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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

MONTHLY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., October 5, 7:30 p.m.

Alma Smith of the Clermont County Historical Society will talk on the Anderson Road, which stretched from Chillicothe to Cincinnati and was the first state-financed road in Ohio.

Wed., November 2, 7:30 p.m.

Bill Walker, naturalist and historic interpreter at the Spring School House in Shawnee Lookout Park, will speak on early education in the Northwest Territory. Mr. Walker will appear in costume and is very well informed on the subject of the 3 R's in early Ohio.

Wed., December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Reggie Wilburn, who delighted many people with his Revolutionary War persona at Country Store last year, will appear at our December meeting. In honor of our city's bicentennial celebration he will entertain us with his account of what life would have been like for a soldier in an early settlement community like Fort Washington. Our colonial Christmas celebration will include a yummy desert.

YOUR EFFORTS KEEP THE LATCH STRING OUT

Many thanks to all the wonderful people who donated their time, efforts and treasured collections for the Sunday open houses at the Log House this past summer. The cabin looked wonderful and drew many residents of Anderson Township (and elsewhere) to our door. Thanks to you, the latch strong was out every Sunday.

335 YEAR OLD TREE RAISES CONTROVERSY

A 335 year old chestnut oak tree, which is perched majestically on the edge of Eversole Road between Salem and Sutton, has caused controversy in the community. The tree was slated for removal to allow for access to a 42 acre subdivision in the area. Local protests have probably saved the tree, but a lovely old home may be sacrificed instead. The tree is reported to be the second oldest tree of its kind in the state and one of the last of the "forest primeval" that covered Ohio before it was opened to white settlers.

ATHS Board of Directors wrote to the Hamilton County engineering office regarding "the utmost urgency in saving as many historically significant landmarks as possible. The Society is dedicated to the preservation of the past as exemplified by our ownership of the Miller-Leuser Log Cabin built in 1796. The Eversole Road tree makes our historical landmark look young in comparison, since it is 143 years older than one of the oldest dwellings in the township. Certainly, its fate deserves your full attention and cooperation. We look forward to the continued enjoyment of the Eversole Road tree for many years to come."

EDITORS NOTE: I recently drove by this ancient monument. I doubt if three adults could hold hands and reach around it's girth. I was reminded of Conrad Richter's "The Trees"--an interesting story of a young "woodsy" and her life in an early Ohio settlement, struggling to get the "big butts" out of the ground to farm. This is part one of a trilogy called "The Awakening Land" and very good reading. It was also a mini series with Elizabeth Montgomery and Hal Holbrook many years ago. I wish it would be repeated.

COUNTRY STORE ON SEPTEMBER 24 & 25 NEEDS OUR SUPPORT TO BE SUCCESSFUL

ATHS annual Country Store is schedule for Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m, and Sunday, September 25, noon - 5 p.m.

All the traditional favorites are planned, including beautiful stitchery, dolls and toys and dried floral arrangements. Also included in the festivities are the children's corner, farmer's market, cobweb corner, woodworking, cheese and herbs.

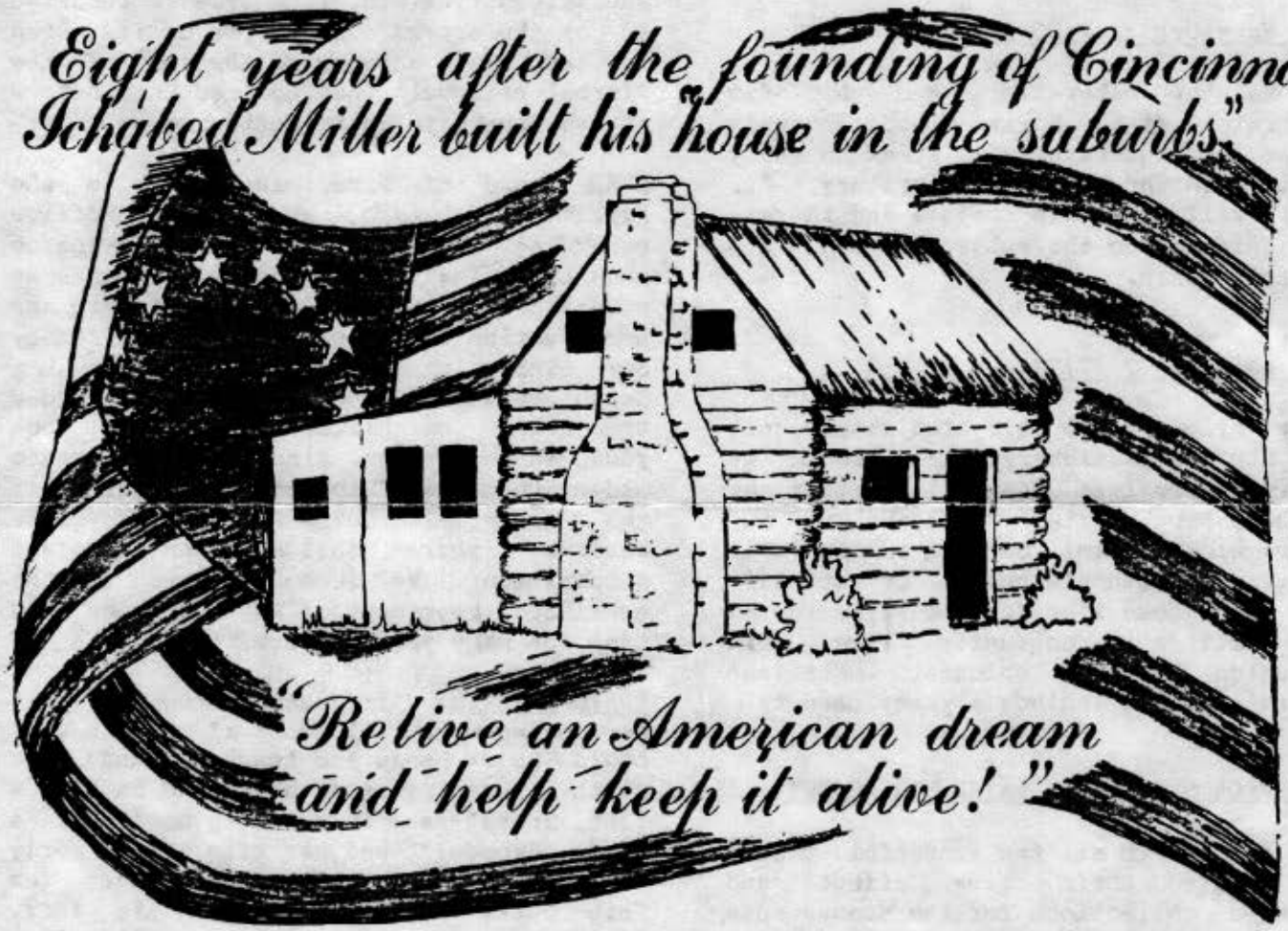
Delicious treats, cookies and snacks will be offered, plus a luncheon menu of bar-b-que, hot dogs, slaw, potato salad and apple cake or fruit cobbler and drink.

Please turn in unsold raffle tickets early on Saturday so that all may be sold.

Many helping hands are still needed to make Country Store '88 a huge success. Cobweb Corner needs your cast off "goodies", Bakery can sell ALL the baked goods that members donate. PLEASE bake your favorite recipes and bring to the red brick house on Saturday or Sunday.

Workers, especially in the kitchen (Jane King - 231-9557), are needed as well. Please call an volunteer a few hours of your time on either day. We need all members to encourage their family and friends to come to Country Store and have a good time while supporting the society.

Your help and support really counts! Won't you lend a hand? We need you!



MANY, MANY THANKS TO DR. JOHN CLARK, IVY CALDITO, RUTH CLARK, JUDY RADCLIFFE, YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR LUAU A DELIGHTFUL SUCCESS

OLD SCHOOL RECORDS COMPILED IN VOLUMES

ATHS Research Committee has combined in bound volumes the old school records of various Anderson Township schools. Covering the years 1929-34, these books make interesting reading, especially if you are an Anderson family descendent.

TALL STACKS GRACE CINCY SKYLINE ONCE AGAIN

The "Tall Stacks" celebration will be October 14-16. Although tickets for the dinner cruises are sold out, you may still buy a $6 passport from Ticketron to tour many of the 13+ boats tied up at the public landing. Check the schedule of available tour times (which are limited).

Among the notable stern wheelers to grace the skyline will be Cincinnati's own Delta Queen and Belle of Louisville. Boats will be coming from Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Tennessee and other picturesque spots and American waterways to join the fun.

IN MEMORIAM

Over the past several months it has been our sad duty to report to you the death of several of our dedicated members. Some of them were founding members; others joined our organization in later years. All of them touched the life of the society and its members and will be sorely missed.

Since our last Surveyor, two more friends have passed away. We extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

Mildred Gilsdorf
Marjorie Frame

NEW MEMBERS JOINING SINCE JULY 1988

M/M James M. Arnold (Patricia)
3433 Church Street (44) 561-7558

Mrs. Charlotte Ferguson 831-0418
112 Juan Street Milford (45150)

Mrs. Lori Koors 231-3295
1469 Mears Avenue (30)

Mrs. Helen Laudeman 231-3295
1469 Mears Avenue (30)

M/M Graham W. Ludlow (Mary Belle)
3310 Church Street (44) 561-7765

Mrs. Kathleen Marschall 231-2400
2250 Bretton Drive (44)

Mrs. George Parker (Pat) 231-0618
2824 Saddleback Drive (44)

M/M Greg Rusk (Mary) 231-0618
7049 Bridges Road (30)

M/M William Dreyer 474-0568
8564 Eagleswalk Lane (55)

Mrs. Margaret M. Glaser 232-7610
2392 Elstun Road (30)

Sharron S. Vieson 528-2744
4302 Cider Mill Drive (45)

Address Changes

Katherine M. Albiez 528-1582
4125 Fox Run Trail #2 (55)

Edith U. Howard 474-2317
New England Club #W-135
8135 Beechmont Avenue (55)

VHS TAPES OF ATHS PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMING AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

A copy of the society's master tape(s) will be available to members in the research library. You may borrow these tapes for up to eight (8) days. A refundable deposit will be required. The first tape includes the March anniversary meeting and various oral history interviews with local people.

A second tape is currently being compiled. Each tape will include six (6) hours of viewing for your pleasure. Check with Roland Lovery/Research Committee (231-5169) or President Al Wettstein (474-0855) if you have any questions about the restrictions and procedure for borrowing the tape(s).

In Memory Of

MARJORIE A. FRAME

1916 - 1988

At the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of Anderson Township Historical Society on March 3, 1988, the officers and members honored Marj by giving her twenty red roses and this tribute by Edwina Rees:

"Marj,

It is with pride that the officers and members of our Society give special honor to you for our accomplishments through these short years.

We honor you:
For your initial idea to organize at the time we did;
For the many hours you spent planning and helping complete the activities, acquiring and maintaining the properties, and working to implement the purposes for which we are organized;
and most of all, we honor you for your quiet, gentle, and lovable way you encouraged and assisted us in realizing what we have and where we are today.

Each of these twenty red roses represent one year since March 1968, and we present them to you with love and honor.

We know you join all of us in wishes for continued success for Anderson Township Historical Society."

Acknowledgement dated March 7, 1988 expressed Marj's sentiment and appreciation:

"Dear Edwina, Al, Officers and Members of A.T.H.S.,
I find it hard to express how touched I am by your surprise of 20 beautiful red roses! There is no gift which could have pleased me more! After putting them in a tall vase and admiring them awhile, I took them with me to my bedroom so that they would be the first thing to greet my eye when I woke, and they are close by all day long, sweetening the air wherever they are.

When I remember and re-read the lovely things you said, Edwina, I feel very humble, for I know that truly I am the one who has benefitted the most from our 20 year attachment. The many people I might never have known, the consuming work, at a time in my life when I needed it to provide substance and reality to existence when life was a heavy burden; the satisfaction to know that other people have found pleasure in my efforts; all of these, as well as many other benefits, are rewards which have enlarged and enriched my life, and I am grateful. Thank you all!

Love,
Marj

It is good we could recognize and honor Marjorie when we did. Her accomplishments will benefit all of us and those who come after us.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR DEAR FRIEND, MARJ.

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ANNUAL MEMBER'S OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3 & 4

The Log House will once again be open for members and guests to visit on Saturday, December 3, 10 - 4; and Sunday, December 4, 12 - 4. As always the cabin will be decorated for the holidays. A small Christmas boutique and homemade cookies and candies will be available for purchase. Please join your fellow members, hostesses and community for a cup of cheer on either day.

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SECRET SANTA PLANNED FOR DECEMBER MEETING

This year's Christmas Meeting, Dec. 7, will include a nominal ($3) gift exchange as part of the festivities. Ladies should bring a gift for another lady. Gentlemen should bring a gift for another gentleman. A grab bag exchange will take place after the program. BE SURE YOU WRAP YOUR "SECRET SANTA" GIFT.

DUES INCREASE RATIFIED BY MEMBERSHIP

After much deliberation, a special committee of Ruth Clark, Roland Lowery, Wilbur Rees, Bill Strayer and Al Wettstein recommended to the Board at its September, '88 meeting that the membership dues be increased effective May 1, 1989. The Board voted unanimously in October to approve the recommended increases and that the matter be submitted to the membership. The President called a special meeting of the membership. All Current members were notified by mail. At that meeting held November 2, 1988 the majority of the membership voted in favor of the recommended increases effective May 1, 1989 as follows:

Single - from $3 to $5
Couple - from $6 to $10
Patron - from $10 to $15
Lifetime - $100/single; $150/couple

Some opponents to the increase suggested that we will have a harder time getting new members and that some of the present members will not renew their membership. I sincerely hope that membership in our Society is important enough to every member and prospective member that the $2.00 increase will not be a deterrent.

-- Al Wettstein

COUNTRY STORE ONCE AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

We got off to a late start but had a great finish. After losing so many members in the past several months, I began to worry that the interest, enthusiasm and commitment to the continued success of the society was on a severe decline. But after the effort that all the chairpersons and members put into this event to make it a success, I believe we've overcome our set backs. Even the rain on Saturday didn't upset us.

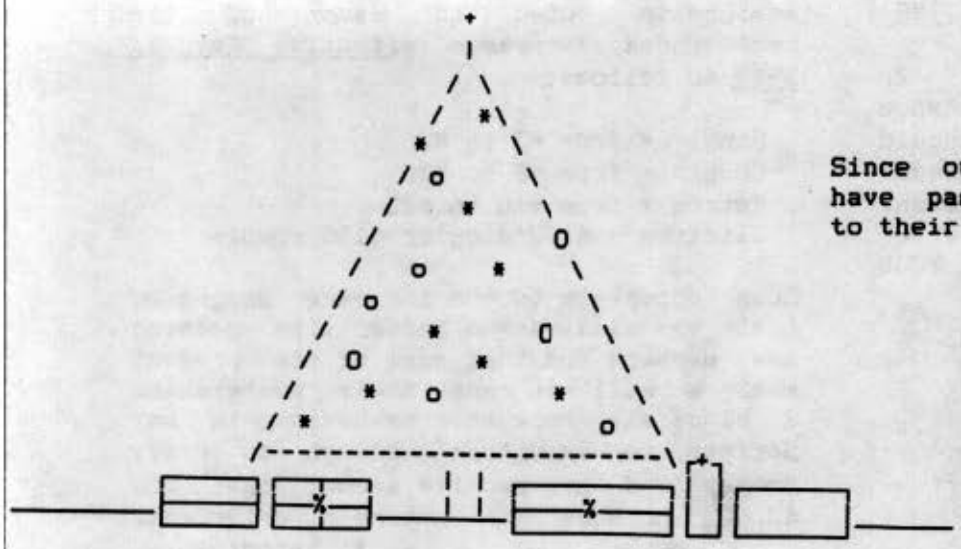
My sincere thanks to everyone of you who participated in any manner. This means not only those that worked on the grounds but all those who made donations, those who bought, those who helped on publicity and mailings, and those who invited non-members to come. All this support helped to make our Country Store a success. Thank you all very much.

Sincerely, Al Wettstein, President

LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE EXPERIENCES BUSY FALL

Ten Log House tours were held during November for groups from Anderson Hills Methodist and Mt. Washington Baptist Nursery Schools. Interpreters were Betty Reagan, Helen Sweet, Marge Groppenbecker and Jane King. A "suitcase tour" was presented to students at Ayer Elementary too.

After the Christmas open house, the log house will be closed until April 1.



NEW MEMBERS JOINING SINCE SEPTEMBER

M/M Clint Cain (Kathy)
8530 Clough Pike (44) 474-5395

M/M Charles Gruber
6309 Parkman Place (13) 631-1761

M/M Michael Hicks 474-4378
8689 Pastoral Lane (44)

M/M Jerry Lunsford (Gail) 752-0234
3885 Bennett Rd. Bldg.3/Apt.9 (45)

M/M Dan Lykins (Janet) 474-4729
886 Pinewell Drive (55)

M/M William B. Murray 232-4634
1250 Eversole Rd. (30)

Audrey B. Norris 561-9373
8100 Varner Road (43)

Georgia H. O'Connell 561-9373
8100 Varner Road (43)

M/M Melvin L. Smith, Sr. (Shirley)
7118 Baribill Pl (30) 232-0334

M/M Ken Swartz (Judy) 232-7152
1050 Nimitz Lane (30)

Address Changes

Ann McOwen c/o Tom McOwen 474-4842
968 Asbury (55)

Ruth Walters 753-9972
Eastgate Village #319
776 Old St. Rt. 74 (45)

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Marvin Carroll

Mildred Langdon

COUNTRY STORE 1988

TENTATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - (Subject to Final Review)

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL SALES	EXPENSES	NET PROFIT
Baked Goods	$ 469.35	$ 23.94	$ 445.41
Baked Goods (T-shirts)	$ 63.00	-	$ 63.00
Beverages	$ 226.05	$ 37.55	$ 188.50
Books & Literature	$ 455.05	$ 250.00	$ 205.05
Cheese	$ 400.05	$ 166.31	$ 233.74
Children's Games	$ 32.36	-	$ 32.26
Clown	$ 40.16	-	$ 40.16
Cobweb Corner	$ 1,359.00	-	$ 1,359.00
Dried Arrangements	$ 1,983.00	$ 384.27	$ 1,598.73
Farmer's Market	$ 431.42	$ 65.00	$ 366.42
Herb Department	$ 402.40	$ 113.64	$ 288.76
Ice Cream	$ 216.00	$ 64.00	$ 152.00
Kitchen	$ 784.55	$ 272.72	$ 511.83
Raffle	$ 794.00	$ 131.08	$ 662.92
Stitchery	$ 1,526.25	$ 185.55	$ 1,340.70
Stuffed Toys	$ 1,590.20	$ 43.00	$ 1,547.20
Woodworking	$ 132.50	-	$ 132.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$10,905.34	$ 1,737.06	$ 9,168.28
Recycling Program	$ 8.30	-	-
Undesignated Donations	$ 31.00	-	-
Designated Donation*	$ 122.68	-	-
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TOTAL INCOME	$11,067.32	$ 1,737.06	$ 9,330.26

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

Worker's Open House Expense*	$ 122.68	
Police Service	$ 148.50	
Publicity	$ 144.17	
Dumpster	$ 90.00	
Crime Coverage Insurance	$ 51.00	
Paper Products, etc	$ 84.41	
Donuts for Workers	$ 16.80	
Bank Service Charges	$ 9.89	
Donation to Albert Shoop	$ 50.00	
Misc. Equipment Expenses	$ 49.92	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	$ 767.37	(767.37)

TOTAL NET PROFIT ..... $ 8,562.89

Country Store '88 was undoubtedly a "record breaker" as you can see by the "bottom line". This dedicated and generous effort on the part of our members is truly appreciated.

ATHS BOARD PROPOSES LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO MEET AFTER THE NEW YEAR

ATHS has been in existence since for 20 years and the time has come to focus our sites on the future as well as the past.

As many have noticed, the Log House itself is sorely in need of further restoration and preservation. The Board is currently searching for a "log cabin" expert to give advise on how the deteriorating logs in the cabin can be replaced and/or preserved. It may even be possible to find logs from another cabin to use for replacement purposes.

Jane King's Log House Tour Committee would like to promote more tours to the Log House by older children as well as take her "suitcase" on the road more often.

Accessions Committee has many wonderful items which have been donated over the years to the Society, but there is no place to display them for public enjoyment and storage is very limited.

A long-range planning committee will be formed after the holidays are over. Further information will be addressed to members as it is finalized by the Board.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions concerning the above or additional items, please call your president, Al Wettstein, or any of the trustees on the Board. Your brainstorming ideas may help in determining the direction of the Society in the next few years.

FROM

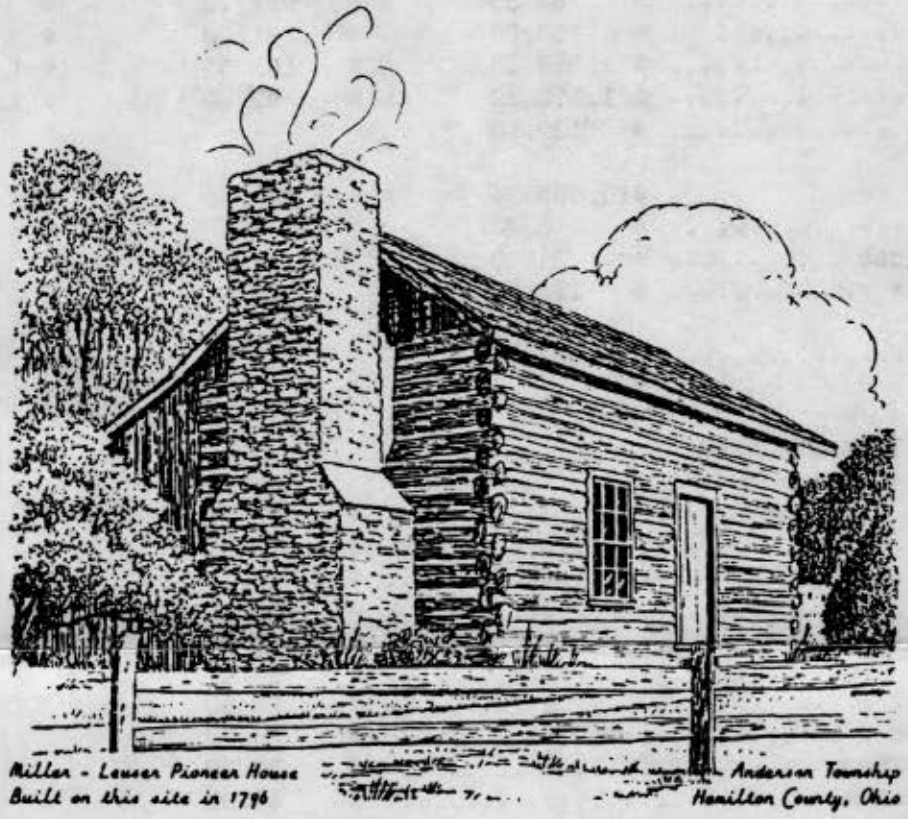
THE

LOG HOUSE

TO

YOUR

HOUSE ....



"HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL

AND

TO ALL

A GOOD NIGHT."

TALL STACKS STEAMED INTO CINCY HISTORY

They began arriving Friday, Oct. 14. All too soon they departed, but the magic and charm of their stay will linger in the hearts of Cincinnatians for many years to come. The calliope music, steamboat races and river cruises delighted all who visited during the three-day celebration of our 200th birthday. The "old town" backdrop on the public landing was a super idea. If you missed it, perhaps you won't have to wait 100 years for the next time.

SECOND VIDEO TAPE AVAILABLE SOON

A second volume of oral history interviews will soon be available for borrowing from the ATHS library. The first volume is currently on file. Call Red Lowery if you wish to arrange to borrow this video.

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BEST WISHES TO MR. & MRS. SHOOP, WHO ARE RECOVERING AT HOME AFTER AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON NOVEMBER 9. GET WELL SOON.