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Cryder Center Fall Projects

Hayes Honor Students Help ‘Make A Difference’

By Roger Koch

On a cold and gray, drizzly Saturday morning late in October, the National Honor Society students from Delaware Hayes High School visited the Cryder Historical Center on East William Street and raked and bagged all the leaves dropped by our beautiful 140-year-old oak, maple and walnut trees. Eleven students and their faculty advisor, Kathy Kraus, along with Kathy’s husband Steve, invested three hours that morning, raking, trimming, filling and setting out 58 bags of leaves and plant cuttings for the City of Delaware yard waste collection crews to pick up for the composting center. Estimated to be well over a ton and a half of wet leaves, that load will be turned into mulch and planting soil for Central Ohio gardens. The NHS students participating were, from left to right in the photo, Kathy Kraus (teacher/advisor), Austin Arthur,



Students celebrate a job well done

(photo courtesy Kathy Kraus)

Audrey Mungovan, Brooke Zinader, Cameron Hackett, Lizzi Jackson, Christiana Binkley, Harlee Mollenkopf, Emily Bowman, Austin Johnson, Olivia Nichol, and Sarah Dickerson. DCHS volunteers

Susan Logan, Brent Carson and Roger Koch assisted the students. Thanks to Connections of Delaware for organizing the day’s service projects in conjunction with national Make a Difference Day.

Repairs To Breezeway Completed

By Roger Koch

Work began in late August to repair the roof over the entry breezeway at the Cryder Historical Center. The original roof over the area between the Nash House back porch and the Research Library had been patched several times in the last ten years, and the homemade acrylic plastic skylights had become frail

and brittle. Recent visitors have noticed persistent leaking onto the concrete and brick floor in front of the library entrance, and some of the wood sheathing in the roof was showing signs of decay.

The roof structure in that immediate area has now been rebuilt, a long-lasting aluminum and glass skylight installed, and the surrounding area has **(continued on page 2)**

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New Light In Breezeway

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been re-sheathed, where required, with new wood. On top of the entire breezeway roof is a new, professionally installed, rubber roof which should keep the area dry for many years to come.

The carpentry and roofing work was performed by member and in-kind sponsor Thad Jordan and his crew at Jordan Home Maintenance. Thad also donates his services to plow snow from our parking lot every winter. Every winter when we have snow, that is.

Right: Improved Breezeway roof and skylight

(photo by Matt Kear)



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Send your contributions to the attention of the Newsletter Editor at any of the above addresses.

Delaware's Undefeated 1912 Team Called "Champions of Ohio"

By Brent Carson

This fall marks the 100th anniversary of the 1912 Delaware High School undefeated football team. The school yearbook included the banner headline "Champions of Ohio". The team record was 9-0. In those nine games Delaware scored 322 points to their opponents' 13.

The *Delaware Journal Herald* described the team at mid-season in this way: "The parade up and down the field and the piling up of points on helpless opponents has much resembled stealing acorns from a blind pig."

Delaware took on the football powers of their time including Columbus East, Columbus North, and Cleveland Central. Another one of their opponents was Crestline. At the point of the season when they came to play Delaware, they were undefeated. They had not been scored upon and had won all their victories by wide margins. The Delaware paper said, "They came looking for bear, confident of victory."

The game began with an opening 75 yard touchdown run by Delaware quarterback Jimmy Battenfield. From that moment on it was all Delaware. Battenfield scored five touchdowns. Crestline gained two first downs. Crestline asked that the game be called after three quarters. The *Journal Her-*



Left to right: Brad Faust (principal), Bill Rietz (DCHS trustee and Hayes grad), Zebb Schroeder (head football coach), and Clint Fetty (athletic director) with a framed photograph commemorating the 1912 team created by Benny Shoults and presented to Hayes High School.

(photo courtesy Bill Rietz)

ald concluded, "The score was somewhere around 101 to nothing. The official register was kept as accurately as possible, but a few touchdowns may have passed unnoticed in the general scramble."

At the end of the season the Delaware High School principal

attempted to arrange to play Fostoria, the other undefeated power in Ohio. The request to meet at a neutral site and allow Fostoria to choose the referees was not accepted. Thus the title "Champions of Ohio" seemed appropriate.

Delaware High School 1912 "Champions of Ohio"

Results

DHS 14,	Alumni	0
DHS 53,	Mt. Gilead	0
DHS 13,	Columbus East	7
DHS 62,	Doane Academy	0
DHS 101,	Crestline	0
DHS 6,	Ohio Wesleyan freshmen	0
DHS 25,	Mt. Gilead	6
DHS 14,	Columbus North	0
DHS 44,	Cleveland Central	0

Renowned Weaver Called Delaware Home

By Sue Bauer



Gabriel Rausher, a hand weaver of Jacquard coverlets, lived and worked in Delaware from about 1841 until his death in 1861. The Nash House has 5 examples of his well-crafted work bearing the dates 1841, 1848, 1851, 1853 and 1854. These were donated to DCHS in 1955. The colors are still bright after more than a century and a half.

Rausher, also spelled Rouscher, was born in Prussia (Germany) in 1804. He came to America in 1834, boarding the ship *Plato* in Hamburg, Germany. It arrived in Philadelphia on December 24. The ship's manifest said he came with a trunk of clothing and was a weaver by trade.

It is not known exactly when Gabriel arrived in Delaware, but his looms were busy here as early as 1841. Some of his work was done in Pennsylvania. In 1843 he had a mortgage on lot 112 on the south side of Delaware and he bought lot 113 in 1847. This was the north side of Bomford Street (which became Railroad Street and is now Bernard Avenue), west of Sandusky Street. The photo (below) shows the brick house in the Greek Revival style that was probably the Raushers' home and workshop.

Mary Zeigler, who was at least 25 years younger than Gabriel, became his wife on August 3, 1845. They had 6 children: John (who died at the age of 2), Gabriel, Anna, Mary Catherine, (continued on page 5)



The Rausher Home
Photos on pages 4 and 5
by Sue Bauer



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Sophia and Andrew Edward. The family appears in the 1850 and 1860 federal census as residents of Delaware town.

A loom attachment invented by Joseph Jacquard used punched cards to create elaborate patterns in wool and linen bed covers. The coverlets are “Double Weave” with the reverse side a mirror image of the front. Elaborate, wide borders allow corner spaces where the maker could sign and date each one. Gabriel’s coverlets display each of these characteristics.

Another Rausher coverlet is in the collection of the Hanby House in Westerville. It is dated 1846 and may have a story to go with it. Eunice Maria Lewis Brown lived in Berlin Township and wrote these memories in 1890.

“I have three coverlids that I began to spin the yarn when I was 15 years old. My mother (Ruth Scott Lewis) colored (dyed) the yarn and we hired them woven in Delaware in 1846 by Gabriel Rausher and his brother who were Russians and brought their looms with them. They would not weave before anyone and their secrets died with them. They said it was as much trouble to prepare their loom

for one as six, so they charged one for \$5.00 or two for \$5.00 or four for \$9.00.”

Eunice was mistaken that Gabriel was Russian (he was Prussian). Also no evidence of a brother has surfaced. Perhaps Eunice thought that Gabriel’s assistant, who kept the loom shuttle flying through the warp threads, was his brother.

Rausher sold his home in 1859 and presumably died in 1861 in Delaware. By 1862 Mary had remarried in Indiana and eventually had 4 more children. Gabriel’s weaving craftsmanship survives in the beautiful flower and bird patterns of his coverlets.



Ohio Hosts Different Kind of Political Convention



From left, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, and Rutherford B. Hayes (or actors portraying them) highlighted the convention.

(photo courtesy Brent Carson)

By Brent Carson

For over fifty years the American Political Items Collectors, known as the APIC, has existed for the purpose of preserving and collecting the political Americana of our country's history. Members of the organization attend trade shows, conventions, and specialty chapter events. They buy, trade and sell political memorabilia. They also use their collections for displays to educate people about our history.

Every two years the organization holds a national convention. This past August the convention was held in Ohio for the first time. The site for the week-long event was the Crown Plaza Hotel in north Columbus. The event was a trade show that also included seminars, meetings, historic tours around Columbus, and displays of political memorabilia. Collectors from throughout the country were present. At its conclusion, many who attended spoke of the Ohio convention as one of the finest shows ever held.

Four members of the Delaware County Historical Society played active roles in the convention. Three were members of the planning committee—Roger Van Sickle, Rick Chittock, and Brent Carson. All three are longtime members of the APIC. Roger VanSickle is a member of the national board of the organization.

Mac Michael, another member of the DCHS, portrayed the role of Rutherford B. Hayes. Mac, who grew up in Delaware, is a member of the Screen Ac-

tors Guild. For two days he dressed and played the role of President Hayes. The highlight was a presidential forum attended by presidents Abraham Lincoln, U.S. Grant, Rutherford Hayes, and Theodore Roosevelt.



Mac Michael as R.B. Hayes also headlined the annual Hayes Birthday celebration, which was held on September 29 (and of course featured a lemonade toast).

(photo courtesy Bill Rietz)

Special Members-Only Event Celebrates Meeker House 200th Anniversary

By T.K. Cellar

The Membership Committee was pleased to organize and host the “DCHS Members’ Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Meeker House” on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012.

At 1 p.m., the Meeker Homestead was opened to DCHS Life Members only for tours led by Roger Koch and Tom King. Twenty-eight life members attended this event and enjoyed seeing the beauty and historical value of the Meeker House, built approximately 200 years ago.

At 2 p.m., 47 Society members joined the Life members for a member-only event in the Garth Oberlander Barn. Speakers discussed the history of the barn, the unique architecture and raw materials used to build the barn, and various uses of the barn throughout the years.

We were very pleased to be joined by Carolyn Porter and three of her daughters, former residents of the house. Mrs. Porter and her husband Tom, longtime DCHS members, owned the property before generously donating it to the Society. Mrs. Porter provided interesting snippets of information to the program.

Key-rings sporting the DCHS logo were given to each Life Member present. All other Life Members will receive their mementos via U.S. mail.

Many thanks to:

- The Membership Committee: Brent Carson, Jack Hilborn, Susan Logan, Sue Heston, Louis Foster, Janell Kuck, T.K. Cellar
- Susan Logan - Designing and ordering key-rings, designing and printing programs, printing and organizing member lists for registration.
- Sue Heston & Sandy Wicker - Refreshments
- Jerry Heston & Fred Wicker - Parking
- Roger Koch & Tom King - Tour Guides
- Brent Carson, Roger Koch, Clyde Gosnell, Christa Johnson, Fred Wicker, Bill Rietz - Event Speakers
- Jared Wells & Christa Johnson - Employees of Garth’s Auctions, Inc.



Above: Roger Koch leads the tour through the Meeker House.



Right: Carolyn Porter.

Below: Musicians from Hayes High School provided background music.

(photos courtesy T.K. Cellar)



Downtown Delaware Business Project Takes Shape

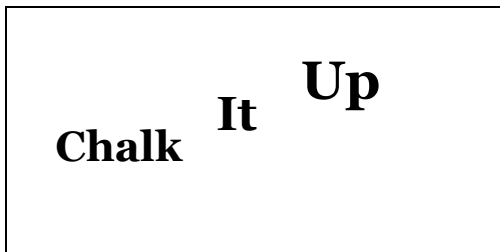
By Brent Carson

Eight new members of the DCHS have taken on a project to begin documenting the present businesses in the downtown of Delaware City. The members will work in pairs with each two-some responsible for an assigned area of the downtown. The goal is to record the name and type of business at each address. They also will list the name of the owner or manager and the dates the business has been in operation. A photo of the exterior and interior of each business will be included in the research.

The seeds for the project were laid as a result of a conversation overheard at a June high school graduation party. Two people were debating the location of a former business in the downtown. One suggested that it had been located on North Sandusky Street, the other argued that it was on William Street. The person who concluded William Street to be the address stated that he used to go to the restaurant with his

dad when he was little. Attending the party was DCHS president, Brent Carson. Hoping to solve the question, they went to him for assistance. Carson later said, "It's a common discussion heard over the years. People reminisce about old Delaware, particularly older adults." The discussion at the graduation party was between two fourth grade students. Carson added, "The business they were discussing was Gulla's Hotdogs and it had only been gone for perhaps a year or two. The discussion was a reminder that it's important to continue to record more recent local history."

Carson met with Kyle Rayburn, a new youthful member of the DCHS. Kyle assisted in recruiting other new members who agreed to take on the project. He has agreed to chair the committee and coordinate the work. Rayburn said that they hope to collect their data and work with Susan Logan to make it a useful tool on our website.



Steve Cianelli drew the Society's logo in chalk for the Chalk It Up contest sponsored by Main Street Delaware for the First Friday event on July 6. Unfortunately, Steve did not win the contest.

(above photo by Matt Kear, left photo by Charlton Amidon)

Fair Time!



The Society had a booth in the Coliseum at the 2012 Delaware County Fair, just as it has had for the past several years. Photographs and artifacts from the Society's collection were on display. The Society was again joined by the Radnor Heritage Society and the Powell-Liberty Historical Society in the booth.

Above: Brent Carson in a discussion with visitors to the booth.

Right: Some of the artifacts and photos on display.

Below Right: The display from the Radnor Historic Museum.

(Above photos by Matt Kear)

Below: DCHS volunteer Holly Gerspacher and Sherry Carmichael from the Powell-Liberty Historical Society in front of the Powell-Liberty display.

(Photo courtesy Bob Gerspacher)



Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report

The DCHS Membership Committee successfully planned, organized and hosted a member-only event at the Meeker Homestead and Garth Oberlander Barn, currently the home of Garth's Auctions, held on Sunday, August 26, 2012. (More information on page 7 of this newsletter)

After volunteering at the Delaware County Fair and promoting membership there, the committee will turn its attention to the 2013 Membership Drive, developing a membership renewal and recruitment plan, along with materials for the 2013 membership year. We will work with the Programs Committee on the R.B. Hayes birthday event and the "Presidential Visits to Delaware" program. We will also assist in planning the Annual DCHS Membership Meeting and be responsible for sending the announcement about this event to all members.

The committee continues to meet regularly. We are carefully following our portion of the DCHS Stra-

tegic Plan and are guided by our monthly "Action Steps" to implement the strategic plan and achieve our part of the Society's broader goals.

A very important part of membership expansion is asking our current members to talk with friends and acquaintances about the Delaware County Historical Society and its importance to Delaware County, and the fact that the entire organization is staffed by volunteers relying heavily on membership dues and donations. That's where you come in—please share your experiences and reasons for joining the DCHS with others. As always, if you'd like to serve on the Membership Committee, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support!

Your Membership Committee is made up of: T.K. Cellar, Brent Carson, Sue Heston, Louis Foster, Jack Hilborn, Janell Kuck, and Susan Logan.

-T.K. Cellar, Chair

Wanted: Volunteers; Experience not Required

Do you have a special interest or expertise in any of these areas: membership development, volunteer coordination, fundraising, book sales, building restoration knowledge and skills, historic restoration skills, building maintenance skills, giving tours, museum collection development, historical research and writing, or various computer projects? We need your help. There are over two dozen ways you can help the Society. Many of our committees are also seeking members.

To find out how you can help, contact Susan Logan at

volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org.



Help Preserve Our Historical Legacy

Bequests have played an important role in the preservation of Delaware County history. Planning now may make your gift more meaningful and reduce taxes on your estate. Please consider the Delaware County Historical Society when making your estate plans.

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When you shop at the Delaware County Community Market, 20% of your purchase goes to the charity of your choice. Why not select us? Then, every time you shop, you will automatically be supporting our mission. Simply stop by the store at 222 E. William St. and register (it's free) and choose us as your charity of choice. The Market features many products that are made by local vendors.

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740-610-0091 or www.dccmc.com

News and Notes from the Nash House

Upcoming Schedule of Events

Nov. 14 Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.
65th anniversary of DCHS incorporation. To be held at the Oberlander Barn, 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, Ohio

Check the Society website for further updates.

Annual Meeting Announcement

The Delaware County Historical Society's annual meeting will be held in the historic Meeker Barn, the home of Garth's Auctions, Inc., 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, Ohio, on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7 p.m. The annual election of trustees will occur at the meeting.

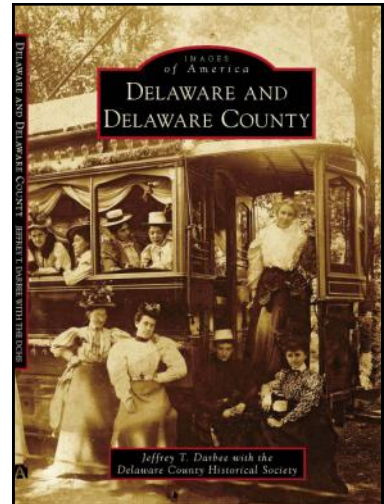
The nominating committee has named the following as nominees for three-year terms, commencing in 2013 and expiring at the end of 2015:

- Charlton Amidon
- Brent Carson
- Roger Koch
- Donna Meyer
- Gina Neer
- Bonnie Newland

This is an evening you will not want to miss. The Board hopes to see each of you there!

On Sale Now!

Delaware and Delaware County Now Available For Sale at the Library, Beehive Books, and other area retailers!



Logo T-Shirts and Mugs Are Now Available!



Newsletter Articles Are Wanted!

Have you been researching some history about Delaware County? Are you interested in Delaware County's connections to the Civil War? We want to publish articles of any length written about Delaware County history in this newsletter. We are especially interested in publishing Civil War stories throughout the Sesquicentennial remembrance of the Civil War.

We are working toward a quarterly publication schedule, and we have set some article submission deadlines. For our Winter 2013 issue, articles will be due on December 15. For our Spring 2013 issue, articles will be due on March 1. For our Summer 2013 issue, articles will be due on June 1.

Send your submission or your questions to info@delawareohiohistory.org.

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Membership Status (circle one): Renew New

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For Student Membership, name of your school: _____ Newsletter preference (circle): Printed E-mail Both

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