

## Sharing The Secret

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

Hello everyone. Well as of this writing summer is ending and fall is around the corner. Here at AWTHS we start our speakers series Thursday Sept 12 with member Mike Wells presenting his Kentucky family's history of surviving Indians attacks, protecting family and home. We will continue recognizing AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at this meeting with refreshments including an anniversary cake. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our November meeting will be held as usual with Cary Wogoman presenting a virtual tour of Arcanum. This meeting will begin ½ hour earlier (6:30) then once the meeting is over, we will be bringing down all the Christmas items for our annual bazaar. Please plan to attend and help bring down the Christmas items. This is a big fundraiser for AWTHS and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Looking ahead to 2025, AWTHS annual meeting and pizza dinner is January 9<sup>th</sup>. Members and those non-members who helped in 2024 with various events and projects are all invited.

Items that have occurred over the past several months are as follows:

- The basement flooded and was drained and 1 dehumidifiers were purchased for the basement.
- The roof on the back of the building was rebuilt.
- The refrigerator is not capable of making ice at this time and there are no plans to replace at this time.
- The Trash bash went off without a hitch – thank you Jim Deis.
- In June we were open during the GOBA bike tour. Thanks to all who donated their time to help with this event.
- In June we also had a veterans display and a big thank you to Barb Deis and Bev Rench for setting that up. It was a great success.
- We currently have the second publication of books from Todd Clemens available for purchase.
- Dan Hunt has agreed to seal the bricks on the house.
- Thanks to Bev Rench for scheduling volunteers to fulfill AWTHS responsibilities to man Gate 3 during the 10 day Great Darke County Fair.

Please read over the rest of the newsletter for further information on future events. I would also like to conclude with a thank you to all who volunteer. Their time is greatly appreciated and crucial for the success of an organization. So, with that in mind we are always searching for additional volunteers to help out. If you feel like that is something you would be interested in, please let myself or one of the board members know.

I am hoping everyone reading this continues to have a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

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***September 12 7:00 p.m.***

***“The Perilous Road to the Treaty of Greenville” Presenter: Mike Wells***

*Mike Wells* will trace his ancestors' journey from Maryland to the Kentucky frontier in the 1790s. He will discuss the conditions of everyday life on the frontier and the dangers that led to his family's unique connection to the historic signing of the Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795.

**Commemorating AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Prior to this evening's program Annette Stewart will give a brief narrative of the Research and Genealogy Library.

AWTHS is participating in Ohio Open Doors for this evening's program. Ohio History Connection, Open Ohio Doors is a statewide event to promote historical societies, museums, historic buildings and landmarks. We are excited to highlight our building, our historical society and to tell an important story that leads us to a historical time in history.

***November 14 6:30 p.m. – please note time change***

**A Virtual Tour of Early Arcanum Presenter: Cary Wogoman**

Two popular AWTHS events have been the walking tours of downtown Arcanum and also the south end of Arcanum, known as the industrial section. Cary Wogoman will show photos and tell interesting stories of highlighted businesses, people and locations in these two sections of town. Growing up, Cary, an AWTHS member, enjoyed hearing the stories from his family and friends about early Arcanum. A favorite pastime is still reminiscing with friends.

Things You Don't Miss:

\*The Village of Arcanum will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Purple Heart Ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm at the Arcanum VFW Post 4161, 311 S Albright Street.

\*Euchre Party 1:00 first and third Fridays of each month. Everyone is welcome.

\*View Military Displays on loan through December: PFC. William Bruner 1943- 1945, PFC. Charles Larch 1954-1957, SSG Kevin Mallonee 1989-2008. View AWTHS permanent collection in the Military Room.

Acquisitions - Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

24020	Pittsburg 1900s Souvenir FM School, Arcanum Council 1930 By-Laws	Kent Warner
24021	1976 Photographic Record of New Madison community, photo of Kirckenbarger, Photos Krickenbarger Reunions	Ginny Darland
24022	Advertising Pencil, Ungers Garage in Landis, Ohio	Joan Rench
24023	Books from Anita Short – 2 Ohio Land Grants, Bauer & Oswald family history, Abbottsville Mausoleum , Water Street Cemetery	Dana Sowry
24024	4 Calendars, 4 yards sticks, 2 16 oz, Pepsi Bottle	Teresa Neitzeld
24025	Display of old B&O Railroad nails dated 1880-1932, Troutwine Auto Service building handmade nails	Dick Troutwine
24026	1970 Arc. High School Class Ring	Mary Ann Nichols
24027	WWII Smith Store Shopping coupons	Fred and Jacquie Clark
24028	American Farm Store Jacket, On Loan - Trolley Ticket for Traction Line	Randy Daughtery
24029	Darke County 1976 Bicentennial Plate, 1958 Arcette	Unknown
24030	1983 & 1984 Arcette Year Books, Arc. 1971 Kdg. Picture, Envelope of Advertisements - Pens, Pencil and Combs	Becky York
24031	\$5.00 Bank Note issued by 1t. Farmers National Bank of Arc. – 1929	Tom Staley
24032	2 Lithograph of Arc. Landmarks, John Smith Profit Sharing Coupons, Arc. Book –“The Sequel” (Arc. History )	Marilyn Graeff
24033	Picture framed of Arc. Councilmen 1925, 2 <sup>nd</sup> from right Pat Reed	Diane McKibben Anthony
24034	Funeral Card-Zacharias Baker 1952, AHS Curriculum, 1974 FM Basket Ball Tournament, 2-1956 Newspapers of B. Ball State Tournament	Brenna Moler
24035	Arc Majorette 1951-54 uniform worn by Wilma Anthony Reck	Judy Miller

2024 Christmas Bazaar November 29 & 30

Please mark your calendars and invite everyone you know to attend our biggest fundraising event of the year!!!!

All Things Christmas \*\*\*\*\* Gently used Christmas Décor and More

**Friday November 29 5:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday November 30 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

50- 50 Raffle Door Prizes Christmas Bake Shoppe

Saturday only Shopping for Kids in Santa's Gift Shoppe Free Bits and Pieces on the Stage

Will you please make or bake items to sell? Our shoppers look forward to your home made goodies.

Deliver your items Friday, Nov.29 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

When you make your delivery, bring a friend and you can have 1<sup>st</sup> choice of Bazaar shopping!

*We really need your help after our regular program Thurs. Nov. 9th. to bring all the Christmas items downstairs! After the Bazaar, on Monday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am, come and help us clean-up and put everything away!*

It is hard work but the Community looks so forward to our yearly Christmas Bazaar.

Please leave donations of gently used Christmas items on the back porch up to the week before the bazaar.

Thanks so much for you continuing help and support!

Chair: Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

Co-Chair: Peggy Grim

Southern Darke County History

Annette Stewart 937-417-3746

The research library has been very busy this summer with at least six requests for information on various families and subjects. These requests or appointments come through phone calls, Messenger and email. One of our requests was from the Weisenbarger brothers, one of them living in the state of Washington. He came to visit and came into AWTHS with his family to research and see photos of the Weisenbarger store, which was once located on West George but burnt in 1959. His family was related to the store owners. We gathered information from the various Arcanum books as well as Find-A-Grave, awths archival photos and another researcher helped to find numerous obits on the family.

Another request came in regarding the Thompson-Shanck, Barklow, Myers and Shilt families along with numerous photos, a family tree and Daisy Pansing Shanck's photo album. If you descend from the Shanck-Thompson family, hopefully you can help us identify some of the photos. We have been posting about these families on Facebook and will continue to as well as eventually run Gene Thompson's story from an interview. If you are not on the internet or Facebook but wish to see the album, please come into AWTHS during open hours to view. Same with reading Gene's story.

I was honored to attend the memorial service for US Navy Doxswain Harley Alexander in New Madison in June. Photos and a video were posted on our FB page. It is amazing with DNA how remains from years ago can be identified and matched to bring these veteran's home. It was a very solemn occasion.

### Shanck Barn

Through photos, stories and Find-a-Grave, we put together a short narrative on the Shanck family in which some of the family lived on Rt. 49 near 722. The brick house and white bank barn are still standing.

Peter Shanck 1803-1888 married Barbara Kenner. They bought the mentioned farm on Rt 49 in 1834. Their son was John Cleveland Shanck 1850-1939 who married Frances Hershey. Son Ira Shanck 1884-1973 married Julia Baker who was the daughter of David Baker and Susannah Troutwine.

Their daughter was Laverne Shanck who married Chester Thompson.

A little history of the Shanck farm and barn. The barn was built in 1893 by J C Shanck. (John Cleveland) according to the writing on back of barn photos. The builder was Ceo D. Waitman. Later I E Baker owned the farm.

An album was given to AWTHS of the Shanck family which belonged to Daisy Pansing Shanck 1881-1936.

Her husband was Peter Shanck and his father was John Cleveland. Peter and Ira Shanck were brothers.

An interesting side note is John Cleveland Shanck was a sibling to Nancy Shanck Sigerfoos who was the mother of Brig. General Edward Sigerfoos.

We will be sharing more about the Shanck and Thompson families.

If you have additional information, stories, or photos to contribute please message AWTHS.

Additional information could be researched at [newspaper.com](http://newspaper.com) or family search.

Family graves, bio's and photos can be searched at Find-a-Grave:

[https://www.findagrave.com/.../1108.../john\\_cleveland\\_shanck](https://www.findagrave.com/.../1108.../john_cleveland_shanck).

Of interest regarding the Baker family ties: Irvin Baker who lived on Rt 49, the old Shanck farm.

Irvin was a descendant of Henry Baker and Catherine Poe.

Herschel Irvin Baker [786] was born on 31 Jan 1896 in Van Buren Twp, Darke, Ohio, USA, died on 22 Nov 1969 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, USA (Kettering Hospital, Kettering, Ohio, USA) at age 73, and was buried on 25 Nov 1969 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, USA (Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio, USA).

Herschel married Anna Mae Henninger [787] [MRIN: 306] on 28 Dec 1917. Anna was born on 3 Feb 1897 in Monroe Twp, Darke, Ohio, USA, died on 17 Jan 1959 in , Montgomery, Ohio, USA at age 61, and was buried on 21 Jan 1959 in Pitsburg, Darke, Ohio, USA (Mote Cemetery, Pitsburg-Laura Road, Pitsburg, OH 45304, USA). Herschel second was Cora Myrtle Hobbs [788] [MRIN: 307] in 1928. Cora was born in 1887 in Mendota, Washington, Virginia, USA, died on 7 Dec 1960 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, USA (Franciscan Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio, USA) at age 73, and was buried on 12 Dec 1960 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, USA (Abbottsville Cemetery, State Route 49, Abbottsville, OH 45304, USA). **This information was from the Baker Family History book compiled by the Baker descendants.**

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**AWTHS is open for visitors the first Saturday of each month 9-noon. This is often when work days are held to file recent acquisitions of photos, newspaper clippings, family & communities, etc.**

