

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

March 2018

The Newsletter of Muskingum County History

MUSEUMS OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY HISTORY

The Stone Academy Historic Site & Museum
115 Jefferson Street

Dr. Increase Mathews House Museum
304 Woodlawn Avenue
Zanesville, Ohio

Both museums are open Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday from 1:00-4:00 and Saturday from
10:00-4:00, May through October.

The museums are open at other times by ap-
pointment. Call the office at the Stone Academy
at 740 454-9500 or contact us through our web-
site

Muskingumcountyhistory.org

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARCH 2018

As the new president for Muskingum County History, I hope to at least equal the outstanding job my predecessor, Mitch Taylor, did. I want to thank Mitch for the time, energy and effort he put forth.

Our Executive Director, Jim Geyer, continues to do an outstanding job. We have three great World War I programs coming up. The first program is "The First World War Before the U.S. Involvement." It will take place, as all programs will, at the Stone Academy on Jefferson Street in

Zanesville. Europe was at war for almost three years before the United States entered the massive conflict. Please mark your calendars for March 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

The second program takes place on April 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. It is entitled, "Ohio in the First World War." Cyrus Moore who is currently serving with the Ohio History Service Corps at the Southeast Ohio History Center in Athens will be our presenter for programs one and two.

Dr. William Kerrigan will be our presenter for our third WWI program on May 24, 2018. At 7:00 p.m. Dr. Kerrigan will present "World War I Era Music." All three programs are open to the public.

Focusing on Zanesville/Putnam history, a new exhibit focusing on the Underground Railroad and the involvement of some of the people from Putnam in the Underground Railroad will be on display by the end of the year. The Ohio Anti-slavery Society was founded in Putnam, Ohio, in 1835 by such as A. A. Guthrie, Levi Whipple and Horace Nye. Putnam was very prominent in the Underground Railroad movement.

On another front, I plan to start working on organizing the hundreds of photographs we have. These photographs include buildings that were once standing in downtown Zanesville but are no longer; large gathering of people at celebrations, like parades; scenic views; 1948 Dodger minor league baseball; and many, many more. Some of these photographs will be available for sale and some will be posted on our website.

If you have not been to the Stone Academy or the Increase Mathews House, please come. We are open from May through September on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and year round by appointment. If you have not recently visited us, please come again.

Peter N. Cultice,

PRESIDENT MUSKINGUM COUNTY HISTORY

A THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership in Muskingum County History for 2018. Your dues help to pay the bills and your support is an encouragement to those who work to maintain our buildings and collections and who arrange our programming. For those of you who are receiving a complimentary copy of this newsletter and are not a member, we invite you join us. Dues are \$10 for senior citizens and students, \$15 for individuals, \$30 for families and \$300 for a Life Membership. Dues may be sent to MCH, 115 Jefferson St., Zanesville OH 43701. Further information may be found at our website, muskingumcountyhistory.org.

Many members sent in donations above the amount of their dues and for that we thank: Marie Bolin, Mr. & Mrs. J W Straker, Gary Felumlee, Lynn Carrel, Mr. & Mrs. Milman Linn, James & Susan Bailey, Lolita Burt, Jennie Zeek, Mike & Stephanie Kline, June Straker, Sandra Turner, Jim Geyer, Phyllis Mast, Betty Wiechert, David Billing, Beverly Moreno, Ruthann Allen, Charlie & Marcy White, Kurt White, Shirley Henderson, Betty MacDonald, Carol Campbell, Susan Lewis, John Zink, MaryAnn & Ron Bucci, Brinley & Barbara Williams, Carolyn Spencer, James Sibbring, Jerrold Schaumleffel, Larry Skillman, David Buxton, Christina Fulk, Julie Link, Tina Wickline, Paul & Andy Hoffman, Nancy Ragias, Bob Jenkins and Mary Flanagan.

Some of our members choose the **LOCAL HISTORY PARTNER** level of membership which is another form of an additional donation. Local History Partners include: J William Barrett, Sis Bowman, Carol Campbell, Century National Bank, Janet James, Alan King, Zanesville Muskingum Count Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Zanesville Museum of Art

This membership year we have two new **LIFE MEMBERS**, John Hoyes and David Moody. Life Member dues are added to our endowment where they continue to produce income for us.

Please forgive us if we have omitted any names from these lists and be assured that we value all of our members.

THE WAYFARERS KNOW A GOOD BUILDING WHEN THEY HEAR ONE

In February **THE WAYFARERS** used the Stone Academy Historic Site and Museum as the setting for a music video. This was the second time The Wayfarers have filled our historic building with roots music as they used one of the few buildings in the area that pre-dates all of their music to provide additional character to the tunes they were playing. Visit their website at thewayfarersband.com to see several still photos that should look familiar to all who are acquainted with our museums.



The Wayfarers play as Mr. James McHenry looks on from his post on the wall.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY HISTORY

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Programming & Museums Operations 2018

Jim Geyer, Museum Director

"...we will educate and engage a diverse public through a variety of programs..." (from the MCH Purpose Statement)

Last year Muskingum County History added a new part-time paid staff person, **Tina Wickline**, to take the lead in our efforts to educate and engage the public. Tina is responsible for our school tours and chairs the Programming Committee. She has scheduled a series of programs for 2018 that expand on themes introduced in 2017.

We continue our observance of the **100th Anniversary of AMERICA'S INVOLVEMENT IN WWI** with three new programs at the Stone Academy.

Sunday, March 18th, 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 22nd, 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 24th, 7:00 pm

Sunday June 24th, 2:00 pm

The First World War before US Involvement

Ohio in the First World War

Songs of the WWI Era; Muskingum County WWI Veterans

More stories about **Local People You Probably Don't Know About but Should: Cornelius Springer and Col. Raymond Robins**



CORNELIUS SPRINGER



Col. RAYMOND ROBINS

Sunday, October 21st, 2:00 pm

Last October Pam Kirst presented the story of **EVA PROUT GEIGER**, including her romantic involvement with author/humorist **JAMES THURBER**. This October we follow-up that story with an **AUTHOR TALK/BOOK SIGNING** featuring **Bob Hunter**, author of *Thurberville*.

Saturday, July 7th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Special "Putnam Hop" Event at the **Mathews House** featuring garden and museum tours, a concert on the lawn featuring the John Glenn High School Steel Drums, and free snow cones.

Ohio University student **Brady Tumblin** will again be assisting at both museums this summer. Brady completed an internship at the Stone Academy in 2016 helping with our award-winning UGRR program series. In 2017 he returned as a seasonal contract employee helping with tours, program research, and anything else that needed done. This summer Brady will serve as a docent/interpreter as we **expand operating hours at both museums** and prepare to open the new UGRR exhibit.

Programming, including museum operations, makes up about 30% of the Muskingum County History operating budget. To learn more check out the **2017 Annual Report**, www.muskingumcountyhistory.org/annual-report/. Program updates are also available on the website, <http://www.muskingumcountyhistory.org/new-page-1/>.

NEW ACCESSIONS IN 2017

We use our March newsletter to list the donations of artifacts received in the prior year. The listing is a way of giving thanks to the people who have entrusted their belongings, often family treasures, to us so that we might use them to tell the story of Muskingum County's history. The list also allows us to show the great diversity of artifacts found in the organization's collection. Small historical organizations do not have the funds to purchase artifacts and we must depend on the generosity of our donors who see the value in preserving these bits of our history so that they may be enjoyed by succeeding generations.

Last year, in addition to donations from individuals, we received donations from three other historical societies. It is a common policy for such groups to see that artifacts better suited in another location be passed on to where they are most appropriate and most appreciated. This can be more complicated for the Ohio History Connection whose bailiwick includes the entire state of Ohio but they recognized that Henry Clay Van Voorhis' Certificate of Admission to the Bar would find a better home in Muskingum County than it would in an archives in Columbus and we are grateful.

For our part, so far this year MCH has shared archival items with the Belmont County Historical Society, the Portage County Historical Society and the Muskingum County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. We also acted as the go-between for a donor with Guernsey County connections and the Guernsey County Historical Society.

Donated by Caralee Cartwright Dannison

- Windsor chair made by Burrough & Co. of Zanesville, c. 1875. We wrote about this chair in our December newsletter and Bill Barrett responded by doing further research which he shared with us. There is more to be written about this Zanesville furniture maker.

Donated by Whiten Mauk

- Pair of Indian clubs from Zanesville YWCA
- Pair of ¾ pound wooden dumbbells from Zanesville YWCA

Donated by Ann Burkhart

- Pair of commemorative Mason jars produced from mold made at Zanesville Mould Compa-

ny, 1976.

Donated by Mitch and Donna Taylor

- Brass belt buckle with relief depiction of Y Bridge in central disk with "ZANESVILLE" above and "HIGH SCHOOL" below, c. 1938
- Pin back badge from Y Bridge Arts Festival, 2016
- Beige polo shirt with P&HS logo, c. 1984
- Pin back badge in shape of football with LASH printed across center and blue and white ribbons attached at bottom, c. 1938



Donated by Bernadine Rust

- Roseville Raymor lug bowl in beach gray, c. 1952
- Roseville Raymor coffee cup in pumpkin, c. 1952
- Roseville Raymor saucer in dark brown, c. 1952
- Roseville Raymor salad plate in pumpkin, c. 1952
- Child's play set of serving tray, coffee pot, cups and saucers, lithographed steel, c. 1911
- Homemade tea strainer made by donor's father
- Curling iron with wood handles

Donated by Lee Wiler

- Scrapbook of articles from *The Zanesville Signal* of Jan 24, 1927, and the *Zanesville Times Recorder* of Oct 6, 1949.

Donated by J. William Straker

- 201 File for 1st Lieut Straker Army Air Corps during WWII (complements Mr. Straker's 2016 donation of a foot locker, uniforms and accouterments)

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Donated by Scott Turner

- Wooden wagon jack used by and likely made by Paul Stiers of Adamsville, grandfather of donor



Wagon jack

Donated by Bexley Historical Society

- Yearly diaries of O P Ziegler, Fultonham, Ohio, 1890-1901

Donation of Nancy Keeley

- Cold type printing plate used to print front page of the Zanesville *Times Recorder* of April 6, 1992, the last newspaper to be printed in Zanesville



- Salesman's sample of lead alloy pig used in Linotype machine
- Color photograph of sign inside lobby of Zanesville Publishing Company

Donated by Brad Matheney

- Plaster castings from Weller Theater

Donated by Ohio History Connection

- "Certificate of Admission to the Bar" issued to Henry Clay Van Voorhis, 1874

Donated by Nancy Bateman in Memory of Russell and Margaret Smcuil

- Various items related to the families of different generation of the JGH Holston family

Donated by Licking County Historical Society

- Ledger with financial entries from Zanesville in the 1830s and 1840s possibly for taxes, water works expenditures and cemetery charges

Donated by Dan Backus

- Zane Trace Commemoration coins

Donated by Nancy Paul

- Coverlet, geometric pattern, wool and linen. Previously owned by Marguerite Hartman Roberts of Duncan Falls and believed to have been from this area



Detail of Paul/Roberts quilt

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Donated by Kenneth Alan Gale

- Eleven studio photographs of family of DB and Milman Linn
- Typewritten monograph, *The Milman H. Linn Family of Muskingum County, Ohio* by Vincent B. Linn, 1978

As you can see from list of donations, the scope of our collection is broad. The types of items that we are seeking include:

- ◆ Manufactured and home-made good from Muskingum County such as pottery, glass, brick, tile, furniture, textiles, farm implements, and consumer goods.
- ◆ Books written by or about Muskingum County people.
- ◆ Fine and folk art by local artists or of local subjects.
- ◆ Diaries, personal reminiscences and letters of Muskingum County people.
- ◆ Photographs only if the location or subjects are known.
- ◆ Miscellaneous items that relate to the businesses, institutions (schools, churches, clubs), and people of Muskingum County.

Areas in which we have almost no representation are products of Zanesville foundries and 20th century industries other than pottery and glass. We also need some of the mundane articles of life such as the tools used to maintain a home or to create manufactured goods.

At the same we are asking for donations we must also say that we are very limited in exhibition and storage space. Items accepted for the collection might not be displayed immediately and we might have to turn down items that are appropriate to our mission but which we would be unable to store properly. The Board of Trustees is seeking solutions to our lack of space but this is a long term problem

If you have a part of Muskingum County history that you would like donate so that it can be preserved and shared with future generation who are curious about their community's past please contact us. You can use the Contact Us button on our webpage at muskingumcountyhistory.org or call the museum office at 740 454-9500. The value of your donated artifact may be taken as a charitable donation on your income tax, however tax laws are changing and we are not able to provide an appraisal.



TURN YOUR FOOD PURCHASES INTO DONATIONS

If you shop at Kroger and you have a Kroger Plus Shopper's Card, you can direct Kroger to share Community Rewards with Muskingum County History at no cost to you. Go to Kroger.com and click on "Kroger Community Rewards" at the bottom of the page (or go directly there by using this address <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>) and sign in or create an account. You can then link your Shopper's Card to us by using our number, 80971, or searching for "Pioneer & Historical Soc. Muskingum Co." (our former, but still legal name). After that, every time you spend money at Kroger we receive a credit and every quarter we are issued a check. The price of your groceries does not change and we do not receive any notice of who is participating or what they are purchasing. We receive free money with no strings attached and you get a warm feeling knowing that you have justified your spending on cheese doodles and Double Stuf Oreos by serving the community. After we made this same appeal to our Facebook friends in December participation increased three-fold and we hope to reach even more of you now. Free money is hard to find these days, please help us get our share.



SE corner 4th and Main Sts, Zanesville, 1888.

Starting in May and running through October we are going to try something new— both museums, the Dr. Increase Mathews House and Gardens and the Stone Academy Historic Site and Museum, will be open Wednesday through Saturday. People traveling from out of the area will be able to see two museums in one trip. We expect this to increase visitation but it also means we will have a greater need for docents. We need your help! Our docent schedules will be flexible so you can work as much or as little as you like. We will train you so that you will feel comfortable sharing Muskingum County's history with museum visitors. Please come to our Volunteer Orientation and take your place in the Corps de Docents.

WANTED:

Friendly, humble, vibrant, caring, selfless, helpful, thoughtful, unselfish, fun loving, involved, respectable, passionate

VOLUNTEERS

Lead museum tours

Help take care of buildings and grounds

Help plan and present programs



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, 10:00 am

At the Stone Academy



PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, March 18th, 2:00 pm, at the Stone Academy
The First World War Before US Involvement

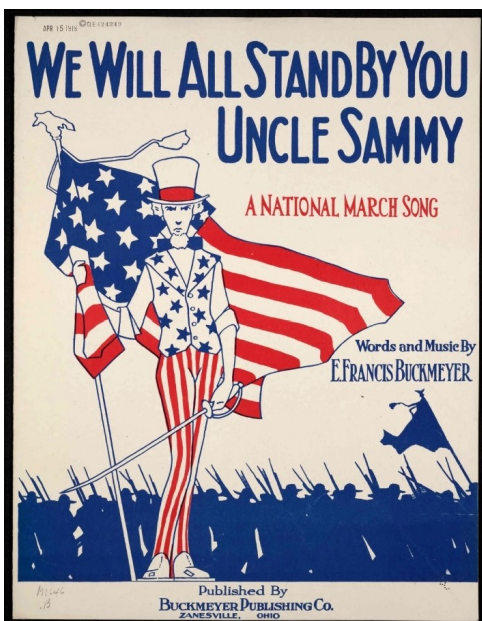
The United States entered Europe's Great War on April 6, 1917. However, the European powers and their colonial holders had been at war since August of 1914. In a few bloody, muddy years, millions of soldiers were killed and wounded as the war expanded to include more nations and newer, deadlier weapons. This presentation will explain the outbreak of war and discuss the conflict before April of 1917. Living historians will demonstrate some of the uniforms and weapons of soldiers, as well as the changes that took place as Europe sank deeper into total war.

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm, at the Stone Academy
Ohio in the First World War

In the spring of 1917, war between the United States and Imperial Germany grew imminent. Ohioans rushed to join their local National Guard companies and prepared for the coming fight, known at the time as the "War of 1917." In only a matter of months these eager Ohio volunteers were transferred to the Federal Army and trained in modern warfare. They were joined by draftees, and by the summer of 1918 were arriving in France by the hundreds of thousands. Within a few months these men were fighting in the trenches of the Western Front, where they faced the horrors of industrialized warfare. This presentation will follow the experiences of Ohio soldiers throughout the course of the war and their return home. Living historians will portray Ohio soldiers, showing how they looked before and after fighting on the Western Front.



The presenter for both of the above programs will be Cyrus Moore (above center). Cyrus is an Ohio History Service Corps member, currently serving with the Ohio History Service Corps at the Southeast Ohio History Center in Athens. He received a BA in History from Ohio University in 2011 and an MA from Kent State in 2015, where he wrote a thesis on the Ohio National Guard from the Civil War to the Spanish-American War. His primary area of study is Ohio military history, and is currently very involved in the Ohio World War I Centennial.



Thursday, May 24th, 7:00 pm, at the Stone Academy
World War I Era Music

Dr. William Kerrigan
 Professor of History, Muskingum University

Muskingum County WWI Veterans
 Muskingum County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society