



Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

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President's Report

By Richard Troutwine

Within the next two months, renovation of the second floor of the building should be completed. The three west rooms' walls have been sanded, and are ready for primer and paint. Lonnie Norris and crew have installed new ceiling boards in those rooms and closets. Also, a floor sander needs to be rented to prep the floors in the hallway and the three west rooms so they can be polyurethaned. Keith Furlong has the second floor woodwork finished. It looks very nice.

On the first level, the front porch railing has been made, but not yet painted and installed. Except for the ceiling in the main conference room, the electrical system is now up to code, thanks to Bud's Electric Co. When the wiring is completed in the conference room, the ceiling will be returned to its original height and new lights installed. Two small windows high on the east and south walls will be restored. Money (\$5,000) to pay for a majority of this entire project has been obtained from the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund. AWTHS is thankful to the trustees for granting our request for funds needed for this large project. We would not be able to complete this stage of renovations at this time without the grant money.

AWTHS debt now stands at \$10,000. This amount will be reduced by yearly payments. Monies from memberships, rentals, fundraisers, and donations will be used for operating expenses and debt reduction. Our next two fundraisers will be during Old Fashioned Days in May.

I am happy to inform the members that Dr. and Mrs. P. Galen Lenhert renewed their 2007 membership at the \$1,000 Lifetime member level; making them AWTHS' first Lifetime members. Thanks to everyone who have renewed their memberships and a welcome to our new members.

2007 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

<i>President</i>		<i>Director 2nd year</i>	
Richard Troutwine	692-5128	Dave Flora	692-8413
<i>Vice Pres.</i>		<i>Director 2nd year</i>	
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<i>Corres. Secretary</i>			
Barbara Deis	678-7832		

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May 10th Program - Forgotten Memoirs of Annie Oakley

Imagine coming across the long forgotten memoir written by Annie Oakley. This is just what happened to our May guest speaker, Marilyn Robbins. Since 2000, Marilyn has been a Garst Museum volunteer. Her willingness to do anything at the museum, lead to her discovery of a collection of newspaper articles written by Annie herself. The articles date back to 1925. In the articles, Annie tells about her early life, her marriage, show life and then retirement. Annie died before she finished the series. These exciting discoveries lead Marilyn to edit the new book The Autobiography of Annie Oakley. First published October 2006, interest has come from across the United States. The book is available at Garst Museum and through their website.

After graduating from Greenville High School, Marilyn worked for the FBI in Washington D.C. for a couple years. Returning home, she married her high school classmate, Dale Robbins. Marilyn retired in 1999, after 35 yrs. with Greenville National Bank. Besides volunteering at Garst she is involved in many other organizations.

Please join us May 10th as Marilyn shares what she learned about Annie from Annie herself. The evening promises to be very interesting.

Standing Committees

The historical society needs the talent, time and financial support of every member. Please review the list of committees below. As a non-profit organization, we need your participation in order to exist and fulfill our mission to preserve the past for future generations.

Please volunteer your services for one or more committees.

Acquisitions	JoAnne Hill Joan Rench	692-8330 692-2328
Design	Carolyn Furlong Carolyn Troutwine	548-6556 692-8939
Education Set-up	Events Cheryl Gray Fred Troutwine Keith Furlong	692-8905 692-8939 548-6556
Genealogical Librarian Historians	Ellen Breece Bill Gunder Anita Short	692-6548 692-8000 692-5241
Historic Sites	Fred Troutwine	692-8939
Hospitality	Glenna Hayes Sharon Troutwine	692-8334 692-5128
Landscaping	Rose Lambert Pat Jones Betty Sease	692-8513 / 692-8826 662-9114 692-5241
Membership	Keith & Carolyn Furlong	548-6556
Publications	<i>Newsletter</i> - Barb Deis <i>Publicity</i> - Jean Miller <i>Website</i> - Deb Williams	678-7832 692-8425 692-5635
Programs	JoAnne Hill Anita Short	692-8330 692-8715
Property & Building Site, Renovations, Maintenance	Board Members	
Ways and Means	Jenny Quigney	692-5994

AWTHS Shirts For Sale

AWTHS is ordering shirts from Neff Lettering for members to wear at activities where AWTHS is represented, such as working the fair gate, Christmas Bazaar, and Old Fashioned Days. The shirts are Vegas Gold with our name and a line drawing of our building embroidered in blue. The cost is \$21.00. Contact Dick Troutwine, 692-5128 or Dave Flora, 692-5413 to order a shirt.

Financial Statement As of December 31, 2006

Checking/Savings SNB	\$10,315.45
Line of Credit SNB	\$11,000.00
Income – Activities	\$6,276.00
Donations	\$6,496.98
Hall Rental	\$930.00
Memberships	\$2,785.00
Grant	\$7,500.00
Sign Sold	\$568.00
Window Fund	\$1,500.00
Expense – Operations	\$2,068.68
Utilities	\$2,633.97
Insurance	\$521.00
Real Estate Tax	\$ 640.72
Renovations	\$6,754.62

Cost of purchasing the house and renovations, November 2004 thru December 2006, is \$55,428.10. Line of Credit at Second National Bank was reduced by \$2,000 in 2006.

Ways and Means

By Jenny Quigney

February 17th AWTHS hosted a Longaberger Basket Party. I am pleased to report that despite the weather,, it was a success. Approximately 48 people attended and a good time was had by all. Over 30 prizes were given away and there were 3 raffle winners. Donations of over \$680 helped off set the cost. With ticket sales, raffle tickets and food sales, we profited \$928.55. The raffle winners were: Shirley Fisher - Cookie Jar Basket, Tara Keckler - Laundry Basket and Phyllis Blackburn - Etched Glass Hurricane. The 50/50 drawing winner was Jim Troutwine, and he generously donated his winnings back to the Society.

The event sponsors were: Carolyn's Angelic Treasures, Eyler Asbestos, Inc., Garbig & Blinn, LLC Attorneys, R.J. Warner Ins. Agencies, Inc., The Rose Post Floral Design, and Sink Jewelers.

What Is On Your Mind?

Members having suggestions, ideas or stories to share, please contact the newsletter staff: Barb Deis 678-7832 or Jeannie Miller 692-8425. Do you have suggestions for programs to be held during membership meetings? Contact JoAnne Hill 692-8330. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Contact Jenny Quigney 692-5994. You may also send your idea by e-mail to AWTHS@wohh.rr.com.

Acquisition List

By JoAnne Hill

Thanks to the individuals who have donated items for our archives. Contact JoAnne Hill or one of the board members if you have items to contribute.

*Items on loan from
Tracy Besecker

- 701 Arcanum High School Operetta Program
Miriam Harris Stephens – marked with X
- 702 Picture of men sitting on steps of city
building – Booster Day Sept. 19, 1912.
Russell Harris second from right
- 703 Photo of Stutz and Sando Funeral Home
- 704 Grade card of Frank Stephens 1955-56 –
Teachers Mr. Bailey and Mr. Graeff
- 705 Certificate May 4, 1906 Russell Harris passed
with highest average in freshman class
- 706 Arcanum High Commencement Exercise May
21, 1902
- 707 Senior class play "Who's Boss" May 16, 1930 –
Miriam Harris – Directed by Ruth Warner
- 708 Receipt from Arcanum Roofing and Sheet
Metal for Russell Harris signed by Ramon
Miller
- 709 Program "Pickles" Musical Comedy May 2,
1930
- 710 Teachers Elementary School Certificate for
Russell Harris Feb. 4, 1911
- 711 Newspaper article – Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warner
50th wedding anniversary – Aug. 2, 1964
- 712 Last issue of The Arcanum Times under the
ownership of R.B. Harris – Warren Porter new
editor
- 713 High School Record of R.B. Harris May 21,
1910
- 714 Methodist Church Union Services 1933
- 715 R.B. Harris Dues Card Masonic Lodge 1972

*Items on loan from
Gertrude Brehm

- 716 Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan paper clip
holder
- 717 Hency's Inc. rain cap
- 718 Arcanum Times Jan. 14, 1960 – Farm Section
- 719 2 photos of interior Arcanum Federal Savings
& Loan 1952
- 720 Sewing kit – W.F. Rosser Lumber Co.
- 721 Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan bottle
opener
- 722 Wooden hanger from Crouse's Men & Boys
Store
- 723 Basketball Tournament Program – held in
Greenville Feb. 22 & 23
- 724 Newspaper article 1950 Arcanum Federal
Savings & Loan open House on 65th birthday
- 725 Financial Statement Arcanum Federal Savings
& Loan 1950
- 726 R.J. Warner Insurance bottle cap
- 727 Hency's Note Pad
- 728 John Smith Co. receipt pad

*Other items donated

- 729 6 T-Shirts from Little League Baseball Team –
1970's Business Sponsors names on back –
Jean and Wendell Miller
- 730 Wooden match save advertising Harry
Hoffman – Dick and Fred Troutwine
- 731 Large blue and tan round rug – Eldon Erdman
- 732 CD made from 8mm film taken by Paul
Lenhert, from the early 40's and 50's – scenes
from Easter Egg Hunt, Arcanum Centennial
and Arcanum Band – Dr. Galen Lenhert
- 733 Newspaper articles about Gerald Hency –
Phyllis and Bill Corbin

McDonald's Camp

By Connie Garber

In 1945, after graduating from Monroe High School in Preble County, I worked as a waitress in the small restaurant, then known as Adams Camp. It was owned by Mary Adams and her mother (whose name I have forgotten). I only worked a couple of months in the summer. One day that summer, several carloads of gypsies arrived (my first encounter with gypsies). Mary informed me they came every summer and camped in the woods behind the cabins. She also told me that the gypsies would probably come into the restaurant off and on, but probably would not steal from her as they could stay as long as they wanted in the woods for free. She also gave them any cooked food, etc. left over from the restaurant kitchen.

A few years later when I worked in a small grocery at West Manchester, the gypsies were still camping at Adams Camp. The businesses would hurry and lock their doors when anyone spotted a gypsy in town. I have no idea how many years they camped at Adams Camp.

Adam's Camp later became known as McDonald's Camp. It was located at "Bob's Nickle Saver" on the corner of St. Rt. 40 and St. Rt. 127.

Religious Heritage

Preface

The history of two of Arcanum's present churches, Faith Methodist (formerly United Brethren and later Evangelical United Brethren) and Trinity Methodist (formerly Methodist Episcopal) evolved from one simple log church outside the city limits approximately a mile east of Arcanum.

Prior to 1841, the families of Arcanum and the nearby area held church services in the Nealeigh school located east of town, probably in Section 3 of Twin Township and in the various surrounding family homes, being served by a Methodist circuit minister, Peter Hertzler.

On July 21, 1841, Simpson Albright, a member of the large Albright family, deeded a plot of land out of the northwest corner of his acreage, being 48 square rods of NE part of E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 10, Township 8, Range 3, to the Painter Creek Methodist Episcopal Church. On this plot of land a simple log church was erected. The church would remain Methodist until 1856 when part of the Albright family, along with others, thought it would be better to have the church located in Arcanum. Simpson Albright, along with others, wanted the church to remain in the country. At this time a split in the church, as well as the Albright family, took place.

Trinity United Methodist Church - 112 West South Street Founded in 1836

Painter Creek Methodist Episcopal log church was erected in 1841. Worship was held east of Arcanum until 1856 when the present site of the church, 112 West South St., was purchased and a brick chapel was constructed. "The question then arose whether to build a brick or frame structure. Each type had its supporters, but when Brother Sam(p)son P. Albright, by trade a

mason, offered to lay the brick and stone as part of his subscription to the building fund, it was quickly decided to build of these materials".

Sampson P. Albright later served the church as minister.

The church was enlarged in 1884, a furnace and gasoline lighting system were installed in 1901. This building served the Society until 1911 when it was decided to build a "new and modern structure". Through dedication of the members, the church was able to pay off the note in ten years.

Pastor D. V. Whitenack led the celebrations for the church's centennial. Rev. Whitenack, was a descendant of Jeremiah Whitenack, one of the founding families.

When the Methodist Episcopal Church combined with the Evangelistic United Church in 1968, forming the United Methodist Church, they became known as Trinity United Methodist. The Methodist Society has served the faithful in the Arcanum area for 170 years, of that time they have been at their present location 150 years.

Faith United Methodist Church - 101 East South Street Founded in 1856

August 20, 2006 marked the 150th anniversary of the founding of Faith United Methodist Church and special activities have been planned for the yearlong celebration. Many of the descendants of the founding families are active in the church today, some have shared their memories in the monthly church newsletter.

Their church history is long and has taken many interesting turns through the years.

Objecting to relocating Painter Creek Methodist Episcopal Church

into Arcanum, Simpson Albright and a group of 42 formed the United Brethren congregation. For nine years they continued to meet in the log church east of town. Realizing a larger home was needed for the church if it was to develop properly, United Brethren Church purchased the old one room school on East South Street. The school served as their place of worship until 1871, at which time it was razed. Two churches were built then torn down until the present church was built in 1897. Two large stained glass windows are memorials to the first minister, Robert Norris and the founders, Simpson and Mary Albright.

A history written for the church centennial tells, "Here again must be noted the soul saving revivals held by such preachers as F. G. Grigsby, T. F. Bushong, Randolph Rock. In 1889, Rev. Rock held a revival, which lasted three months, truly worthy of the expression of the day, 'protracted meeting'. This endeavor resulted in over one hundred conversions".

In 1946, the nationwide United Brethren Church joined with the Evangelical Association, becoming the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Another merger took place in 1968 when the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodists joined to become the United Methodist Church.

References: Deed Book R-1 page 310, Map of Darke County Ohio from Surveys and County Records, J. Chace Jr. C.E., S. H. Matthews, Publisher, Philadelphia 1857; One Hundred Years of Arcanum Church - Evangelical United Brethren- Arcanum Ohio; Methodist Episcopal Church History by Mrs. C. A. Rosser.

Religious Heritage . . .

will continue with histories of other local churches in future newsletter.

News from the Past

"The four Albright men (Adam, Phillip, William and Simpson) were very good singers and their services were much in demand, so the Salem Church in Montgomery County agreed to furnish the glass and make for them what nails (for the first log church east of Arcanum) were needed if they would sing for them at special revival meetings they were holding. The quartet was glad to do this and so the glass and nails were secured. But they were still lacking sash in which to place the glass. By the quartets singing for the Wesley Society at Wesley Chapel, the sash was provided, made by local preacher, Daniel Thompson". From the sesquicentennial book, Arcanum ...A Secret Place.

"Work on the M.E. Church was suspended for about three weeks on account of not being able to get brick on time and not on account of Mr. Fiekle's honeymoon, as was first supposed." Dayton Daily Journal 1884 (later retold in the Arcanum Times 5-27-1948).

"At Rev. Albright's residence there are quite a number of unclaimed goods-dishes, etc. Parties who did not get everything belonging to them, which were furnished for the Union dinner, will please call and claim property." Arcanum Tribune 8-5, 1882.

Arcanum Veterans Memorial Park

Information taken from local atlas and newspaper articles help piece together the story of the property between "Flat Iron Building", 111 W. George St., now The Rose Post and 123 W. George St., home of the historical society.

Greenville & Miami Railroad Company purchased the lot from the original owner, William Gunder in 1851. The name of the railroad was later changed to Dayton & Union Railroad. Research indicates the first depot was either in the rear of the Flat Iron Building, or in a structure behind that building. The depot that many residents remember, and has been the subject of many artists, was built some time after 1877.

At the time train service was discontinued it was part of the Baltimore and Ohio System. The depot fell to progress when the Sutton family

purchased the land with the idea of building a new grocery store there. When it was decided the new store would not be built on that land the Arcanum Area Business Association (AABA) became owners of the property.

During a 1999 planning session to celebrate Arcanum's 150th anniversary, the idea to make the empty lot a park was discussed. A permanent stage would be useful during the annual Halloween & Christmas parades and also during Old Fashioned Days. With the cooperation of the entire community, the VFW, AABA along with donations from the Deo Troutwine family and other sources, the Arcanum Veterans Memorial Park became a reality.

The flagpole and granite stone marker are dedicated to the honor of those who served our country. Bricks engraved with the names of families, businesses and organizations form the sidewalk. Called the Walk of Many Memories, it is the width of the property.

Recently AABA decided to relinquish ownership of the park and offered it to AWTHS. Considering the property is adjacent to AWTHS, it is a positive addition to our organization. A small structure to store yard tools and aluminum cans, could be placed behind the stage. Maintenance, insurance and property taxes will be reasonable. The historical society board and members voted to accept the acquisition of the park during the November meeting.

In the early 1900s the small shaded plot of ground lying between the D & U Depot and 123 W. George St., was called Railroad Park. "It was used for band concerts, ice cream socials and other activities that a crowd might attend". It is ironic that today the land is again being used for social activities.

For information about use of the park contact Richard Troutwine, 692-5128.

Some information for this article is from the book Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968) written by Anita Short.

Membership Report

Chairman - Carolyn Furlong

Have you renewed for 2007? Check your mailing label on this newsletter. If "07" appears next to your name, you have renewed your membership. If "06" appears you owe for 2007. If "05" appears you owe for 2006 and 2007. If there is no expiration date by your name, that means you are receiving a complimentary copy of the newsletter. Why not join to show your continuing interest in the history of Arcanum and the surrounding area?

Make your check to:
AWTHS

Membership Statistics
March 9, 2007

Mail to:	Single	\$ 15.00	Single	28
Arcanum Wayne Trail	Family	\$ 25.00	Family	44
Historical Society, Inc	Sponsorship	\$ 50.00	Sponsorship	3
P.O. Box 4	Corporation	\$ 150.00	Corporate	1
Arcanum, OH 45304	Lifetime	\$1,000.00	Lifetime	1
			Total Number of Members	116

2007 Members

Brenda Arnett
Ed and Janice Armacost
Jean Aukerman
Ken and Phyllis Blackburn
Mancel and Margaret Blankenship
Donald and Ellen Breece
Edgar and Lova Brown
Ivan and Geraldine Brown
Merrie Ann Brown
Rodman and Phyllis Brown
Phyllis J. Bunger
Robert and Joyce Colville
Ernest and Marion Cooper
David and Mara Cox
Robert and Marian Davison
James and Barbara Deis
Norman Dohner ^
Jo Dunlap
Mark and Lois Eilerman
David and Beth Flora
Martin and Eleanor Freese
Keith and Carolyn Furlong
Lena Garber
Cheryl Gray
Velda Gray
Bill Gunder
Glenna Hayes
JoAnne Hill
Yula Jean Munn-Hillis
Mildred Hoover
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Myrna Hunt
Bev and Lynn Jay
Thomas and Patricia Jones

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Lester Lenhart +
P. Galen and Sara Lenhart*
Imocarly Livingston
Philip and Miriam Lockman
Doug and Nora Mahoney
Bill and Gayla Metzcar
Wendell and Jean Miller
Terry and Judy Mills
Betty J. Murphy
Ted and Mary Murphy
Michael and Linda Newbauer
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Helen North
Carol Null +
Howard O'Dell
Paul and Linda Pease ^
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Jenny Quigney
Beverly Rench
Gene and Joan Rench
Linda Riley
Richard and Marilyn Rinehart
Dale and Betty Sease
Anita Short
Jane Staley
Staley's Antiques #
Alan Stastny and Joan Chapman
Sue Stammen +
Tom and Liz Stephens
Annette and Rex Stewart
Marilyn Strickler ^
Gary and Denise Swabb
Edward Trick
Fred and Carolyn Troutwine
John and Angie Troutwine

Richard and Sharon Troutwine
Lynne and Carolyn Trump
John Weisenbarger
Kerlin Wilt
Wayne and Claire Wilt
Cary and Teresa Wogomon
Bill and Mary Wolke

* Lifetime Membership
Corporate Membership
^ Sponsorship
+ New Members

A Farewell

It is with sadness that we note the passing of three of our members: Holly Trigg, Dave Hill and Carolyn Gunder. All were part of AWTHS's founding group.

Holly served as program chairman and helped with the Christmas Bazaars. Dave served with JoAnne as acquisition co-chairperson. He worked many hours helping to restore our building. Carolyn, along with husband Bill and daughter Tamla Marley, was responsible for restoring the gravesite of Arcanum's founder and first family, William and Nancy Rice Gunder. They will be greatly missed.

RENOVATION & RESTORATION



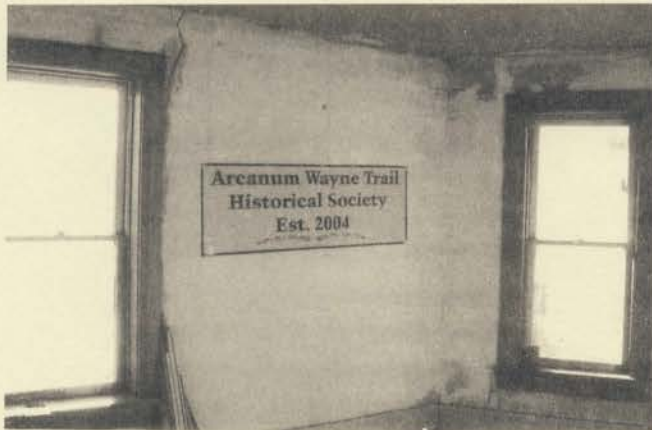
Dick Troutwine replacing a window.
What a perch! Wagon brought in by
Gene Rench.



Northwest room before renovation. New window is
installed (wall still needs work!)



From Annie Oakley parade.



Southeast room before renovation.



Desk donated by Jean Aukerman.
Daughter of long-time veterinarian Dr. D. L. Cox

RENOVATION & RESTORATION

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Calendar of Events

April 11, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 20, 2007	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 1, 2007	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 4, 2007	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 10, 2007	Membership Meeting Program - Marilyn Robbins Autobiography of Annie Oakley	7:00 p.m.
May 18, 19 & 20, 2007	Old Fashioned Days	
June 5, 2007	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

*Euchre Parties will not be held in June, July and August.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Visit us on the Web at www.arcanumhistoricalsociety.org

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