

The following information is taken from:

Google e-Book:

**“A Standard History of Ross County, Ohio:
An Authentic Narrative of the Past with Particular Attention to the Modern Era in the
Commercial, Industrial, Civic, and Social Development”**

Volume II

by Lyle S. Evans
The Lewis Publishing Company
Chicago and New York
1917.

EBOOK - FREE

★★★★★
0 Reviews
[Write review](#)

A Standard History of Ross County, Ohio: An Authentic Narrative of ..., Volume 2
By Lyle S. Evans

HISTORY OF ROSS COUNTY

601

THOMAS HUFF is an old-time business man and professional photographer of Ross County and is now living quietly retired at his home in Massieville. He and the members of his family connection have been closely identified with Scioto Township and other sections of Ross County, and this is one of the honored names that requires something more than passing mention in a history of Ross County.

2

Mr. Huff was born in Huntington Township of this county May 24, 1844. His grandparents were pioneer settlers in Muskingum County, Ohio, where his father, Henry Huff, was born, at the Town of Zanesville. Henry learned the trade of cooper as a young man, and followed it at Zanesville. He died at Cowensville, Ohio, in 1852. Henry Huff married Barbara Ann Selby. She was born in Huntington Township of Ross County, a daughter of William Selby, who was born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and came to Ross County among the early settlers of Huntington Township. There he hewed a farm out of the woods. He served in the War of 1812 and was in every sense a patriotic and useful citizen. William Selby married Eva Grim, and both of them died when quite old.

3

At the death of her husband Mrs. Henry Huff was left a widow with seven children, whose names were William, John, Thomas, Charles, Theodore, Lewis and Henry.

Thomas Huff was eight years old when his father died. He soon had to shift for himself, and for some years he lived in the family of William Lockwood, a well-known old-time merchant at Massieville. While there he attended public schools and also clerked in the store of Mr. Lockwood.

4

Mr. Huff has an honorable record of participation in the Civil war. He first enlisted in May, 1862, in Company K of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry. His term of service was for three months, and was principally spent on duty at Camp Chase, where at the time a great many Confederate prisoners were confined. Discharged at the end of three months, he returned home, but in the following year, June 29, 1863, enlisted in Company F of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This time his enlistment was for six months. With his regiment he went south to Tennessee, and arrived at Cumberland Gap in time to witness the surrender of the Confederates who had held that position. He was with his regiment until some weeks after his term expired, receiving his discharge February 12, 1864. Again he spent a few weeks

5

receiving his discharge February 12, 1864. Again he spent a few weeks at Massieville, and again, in May, 1864, enlisted, this time in Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Infantry. He accompanied this regiment to Baltimore and thence to the Virginia battleground. June 9, 1864, he was wounded, was sent to a hospital in Baltimore, and there remained until he was well enough to be removed to Camp Dennison in Ohio. August 30, 1864, he received his third discharge, this time on account of disability, and was soon back at his place as clerk in a store at Massieville.

6

In 1880 Mr. Huff took up the profession of photography. He operated a gallery at Colton for thirteen years, and after that was at various

7

602

HISTORY OF ROSS COUNTY

points in Southern Ohio, chiefly Ironton and Jackson, and finally went into business at Chillicothe, where he was one of the most popular men in the profession for twelve years. In 1912 he retired, and is now living at his old home in Massieville.

8

LIVING AT HIS OLD HOME IN MASSIEVILLE.

On September 26, 1865, soon after the war, Mr. Huff married for his first wife Mary Elizabeth Rutherford. She was born in Jackson County, Ohio, daughter of Griffith and Rachel (Radeliff) Rutherford. Mrs. Huff died in July, 1885, after almost twenty years of married life. In 1890 Mr. Huff married Mrs. Helen (Stinson) Lockwood. Mrs. Huff was born in Chillicothe May 2, 1841. Her father, Archibald Stinson, was born at High Bank, in Ross County, in 1800. Her grandfather, James Stinson, who was probably a native of Rhode Island, was one of the first pioneer settlers of Ross County. He came to this county when Ohio was still a part of Northwest Territory. He lived on the High Banks until 1801, when he settled in what is now Scioto Township, securing a large tract of land south of and adjoining the present Village of Massieville. His farm was located on the well-traveled highway

of Massieville. His farm was located on the well-traveled highway between Portsmouth and Columbus, and the large log house which he built was opened as a hotel and stage station. In the year before the building of canals or railroads and when all transportation was by wagon or team or stage coach, his hotel entertained innumerable guests, and stood in high favor with the traveling public. Archibald Stinson, the father of Mrs. Huff, was one of a large family of children, and grew up in the old hotel and on the farm, and eventually inherited a portion of the farm estate. He was a successful farmer and placed many improvements on his land, including a set of substantial frame buildings. He lived there until his death in 1876. Archibald Stinson married Silence McCoy, whose name introduces mention of another very prominent early pioneer family of Ross County. She was born in

very prominent early pioneer family of Ross County. She was born in Union Township in 1801, a daughter of John and Margaret (Kerr) McCoy. John McCoy had the distinction of erecting the first building in **Chilligothe**. The mother of Mrs. **Huff** died in 1888, having reared seven children, named James K., John, Mary, Margaret, Helen, George W. and Archibald S.

11

Mrs. **Huff** grew up in Ross County, receiving her education in the district schools. She first married Theodore E. Lockwood. Mr. **Huff** by his first marriage reared three children, named Dora, Anna and William R. Dora, who married Samuel Eisnawgle, died leaving two children, named Jessie and Nina. Anna is the wife of Richard Glenroy and has a daughter named Florence. William R. has the following children: Lester, Franklin, Wilber and **Marjorie**. Politically Mr. **Huff** is a republican, as would be natural considering his effective service to support the Union during the Civil war. While a resident of Colton, President Harrison appointed him postmaster of that village, and he filled the office with credit four years.

END