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We will have an open board meeting April 10th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the feasibility of installing air conditioning which will help preserve artifacts & research materials and also provide comfort to those using the building. We need your input for this huge project, huge not only because of cost but also interior work needed for the installation.

AWTHS welcomes Larry Wallace, newly elected Vice President. We thank Becky Dynes for serving as VP for the past two years.

We are pleased to have been awarded a \$2000 grant from the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund. We appreciate and thank the Trust board members for their continued support. Monies were requested to replace doors and storm doors in the kitchen and the side entrance of the meeting room. Thanks to Keith Furlong for overseeing this project to its completion.

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is our major fundraiser. Profits have increased each year from \$550 in 2004 to \$3400 in 2011. As profits have increased so has work to organize this activity. One idea is to have co-chairpersons for areas such as: decorating wreaths, swags and small trees, bake sale, boutique, set-up & staging, pricing, and dismantling. The bazaar is again planned for the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Nov. 24th. As you consider the responsibilities of a chairmanship, remember our members are always willing to help. Let me know how you can help with this major event.

As AWTHS becomes a viable museum telling the history of our area we need to have open hours for visitors to see the displays and use our reference library. A workshop to familiarize those interested in being a host or hostess and also those wanting to learn about our reference and research materials is being planned, see page 5.

I am asking for someone to step up to schedule hosts and hostesses for open hours each Saturday this summer. Hours will be 9:00 to Noon.

We also need members and friends of the historical society to help weed flower beds on our grounds and the Veterans Park as well as water when needed.

As you are reading this newsletter you will realize many volunteers are needed in sustaining a quality historical society. Please consider helping. Call me, a board member or a chairperson to discuss how you can help.

Two Corn Hole sets made by our members are no longer needed. If you want to purchase a set at \$40 per set, please call Keith Furlong, 548-6556.

The AWTHS Mission is to collect, preserve, and foster an appreciation for our past and promote an interest and knowledge of past historical events for citizens of all ages, which may act as a foundation for future generations and instill a sense of pride in local history. Help accomplish this mission.

May 10th Membership Meeting Program 7:00 p.m.

Speaker Susan Gray - Peace and Friendship Treaty 1814

Darke Countian and Native American Susan Gray has been appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich to be Darke County's representative to provide information about the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. This pivotal yet all but forgotten War in our nation's history secured Ohio's northern boundaries and ended the conflict with Native American Tribes in this part of the United States.

Two men who were key players in the events leading to the signing of Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795, Tecumseh and William Henry Harrison, were prominent players in the War of 1812. Not many Darke Countians know of the significant event which took place July 22, 1814 in Greene Ville on the same spot on which the signing of the 1795 Treaty took place.

Join us May 10th at 7:00 p.m. to learn of events which occurred at the conclusion of the war and the treaty which ended the conflict between eight Native American tribes and the United States.

Many of you know Susan for her conservation leadership for which she has been recognized by President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and Governor Robert Taft.

Committees and Chairpersons**Acquisitions**

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 Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

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 Sharon Karns 692-6249

Ways and Means**Event**

Aluminum Recycling
 Arcanum Old Fashioned Days Yard Sale
 Christmas Bazaar
 Fair Gate
 Farmers Market
 Rummage Sale
 Trash Bash

Keith Furlong 548-6556
 Richard & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128
 Chairman (s) needed contact L. Trump 548-6116
 Carolyn Furlong 548-6556
 Annabelle Wallace 836-7736
 Richard & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128
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 Nancy Baker Research Notes
 Carol Null Research Notes
 Joyce Colville & Betty Sease - Newspaper References Preservation

Genealogical Librarian

Annette Stewart 692-6462
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Open House Host/Hostess

Chairman needed contact L. Trump 548-6116

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Hospitality

Sharon Troutwine Chr. 692-5128
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Rentals & House Set Up

Carolyn Furlong -Rentals 548-6556
 Keith Furlong 548-6556
 Fred Troutwine 692-8939

Maintenance & Renovations

Board of Directors

Maintaining Gardens

Volunteers Contact Lynn Trump 548-6116
 Or Keith Furlong 548-6556

AWTHS Officers and Directors

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Reports

Membership Keith and Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

New Members Welcome our new members Philip Bright and Diana Spitler

Reminder to members Your membership in the AWTHS is important to the viability of the organization. We incur the same expenses that individual homes require, i.e. taxes, insurance, water, gas, electricity, landscaping and normal wear. If you have a RED X next to your address, our records indicate that you have not paid your annual dues of \$15.00, individual or \$25.00 for a couple

The expenses of preparing and mailing of the newsletter continues to rise. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so immediately. Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304. Please reply by May 1, 2012. A lack of response, will be to remove your name from our membership. If you have question regarding your membership please call me. We appreciate your past support and look forward to your continued involvement. If you have a question about your membership please call Keith or Carolyn.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we note the passing of member Dr. Paul Pease. Dr. Pease and his wife Linda have been members and supporters of the historical society since it was organized in 2004.

Ways and Means

Aluminum Cans Only - Keith Furlong 548-6556

Please remember we recycle **aluminum cans only**. Nothing else is to be left at the historical society for recycling. We appreciate everyone who saves cans for us. Remind friends and other members, **cans only**.

Arcanum Old Fashioned Days May 18, 19 & 20th - Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

This year we are planning a "Spring Fling" Yard Sale. Members will be making Garden Ladies & Friends, (our version of scarecrows), as well as Garden Signs, Spring Wreaths, and Butterfly Gardens. In addition, there will be gently used garden & outdoor items and our annual Old Fashioned Days "Home Made Goodies" Bake Sale.

We need lots of assistance and we will appreciate your help in creating, baking, donating items and selling during the festival.

Our work schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays - April 18th, 25th, May 2nd, & 9th at 9:00 a.m. at AWTHS House - work sessions to create garden items.

Friday May 18th 4:00 - 6 :00 p.m. Deliver your Home Baked Goodies to AWTHS

Friday May 18th 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Spring Fling Yard Sale and Bake Sale begins

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sale continues - Items left from the sale will be kept and sold at the Farmers Market which begins May 26th.

Rummage Sale July 25, 26, 27, 28th

The Annual Rummage Sale will again be held at AWTHS House. Please start collecting items now. We'll have more information at our May meeting.

Farmers Market - Each Saturday beginning May 26th 9:00 to Noon - Annabelle Wallace 836-7736

I am looking for volunteers to make tea or quick breads such as Carrot Raisin, Zucchini, Blueberry/Cranberry, cookies and also Homemade Dog Biscuits. Anything you wish to make will be appreciated. Call me if you would like one of the above recipes, and to share ideas for the market.

Air Conditioning Update Keith Furlong 548-6556

Several months ago, a group met with Tony Davis of Davis Refrigeration, Inc. to provide him with more details regarding air conditioning the building. We have scheduled a follow-up meeting with him on **April 10, 2012** at the regular **7:00 p.m. board meeting**.

This is an open meeting for all to discuss the merits and cost justification associated with this endeavor. Based on the input at that meeting, the Board will make a determination either to install air conditioning or to terminate this project.

Your input is vital. This is a big undertaking. Thanks.

Acquisitions Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

When an item is donated to AWTHS a reference number is assigned to the item, a description of the item is recorded as well as the name of the donor and a photo is taken of the item. Over the years some items come to us without a donor name. If there is no name beside the item listed and you or someone you know gifted that particular item, please let us know. Thanks to all who donate to preserving our history.

10251	(3) "Two Dollar Bills" #AO7258678A, D76411573A, D11138925A	
10252	Photo of replacement and repair of AWTHS windows, sills, and lentils	Keith Furlong
10253	Wedding picture of Don and Barbara Sease	Betty Sease
10254	Butler's Furniture/measurer, RJ Warner bottle stopper, Arcanum Federal S&L bottle and can opener (from Dale and Betty Sease's sale)	
10255	1956 photo Basketball State Champs cheerleading squad	
10256	Deeds from various (8) properties - especially related to Mattie Ivester property And Troutwine Auto Service	Richard Troutwine
10257	Small megaphone used by LaJeanne Etzler	LeJeanne Etzler Riegle
10258	News article - 40 yrs. Reunion of Arcanum State Basketball Champs 1956	
10259	Set of spats, shoe repair stand, red and white doily	Sue Stamen
10260	(9) Farmers Institute Posters (1944-1950)	Joe White Bailey
10261	Roger's Hardware yard stick	Cary Wogomon
10262	Advertising pencils	Marilyn Graeff
10263	Copy of 2010 Fall sports Program Book	
10264	(5) RPM records: Uncle Salty/Walk This Way, The Jackson 5, Capt. and Tennille Carpenters & Aerosmith	Carolyn Furlong
10265	Handcrafted fishhook remover by Roger Warner	
10266	"Building the Church in Darke County With The History Of The United Brethren Church	Karen and Keith Besecker
10267	(2) photos of Lynn Trump, Dick Ary and other photos. Photo of Dick Ary's car	Lynn Trump
10268	1941 Arcanum High Cheerleading uniform	LaJeanne Riegle
10269	Book - The History of Darke co. by WH Beers and Co. 1880	Anita Troutwine
10270	1901 Commencement program - Arcanum High School	
10271	(6) copies of Aerial view of Arcanum and Are Tornado	Gertrude Brehm
10272	1898 photo of Arcanum Board of Education: James P. Reynolds (information on back of photo. Great, great, grandfather of Sarah Hightower) From the Arcanum Butler School	
10273	Arcanum Butler Middle School honor plaque given to AWTHS at time of Demolition (2011) Arcanum butler School	
10274	1984 Greenville Telephone Directory - includes: New Madison, Ansonia, Arcanum, Bradford, Gettysburg, Rossburg, and Versailles	Tom Hanes
10275	Small wooden Arcanum Post Office mailbox (#60)	
10276	150 Anniversary Arcanum Village Sesquicentennial medallions (1949-1999)	
10277	Thank you note pad - Arcanum Federal Savings and Loan	Dave Flora
10278	Photo of brother and sister	Ted and Mildred Riegle

Items of Interest

One of two interesting donations is a 1940 Greenville Advocate with listings of all Darke Co. WWII registrants and serial numbers of service men and women. Also, a 1947 newspaper honoring WWII soldiers who lost their lives for our freedom. The papers have been laminated for preservation and for easy inspection. This information will be included in a WWII display this summer.

One other item donated, by the Thadd & Betty Gray Murphy family, is a beautifully matted and framed photo with identification of the men in the 1938 Arcanum Fire Department.

Southern Darke County History Annette Stewart 692-6462

UPCOMING DISPLAYS

War of 1812 - The year of 2012 marks 200 years since the War of 1812. We will be recognizing those who served from Southern Darke County and your ancestors in a display. Please gather information of your veteran to submit profiles and other items to Annette Stewart by the first of May. When preparing the profile use large print for easy reading. For safe keeping laminate the pages. Please call Annette with any questions. We encourage you to donate a copy of submitted information which will then be kept on file in the reference library, or put on a CD.

World War II - We are organizing a WWII exhibit to be displayed this summer. If you have information and memorabilia you would like to share, such as books, letters and artifacts, please call Annette Stewart or the acquisition committee: Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556 or Carolyn Troutwine, 692-8939.

OLD CEMETERIES AND SCHOOL HOUSES

We are still looking for old pictures from selected school houses; refer to October 2011 newsletter for listing. Do you have pictures or information of the following cemeteries: Dehoff Cemetery located in Monroe Township along Rt. 722 between Schnorf-Jones Road and Red River-West Grove Rd; In Twin Township, Lynch Cemetery on Gordon Landis Road south of Gordon before the Preble County line and Ashley Cemetery off Clark Road between Friday Road and Rt. 503 east of Ithaca and near the school house.

REFERENCE LIBRARY INTRODUCTION MEETING

For those interested in learning about the materials we have in the library, how to use them, and where they are located, we will have a meeting in early April. The meeting will also be useful to those serving as hosts and hostesses during AWTHS open hours. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to learn about what AWTHS has available. Please contact Annette Stewart if you're interested.

FAMILY STORIES AND HISTORIES

Our Reference Library would like to have your family stories or history. Please consider writing about your family and donating to the library. Dale D. Sease family history and a narrative by Harold Anthony (father of Judy Miller) are now on file.

PICTURES AND FAMILY HISTORIES POLICY

When donating your family history, please submit a copy, not the original. You may donate original photos or copies. Bill Gunder is scanning photos for our digital file, these will be returned to you if you wish. We can make a small number of copies for a fee per page. Please contact one of the following with questions or when making a donation: Annette Stewart, Carolyn Furlong or Carolyn Troutwine.

FRANKLIN AND MONROE SCHOOL ARTIFACTS

We are working with Judy Ulrich in obtaining a CD with copies of class pictures and school memorabilia.

NEWLY ORGANIZED PHOTOS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Carolyn Furlong, Carolyn Troutwine, and I have been working on organizing and compiling photos and newspaper clippings into binders for reference and easy reading on the following: Arcanum Butler School and sports; Franklin and Monroe School and Pitsburg articles; engagement, marriage, anniversary clippings from 1940-1980; obits, County happenings; social life and clubs; Arcanum business; celebrations; United Brethren Church; Arcanum tornado; plus more. These make fun and interesting reading.

DONATIONS OF REFERENCE MATERIALS, BOOKS, ANNUALS

For those donating materials or books (annuals, etc.) please check our website or contact Annette Stewart to avoid giving duplicates. We have limited display and storage space.

WISH LIST

Fan and heater for upstairs reading room and volunteers to help with Reference Library - Contact Annette Stewart
Wanted for the Spring Yard Sale - flower pots, silk ivy, vines, flowers wreaths, yard ornaments, gates, fences and anything used in the yard and garden. For Christmas Crafts; various sizes black buttons -Contact Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Needed for the Farmers Market; 8 oz. jars. Contact Barb Deis 678-7832

Thank you to Bev Rench for donation of binders to use for organizing photos and records. Thanks *again*.

Meet Vice President Larry Wallace

Larry, son of the late Fred and Mary Wallace of Arcanum, graduated from Arcanum High School Class of 1959. While in the US Navy he served aboard the Guided Missile Cruiser USS Little Rock (CLG-4). Today the Cruiser serves as a Museum in Buffalo N.Y.

Larry owned a trucking company in southern California and worked in the trucking industry most of his life. After retirement he opened the Golf Shop in Englewood, OH.

Larry and Annabelle, his wife of 30 years, live in Englewood where Annabelle's mother Annabelle Steele resides with them. Annabelle has worked at WPAFB for 18 years for Environmental Management as Sr. Environmental Specialist. Larry enjoys golfing, bowling and mushroom hunting in Michigan. Annabelle's favorite past-time is reading.

Their son Larry Jr. lives in southern New Jersey with his wife Debbi and two daughters, Madison and Abby. Daughter Ann Forbes and her husband Scott live in Colerain, OH.

Remembering Betty Mehaffie Hissong Sutton

Our community lost a friend when Betty Sutton passed away this year. Born with congenital cataracts, surgery at age 7 corrected the sight in one eye allowing her to see for 40 years before going blind again. Surgery in the other eye gave her sight until she was 70. Her sight slowly faded away, leaving her blind until her death at age 91.

Betty shares her memories of living in Monroe and Arcanum through compositions in verse. Her writings are compiled into three books all of which she wrote after losing her sight. Betty's books are available to read at the historical society and the Arcanum Public Library.

A determined Betty lead a very active life, wanting to be self reliant. She was valedictorian of her class at Monroe High School. Betty married Evert Hissong and they raised 3 daughters; Connie (Spahr), Peggy (Didier) and Kay (Roth). She was an inspiration to her daughters and her many friends. Betty kept a spotless home, sewed for her girls and wasn't afraid to try new things. After learning to play the guitar and sing, she enjoyed entertaining at activities. Writing was her passion which she started at the age of 6 and continued throughout her life. Having limited sight or being blind, Betty used new technology to help live independently for many years. Betty was a brave person, facing life challenges with God's graces.

Betty's father Silven Mehaffie was known as a whittler. At the age of 79 he carved a multi piece display which he named "Great Darke County Fair". It has a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, & Corn Shucker, all with moving parts, and much more. This wonderful example of folk art is displayed on the second floor of the historical society and can be seen by contacting a broad member for an appointment.

Silven and his wife Iva (Weaver) also had a son Kenneth. Kenneth and his wife Pauline (Henninger) have two children, Sandra Sue and Darryl Mehaffie.

Read more about Betty and the Mehaffie family in the book "Arcanum ...A secret place" - 1999 Sesquicentennial Book.

Following are excerpts from a piece Betty wrote about the John Smith Company Store.

Now they had their own electrical plant
So electricity was provided every day
Now the office was half- way to the second floor
So to make change they had to find a way

They ran wires straight out from the office
Then down to the counters, you see
They had little metal cars for the money
They were pulled back and forth to the office with electricity

The first Arcanum post office and library
Were located in the John Smith Company Store
And the first Arcanum High School graduation
Was held at Smith's on the second floor

I still believe that for many years
Back in those days of yore
John Smith Company was the forerunner of the
shopping mall
Or perhaps the forerunner of the Walmart store.

It Happened 100 Years Ago - 1912**Paving the Streets**

The machine for mixing the concrete for our street paving began work last Monday, a week ago on High Street. The work went along smoothly and except for a couple of days when the machine was out of commission, the whole force was busily working putting in the concrete. Up to this time they have work completed on High Street and about half of it on George Street. (Arcanum Times 07/11/1912)

Plans are to be made for a celebration to be held sometime after completion of the paved streets. The planning meeting will be held at the Opera House (Arcanum Times 08/08/1912)

DON'T FORGET THE DAY - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1912. The streets of Arcanum in the Business Section are paved. Celebration of the completion along with Booster Day will be held September 10th. (Arcanum Times 08/29/1912)

Editor's Note - Business Streets in 1912 were: George, Main, High, and South Sts.

Remember - Arcanum books are nice gifts for family and friends

Publications Barbara Deis 678-7832 Bill Gunder 692-8000

Learn the history of Arcanum through books written by our local historians. Share the history of Arcanum with your family and friends.

Books available for Purchase:	Title	Author	Price
	<i>The Secret Town</i> - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio	1999 Bill Gunder	\$20.00_____
	<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History 1852-1968</i>	2003 Anita Short	\$25.00_____
	<i>Arcanum Chronicles</i>	2008 Anita & Bill Gunder	\$20.00_____
Index: Opera House/Town Hall, Chautauqua, Sports, Christmas in the Village, Grassville Quartet, Brig. Gen. E. Sigerfoos, Fast Horses, Parades & Celebrations and Ithaca School			
	<i>Arcanum Chronicles Vol. 2</i> - Two smaller books in one	2008 Bill Gunder	
	\$18.00_____		
	Book 1 Arcanum Fire Department (1877-1970)		
	Book 2 Arcanum Public Library & Historic Ivester House		
		Postage & Handling	\$ 5.00_____
Mail orders to: AWTHS, Attn: Publications Chairman, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304			
Books are also available at the Historical Society House and Garst Museum.			

Clip and Mail

2012 Membership Form - Due January 1, 2012

Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email contact Barb Deis at bdeis08@centurylink.net You will continue to receive the email by US Mail if you do not provide an email address.

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Annual Membership Fees

____ \$50.00 Sponsorship _____ \$15.00 Single _____ \$25.00 Family

____ \$150.00 Corporate _____ \$1000.00 Lifetime

Your tax deductible additional contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you are willing to serve.

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 Genealogy Publicity Design/Displays Publications
 Adopt A Highway Typing Research Papers

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Calendar of Events

April 10, 2012	Board Meeting - Discuss installing Air Conditioning	7:00 p.m.
April 18, 2012	Workshop for Old Fashioned Days Sale	9:00 a.m.
	Work shop will be each Wednesday through May 9 th	
April 6 & 20, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
April 21, 2012	Trash Bash	
May 8, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 4, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 10, 2012	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: Susan Gray - Peace and Friendship Treaty 1814	
May 18, 19, & 20, 2012	Arcanum Old Fashioned Days	
	Bake Sale and Yard Ornaments Sale Friday evening and Saturday	
May 26, 2012	Farmers Market	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
	Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through August 11 th	
June 12, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties will not be held during June, July and August - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong - 548-6556

Aluminum Cans Recycling - Keith Furlong - 548-6556

Donation of Appreciated Stock(s) -Contact Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

For Sale - Historic Arcanum Note Cards - Arcanum Historical Books - Barbara Deis 678-7832 and Bill Gunder 692-8000

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WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY!