

# SURVEYOR

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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, FEBRUARY 6th - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - Speaker will be Mr. RANDY HIMES who has been building miniatures for the past twelve years and recently displayed rooms at the Taft Museum. Mr. Himes will speak on the history of miniatures and touch on an explanation of their popularity today.

In recognition of Valentine Day, during the refreshment time, BETTY WETTSTEIN will display her collection of antique valentines and will happily answer any and all questions about her collection.

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## ANNUAL DINNER AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th

6:15 P.M.

PROGRAM: The Show Choir from Turpin High School, under the direction of Mr. Chester Imhausen, will present tunes from the 1920's, 1930's - 1940's, just our style. This program is replacing a skit, planned by "ATHS Players" who had to postpone the production because of time running out. But, never fear, before the end of 1985, the Players will have the show on the road.

For your eating pleasure, Ruth Clark is planning a delightful, delicious dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$4.75, payable at the door; however, please reimburse the Treasurer, if for some reason you cannot attend and fail to cancel your reservation.

It is important to make your reservation by MARCH 2nd. Call IRMA ELDER, 231 7269 or JEAN EVERHARD, 561 1774. CANCELLATION must be made by MARCH 4th by calling either of the above.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - LLOYD OSTENDORF - Topic - Abe Lincoln, Riverman. More details in next Surveyor.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th - Looking ahead, members of the ATHS will be taking a chartered bus for a day trip to Louisville, Kentucky. JIM KING will have more information in the next Surveyor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st - ATHS MONTHLY MEETING - STEVE HILL - TOPIC - History of Coney Island. More details in next Surveyor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCESSIONS: ALNOLA STIMPERT - The following was received -

"I, CAROLYN JACOBUS BRUSH BANKS, HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY GIVE, DONATE, BESTOW AND SET OVER TO THE ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

ONE RED AND WHITE QUILT, SEWN AND PUT TOGETHER BY EMILY FERDON JACOBUS, WIFE OF JOHN WESLEY JACOBUS, A PERSONAL FRIEND OF:

U. S. GRANT, 18th PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.

J. A. GARFIELD, 20th PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.

C. A. ARTHUR, 21st PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.

A. B. CORNELL, BROTHER OF FOUNDER OF CORNELL UNIV. EZRA CORNELL.

Each of these men's signatures are written in the center square of this quilt and it was given to me by my great grand parents.

Signed - CAROLYN JACOBUS BRUSH BANKS"

Note: Carolyn Banks has been a resident of this area for some years and wishes ATHS to have this in gratitude for many pleasant memories as she moves to South Carolina. This is a handsome piece of handwork and hopefully this quilt and many others owned by ATHS can be on display at some future time.

RESEARCH: ROLAND LOWERY - The following are items added to our historic information files -

About thirty clippings of people, places and happenings in Anderson Township were presented by AL WOLFER. These were from his mother's scrapbook collection.

Loaned by MARIE HAHN for copying, a photo of her grandparents old home in California. Another loan, for copying, a photo 6½ x 32 inches of about 150 people attending a 1937 picnic of the Anderson Democratic Club at Saffin's Beechnut Grove at Cedar Point. Loaned by MRS. MARILYN SEFTON. Clippings of several of Steve Smalley's stories that appeared in the Forest Hills Journal. These also are for copying to add to our incomplete file of the series. Furnished by ROSE KRON.

The Research Committee appreciates the thoughtfulness and generosity of these people and hope that others will come up with similar material.

Three illustrated slide talks were given recently by Roland Lowery using slides from ATHS files. Cub Scout Pack 246 at Ayer School and the Eastern Hills Exchange Club were shown some of the past/present slides of the Township. The Mt. Washington "Presbyteers" reviewed the "life" of our two traction lines, CG&P and the IR&T.

PROJECTS: The tour guides were kept busy during the months of October and November when about 385 young people from nursery school to high school age and 91 adults, visited the Log House. Our Christmas Open House attracted approximately 90 visitors; however, only a third of that number were members of ATHS. The remaining 400 members were sorely missed. The Log House is never lovelier than at Christmas and it is regrettable that more members did not enjoy it.

A NEW FEATURE

QUESTION BOX

THE QUESTION?

How did Beechmont Avenue get its name?

THE ANSWER - In the early 1800's, Richard and Ida (Turpin) McComas built a home on

a hill overlooking the Union Levee, in a grove of beech trees and named their estate "Beechmont". When the Cincinnati and West Union Turnpike became a public road the name seemed appropriate.

If you have a question about Mt. Washington or Anderson Township history, call the Editor or Roland Lowery and the Research Committee will try to find the answer which will be printed in the next Surveyor.

#### THANK YOU

"Dear Ladies, Thank you for a wonderful dinner and a most interesting experience. The Log House is really a trip into the past. It was a delight."

The note was in appreciation for the Log House dinner for 8 that was the first prize in the Country Store Raffle. On November 11th, Elsie Springer, winner, invited seven friends to share the dinner. Alnola Stimpert acted as owner/hostess of the Log House and delighted guests with old-time hospitality, so much so that they all returned for a second visit to the Christmas Open House. The cooks and servers who deserve much of the credit for this "delight" were Elizabeth Kuhlman, Marj Frame, Ruth Smith, Nancy Rimmer and Edith Howard, Chairperson.

BERNICE DUNHAM AND TAMMY DUNHAM for chairing the Christmas Open House. \$561.51 was realized from the sale and Bernice wishes to thank all who helped with the arrangements, donation of cookies, candy, ornaments and refreshments for the enjoyment of all who visited the Log House.

KATHY DURCKMAN'S Cadet Girl Scout troop who helped the Accessions Committee put the Log House "to sleep" for the winter and will help, in March, with the "wake up". The girls are working for a badge which requires community service with an historic aspect.

#### INFORMATION WANTED

The Joseph Martin House, located on Church St., Newtown, was slated to be torn down until Mr. Lawrence Finn, AHS member, purchased the house and had it moved to School Street in Newtown. Mr. Finn is restoring the house, built in early 1800 and it is now on the National Register of Historic Places. In trying to follow each detail in restoring the house, he is asking if any member remembers a widow walk, lookout or any kind of a fence on the roof. If you have a picture showing the structure or could draw a picture as you remember it, please call Mr. Finn at 321 5218 or the Editor.

#### HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

#### DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

A new Membership List is being brought up to date and we would appreciate receiving any changes. Please contact Ruth Walters, 231 9150, as soon as possible as we hope to have the new directory ready for the printer soon.

WELCOME New Member: Mrs. Eugene Schrand (Eileen), 6245 Dawes Lane, 45230.  
Telephone: 231 1632.

LOOKING AHEAD - The month of May is designated as National Preservation Month and each Historical Society (large and small) is asked to recognize it in

some way. Until last year, ATHS has always had a plant sale which seemed fitting, as the Leusers sold plants to the Mt. Washington and Anderson Township community. Wasn't that an excellent way to preserve a memory of that plot of ground on Clough P? Wouldn't it be fine if we could do this again in May in recognition of Preservation Month? We can if members would start some seedlings right now, and if gardeners would think about which plants in their gardens need dividing, but most important, if some member would volunteer to be in charge. We can assure plenty of help, but that one person is needed to pull it together. Think about it and volunteer at the February meeting.

LOOKING BACK - In reading over the Surveyor for this past year, it would seem that the year 1984 has been a good one. Our membership has remained steady, the monthly meetings, with interesting programs, have been well attended, successful Country Store and Christmas Open House - just to name a few: however, there are very few years without sadness. Our President elect for 1984, Mel Landis, has been unable to serve since October because of ill health and is uncertain if he can attend any meetings for the balance of his term in office. Good wishes and prayers for his complete recovery should be in the minds of all of us.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Clarence Wolfangel - March, 1984	Mr. Russell Pangburn -Sept. 1984
Mrs. Daisy Sticksel - April, 1984	Mrs. Helen Buchanan -Oct. 1984
Mrs. Norma Gomien - July, 1984	Mr. Jasper Wiley -Nov. 1984
Mr. Harold Ulrich - July, 1984	Mrs. Sylvia Mette -Dec. 1984
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