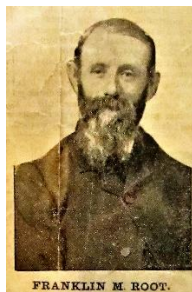


Local Roots

Charles Root was born in Massachusetts in 1809 to William and Rhoda Butler Root. The family moved to Medina County around 1815 where Charles met and married Ruth Martin in 1833. They lived in Brunswick where they had eight children, of whom four died before age two (two infants, Franklin W. and Charles Edward [1842]). Samuel Butler Root was born in 1837, Franklin Martin Root was born in 1839, Henry "Harry" Martin Root was born in 1840, and Charles Edward Root was born in 1844, but died at the age of seven. It was common in the 1800's to name a child after an infant who had not survived (Charles Edward) or a close relative who had recently died. The family moved to Parma in 1844 to run the Stone Tavern, and later they moved to Pearl Street in Cleveland and ran the Franklin House which was a station on the Cleveland, Columbus and Wooster stage line. Charles Sr. died in Brooklyn, Ohio in September, 1850 and the family moved back to the farm in Brunswick.

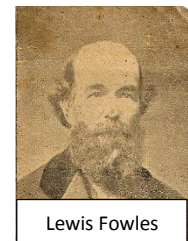
Samuel B Root married Miriam "Myra" Goss on June 9th, 1861 and had 4 children; Lucy 1862 (married Ulysses James), Mary 1869-1874, William Buckingham born 1872 in Berea, and Clarence 1875 also born in Berea. Clarence married Luella Ryle Hoffman in 1902, and Effie Mae Brown in 1922. Samuel died in 1915.

Henry/Harry Root married Harriet "Hattie" Ackley daughter of Myron and Betsey Fowles Ackley on September 28th, 1865 in Cuyahoga County. They had one son; Edward M Root born in 1867 in Middleburgh Twp. In 1870 the family was farming on Fowles Rd. close to relatives. Hattie died in 1889, and Harry married Nora Lovejoy on March 10th, 1891. Edward married Minnie D Brainard in 1892 and had one daughter Lila born in 1893 who married Mervin Smith of Berea in 1913. Both are buried in Woodvale.



Franklin M. Root moved as noted above with his family, and a few years after the death of his father he moved to Middleburg Twp. with Harry to farm. He married Joanna Fowles daughter of Lewis Abram and Hannah Fish Fowles on June 22, 1865. They had four sons; Charles Lewis 1866-1947, Samuel Lyon 1868-1932, Rolland Franklin 1870-1940, and Alden Fowles 1871-1930. Franklin died in 1906.

Charles Lewis Root married Miss Ida May Gray in 1889 and they had four children. Samuel Lyon Root married Effie Viola Brown in 1897 and had one son, Shelton Lucian born in 1901. He later married Elizabeth Simpson in 1906, and had sons Donald and Edward P. born in 1910 and 1911 respectively. In 1900, Samuel L. was a salesman in the Brown Hardware store and living with his in-laws, and in the 1910 census he was farming with his new family. Alden married Isabelle Goss in 1892 and they had five children. He was employed as a signalman for the steam railroad. When Isabelle died in 1918, Alden married Nellie Humphrey in 1919.



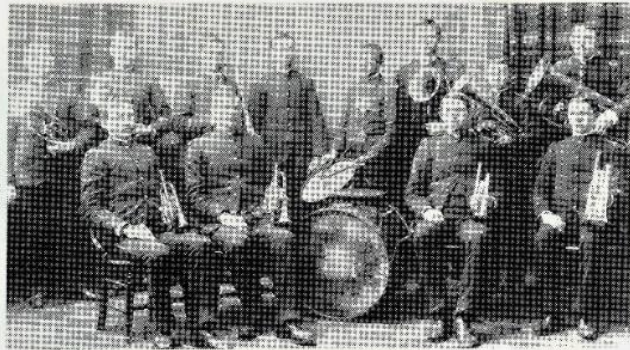


Rolland F. Root worked in or had charge of the New York Central signal crews in the 1890s. He married Maud Brainard, the daughter of Edward and Celestia Lovejoy Brainard in 1893. Celestia's father was Solomon Lovejoy an early settler who had the first tavern in Middleburg in 1833 on the Cleveland to Wooster Turnpike. Rolland and Maud had 5 sons; Lewis Franklin (1894-1975), Warren B. (1905-1954), Ernest Edward (1903-1973), Alfred Royce (1904-1974), Harry P. (1908-1908), and two daughters; Joanna Celestia (1897-1897) and Dorothy L. Root (1898-1977).



Lewis married Miss Florence Streng and worked as a laborer for the railroad. Warren B. Root attended BW for two years and in 1921 was a member of the Student Senate and Sigma Phi. He married Anne Mahrer in 1934 and had two children. He was the first full time mechanic with the Art Kaatz Oldsmobile service garage at 39 East Bridge St. In the 1940 census Warren was a public-school teacher in Washington Court House, and at the time of his death in 1954 he was back in Berea living at 86 Murphy Street. Dorothy L. Root married Michael Lewis in 1919 and had two children. Ernest married Doris Jones and had two children and worked as a school superintendent. Alfred married Esther Schrickel and had one daughter, and later was married to Dorothy Randolph with whom he had four children (Robert, Rolland, William and Lillian).

The Roots are related to most of the early settlers of Middleburgh Township in one way or another. Most of the Root family mentioned above are buried at Woodvale along with many others members of the extended family. The Root tree is far reaching as there are many branches of Roots from Cleveland to Medina, and research is a bit difficult due to remarriages and generations of repeated family names.



MIDDLEBURG BAND OF 1890.
 L. to R. standing: Lorenzo Fowles, Edw. Root, Wm. Blair, John Blair, Frank Blair, Wm. Root, and Samuel Root. Seated: Charles Root, Herbert West, Roland Root, Alden F. Root.
 Mrs. M. B. Lewis Album

It seems that the local Root family also had plenty of musical talent as they made up most of the town band in 1890.



Root homestead east side of Fowles and Pearl Road. Rolland F Root in center.