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President's Remarks - Jenny Quigney 937-459-8090

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to take this time to look back at all that has happened with AWTHS this past year. It has been a very busy and productive year. We started the New Year with our carry-in-dinner and election of officers in January. Then we just rolled into early spring with our membership meeting in March with Sue Vickroy as our guest speaker on the Bradford Railroad Museum. At our membership meeting in May we welcomed Fred Shaw, a Shawnee Storyteller about his Native American ancestors. At our September meeting we enjoyed Annette Stewart's presentation of the "One and Two Room Old School Houses". Carolyn Furlong gave a presentation on several of our acquisitions in November. We have several programs lined up for the upcoming year so please stay tuned.

During the year we also participated in several events. We entered a float in the Arcanum Old Fashion Days parade and conducted the Summer Coffee and Conversation sessions. In March we were pleased to have the Darke County Center of the Arts host Sarah Goslee Reed, a folk music entertainer, here at the house. As has been the practice for several years we also had the Arcanum third graders here over two days as part of their studies on their community. Also, if you look around town you may notice that there have been a couple more historical markers placed on homes or businesses. All of the old newspapers, which were donated to us, have been placed in sleeves and are just waiting to be put on display at some point.

In addition to these events we have continued to open the house to visitors on the first Saturday of each month. We also host a community Euchre Part the first and third Friday of each month. A few of our fundraisers include the Trash Bash in April and manning the north gate during the Great Darke County Fair.

Our biggest fund raiser each year is the Christmas Bazaar. This requires a lot of time and I would like to thank all of our elves that worked diligently to make this happen. Due to the fund raisers of the past year I can report that we have \$11,832.49 in our checking account.

These are just a few highlights of what goes on at your local AWTHS and I would like to invite you and your friends and family to attend our meetings and the other events we have throughout the year. We always welcome and encourage new memberships.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my board members and committee members for all of their efforts because of you all the Arcanum Historical Society runs very efficiently and it could not happen without each and every one of you.

I am sad to report that over the past year we lost two members, Bob Davison and Judy Fourman. Our condolences go out to their families. They will be missed.

Well that is about it for this time around. Please plan to attend our next meeting and get ready for a event filled year. It has been a pleasure to be your president over the past year and I look forward to another wonderful year.

Annual Meeting and Carry-In-Dinner

January 12th 7:00 p.m.

The first initial of your last name indicates which food item you are asked to bring.

A thru F Salad or Vegetables ** G thru P - Dessert ** Q thru Z - Meat or Meat Dish

Plates, Flatware and Drinks will be provided

Up Coming Events

February 9th 7:00 p.m. DCCA Program Held at AWTHS

John Latini - Guitarist and Folk & Blues Singer

Purchase \$10 tickets from the Darke County Center of the Arts

"Latini knows that all the best American music flowers from blues roots, and whether he's tearing it up at a blues fest or captivating a room with original songs, folk and blues go arm in arm in his music like the blood brothers they are."

Join us for an evening of good music, good humor and good refreshments.

March 9th 7:00 P.M Program: Layers of History

Hannah Wiest, Darke County Parks Naturalist, will be the guest of AWTHS March 9th to present her program "Layers of History: Women's Fashion During the War Between the States".

Hannah's lecture presents a *revealing* history about ladies' fashion and undergarments during the early 1860s. She will expose each layer and the purpose of the individual garments and explain how the fabric content, print, dress style, and cut all disclosed a woman's class, age, and social standing.

Wiest will be dressed in a complete ensemble and have many other garments to show as well as a Power Point. She is a member of The Ohio Valley Civil War Association which is made up of the 35th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the 19th US Regular Infantry, the 1st Ohio Battery C Light Artillery, Birge's Western Sharpshooter (the best US Signal Corp unit in the country), and the Civil War Civilians. Wiest is a Darke County native, graduated from WSU in creative writing, and currently works as a naturalist educator at DCP. She has a passion for history and spends her free time researching, pattern drafting, and sewing historical clothing both for her living history hobby and for the Park District. She and her new husband, Robert, live in the Arcanum area.

Please join us Thursday March 9th at 7:00 for what promises to be a very interesting evening. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

History of Arcanum Books for Purchase

The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio and William Gunder Family \$20

Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968) \$25

Arcanum Chronicles Includes - Opera House, Sports, Parades & Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School \$20

Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 - History of Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library \$18

Purchase books at AWTHS during open hours, website, or contact board members

AWTHS Officers and Directors

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Membership Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

January is the month to renew your dues of \$25 for a Family Membership or \$15 for a Single Membership. We welcome our newest member, Tammy Hoover.

It is with sadness that we note the passing Judy Fourman.

Christmas Bazaar 2016 Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Thanks to you and our community for making this year's Bazaar a real success. We sincerely thank you for donating, selling, buying, creating, cleaning, setting up, and packing up for next year. We're happy to report a profit of approximately \$4,100.

The 50/50 Raffle Sales added \$372 to our treasury. Raffle winners were: Herb Anthony- \$175; Susan Troutwine - \$113; and Nancy Kouts - \$85.

Our In-House Raffle winners were Darlene Long - Snowman; Kelly Moore-Wreath; Kim Unger - Cookie Jar; Phyllis Bunger - Cardinal Tree; Ardis Trigg- Sleigh; and Joan Falknor - Concert Tickets.

The Silent Auction of the lighted Christmas Village was won by Tim Becker for \$120.

The Friday Door Prize, a Bell Wreath, was won by Kirsten Mills, and Darla Rench won the Saturday Door Prize, a Santa Basket.

Mrs. Santa's Bake Shoppe was well stocked with yummy cookies, candies, breads, cakes and snacks. Thanks to Sally Sharritts for pricing and organizing the Bake Shoppe.

Beck's Boutique was beautifully organized again this year by Carolyn Furlong with lots of help from Connie Norris and Joyce Colville.

Much thanks to the Trump's for their contributions of hand-made ornaments and wooden doll beds & bedding as well as beautiful doll clothes. Thanks Lynn & Carolyn.

Our floral designers were Jenny Quigney, Barb Deis, Annette Stewart, and Carolyn Furlong. Their designs were each unique and special.

A special thanks to Annette Stewart and Carolyn Furlong for their help in advertising this event.

Thanks to friends of the Historical Society; Connie Payne and her sister Teri Barker, Sally Rader, Jana Deeter, & Paulette Rediger for all their many donations and to Alan Fourman for 2 beautiful Christmas Trees. Also thanks to Carolyn Trump's sister, Nancy Niswonger, for her stitched items, and to Nora Mahoney for the handmade knitted scarves.

Pass the word that we are definitely having a 2017 Christmas Bazaar, it may be a little different but it will still be fun for the community. We have already received some very nice items for next year. If you are interested in chairing this event please contact President Jenny Quigney, 459-8090.

Acquisitions Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Every year more people of our community discover the AWTHS house to rent for their special events. There were 26 rentals in 2016. The house is rented for all sort of occasions such as graduation and class reunions, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and many bridal and baby showers. Some family reunions are booked on a yearly basis.

So historical members, when the subject arises, suggest to your friends and relatives that they may want to rent the house for their event. The price is \$75.

Through the rental events more people become aware of our Historical Society and learn of our mission to preserve the history of the Southern Darke County communities.

Please call Carolyn Furlong with any questions 548-6556.

Arcanum News From The Past

- 1909 First newspaper advertisement for automobiles
- 1909 Business Mens Commercial Club organized
- 1909 Speed Limits ordinance passed by council
- 1910 Arcanum population 1361
- 1910 Arcanum Fire Brigade officially organized into Arcanum Fire Department
- 1910 25 Automobiles owned by Arcanum people
- 1910 Saloons in dry counties selling "near-beer" must pay Aiken tax of \$1000 a year

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY

ANNETTE STEWART

417-3746

NEW COLLECTIONS REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Fasick family donated their family scrapbook which contains numerous newspaper articles and programs from area families and events. The time era is from 1930-1950's. Areas include: Potsdam, Phillipsburg, Laura, Ludlow Falls, West Milton and local news on many families including Mehaffie, Fasick, Ditmer, and Hissong families.

There are considerable notes about the early pastors of local churches of Potsdam, Pitsburg, and Miami County as well as the obits of Rev. Enos Pemberton in 1924 and Eld. Jno. Calvin. Those with Brethren history roots or church history, those interested in notes about WWII and the old schools of Potsdam and Union Twp. will benefit from this scrapbook. There are lots of articles and clippings of obits, anniversaries, weddings, and birth announcements.

Come and look through the book on Open First Saturday's or by appointment. It is certainly interesting reading!

Bill Gunder's Research Notes (possibly from Anita Short) are in the library. There are multiple binders but I'm including notes from one of them. I encourage you to come in, sit down and look through them. Some of these are digital also. However, we have hard copies for those not wanting to use the lap top to search for them.

The first binder is old obits and notes from Arcanum area. These are probably taken from the old Arcanum newspapers. I do not know if this information is separate from Rose Shilts' obits collection, which is digitalized and can be found on the AWTHS web site. This information dates from 1899-1935.

On page 16 in binder we read from **Arcanum Times**: (note as is in notebook) *M.E. History-Rise of Gordon Congregation from log cabin. Organized ca 1830 at the Ashley home near the Preble Co. line. After a few years at home of Edmund C. Thomas until ca 1840. The log church was built about ½ mile SW of Gordon. Congregation (sat) on slabs with 4 pins for legs and no backs, light by tallow candle. Later church changed at Gordon as Union Church. (Dec 12, 1901).*

****Just a note on church history.** Nancy Baker typed some church notes on different Arcanum churches: Evangelical United Brethren, Pilgrim Holiness (former Reformed Church), Immanuel Baptist and Methodist Episcopal. If you have early church history of any town or township church, such as anniversary celebration books, which gives the church's history, we would like a copy. Or we would like an opportunity to review the items and return them to you. Southern Darke County church history is one of the projects Bill started.

Second binder is clippings on small "bergs" around from the **Arcanum Times** newspaper dated 1913: Small bergs include Nineveh, Ithaca, Beech Grove, Verona, West Sonora, Mosshill (Potsdam??), Grand View, Number Nine, 4 Twp. Corner, Germany, Gordon, Steel Point, 3 Miles North, Pitsburg, Southview are listed, possibly others. Another good find and you might even find your relative's name listed.

Questions I do have questions when trying to sort out where some of these communities are and I need your help. I think Mosshill is Potsdam. Family names listed here are: Shank, Ditmer, and Miller to name a few. Could 4 Twp. Corner possibly be Fourman's Corner near the Tarbucket School area? Daniel Fourman, Hofacker, and Oda families are mentioned. Would Germany be around the "S" curve on Grubbs-Rex Road in Monroe Township, as a school called Germany is known to be here? Grand view? South View? Anyone with information please contact me.

Gordon Info Needed

I'm collecting information on Gordon and have some notes so far from various sources. Anyone who would like to research or gather data please notify me. We have some sources in our library and digital files but need volunteers to search, gather the notes together, and possibly type. If you can't do the computer or type you can still look at actual reference materials so don't let this hinder your search.

We're on Facebook now!

For those of you into social media check us out. "Like" our page and share. As of November 22, less than a week after completing, we have 99 FB members for our page. We are still maintaining our web site which gives more detailed info. The FB page allows us to share our current events easily and share publicity releases. We hope this exposure well help AWTHS gain some new members. We have a short video clip showcasing the AWTHS house and some of our collections on Facebook, which can also be seen on our web site. Take a look under the photo section.

Portraits of Lewis and Elizabeth Dietrich - Annette Stewart

The AWTHS presently has two large portraits that were given on loan by the Don Dietrich family of their ancestor Lewis Dietrich. Lewis was the owner and had the brick home built in 1894 which was the Louis Deitrich Saloon. Per Anita Short's Arcanum Business book we note the following: Per the GJ 4/5/1894 we read "The old Peter Siler property was sold last week to a Mr. Deitrich of New Bremen, who proposed to erect a hotel thereon." "The Deitrich house is now completed and will soon be occupied." GJ 9/27/1894. In six months' time the house was completed and was the Deitrich Saloon until 6/29/1899.

Today it is the home of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society located at 123 W. George Street in Arcanum.

From his obit found in The Arcanum Times dated 2-2-1939 we read that Lewis was born July 29, 1845 and was born to John and Elizabeth Dietrich. His birthplace was Mechlenburg, Germany. In 1850 his parents and six siblings came to Ohio and located in the New Bremen area. Until 1880 he worked for the government agencies in building canals in western Ohio. In 1880 he married Christina Roh at Piqua, Ohio. To this union were born nine children: Nero Henry, Caroline, Charles, Otto, Alma, Walter, Julius, Luella and Oliver. He moved to Arcanum in 1893. In 1913 he retired from farming and moved to Pitsburg. In an interview with family of Don Dietrich, we learn he had a house near the old Pitsburg School which was located on the north end of Pitsburg near the Jefferson Street and Pitsburg-Laura Road intersection. His farm was found on the 1910 plat map and was on Grubbs-Rex Road in Monroe Township and was around 126 acres. Some of that farm is owned and farmed by Rex and Annette Stewart presently. It was also the farm that the Germany one room school house stood on. On the map it shows three house's on the tract of land and is located before the S curve on Grubbs-Rex. He died January 20, 1939 at 93 years of age. He is buried at Mote Cemetery along with other Dietrich's including his son Otto and grandson Glen. Other children of Otto are: Lloyd, Ruth, and Carl. Glen's son, Don is how we acquired the two large portraits of Lewis and Elizabeth. Glen's children are: Ron "Pete", Don, and Ellen. There is also different spellings of Lewis first and last name as well as his wife's in researching the history of the AWTHS house as well as his obit and tombstone. According to Don Dietrich, each family decided on the spelling of their last name. The AWTHS has two Souvenir school programs for Germany School. The first is the year 1903. A number of Lewis's children attended and their names are listed as (note spelling) as following: Oliver Diedrich, Elma, Walter, Julius, and Luella. The teacher was Oscar Stuhlman. In 1908 attending from the Dietrich family were: Luella and Oliver Diedrich. Teacher is listed as Alfred Oakes.

My parent's memory of the Dietrich farm, which was east of their farm, was that the Dietrich sisters, Alma and Luella, were single and lived there. My parents raised tobacco and when they were stripping it in the winter my siblings, Fred and Shanda, became tired of waiting around. Fred said to Shanda "let's go home". So they walked through the fields and over fence rows to get back home. Trouble was it was very muddy and their little boots squished down in the mud and then Shanda lost her boots! By that time everyone back at the farm wondered where the children were. But they had finally arrived home safe and sound!

2017 Membership Form		Clip and Mail to		AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304	
Name _____		New _____		Renewal _____	
Phone Number _____		Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email address _____			
Address _____					
City, State and Zip Code _____					
Annual Fees	<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 would like to help.					
<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"/> Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Displays	<input type="checkbox"/> Publications
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden			
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Reference Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours			<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Facebook Updated	
<input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Website Updated	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Acquired Photos & Documents to Laptop			

Calendar of Events

AWTHS Visitors Hours 9 a.m. - Noon Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

September thru May open the 1st Saturday of each month

June thru August open each Saturday

January 3, 2017	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 6 & 20, 2017	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
January 12, 2017	Annual Membership Meeting and Carry In Dinner	7:00 p.m.
February 7, 2017	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 3 & 17, 2017	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
February 9, 2017	DCCA Program * John Latini	7:00 p.m.
March 7, 2017	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 9, 2017	Program - Layers of History	7:00 p.m.
March 3 & 17, 2017	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
January 12, 2017	Annual Membership Meeting and Carry-In Dinner	
	Election of Officers and Directors	

Just A Reminder

- Attend Annual Meeting Dinner January 12th
- Bring a friend, attend our Program March 7th
- Pay your 2017 Membership Dues
- Visit our reference library on First Saturdays or by appointment
- Volunteer to be host during open hours
- Help with Web Site, Laptop, Facebook, Videographer