

## Sharing The Secret

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### President's Remarks Larry Wallace 937-620-2800

We are saddened with the sudden death of Bill Gunder, a founding member and local historian. He contributed to the historical society in many ways. Bill will be greatly missed.

On April 24th Lynn Trump and I drove to Columbus to witness the incoming class of 29 Military Heroes from Ohio. The 2015 Ohio Military Hall Of Fame honored our military Heroes that served with valor. The reason for going was to see our own Lloyd Hunt receive his medal as a Silver Star Recipient from WWII. The Great State of Ohio is the only state in our 50 states to honor our heroes once a year in this way. It was very interesting for us and the many who attended.

The trash bash went well on the 18th of April. It was a warm and sunny Saturday making trash pickup easier. We had four teams and will be receiving \$200.00 from the county for the AWTHS.

I wish to thank our newest Directors who are serving on the AWTHS board for this year. The board meetings have been very informative and we are receiving a large amount of input for present tasks as well as future ones. Joyce Colville, Fred Troutwine, and Richard Troutwine, thank you all.

Just talked to our Treasurer Jerry Kramer he informs me that we have received the \$200.00 from the county and the total checking/savings account for AWTHS is \$9,966.97. That will increase in August with the Darke County Fair Gate revenue.

Everyone have a fun and safe summer, hope to see everyone at the Fair. After the Fair we want all to attend our next membership meeting and program September 10th.

### Coffee and Conversation Series

The second season of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Coffee and Conversation series continues July 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Hunt and Sue Hunt Besecker will bring back memories of growing up in Arcanum in the 50s and 60s. Along with their siblings, Ted and Dick, they kept their parents, Lloyd and Myrna Hunt busy.

Dave Gray will share stories August 8 about helping Arley, his grandfather and his dad Bud, in the construction business, playing sports in Arcanum and his years as an educator and administrator.

Each of our hosts have great memories of people you know. Part of the fun is you telling your stories too.

The series is a relaxed time to exchange memories about growing up in Southern Darke County while remembering families, friends and events. It is a time to share stories, your stories and those of our host, or just come, listen and be ready to laugh.

The series is free, students are welcome. This is a chance for newcomers to learn more about our area.

### September 10th 7:00 P.M. Allen Hauberg \*Trivia and Anecdotal Stories From the Signing of the Greenville Treaty to Ohio Statehood

Allen Hauberg, Greenville resident and volunteer at Garst Museum, will speak at our September 10th meeting. Allen has anecdotal stories to tell and Trivia to challenge us. His stories will take us through an important time in our area history from the signing of the Greenville Treaty to Ohio Statehood in a humorist way. Allen's interest in local history lead him to writing several handouts for Garst Museum on the Treaty, Landsdown and Annie Oakley. Please join us for a fun evening of learning and laughing.

#### AWTHS Officers and Directors

President	Larry Wallace	620-2800
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**Acquisition List** Fred and Carolyn Troutwine - 692-8939

15001 Ohio Magazine July 1970	Joseph Hull
15002	
15003 2014 FM Alumni Program	Betty Sease
15004 Photos of Arcanum Businesses and homes from Library Display (many)	Annette Stewart
15005 Monroe Band '36-'37, 8th grade graduation; musical program 1942	Phyllis Crick
15006 Books of Ohio and Connecticut History	Rebecca Sue Hill
15007 Photo of Cary's Service uniform	Cary Wogomon
15008 Memorabilia of MSGT William L. McDaniel II	Sheila McDaniel
15009 1924 pages from the Echo, photo of 1st Basketball Team	Unknown
15010 Blue and White graduation tassels from Franklin Monroe	Unknown
15011 Sgt. William Ashley info, Sockum School photo, notes on Underground Railroad of New Madison	Phyllis Crick
15012 Good examples of china from the 1920s and 1930s	Zaida M. Morgan
15013 Bronze baby shoes	Carolyn Furlong
15014 (3) perfume bottles	Carolyn Furlong
15015 D. E. Etzler Barbershop sign and newspaper article, ladies wool swimming suit (black and orange in color)	JoAnne Hill
15016 1917 Arcanum High School Graduate picture	Sue Johnson Snipes
15017 (2) Flowered plates (1) on a pedestal "Banquet" by Stafford. These are from the estate of Walter and Elizabeth Swank. Also, Japanese bowl.	Everett & Janet Johns
15018 Terry Brumbaugh- circa 1948 bottle (large building west of Arcanum bottled root beer, orange soda and milk).	Betty Murphy
15019	
15020 Dick Patterson Advertising, knife, McGuffey reader purchased by Grace Rogers Oct. 19, 1892. History Book of Castine, OH 1822-1976 by Paul Fellers	Mike Gibbons
15021 Monroe yearbooks 1948, 1944-45	Steven Ditmer
15022 "Woodwork cutting tool" to match woodwork of original Historical House	Dave Flora
15023	
15024 Drawer - using as display	Jenny Clark
15025 Arcanum Dairy Milk Bottle	Sally Rader
15026 Arcanum Times Delivery Bag (green in color)	Lynn Trump
15027 Copies of names and draft numbers of Darke County men- WWII (Copies from Arcanum times Newspaper)	
15028 Framed picture signed by Lion Club Members	Arcanum Lion Club
15029 Several photos: school classes, 1941-42 Basketball Team (Identified), Ladies group, Emma Floyd Obit.	Barb Troutwine
15030	
15031	
15032	
15033 1910 Darke Co. Plat Book, 1925 Municipal Index (catalog), Incorporation Book - Shoppers parking, Inc.	Judith Foureman (Mayor)
15034 Cromwell photos (several large/framed and artifacts)	
15035	
15036	
15037 Black Book, Eastern Star, Documents and Minutes, several yearend reports	Order of Eastern Star

**Volunteer Fair**

AWTHS participated in the Volunteer Fair during Greenville's June First Friday's activities. Various volunteer organizations from Darke County set up along the sidewalk and promoted their organization, church, or club. Each one had a kids activity. The AWTHS sponsored a game board, similar to the Life game, and cars were driven around the board answering questions about Beech Grove and Ithaca area. This corresponded with our historic driving tour of these areas. Other literature was put out along with Bill and Anita's books for sale. Greenville's First Friday's included live music along with shops and restaurants being open in the evening for business.

**Memberships 2015** Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

We welcome new members: Shawn and Rachel Castle and Jan (Slutterbeck) Rust.  
It is with sadness we note the passing of Bill Gunder and Connie Garber.

Lifetime Phyllis Hahn, Samuel Brubaker, Galen & Sara Lenhert, Harry & Hana Hanes, Samuel R. Lenhert

Honorary Phil Garbig

Corporate Helena Schlafman

Sponsorship Norman Dohner, Bev & Janet Fourman, Steve & Eileen Litchfield, Linda Newbauer, Connie Norris, Tony Roberts, Marilyn Strickler

Single and Family Herbert Anthony, Ed & Janice Armacost, Brenda Arnett, Jean Aukerman

Joe & Wanda Bailey, Tim Becker & Michael Scott, Sue Besecker, Lawrence Boyd, Rod & Phyllis Brown, Brenda Bryson, Wilson & Phyllis Bunger \* Rachel & Shaun Castle, Joyce Colville, David & Mara Cox, Patricia Cox, \* Richard & Carolyn Davison, Jim & Barb Deis, Katie Dimancescu \* David & Beth Flora, Alan & Judy Fourman, Bev & Janet Fourman, Keith & Carolyn Furlong \* Mary Goubeaux, Cheryl Gray, Marilyn Graeff \* David Hamlin & Ardis Trigg, Glenna Hayes, JoAnne Hill, Dick & Cheryl Hunt \* Bev & Lynn Jay, Charlene Jeong \*

Sharon Karns, David & Dixie Kepler, Gary & Maxine Kingrey, Jerry & Bev Kramer \* Eldene & Phyllis Lambert, Esther Lenhert, \* Doug & Nora Mahoney, Peter & Constance Menke, Bill & Gayla Metzcar, Wendell & Jeannie Miller, Terry & Judy Mills, Gene & Nelda Morris, Scott & Kim Morrison, Yula Jean Munn-Hillis, Betty Murphy \* Howard O'Dell \* Joe & Jenny Quigney \*Bev Rench, Joan Rench, Duane & Joan Reynolds, Linda Riley, Richard & Marilyn Rinehart \* Jan Rust \* Dale & Betty Sease, , Staley Antiques, Sue Stammen, Tom & Liz Stephens, Rex & Annette Stewart, Kirby & Lori Sutton, Gary & Denise Swabb \* Fred & Carolyn Troutwine, Jim & Susan Troutwine, John & Angie Troutwine, Richard & Sharon Troutwine, Lynn & Carolyn Trump \* Josh & Shala Urlage \* Larry & Annabelle Wallace, John & Nancy Weisenbarger, Susie Weisenbarger, Tom & Denise Wetzal, Kerlin Wilt, Wayne & Claire Wilt, John & Shirley Winger, Cary & Teresa Wogomon \* Becky York, Brian York

If you are a paid member and your name is not on this list, please notify treasurer Jerry Kramer to update our records.

**Third Grade Visit** Carolyn Furlong - 548-6556

For several years the third grade students and teachers visit AWTHS as part of the school curriculum. Keith Furlong begins with a history of the building. The students have a math question to calculate the age and the year the house was built. They learn the fact that it was an operating hotel for many years and that the building also housed many businesses. They also are given information about rehabilitation of the Old House.

Jenny Quigney assisted with the tour. She explained the daily workings of a turn of the century kitchen and visited the upstairs bedroom and bath with the claw foot tub. The students had many questions about the rotary dial phone that sits on the Dr. Cox desk. They were very aware of who Bill Gunder was, where he lived and that his ancestors founded The Village of Arcanum.

Fred Troutwine gives the students a tour of the town pointing out locations of interest

AWTHS creates a memorable experience and hopefully instill a lasting interest in the historic community they live in. Anyone wanting to help next year with the third graders tour, please call me. It is fun to be a team member.

**Acquisitions** - Carolyn Furlong

During this summer, find time to visit our farmers market and drop by the historical house to enjoy some of our donations. When coming in the front door your eyes go directly to two beautifully framed examples of turn of the century boys **Sunday** attire. The items were given to the historical house by the Rosser family and AWTHS preserved them in frames.

Another must see is the Victorian settee which is placed in the social room. The settee was donated by the Roy Hutchinson family. The design committee has waited a long time for a piece as beautiful as this one. Roy and his wife, Mert purchased the period piece many years ago at the Munday family auction.

I'm also looking for a photo of Arcanum telephone operators at their job during the 30, 40, and 50s. Please call me at 548-6556. I will make a copy and return the original to you.

**Ways and Means** Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Mark your calendar now for our Christmas Bazaar. Our Preview Night will be Nov. 27, the sale will conclude on Saturday, Nov. 28. We hope you'll be able to help with our sale and Bake Shoppe. This is our main fund raiser for the year and we will need a lot of help.

**SOUTHREN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY** ANNETTE STEWART 692-6462

### **Historian Bill Gunder**

As I'm writing this it's hard to put into the words the loss of my friend and mentor, Bill Gunder. As many of you already know, Bill helped me write the guidelines for the reference library and guided me in organizing the library with developing a reference list which later was developed into an excel spreadsheet to keep track of our materials. Bill and I worked together with the digital files and photos on the computer. Bill also managed the website.

### **We Need Help**

If AWTHS wishes to continue to record and preserve history for the next generation, more help is needed

- (1) Someone who knows WordPress, PDF's and Excel to manage our website or train someone else to be the webmaster.
- (2) Volunteers willing to learn the reference library and research materials; to meet with researchers who contact AWTHS by phone or email..
- (3) Scan photos for our digital file.
- (4) Research and/or write articles..

### **Historic Driving Tour**

We hope many of you have enjoyed the beautiful countryside of the Ithaca and Beech Grove areas while learning more about southern Darke County. Since this is a self guided tour it can be taken anytime -autumn would be a beautiful season to tour and learn.

We would like to hear your feedback about the tour.

1. What did you learn that was new to you?
2. How could future driving tours be improved?
3. Would you like an onsite guide at points of interest?

Barb Deis did a nice display for the Arcanum Library. Her research notes regarding Beech Grove properties as well as different businesses, homes and buildings in Ithaca are in our research library in the binder "Ithaca/Beech Grove" and "Small Towns". We also have the cemetery stone readings from Beech Grove Cemetery.

### **Correction concerning the driving tour**

It was brought to our attention by some Ithaca folks that the UB Church which burnt was located on South Pearl Street between Swallow and Warbler not where the Open Bible Church is presently located.

We want to thank those who provided information about Ithaca and Beech Grove: Richard and Norma Hoover, Jean and Joan Hawkey, Kim McCoy, Carolyn Miller, Marty and Bev Cain, Wendell and Jeannie Miller.

### **More about William Ashley, Revolutionary War Veteran**

The Lucy Knox DAR Chapter published Patriots in Knox County in 2004. The Chapter graciously shared notes from their book about William Ashley, his family, and son William. In research another DAR member found that William's wife, Phoebe, descended from the Mayflower 7 Jamestown Line families who first came to America. Research since writing the brochure was that Ashley is buried on his son Elisha Ashley's farm. It looks like several other family members were also buried there including wife Phoebe and son-in-law Elias Arnold who married Mary Ann Ashley, William's daughter. The Ashley family came to Ohio in 1816 first settling in Knox Co (Fairfield Co and Mt. Vernon area). From there William moved to Darke County where he died in 1828. A monument is placed in Knox County, which is now Morrow County, in William Ashley's memory for his service to his country. If you are an Ashley family descendant or enjoy revolutionary war patriots we have the rest of the story in our reference library.

### **Ithaca Cemetery**

In preparing the driving tour we learned about others who are buried or may once have had a stone at Ithaca Cemetery. An ancestor of member Bruce Shank, Revolutionary War Veteran Frederick Shank, is buried in Ithaca. Bruce told us Frederick first lived in a log cabin near Grubbs-Rex and Littles Rd. He also had a "summer" home in Arcanum. His son built a home at the end of Albright Road/Grubbs Rex Rd. which was Gale Good's farm at one time. We are hoping to have the rest of the story in our library in the future.

**Down Memory Lane** Jeannette Brock Burke wrote a small book titled "Down Memory Lane" in which she tells of growing up in Ithaca, the families who lived there and what it was like between 1901 and 1970. Stories of the Wert, Brock, Burke, Baldwin, Unger, Ridenour & Cromwell families are available to read in our library. Look for the binders marked "Ithaca Families" and the book *Down Memory Lane* to learn more about Ithaca. The binders include over 30 letters written in beautiful handwriting as well as photos and newspaper clippings. We are interested to learn about more Ithaca families.

**AWTHS NEW E-MAIL** -Public e-mail for AWTHS for general inquiries, research, and questions is:  
[contact@arcanumhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:contact@arcanumhistoricalsociety.org).

**Old Fashioned Days Festival 2015**

Riding on the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society float this year were Tom and Liz Stephens with many of their great grandchildren..

AWTHS recognized Stephens Lumber Co., Inc. for their 75 years of business in Arcanum. Tom Stephens is the son of Columbus Isaiah. "C.I.", his brother George J. and C.I.'s sons Jack and Tom operated the saw mill from 1928 until 2003. The mill had been at the same location since George Ivester purchased the land from William Gunder in the mid 1850s and started a saw mill.

Lumber from Stephen's Lumber Company was used in many places throughout the world. A few uses were: planks used in construction of PT boats during WWII; beams and planks to refurbish the USS Constitution for our nation's bicentennial 1976; railroad ties were cut for Disney World; paddles wheel boards for Delta Queen and other riverboats and also wood for area covered bridges.

Richard Rinehart once again pulled the float with his 1948 Ford 8N tractor. Richard's restored tractor always gets a lot of attention. Thanks to all who participated in some way with this year's float.



**Books for Sale \* History of Arcanum \* view website for complete list of books**

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"

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**2015 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\$15 Single \_\_\_\$25 Family \_\_\_\$50 Sponsorship \_\_\_\$150 Corporate \_\_\_\$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.

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| <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 |  |   |                                       |

Calendar of Events

July 3 and 17, 2015	Euchre Card Party	1:30-3:00 p.m.
July 11, 2015	Coffee and Conversation - <b>Rick &amp; Sue Hunt Besecker</b>	10:00 a.m.
August 7, 2015	Euchre Card Party	1:30-3:00 p.m.
August 8, 2015	Coffee and Conversation - <b>Dave Gray</b>	10:00 a.m.
August 21 - 29, 2015	Darke County Fair	
Sept. 1, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 and 18, 2015	Euchre Card Party	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Sept. 10, 2015	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: <b>Allen Hauberg *Trivia and Anecdotal Stories*</b>	

On Going Projects

- 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

Reminder

- Bring a friend to Coffee and Conversation sessions
- Attend Sept. Program
- Donate Christmas items
- Volunteer to maintain AWTHS website
- Volunteer to scan photos
- Learn reference library and research material to help visitors and Librarian