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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

“Remembering the 1937 Flood” Mr. Neil Jeffries, a speaker from the Cincinnati Museum Center, will be in the Lower Atrium to talk about Ohio River Floods and in particular the devastating flood of 1937, which brought great fear and destruction to Cincinnati and outlying regions. You may remember (some of us do) that Newtown was under water for a time and Mt. Washington was "cut-off" due to the flooding, making travel impossible. Photos of rowboats on Cincinnati streets became a common sight. Remember with us this momentous time in our history!



*Main Street, Newtown, January 27, 1937
Photo by Margaret Burnes Heywood*

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

ATHS Annual Dinner Meeting. This evening is our 44th Anniversary Banquet. Dinner is followed by the installation of Officers and Trustees and an entertaining program, presented by two of our own ATHS members, Anne Ross and Sheilah Kendall. Their topic is the well known Waldschmidt House. Both of these ladies are members of the Clough Valley Chapter DAR, as well as serving as docents and trustees for this local treasure. Interesting note: Sheilah Kendall is of Native American extraction and proudly announces that her Shawnee name is "Three Feathers!" She will undoubtedly be wearing those feathers during their Waldschmidt presentation. How cool is that!

The location for the **Annual Dinner** is the same as the last few years, the Receptions Banquet Center at 4459 Eastgate Blvd. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. ATHS booklets will be for sale, and there will be photos and other items on display. The cost of \$15 per person includes a buffet dinner of salad, choice of meat, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverage. Bring your family and friends. If you need more information, call Bev Robinson (231-3789). Please send the enclosed reservation form and your check payable to ATHS to William Dreyer, 8564 Eagleswalk Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45255 by the reservation cut-off **Monday, February 27, 2012.**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

“The Battle of Grassy Run” Mr. Rick Crawford, past president of the Clermont County Historical Society and longtime friend of ATHS, will be with us to re-tell the exciting story of the "Battle of Grassy Run," located near present day Williamsburg, Ohio. Rick tells me that this battle between a band of Shawnee Indians, led by Tecumseh himself, and some fierce local frontiersmen, was fought on April 10, 1792, at night and in the rain. If Rick's presentation doesn't give us some goose pimples, nothing will! A real treat for ATHS! Don't miss this one!

Wednesday, May 4, 2012

A "surprise" guest! Don't ask - 'cause I won't tell ya'. And, in the meantime, "surprise guest" - do not spill the beans!



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

President's Message

The new year is here. We have lots of challenges to accomplish this year and this will require more of all of us. We would like to do more building maintenance/yard work, attract more visitors and members, increase our donations and the list goes on. We will have our **Annual Dinner Meeting on March 7, 2012**. See the information included with this issue for making your reservations. The dinner will be at Receptions as in past years and we will have a delicious meal. I hope everyone will be able to attend. We are going to have a great program and we will hold the annual election for officers who will direct the organization for the next year.

Our properties are a special place because ATHS has preserved both historic buildings and artifacts that are irreplaceable. On behalf of the organization I would like to thank **George Scheper** for his efforts in catching us up on some much needed preventative maintenance. He has repaired the Log House roof, replaced the flood light on the Brick House with a motion-sensitive light, installed a portable phone in the Brick House so we can take the phone to the Barn and have communication while we are outside, replaced all the burned out flood lights in the Barn, cleaned all the gutters, replaced two florescent fixtures in the Summer Kitchen. And the list goes on. We hope we get the list completed, even as it continues to grow, with the help of George and others.

It is great to finally announce that we are now property tax exempt in Hamilton County. We have been working a long time on this project and now we have exempt status on the Hornschemeier property so that all our property is now exempt from property tax.

Raise your voice: Your opinion matters. If you have any ideas to assist the organization please e-mail me at athslighthouse@yahoo.com or call me at 474-0568. As always thank you for your ongoing support. Hope everyone enjoys this issue.

- *Bill Dreyer, President*

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at athslighthouse@yahoo.com.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.

— Janet Hevwood. Editor.

The Nominating Committee (William Dreyer - chair, Brenda Greer, Linda Magee, Lyn Scheper and Diane Schneider) will present the following slate of Officers and Trustees at the March 7, 2012 Annual Dinner Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Slate is as follows:

President	Lyn Scheper
Vice President	Don Perry
Treasurer	Sue Wettstein
Secretary	Linda Magee
Trustee (3 yr term)	Sonia Shively
Trustee (3 yr term)	Ann King Chapman

Trustees who continue to complete their elected terms are Martie Christman (elected 2010), Dan Lovelace (elected 2010), Don Perry (elected 2011) and Al Robinson (elected 2011).

Membership Dues

ATHS annual dues for the year May 2011 through April 2012 were due on May 1, 2011. Please double check that your dues payment is up-to-date. Dues for next year May 2012 through April 2013 are due on May 1, 2012. Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates are:

Single	\$ 10.00	Couple	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00		
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00		
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00		

Do you have and are you using a Kroger Card?



A few years ago some Anderson Township Historical Society members received a reloadable Kroger Card that enables the Society to earn money from any purchase made with the card at Kroger. Thank you if you are using your card. All you have to do is load money onto the card at Kroger and then use it anytime you shop at Kroger! It's a great and easy way to support the Society. We receive 4% of all money spent at Kroger using these cards. That can add up fast for us. If 25 families spent \$100 per week, the Society would receive more than \$5,000.00 in the year and it doesn't cost you anything! If you have lost your card or never had one or need one as a gift please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568) to get one. The Society would appreciate your support.

Adopt a Roadway

Anderson Township has started a program modeled after the "Adopt a Highway" programs that have been successful in keeping roads and other areas litter free. The Board has agreed that the Society should join the program and we have. We are responsible for keeping clean both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road to Clough Pike and Clough Pike in front of the Log House to Royalgreen.

The Township will supply gloves, bags, vests and T- shirts, and pickup tools for our use. The bags of trash are to be left at the road side and the Township will pick them up. The Township will provide liability release forms for each participant. Recognition will be on the Township website and publications of the Township.

Please plan to support this worthwhile project and put on your calendars the following tentative dates: Saturday April 21, 2012 (Great American Cleanup Day), Saturday July 21, 2012, Saturday October 20, 2012, and Saturday December 15, 2012. These are the days when we will be out cleaning our adopted roads. Hope to see a lot of our members out those days for the more volunteers we have working the easier it will be for all.

Clough Business District Improvements

Hamilton County and Anderson Township are in the final stage of the plans for the Clough Business District Improvements. You may have noticed the white flags in front of the Log House. These mark the road right of way edge. Since our sign is in the right of way we will be having it moved out of the right of way as part of the improvements. We are still considering where to move it. The schedule calls for construction starting in about a year.



Working on Clough Pike in about 1912. Cliff Wittmeyer and his workers and horses labor to improve the conditions along Clough.



*Miller-Leuser Log House, June 5, 2011.
Photo by J. Heywood.*

2012 Log House Open Houses

Remember the 2012 season of Log House Open Houses begins on Sunday afternoon, June 3, and continues on the first and third Sundays of each month through October 21. The dates are June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, September 2 and 16, and October 7 and 21. Diane Schneider, Projects Chair, is looking forward to another successful season of Open Houses and special tours. Call Diane Schneider at 232-6552 to volunteer. Diane is also available to "show you the ropes" if you are willing to participate. Please consider volunteering to help with these events.



View of Clough Valley in about 1915. The road visible across the lower section of the photo is Corbly. The two-story building in the upper left is the District School #7, now Clough Crossings restaurant. This school was built in 1874. The small white building on the right amid the trees is the stone Clough Baptist Church built in about 1820. This stone church is now gone but the burying grounds remains. Notice the open fields with the harvest of corn stocks standing out to dry.

100 Years Ago: Honor for a Medical Pioneer

April 22, 1912 was busy day for many medical men of Cincinnati. They gathered for a reception at Hotel Sinton in the city then boarded a special train on the Norfolk and Western line for a trip to Newtown for a meeting at the local Baptist Church. After the program: a prayer, an address by Dr. T. D. Meguire, president of the McDowell Medical Society; a speech by Professor Charles Richmond Henderson of Chicago, and a song composed for the occasion, they unveiled the large granite monument to Dr. John Lambert Richmond, pioneer doctor and early Baptist minister of Anderson Township. The monument stands near a busy corner in Newtown today. What was this all about?

John Lambert Richmond was born in Chesterfield, Massachusetts on April 5, 1785. When he was young his family moved to Herkimer, NY, then to Pittsburgh and eventually by flatboat to Cincinnati. He was licensed as a minister in the Baptist Church in 1816, commanding attention as a Bible scholar with a deep and powerful voice and great enthusiasm. He longed to be a physician and worked as a janitor at the new Medical College of Ohio at the same time he took the offered courses under the direction of Dr. Daniel Drake, graduating as one of seven graduates on April 4, 1822.

He preached at the Baptist Church on Clough Pike as he practiced medicine in Anderson Township, serving as one of the few medical doctors in the area. In 1826 he purchased a small house in Newtown at what is now 6703 Main Street. On the stormy evening of Sunday April 22, 1827 his sermon was interrupted when a woman in distress entered the church. Her friend, she said, was dying in childbirth. Dr. Richmond picked up his pocket instruments and went with the woman on foot and then by rowboat to an isolated cabin about seven miles from his home where he found Miss E. C. in labor. Two midwives had been called; they told him she had been in labor for 30 hours yet the usual developments of delivery had not occurred.

In his medical note to *The Western Journal of the Medical and Physical Sciences*, Vol. 3, pp. 485-89, published in 1830, he described in great detail the medical circumstances of the patient. She appeared to have a deformed pelvis that prevented the delivery of the child. She was in great pain, having convulsions and fainting. He tried various remedies but finally decided to perform a Caesarian section, an operation he knew of from his studies of medical literature. He described the surgery; it was the midnight hour, strong winds blew through spaces between the logs of the cabin. The two

women held up blankets to keep the candle from being blown out. The child did not survive but Dr. Richmond was successful in suturing the wound and preventing infection. Miss E. C. resumed work twenty-four days after the operation. Dr. Richmond's case was the first Caesarian section performed and reported in the medical literature in America.

In 1831 Dr. Richmond volunteered to care for victims of a cholera epidemic in Cincinnati. He himself was infected and broken in health. In 1834 he moved to Pendleton, Indiana, and later to Indianapolis. He preached up to 1842 when he suffered a stroke. Even though his left side was paralyzed he continued his interest in medical matters until his death in 1855.

The granite monument, made by the Fisk Brothers firm of Cumminsville in Cincinnati, first stood in the middle of Center Street but after automobile traffic increased it was moved to its current location on the east side of Church Street just north of Main Street. Stop and take a closer look the next time you pass by. - Janet Heywood, Research Chair



Monument to John Lambert Richmond, M. D. Dedicated April 22, 1912 in Newtown to honor the first Caesarian section performed in America by Dr. Richmond on April 22, 1827. Photo by J. Heywood.

Permanent Collection of the Society - Accessions Records

Thanks to Patti Bukosky we are in the process of photographing and creating and updating information sheets for every item in the Historical Society's permanent collection. We are verifying the accession number on all articles and if an object is missing a number one will be assigned to it so all articles will have proper accession numbers. The results will be an expanded listing for our collection. This is a huge project and it will take a long time before we are finished. The results will eventually be computerized so we will have easy access to what is in our collection. So far we have photographed the items in the Log House and the public areas of the Brick House. We ask that if you change the locations of such items that you notify either Patti (232-1751) or Bill (474-0568) so that we don't lose track of or miss anything.

- Bill Dreyer, Accessions Chair

Two Beautiful Quilts in the AHS Collection



Here are two examples of quilts in the AHS Collection, photographed by Patti Bukosky this fall. (Accession numbers: 1977.12.40 and 1977.12.41.) Both were donated by Dr. Margaret Fulford. They were made in 1890-1920 by her aunts Eugenia and Laura Holloway, who lived in Mt. Washington.

The Sutton Log House for Sale in 2012



Sutton Log House built in 1795 by Stephen Sutton (at what is now 1712 Longbourne Street). Photo about 1904 by Mary E. Shinn (1885-1970).

Miss Shinn took this photo in about 1904, using a camera with glass plate negatives, for a contest being held by the *Commercial Tribune*. The paper wanted to learn how many log cabins and houses remained in the Cincinnati area. Her father helped her carry the equipment when she climbed up on the nearby C.G.P. railroad tracks to get the best image. The people in the view are John and Nancy Mangum and their dog.

Stephen Sutton (1760-1846) arrived in the area in 1793 and purchased a 160-acre tract of land in Anderson Township located on the hillside east of Garard Station, the protective fort built on the Little Miami River by the Township's earliest settlers. Sutton built his log house in 1795 after his family arrived. The tree in the photo has a story of its own. It was planted by young Stephen Justice Sutton (1816-1905) in about 1825. He purchased it for seventeen cents from a flatboat on the Ohio River on a trip into Cincinnati with his father. As an old man, he told stories about how he was spanked for ruining a good barrel by knocking the top and bottom out of the barrel to use it for protection around the young tree.

The Sutton Log House, remodeled and enlarged over time, has been owned since 1980 by Tina Fritsche. She removed the siding that covered the logs in the mid-1900s and added many features inside to make it a comfortable home as well as highlight its historic origins. The house was featured in a lavish article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Ms. Fritsche has purchased a condominium and put the house up for sale. It is listed at \$159,000 with realtor Danny Jones of Comey & Shepherd (513-231-2800).

PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
February 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 7	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 12	Plant Sale	9:00 a.m.
May 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
July 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Albert Lederer** and his family on the loss of his wife **Luella M. (nee Judd) Lederer** on January 5, 2012.

Thanks for Your Service

Bill Dreyer, Connie Whitaker, Al and Bev Robinson, and Jan Hawkins for contributing to this issue.

Linda and George Scheper for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room during the last three months: **Nick and Kendall Borowski, Patti Bukosky, William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Linda Jacobs, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Don and Sharon Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, Diane Schneider, Connie and Tom Whitaker.**

All of the members who brought the wonderful refreshments for the membership meetings in November and December. **Mary Bailey and Bev Robinson** for organizing the refreshments for the meetings.

ATHS depends on volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your support and if we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect aluminum cans. Recently we recycled some of the collected cans and received \$180. We made use of a coupon that gave us five cents more a pound that Sonia Shively and Jan Hawkins received in the mail from a new recycler, Cohen, on Kellogg Ave. We still have some more cans to recycle but can always use more. Bring your cans to the meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up from you.

Plant Sale Saturday, May 12, 2012

Jan Hawkins has once again volunteered to Chair the May Plant Sale. This popular event provides a major contribution to the operating costs of the Society and the maintenance of the Log House and other properties. Congratulations and many thanks to Jan and the Plant Sale Team! This year the sale will be on **Saturday, May 12**, the Saturday before Mother's Day. Most of the plants are "home dug." **Members can help by providing donations of plants to sell, including perennials, annuals, tomato plants, and vegetables.** To make donations, please call Jan at 231-7078. If you are unable to dig up the plants yourself, call Jan and she will attempt to arrange to dig them for you. Also needed are **pots with soil** you might have from left-over Christmas or Valentine's Day plants that you want to discard (the **pots with soil** can be reused). Empty pots are not needed since many



empty pots are on hand from past events. You can help to make the sale a success. Donate plants and buy some. Spread the word and tell your friends.

Plant Sale, May 2011. Photo by J. Heywood.

Thinking of you

Kenny Burck, who had his second knee replacement in late October.

Ron Makin, who is recovering from a recent operation.

Congratulations

Bev & Al Robinson, who recently welcomed their second great-grandchild.

History Room News: 1937 Flood Exhibit

Come visit the History Room this winter. January 2012 is the 75th anniversary of the Great 1937 Flood. The Anderson Township Historical Society offers a special exhibit at the History Room **“Remembering the 1937 Flood,”** drawn from scrapbooks and photographs kept by Township families. The History Room is open: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:45 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1937, the Ohio River reached its highest point in Cincinnati in recorded history with a crest at 79.99 feet. The Ohio and tributaries such as the Little Miami River climbed out of their banks, flooding about one-sixth of Hamilton County. More than 100,000 people were driven from their homes in Greater Cincinnati. Property damage was estimated in excess of \$25 million dollars. Anderson Township was cut off from the rest of Hamilton County as the waters rose and closed all the connecting bridges over the Little Miami River. On January 21, 1937, water poured over the Beechmont Levee closing the main highway connection, uprooting the telegraph and telephone poles, breaking the gas main and carrying away the electrical wire standards. Low areas in Newtown and around California were completely submerged. Residents were evacuated. Many buildings in these areas were torn from their foundations and swept away. Local flood refugees were housed at the Mt. Washington School, Anderson School and the American Legion Hall on Clough Pike (now Clough Crossings Restaurant). After the Cincinnati waterworks and power plants were inundated, all electric power and water were turned off except for limited periods for almost two weeks. Anderson School was closed from January 25 to February 8. During the height of the flood, Coney Island was covered. Nothing like it had ever happened before or after.



Kellogg bridge over the Little Miami River, January 1937. Photo by Margaret Burnes Heywood.

Come learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson’s History Room is jointly sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. In April we will be replacing the special 1937 Flood exhibit materials with a display celebrating the Miller-Leuser Log House. - Janet Heywood



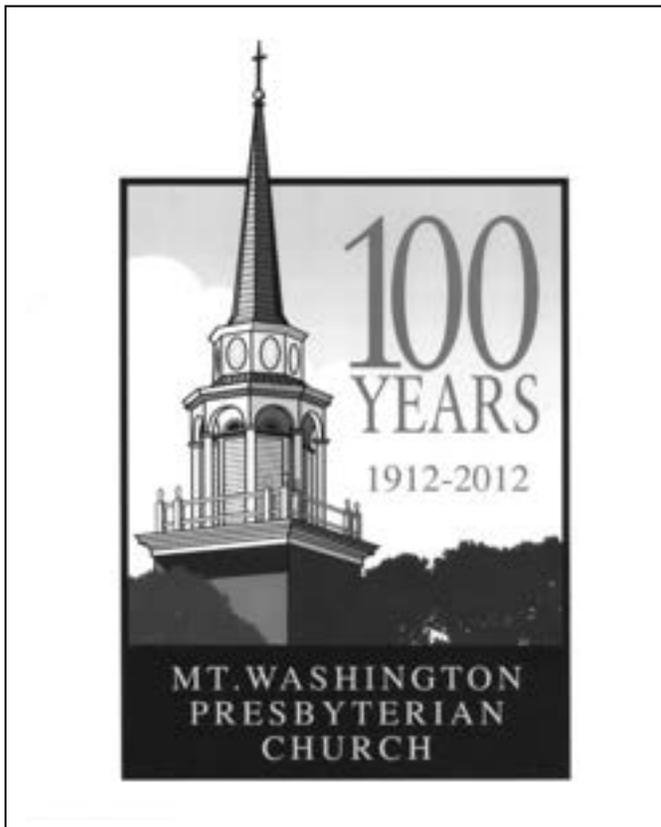
History Room, January 2012



Wildcat roller coaster at Coney Island, January 1937. Photo from ATHS Collection.

Call for History Room Docents

The History Room continues to be very well attended. We have a very loyal group of docents who continue to have the History Room open on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week. Thank you very much. However we are always in need of more help and can always use additional docents. If being a docent is of interest to you please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and he will explain how the program works and will schedule a class to train new docents.



Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church New Book: "100 Years 1912-2012"

ATHS has recently received a copy of the new book celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. The book was compiled and written by Martha Bettis Gee, who works for the General Assembly Mission Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and formatted by Ken Wilson. Much of the historical background was originally researched by long-time ATHS member Edwina M. Rees. Copies of the 118-page book are available for sale (\$20) at the church office at 6474 Beechmont Avenue (231-2650).



The cornerstone of the church at 6474 Beechmont was laid on October 20, 1957. Photo 1970 by Stephen Smalley. ATHS Collection.

Come, Dine Out and Raise Funds at T.G.I. Friday's on Tuesday, April 17

MARK THE DATE PLEASE. The ATHS will have a fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's at Anderson Center on Tuesday, April 17th. Celebrate getting your income tax filed! All we have to do is eat at or carry-out from Friday's on April 17th. Friday's will write a check to ATHS for 20% of the amount ATHS supporters spend on this date.

Here's what you need to do. Enclosed in this mailing is a set of "charity cards," promoting the event at T.G.I. Friday's Anderson Center location on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012. Copy them and pass them out to friends, family and co-workers and any one else who will eat at Friday's on April 17th. We will be passing out copies at monthly meetings as well. When you finish your meal, write the amount you paid on your "charity card" and give it to the server. Obviously the more people who eat at Friday's on April 17th and turn in cards for ATHS, the more money the Society makes. See you at Friday's on April 17th. **Treat yourself and help out the ATHS.**



T.G.I. Friday's restaurant at Anderson Center. Photo by J. Heywood.

You've Got Mail: E-mail Communication

For members for whom we have e-mail addresses, we send e-mail reminders for all the monthly member meetings. If you would like to receive such reminders about the meetings, send an e-mail to us at athslope@yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to our list.

As always, we don't share e-mail addresses with anyone. If you would like to be removed from this e-mail list, please send us an e-mail and we will remove your e-mail address from our list.