

The Cryder Historical Center houses the Nash House Museum and the Research Library.

Nash House Museum

Built in 1878 for Thomas and Mina Slattery, grandparents of Dr. George Parker of Delaware, the residence was purchased by William Henry Nash and his wife Emeline in 1885. Eugene Nash added the front porch after 1916. It remained in the Nash family until 1954 when Miss Pauline Nash presented the house to the Delaware County Historical Society.

The Nash House is furnished in the Victorian period. Rooms on display include the parlor, music room, dining room, gentleman's study, children's room, bedroom, and kitchen, which is in the late 1930s decor.

The Delaware County Historical Society

Research Library is a repository of historical documents and photos as well as objects made and/or used in Delaware County. The library has the only print copy of Delaware newspapers published between 1821 and 2004. The Research Library volunteers have made the *Delaware Daily Journal Herald* available online from 1905-1929 through a project with OhioMemory.org also online are 11 Delaware City Directories. The catalog of photos includes nearly 10,000 photos which have been donated to the Society. The library also has the archives of the Delaware Children's Home, ledgers and papers, from businesses, organizations and social groups. Some go back as far as 1809.

Researchers find our library collection more extensive than many local historical societies. Our volunteers provide help during listed hours or by appointment. (See the "Visit" panel.) Research queries are best handled by e-mail (librarian@delawareohiohistory.org). The volunteers prefer to respond by e-mail as well. Telephone messages may be left 740/369-3831 Ext. 2.

Please give us an e-mail address to receive a response.

Website

The Delaware County Historical Society website www.delawareohiohistory.org provides access to 9,200 Delaware County photographs, to 70 full-text publications such as the 1880 *History of Delaware County and Ohio* and the *Delaware Daily Journal-Herald* 1905-1929. Also on the website are videos of past programs and items available for sale from Society's online store.



The Meeker Homestead

The 1811 Forrest Meeker Homestead is one of the most prominent early settlement homesteads still standing in Delaware County. It has served as the nationally renowned Garth's auction facility for over fifty years. In 2010, the house, barn, and nearly 6 acres were donated to the Delaware County Historical Society by Tom and Carolyn Porter. We have created a pioneer-era museum in the remarkably well-preserved 1823 house as a museum and are utilizing the 1848 stone-end barn as an income-generating special events venue. **For more information on the event venue, visit www.BarnatStratford.org.**

The Historic Delaware County Jail

Designed by architect, David Gibbs, of Toledo, the Historic Jail was completed in 1878. The Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence was in use until 1988 and in 1990 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This beautiful, primarily Italianate structure features some Gothic Revival and Second Empire details. The 8,500 square foot building contains sixteen cells that were used for men and two used for women. Built during the prison reform movement, which Rutherford B. Hayes championed, this building served as the sheriff's home. The sheriff's wife, known as the "Matron," cooked meals and cared for the inmates.

Purchased by the Society in 2021, this newest museum features displays and period furniture, and the cell block is open for tours on First Fridays from 6 - 8 p.m., from May - November and other occasions.

The Historic Millworker Cottage

This tiny stone cottage, nestled along Stratford Road, near the Meeker property, was built in 1852 as a residence for a family who worked at the nearby paper mill. It was donated to the Society in 2019 and is staged with simple furnishings as it would have been in the mid-1800s.

Admission to all of our museums is free, however donations are welcome.

Nash House and Research Library Hours:



Cryder Historical Research Center
157 East William Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed noon to 1 p.m.)
Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
(or by appointment)

CLOSED holidays and some holiday weekends.

Meeker Homestead Museum Hours:



2690 Stratford Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
(intersection of US 23 and OH 315)

First Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(Spring to December or by appointment)

Historic Delaware County Jail Hours:



20 West Central Avenue
Delaware, Ohio 43015

First Fridays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(May to November)

Historic Millworker Cottage Hours:



2571 Stratford Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015

First Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(Spring to December or by appointment)

Our Core Values

We delight in discovery. Curiosity about the past illuminates our present and helps us prepare to navigate tomorrow.

We welcome you. We seek to provide hospitable spaces for all to gather, engage, learn, and build community. We embrace a diversity of perspectives in our storytelling and within our organization.

We get things done. We are committed to our communities and tackle the responsibility of preserving and interpreting our unfolding history with energy.

We collaborate. We are enthusiastically committed to the cultural and geographic communities that were and are in Delaware County and embrace working alongside them to preserve, understand, and share the region's historic people, events, and objects.

We are stewards. We promote preservation of places, artifacts, stories, and memories. We recognize that the history of the County is the history of the various people who settled in, live in, and work in Delaware County and communities who fostered the growth of the county. To accurately bring all our histories to the public, the Delaware County Historical Society embraces, recruits, and welcomes as board members, as volunteers, as members, and as the viewing public all who live, work, or have a history in Delaware County!

The Delaware County Historical Society is a nonprofit 501 3c institution. It receives monetary support from the community for its facilities and collections and its educational and historic preservation efforts. The facilities and collections are among the most valuable assets of the Delaware County community. The Society holds and utilizes these unique structures and treasures for the education and enjoyment of the public.

The Society serves and includes all of Delaware County, Ohio. The Delaware County Historical Society's mission is to preserve the history of and educate about the history of Delaware County, Ohio. The Delaware County Historical Society welcomes all regardless of race, religion, or sexual persuasion.

Education

Programs of interest to the community are presented periodically. Expert speakers cover a variety of historical subjects. Our Curriculum Support Committee presents programs to more than 3,500 school-age children and adults each year.



Join Us! Several levels of memberships are available and include benefits such as receiving the *Delaware County Historian* Newsletter, discounts on Delaware County Historical Society items for sale, a vote at the annual meeting, and invitations to special events. We are always looking for volunteers, and offer training and flexible schedules.



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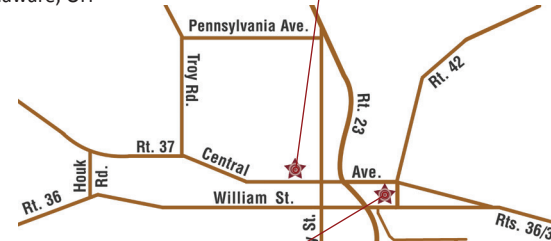
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Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence

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Delaware, OH



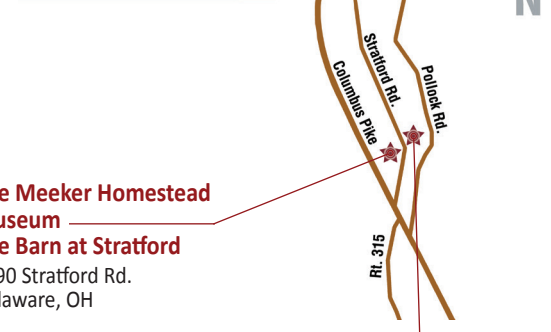
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Delaware County Historical Society

Our History, Our Heritage

Our Mission:

To be a trusted resource to connect the diverse stories and fabric of the past to the people of today and tomorrow through preservation, education and engagement.

