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The DeLong family was one of the early settlers in Colerain Township. The original Peter DeLong migrated from Alasace - Lorraine, France in the early 1780s to Pennsylvania, and made his home in Berke County, Pa. He spoke High German. Members of the family fought in the American Revolutionary War. Then by 1803-1815 members of the DeLong's migrated to Ross, Pickaway and Fairfield Counties of Ohio. The descendants of John Henry DeLong, who drowned in the Schuylkill River, migrated to Ohio. His five children, 4 sons and 1 daughter, came to Ohio. They were Andrew, Jacob, John Henry, George and Lydia. They settled near Adelphi, Ohio. Later, Jacob, George and Lydia all migrated to Allen County. Jacob and John Henry served in the Ohio division of the War of 1812. Andrew was buried at Stumpf graveyard, and his tombstone still is there. John Henry, born 1789, my great-grandfather, who settled on Bull Creek Road, died there 1863 and was buried in the original Adelphi Cemetery. John Henry was married to Mary Mauer or Mowery. To this union 8 children were born, my grandfather, Jacob DeLong, born 1829, married Susan Cox, and to their union were born, Mary, St. Clair, Hester, Albert, Elias, William, Nelson, Susan Alice and Bertha. My father, Elias DeLong married Minnie Boecher, 1886, and to this union were born 7 children, Cleo, Earl, Amy, Eva, Herman and Thurman and Alice. Alice is the only one living. All of these children remained in or near Ross County. This DeLong family, with the families of Bowsher, Mowery and Reichelderfer were intermarried to some respect and formed the famous "Big Four" Reunion in the early 1900s. One year the reunion would be held in Ross Co., near Stumpf's Church and the next year in Allen County. As the older descendants passed on, the younger ones dropped this reunion, around 1928. Today the descendants of Jacob and Susan DeLong hold a reunion annually at the Kingston Village Park. Source: Alice DeLong

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