

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

As we are shifting into the fall season, I would like to take the time to review a few things that have happened over the summer months. We completed a successful Trash Bash, receiving \$450 with 6 teams participating. Thanks goes out to Jim Deis for organizing this fund raiser and all the participants. Also, thank you to Kate Troutwine for mowing and to Jim Deis for all his work on the yard. We also had a successful Garage Sale thanks to Sharon and Dick Troutwine for their efforts and to all the volunteers who helped. We are happy to report a profit of \$1,746.05. Dick and Fred Troutwine did a fabulous job painting the front, back and west side porches. Not a drop of paint was left behind.

In May we participated in Serve Arcanum with several students helping mulch and clean the house windows. This is a great program offered by the school, and Jason Stephen's efforts in this are a great asset to our community. I would also like to thank Chase Osterday for his work on the AWTHS logo and events posters for the Historical Society, it is greatly appreciated.

Greg Brown of Abbottsville Monuments donated the Designated Historical Site plaques for the Dayton Racquet Company on Albright Street and the childhood home of Brigadier General Edward Sigerfoos at 5 S. Main Street. The plaques are very nice, thank you Greg.

The 2022 Great Darke County Fair is a memory. Thanks to Bev Rench for coordinating this huge job which involves a lot of man hours to fill all the time slots. We can't do it without our members and friends.

We have had some wonderful programs this summer. I would like to commend Annette Stewart for all her work on the Ithaca Cemetery Walk "If these stones could talk" and to the participants. We will finish the year with three interesting programs and events. Many of our programs are planned to not only share our area's history but also to collect information through the memories your share.

Remember AWTHS is available to rent. Rental includes the downstairs and Veterans Park, fee \$100.

Thank you to everyone who I may have missed for all your help and dedication to making our motto of *preserving the past for future generations* go forward.

September 8th, 7:00 p.m. Dayton Racquet Company Reunion

If you or your family worked at the racquet factory join us to share your memories.

If you didn't work there come learn about the only company in the world to produce steel frame and steel strung racquets for tennis, badminton, squash and paddle tennis. During WWII, the factory was converted to 100% war time work. Join in the conversation, or come to learn about a successful Arcanum business, 1934-1995. Please bring mementos for viewing.

Ohio History Connection Presents - "Ohio Open Doors" - September 17th

This statewide event highlights museums, historical societies, preservation societies and historical sites. Circle the date, **September 17th**. Arcanum Preservation Society and Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society will each be having special events from **1 - 5 p.m.** See more information on the back page.

November 10th 7:00 "in love & fidelity – George Sprecher Civil War Letters"
George Sprecher- Arcanum Post Master, Merchant, Father, and Civil War Veteran.

George Sprecher served in the Civil War from 1861 until 1864 - Ohio 34th Regt. OVI Co. K. His great-great grandson published a book using letters George sent home to his wife, Sarah Ann Renshaw Sprecher. Through Sprecher's letters Fred Troutwine will share the experiences of a soldier as George Sprecher tells it.

January 12th 6:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

Join us for pizza and salads provided by AWTHS and board members at 6:30 p.m. A brief meeting will be held to recap the past year. An invitation is also extended to non-members who have helped at the fair gate, trash bash, garage sale, and the Christmas Bazaar in 2022. Your help is greatly appreciated! You are appreciated!

Acquisitions	Sharon Troutwine 9377-692-5128 and Carolyn Furlong 937-548-6556	
20096	Letterhead of D.E. Etzler Tonsorial Parlor	?
20097	2 nd National Bank Plaque Cut-out	Linda Newbauer
20098	Roth & Co. mug	Bev Kramer
20099	Book – <u>Vintage Postcard Tour of Brookville</u>	Todd Clemmons
21000	Old Newspaper clippings	Charlene Jeong
21001	Monroe Class Grad Photos 1949, 1932	Annette Stewart
21002	Lg. Framed Portrait of Walter & Lenard Swank, era 1913 includes history	Annette Stewart
21003	Rack of yardsticks (7 car-related & 5 unrelated to cars)	Troutwine Auto Sales
21004	Gold Framed photo of Gazebo in Park	Arcanum Garden Club
21005	Newspaper copies of articles on fur trapping in Arcanum Area	Larry & Carol McClear
21006	1954 Jr./Sen Arcanum Prom, Commencement Program 1955, 1961 clipping of adding addition to EUB Church, picture of Karen Zimmers spoh. dance, long box from John Smith Co.	Wanda Bailey
21007	1970 Echo FM Annual	Mary Hickman
21008	Pic. Of 1900 Band, Framed pict. Bailey's auto business, clipping about old school 1876 remodeling, 1952 pict of Freshmen class, Paper-back <u>Arcanum Winds of Change</u> 1993, (Tornado)	Wanda Bailey
21009	Commemorative Arc. EUB Church Plate, Christmas Ornament FUM Church stained glass window, Dedication of Addition 1961, picture of Faith Church "Our Church"	Wanda Bailey
21010	Bicentennial 1976 Medal, Boy Scout God & Country Medal, Boy Scout compass, Treaty Camporee menu booklet, Wayne Lake Camporee; certificate; pict. Of scouts going to California Scout Jamboree on train, Jamboree plaques& Kerchief 1953	
21011	Christmas Church Ornament, 18 post cards of Arc., 4 ribbon awards for Arc. Community Institute (1944, 1948, 1949, 1951), Arc Centennial pennant 1984-1949	Wanda Bailey
21012	1951 Ar- Hi News, 3 rd grade English & Reading, Arc, Alumni Banquet 1962 booklet, 1955 program of Jr.- Sen. Reception	Wanda Bailey
21013	Info on Float Co. (Fishing Bobbers) from Greenville newspaper. Com, Louie Hueston inventor	?
21014	Green Baby Dress, Pink Baby Dress, Pink Blanket worn by Joyce & sister Kathy	Joyce Rtiz VanTassell
21015	Hoffman Funeral Home Wooden sign, 4 Wooden nickels, Fed Bank Key Chain	Arcanum Village
21016	School #3 Photo (possibly, Sockum 1911)	Chris Kessler
21017	Old newspapers & magazines 1898-1912; 3 old photos	Marilyn Graeff
22001	1938 Garbig Brothers postcard; 1946 post card of Main St., Arcanum	Liz Stephens
22002	\$5 gift certificate for Louise's Dress Shop	Liz Stephens
22003	75 yr. (1935-2010) Keychain from RJ Warner; 1986 pocket calendar adv. for Bob Weisenbarger at Lyle Bixler Reality; 1992 Old Fashioned Days Race Program for Hennipin Racing Ducks.	Liz Stephens
22004	Framed Depot Picture; 1966-67 Basketball School Booklet Arcanum	Jeff Tenninger
22005	1942 Make & Mend Sewing Booklet (For Victory); 2 old medicine Glass Bottles (Dr. Smith) of Cubecain and Sodium Phosphate Merck; Gowers Plumbing Ash Tray; Arc. Nat. Bank heart adv; Paul Bundy Adv. Button – Arcanum Will Keep Going.	Liz Stephens
22006	New Flag Bunting & Ohio Flag	Joyce Colville
22007	O.W. Hunt Family History Book	Sue Hunt Besecker
22008	1944-45 2 nd Grand Class Picture, 1954 Senior Edition; 3 rd Grade Art Walk of Joe Bailey; 1955 Program of 4 one act plays; 1953 Program for Play "Meet Me In St. Louis"; Senior Class Picture; Congrats letter to grads from Congress	Wanda Bailey
22009	Wooden Hanger from Weisenbarger & Co.	Sue Hunt Besecker
22010	Old newspaper clippings	Sue Hunt Besecker
22011	Darke County Cemetery - Ohioan Ghost Tour Exploration Co.	Carolyn Siculan
22012	3 Old Maps; 1910 Census of all town's 1,500 or more; Census Gazette of Ohio; Map of Franco-German War Front; Daily Adv & Arc Times Articles. - From Glenn Eley collection.	Terry Eley
22013	Ariel photo of Arc. School Circa 1950s	Dr. Sam Brubaker
22014	Coin Bank – Motto "We're so well suited" adv. Arc. Nat Bank	Joel Sink

Acquisitions list continues

22015	Badminton Racquet made for Leonard Clark (Mary Ann's Dad) given to him by Louis Munday owner of Dayton Racquet Co.	Mary Ann Nichols
22016	6 Arc. Year Books 1957, 58, 59, 60, 61; Mementoes from Class of '62	Tom Fourman
22017	Many Items from 1953 Boy Scout Jamboree held in California - Joe Bailey, Fred Troutwine, John Milton Smith traveled there by train.	Wanda Bailey
22018	EUB Church Plate; 1988 Arc Fed Bank small calendar; Arc. Swim Team Orange Nylon Jacket	Kim Morrison

The "***Arcanum***" cast iron sign donated by Liz Stephens, which marked the "Big Four" depot at 213 S. Main St., has a permanent spot in our building. Thank you Jerry and Ryan Snyder for the installation. The two railroad lines which ran through Arcanum played a vital part in the growth of our community. AWTHS is happy to have this treasure.

A tribute to WWII veteran Staff Sgt Glenn Eley is a new addition to the military room. On loan from the Veteran Memorial Museum Foundation in Germantown, a mannequin is outfitted with fatigues and combat equipment much like Eley would have worn. Entering the US Army, Glenn was assigned to D Troop, 92nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), 12th Armored Division. He served as a Platoon Sergeant in the Headquarters Section and drove a jeep equipped with a .30 Caliber Browning Air Cooled Machine gun- having the dangerous duty scouting for enemy activity forward of the main elements of 12th Armored Division. Read more of Glenn's military history on the display.

Christmas Bazaar Friday Nov. 25th 5:30- 8:00 * Saturday Nov. 26th 9:00 - 4:00

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar and spread the word. Planned again this year is the **50-50 Raffle** as well as **Door Prizes** and **Saturday Free "Stuff"** outside on the stage.

Shoppers look forward to the Christmas Bake Shoppe.

Please plan to make or bake goodies. Bring your goodies on **Friday Nov. 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for pricing**, and *also bring your friends and relatives for early shopping fun, avoid the crowd and get first pick!*

Ivester Park Christmas Lighting Display

AWTHS would like to participate in this community project. If you could help please notify any Board Member. We have decorations available that have been donated. Your help is always needed and always appreciated.

Designated Historical Sites Recognized

* **Dayton Racquet Company, Inc * 302 South Albright Street * 1934-1999**

The Dayton Racquet Company was the only manufacture of steel and steel frame racquets for tennis, badminton, squash and paddle tennis in the world. In April 1942 the plant stored the racquet manufacturing equipment and converted to 100% defense work.

• **Childhood Home of Brigadier General Edward Sigerfoos * 1872 – 1885 * 5 South Main Street**

Arcanum resident Brig. Gen. Edward Sigerfoos was the highest ranking American officer killed during World War I. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C.

Arcanum Preservation Society Update Angela Herron 937-459-1157

APS had changes to the Board recently with Cole Morrie transitioning over to the Heritage Committee Chair and the addition of Paul Myers as the Finance Committee Chair. Both gentlemen are settling successfully into their new roles.

Our event calendar for 2022 continues in September with Got Ghost? Are We Haunted? (an Ohio Open Doors event). See the enclosed flyer for additional information. In October we'll be hosting a candy stop at the Opera House during Arcanum's Trick or Treat. In December we'll be hosting Caroling at the Opera House with 3 evenings of caroling by local talent (December 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 7-9pm). We are also working on scheduling 5 tours of sister opera houses. These tours will be of Gloria Theatre (Urbana), West Liberty Opera House, Sorg Opera House (Hamilton), Henry St Clair Memorial Hall and an old 2nd floor opera house in downtown Greenville that is still being researched.

Work continues on the window restoration project with approximately 25% of the windows having been completed in the first year of this multi-year project. Supplies and equipment have been delivered to the building for the exterior painting of the building trim. APS was awarded a small grant from the Darke County Foundation towards restoration of the front doors. The removal of the paneling on the first floor of the building is progressing. The Mayor's office will become a model for what will be done in the rest of the building.

Meet Dr. Luther Emerson Cupp

During the Ithaca Cemetery Walk in July visitors became acquainted with Dr. Luther Emerson Cupp, an Arcanum medical doctor. His life was researched and played by Cary Wogoman.

I was born March 2, 1895 to the parents of Elmer E. Cupp and Susana Cupp. I had two siblings. A sister, Sadie F. Cupp and a brother, Siebert W. Cupp. Our birth place was in Lewisburg, OH then later moved as a family to Verona, Oh.

From my birth till 1917 my life was normal and much uneventful until 1917. I was in the military two times-WWI and WWII. I first entered the Army July 18th 1917 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky at age 22 and served as a medic in the First World War. I was discharged September 29th 1919. My home would remain in Verona, Ohio.

In 1920 I met my wife to be, Clouia Bechtol. I lived in Verona and she lived 1 mile east of Gordon. She was a very beautiful lady whom I loved very much. We were married 29 years and to my sadness lost her to cancer in 1949. Clouia and I had 1 son, Luther Cupp Jr. January 6, 1921 to Jan 17, 1921. Luther Jr. died in infancy 11 days later.

Clouia was 52 yrs. old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of David and Tululah Colville Bechtol. She was a member of Gordon Methodist Church, a member of the Eastern Star among many other civic organizations.

After WWI I entered medical school and became a 1927 graduate of Cincinnati Medical School and Eclectic Medical College (Botanical remedies).

I interned at various Columbus, Ohio hospitals and later in my career became a staff member at Wayne Hospital in Greenville Ohio. I became a member of county, state and national medical association. I practiced medicine in Pitsburg, Ohio from 1928-1932. Moved to Arcanum in 1932 to continue practicing medicine till my death in 1962.

My second military enlistment came in 1942, enlisting in the Army and during this enlistment I went in as a US Army medical doctor. After being discharged I returned home to Arcanum to continue my public medical practice located at 125 West George Street. I practiced medicine in Arcanum for 30 years.

In 1954 I married a second time to Virginia Lee Brown whom I was happily married to till my death. Virginia and I had one child, a daughter born in 1955 whom we named Deborah. In 1958 my family and I built and moved into a new house at 604 North Main St. Arcanum while still maintaining my current office at 125 W. George Street.

I was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lewisburg.

Other organizations I belonged to or was a member include: Chairman of the Darke County Price and ration board in 1942 until my enlistment in WWII. I was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Lewisburg. I was affiliated with the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Dayton. Member of the Elks Lodge in Centerville and the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Verona, Ohio. Post Commander of the American Legion Post in Arcanum and previous district commander and previous state Vice Commander. Other: Trustee of AAA in Darke County and served as the board of public affairs in Arcanum.

I was a very big man for the times! I was 6'5" and wore a size 16 shoe. My favorite shoe of choice was my wing tip dress shoes. I would usually be seen in my dark blue suit, long sleeve white shirt with a tie. As many of you may recall, rarely seeing me without my cigar. Sometimes lit and sometimes not. My favorite car to drive around in was my Cadillac of which I have owned a few.

One year while on vacation in Miami FL I went deep sea fishing at the urging of my friends. I caught a 163 lb. warsaw grouper measuring 5'11" long and 4' at girth. The battle lasted about 30 minutes and I was forced to lie down and rest after that ordeal. I received a certificate of authenticity and proof of catch.

I had a very good and productive life I do believe but at age 66 November 23, 1962 I passed away of acute myocardial infraction leaving behind my wife and daughter!

Cary is related through Dr. Cupp's second wife, Virginia, sister to Cary's mother, Helen Brown Wogomon. Dr. Cupp's daughter, Deborah Cupp Norman, attended the cemetery walk and join in the conversation.

"Play Ball"

Erisman Field – East George Street

The first football game of the year was to be played Wednesday afternoon November 16, 1916. The results were Arcanum High 6 and Brookville High 0.

At that time Erisman Field was owned by Ella Erisman and consisted of slightly over 5 acres at the dead end of East George Street. It was located on the north side of East George immediately east of Albright Street. It is now known as the 200 block of East George Street. In 1921 the football games were played at Lytle Field and in 1922 they moved to Ivester Grove (now Ivester Park). *Arcanum, Ohio Business History by Anita Short Page 102*

Lytle Field or Park – East South Street

Frank Lytle owned 123 acres of the north side of Rt. 49 just outside of the corporation and just east of the creek. He made his home on the acreage but he also loaned it for sports events. In 1919 baseball was being played at Lytle field on what was called the new "diamonds". Arcanum defeated Whitewater 13 to 1 and Ansonia 6 to 0 but lost to Greenville 6 to 3 score.

In 1921 football was also being played here and in October it was reported Arcanum beat Brookville 75 to 0 with their next game to be against Gettysburg. *Arcanum, Ohio Business History by Anita Short - Page 202*

AWTHS Officers

President Jenny Quigney 459-8090
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Calendar of Events

Open House Hours First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 To make an appointment – email awths@awths.org
 Euchre Parties 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 1:00 p.m.
 Board Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
 September 8 Dayton Racquet Company Reunion 7:00 p.m.
 September 17 Ohio Open Doors *Presentation- Preserve Heirloom 2:00 pm* 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 November 10 Arcanum Civil War Soldier -George Sprecher Fred Troutwine Presenter 7:00 p.m.
 November 25 & 26 *Christmas Bazaar* Friday 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 January 12 Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers 6:30 p.m.
 Pizza Dinner

2023	Membership Dues	January 1st
2023 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 _____		
City, State and Zip Code _____		
Annual Fees ___\$15 Single ___\$25 Family ___\$50 Sponsorship ___\$150 Corporate ___\$1000 Lifetime		
Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____		
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"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Publications <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Displays <input type="checkbox"/> Help Reference Librarian <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy <input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Bazaar <input type="checkbox"/> Organize Refreshments for Membership Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Keeper of the House		

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*You're
Invited!*

OHC Open Tours of Bear's Mill

Tours at 10:00am, 12:00pm,
2:00pm, and 4:00pm

Visit the Mill and get a free tour
and grinding demonstration. Take a
walk outside to view a Vietnam War
Memorial, covered bridge, and a
165 foot long dam.



Come learn how to safely handle
and preserve your treasured family
heirlooms like photos, documents,
textiles, and more so they can be
enjoyed for generations to come!
Local historical researcher Hannah
Wiest will give a formal presentation
at 2pm. Bring an heirloom with you
for specific advice.

Arcanum Preservation Society invites
you to come judge for yourself if the
building is inhabited by ghosts. See the
results of 2 paranormal investigations,
enjoy complimentary popcorn as you
tour the building, stop by the Victorian
séance and paranormal paraphernalia
display and don't forget to take a
complimentary picture in one of our
photo booths to remember your trip.

