



Delaware County History Courier

Message from the Society Archivist

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This year marks the 70th birthday of the Delaware County Historical Society. We have started publishing articles in our newsletters and on a new “About Our History” blog (www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=2614) highlighting past publicity about our educational activities over the years, our old newsletters, board minutes, membership records and much more. Watch for additional posts throughout the year. We are planning a reception as part of the annual membership meeting on Wednesday, November 8, where we will serve refreshments, show a video summary of our history and share a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, photos, and more. Details will be available at a later date. I hope to see you at the reception and annual membership meeting.

????????? Carson’s Quiz ??????????

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

- Who is the longest serving President of the Delaware County Historical Society?
 A - Brent Carson B - George Cryder
 C - Wilbur Main D - Sharlene Shoaf
- What was Eckels Lake before it became a popular swimming hole?
- Which downtown Delaware building stands on the former location of the American House Hotel?
- In what year did Bun’s (initially a bakery, now a restaurant on West Winter Street) first begin serving in Delaware?
- How old was Rutherford B. Hayes when his father died? (*careful—trick question!*)



Upcoming Events

Stroll Down Sandusky Street

A tour of the buildings’ history and architecture.
 Tickets required : adults \$15, youth (6-17) \$5

*Wednesday, August 9 at 7 pm - meet in front of Delaware County Courthouse 91 N. Sandusky Street **sponsored by Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan***

Who Owned My House? - Research 101

Class conducted by Susan Logan. \$25 / property, space is limited to 10 properties

Thursday, August 10 at 7 pm - Cryder Historical Center (157 E. William St)

Restaurants and Ice Cream Parlors

Plan to visit our booth at the Delaware County Fair

September 16–23

100 Days in Rutherford B. Hayes Life

Birthday celebration of our 19th US President, with author Eric Ebinger

*Wednesday, October 4 at 7 pm
 The Barn at Stratford*

Oak Grove Cemetery Walk

Impersonations by reenactors. Tickets required : adults \$15, youth (6-17) \$5

Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm

Society Annual Membership Meeting

Reception, program, business meeting and election

*Wednesday, November 8 at 7 pm
 The Barn at Stratford*

Programs... Programs... Programs...

One of the ways the Society fulfills its mission of promoting interest in local history is by presenting programs to the community. The goal is to hold about one per month, on a variety of topics from a variety of presenters. Subjects of programs already held this year include the Underground Railroad, the Blizzard of '78, Abraham Lincoln and the Delaware Chair Company. Although the programs are free of charge, it has become a tradition to collect donations from the audience by "passing the hat" - where possible having the hat tie into the program theme (for example a top hat was used during the Lincoln program). In addition, program sponsorship packages are now available: for a nominal investment sponsors will receive recognition in all publicity prior to the program, special mention, reserved seating and the opportunity to pass out business information at the program, plus a one year Society membership. The donations and sponsorship fees that are collected go to support the many different endeavors of the Society.



The most recent program was held on July 27 at the Barn. About 50 people, including several children, heard Dave Nungesser talk about how to identify and preserve old photos of all types. Mr. Nungesser (the gentleman on the right in the photograph), volunteers at the Cryder Research Library. He received his Ph. D in English and Education from The Ohio State University, specializing in mass media and photography. He has studied and

collected in this field for 30 years, and brought several items from his collection to share with the audience, along with his extensive knowledge and expertise. In addition, student intern Adam Waisanen's report "Handling Photographs" was also well received.



There are two programs scheduled in August, however they are a bit different in that they will require advanced registration since they have limited space and a charge. On August 9, Society board members Benny Shoults and Roger Koch will lead a tour of the history and architecture of the north two blocks of Sandusky Street from Central to William, discussing how the downtown developed from 1810 through today. A special "hands-on" program will be offered on August 10 to help Delaware County residents research the history of their property. Registration for these events can be done up to 2 days prior to each event, online at Eventbrite.com (use search tool with location set to Delaware County Ohio to access both event pages).

There is no program scheduled in September since that month the Society will have a booth at the Delaware County Fair. The theme will be Restaurants and Ice Cream Parlors; visitors will be invited to share their memories to be added to our collection of artifacts and stories. To close out 2017 there will be two more regular programs, free of charge at the Barn at Stratford: "100 Days in Rutherford B. Hayes Life" on October 4 and "Delaware County During World War I" during the program portion of the Annual Membership Meeting on November 8.

The Program Committee is currently setting up the schedule for 2018, which will be posted on our web site once it is finalized, and promoted in future editions of the Courier newsletter. If you haven't been in the habit of attending these programs (or even if you have), make sure to note program dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on these opportunities to support the Society and learn more about local history.

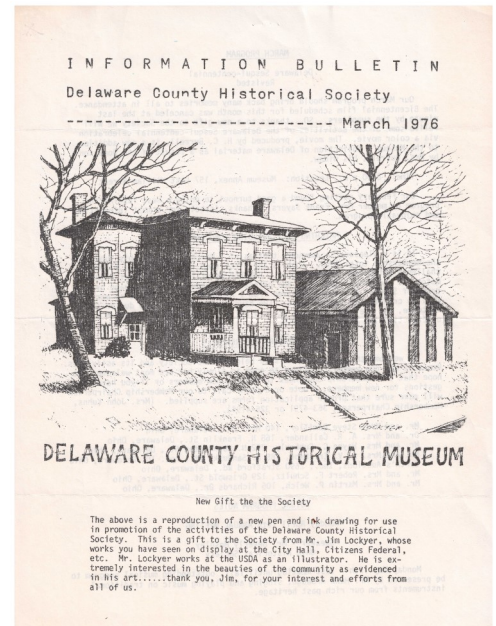
To inquire about sponsorship packages, call 740-369-3831 extension 3 or email Programs@DelawareOhioHistory.org

Help the Society Archivist - Do you have any issues of our old newsletters, especially from the 1980s and 1990s?

In anticipation of the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Delaware County Historical Society, we started a project of organizing newsletters, newspaper articles publicizing our educational activities, membership records, board minutes, and much more. This collection of Society Archives includes documents and images that chronicle the history of the Society from 1947 to 2017. Documents are stored in acid-neutral folders in archive boxes in the Storage Room of our Research Library. We cataloged the Archives in the PastPerfect database, where books, manuscripts, photographs and artifacts about Delaware County are cataloged. The information helps us answer questions about our past which we can then share with members and visitors.

You may visit our Research Library at 157 East William Street to browse the Society Archives. Starting with the Spring issue of the *Delaware County Historian*, articles will be included from time-to-time. This summer we launched the “Our History” blog page, with a Timeline and individual posts. We created a scrapbook for those who prefer to quickly browse some of our milestones. As we move into the “digital age”, documents have been selectively filed on our website or in the cloud. We will continue to archive paper copies following a records management / record retention policy, but as time goes on, more and more of our history will be stored electronically.

Unfortunately, we are missing many issues of the *Delaware County Historical Quarterly* and the *Information Bulletin* newsletters, especially from the 1980s and 1990s. Over time we hope the missing issues will be found in members’ attics and find their way to our Library. If you happen to have any copies that you think may be of interest, or if you would like to get involved with this project, please contact Jan Fleischmann (email jfleischmann@delawareohiohistory.org).



Oral History Project Update

The previous edition of this newsletter contained information about the Oral History Project, a partnership effort between Columbus State Community College and the Delaware County Historical Society to capture the oral histories of Delaware County residents.

Were you alive during World War II and do you have memories of the war or life on the home front that you would like to share? If so, please consider being interviewed for the next installment of the Oral History project.

The Delaware County Historical Society Oral History project is now in its second year. According to Karen Cowan, Committee Member, “Oral histories add the context and give life to the artifacts, pictures and other objects that we are preserving. Oral histories are the stories that you pass on to your children and grandchildren. They are a very important part of understanding the heritage and culture of Delaware County.”

To participate as an interviewee, interviewer or committee member, please e-mail volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org.

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Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. **Brent Carson** is the current and longest serving President of the Delaware County Historical Society, since 2007 (11 years). Wilbur Main was the first president, but he only served for a single year. George Cryder, for whom the research library is named (along with his wife Marilyn), served 10 years (1985—1994); Sharlene Shoaf has the third longest term, from 1995—2003.
2. Eckels Lake was an old **stone quarry** on Pollock Road that the Eckels turned into a "gymnasium over water". Beginning August 13, the special exhibit at the Meeker Museum will be about swimming locations: pools, lakes and other local swimming holes. You can write or draw your favorite memories of swimming on Post-it notes for display on the Memory Wall at the exhibit.
3. The American House Hotel was at 40 N. Sandusky, on the corner of Winter Street where the **PNC Bank** is currently located. This will be one of the many stops during the "Stroll Down Sandusky Street" on August 9. (You can still purchase tickets, at Eventbrite.com)
4. In **1864** George F. Hoffman, a native of Bavaria, opened the Hoffman Bakery on East Winter Street. The business expanded and moved to West Winter, and eventually became known as "Bun's", the nickname of descendent George Klee Hoffman. The history of many other Delaware restaurants will be featured in the fair booth this year.
5. Actually, Rutherford B. Hayes' father died **10 weeks before he was born**. His mother, Sophia never remarried, and raised him and his sister Fanny in Delaware. He died at age 70 on January 17, 1893 in Fremont, Ohio. Join us for a celebration of his life, at the Barn on October 4—the 195th anniversary of his birth.

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