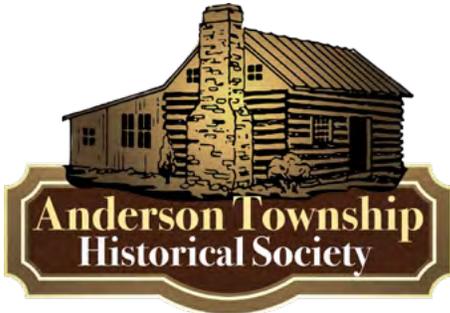


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Greetings to all,

As fall arrives, I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the cooler months ahead.

This summer brought several significant achievements. Thanks to Ann King and Kanga Roof, lightning rods have been installed on the Urban Farm barn. We also unveiled a new information kiosk, an Eagle Scout project where visitors can learn about our Historical Society events and initiatives.

Call for Volunteers

Our success depends on volunteers like you. Whether you can spare an hour or two once or twice a month, your help with projects large and small makes a real difference. Please contact Ann King at 513-315-1629 or me at 513-405-8089 to get involved.

New Website Launch

Visit our newly redesigned website at ATHSociety.org. Our sincere thanks to Allan Greer and Diane Hamm for coordinating this project with our webmaster. To contribute information or photos, email info@athsociety.org.

Recent Events

Music on the Farm continues to be a community favorite, organized by Emma Greer. Our final concert of the season will be Friday, October 18th. Emma welcomes assistance with event marketing—please reach out if you can help.

Our September membership meeting doubled as our annual picnic at the Urban Farm. Members enjoyed fried chicken alongside delicious potluck contributions in perfect weather.

The mum and pumpkin sale on September's final weekend was another success. Thank you to everyone who worked the event and those who supported us with purchases.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for our Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 1st, from 12-6 PM at the Urban Farm. Returning vendors, live music, and food trucks will make this celebration memorable.

Assistance Needed

Several key roles need filling:

- Assistant Treasurer (to support Bob King)
- Speaker Coordinator for membership meetings
- Marketing assistance for our events
- Property maintenance volunteers

If you have skills or interest in any of these areas, please contact us.

While a dedicated few work tirelessly behind the scenes, your involvement strengthens our entire organization. Together, we preserve our community's heritage and create meaningful connections.

Warm regards,
Dani Speigel

Miller-Leuser Log House, continued from Summer issue

by Janet Heywood

For over fifty years, the Miller-Leuser Log House has been the main AHS focus and attraction. In 2012, Janet Heywood spent a great deal of time researching the families of the Log House and prepared a paper that included both the family histories and an amazing group of photographs.

This issue of the Surveyor contains the last installment. You may access past issues of the Surveyor by visiting our website: <https://andersontownshiphistoricalociety.org/surveyor-back-issues/>

PART 3 AND THE LAST IN THE SERIES ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR WONDERFUL LOG HOUSE!

Tragically, father Joseph died in an accident on Bogart or Berkshire in his 50th year – he was found there frozen on Easter morning, April 4th, 1915.

By 1920, mother Matilda and Lawrence's sisters Antoinette and Lorena have moved to 1627 Birney Lane in a house that once stood next to where Burger King is today, and sister Genevieve has married and is living in Cold Spring, Kentucky.

By 1920, Lawrence and Emma have lived in the Log House for 10 years of their marriage and their 3 young daughters are 8, 3 and 1. I love the hollyhocks in bloom. Lawrence and Emma buy the house from his mother and sisters in 1923.



A photo dated 1926 – how snug and tidy the log house looks. Notice how open the hillside above the Log House is. The rear porch is open and not been enclosed by 1926.



Also from 1926 – Lawrence Leuser at work rendering lard after butchering a pig. Notice the concrete siding along Clough Pike where the creek from up the hill flows under the road.

By the late 1920s and 1930s – the house was attracting attention because of its age and uniqueness. "Cabin is more than 100 years old." Martha, Mildred and Joseph are in this TimesStar Photo from 1934. How proud they must have been.





We are fortunate to have this group photo dated 1927; there is a typed list of names of who is who — confirmation or first communion? 15-year old daughter Clara is in white in the center, Mildred is standing in front of her. George Kuntz on left, Matilda Leuser on right. By the way, Lawrence's sister Genevieve and her husband Joseph Messmer have moved to Ohio and bought the Clark stone house where they live for the rest of their days. Joseph Messmer built a greenhouse in 1927 where he grew flowers and vegetables.



View of the Log House and open hillside and Browne house above, Jan 1940.



The neighboring Wolfer farm, east along Clough, in about 1900.



A newspaper photo of Emma and Lawrence Leuser from the *Enquirer* April 7, 1962. The article reported them very pleased with their lives. Lawrence says he never had to replace any logs but he had replaced caulking with cement.



Local historian Stephen Smalley was carefully taking photographs of historical structures in Anderson Township and took this photo in 1955. Lawrence Leuser died in 1964 and Emma in 1969. The Historical Society was formed in 1968 and in 1969 adopts the Log House as part of its logo. Officers of the ATHS signed an agreement to purchase the Log House in January 1971. The March *Surveyor* reported that the deal was “signed, sealed – a done deal” on February 3, 1971 and called for a “short sweet” dedication on Sunday April 25, 1971. The children chorus of Eastern Hills School under the direction of Mrs. Martha Scott performed.



Dedication ceremony, April 25, 1971

The April 1971 *Surveyor* called for members to volunteer and to bring “spade, rake, scaper, hammer, and crowbar” and come to the Log House for work parties every day!



The Log House after the grounds were tidied up. Photo from August 29, 1971.



1971 Interior.

Fireplace had been covered for decades. The Leusers said they had never seen the fireplace open.

Members removed 18 layers of linoleum and 20 layers of wall paper. The original fireplace was uncovered and found to have an earthen hearth. The original flooring was found to be hand hewn lumber of random width boards. The original entry to the loft to the left of the fireplace was found to be an opening in the ceiling with wooden pegs driven into the logs of the house for access.

The fireplace after reconstruction of the interior.





The interpretative plan for the Log House called for the Front Room to be furnished as an early 1800s log house. Volunteer guides often portrayed Tabitha Noble.

Jane King as Tabitha Noble

The back lean-to section was examined and thought to have been added to the original log house in 1820-1830. Milled lumber was used in its construction. The rear room was once a porch and it is thought that it was enclosed with walls by the Leusers in the early 1930s.

In 2012 the Log House is open the 1st and 3rd Sundays June through October (1 to 4 p.m.) and by special arrangements. The Miller-Leuser Log House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and an Ohio Historical Marker was installed in June 2011, the 40th anniversary of the ownership of the Log House by the Anderson Township Historical Society.



Photo from 1972. ATHS Guides in period dress.

We especially welcome our most important visitors – the children. When they come, our hope is that they not only see a vivid picture of how families lived in Ohio’s early settlements, but that somehow they may absorb something of the best of our inheritance: self-reliance, creativity, and helpfulness to each other.

*~ Marjorie A. Frame,
1972*



Gardening Report



Putting Our Gardens to Bed: A Season of Growth and Gratitude

It's about that time to put our gardens to sleep for the winter. Spring started off beautifully, but as we Ohioans are accustomed to, the extreme drought brought its share of challenges this season.

However, the love for gardening shines through, and there were many gardens with abundant crops that defied the dry conditions. From vibrant tomatoes and peppers to flourishing herbs and flowers, the ATHS Urban Farm demonstrated once again the resilience of both plants and the people who tend them.

A Big Thank You

As we prepare the beds for winter rest, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers and gardeners who made this season possible. Your dedication, whether you came weekly to water, weed, and harvest, or helped with special projects throughout the year has been the heartbeat of our ATHS Urban Farm.

Thank you to those who:

- Tended plots through the heat and drought
- Shared your knowledge and techniques with fellow gardeners

- Donated produce to our community partners
- Maintained the pathways, compost bins, and communal areas
- Welcomed visitors and educated them about sustainable gardening

Your hands in the dirt, working alongside nature, have created more than just a garden, you've cultivated community, preserved agricultural heritage, and inspired the next generation of gardeners.

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature." ~ Alfred Austin

We look forward to seeing you again when spring returns.

~ Diane Hamm

ATHS Urban Farm Committee Chair

From Treasurer Bob King

Please welcome the following new members:

Lee Stegman
Ashley Webber
Sharon Castor
Eugene Tavares
Mac and Shelley Vanpelt (Lifetime Members)
Kathy Hosking (Lifetime Member)
Caryn Lee

Our participation in the **Kroger Rewards Program** is an easy way for us to earn money, with no strings attached! Please check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see if you are enrolled. Visit their Frequently Asked Questions page for all the details you might need to get enrolled: <https://www.kroger.com/hc/help/faqs/community-rewards/general>

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Park National Bank Work Day

Park National Bank has a week in which their employees get time to “get out of the office” and volunteer with local organizations. In September we were fortunate to have them return to the ATHS Urban Farm. The group consisted of 6 employees that preformed various tasks around the farm from fixing a doorknob and scraping paint off the Hornschemeier house to cleaning the kitchen walls in the Brown house. They also placed wood chips around the property were needed. Their help was greatly appreciated.



Another Eagle Scout Project

This Kiosk was created by Eagle Scout troop 112 with Brandon Dershak leading the project. This is a wonderful addition to the ATHS Urban Farm and will be utilized by everyone.



A Heartfelt Thank You for Our Pumpkin and Mum Sale Success

What a wonderful weekend we had at the Log House on September 27th and 28th! Our annual Pumpkin and Mum Sale was a resounding success, and we couldn't be more grateful.

The Log House was transformed into a vibrant autumn marketplace, filled with beautiful mums in rich fall colors and pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. But what truly made this event special was the spirit of community that filled the property.

A heartfelt thank you to each volunteer who dedicated their time and energy to making this sale possible. From those who hauled and arranged many pounds of pumpkins, to those who carefully displayed the mums, manned the sales tables, and welcomed visitors with a



warm smile. Your hard work was amazing. This event simply wouldn't happen without your commitment to ATHS.

We're equally grateful to everyone who stopped by to shop and support ATHS. Whether you purchased a big, beautiful mum

for your porch, selected the perfect pumpkin, or simply came to enjoy the atmosphere, your support directly helps us preserve and share our community's heritage.

Events like these do more than raise funds, they strengthen our community and introduce new friends to the important work of the Anderson Township Historical Society. Seeing families selecting pumpkins together, neighbors catching up while browsing the mums, and children exploring the Log House grounds and painting pumpkins reminds us why this work matters.

Thank you for making this year's Pumpkin and Mum Sale such a memorable success. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Harvest Festival on November 1st!



Dusty & Backwoods Drive

It was great to have Dusty & Backwoods Drive back again under perfect weather on September 29th. And special thanks to Red Sesame for filling in at the last minute. Amazing food and great music!



Don't miss the final concert of the season by the **Forest Hills Bluegrass Band** scheduled for **October 18th at 6:30 PM.**

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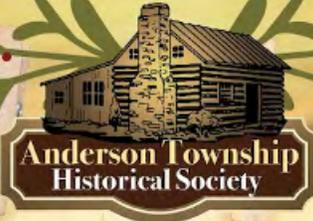
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Story of the Mount Washington Youth Canteen

As a local history buff and a person who grew up in this suburban Cincinnati community, I am always intrigued when I see an interesting image or story about Mt Washington people or places. A couple of years ago I saw an old picture of a group of teenagers, gathered around a counter, enjoying soft drinks and games. The caption to the photo noted a group of teenagers from the Mount Washington Youth Canteen in 1945. Growing up in Mount Washington in the early 1950s as a part of the Baby Boom Generation, I realized that I did not recognize this club name, nor did I know where the canteen was located. So, this image was the teaser for me to do some investigating.

When I looked at the photo, I saw the same expressions and excitement that every generation of teens in the twentieth century experienced. You can recall the worries, the fears, the anxiety, and stumbling ways of meeting and interacting with members of the opposite sex. I see in those faces an obvious confidence in some, and a confused excitement in others. The clothing, the hairstyles, and the games may change, but the efforts to make your way through all the confusion of the teenage years are evident in the eyes of these people.

The “canteen” reference intrigued me, so I popped into the dictionary. There are numerous ways to interpret this word, but the one that stood out was the definition of a recreation center and social club for teens. It seems that this is exactly what was intended for this organization.



The Mount Washington Youth Canteen (hereafter described as MWYC) was a result of parents, civic leaders, and teens in the community trying to provide a fun and safe environment for the teenagers of the day. It happens that this was not an entirely new idea in the mid 1940s in many communities during the turbulent times of World War Two. There were, apparently, up to 35 youth canteens established in the Greater Cincinnati area at that time. The concept seemed to work, so an effort was begun to create a teen canteen for Mount Washington in late 1944.

If one stops to ponder what was happening in the mid 1940s, not just here in Cincinnati, Ohio, but all over this country, it becomes very clear that major changes in daily life were happening. A war that had burst upon the world in 1939 had spread to the United States in December of 1941. When our country began to mobilize for war, people

and places were changed in serious ways. Young men were being trained and shipped off to every corner of the globe. Every family felt the absence of a loved one who was serving in one of the military branches. Rationing and shortages became an everyday issue that affected everyone. Gasoline and tires for automobiles were very limited, so a fun hop in the family car to visit places had to be justified for its importance. Perhaps this meant that local entertainment became more important to teens than ever before. Nearby movie theaters (the Elstun Theater for example), shopping, and other local gathering spots were encouraged because that meant you could walk or take a bus instead of traveling by private car.

I was able to locate many records of the MWYC in the files of the Cincinnati Historical Society, including the Ohio Articles of Incorporation. However, before it reached that stage, there were

many meetings to see if there was interest in creating the canteen. Surely, there were individual conversations among interested teens, their parents, and others, but it was not until September 4th, 1944 when they agreed to meet and have the necessary discussions to get the ball rolling.

Separate parent and teenager councils were set up. There are many adults named in the minutes of these meetings, including Michael Lacinek, Paul O'Brien, and Lawrence Kyte, all of whom were listed in the Articles of Incorporation. Other adults were present at these meetings, including Lester ("Pop") Emrick (a beloved teacher and later principal of Mount Washington Elementary School) and Al White (the local FOP representative). Many women, including Mrs. Charles Schmidt as Parent Council Chairman, also associated themselves with this effort.

A property search committee was established to try to locate a building for the canteen. Several spots were examined by the committee, but the one selected as the best fit was in the building located at 2135 Beechmont Ave. This building had housed the Robert Holzhauser furniture store in 1944, and Virginia Neckel's Interior Decorating prior to that. Technically, 2135 and 2137 were the same structure at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and Corbley Road in Mount Washington. Eagle Savings & Loan occupied the corner portion.

As the building currently sat empty in late 1944, the owner, Mrs. Bertha Kruse, was willing to lease out the space in 2135 to the MWYC for \$100.00 per month. That rent was eventually

increased to \$150.00, and finally \$165.00 monthly. The Canteen was to be as self-supporting as possible through membership fees, but it was felt that an effort should be made to solicit donations from the community families and merchants to help financially support the organization.

The canteen was formally incorporated in the State of Ohio on October 19, 1944, and officially named as the Mount Washington Youth Canteen, Inc. The actual opening date was Friday October 20, 1944. As the canteen was operating and covered by the local press, it was often referred to by the moniker "Teen Town." Rules were established by both the parent and teen councils for the age restrictions, along with the operating hours. They also determined that the beginning membership fees were to be 60¢ for high school grade students and 45¢ for 7th and 8th Grade students. That translates to \$13.40 and \$10.05 respectively per month in 2025 dollars. The fee was increased later to 75¢ and 60¢ to help cover operating costs. Guests of members could attend with a 15¢ fee for the day. The sale of beverages and snacks by the canteen would contribute to their resources as well.

The membership rules also established the ages for the Junior High students to be at least 12 years old to 14 years. This covered the 7th and 8th Grades. The High School level ages were 14 to 18 years but allowed for the completion of the last year of high school.

Plans were made to do some minor remodeling and painting in the building. The lower level

may have been set up as the dance floor. The street level was the location for serving refreshments and game playing. Card games, board games, and Bingo were popular. Prizes were often donated for winners of the games. They also purchased a juke box (Wurlitzer model 61) to play records and kept up with soundtrack of the late 1940s. The latest songs were enjoyed by purchasing records at the local music shops in Mount Washington. The Wurlitzer was a beautiful glowing art deco tabletop model that played 78 rpm records. This model juke box held 12 of the records and was operated with a nickel coin. The MWYC entertainment also included a ping pong table, and eventually acquired a used pool table with a \$75.00 donation funded by the Fraternal Order of Police.

In general, the operating days and times were as follows:

- Friday Evenings (7pm to 12am)
- Saturday afternoons (2pm to 5pm)
- Saturday evenings (8pm to 12am)
- Sunday afternoons (2pm to 5pm)
- Sunday evenings (8pm to 12am)

There may have been some adjustments to the closing times, but this was the initial scheduling. It is apparent from reading the old news stories that the MWYC had regular meetings on Thursdays. There were also special events organized. For example, the canteen held several dances on Wednesday evenings, including a western style

(square dance) which included a dance caller and several skilled individuals to demonstrate the correct moves. These were usually open to adults as well.

You may wonder who the canteen invited to join. They reached out to all the local schools to generate interest in membership, including Anderson High School, Guardian Angels School, St. Joseph's Academy (the local Catholic girls' high school which became the coed McNicholas High School in 1951), and of course, Mount Washington School (which included 7th and 8th Grades at this time). An outreach was made to St. Xavier High School, Withrow High School, Walnut Hills High School and Purcell High School to draw in students who lived in the Mount Washington and Anderson Township area but attended a school outside of Anderson Township.

The membership numbers varied through the years of operation (1945-48) but generally ran about 200 students and may have been up to 300 at one time. As of the October 1944 meeting of the MWYC council, the number of registrations was confirmed at 320 (including both high school and junior high school teens).

The general upkeep of the location was handled by volunteers from the various school's membership. The canteen was responsible for its utilities (gas and electric) which were paid out of the canteen's general fund. They also arranged for Cincinnati Bell Telephone to place a coin pay phone in the building. I believe the money generated from the teen's use of the telephone more than paid for

the rental of the phone. All funds aside from cash on hand were deposited with the Eagle Savings & Loan in its Mount Washington location at 2137 Beechmont... right next door to the canteen.

In perusing the many receipts of the MWYC, it was obvious that they sold plenty of soft drinks (Coca Cola being a prime seller) and assorted candy bars that were popular in the mid 1940s. Many of those old brands are still around today, including O'Henry Bars, Bit 'O Honey, Mounds Bars, Pay Day, and others. Ice cream bars like Eskimo Pies, Creamcycles and Drum Sticks were a snack of choice too. The ping pong table competitions were evidently quite fierce, as replacement balls were required often. The pool table was also kept busy, as the purchases of cue tips, chinks, and repairs to the table surface reflect.

The weekly news coverage by the Mount Washington Press offered a glimpse into the activities of the canteen. I believe that it opened with a lot of excitement and created a place that the local teens could call their own. Obviously, the makeup of the group changed from year to year, as the teens aged out, or developed interests in other activities. In any case, the single theme that stands out is that all young generations are always looking for places to meet their pals, and to possibly meet new friends. Boys and girls in their teen years are looking to spread their wings and figure out their place in their society, and that will never really change. There are so few photos of this canteen and its members, that we can only stare into those frozen



images and try to imagine the happiness, the excitement, the passionate feelings that surge in all young people. If we can see that in those photos and remember our own experiences from the 1950s and beyond, we might understand that we were alike in many ways.

As I wrapped up my research in the canteen, I couldn't help but feel a bit of a letdown. The Mount Washington community came together to create this for their teenaged children, and many people contributed their time freely to make it happen. The canteen operated in what, apparently, was a nearly self-sufficient way for three straight years, beginning with 1945. By the end of 1947 you can get the sense that interest had waned, and the remaining membership was struggling to keep it going. I am not sure what date the change of location occurred, but sometime either late 1947 or early 1948, the canteen moved from its location at 2135 Beechmont Ave. in the heart of the business district. This may have been due to a higher lease cost, along with a reduced level of income from memberships and donations. They found a replacement

meeting place by negotiating with the American Legion Post 484 on Sutton Ave., to continue with a new location at the Legion to hold activities. I think the American Legion was generous with the offer, but it came with typical restrictions to available dates and times to meet that did not conflict with regular Legion events. The usual three to four dates per week for the canteen became once a week.

The other problem with the survival of the canteen was the dwindling interest in support from the parents and other adults of the community. The drive to ask for more participation was met with very disappointing response. By the summer of 1948 the MWYC had to make the sad decision to close and end operations. My own experience in typical community volunteer organizations has shown that it takes a strong leadership to get these things going, but that must remain for the group to succeed. When too few people are tasked with doing too much, the burnout

feelings will erode the mission. In this case, that includes both the parents and the students.

My own teen years were the usual mix of boredom and the burdens of schoolwork, accented by the occasional excitement that happens in life. Thankfully, there were post-war replacements for the loss of the MWYC, including dances at the various schools, sports, jobs for teens, and other places to meet up. I know that many of the local churches and schools were able to meet some of that demand with dances or other social activities.

The Mount Washington Youth Canteen... or Teen Town as it was also known, was a neat blip in our local history. The canteen was organized, operated, and supported by teenagers with the help of many adults. If nothing else, it proved that teens could be depended on for more than just play and snacking...they also learned to dance, and hone their social skills...and a help build a strong work ethic.

You might wonder what became of the building on Beechmont Avenue...it still exists! The 2135 address was occupied by Mount Washington Plumbing Company from 1949 through at least 1960. The Eagle Savings & Loan remained at 2137 Beechmont until they moved into their brand-new building across the intersection around 1960 or 61. Various other financial institutions used 2137, including the notorious Home State Savings Bank (forced to close in 1985). The current occupant, Union Savings Bank has successfully operated here for years and eventually took over the entire footprint of the building. This is when the 2135 address disappeared from the front of the space.

It is my pleasure to give thanks for the generous time and resources given to me by the Anderson Township Historical Society, and the Cincinnati Historical Society. Because of the delicate condition of the Mount Washington Press newsprint, the process of digitizing the older editions of the Mount Washington Press has begun. Soon you will be able to read all about it by viewing the paper electronically. You can enjoy taking a few moments to step into the time machine and disappear down the rabbit hole of historical research such as this. Contact either of the two historical societies for more information on this and other local subjects.

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A Trip Down Memory Lane

On a warm August afternoon, members of the Smith family visited their former home, the *Bartels House*, located at the entrance to the ATHS Urban Farm. Their roots connect to the Leuser family of Miller-Leuser Log House fame.



Three brothers shared memories of growing up there — from chasing goats on the hillside and jumping from the haylofts of the big red barn to bath time in a kitchen washtub. They

recalled sharing a bedroom with their parents and compared notes to bring childhood recollections back into focus.



(L to R) Bob Smith, Larry Smith, Frank Smith, Kathy (Browne) Hoelscher (Kathy grew up in the Browne House and was a neighbor).



During their visit, the family also toured the Log House and Research Center, where they discovered more about their heritage. They kindly contributed family photos and documents to the Research Center's collections, helping preserve their story for future generations. One brother plans to return to further delve into his roots.



(L to R) Scott Smith (Bob Smith's son), Connie Smith (Bob Smith's wife), Bob Smith, Janice Huff (Larry Smith's significant other), Larry Smith Jr. (Larry Smith's son), Larry Smith, Devona Smith (Larry Smith Jr's wife), Francis (Frank) Smith, Wanda Ninichuck (Frank Smith's significant other)

Tour of the Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens

On Wednesday, September 17th, eleven of our members toured the Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens in Bexley, Ohio, just outside Columbus. Thanks to Linda Magee for organizing this wonderful tour.

The house, built in 1927 as a private residence, was gifted to the citizens of Ohio in 1957 to be used as the home of the governor. It has been lovingly cared for and is filled with furniture, art work, and other items unique to Ohio.



The gardens feature areas designed to mimic the soil and plants from diverse areas of Ohio. There was even a cranberry bog!

The trail of the 88 counties was interesting too.



Preserving Local History: Mt. Washington Press Digitization Update

Great progress is being made on our exciting newspaper digitization project!



Mac and Shelly VanPelt have been hard at work in the research center scanning historic editions of the Mt. Washington Press from the Anderson Township Historical Society archives.

They have successfully scanned and digitized newspapers from 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, and 1948. While some earlier years (1938-1940) have incomplete collections, they have captured everything available in our archives. The years 1944 and 1945 are not available, as publication was temporarily suspended while publisher Mr. Nichols served in World War II.

All scanned editions are now available on a dedicated computer in the research center's newspaper room. Members and guests are welcome to explore these fascinating glimpses into our community's past during regular open house hours. We recommend scheduling an appointment to ensure the computer is available for your visit.

We're currently working on 1949 and will continue adding subsequent years as we complete the scanning process. This growing digital archive will preserve our local history for future generations while making it easily accessible to researchers and history enthusiasts.

Questions about the project or want to schedule a viewing time? Contact Melanie or Nancy for assistance at research@athociety.org.

Discover Anderson Township's Rich History

The Anderson Township Historical Society is proud to offer a collection of locally authored publications that bring our community's past to life. Whether you're a long-time resident, history enthusiast, or newcomer wanting to learn about your neighborhood's roots, we have something for everyone!

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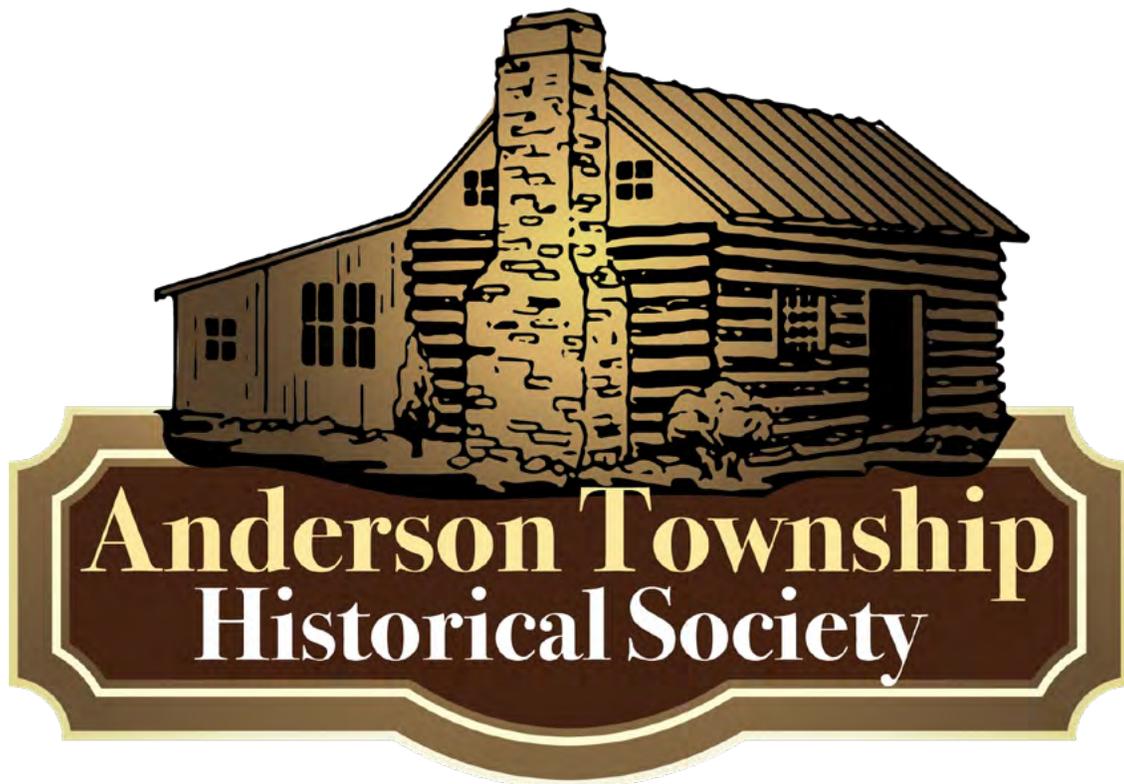
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