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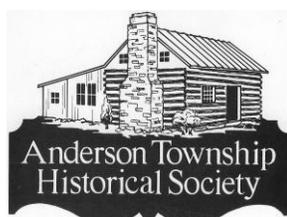
Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

In memory of **Connie Whitaker**, whose last act as Program Chair was to suggest we honor Mr. Lincoln in February, **Mr. Stan Wernz** will delight our members with his portrayal of **Abraham Lincoln**. He will cover the years Abe struggled as a store keeper, post master, surveyor, etc. before finding his niche in the law and public service, serving eight years in the Illinois legislature before he became one of the greatest Presidents of the United States. Mr. Wernz was a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools for many years when he developed a second career as "Abe" due to his carriage, attitude and look-alike features. He became the 100th Abe in the Association of Lincoln Presenters in 1997 and won the Association's Lincoln Legend Award in 2008.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Annual Dinner

47th Anniversary Annual Dinner Meeting Our yearly banquet meeting includes the election and installation of ATHS Officers and Trustees. The "**History of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens**" will be the exciting program. After we finish dessert, we will welcome our speaker for the evening: Cincinnati Zoo volunteer, **Fouad Ezra**, a friend from **Lucy Moore's** volunteer days. Mr. Ezra will present an informative tale of how the zoo was founded in 1875 and grew into one of the finest zoos in the nation. Find out things you never knew about our landmark zoo, like why starlings and sparrows are now abundant in the Cincinnati area although they are not indigenous. Please do plan to be a part of this important and fun evening.



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise

noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited.

The **March 4, 2015 Annual Dinner** will be at the **Receptions Banquet Center** at 4459 Eastgate South Drive. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. ATHS booklets will be for sale, and there will be photos and other items on display. The cost of \$20 per person includes a buffet dinner of Chicken Monterey or pork roast, potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert and beverages. Bring your family and friends. If you need more information, call Bev Robinson (231-3789).

Please send the enclosed reservation form and your check payable to ATHS to William Dreyer, 8564 Eagleswalk Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45255 by the reservation cut-off **February 26, 2015**.

Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

"**The Powel Crosley Story.**" Barbara Jennings from the Cincinnati Museum Center Speakers Bureau will highlight the career of Powel Crosley Jr., who built radios for the masses, not the classes, and soon was known as the "Henry Ford of Radio."

Crosley was a pioneer in radio broadcasting, but so much more. Come hear of the many innovative products he produced and particularly the one used to help win World War II. Did you know he built airplanes and a hair restorer machine? Learn about his hardworking and very talented brother Lewis. Powel would get an idea and Lewis would make it work. Their partnership made the name Crosley well known and profitable when many other companies failed.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the monthly programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

See ATHS on the web:

www.AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org

2015-2016 Dues DUE on May 1, 2015

ATHS annual dues for the coming year are due on May 1, 2015. Please send along your dues payment and stay up-to-date.

Send your check to ATHS, "Membership," P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The membership rates are:

Single	\$ 10.00
Couple	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00

Thank you!

Annual Fund gifts from ATHS members are most welcomed, needed and appreciated.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The Nominating Committee (Don Perry, Lyn Scheper and Diane Schneider) will present the following slate of Officers and Trustees at the March 4, 2015 Annual Dinner Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Slate is as follows:

President	Don Perry
Vice President	Kenny Burke
Treasurer	Robert King
Secretary	Linda Magee
Trustee (3 yr term)	Ann King
Trustee (3 yr term)	Charles Wallace
Trustee (2 yr term) *	Sue Wettstein

* Sue Wettstein is nominated to fill the two years of Trustee Bob King's unexpired term.

Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect Aluminum cans. Bring your cans to the monthly meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up.

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at athslighthouse@yahoo.com.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.
– Janet Heywood, Editor

PLAN AHEAD AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

You'll want to tap your toes and clap your hands as we are entertained by the singing duo **The Sweet and Lows**. We'll enjoy a mix of patriotic songs honoring Memorial Day and a few tunes for "Mom" just before Mother's Day. These highly-recommended ladies sing cappella beautifully.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new member who joined recently:

Grace DeFosse

Adopt a Roadway 2015

The Historical Society again joins forces with Anderson Township in participating in "Adopt a Highway" program. We are helping to keep roads and other areas litter free. This is the fourth year for the Society to participate in this program.

We are responsible for keeping clean both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road down to Clough Pike and along Clough in front of the Log House to Royalgreen. The Township supplies gloves, bags, vests and T shirts, and pickup tools for our use. The bags of trash are left at the road side and the Township will pick them up. The Township will provide liability release forms for each participant. Recognition appears on the Township website, in publications of the Township and also on a new sign on Clough Pike near the Log House.



Please plan to support this worthwhile project and put on your calendar the following tentative dates: Saturday April 18, 2015, Saturday July 18, 2015, Saturday October 17, 2015, and Saturday January 23, 2016 - these are mornings when we will be out cleaning our adopted roads. Hope to see a lot of our members out on those days. The more we have working the easier it will be for all. - *William Dreyer*

President's Message - New Beginnings

As my third year as President of ATHS draws to a close, I want to welcome **Don Perry** as our new President. **Don** has been very supportive and proactive in the Society, always volunteering to help wherever you turn. Thanks, **Don**; your "can do" attitude has made my job a whole lot easier.

Special recognition goes to **Sue Wettstein** for her years of service as Treasurer. She picked up the reins her father had held, just as he picked up the reins from Bob Radcliffe. ATHS has had very few treasurers due to the dedication of the people who take the office. It's possibly the most work intensive job in the Society. **Sue** is stepping into **Bob King's** unexpired Trustee term, while **Bob** is putting his banking experience to use as Treasurer.

Kudos to **Lou Trent** for his work as the Chair of the Property Committee, caring for ATHS's buildings and landscapes. His committee has inventoried, recruited and completed many long-needed repairs.

Correction: A public apology goes to **Mary Bailey**, whose name appeared as Baird not Bailey in the last *Surveyor* when I was thanking her for her devotion and repeated hard work chairing the Country Store Barn Sale. We laughed and hugged a few days after my "typo" appeared.

Program Committee Opening - Sadly, we recently lost our dear, sweet **Connie Whitaker**, who devotedly expressed her willingness to carry on as Program Chair until the very end. It will take a "committee" to fill her shoes. Currently, **Lucy Moore** and I have taken on the challenge; but we need more help. Any member who has any contacts, ideas, or first-hand experience with programs/speakers from other groups or venues, please contact us. Hopefully several of our members will be eager to join forces to find delightful, informative programs worthy of Connie's legacy. We would be delighted to hear from you. There are currently only four program slots still open in 2015.

Sunshine Chair - **Mae Donovan** has held this job for many, many years. She is still devoted to the Society but is unable to get out and about due to health issues. **Carol Motz (231-6567)** has agreed to be the contact with members who are ill or suffer a loss. Carol will send an appropriate card from ATHS. If anyone has get well, sympathy or thinking-of-you cards you want to donate to help stockpile the Society, drop them off at a meeting, at the brick house or at Carol's & have a bit of a chat.

Thanks to all Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs and Members who have supported my tenure.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to member **Bev Robinson** and her family on the loss of her husband ATHS member **Al Robinson** on October 23, 2014, at age 88.



The Robinsons have been loyal members of ATHS since the early days of the 1970s. Al served as Trustee in 2008-2014 and Country Store co-chair and as member and chair of the Finance Committee. For many years he was always the one to shepherd the details of the needed care of the Log House from the fire extinguisher inspections and insect checks to making sure the chimney, windows, downspouts and electrical systems were all in good

repair. Al also volunteered as a frequent guide at the Log House Open Houses and as a docent at the History Room.

Al Robinson, September 28, 2008. Photo by Charles Wallace.

We are also saddened to report that long-time member and activist **Connie Whitaker** died on January 5, 2015 at age 77. Connie served as the ATHS Program Chair for many years in the 1980s - 1990s and for many years in recent times. She really enjoyed working on the Country Store over the years starting back in the mid-1980s. She also served as Trustee in 2011-14 and as a guide at Log House Open Houses and a docent at the History Room.



Connie Whitaker, June 5, 2011, speaking at the unveiling of the Ohio Historical Marker. Photo by Charles Wallace.

Log House - 2014 Season Summary

It was another busy year for the Log House tour guides. Approximately 585 people visited our Log House, gardens, barn and, of course, the outhouse. Our property continued to be a popular destination. This year's attendance:

Three student groups	= 157 visitors
Six Cub Scout troops	= 96 visitors
Guests at Open Houses	= 297 visitors
Visitors on other tours	= 35 visitors
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Total attendance	= 585 visitors

Looking Ahead to the 2015 Season of Tours

With plans underway for a refreshed third room/kitchen in the Log House and a new farm display in the Annex building ("the summer kitchen") the need for volunteers will increase for the 2015 season.

An expanded docent manual as well as training sessions are planned. Your knowledge, expertise and willingness to share your love of all things historical will be needed for the 2015 season of tours. Open Houses will be scheduled for the first and third Sunday afternoons in June through October.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



Sunday, October 19 was the final Open House of the 2014 Season. Volunteers (l to r) Ann King, Lou Trent, Lucy Smalley Moore, Sonia Shively and Lyn Scheper welcomed visitors for refreshments. At this October Open House ATHS celebrated the completion of the Clough Pike sidewalk project. The planning for this project started many years ago and construction on the project disrupted travel and traffic on Clough Pike from March till October in 2014. "Hurrah! The project is done." Photo supplied by Lucy Moore.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

We tend to think that the current government and politicians have gone-to-pot, but listen to voices of the past:

"Politics consist of choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable." - John Kenneth Galbraith

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river." - Nikita Khrushchev

"No more good must be attempted than the public can bear." - Thomas Jefferson

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

In the early 1400s, English farmers began growing a plant with two names. When it was a young plant with loosely packed leaves, it was known as colewort. When it matured and formed a tight head, it was called cabbage.

People liked cabbage and made a variety of tasty dishes using it. It was, therefore, not unusual for them to go to the market and ask to purchase the vegetable, often before it had matured and was ready to sell. Farmers would tell buyers that they would have to be patient and wait until the plant had "come to a head" before they could buy it. Over the years, the term "come to a head" became synonymous with things maturing or coming to an issue. Thus the term passed from the garden into general use.

- Lou Trent

Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Support ATHS!

If you're a Kroger shopper, there's no easier way to support the Society than registering for the Community Rewards Program and using your Kroger Plus Card. Once you have enrolled online, you will benefit us each time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus Card. ATHS received \$554.68 in 2014 from the Kroger Community Rewards Program thanks to members already registered.

If you have not registered, please do so and **remember that everyone has to renew each year in April** to continue in the program so we can continue to receive contributions from Kroger.

To register visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com Click Cincinnati Ohio and follow the step by step instructions. Enter agency number 80156 or Anderson Township Historical Society.

Thank you for supporting ATHS and spread the word to your families, neighbors and friends!

“History to Schools” Project 2015

The dates have been scheduled for the third “History to Schools” project. Second graders from each elementary school in the Forest Hills School District and third graders from IHM Elementary School visit the History Room at Anderson Center. Several volunteers will be needed to guide the students around the History Room, act as our “one-room” school teachers or serve as the time keeper. Please check your calendars to see if you can help share the history of Anderson Township with these young students. The planned dates are:

Tuesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 30
Friday, May 1 and Monday, May 4
Friday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 13
And Friday, May 15.



Diane Schneider, ATHS Projects Chair, will be recruiting volunteers. Please call Diane at 513-232-6552 to volunteer; she'd love to hear from you.

- Diane Schneider,
Projects Chair

Diane Schneider and Don Perry at the “History to Schools” Days in 2014. Photo by Kathy Hoelsher.

New Sidewalk on Bartels Road Completed



View south on Bartels Road, showing the completed sidewalk, the new retaining wall, landscaping and metal rail fence in front of the ATHS property. Construction started in the spring of 2014 and the fence was installed in late December. January 13, 2015. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Visit the History Room This Winter

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room.

Enjoy the new photo exhibit highlighting “Old School Days in Anderson Township.”



History Room, January 13, 2015.



Anderson Township District School No. 6, Sweetwine school (also known as Villette school) on New Richmond Turnpike (today's Kellogg). Built in 1876. Photo about 1895. Notice the 44-star flags. The 44-star flag was adopted in July 1891 and in use till 1896.

ATHS Farming Display Planning Underway

Anderson Township was an agricultural community from its founding in 1793 until after the Second World War. Well into the 1950s, small truck farmers, working ten to fifty acres, raised vegetables for sale at roadside stands, farmer's markets and for wholesale sellers in the Cincinnati area.



Much of this heritage has been lost and the farm barns have been torched or torn down to make room for houses.

ATHS has in its collection a significant representation of 1800s and 1900s farm implements. In addition, we have a fair assortment of hand tools for carpentry and general woodworking. We have these tucked away and stored in cases, basements, barns, and lofts. Unfortunately, visitors to the Log House cannot view these items from our Township's heritage due to lack of viewing space. We state that our mission includes preserving the history of Anderson Township and assisting in educational outreach to the community. A well-organized farming display will go a long way toward achieving our mission without significant financial cost.

Several obstacles have hindered the display of these artifacts. First, we have not devoted an area to display them. The barn near the Log House is not secure and is not set up for the display of smaller items. Secondly, we need to locate and identify the uses of the tools we have. We are rapidly approaching the time when none of our members have any idea of what the tools are all about. We also need to develop internal educational materials to allow our docents to properly inform visitors of the significance of the tools.

These obstacles can be overcome with only minor investment in facilities and display cost. At the November 2014 ATHS members meeting, the group agreed to utilize the building behind the Log House for an "Anderson Farming Display".

We currently use this so-called "summer kitchen" two days a year for the Country Store! The rest of the time, it sits cold and lonely. This building is of good size, approximately 20' X 14", and is largely clear on the inside. The plan is to keep the stove, refrigerator and sink in place and utilize display boards to screen the appliances from view and provide handy display spaces for photographs.

Two four-section screens about 6' high will effectively hide these items on the north side of the building. The screens will be constructed of old re-sawn lumber left over from the removal of the Log House ceiling. This wood forms the frame of the screens. Plywood, ¼ inch thick, can be placed in grooves in the frames to provide surfaces to mount pictures. The plywood will be covered with a fabric that allows Velcro to be used to mount inexpensive laminated pictures and text. The pictures will include various Anderson Township barns, farming activities, produce trucks, photos of Leuser family hot beds, etc. Overall, the cost of the screens will be under \$200.

The existing two sets of shelves and small tables in the building can be moved to the barn area for storage. The south wall area can be used to display various tools. I can visualize moving the older breaking plow to the east end of the building. Harness and horse collars can be hung on the wall. Seeding implements and photos of planting tools would be next. Cultivators and hoes can fit on the west side. Finally, harvesting tools such as scythes, hay rakes, can be put in place.



Photos on this page are from the Clarence Wolfangel farm of Anderson Township, provided by Don Perry.



Collection of harness and other farming equipment in the ATHS barn in the 1970s. L to R: Wilbur Rees, Roland Lowery and Fred Heis.

Pictures showing the tools in use would be very helpful. Hanging them from the existing top boards will be simple. Descriptive labels and instruction for the use of the tools could also hang from this upper rail. Mounting tools and pictures in this manner would make it very easy to convert the building back to a kitchen for use during Country Store. The various cultivators and hand tools will need to be supported and/or attached to prevent injury or theft.

The existing center island in the building can easily be used to display a large assortment of hand tools. The tools could be displayed in either existing or new cases. The addition of a few locks would secure the collection against theft.

The relatively unknown nature of the items and the need for security will require a guide or docent stationed in the display during Log House Sunday Open Houses. Additional ATHS volunteers will be needed and good training materials must be developed. A well labeled group of displays, however, will lessen the need for training.



Edward Keel, who owned a farm on Eight Mile Road, taking some crops to market. Photo 1910.

The establishment of a farming display can be an inexpensive addition that greatly enhances our mission. For under \$1,000 (assuming purchasing some display cases) we can more fully utilize an existing structure. For this minor investment we can do a better job of educating the general public about the agricultural roots of Anderson Township and show off an exceptional collection of relevant items.

- Don Perry, Chair, Display Committee



Photo of the Log House in June 1920 when the Leuser family lived in the house and farmed their acreage along Clough Pike. The building to the left was a metal shed. After ATHS bought the property in 1971, the Society covered the metal sides of the shed with old boards from a dismantled barn, poured a concrete floor inside and installed a ceiling and interior walls in the building. ATHS called the building the Annex at first and then "summer kitchen" since it was fixed up as a kitchen for use at summer events and the fall Country Store. This "Annex" will house the new farming display and can continue to serve as the kitchen on the Country Store weekend.



Haying at the Collord farm on what is today's Barg Lane. Photo 1916.

Thanks to All Those Who Participated in the Fund Raiser at T.G.I. Friday's in November

ATHS held a fall fund raiser at T.G.I. FRIDAY'S on Thursday, November 13, 2014. Many thanks to Ann King for organizing the event and to the many members who participated by "dining out." We very much appreciate T.G.I. Friday's offering this opportunity to ATHS and for donating \$142.87 to ATHS (20% of the participating members' bills).

Member Meetings Snacks

Many thanks to the members who brought in the delicious holiday treats at our December meeting. If you are interested in bringing a sample of your favorite recipe to an upcoming meeting, please contact me at 231-4304. Thanks again, Sharon.

- Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

ATHS E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders for all the monthly meetings, send an e-mail to athslighthouse@yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS e-mail list.

Improving the Annex Building

Many thanks to Lou Trent, Ann King and Bob King for cleaning and painting the interior of the Annex building this September. Sharon and Don Perry removed the old sagging ceiling tiles and replaced them with new ones. The spiffy new interior was very much appreciated as we used the building for the kitchen at the September 27 and 28 Country Store this year.



These improvements help to make the historical building a good space for the new farming display now being planned and developed.

Photos: Lou Trent and Ann King hard at work in the Annex on September 16, 2014. Photos by Janet Heywood.

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
February 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 4	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 18	Road Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
May 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 16	PLANT SALE	9:00 a.m.
May 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 3	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.

To Preserve Apples -- Dry a glazed jar perfectly well, put a few pebbles in the bottom; fill the jar with apples, and cover it with a bit of wood made to fit exactly and over that, put a little fresh mortar. The pebbles attract the damp of the apples. The mortar draws the air from the jar, and leaves the apples free from its pressure, which, together with the principle of putrefaction which the air contains, are the causes of decay. Apples, kept thus, have been found quite sound, fair and juicy in July.

- From *The New England Farmer*, 1823



A few of the many jars in the ATHS collection.

Thanks for Your Service

Bill Dreyer, Kathy Hoelscher, Lucy Moore, Don & Sharon Perry, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, Lou Trent and Sue Wettstein for contributing to this issue.

Linda and George Scheper for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in November and December 2014 and January 2015: **Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Bev Robinson, and Lyn Scheper.**