



DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2025-26 SCHOOL RESOURCES

The Delaware County Historical Society offers numerous programs, lesson plans, and resources for educators, students, seniors, and organizations. All programs are guided by Ohio Department of Education Social Studies Learning Standards and are written by current and retired educators. The programs below are organized by grade level. Grade levels are suggested based on academic content standards. **All presenters are volunteers and so program scheduling is on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to volunteer availability.** We offer programs in-person 🧑, online 💻, or both 🧑💻. Additionally, we offer free 📄 resources. **To schedule a program please contact us at schools@delawareohiohistory.org or online at <https://delawareohiohistory.org/curriculum-support/>.** We ask that your group follows polite museum etiquette.



RESOURCES

Teacher Tote Bag Program-FREE



3rd grade

The bag consists of copies of archival photos and documents about the development of Delaware County. Each bag also contains: two DVDs, all of the Society's brochures, a copy of Jeffrey Darbee's *Delaware and Delaware County*, a folder on the history of the Nash House, and a teacher resource folder with lesson ideas and suggested read-alouds. **This educational resource may be checked out for the school year and returned in May. Home School programs are welcome to check out the tote bags.**

***Contact us for delivery of your Tote Bag.**



STUDENT PROGRAMS

Artifact Cart: Delaware County Then and Now 🧑💻 45 min.* 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades

Following an introduction by our volunteers, students view the artifacts, and based on their observations, share ideas about the items' original use. ***Can vary depending on available time and group size**

The Impact of Delaware County's Indigenous People 🧑 30-45 min. K - 11th grades

How did the local Indigenous tribes react to and work with the early European settlers? Students learn about the Delaware Lenni Lenape Indians, grind corn as the tribes did, and hear an experience reenacted by one of our settlers.



1800s Ohio Schools 🧑 60 "flexible" min. 1st- 5th grades

What should it have been like to go to school if you had lived in the 1800s and attended a one-room schoolhouse? This program will give you a chance to write on slates with chalk, look through old McGuffey Readers, read from hornbooks, and learn a lesson the way it was taught in the 1800s. We begin the program with an introduction, then give the students the opportunity to imagine they have stepped back in time to a school day in the 1800s

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Early Schools of Delaware County with Sherry Carmichael

3rd- 8th grades

What would it be like to attend school in 19th century Liberty Township? To schedule this program only, email: sherry@powellhistory.org

Tour of the Nash House

40 min.

3rd grade

Tour the beautiful Nash House, built in 1878 by the Slattery family. Learn about the Slatterys and three generations of the Nash family who lived in this home. Visitors step back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. This tour is often paired with the Scavenger Hunt in the Cryder Research Center.

Scavenger Hunt in the Cryder Research Center

40 min.

3rd grade

Students explore our [Cryder Library Resource Center](#) and learn about the many artifacts displayed there. This tour is often paired with Tour of the Nash House.

Walking Tour of Early Delaware

40 min.

3rd grade

How did the city of Delaware begin? On this walking tour students will hear stories from the beginnings of the city of Delaware. Usually paired with a Nash House tour and Scavenger Hunt at the Cryder Research Center.

Walking Tour on Winter Street

3rd grade

Hear about the families who built the homes on historic Winter Street when Delaware was new and growing.

From Slavery to Freedom

60 min.

3rd- 8th grades

This video features the African Americans who lived and worked in Delaware County and northern Franklin County and includes the history of Africa Road, the Underground Railroad, the Lucy Depp Settlement, the Alum Creek Quaker abolitionists and more. The author of the program, Watson Walker, is available to come to your classroom to host a question-and-answer session before or after the video. **To schedule this as an in-person program, please contact Mr. Walker directly at watson19869670@att.net.**

The Underground Railroad Experience

2 hours 30 min.

4th, 5th, 8th grades

The UGRR experience may be adapted to fit your time and topics. Choose the program in its entirety or a few vignettes. Access a teacher packet with vocabulary, timelines, maps, and post visit activities by snapping a photo of this QR code. **At the Meeker Homestead:** Imagine being a part of the Underground Railroad. Reenactors portray Mrs. Patience Meeker and Mr. William Cratty, two early Delaware County residents. Tour the Meeker property to find out why the Meekers settled here and their impact on Delaware.



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Early Settlers and American Indians of Delaware County



2 hours 30 min.

4th, 5th, 7th, 8th grades



Delaware County was home to the Wyandot, Shawnee, Lenape, and Seneca Cayuga (Mingo) tribes. Participants rotate through several stations to learn about our prehistoric and historic native people as well as the European people who began to move to this area in the 1700s. Vignettes may include stories about Pluggy's Town, American Indian games, the three sisters, and journal entries from Mrs. Byxbe, the Rev. Finley, and the Cellar family. To fit your time schedule and class content you may select several presentations

from the vignettes and stories above. This program may be scheduled as an in-person presentation at the Meeker Homestead or your venue. Access a teacher packet with vocabulary, timelines, maps, and post visit activities by snapping a photo of this QR code. Contact schools@delawareohiohistory.org for the program's pricing.

The Barn at Stratford
2690 Stratford Road
Delaware, OH 43015

Rutherford B. Hayes



3rd- 11th grades

Our 19th president was born in Delaware, Ohio. What were his accomplishments here and for the nation? Choose from several in-person and online programs.

- A. **Hayes In Delaware (Video):** 45-minute video program about Hayes focusing on his life in Delaware, and the new sculpture created by Mr. Cottrill. We will email you a link to the program.
- B. **Walk with Young & Old Hayes (Video):** A walking tour of Delaware led by young and old Hayes, reenacted by local historians. This is a video program.
- C. **The Life of Hayes (In-person presentation):** A live in-person presentation of the life of Hayes.

Cultural Communities: Early Settlers and American Indians 1770-1850



1 hour 20 min.

8th-11th grades

Hear the stories of our early settlers and American Indians. How did they live together in our county while maintaining their cultural differences? Vignettes include the words of Laura Carpenter, William Little, Reverend James Finley, Dolly Byxbe, Benjamin Franklin Thomas, and stories about Africa, Ohio, Drake's Defeat, American Indian Games, and dances inspired by the traditions of the Lenni Lenape.

- This video won the Ohio Local History Alliance's 2021 History Outreach Award. For a link to the video, please contact schools@delawareohiohistory.org.
- Access seven free interdisciplinary lesson plans with rubrics and other information related to this program through this QR code.
- To fit your time schedule and class content you may select several presentations from the vignettes and stories above. **This program may be scheduled as an in person presentation at the Meeker Homestead or your venue.**

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Meeker House
Museum
2690 Stratford Road
Delaware, OH 43015

Nash House
157 E. William Street
Delaware, OH 43015

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Cultural Communities: Stories from South Delaware (city) 3rd- 11th grades

This interactive program takes your class on a tour of Delaware's south ward. Mr. Watson Walker visits your class in advance to inspire the students with stories of the area. Students research Delaware's early black settlers and then present their findings while touring the area.

Most programs will follow the following fee framework:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	FEE
0-50	\$50
51-100	\$100
101-150	\$150
151-200	\$200

- If a program is scheduled for two consecutive days, the first day will be full price and the second day's fee will be half of the first day.
- **Programs at the Barn are \$6.00 per student.**

For more information about programs and fees, or to schedule a program please email us at schools@delawareohiohistory.org or go to <https://delawareohiohistory.org/curriculum-support/>.

For more activities, videos, lesson plans and learning resources please go to <https://www.delawareohiovirtualhistory.com>

The Delaware County Historical Society is a non-profit organization funded by donations, fees, and memberships. In addition to our school programs, we maintain our facilities including the Nash House, the Meeker Homestead, the Millworker Cottage, the Cryder Research Center, and the Historic Delaware County Jail and Sheriff's Residence. To keep these important sites open and programs available, we appreciate your financial contributions. Check our website at <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/> or the Delaware County Historical Society Facebook page for more information about our buildings, hours of operation, and special events.