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Anderson Township Historical Society
P.O. BOX 30174
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45230

Regular meeting held first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM
Presbyterian Church, 6474 Beechmont, unless otherwise noted

DATES TO REMEMBER — MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - The speaker will be a member of the Cincinnati Bicentennial Committee. The talk will be illustrated by a composite of slides showing the many plans for the celebration of Cincinnati's 200th Birthday, starting on January 1, 1988 and ending on December 31st, 1988. The program committee would appreciate hearing suggestions from you for future ATHS programs, so please come prepared to share your ideas.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - A choral group from Anderson Township High School, under the direction of Mr. Richard Wesp, will again usher in the Christmas Season for us. You will not want to miss seeing and hearing these talented young people. The program committee is also planning a Show and Tell and asks that you bring a favorite Christmas ornament, a toy - or anything pertaining to Christmas that has some special meaning for you. An anecdote about Christmas would be fun to hear.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th - 11 AM to 4 PM.

LOG HOUSE — CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE — LOG HOUSE

This Open House is a favorite and the perfect time and place to meet your friends and neighbors to wish them a Merry Christmas. With the logs burning in the fireplace, the tree trimmed with unique ornaments, ropes of pine framing the doors and windows makes our Log House a sight to behold. Delicious candies and cookies and very special handmade ornaments will be available for your buying pleasure. Bernice Dunham (231-7885) assisted by Tammy Dunham (474-4102) are in charge and will appreciate your donation of candy, cookies and handmade ornaments, but most of all, your visit to the Log House will be the most welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - Plans for this meeting will have to be announced. Note: If you have a question whether a meeting is postponed because of weather conditions (and this can happen during the winter months), please call Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church (231-2650) or President Landis (561-6222).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROJECTS: The Log House tours are a part of the Project Committee's responsibilities and JANE KING heads up this important job. For the month of November, Jane reports that TWENTY tours have been scheduled. There is no question that ATHS and Miller Leuser Log House is an important part of Anderson Township.

ACCESSIONS - ALNOLA STIMPERT

The Society recently received a unique gift from Jeanne Langdon and Ann Langdon Swanson of five early Shaker chairs that were used in the original Mt. Washington grade school. The chairs are fastened together with a wide board that covers the worn seats, giving the appearance of a bench. This could have been used as a recitation bench. (Ed's note: Is it possible that the school board, even in those days, lacked the money to repair the seats or to replace the chairs with a bench. Any other ideas as to why those chairs were fastened together with a board?)

A very old knapping hammer, a gift from Mildred Langdon, was presented to the Society by Ruth Walters, by way of Dorothy Agee. Ruth explained that the hand wrought, round head attached to a worn handle, was used for working leather.

A recent purchase from the Langdon Estate sale is a very old, four iron wheeled, single tongue cart, listed as a Dog Cart. The Accessions Committee sees this as a nostalgic addition and a decorative accession to go along with the sled and drum, especially at our Christmas Open House.

Al Wolfer gave the Society an Alaskan Indian meal grinding tool, made of stone. This is an interesting addition to the large collection of Indian artifacts.

A mounted collection of Indian bird points, scrapers and stone tools that were found on the Wolfangel farm by the late Clarence Wolfangel has been given to the Society by Mrs. M. Perry. The Accessions Committee is happy to share these gifts with you. Come see them on display in the meeting room.

RESEARCH - ROLAND LOWERY

The William's Hamilton County Directory, dated 1887, gives the location of Anderson Township and lists the localities within the Township, namely, Cluff, Cedar Point, Fruit Hill, Sweet Wine, Cherry Grove, Forestville, Mt. Washington, Newtown and California. The population, according to the census of 1880, was 4,154. The names of eleven individuals were listed as Township Officers and represented a broad spectrum of occupations. For instance, Matthew Crotty owned a hame (an item of harness) factory; Henry Hildebrandt was proprietor of the Forest House Hotel; John Lemon was "overseer of the poor"; Clinton Corbly was a farmer; Jacob Kuhn had a barber shop; David Garrett built houses; George Jones, a farmer; August Crance, a retired grape grower; Charles Durham, a laborer; Samuel Ellis, an engineer and Abe Jones, a carpenter.

Also listed in the Directory is Twelve Mile House, owned by Joseph Prudant; Maddus & Weil's blacksmith shop; Kuhn's general store; Sheldon's general store, Crance's Winery. Anyone have any information on any of the places listed? Research committee would like to hear from you. At the October meeting of ATHS, Mr. Dave Meeks, president of California Community Council gave a very informative talk on the efforts of the Council to revitalize that community. Most of the historical information on California came from ATHS Research Department. Mr. Meeks is begging for any pictures, articles, stories of California. Pass any information on to ATHS and it will be shared with California Community Council.

COUNTRY STORE - 1984

We have had another very successful event. Although the weather was uncooperative, once again, the members of ATHS found a way to overcome. A thank you to all who gave so much of your time and energy to the Country Store. We again proved that old adage - "working together gets the job done". Three cheers and a big hoorah for all the Committee Chairmen, Committee Members, Helpers, Buyers and Sellers. The raffle was very successful and the winners were:

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| Dinner for Eight at Log House | - | Elsie Springer |
| Wreath | - | Ginnie Motz |
| Jams & Jellies | - | Adelyn Shrimpton |

The financial picture for the Country Store is a very good one.

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| Total Receipts | $ 8,740.31 |
| Expenses | 1,777.53 |
| Profit | $ 6,962.78 |

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to chair this event.

NANCY J. RIMMER
Chairman

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THANK YOU

To Nancy Rimmer for chairing such a successful Country Store. We all appreciate your time and energy, given on behalf of Country Store.

To Jim King for planning a Super Mystery Trip to Natural Bridge State Park in Kentucky on September 28th. Excellent lunch, scenic ride, congenial companions - tells it all. What do you have in mind for the next one, Jim?

To Marj Frame who has worn many hats during the years, but this is the first time that I have seen her wear that of a stone mason. After removing the plantings at the back of the Log House (causing dampness) she helped lay the stones where the plants were removed.

To Roland Lowery, Willard Kuhlman, Bob Flaig, Cliff Reeder, Albert Shoop, Vic Frame, together, put a new gutter on the rear of the Log House, repaired the roof of the barn to help break the wind and provide security.

To All members who contributed articles to be sold in Cobweb Corner. Without your generosity there would have been no sale. Gratefully,

Marie Anderson, Marge & Ervin Groppenbecher.

To Everyone who took time to bake such great cookies for the Kid's Cookie Bar at Country Store. My request was met with a wonderful response which made the sale a big success.

Ruth Walters

To Connie Whitaker and Judith Johns for accepting the titles of Chairperson and Assistant of Programs for ATHS. They have some exciting ideas for programs for the coming year. Also, a thank you to Lloyd Everhard who has served as Program Chairperson for the past two years and has provided us with very interesting speakers and programs.

To Ervin Groppenbecher who did the beautiful lettering and art work on the large Country Store signs that were placed at each entrance to the parking lots and at the foot of Corbly and Clough.

Note: If you know of any member who is "performing" beyond the call of duty, please call the Editor so that recognition can be made under our "thank you" section.

NEWS BRIEFS:

Edwina Rees has completed her history of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, titled "Overview, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church". The Research Department of ATHS will have copies of the book for members to see. This is a fine addition to our library, especially when it is the work of one of our members.

Mention has been made before that Sherwood Forest Garden Club tends the garden on the west side of the Log House. At the Civic Beautification Awards Luncheon, Sherwood Forest Garden Club was awarded first place for the care of the Miller Leuser Log House garden. Mrs. Clara Berger who is the Tussie-Mussie Lady at Country Store, received the award which is sponsored by the Civic Garden Center, Federated Garden Clubs, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, The Cincinnati Enquirer. Sherwood Forest Garden Club should be very proud of the award as its members planned and designed our garden. All other clubs receiving awards had the help of professionals.

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NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Michael Rhein, 1129 Shangrila Dr., 45230 (231-2067)
Miss Irene Walters, 6355 Corbly Rd., #19, 45230 (232-3484)
Mr. John Kirchgassner, 631 Fern Crt., 45244 (528-4504)
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen MacConnell, 7486 Wallingford Dr., 45244 (232-3985)
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Schricker, 2055 Sutton Ave., Apt. 3, 45230 (231-7775)
Mrs. Ronald W. Bircher, 5658 Wayside Ave., 45230 (231-0493)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Mrs. Louis H. Meier, 1839 Beacon St., #510, 45230 (231-9229)
Mrs. Dorothy Koenig, #6 Deliquia Pl., Apt. 11, 45230 (231-9282)
Mrs. Irene Klausing, 4126 Northgate Dr., Apt. DD-5, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741
Mrs. Kathryn Garvey, 405 S. Highlander Way #14, Howell, Mich. 48843

COUNTRY STORE DEPARTMENTS

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| STITCHERY | $ 1,024.51 | HERBS | $ 657.56 |
| KITCHEN | 391.74 | COOKIES | 105.60 |
| COBWEB CORNER | 664.80 | WOODWORKING | 258.80 |
| CHILDREN'S | 38.38 | BOOKLETS, ETC. | 315.30 |
| BAKERY | 983.94 | FARMERS MARKET | 310.24 |
| DRIED MATERIALS | 682.48 | RAFFLE | 485.50 |
| CHEESE | 168.07 | POPCORN | 94.35 |
| STUFFED TOYS | 897.15 | DRINKS | 86.75 |

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