

There were two men by the name of David White in early nineteenth-century Ohio Township. One, the forebear of the prominent Clermont County funeral director T.P. White, came from New Jersey to Clermont County. The other, David White Sr. (ca. 1777-1851), came to southwest Ohio from Pennsylvania around the year 1796. His place of origin and parents are unknown, southwest Pennsylvania is likely.

This David White was a Justice of the Peace for Ohio Township; his name can be found on many early Clermont County marriage records. The 1880 Everts history of Clermont County notes of him, in its biography of his son David White, Jr., that "He [i.e., David Sr.] served as justice of the peace of Ohio township from 1815 to 1838, and finally declined any further re-elections. His magistrate's commissions, signed by Governors Thomas Worthington, Ethan Allen Brown, Allen Trimble, Jeremiah Morrow, Duncan McArthur, and Robert Lucas, are still preserved as heirlooms by his son David" (p. 428).

The commissions mentioned in the Everts history are currently owned by a direct descendant of David White, Jr. He has given his permission to place scans of the commissions on the Clermont County GenWeb site.

Submitted by:

[G. S. White](#)

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OHIO.
THOMAS WORTHINGTON, Governor and Commander in Chief of the STATE of OHIO

To all who shall see these presents, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That I having been duly certified of the election of *David White* Esq. to the office of Justice of the Peace, for the township of *Ohio* in the county of *Clumont* and state aforesaid, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of the said state, commission him the said *David White* Esq. as Justice of the Peace for said township, hereby authorising and empowering him to execute and discharge all and singular the duties appertaining to said office, and to enjoy all the privileges and immunities thereof, for and during the term of three years from the date hereof, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name, and caused the GREAT SEAL of the state of OHIO to be affixed at CHILLICOTHE, the *twenty first* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and in the thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By his Excellency's command,

J. M. Stone

SECRETARY OF STATE.

T. Worthington

In the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio.

THOMAS WORTHINGTON, GOVERNOR & COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

To all who shall see these Presents, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That *David White* Esq. having been duly elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the township of *Ohio* in the county of *Summit* and state aforesaid: Therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of the said state, I do commission him the said *David White* Esq. as a Justice of the Peace for said township, hereby authorising and empowering him to execute and discharge all and singular the duties appertaining to said office, and to enjoy all the privileges and immunities thereof, for and during the term of three years from the date hereof, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus the *fourth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *Eighteen* and in the *fortysixth* year of the Independence of the United States of America.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

W. W. Wood SECRETARY of STATE.

Thomas Worthington

In the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio.

THOMAS WORTHINGTON, GOVERNOR & COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus the *fourth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *Eighteen* and in the *fortysixth* year of the Independence of the United States of America.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

W. B. Lewis SECRETARY of STATE.

Thomas Worthington