

Essex Family History Tour

Embark on a road trip that will immerse you in the local sites that were important to the family who grew up here in Clermont County. Use the map on the next page, stop at each site along the way, read the narrative and notes, and take a picture and send to the group text chain! We may meet up along the way or may not see you until you get to the picnic site!



Option #1 The Bethel Museum

*Opens 10 a.m. on
Saturday, July 11*

Head to the Bethel Museum where there are several furniture and other items donated by Essexes on the ground floor of the museum. Going up the stairs are tiles dedicated to veterans, including one for Grandpa Paul and one for Uncle Bill. On the second floor is an exhibit dedicated to Uncle Bill! After this stop, you may choose to visit one or more of the locations on the Essex Family History Tour list (Option #2). Just be sure to be back to Harsha Lake Tailwater Shelter by 12:30 p.m.! There is a festival in town and the parade starts at noon, so early arrival is best! Parking on the street or in the lot next to the Ben Franklin store on the corner.

Option #2: Treasure Hunt

Honestly, no actual treasure except the treasure of family-related sites.

Monitor your time. If you leave hotel at 9:00, there should be plenty of time for these stops depending on how much time you may choose to spend at any of them.

Please plan to be back at Harsha Lake Tailwater Shelter by 12:30!



Scan for pre-loaded
route in Google
Maps.

Note: Google will give you an option of Route 222 from Felicity to Rural. Ignore it and make sure you go Route 133!



Don't forget to snap some pics!





Stop #1: The Farm on Saltair Maple Road

Start at 2781 Saltair Maple Road.

A two-story brick house built circa 1850, which had been owned by Aunt Louise Tucker (Grandma Mary Glaser's sister) and was sold to Mitch and Kathy upon their marriage in 1974. One big old tree outside the house still had an iron ring in it from where early owners tied their horses up.



2813 Saltair Maple Road

Down the road is the house in which MJ, Connie, Bill and Kathy grew up. Split-level built entirely by Grandpa Paul and Grandma Dee (with help from family and friends). Those of you who remember it from your childhoods, it will look quite different, as the wide-open fields have been subdivided some. "The kids" had 40+ acres to roam, and their Grandma and Grandpa in the next house down the road to visit. Bill loved being able to compare what Mom was making for dinner and what Grandma was having before deciding who would enjoy his company that night. We played baseball in the front yard using whatever we could find for bases, cut our Christmas trees (mostly cedar) right off of our property, learned to play Euchre from our grandpa and parents, and generally had a pretty good childhood.



2835 Saltair Maple Road

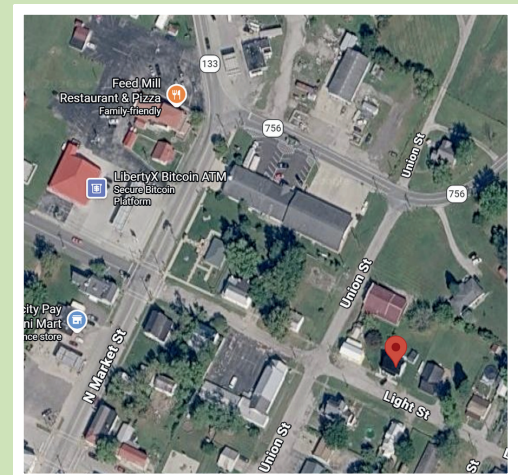
Down the road from that house is the two-story brick house in which Paul and Mary (Glaser) Essex, and daughter Ruth Essex, lived from about 1945 for the rest of their lives. They bought it in very poor condition and had to do a lot of work to make it livable. Grandma Mary had a tough life in some ways, losing their Neville home to flooding and living through the historic 1937 flood; moving to Florida for several years so Grandpa could run a business there but had to persevere through hurricane damage and the theft of their store's profits; then moving back north to start over. She was determined to have a proper home, and they made it happen on Saltair Maple Road. This is also where Paul and Dee brought Mary Jane home as a baby after World War II.



Stop #2: Felicity

Go past Ruthie's old home and follow directions to Felicity. You should be taking State Route 133 into town. As you enter town, you will see the Feedmill Restaurant on the right. Grandma Dee and Grandpa Paul used to take the grandchildren there frequently! Down-home cooking, as they say. Mitchell and Jana can tell stories, including that Gma and Gpa would pretty much let them get whatever they wanted, even if that was four kinds of potatoes and nothing else.

Going past the Feedmill, turn left on Light Street. At 216 Light Street is where Grandma Dee lived until her death at age 88. She and Grandpa Paul moved there a short time before his death. Grandpa died at 76, when Grandma was 70. She participated in the Garden Club and her church. She stayed active in the art community in the Cincinnati area, as well. Small town life has its pros and cons, but she enjoyed the closeness of the community.





Stop #3: Rural, Ohio

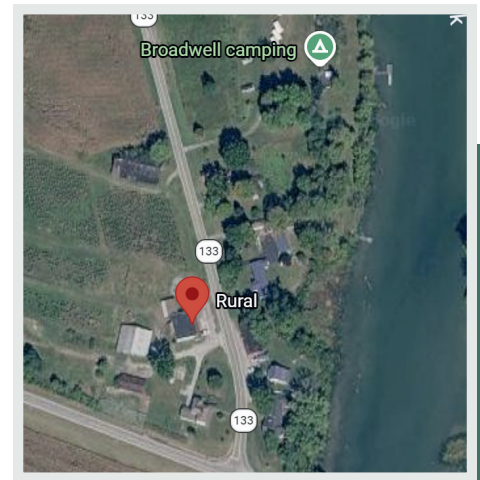
Rural, Ohio Ancestry

- Lindley Broadwell (B 1786 NJ) married Susan Carman in 1816 and traveled to Ohio. They had:
- Joanna Broadwell (B 1823), who married Dr. Albert Essex of Cherry Creek, NY in 1848.

After Albert died in about 1853, Joanna stayed in Rural and raised her children, Albert Lindley (Buck) and Frances. Joanna's brother, Nathaniel, also raised his family there. Broadwells still live on the property today!

Continue on Route 133 (notice it branches off to the left as you get to the end of town) toward Rural, Ohio. Paul Sr.'s grandmother, Joanna Broadwell, had deep ties in Rural, which continue today, as you will see. Route 133 goes all the way to Highway 52 at the Ohio River. As you get closer to Hwy 52, you will start to see the Broadwell name (Broadwell Camping sites on your left). Keep your eyes peeled for a sign for Rural Cemetery. It is behind some houses on your left with a small driveway back to it. Joanna Broadwell and her family are buried in this cemetery, as is "Little Pete," Paul Sr.'s brother who died at age 4. The rest of the Essexes are buried at the Neville Cemetery.

Continuing on, just before you get to Hwy 52, you will see a long, low brick building on your left. This used to be run by Paul Sr. and his father as a tobacco warehouse.

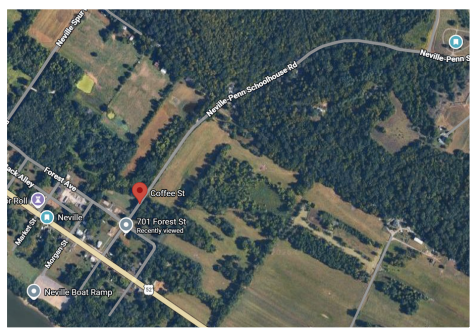


Near the end of 133, on the right, is the Old Broadwell home, 85 State Route 133, and it is still occupied by a branch of the Broadwell family. You will also see that they have Nana and Pap's Christmas Tree Farm on their property.

When you get to the stop sign to turn onto Hwy 52, you can also see the Broadwell Camp signs across the street!



Stop #6: Neville



Much of our history centers around Neville. Albert Lindley Essex (always called Buck) and his wife, Rachel Belle Reed, raised their family in a house on the river side of Hwy 52, near where Coffee Street joins Hwy 52. Their children, Hattie (who married John Jarman), Edith (who married Alfred Demaris) and Paul Sr. (who married Mary Glaser) and was father to Ruth, Paul James and Caroline (Babs), all grew up there.

Aunt Babs loved Neville until the day she died although she hadn't lived there in MANY decades. A few things to see: The place where Grandpa's house was located (no longer there), site of the infamous flooding in 1937, and Neville Cemetery. Grandma Dee and Grandpa Paul are buried there, as are many other relatives.



Stop #7: Point Pleasant

If you went to the cemetery, head back down the hill to Hwy 52 and turn right. Continue on 52 until you come to Point Pleasant. Not so much a family connected site, but a connection to history. Birthplace of Ulysses S. Grant is on the corner.



Stop #8: Harsha Lake Tailwater Shelter

Turn right off of Hwy 52 onto SR 232 in Point Pleasant. 232 will take you to Hwy 125 (turn left), then right onto Hwy 222 and right onto Slade Road.