

# Guernsey County's Major Historians

Through the years, many persons have taken an active interest in Guernsey County history, some have amassed large collections of newspaper clippings, photographs and other memorabilia, while others have simply enjoyed the telling of the story, and the re-telling.

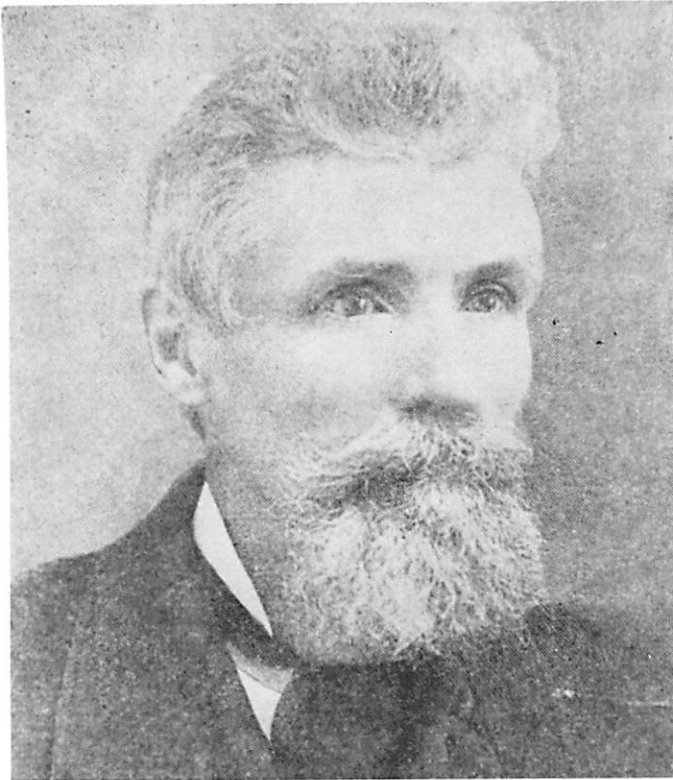
But the story of Guernsey County has been best preserved for the public at large by two men, of different generations, who took the time and devoted the effort to publishing the best-known works dealing with our history. These men were Col. C. P. B. Sarchet, and William G. Wolfe.

Col. Cyrus Parkinson Beatty Sarchet was of the third generation of Sarchets who came to Cambridge from the Isle of Guernsey in 1806. His father was Moses Sarchet, and his grandfather was Thomas Sarchet, who built the third house in Cambridge at the northeast corner of Wheeling Avenue and Seventh Street. C. P. B. Sarchet was born in this house in 1828. He was a lifelong resident of Cambridge. He attended the common schools of Cambridge and then attended the Cambridge academy. With his father, he purchased The Guernsey Times, which they edited and published for a few years. Throughout his lifetime, he contributed many articles

on the history of this area to The Guernsey Times, The Jeffersonian and The Herald. He was a farmer for forty years, and was active in agricultural societies. During the Civil War he was elected Colonel of the third regiment of the militia. In 1910, he published "Sarchet's History of Guernsey County", a two volume work devoted to telling the story of our county and its leaders. He died in 1913. His history is a primary sourcebook for the study of Guernsey County's past.

William G. Wolfe was born on February 26, 1874 in Quaker City and lived his entire lifetime in Guernsey County. He graduated from Ohio Northern University and began teaching school in Quaker City. He later became principal and finally county superintendent. He helped adopt the constitution of the Ohio Education Association and in 1930 became its president. He was an honorary life member of the National Education Association. Active in church and civic affairs, he was a director and officer in the Quaker City Home Building & Loan, and the Quaker City National Bank. He published his "Stories of Guernsey County, Ohio" in 1943, a book that is much sought after today. He died on November 13, 1947.

Guernsey County owes a great debt to the above historians.



C. P. B. Sarchet

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