

# SURVEYOR

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ATHS meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Road, unless otherwise noted.

## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - MARCH 8 - 6:15 P.M. - CHERRY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

The annual ATHS dinner meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, March 8, at the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church at 1428 Eight Mile Road. The cost is \$10.00 per person with payment due at the door.

The menu will include a gelatin salad, citrus chicken, herb rice, potato casserole, broccoli, corn, homemade rolls and cake, tea and coffee served by the ladies of the Church. The hall will be open by 6 p.m., salads will be placed on the tables at 6:20, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30. Members will be entertained by Jack Frost, a strolling musician, with a musical tribute to America's West. Members will have an opportunity to join in on the fun.

Please make your reservations by Friday, February 24. Remember, if you are unable to attend, you have until March 3 to cancel. After the 3rd, you will be liable for payment. For reservations call: Gregg Dietrich (daytime 474-4705) or Libby Dietrich (evenings at the same number 474-4705) or Gregg/Cindi evenings at 474-1020.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

### Wednesday, March 8 - 6:15 p.m.:

Annual Dinner Meeting at Cherry Grove United Methodist Church on Eight Mile Road. Cost: \$10.00. Make your reservations by February 24 or cancel by March 3. Call 474-4705 or 474-1020 - Gregg, Libby or Cindi Dietrich.

### Wednesday, April 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Nelson Hoffmann will speak on the History of Early Cincinnati.

### Wednesday, May 3 - 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Lanner will display and talk about her quilt collection. Her theme is Flowers, Trees & Leaves As a Quilter Sees Them.

### Wednesday, June 7 - To Be Announced

### July - Annual Society Picnic at the Log House

### August - Showboat Majestic Theater Party

## BOARD VOTES NOT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT

At their meeting on January 11, the ATHS Board of Trustees voted not to proceed with further negotiations with regard to the purchase of the Clark-Messmer homestead. It was felt that the financial and manpower needs for such a project are beyond the scope of our society as it is presently operated. The moneys collected for the project will be returned to the donors as soon as practical. The Township Trustees still hope to purchase the property and find an organization to take over the historic house and property.

In other business, the Trustees established a committee to investigate feasibility of various uses for the now vacated brick house. If you have practical ideas please contact either Jack Massey, Helen Sweet or Carol Vorhees. Current scenarios include: (1) taking over the entire house for the Society's uses (2) moving the research, genealogy, research assessments and office upstairs, maintaining storage in the basement and creating an efficiency apartment for a caretaker in the basement or (3) rent the upstairs and continue to use the entire basement for Society office, meetings and storage.

**WORK SESSION - SATURDAY, FEB 18, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
MEET AT THE BRICK HOUSE**

## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE - BEST YEAR EVER

The 1994 Christmas Boutique, organized by Mary Brafford, was an outstanding success. The Society cleared over \$1300 this year. Mary wants to thank all who contributed candy, cookies and crafts as well as those who helped set up, sell and clean up for this annual event. It was a huge success.

## SWEET ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR A SPRING TOUR

Helen Sweet, who devotedly plans excursion tours for our members and their guests, announced at the February meeting that she will be planning a trip into Kentucky some time in April. We all enjoy these interesting jaunts into history, thanks to Helen and her partner and right hand aide, Darrel.

# ATHS PLANS 200TH ANNIVERSARY MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE YEAR 1995 - 1996

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS SLATED FOR MARCH

The following slate of officers for 1995 will be presented at the annual dinner meeting in March:

President - Judy Radcliffe  
Vice President - Ron Makin  
Treasurer - Bill Strayer  
Secretary - Sue Wettstein

TRUSTEES - Charlotte Hughes & Tom Whitaker

Congratulations to the future officers and many thanks to the retiring officers and trustees.

## MILLER-LEUSER LOG HOUSE NEARS 200TH YEAR

For any years, the Anderson Township Historical Society has had indisputable proof that our precious log house has been on its original site since the spring of 1796. We have a plat or deed showing the cabin. This has always been our "official" date. Until recently, this was our only proof. However, we have since gained possession of Icabod Miller's journal in which he writes that he "moved into my own place" in the fall of 1795. This indicates that there was a structure on the property, and it is mostly like our cabin. We cannot be sure, but that would make our beloved cabins "birthday" about six months earlier than we first thought. Regardless of the actual date, this major event is fast approaching.

Get ready for the big day and a big year for ATHS. Plans will be made soon. The Officers and Board of Trustees welcome you ideas, comments, skills and enthusiasm. Some suggestions for the celebration include a petting zoo, memorial plates or sun catchers, flea market at the Cabin with food concession served in the summer kitchen, a silent auction, pioneer days with still walking, hoop rolling and other "old fashioned" games. What are your ideas?

## HELP WANTED:

ATHS is still looking for a few good men and ladies to fill some vacancies. Research is in need of a replacement for long-time chairperson Roland Lowery. After five years, Kay Wambach has resigned as membership chairperson and the Society needs a program chair to replace Connie Whitaker who has served valiantly in this position for ten years.

## SOCIETY ACKNOWLEDGES GIFTS & DONATIONS

In November, 1994 the Society received an additional distribution from the Estate of Margaret W. Laughlin, a check in the amount of \$12,598.42. This bequest was made in loving memory of her mother, Jean Sloan Williamson, one of our Society's charter members.

The Genealogical Committee received copies of the manuscript "Tombstone Trivia" prepared by and donated to the Society by Don Bates, 7010 Ragland Road, Newtown and Lamar Weaver, a former member of the Society now living in the South.

## PROPERTY CLEAN UP DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 18

Our first clean up day of 1995 will be Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m. til noon. If you want to get out of the house, come on down. We can find an inside job if the weather is bad. Sprucing up the old homestead is the plan. The brick house could use a good cleaning and eventually painting. Does any member have a power roller that could be used by volunteers.

Jack Massey will be compiling a prioritized list of "things to do" at the Cabin in 1995. Some of these can be done by members, others will have to be done by paid professionals.

Once the weather warms up, the weeds in the flower beds will sprout and the grass will grow. Fortunately, we were blessed with the donation of lawn care last year, but there are many other tasks that will need to be done.

## MISCELLANEOUS SOCIETY NOTES

Jane King, Beulah Dowers, Helen Sweet, Kay Wambach, Marge Groppenbecher and Dottie Stautenbourg spent a very busy fall giving tours at the Log House for school children.

Every spring Jane offers to hold a training class for tour guides. It truly is lots of fun for Jane and her faithful guides. Give Jane a call if you are interested (231-9557).

## GET WELL WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

Martha Silvers is recovering from eye surgery. Harold Wiley is scheduled for a hip replacement on February 10 and will be recovering at home. If you know someone who needs a dose of "sunshine", call Marge Groppenbecher (231-7631).

## OLD SCALE HOUSE SITS ON CLOUGH NEAR RT. 32

Have you ever wondered about the old barn-like structure on Clough near Rt. 32? It's the old Turpin scale house. Tenant farmers would drive their wagons through and have their crops weighed in. A percentage of the crop went to the Turpin family and a percentage went to the tenant farmer.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Eunice Meyer, who died recently.

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Inez Check gave newspaper articles from both the Enquirer and Post including "Pictorial History of the 1937 Flood". Dottie Stautenburgh loaned approximately 72 photos with captions of the 1937 flood produced by her husband to be reproduced on slides. George Wuest also donated photos and newspaper articles about this famous flood.

The Society appreciates all donations and contributions to our research archives and accessions.