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Janel,

Here is what I have located about the Salt family. Perhaps it will be interesting to you:

"Edward Salt probably came from the West Riding of Yorkshire, near Bradford (or Saltaire?), England. Family tradition has it that the origin of the name Salt came from the fact that the family were seamen and shipowners. The story is that Edward Salt married an Irish lady, and in consequence his father disinherited him. He came to America about the middle of the 18th century, settling in Virginia, possibly Berkeley County (this county is now part of West Virginia).

"Edward /he was a veteran of the Revolution / and his family left Virginia, where his five children were born, and came to Crab Orchard or Paris, Kentucky, in 1790. From there they moved to Ohio to a place later called Rural at the mouth of Bullskin Creek.

"There is a tradition that a man by the name of Logston was the first white settler in Franklin Township and kept a ferry at the mouth of Bullskin as early as 1795. This is disputed by some historians who say Logston lived in another place and only crossed the Ohio River to hunt. He built a cabin here but never considered himself other than a Kentuckian.

"Edward Salt settled at Bullskin and built the first cabin recorded for permanent residence in the township about 1796. He kept a ferry there and died about 1812 or 1813.

"John Salt, 1783-1859, was born in Virginia, as were his brother, Edward, and sisters, Innocent, Nellie and Betsey. John became a schoolteacher in Kentucky, and there met Miss Nancy Donovan, 1789-1845, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Donovan. Nancy was born in Havre de Grace, Md., and her family moved to Bracken County, Kentucky, 1792. She and John were married in 1809. After periods

of residence in Washington (Twp?) and Kentucky, John and his brother Edward purchased a tract of about 3,000 acres in Tate and Washington Townships, Clermont County, on the headwaters of Indian Creek, where he moved in 1826 and where he resided until his death on October 9, 1859. He became an extensive trader on the Ohio River, loading his flatboats at Point Pleasant, Ohio, and made in all 52 trips to New Orleans, returning on foot 13 times--coming through perilous Indian country with the proceeds of his voyages.

"John Salt was active in other business enterprises and amassed considerable wealth. He was an excellent citizen, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. His second wife was Nancy Clarke, 1787-1857. The children of John and Nancy Donovan Salt were: Lorenzo Dow, Edward (Wilshire or Wiltshire or Wilcher), Francis Marion, Daniel, Christiana and Minerva. / M. Ann Justice / "

There is more to this untitled, unauthored geneology which probably belongs to Ruhama Fagley. *However, the rest is only names & dates:*

The following, however, comes from History of Clermont Co. Ohio with Illustrations (1880):

"In the southwestern corner of Tate is a small hamlet called SALTAIR, so named from the Salt family, which owns much real property in this part of the township. The post-office was established in 1878, with William Page as postmaster, who yet continues, and is also the proprietor of the store. The first to engage in the sale of goods here was John Ely, some time about 1859."

It's interesting to see names pop up again and again in various parts of the county. Pages, for instance, were very affluent people around the Felicity/Bethel area--bank directors, deans, that sort of thing. We bought our house from the two remaining Page sisters, both about 90 now, and residing in Oxford. The other name, Ely, is more connected with Bantam. Benjamin Ely had a store there and was postmaster in 1837. Margene Pride was a Bantam Ely and, of course, married Blair Pride--Blair being an old Bethel name. Blair's brother, Denham, was obviously named for Obed.

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This is all I could locate this evening. Thank you for the grand tour--
you have a lovely place there. The place I envy you--the work, I don't! Have
fun,

Peggy Ross