

Sharing The Secret

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President's Remarks Larry Wallace 937-620-2800

This newsletter ends my third and final year as president of AWTHS. It has been my pleasure to serve as president and it has been a pleasure to have been helped by so many great people. Names of the board members are listed below. All have been outstanding in their commitment to the society starting every year with the Darke County Trash Bash, then ending with the Christmas Bazaar. Everyone contributed to the success of each fundraiser we have had.

Knowing I will leave AWTHS in great hands is what we all strive for. Jenny Quigney will start her term as president in January after serving as vice president for the past year.

Along with the board members there have been many members and non-members who have helped out with our success. The yard work around the property couldn't have been in better shape all summer thanks to Dixie & Dave Kepler, Connie Norris, Keith Furlong and others.

Thanks to Lynn Trump for taking care of the aluminum can recycling program, great job. I appreciate the long hours and hard work Sharon and Richard Troutwine put into the Christmas bazaar for the past few years. With the help of a good number of people the bazaar brought over \$3000.

I would like to thank Annette Stewart for her work as Reference Library Coordinator. Her responsibilities have increased since the passing of our Historian Bill Gunder.

I will no longer be president but will be around to do what I can to keep AWTHS moving on to a great future. The near future includes the annual membership meeting/carry-in dinner January 14th, election of officers and directors along with some great food and conversation.

As of the first of December 2015, our bank account has a total of over \$11,000.

Please pay your dues payable January 1st.

Ask someone on the board how you can help AWTHS move forward in 2016.

See all of you January 14th .

Carry-In Dinner January 14th 7:00 p.m.

**The first initial of your last name indicates which food item you should bring. -
A thru F - Desserts ** G thru P - Meat or Meat dish ** Q thru Z - Salad or Vegetables**

March 10th * Membership Meeting and Program * 7:00 p.m.

The program for this evening will be announced later.

March 31st * Sarah Goslee Reed * Darke County Center of the Arts

AWTHS is please to have a DCCA show here again this year. Sarah Goslee Reed will perform Thursday March 31st at 7 p.m. Growing up there was always music in the Goslee house. "I loved the folk music of the sixties, so I taught myself to play the guitar, based upon my knowledge of the violin, and I learned all my songs by ear from listening to records".

Join us for an evening of music which feeds the soul with songs of flashing fireflies, laughing children, family memories and the beauty she finds in all of the living things of our world.

Purchase \$10 tickets from DCCA, 937-547-0908 or at Ben Franklin Store in Arcanum.

AWTHS Officers and Directors

President	Larry Wallace	620-2800
Vice President	Jenny Quigney	459-8090
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Treasurer	Jerry Kramer	692-5764
Recording Sec.	Connie Norris	692-8085
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	Dave Flora	692-8413
	Fred Troutwine	692-8939
	Dick Troutwine	692-5128
	Joyce Colville	692-8685
	Bill Metzcar	692-5904

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Acquisitions Carolyn Furlong 548-5665

While going through a stack of photos, I found a few to display at our January Meeting:

#1-1915 Ithaca School, grades 1-8 featuring Howard O'Dell.

Unfortunately no others are identified. Maybe you'll be able to recognize others in the picture.

#2- 1947 Arcanum High baseball team. A few familiar names are: Dick Kincaid, Nolan Hangen and Lowell Etzler to name a few.

#3-1948 Arcanum High basketball team. Everyone is identified. A few pictured are, Bud Gray, Bucky Hillis and Duane Reynolds.

#4- 1949 Arcanum High softball team. A few of the members pictured are: John Garrison, Jake Wead and Ralph Harshbarger.

A new item donated to AWTHS is a pair of WWI leather spats worn by Dr. Ray Gilbert, a well known Franklin Twp. veterinarian, who served in Germany and cared for U.S. Army war horses. Dr. Gilbert was the grandfather of Carolyn Furlong. The item were donated by her cousin, Bill Coppess.

Question? Does anyone have a photo of the Arcanum telephone operators? I'm looking for a picture or news article to display with a bell-board donated to the historical society some time ago.

Membership Sharon Troutwine 692-5128**All memberships are payable January 1, 2016**

Please remember to drop your dues off to Jerry Kramer or bring them to our January 14th meeting.

These memberships are the lifeline of our organization not just for the funds generated but also for helping keeping AWTHS functioning. I am happy to report that Keith & Carolyn Furlong, Bill & Linda Campbell and Ester Lenhert all renewed their memberships during the Bazaar.

Also please consider volunteering you time in one of the areas listed on the membership form. Your help is important in keeping the historical society viable.

2016	All memberships are renewable January 1st of each year		2016
Use the form below to renew or join for the first time. Fill in your email address if you wish to receive the newsletter by email.			
Please consider volunteering your time or services. "Many hands make light work"			
Membership Form		Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304	
Name _____	New _____	Renewal _____	
Phone Number _____	Receive newsletter by Email? add address _____		
Address _____			
City, State and Zip code _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime
Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____			
Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you can serve.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Displays	<input type="checkbox"/> Publications
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Clipping newspaper articles	<input type="checkbox"/> Set Up Hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Scan Photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist Resource Librarian		

On Going Program

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413; Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556; Aluminum Can Recycling - Lynn Trump 692-6116; For Sale - Arcanum Books and Arcanum Note Cards - Barbara Deis 678-7832; Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206 - Adopt-A-Highway Jim Deis 678-7832

Books for Sale * History of Arcanum Contact: Barbara Deis 678-7832 or order on the website

<i>The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio</i>	\$20
<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)</i>	\$25
<i>Arcanum Chronicles</i> -Opera House, Sports, Parades & Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School	\$20
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2</i> - Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library	\$18

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY ANNETTE STEWART, Reference Library Coordinator 692-6462
UPDATES

The AWTHS has recognized the designated historic buildings and sites in Arcanum with bronze markers. Those serving on the Historic Committee were Keith Furlong and Fred Troutwine and the late Bill Gunder. Dave Flora helped with the installation. Numerous newspaper articles and social media sites portrayed the stories and photos of these legends. Sites publicized were: Ivester House (Arcanum Public Library), California House Hotel (private residence), Flat Iron (Rose Post), Louis Dietrich Saloon (AWTHS), John Smith Co. General Store (Smiths Merchants and The Old Arcana), site of the William Gunder Home, Founder of Arcanum (late Bill Gunder's home) and William Gunder's gravesite at Ithaca, the Founder. Self-Guided walking tour maps are available at the historical society. History of these sites can be found in the book "Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852 thru 1968) by Anita Short. The book can be purchased. Favorable comments were made regarding the history and the knowledge gained by the community.

Fred Troutwine, tour host, led the Versailles Historical Society through the historic section of Arcanum. He also explained the history of our organization and the building history in October for around 9 guests. Tour sites included the Arcanum Public Library (Ivester Home) and The Arcana as well as the Founder's Home. The group stopped at Brumbaugh's Fruit Farm and Bear's Mill plus our local All American Clothing Store.

Nancy Baker will be working on typing up church history. If you would like to research or write but aren't computer savvy or a great typist, Nancy has again graciously volunteered to type up your information. Thanks to Nancy we also have Kreitzer's Funeral Records in digital form to look up funeral and death records from 1950 to the present. These records are available to view by appointment only.

Keith Furlong and Lynn Trump put together some book cases in our upstairs library storage room. These will hold recently acquired binders and photos to help us organize our storage area and system. Thank you!

NEW FAMILY HISTORY DONATIONS

Bruce Shank recently donated his Shank family history. Names include: Ancestor Frederick Shank, Goodner, Ditmer, Rynearson, McDaniel and Yount.

A map and directions are included to tour the area sites of the Shank family. His family goes back to the Revolutionary War soldier Frederick Shank. His old log cabin is still on the property on Grubbs Rex Road near Little Road on the south side of the road and is a private residence today. His son Philip Shank and Rosanna Yount Shank also lived here. Ahijah Shank and Eliza Rynearson Shank lived where Tom Jackson owns the farm today back the long L shaped lane at the end of Albright Road off of Grubbs Rex Road. Photos and a large family tree are also part of the collection.

I have donated my own family history to the library on these families which many were and are local families: Brumbaugh, Culbertson, Fourman, Hofacker, Michael, and Sease. The Fourman's, Hofackers, Sease and Michael's were early settlers to this area. This is a collection of family history and photos from both sides of the family and includes a chapter on our farm homestead and who has lived on our farm. This was a birthday present to my mother, Betty Brumbaugh Sease.

HOW DO I ORGANIZE FAMILY RECORDS? WHERE CAN I GET THAT INFORMATION?**WHAT IS THAT RECORD?**

These are some questions I'm frequently asked. Many want to start their family history and genealogy or organize their family's collections but do not know where to start. Others have good intentions but never get around to it. Others don't know about research tips or where to find documents or how to use them. With those thoughts in mind, I'm writing a mini-series to help you get started. After the Christmas decorations are put away and it's a chilly winter day you'll have plenty of time.

1. First gather what records and information you probably already have in your home or your parents/grandparents' home such as birth/death/marriage certificates or records. Look for a funeral program, cut out clipping of announcement or obit. You may have a diary, journal, or scrapbook with photos and memorabilia. Other records might be land deeds or wills especially if you have administered an estate yourself for someone. Most have plat maps. These are good sources to start with.
2. Use a Family Group Sheet or Tree paperwork to get you started or install a computer genealogy program. Bill Gunder used "Legacy" but shop around and see what is available for your needs. We have Family Group Sheets at the AWTHS or the form can be downloaded from our website. Group the same family record together in a folder or binder. If records aren't organized in some manner you may become confused and frustrated and end up abandoning the project.

3. Look carefully at each document or collection. For instance, start with your own name and family. On the form you would list your name, Date of Birth, Marriage Date, Husband's Name and info on spouse as well as Children's Names and their Spouses. Also listed is the next generation which would be completed on each Married Child. Also work backward listing Your Parents Name which will give you the next generation back to complete. You should have several last names to work with by including the Maiden Names.
4. List this information on the forms. Make a note of Missing dates or names. This is info you may need to ask your parents or go to the courthouse and get the document or record. Some records are available on-line. Be careful if not an actual document and just a family tree.
5. Marriages, Death, Birth certificates are available for Darke County Residents at the Health Department in Greenville (By the Greenville Park) as well as wills and estate paperwork.
6. Land Deeds, Tax Records are at the Courthouse downtown Greenville.
7. Some records are available through AWTHS website: www.arcanumhistoricalsociety.org. Search the "Reference List". Arcanum paper obits are available on here as well under the "Public Records" section tab.
8. Newspapers are another source. We have some of the Greenville newspapers on digital files through AWTHS. Other places to search are Arcanum and Greenville Library and Garst Genealogy and Research Room. If out of the county or state check their libraries and historical societies. Eventually we will have all the Arcanum Times in sleeves and binders available to read.
9. Other sources include: Family Bibles and talking to other family members or relation. They may have family photos or a document such as letters that you do not have. I learned about family stories and traditions this way. Another source is the internet such as Roots Web where inquiries can be made as well as searching the archive files for your ancestor. With social media the opportunities are endless for searching and joining groups of similar interest and names.

Next time we will go into detail with the different types of records and documents. Until then get your collection and forms together. Once completed AWTHS would like a copy of your family history or tree for our collection.

INVITATION

I would like to extend an invitation to you to learn more about these books and records by coming in on "First Saturday's" at AWTHS. We can actually show you what a census book is or cemetery readings and how to use them in your search. Susie Weisenbarger is assisting with our AWTHS library and learning as well as helping with our materials. We would ask that you bring the following with you (1) a list or the forms/materials of what you have recorded and found. (2) A list with your questions and what you are looking for such as DOB/DOD or names. If you can narrow the date down to a time period or location to a more specific area that is helpful to make the research process productive for all. And I recommend **looking over the research list and surname list from the website prior**; this way you will know what we have available and from what time frames and so forth.

NEEDS

Readers to look for "school" notes in the typed notes from Anita Short from the newspapers. This info is needed for an upcoming old school house program.

Also any stories or photos you have about the one room old school houses especially in Twin, Butler, or Van Buren Township. **This is a priority need** as well as searching for information in township or school minute books to be used for upcoming program.

A volunteer to transfer video programs to laptop and to create DVD's.

Writers and Researchers and those willing to look up questions.

Volunteers and Trainees to actively participate in helping with the Reference Library.

Anita Short's Cemetery Inscription Book 3 which list Abbottsville Cemetery records or any Abbottsville Cemetery records prior to 1923.

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

Annette Stewart

692- 6462

I have not received any committed responses to help serve. Please help out especially with research of history, writing, and looking up questions. We will then have a meeting first Saturday in February 6, 2016 to establish our goals. Please note this is a "working" committee and volunteers need to help with Open First Saturday's hours and the reference library. Note** Research is not always "genealogy". We are talking more of the town's history and surrounding communities. There are records that need organized as well as viewed and worked up. It could be an individual project or a group project with assignments. This could also include tours, newsletter articles, or programs. Here is a questionnaire to help explain. Please return to me by mail or e-mail. (contact@arcanumhistoricalsociety.org)

Name: _____

Contact info: Phone or e-mail _____

Area of Interest:

Website _____

Reference Library _____ (Must be willing to learn and volunteer here to be on committee regardless of area marked)

Research _____

Writing _____

Typing/Computer _____

Historical Knowledge to answer inquires and such _____

Other _____

Make DVD/s and Transfer from camera to laptop _____

As of 9/2015 Nancy Baker has volunteered to do typing of articles/info



AWTHS Visitors Hours 9 a.m. - Noon Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Open each Saturday June through August
September thru May open the 1st Saturday of each month

Calendar of Events

January 1, 2016	Happy New Year - All memberships are due now	
January 5, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 14, 2016	Annual Meeting and Carry In Dinner	6:30 p.m.
January 15, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
February 2, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 5 & 19, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 1, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 4 & 18, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 10, 2016	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 31, 2016	Program: To Be Announced DCCA * <u>Sarah Goslee Reed</u> at AWTHS	7:00 p.m.

Just a Reminder

Attended Annual Meeting and Dinner January 14th.
 Attend Program- March 10th
 Purchase tickets from DCCA for March 31st. program at AWTHS
 If you have not paid your 2016 membership fee, please do so now.
 Be a host during Saturday morning open hours
 Help Reference Library Coordinator