

The Griggs family has lived in Huntington Township since the spring of 1837 (181 years), fifteen years after it was established in 1822.

Norman Brigham Griggs was born in Tolland, Connecticut, June 18, 1816, and he died in Huntington Twp. on October 7, 1883. He was the youngest of eleven children born to Roswell and Sarah Dunham Griggs. Being the youngest child, Norman was very close to his mother and wrote her letters describing his journey and life in Ohio.

Norman Griggs left Tolland, CT in 1834. Norman walked 160 miles from Tolland, CT to Littleton NJ, where he had a teaching position. Norman remained there until 1837 when he decided to go to Ohio for opportunities in Huntington Township, OH.

Norman walked from Littleton, NJ to Connawango, NY to Buffalo, NY which took him nine days. The walk from Connawango to Buffalo alone took him two days. It rained the entire time, and he was wading through mud which was half a leg deep. In his letters to his mother, he describes many incidents along the way. From Buffalo, NY he came by ship with at least 200 other passengers. During the voyage on Lake Erie, they encountered waves which were 10-15 feet high. He landed at the harbor in Lorain, OH. He must have walked the 30 miles south to Huntington, Township.

In Huntington Township, Norman purchased 60 acres of land for \$325. The land was 1-3/8 mile west from the center of town. The land was just west of what is now Clark Rd. The land had six acres which were cleared and three streams of water. He was very pleased with the land. He writes that every rod of the land can be plowed, mowed and pastured. Each acre was as good as the others. Norman describes the types of timber on his land which consisted of beech, maple, elm, white ash, white oak, hickory, black walnut and the occasional butternut tree. Norman stated that Huntington Township was a wonderful place to live.

The only thing which Norman lamented about the township was the lack of coin. He wrote his mother that there were many deprivations to living in a new settlement. Everything which couldn't be raised was dearer here than in Connecticut, except for preaching, and that was plentiful and cheap enough.

. After setting up his homestead, he returned to Tolland, CT to bring his wife Mary Bailey Griggs to Huntington Township, OH. Norman Brigham Griggs continued to live in Huntington Township for the remainder of his life

Norman and Mary had nine children. The second born was their first son, Charles Brigham Griggs (my great, great grandfather). Charles married Adelaide Chapman Griggs, and they had seven children. Charles Seth Griggs was the eldest and my great grandfather.

Charles S. Griggs married Jennie Johnson Griggs, and they had two children. Roscoe Dean Griggs and Gladys Griggs Eglin. In 1909, Charles S. Griggs bought the present 100 acre farm where the family Griggs family still lives on the corner St Rte. 58 and of Griggs Road.

Roscoe Dean Griggs married Delia Flannery Griggs (my grandparents). They had three children Jeanette Griggs Parker, Frances Griggs Campbell, and Charles Ross Griggs.

Charles Ross Griggs married Aura Von Seggern Griggs in 1949. They had four children, Diana Griggs Rowan, Charles Dean Griggs, Kelly Griggs Sheppard, and Michael Kevin Griggs. Charles R. Griggs bought the farm from his father, Roscoe, in 1960. The four siblings have each inherited a fourth of the farm. Kelly, Dean and I still live on the family property. Michael had moved to California and has sold his property to Kelly's son Jay Sheppard. We still believe as our ancestors did, that Huntington Twp. is a wonderful place to in which to live.

Diana Griggs Rowan