

Hardesty's *Military History of Ohio*: An Inventory of Current Availability

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Hardesty's *Military History of Ohio* can be an extremely valuable resource for Civil War genealogy, when it can be located for a county in which a researcher needs information on veterans, units, and GAR posts. For example, in the article on "James F. and Henry W. Atterholt, Ashland County, Ohio" (*OCWGJ*, Vol. IX, No. 3, pp. 120-123), we were able to learn from the Hardesty edition for Ashland County that Henry Atterholt died due to malarial fever on a hospital boat en route to Natchez MS, the only specific information that is known about his death. County editions attempt to identify as many men from that county who served in the war, their units, and their length of service. Units may be profiled if they were predominantly recruited from that county. Grand Army of the Republic and Ladies Auxiliary posts are identified in some counties, sometimes including lists of their officers and members. (An example page from the Montgomery County edition, p. 316, accompanied the original version of this article.)

To our best knowledge, H. H. Hardesty & Company did not publish editions for all 88 Ohio counties, and current availability of the editions that were produced is limited. To attempt to make this resource better known to our readers and to make it easier to locate a copy, *OCWGJ* is attempting to develop a current inventory of all known county editions and where they can be accessed. This article is our "work-in-progress" of the inventory, and at this point includes 60 county editions. We expect, however, that there are other county editions in local public libraries, local OGS Chapter collections, local historical societies, and private ownership, and we hope that this preliminary inventory will continue to yield additional entries that can be used to produce a more complete inventory. The inventory is based on our search for original issues, microfilmed issues or extracts, reprints, and photocopies of extracts from the original editions at the following libraries or catalogues:

- OGS Library
- Ohio Historical Society Library
- Hayes Presidential Library
- Ohio libraries in OhioLink
- Ohio Public Academic Libraries (OPAL)
- CONSORT group of Ohio colleges
- Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- Dayton Metro Library and extended search system on MORE Zportal
- Western Reserve Historical Society Library
- Cincinnati Historical Society Library
- Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne
- Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) First Search--WorldCat
- Library of Congress

Readers who do their own searching should be aware that the title of the Hardesty books has produced many different catalogue entries for the original editions, in addition to the slightly different titles used on the extracts that have been published. This is further complicated by the fact that Hardesty apparently produced three different types of books that are relevant to our inventory:

- (1) *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia* in county editions, in a form that did not include the county's military history.
- (2) *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia* in county editions, in a form that included the "Special Military History of Ohio" section with a specific county's military history for the Civil War (full title in endnote 1).
- (3) Hardesty's stand-alone military history under the title *The Military History of Ohio* in county editions (full title in endnote 2). These volumes do not include the more general information in the *Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia*, but do include the state's general military history in addition to a specific county's military history.

From our survey, it appears that Hardesty may first have produced the type of the *Encyclopedia* without military history in the 1880-1883 period; then included the military history in later versions of the *Encyclopedia* in the 1884-1885 time period; and finally moved to the stand-alone *Military History of Ohio* editions in the 1885-1887 period. There has been no attempt in this table to distinguish between the second and third types of Hardesty publications, and both types are represented. Researchers should also be aware that the “Hardesty’s” reference is to the publisher, not an author or editor. Some catalogue citations will use the name of A. Parsons Stevens as the author, but her name does not appear in all volumes.

The information from these volumes appears in several different forms today. The original editions are oversized books, approximately twelve inches by fifteen inches. Most of the encyclopedia editions exceed five hundred pages, and the stand-alone military histories have approximately three hundred pages. In both versions, approximately 20 to 30 of the pages are specific to the county. OHS has produced a microfilm of the Civil War soldier rosters from 29 of the county editions, but as will be seen in the inventory, not all county editions available today are included on the microfilm. Although this film is titled as an index, it is actually just a film of each of the county editions’ rosters; there is no overall index that covers the veterans listed in all the county editions’ rosters. Several OGS Chapters (Ashland, Crawford, Delaware, Huron, Richland, Wood, Wyandot, and perhaps others) have extracted the county-specific information from the original volume and published it; at least one source for these publications is listed in the table, although there are probably several other sources as well. There are photocopies of the county portions of the editions in some libraries. There are two editions known to be online presently, Ashland at Heritage Quest and Wayne at Online Collections at Brigham Young University. Finally, there is one county, Ashtabula, for which a photographic reprint of the complete *Military History* edition is available commercially on a Print-to-Order basis from the Apple Manor Press, Markham VA.

For at least two counties, Sandusky and Stark, there are publications that draw specifically on their Hardesty county edition in addition to other sources to list Civil War veterans from those counties. However, they are not reprints of the Hardesty editions, per se. These publications are identified separately in the endnotes for those counties.

In the table below, acronyms for schools and libraries are used for brevity, with a list of abbreviations and the full name being found at the end of the table. There are also several numbered notes in the table that refer to endnotes following the list of abbreviations. Counties that are shaded are those for which nothing has been located.

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Adams County				
Allen County	Orig/mf 357			Orig–WRHS.
Ashland County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy. Reprint (3).		Orig–BGSU, SLO. Online–Heritage Quest Online. Reprint–SLO, FHL, CPL, CML, GCPL (3).
Ashtabula County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig–WRHS, WTCPL. Reprint–(4).
Athens County				

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Auglaize County				Orig-PLCH (5)
Belmont County				
Brown County				
Butler County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-TLCPL, LOC, DML
Carroll County				
Champaign County				Orig-WRHS
Clark County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	
Clermont County				
Clinton County	Orig/mf 357			
Columbiana County	Orig/mf 357		Photocopy	Orig-WRHS
Coshocton County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-CoPL
Crawford County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy. Reprint (6). Reprint (8).	Reprint-(8)	Orig-CCPL, DC. Reprint-DML (7). Reprint-ACPL, ASCPL, CCPL, CML, CPL, FHPL, FWPL, GCPL, MPL, LOC, (8).
Cuyahoga County				
Darke County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy		Orig-BU, MU, OU, OWU, SLO, MiPL, KLSL. Reprint-DML (7).
Defiance County				
Delaware County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-OU, WTCPL. Reprint-WRHS, ACPL, TLCPL, CML, NL, WHS (9).
Erie County			Original	Orig-WRHS, TLCPL
Fairfield County				
Fayette County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL
Franklin County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-UC, WPL, SLO
Fulton County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy		Orig-BGSU, OU, LOC, WPL
Gallia County				

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Geauga County	mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL, FHL, PLSJ, LPL, WCHCPL
Greene County		Photocopy		Orig-WSU, SSCC, CHSL, MRCPL
Guernsey County				
Hamilton County				
Hancock County		Photocopy		Mf-BGSU Archives (MMS1302) Names listed in OGS <i>Report</i> , 35:2 (1995), pages 93-94. (20)
Hardin County	Orig/mf 357 (bound with Wyandot)			Orig-WRSH, BGSU Archives (bound with Wyandot)
Harrison County				
Henry County				Original and microfilm-BGSU Archives. Orig-WiCPL.
Highland County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-WC, MHS
Hocking County		Photocopy		
Holmes County				
Huron County	Reprint (10)	Original Photocopy Reprint-(10).	Original. Reprint-(10).	Reprint-DML (7). Reprint-PLCH, ASCPL, BGSU, CPL, CML, CCPL, DML, FHPL, GCPL, MRCPL, NPL, SCDL, SLO, TLCPL, WaPL, WRHS, WCDPL, YMCPL (10).
Jackson County				Online-Rootsweb Jackson Co
Jefferson County				
Knox County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-OC (11)
Lake County				
Lawrence County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Original	
Licking County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-TLCPL
Logan County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy		

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Lorain County	Original (donated by OGS June 2008)	Original	Photocopy	Orig-KSU, OC, LCHS (11). Reprint-DML (12).
Lucas County				
Madison County				
Mahoning County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-DC, UMM, YSU.
Marion County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL, WOO
Medina County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL, WRHS. "Roll of Honor" extracted & published in OGS <i>Ohio Records & Pioneer Families</i> , 23:2 (1982), pages 81-89.
Meigs County				
Mercer County				Orig-MeCPL
Miami County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-MCHR
Monroe County				
Montgomery County	Related pub: (13)-1st ed.	Photocopy. Related pub: (13)-1st ed.	Photocopy. Related pub: (13)-2nd ed.	Orig-UD, DHR, DML. Reprint-DML (12). Related pub: 16 libraries (1 st ed.). 11 libraries (2 nd ed.) See note (13).
Morgan County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-WCPL
Morrow County	Orig/mf 357			
Muskingum County				Orig-KSU
Noble County				
Ottawa County				
Paulding County				
Perry County				
Pickaway County				
Pike County				Orig-SLO

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Portage County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL, WTCPL. Reprinted in <i>OGS Report</i> , 28:2 (1988), pages 91-98.
Preble County				Orig-DHR
Putnam County				
Richland County	Original	Original. Photocopy. Reprint-Richland Co Chap OGS (14).	Original. Photocopy.	Orig-ACPL, MCPL. Reprint-PLCH, ACPL, ASCPL, BGSU, CPL, CML. CCPL, GCPL, MPL, TLCPL, WaPL, WRHS, LOC, DPL, HPL, WHS (14).
Ross County	Orig/mf 357			Orig-OU, TLCPL
Sandusky County	Original. Related pub. (15).	Photocopy. Related pub. (15).	Original. Related pub. (15).	Related publication-(15)
Scioto County				Orig-DU, KSU, CPL, MCLS, AU, PPL
Seneca County		Photocopy	Photocopy	
Shelby County				Orig-UD, PLSJ, CFPL, WCPL, FPL
Stark County	Orig/mf 357. Related pub. (16)			Orig-UA. Related publication (16).
Summit County	Orig/mf 357	Original; Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-ACPL, WRHS, UA, UT
Trumbull County		Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-CHSL, WTCPL
Tuscarawas County				
Union County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy		Orig-OSU, BGSU, SLO, DML
Van Wert County	Orig/mf 357	Photocopy	Photocopy	Orig-WRHS, BGSU Archives
Vinton County	Orig/mf 357			
Warren County				Orig-PLCH, WCGS. Orig on mfiche 611809, FHL.
Washington County				

Ohio Counties	Ohio Historical Society (OHS)	Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library (photocopies in Ms box #48)	Hayes Presidential Library (HPL)	Other
Wayne County		Original	Photocopy	Orig–FHL. Online–Online Collections at BYU.
Williams County				Reprint–ACPL (17)
Wood County		Photocopy. Reprint (18).	Original. Reprint (18).	Orig-BGSU Archives. Reprint-BGSU, CML, FHPL, GCPL, SCDL, SLO, TLCPL, LOC, ACPL, MPPL, WHS (18).
Wyandot County	Orig/mf 357 (bound with Hardin); Reprint (19)	Photocopy Reprint (19)	Reprint (19)	Reprint–DML (12) Reprint-BGSU Archives, PLCH, SLO, ACPL, CML, CCPL, DML, FHPL, GCPL, SCDL, WaPL, HBL, AHML, HPL, WHS, WTCPL (19) Orig–WRHS, BGSU Archives (bound with Hardin).

If you are aware of other county editions or reprints in local public libraries, local OGS Chapter collections, or local historical societies, please let us know. We hope that this preliminary inventory will yield additional entries that can be used to produce a more complete inventory.

Library abbreviations used in the table:

ACPL: Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne IN
 AHML: Arlington Heights Public Library, IL
 ASCPL: Akron-Summit County Public Library
 AU: Auburn University, Auburn AL
 BU: Bluffton University
 BGSU: Bowling Green State University
 BYU: Brigham Young University
 CCPL: Cuyahoga County Public Library
 CFPL: Canal Fulton Public Library
 CHSL: Cincinnati Historical Society Library
 CML: Columbus Metropolitan Library
 CoPL: Coshocton Public Library
 CPL: Cleveland Public Library
 DC: Defiance College
 DHR: Daniel H. Reigle, personal collection
 DML: Dayton Metropolitan Library
 DPL: Dallas Public Library
 DU: Denison University
 FHL: Family History Library, Salt Lake City UT
 FHPL: Findlay Hancock Public Library
 FPL: Flesh Public Library, Piqua OH

FWPL: Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth TX
GCPL: Greene County Public Library
HBL: Huntington Beach Library, CA
HPL: Houston Public Library, TX
KLSL: Kate Love Simpson Library
KSU: Kent State University
LCHS: Lorain County Historical Society, per Karis Lyon, Librarian
LOC: Library of Congress, Washington D.C.
LPL: Loudonville Public Library
MCHR: Miami County History Room, Troy; part of Troy/Miami County Public Library, but separate building.
MCLS: Muskingum County Library System
MCPL: Mid-Continent Public Library, MO
McCPL: Mercer County District Library, Celina OH
MHS: Minnesota Historical Society
MPL: Marion Public Library
MiPL: Minerva Public Library
MPPL: Mishawauka-Penn Public Library
MRCPL: Mansfield-Richland County Public Library
MU: Mt. Union College
NL: Newberry Library, Chicago IL
NPL: Norwalk Public Library
OC: Oberlin College, per Helen Black, Reference Dept
OSU: Ohio State University
OU: Ohio University
OWU: Ohio Wesleyan University
PLCH: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
PLSJ: Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Schiappa Branch
PPL: Portsmouth Public Library
Rootsweb Jackson County: <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohjackso/mho-main-page.htm>>
SCDL: Stark County District Library
SSCC: Southern St. Community College
SLO: State Library of Ohio
TLCPL: Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
UA: University of Akron
UC: University of Cincinnati
UD: University of Dayton
UMM: University of Minnesota–Minneapolis
UT: University of Toledo
WaPL: Warren Public Library
WHS: Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison WI
WPL: Westerville Public Library
WC: Wilmington College, per Reference Dept Head Patti Kinsinger
WCDPL: Wood County District Public Library
WCHCPL: Washington Court House Carnegie Public Library
WCGS: Warren County Genealogical Society, per Arne Trelvik
WCPL: Washington County Public Library
WiCPL: Williams County Public Library
WOO: The College of Wooster
WPL: Wauseon Public Library
WRHS: Western Reserve Historical Society
WSU: Wright State University
WTCPL: Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
YMCPL: Youngstown & Mahoning County Public Library
YSU: Youngstown State University

Endnotes cited in the table:

(1) Full title for the encyclopedia that included military history: *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Illustrated. Containing Large Scale Copper Plate Maps of each State and Territory of the United States, and the Provinces of Canada; Reference Map of the World; Topographical and Railroad Map of the United States; Thirteen Comprehensive Maps of Bible Geography, covering all the Countries of Bible History (with a Classified Pronunciation Index for each Map), Printed in Colors from Plates secured by Letters Patent. A General Survey of the World; History of the United States; History of each State and Territory of the United States; History of the Declaration of Independence; Biographical Sketches of the Signers, accompanied by Portraits; and Biographical Sketches with Portraits, of all the Presidents, down to and including the present incumbent. Special Military History of Ohio, giving its part in the Indian Wars, Border Annals, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War of the Rebellion. Ohio's rank and file in the War of the Rebellion in Editions by Counties, giving a roster of the Soldiers of the County, a History of its G.A.R. and Ladies Auxiliary Posts and Sons of Veterans, and Military Sketches of ex-soldiers residing in the county.* H. H. Hardesty & Co., Publishers: New York, Richmond, Chicago, and Toledo. (This title is taken from a volume including military history for Auglaize County, held by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. See endnote #4.)

(2) Full title for the stand-alone military history editions: *The Military History of Ohio. Its Border Annals, its part in the Indian Wars, in the War of 1812, in the Mexican War, and in the War of the Rebellion, with a prefix giving a compendium of the History of the United States, History of the Declaration of Independence, Sketches of its Signers, and of the Presidents, with portraits and autographs. Illustrated. Special Local Department, in Editions by Counties, giving a Roster of Ohio's rank and file from the County in the War of the Rebellion, Regimental Histories, with Histories of its G.A.R. and Ladies' Auxiliary Posts, and Camps of Sons of Veterans. Two Hundred Years, 1669-1865.* H. H. Hardesty, Publisher, New York, Toledo, and Chicago. (This title is taken from a Montgomery County edition held by the author of this article.)

(3) *The military history of Ohio, Ashland County, Ohio.* Ashland Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, Ashland County Chapter, 1992.

(4) *The Military History of Ohio. Its Border Annals, Its Part in the Indian Wars, In the War of 1812, In the Mexican War, and In the War of the Rebellion. Ashtabula County edition.* New York, Toledo, and Chicago: H. H. Hardesty, Publisher, 1887. Printed to order by The Apple Manor Press, 2400 Leeds Manor Rd, Markham VA 22643, <www.yesterbooks.com>.

(5) The Auglaize original is actually bound into *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia* for Wayne County at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. It appears that this volume may be the result of binding together portions of two county editions without realizing that they were different editions, given a disjunction of page numbers in the middle of the volume. Call 973.03 fh259, title as given above.

(6) *Papers pertaining to the military history of Crawford County, Ohio, Incl. Hardesty's 1885 Roll of honor.* Prepared by Stephen P. Urwin. Call 977.1 Crawford ML197p. 20 pp.

(7) *Roll of Honor of Ohio's Rank and File from Crawford, Darke, and Huron Counties in the Civil War.* Curt Dalton. Dayton OH: Curt Dalton, (1994?).

(8) *Military Records, Crawford County Ohio.* Galion OH: The Crawford County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 2003.

(9) *Delaware County names index from the Military History of Ohio: 1886, soldiers edition, Delaware County, H. H. Hardesty, publisher.* Paul Clay, George R. Cryder, Sharlene Jackson Shoaf. Delaware OH: Delaware City Chapter, DAR; Delaware County Genealogical Society; Delaware County Historical Society, c1992.

(10) *A Military History of Huron County, Ohio (Civil War).* Indexed by Larry H. Ommert. Norwalk, OH: Huron County Chapter, OGS, 1989.

(11) Two entries for Oberlin College each have two counties identified in the listing, and are partially incorrect. Helen Black, Oberlin Reference Librarian, checked this and reported to OCWGJ that one volume includes the Knox County record (Call 977.1 St47K), and the other volume includes the Lorain County record (Call 977.1 St47M). She has referred these to the catalogue department for review.

(12) *Roll of Honor of Ohio's Rank and File from Lorain, Montgomery, and Wyandot Counties in the Civil War*. Curt Dalton. Dayton OH: Curt Dalton, (1994?).

(13) *Veteran Soldiers of Montgomery County, Ohio, 1862-1885*. Joanne Taylor Caffrey. Bellbrook OH: J. T. Caffrey, 1986, 2nd edition in 1999. This book is now available from the Montgomery County Chapter, OGS. The contents of Hardesty's Montgomery County edition, pp. 303-320 are reprinted in Section F of this book. The book is widely available in libraries, with 16 holding the first edition and 11 holding the second edition, per WorldCat FirstSearch.

(14) *Richland County, Ohio Civil War Veterans Extracted from Hardesty's Historical & Genealogical Encyclopedia*. Indexed by Rita Bone Kopp. Mansfield OH: The Richland County Chapter, OGS, 1998.

(15) *Sandusky County, Ohio Civil War Soldiers*. Richard L. Manion and Nan Card. Fremont OH: Sandusky County Kin Hunters, 1992. This publication is now available from the Sandusky County Kin Hunters, Chapter of OGS. One source for this book is *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia Illustrated: Sandusky County Ohio*. New York, Richmond, and Toledo: H. H. Hardesty and Co., 1885.

(16) *Stark County, Ohio Civil War Veterans: A History of Those Who Served*. LTC (Retired) Cyrene Ellen Margolis. Knoxville TN: Tennessee Valley Publishing, 2002. Two volumes.

(17) *Roll of honor of Ohio's rank and file from Williams County in the war of the rebellion*. 1994(?). OCM32733987.

(18) *Wood County's Role in the Civil War*. Bowling Green OH: Wood County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1997-1998. Two volumes. The Hardesty extract is on pp. 1-126 of volume I, from *Military Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia*, Toledo: Transcontinental Publishing Co., 1885, pp. 455-513.

(19) *Ohio's rank and file from Wyandot County, Ohio in the War of the Rebellion: also, the history of Ohio's regiments and Wyandot County G.A.R. Posts, Department of Ohio*. Upper Sandusky OH: Wyandot County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1988.

(20) Hancock County edition is cited in *OGS Report* 35:2:93-94 (1995) as existing on microfilm at BGSU Center for Archival Collections. CAC lists the microfilm as MMS1302. However, Tom Boltz reviewed this film in March 2009, and found only the title page of the Hardesty Encyclopedia with no additional pages.