



Delaware County History Courier

Upcoming Events

Victorian Christmas at the Nash House

*Saturday, December 2, 2 - 5 pm
Sunday, December 3, 4 - 6:30 pm
(after the Delaware Christmas parade which begins at 3 pm downtown)
157 E William St, Delaware*

Festive Christmas decorations and elegant furnishings in an 1870s home; hot cider and cookies (free)

Winter Evening on the Farm (Preservation Parks)

*Saturday, December 2, 3 - 8 pm
Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Rd*

Free seasonal activities, including live music, chestnuts & sweet potatoes roasted over an open fire, and crafts for the kids

Winter in the Park

(Harlem Township Heritage)

*Saturday, December 9, 4:30 - 8:15 pm
Community Park, SR 605 near Center Village Rd, Galena*

Tree lighting at 5 pm, carriage rides, carol singing, Santa visits, crafts and games, food (bean soup & cornbread, cookies)

Famous Firsts in History

Thursday, January 18, 7 pm - The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd

Steve Bemiller will share information about everyday objects and when they were first used

Delaware Homes on the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm - The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd

Multi-part presentation about Delaware County homes that are known to have been stations on the Underground Railroad

Message from the Program Committee - Alice Frazier

The Program Committee is currently seeking volunteers for its new "Community Advisory Subcommittee" — individuals from Delaware County who would like to meet just a few times a year (not monthly) to provide input on program ideas. You would not have to develop or present the programs (unless you wanted to!) but would rather provide us with a reservoir of ideas and a direction to go in. To inquire about participating, email Programs@DelawareOhioHistory.org.

We already have a preliminary program calendar for 2018. Some of the highlights include: "Earthworks & American Indians in Central Ohio" in March to coincide with the opening of the Meeker Museum exhibit; "Railroads in Delaware County" with Jack Hilborn in June — a repeat performance of his popular presentation given 2 years ago to a standing room only crowd; and another Oak Grove Cemetery Walk in October (see the story on the inside pages if you didn't make it to this year's walk).

All of our programs will be publicized, in the Upcoming Events column and on our website. We hope you will attend and give us feedback on what you enjoyed and what else you would like to see.

???????? Carson's Quiz ????????

Society president and resident historian Brent Carson challenges your knowledge of Delaware area history

1. Who advertised as "the home of Wesleyan's finest milk shake"?

- A - Bun's Restaurant B - Deerlick Dairy, Inc.
C - Delaware Milk Company D - Hamburger Inn

[from the January program "Restaurants and Ice Cream Parlors"]

2. In what year did the Delaware Chair Company go into receivership?

- A - 1913 B - 1927 C - 1931 D - 1948

[from the May program "The Delaware Chair Company"]

3. Which Delaware native son and World War I hero was considered "the father of modern military intelligence"?

- A - Benson Hough B - Frank Willis
C - Lorenzo Hayes D - Ralph Van Deman

[from the Annual Meeting in November, program on World War I]





Thank you

...to the National Honor Society students from Hayes High School who raked leaves and performed seasonal grounds maintenance at the Cryder Historical

Center and Nash House museum, on Saturday morning, November 4. Sixty-one bags of leaves were set out at the curb for city collection crews!

Pictured from left to right: Susan Logan (DCHS), Kelly Horvath, Courtney Buck, Cielo Gujosa, Emilie Kinney, Jan Fleischmann (DCHS), Roger Koch (DCHS), Ethan Watts, Lauren Yates, Olivia Shroyer, Katelyn McKee.

The **Oak Grove Cemetery Walk** was held October 8, but this year for the first time re-enactors portrayed the lives of some of the prominent Delawareans buried in the cemetery. The walk was enjoyed immensely by participants, and there are already plans to repeat the experience next year, on Sunday October 7, 2018.



The names of the people portrayed (and the names of the re-enactors) as pictured from left to right: Eliza Thompson Carson 1805-1883 (Laurie Schaefer), Mary Katherine Campbell Townley 1905-1990 (Leslie Brown), Dolly Byxbe 1760-1821 (Nancy Fleming), Dr. Plyn Willis 1836-

1876 (Steve Frazier), Elizabeth Campbell 1824-1909 (Deb Shatzer), Hiram Andrews 1813-1882 (Jon Powers), Pauline Nash 1895-1975 (Maggie Webb), Professor Hiram Perkins 1833-1924 (Tom Burns)

Additionally (not pictured): Frank B. Willis 1871-1928 (Joe Dwenger), Sophia Hayes 1792-1866 (Trish Jacquemin), Lorenzo Hayes 1815-1825 (Carson Stroupe), Mary Frances Alston Austin 1856-1951 (Sherry Lloyd)



The **Annual Meeting** was held November 8. Ralph Au, Karen Cowan, Jan Fleischmann, Benny Shoults and Mike Huber were elected to the Board and the proposed changes to the DCHS constitution were accepted. Steve Shaw delivered the program about Delaware County during World War I, then attendees shared the celebration cake in commemoration of the Society's 70th anniversary.



The portrait of Judge Hosea Williams, painted by William Walcutt in 1856, will be hung over the fireplace mantle in the Meeker House parlor.

Louise Warner donated a portrait of her great-great grandfather, Judge Hosea Williams, to the Society during a luncheon held November 15 at the Stratford Ecological Center. Williams was a successful Delaware businessman, banker and community leader in the 1800s. Along with Judge Caleb Howard, he purchased the woolen and gristmills at Stratford from Forrest Meeker in 1838 and converted them to a paper mill. He also contributed materials for building the small stone millworkers' homes at Stratford as well as the Stratford Methodist Church. The portrait appears in this photo of Hosea Williams' daughters which was taken on May 21, 1879.



Prominent Matrons of Early Delaware

This rare old photo of the Williams sisters was taken on May 21, 1879 by Charles Bodurtha, and even lists the women's ages. They are grouped in front of a portrait of their father, Judge Hosea Williams, painted about 1860 at the height of his career as businessman, banker, and barrister. From left, Margaret C. Hills, 54, (Mrs. Chauncey Hills), great grandmother of Robert P. Hills Jr., 341 1/2 N. Franklin St.; Harriet H. Jones, 57, (Mrs. P. C. Jones), grandmother of Mrs. Allen T. Watson, 102 N. Washington St.; Anna C. White, 60, (wife of the Rev. John White) and Caroline M. Little, 47, (wife of Dr. John Little). The oil painting of Judge Williams is now in the possession of Robert P. Hills Sr., Carrollton.

A new **Delaware County History Network** has been formed to promote history throughout all of Delaware County. There are a total of 11 organizations and 7 township representatives who have joined the network at this time.

The first event of this group was a "Meet & Greet", held on November 6 at The Barn at Stratford with 17 in attendance. Those present represented 7 organizations and 2 townships. After introductions, the group discussed future plans, which include holding quarterly meetings hosted at the various sites and presenting different educational topics of mutual interest and benefit, and printing an information card which will list the physical address, web site and/or phone number for each organization and will be distributed at the sites, visitor bureaus and other appropriate locations throughout the county.

The organizations currently in the network are: Delaware County Genealogical Society, Delaware County Historical Society, Delaware County Records Center, Delaware County District Library, Galena History Foundation, Preservation Parks Gallant Farm, Harlem Township Heritage, Radnor Heritage Society, Stratford Ecological Center, Sunbury Community Library, and Powell-Liberty Historical Society.

We are still seeking representatives for the following townships: Marlboro, Troy, Kingston, Porter and Trenton. If you can recommend someone to fill this role, for example a long-time resident with knowledge of the local history, please contact Sherry Carmichael at scarmichael@delawareohiohistory.org.

The **Meeker Homestead Museum** will be open to the public every Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 5 p.m., through December 17.

The museum will be closed from the end of December through February, but will reopen with brand new exhibits, including a room dedicated to American Indian artifacts, on March 4, 2018.

The Meeker Homestead Museum is located at 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, near the intersection of US 23, SR 315 and the recently constructed access road Meeker Way.

Admission to the museum is free, but a donation of \$5 to support operating costs is suggested.

Docents will be available to lead guided tours and answer questions.



Photo courtesy of John Brake



Don't forget the DCHS Capital Campaign for your year-end charitable giving. We currently have a 3 year capital campaign underway. To date we have raised approximately \$60,000 towards our \$300,000 goal. Pledges to the campaign can be paid through 2019, but money you give this year can be deducted from your 2017 taxes. For more information, visit our website http://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=1693 or call 740-369-3831, ext 3.

Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

Be sure to attend our 2018 programs where you will be able to learn more Delaware history!

1. C - **The Delaware Milk Company** (also known as Superior Milk Company), at the corner of East Central and North Henry Street, and a second building at 27 North Union Street
2. B - The Delaware Chair Company **went into receivership in 1927**; it was purchased in February 1931 by Edgar C Garber and his wife Martha; the receivership was discharged in 1948 when the company closed
3. D - **Ralph Van Deman** (Colonel Benson Hough also served in World War I; Lorenzo Hayes was the brother of President Rutherford B. Hayes who died as a child in an ice skating accident and was featured in the Oak Grove Cemetery Walk)

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Help Wanted

Docent Manager

Job Description

- Schedule museum docents for 3 hour shifts on Sunday afternoons and for occasional evening programs or weekend weddings
- Provide training to new docents
- Periodically update docent guide

Qualifications

- Good organizational and leadership skills
- Dependable and responsible

Time Commitment

1-2 hours / week

Current docents encouraged to apply

Call 740-369-3831 or Email
volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org

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City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Membership Type

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Senior Membership (60 + over)	\$20.00 _____	Senior Household	\$40.00 _____
Life Membership (Single)	\$300.00 _____	Life Membership (Joint)	\$500.00 _____
Student Membership (under 18)	\$5.00 _____	Business/Organization	\$50.00 _____

Newsletter preference (circle): Printed E-mail Both

For Student Membership, name of your school: _____

In addition to your membership noted above, please consider an additional gift to the Society:

\$100.00 _____ \$250.00 _____ \$500.00 _____ \$1,000.00 _____ Other _____

Special Gift of \$ _____ For/In Honor or Memory of _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to Delaware County Historical Society and mail to 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware OH 43015 or use on-line form and pay with PayPal at http://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=2