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President's Report

By Keith Furlong

First Anniversary

November 24, 2005, will mark the first anniversary of the ownership of the former Arcanum Wayne Trail Grange building. A casual glance of the building would indicate not much has changed, and this is as it should be.

However, almost every day, incremental changes are happening. One of our first goals was to stop the deterioration of the building and porch being caused by leaking roofs. We now have a dry building and porch, with a restored porch foundation and a solid floor. We still need to install a ceiling, lighting, decorative trim and a downspout, none of which affect the integrity of the porch.

Our second major goal is to make the building more energy efficient. To that end, we are in the process of finishing and installing 23 new Marvin windows. (We still have six more to fund@ \$500). Also, before we can insulate the attic, new electrical service needs to be installed on the second floor. That is now "roughed in" thereby permitting the insulation process, once the weather cools down.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a breakdown of the income and expenses since May 22, 2004. Because of the significant capital improvement projects as discussed above, we have a negative cash flow, resulting in the need to borrow \$8,000. In order to pay for these essential projects, we may have to borrow and additional \$8,000-\$9,000, depending on our fund raising efforts as well as donations.

The Board has decided that no further major projects will be implemented until this debt is reduced. This will include furnace replacement, new electrical service for the first floor, new ceilings, tuck pointing, replacing bricks and etc. unless volunteer labor and donations are specifically receive for such projects.

Our second annual meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Since we will not have another general mailing before that time, and

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a IO day notice of such a meeting is required by our by-laws, this will serve as your official notice of the meeting.

After that meeting, we will hold a regular membership meeting at which time we will be electing all officers and two directors. Rod Brown and John Trigg will be staying on the Board for a two year term. Wendell Miller and Bill Gunder are serving one year terms. I have asked Tom Staley to serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. Please call Tom at 937-692-8634 of your desire to be on the ballot or if you wish to nominate someone else. Please be sure to clear your nominations with the nominee before submitting it to Tom.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, 2006 membership dues are due by December 31, 2005. We need your continuing financial support of restoration efforts.

For those of you that are in the area, you know it has been a busy year. There are many people to thank for the tremendous progress that has been accomplished thus far. To name them and then forget someone would be very embarrassing. Suffice it to say, thanks to all of you for your time, money, dedication and effort to see that the Society is a success.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can help, please give me a call at 937-548-6556.

Thanks for your support.

Financial Summary	51.	
By Lois Eilerman, Treasurer	,ff '!! <i>(!</i>	
May 22, 2004 - September 12, 2005		
Income		
Memberships	\$2,285	
General Donations	\$33 700	
Window Donations (17 @ \$500)	\$8 500	
Fundraising	\$4234	
Building Rental \$525		
Interest	\$16	
Other	\$289	
Total Income	\$49,549	
Expenses		
Purchase Building	\$22,028	
New roof, vents. chimney cap	\$13,250	
Paint soffits, fascia storage room	\$1.050	
Gutters & Downspouts	\$2,400	
Electrical Update (1)	<u>\$3</u> ,031	
Plumbing \$15		
Utilities \$1 59		
*Windows (2) \$4 00		
Porch Restoration \$1.65		
Real Estate Taxes	\$574	
IRS Filing Fee	\$500	
Insurance	\$465	
Renovation Supplies	\$3,086	
Other	\$578	
Total Expenses	\$54.358	
Cash Flow	\$4,809	
Current Outstanding Loan	\$8,000	
Bank Balance	\$3 191	

*I Work being completed but not billed @\$3,500

*2 Windows received but not billed @ \$6,000

Acquisition List

Many items have been donated and are on display in locked cases. As renovations are completed, larger items will be displayed throughout the building. Filing cabinets are needed to store papers, etc.

0501 John Smith Co. Arcanum, Ohio-Paid Receipt ledger-----Gene and Joan Rench
0502 2 Suitcases-----Bob Clark
0503 Emrick Farm Picture-----Irma Engle

- 0504 Framed Picture of Lady-Identity UnknownIrma Engle
- 0505 Wooden Slaw Cutter.....Irma Engle
- 0506 Wooden Sign-Aluminum Letters -Ivester LaneAnita Short
- 0507 Sign "The Darke Times" Early Arcanum NewspaperAnita Short
- 0508 Picture Bailey Motors-New and Used Cars 1949 -----Joe White Bailey
- 0509Picture Bailey Farm Service Hdw. Supplies 1945 -----Joe White Bailey
- 0510 Picture Jane, Joe, Shirley Bailey, Fred & Dick Troutwine-----Joe White Bailey
- 0511 Ash Tray-Key Chain -Bailey Motors -----Joe White Bailey
- 0512 Wooden Red Cross Dog----- Jean Cox Aukerman
- 0513 Bull Head Ashtray-Metal-----Jean Cox Aukerman
- 05142-5oth Wedding Anniversary Programs-Madge &Lester----Joe White Bailey
- 0515 Ladies Picture-Carolyn Furlong's Grandmother -----Carolyn Furlong
- 0516 Luther Cupp M.D. Sign---Frank Vititoe
- 05172 long pictures-World War 1 with Luther Cupp,M.D.Frank Vititoe
- 0518 Wooden Medicine Cabinet Joan Rench
- 0519 Book "The Dean of Steam Engines by Ed Haas-1st edition-----John Stevenson
- 0520 Book "The Echo" Arcanum High Year Book 1924 ...JoAnne Hill
- 0521 Program Book "100th Arcanum Alumni Banquet" class Of '77-... JoAnne Hill
- 0522 Advertising Calendar- Arcanum Business'JoAnne Hill
- 0523 Bailey Motors Wooden Sign-Side of Truck
- 0524 Bailey Dodge Hot Pad Adv.-John Deere-Dodge-Plymouth----Joe White Bailey
- 0525Salesmans Sample-Dodge '64W/Torsion 106-110E. South St. Light Blue #2 in original box ...JoeWhite Bailey
- 0526 Bailey Motors Stationery-Lester Bailey Calling Card saying "Lester Bailey was Here" ---Joe White Bailey
- 0527 G,T, Browder Thermometer- Cary Wogoman
- 0528 C.O, Hoffman Thermometer Cary Wogoman
- 0529 Farmer's National Bank Post Card Oct. 1911Cary Wogoman
- 0530 3 Pictures Dreamland Theatre-Program 1913Cary Wogoman
- 0531 Picture Sky View of Arcanum 1952 ...-Cary Wogoman
- 0532 Picture D&U Train 1900-#62..... Cary Wogoman
- 0533 Picture 1946 Arcanum Graduation Class
- 0534 Smith's Store 125th year decoupage board-1976 by Ann Wyan....JoAnne Hill
- 0535 Royal Daulton Pitcher and Bowl Set -----Jean Aukerman
- 0536 School & Friendship book-Darke County Basketball Tournement 1930----- Jeff Puterbaugh
- 0537Arcanum High Graduation Picture- Class of 1910 ...JoAnne Hill

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- 0538 Arcanum High Graduation Picture- Class of JoAnne Hill
- 0539 Picture of 4th of July Parade 1898-Jeff Puterbaugh
- 0540 Brig. Edward Sigerfoos Rocking Chair -Purchased in 1946 by Mildred Pleasant at Arabella Sigerfoos' Auction-----JoAnne ft Dave Hill
- 0541 Arcanum National Bank Cloth Money Bag -----Jean Cox Aukerman
- 0542 Mehaffie Electric-Metal Clip Board----- Dick Hunt
- 0543 Arcanum Elevator-Metal Clip Board----- Dick Hunt
- 0544 Russel Sink Nail Emory Board----- Dick Hunt
- 0545 Key Ring-Hamiltons Garage-Ithaca, Oh.
- 0546 Plastic Crumb Tray 6: Scraper-Stutz& Sando -----Jean Cox Aukerman
- 0547 Koch ft Stutz Ruler----Dick Hunt
- 0548 Riegle Insurance Agency Blotter----JoAnne Hill
- 0549 Books-"Life,Here, There and After". "Life, What I Forgot To Remember", "The Life of Jesus" These books were written by Betty Hisson Mehaffie Sutton
- 0552 Child's Dress Crocheted-Lg. Buttons Beige -Marilyn Graeff
- 0553 Woman's* sleeve-White Summer DressMarilyn Graeff
- 0554 Woman's White Waist Tie Button FrontMarilyn Graeff

0556 White Eyelet Waist-Over Dress-----Marilyn Graeff

- 0557 White Pantaloons-Decorated Legs ...-Marilyn Graeff
- 0558 Light Brown Dress-1915-Beige Collar and Cuffs -----Marilyn Graeff
- 0559 Man's Frock Black Coat Velvet Collar-Marilyn Graeff
- 0560 Black Seal Fur Coat-1930's -----Marilyn Graeff
- 0561 Black Old Order German Baptist Bonnet -----Marilyn Graeff
- 0562 Lard Press----- Charles & Angela Lange

Design Committee Report

By Carolyn Furlong - Committee Chairperson

One of the many committees of the AWfHS is the design committee.

We have met many times in the past nine months. Our focus is to plan and coordinate each of the rooms . The purpose is to best suit the needs of the historical memorabilia of Arcanum and the surrounding communities. Our focus at this time is to refurbish the main floor, making ready for displays and the community education and enjoyment, but all the rooms on both floors have been given a purpose and name assignment. FIRST FLOOR

Room #1 (entering from the front porch) Parlordisplay period furniture, piano and other displays. <u>Room#2</u> Museum shop, display cases, book shelves, and other artifacts.

Room#3 Functioning kitchen and display area Room#4 Back room, Period dining room and display area, and genealogy area. Room#5 Community Meeting Room, display cases, photos, etc. SECOND FLOOR At this time and because of state fire codes, we cannot legally use this space as a museum, but will use the area for display storage (that can be rotated to the first floor for community appreciation) and much needed office space. Room #2 and #3 The smallest of all rooms will be the society office space, desk, file cabinets, computer, printer, etc. Room#4 Ancestors Room - articles of early education, religion, period clothing, tools, weapons, etc. Room#5 Reading Room - bookcases, table and chairs, periodicals.

Room#6 Arcanum, Yesterday and Today celebration, sports, school, and recreation.

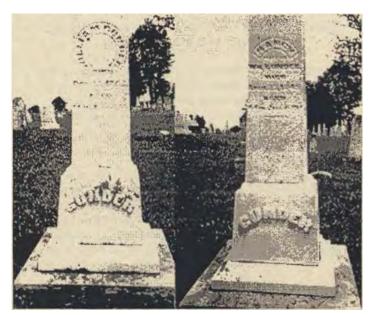
Room#7 Arcanum Stories - newspaper, railroad, post office, library, clubs, fire department, and water / electricity. Room#8 Pioneers and Businesses

Members of the design committee are Jo Dunlap, Joan Rench. Cheryl and Dick Hunt, Barb Deis, Rose Lambert, Carolyn Troutwine, Carolyn Furlong, and a special thank you to Ken Blackburn for his drawings and building specs.

The remodeling is on going, but soon we will be displaying items and invite the public to donate or loan to the society items and memorabilia from the surrounding area such as Victorian parlor and dining room furniture, and any period clothing and dress forms, china, desks, file cabinets, bookshelves, computer, printer, school and business artifacts, sports memorabilia, display cases, art work, linens, or any history of the area you think may be of interest to the historical society. For more information, please contact JoAnne and Dave Hill (937) 692-8330 or Carolyn Furlong (937) 548-6556.

The society would also like to thank Pam Post for her time and advice on paint choices and design, Joan Rench for creating all building window treatments and Life Styles Interior Designs for a generous donation of beautiful carpet roll that will be used in the dining room, office spaces, and hall runners.





Historic Site Restoration

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society has designated its first Historic Site - the gravesite of Arcanum's founder, William Gunder and his wife Nancy Rice Gunder, located in the Ithaca Cemetery. The monuments were placed there in 1849 when Nancy died and need new foundations to preserve them for the future.

The restoration work of these historic markers is contracted to Monumental Engravers located on U.S. Rt. 127 just north of the Arcanum-Butler Middle School. Owner Stan Hanzel plans to complete the project by late September or early October. Monument Engravers business sells monuments, bronze plaques, and performs cemetery lettering in western Ohio and eastern Indiana. The cost of the renovation is covered by a gift to Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical *Society* by William and Carolyn Gunder together with their daughter, Tamala Marley. William is the great-grandson of Arcanum's founder.

Summer Event

Tropical island music, a dip or two of ice cream, and a lovely evening combined for an enjoyable time for the crowd of hometown folk. Marta Wetzel and the Steel Expressions Band shared a vast menu of musical selections including familiar tunes, patriotic and authentic pieces as well as uplifting, relaxing, island music. Marta offered interesting facts about the origin of the music and talked about the precision of constructing and tuning the drums.

During the break, people lines up for ice cream and cool drinks provided by Farmer Brown with proceeds of \$350.00 going to the historical society. After the

Program, people lingered and clustered in groups to visit with one another. The evening, sponsored by Phyllis Blackburn, was a success giving us encouragement to provide more entertainment for the community next summer.

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Annie Oakley Days

Hot! Hot! Hot! But fun is the best way to explain the Annie Oakley weekend. Society members manned a booth at the Fair Grounds passing out membership information and selling quilt raffle tickets, fair tickets, pop, and water for a total of \$121.00. Rod and Phyllis Brown of Farmer Brown's gave the historical society a donation of \$200.00 from the ice cream sales.

Richard Rinehart and Gene and Joan Rench represented the historical society by participating in the Annie Oakley parade. Richard, driving his 1948 Ford 8N tractor, pulled the float with Dick and Marilyn Graeff, dressed in period clothing. Gene and Joan Rench drove a most unique two-passenger antique car. Fit for the occasion in the "driving" outfits, they were indeed a crowd pleaser.



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Wayne Trail Grange No. 2647 Sharing Its History

Since 1894, many businesses and organizations have served the community from the two-story brick structure at 123 W. George Street, now the home of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society.Built as a saloon, it was used through the years as a moving picture theatre, farm implement dealership, soda pop bottling plant, music store, hotel, rooming house and others.

None served the community with greater dedication and enthusiasm then the owners between 1963 and 2004, the Wayne Trail Grange Chapter No. 2647.

Organized Sept. 14, 1936, with 48 charter members, Wayne Trial Grange had grown to 124 members when they purchased the Beck Hotel for their active group. The first meeting held in 1936 took place at West Point School, west of Arcanum. They continued to meet there until Feb. 3, 1937 when they moved to the second floor of the Junior Order building, 104-107 North High Street. By 1940, 64 families were represented, with the membership reaching 150.

The heritage of the Grange, founded in 1867, was based in agriculture. The purpose was to "Educate and Elevate the American Farmer". The Grange, state and national levels, was instrumental in a long list of legislation to help rural America: vocational agriculture in schools, Agricultural Extension Service, Rural Electrification Administration and rural mail delivery along with many others.

There was also strong emphasis on community service. Grange No.2647 took part in county fair Grange booths and food tents, gave holiday baskets to needy families, sponsored a softball team, gave financial support to ill members, exchange students and families in need, and held blood drives. They contributed to many community and county projects. The large shelter in Ivester Park was paid for and built by Grange members.

To fund these projects, members sold cookbooks, dish clothes, had farm sale lunch stands. They served banquets for local businesses and clubs, sometimes for as many as 125 people.

Over the years, the Grange honored many people for their outstanding service to the community. Annual appreciation dinners were held for the fire department and rescue squad.

During their 68-year history, Wayne Trail Grange members received many honors from the

Ohio State Grange. One year after organizing, Wayne Trail was given an Award of Merit for having the largest membership In Darke County. Several members received their Silver Star certificates in 1962. In 1971, Wayne Trail Grange won "Pride in Ohio", a statewide contest sponsored by the National Grange Mutual Insurance Co. Six charter members received Golden Sheaf Certificates in 1986. Members won many awards in county wide Grange contests.

In 1956, the Grange purchased a lot on West George Street and started a building fund. When the Beck Hotel became available, members voted to purchase the hotel instead of constructing a new Grange. Papers were signed January 4, 1963, the first meeting was held in May 16th and October 13 the hall was dedicated.

Extensive remodeling was completed to serve the needs of the Grange. The roof was fixed. A new furnace and a water heater were installed. Removing interior partitions and a central wall, where a new floor was laid and the ceiling was lowered, made a large hall, on the east s de of the building.

The purchase of two stoves was necessary to serve large banquets. A serving area was made by opening the wall between the kitchen and second room on the west side of the building.

A wooden attached garage at the rear was removed to provide off street parking.

At one time, Ohio had more Grange Chapters then any other state. Darke County Grange Chapters were Anchor, Concord, Lightsville, Delisle, Wayne, Stelvideo, Gettysburg, Ansonia, Ithaca Twin, Brown Township, New Madison and New Weston. Two chapters are still active, Stelvideo No. 295 and Wayne No. 238.

Today, people of all ages throughout this area have fond memories of attending Grange activities and family parties held at Wayne Trail Grange. Many are grateful to the members for their tremendous service to our community. It is no secret, for 68 years Wayne Trail Grange No. 2647 was an important part of life in Arcanum.



Arcanum Wavne Trail Historical Society, Inc. Board elected at the annual meeting January 13, 2005				
President	Keith Furlong	937-548-6556		
Vice President	Fred Troutwine	937-692-8939		
Treasurer	Lois Eilerman	937-692-8223		
Recording Secretary	PatJones	937-692-5701		
Corresponding Secretary	Barb Deis	937-678-7832		
Directors	Rod Brown	937-692-5225		
	Bill Gunder	937-692-8000		
	Wendell Miller	937-692-8425		
	John Trigg	937-692-8930		

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Members

Jean Aukerman Joe & Wanda Bailev Ken and Phyllis Blackburn Lawrence Boyd Dr. Robert and Permilla Brawley * Ellen Breece EdgarandLovaBrown• Ivan & Jerr! Brown Merrie Ann Brown Rod and Phyllis Brown Jerry W.& Patricia Burns Joan Chapman Miriam Clark Robert and Joyce Colville Ernest and Marion Cooper David M. Cox Jack and Marlene Creech Carolyn Davison Robert & Marian Davison Jim and Barbara Deis Peggy Didier Jo Dunlap Barbara Eberwein Mark and Lois Eilerman Dave and Beth Flora Larry and Judith Foureman Alan and Judy Fourman Mike and Kathy Fout Keith and Carolyn Furlong Phil Garbig (H) Dick and Marilyn Graeff Cheryl Gray

Velda Gray Bill Gunder Phyllis Hahn Dick and Hanna Hanes * Tom and Jean Hanes Glenna Hayes Dave and JoAnne Hii Joe HHI• Jean Munn-Hillis **Dick and Cheryl Hunt** Lloyd & Myrna Hunt **Christina Jones** Pat-Jones Sharon Karns Mae Kincaid Jerry Kramer (H) Rose Lambert Imy Livingston Doug and Nora Mahoney Dick and Dee Mathias Darryl and Mary Anne Mehaffie Gayla Mitchell Metzcar Wendell and Jean Miller **Betty Murphy** Ted and Mary Murphy Mike & Linda Newbauer Leonard Norris Helen North Or. Paul and Linda Pease * Roger and Virginia Peters Dean and Marcia Pitzer Richard and Marylou Possey *

Jewell Puterbaugh Jeff and Susan Puterbaugh Jenny Quigney Gene & Joan Rench Terry & Darla Rench Duane and Joan Reynolds Linda Riley Joe and Phyllfs Rinehart * Richard and Marilyn Rinehart * Dick Rosser Peggy Sanders Dale & Betty Sease Sally Sharritts Anita Short Marilyn Skillern Tom Staley Allen Stastnv Tom & Elizabeth Stephens John and Ella Stevenson Marilyn Strickler Gary and Denise Swabb Ed Trick John and Holly Trigg Dick & Sharon Troutwine Fred and Carolyn Troutwine John and Angie Troutwine Lynn & Carolyn Trump Ben and Deb Williams Lew Williams (H) Wayne and Claire Wilt Cary and Theresa Wogoman Bill and Mary Wolke

Memorial

In Memory of Mary Paff Miltenberger-long time member of Wayne Trail Grange. In Memory of Mernia Henninger by Phil and Miriam Lockman

Welcome to All New Members!

(H) = Honorary Members * = New Members

NEWSFROM THE PAST

(Arcanum Times, Oct. 26, 1939)

Football Games Are Cancelled. Although four games were originally on the football schedule of the Arcanum school, only one game was played, the remainder of them being cancelled. The reason for the cancellation of the games was a lack of sufficient number in condition.

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Ways and Means

Activities Benefiting the Restoration of AWTHS

Wine Tasting

A second wine tasting party is planed for October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winery of Versailles. Forty tickets will be sold at \$20.00 dollars per person with a profit of \$10.00 from each ticket. Snacks are served to compliment each of the 6 varieties of wines served. Please arrive at 6:45. For tickets contact Dick Troutwine, 692-5128 or Barb Deis, 678-7832.

Christmas Bazaar

November 26 is the date set for the AWTHS Christmas Bazaar from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Craft items and like-new Christmas items are needed as well as homemade cookies.
- 2. Silent Auction
- 3. Story time with Mrs. Claus, 2:30 until 3:30.
- 4. Quilt raffle drawing, 4:00

To help with the bazaar or to donate items, contact Lois Eilerman, 692-8223 or Jenny Quigney, 692-5649.

Aluminum Cans

AWTHS has had a good response to the aluminumrecycling program. Please continue to leave aluminum on the back porch. If you are able, please smash the cans. When the cans are smashed, more will fit on the truck for the trip to the recycling center. For pick up of large donations, contact Wendell Miller, 692-8425.

AWTHS Hall Rental

Contact Carolyn Furlong, 692-6556, to rent the AWTHS hall for family, business, or club activities. Rental of the hall is \$50.00. The hall will accommodate up to 70 people.

Pocket Change

Save your pocket change. When you attend a meeting drop your change in the container. This change will be used for the Money Guess game at Old Fashioned Days in May.

The annual membership renewal drive is in full swing and the membership dues are due by Jan. 1, 2006. Your membership renewal form is printed below. Additional forms can be picked up at the historical society building, 123 West George Street, Arcanum Ohio or call Carolyn Furlong for information: (937) 548-6556

		Member	rship Form	
Name:				
Address:				
City, State & Zip Code	e:			
Phone:				
Email:				
New Member		_		
Renewal		_		
Annual Membership F	ees:			
	\$1 5.00	Single	Please make your check payable to AWTHS	
	\$25.00	Family	Mail to: Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society	
	\$50.00	Sponsorship	P.O. Box 4	
	\$150.00	Corporate	Arcanum, Ohio 45304	
	\$1,000.00	Lifetime		
Additional Donatio	n Amount			

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Calendar of Events

Oct. 5, 2005	Board Meeting - 7:00PM
Oct. 13, 2005	Historical Society Meeting - 7:00PM
Oct. 22, 2005	Wine Tasting at Winery at Versailles - 6:45PM
Nov. 2, 2005	Board Meeting - 7:00PM
Nov. 10, 2005	Historical Society Meeting - 7:00PM Program: Darke County History Captured Through Photography Jack and Marlene Creech, Presenters
Nov.26, 2005	Christmas Bazaar - IO:OOAM to 4:00PM Mrs. Claus Story Time
Dec. 7, 2005	BoardMeeting-7:00PM
Jan. 12,2005	Annual Membership Meeting - 7:00PM Election of officers and Directors

NEWS FROM THE PAST

(Arcanum Times, May 23, 1963)

The Wayne Trail Grange in recent weeks solicited businessmen and members to purchase folding chairs to be used for their meetings. The Grange wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who bought them. Last Thursday night (May 16) was the first meeting held in the newly decorated building. Many were pleased with the beaut;ful job done on the old building both by volunteers from the organization and that done by local contractors. Future work is planned for both inside and out, but no definite plans have been made at this time.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY!

 $Visit us on the {\it Webat www.arcanum historical society.org}$

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