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Regular meeting held first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM

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* **MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE GETS FACE LIFT** *
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* Heritage Resources has been busy giving our Log House a long-awaited face lift. *
* Mr. Wright and his crew are using authentic tools to recreate the same *
* handhewn facade of the original structure. Eight (8) logs were completely *
* replaced to date; four (4) were repaired. These "new" looking logs are *
* actually the old logs which were turned around -- now the weather-protected *
* "inside" of the log is exposed. This was possible because the inside plaster *
* of the cabin room was applied to lathe and not directly to the logs themselves. *
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* The deteriorating chinking between the logs has been removed and will be *
* replaced with a modern day substitute which closely resembles the original. *
* Roland Lowery brought a large piece of the old chinking to the March dinner *
* meeting. It had a tuft of horse hair sticking out and a lump of uncrushed *
* limestone which had not been well mixed. The people were "either in a hurry or *
* just a bit lazy," he said. *
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Laura Long will talk to the Society on the "Economic Revival of Historic Newport". Please join us for this interesting discussion and refreshments, of course.

In addition, members will vote on the capital expenditure funds needed to complete the Log House repairs. (SEE ARTICLE ELSEWHERE ON THIS PAGE OF SURVEYOR.)

NOTE: The meeting will be at Mt. Wash. Methodist Church on Corbly.

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

Program and meeting place to be announced. Please listen at the April meeting, or call a friend, or watch the local newspapers. We will endeavor to get an announcement out as soon as we can.

ATHS STILL HAS SPACE ON NEXT DAY TRIP

The Louisville day trip on Saturday, April 7, still have a few spaces available. The group will leave Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8 a.m. (Please park your cars well to the rear of the lot.) and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. The trip includes a visit to the Farmington and Locust Grove estates, lunch on the river at the King Fish Restaurant and a tour of the Howard Steamboat Museum.

Call Helen Sweet at 474-5678 to make your reservation. Mail your checks (payable to ATHS) to Helen Sweet, 1858 Sandcliff (55).

REPAIRS ARE MORE EXTENSIVE & EXPENSIVE MEMBERS TO VOTE ON ADDITIONAL REPAIRS

At long last our lovely Log House is being restored. The wages of time, weather and insects have taken their toll over the past 200 years, but the "cabin" has stood it all. Soon it will be ready to weather the 21st century as well. It has taken the Society more than a year to locate a contractor knowledgeable in this type of work. In addition to the log and chinking repairs, the stone chimney will be restored to it's original height. This will allow us to enjoy the traditional warmth of a fire while decreasing the danger of sparks setting the wood shingles on fire.

Since the contractor is working on a time plus materials basis and the log repairs have been extensive, the Board has voted to authorize additional expenditures, up to \$3500 extra, to complete the repairs. This figure includes sealing the logs and rebuilding the chimney (not included in the original estimates). These expenditures will be voted on by the membership at the April 4 meeting.

ATHS PLANT SALE MAKES MOTHER'S DAY EASY

Judy Radcliffe will again organize a plant and flower sale from 9 to 5 on May 4 & 5. In addition to the traditional bedding plants, potted geraniums and hanging baskets, this year sale items will include culinary delights such as scented geraniums (for use in cooking), a few vegetables (like tomatoes), herbs and "cooking" hanging baskets. (NOTE: You don't cook the baskets but use the plants in the baskets in your cooking.)

NEW MEMBERS JOINING SINCE DECEMBER

Rosella Bond P.O. Box 44104 (44)	N/A
Mrs. Berry Nicoletti 1379 Meadowbright Ln (30)	231-3313
Miss Jean Lorenz 2047 Claudia Ct. (30)	232-5048
Mrs. Jean Kozdemba 1319 Beacon Ave (30)	231-7946
M/M H. Stirling Moore 6001 Crittenden Dr (44)	231-3278

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our departed member:

GLADYS SCANLON

RECYCLING PROGRAM TOPS \$100 MARK

Many thanks to Al Wettstein for persevering with the recycling program which has netted the Society \$121.69. Please Note: They have ceased paying for newspapers and plastic but will accept it for recycling. Glass and aluminum can are still money makers, however. Leave them in the wagon in the barn. Al picks up at least once a week and has a goal of \$200 total by the end of June. So "PITCH IN"!

SOCIETY OWES THANKS TO MASSEY'S EFFORTS

A vote of thanks goes to Jack and Alice Massey for their efforts in obtaining a competent company to do the restoration work on the Log House. It took over a year to locate them and another year to get the work done. It looks great! Our heartfelt thanks for your dedication to completing this task.

VOLUNTEERS PLAN ON MAINTAINING GROUNDS

After various discussions on way and means of getting proper lawn and grounds care for the Log House, several of our good members have volunteered to devote some time to keeping our Cabin in tip-top shape. This group will not limit its activities to lawn care. They have already offered to assist Jack & Alice Massey to clean up the house, furnishings and grounds after the repairs are completed. This will be a demanding endeavor and any or all additional helpers will be appreciated at any time.

Our present roster of volunteers includes: Greg Dietrich, Jack Evers, Cindi Lueke, Dave Piepho, Judy & Bob Radcliffe, Betty & Mike Regan, Sue Wettstein, Al Wettstein, Harold Wiley and George Wuest.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP ON A ONE-TIME OR REGULAR BASIS, CALL AL WETTSTEIN, 474-0855.

ATHS LIBRARY BELONGS TO YOU - USE IT!

ATHS's library is a treasure trove of information. One can find more than 150 file folders, titled from "American Legion" to "Zoning". Each contains from five to as many as 50 items about the people, places and events from the two-hundred year history of the township.

There are ten loose-leaf binders with over 1000 photographs of homes, churches, schools (and pupils), businesses and the folks who were the life of the community. There are 400 envelopes of additional pictures as well. About 500 slides depict the "then" and "now" (up to 1980) of sites and citizens of the township.

Our map file include various maps and plats of the township from 1847 to the present. A collection of newspapers, includes eary issues of the MT. WASHINGTON PRESS and its predecessor.

While not large, our "library" of books and pamphlets covers many interesting topics: all of Stephen Smalley's books, a folio of his articles from THE FOREST HILLS JOURNAL and most of Arnold Nichols historic columns as well. We have records of Newtown and Anderson school, journals of Clough Turnpike Assn., Clough Military Band, etc., etc.

Much of our archive material was gathered by Mr. Smalley and donated to the society by his wife, Elsie Smalley. Other area residents concerned with historic preservations have contributed as well.

All this material is available for perusal and research to anyone interested, but, at present, only on Tuesday between 10 and 2, when the Research Committee meets. For further information or an appointment, call Roland (Red) Lowery, 231-5169.

- Roland Lowery, Research -

SOCIETY APPROVES HONORARIUMS FOR STUDENTS

Once again area students who plan to study history in college will be awarded \$100 honorariums by Anderson Township Historical Society. Anderson, McNicholas and Turpin High Schools will each have one recipient. Faculty members from the individual high schools select the student from their school whom they feel shows an outstanding interest and aptitude for history. Funds are held by the school and distributed to the institution of the student's choice upon enrollment.

DON'T FORGET ATHS PLANT SALE MAY 4 & 5