 76.	Edward Parker, 76.	Charles H. Thomson, 80.
Henry Martin, 78.	John H. Parker, 71.	John T. Travis, 74.
William W. Mann, 70.	John C. Powner, 81.	David M. Thomas, 79.
James Milligan, 86.	Brent J. Patton, 70.	Richard Thomson, 71.
Charles G. Marshall, 71.	Henry Renkle, 78.	John P. Thomson, 82.
Jefferson Morris, 71.	A. J. Ryon, 81.	George H. Templeton, 82.
T. Jeff Magg, 78.	——— Risinger, 81.	Thomas Terrill, 87.
Martin Meek, 81.	John M. Redington, 82.	O. G. Templeton, 79.
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Louis Martz, 73.	William E. Robison, 72.	Jacob A. Vantreese, 71.
James E. Mansfield, 79.	William O. Russell, 76.	John Vankirk, 73.
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John Martin, 72.	Sylvester Robbins, 73.	Andrew Willey, 71.
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