



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Twinsburg Historical Society Scholarship

Congratulations to our Robert Culhan Scholarship winner, Katie Simecek. Katie's application was one of almost 50 that were read and evaluated by five Historical Society Trustees. The applications had numbers, not names, of course. The selection was not easy, as the Trustees felt several students had interesting and well written applications. Katie's scholarship certificate, along with a copy of the "Green Book" (Twinsburg, Ohio, 1817-1917) were presented by Bonnie Williams at the High School's scholarship presentations on May 5th.

Interested in Genealogy?

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library continues to be a good source of help to those interested in genealogy. Three Saturday workshops will be offered at the Main Library (downtown Akron) in the next month:

May 21 - 10 AM to Noon - Finding your Family in the Census

June 7 - 6:30-8:30 PM - Internet Genealogy

June 18 - 10 AM to Noon - Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

For more information or to sign up for a workshop, call 330-643-9030 or check specollections@akronlibrary.org

Olde Thyme Fayre

As you plan your gardens, keep in mind that we will again have produce and flower judging. This year we will have the more expertise judging of Ester and Jerry Corbett! And, there will be another baking contest (item to be announced this summer), with judging again done by professional chefs, Susan & Betsy Diersing Geul.

Twinsdays

The Trustees have voted to again be active during Twins Days week end. New Trustees, Marianne and Dante Pieramici, have volunteered to be in charge of creating a float. Anyone interested in helping with the float or working at our booth (especially on Sunday, Aug. 7), please leave a message at 330-487-5565

May 2011

Mark Your Calendars:

May 22, 2011

*History of the Twinsburg
Fire Department 2:00
PM*

June 4, 2011

*Next Historical Society
Meeting*

May 29, 2011

Open house from 2-5PM

June 25,26, 2011

Rummage Sale

July 21, 2011

*Ice Cream Social from 2-
5PM*

August 6th, 7th 2011

Twinsdays Weekend

August 26, 2011

Music at the Barn

**September 10 & 11,
2011**

Olde Thyme Fayre

October 7 & 8, 2011

Tales of Locust Grove

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History of the Twinsburg Fire Department
Presented by Dan Simecek May 22, 2011, 2:00PM

Dan will be presenting a history of the Twinsburg Fire Department from its inception through today. Over those years it has seen many, many changes. Starting out as a bucket Brigade to today's Fulltime Department. Dan is a wealth of knowledge on this subject.

Dates to Remember:

Rummage sale - June 25th and 26th. - Donated items may be brought to Dan Simecek's talk on the 22nd or dropped off at May's open house, May 29th, 2-5:00. Or, call for pick up. We are not accepting clothing, yard chemicals, furniture, or large appliances.

Ice Cream Social - July 31 - 2:00 - 5:00

Friday - August 26th - Music at the Barn, courtesy of the Gitterpickers. Details to be provided later.

Olde Thyme Fayre - Sept. 10 & 11.

Tales of Locust Grove - Oct. 7 & 8. If you are interested in performing or helping, call 330-487-5565 and leave a message.

We need some help!!

We are in need of some expert craft advice. We were given all the needed equipment to make "Bobbin Lace" by the estate of Ginny Ford. However, no one has been able to figure out how to do this. If you might have an idea or are willing to try, we would appreciate your help as we had hoped to demonstrate this at the Olde Thyme Fayre. Please give us a call at 330-487-5565.

New Book About Ruby Doan

A former Twinsburg resident, Nancy Shupe Liddell, has contacted the Historical Society because she is planning to write a book about Ruby Doan, a Twinsburg resident from 1901, when she was born, until 1976, when she moved to Florida to live with a niece. Should you have any remembrances of Ruby, or pictures, Nancy would very much appreciate hearing from you. Her email is lincolnlady@earthlink.net and her mailing address is 1067 E. Vartikian, Fresno CA 93710.

Interested in Twinsburg's Early History?

The "Green Twinsburg Book" that is mentioned in this newsletter is available for purchase. It covers Twinsburg History from 1817 thru 1917. It also has a Genealogy section of the residence of Twinsburg during that time. They are \$25.00 each. You can obtain your copy by contacting Audrey Kancler at 330-487-5565. She says they have "Hundreds" of them. So get your copy now.

Twinsburg and the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War coming soon.....

NATURE'S CONTRIBUTION TO TWINSBURG

SURROUNDED on all sides by hills, Twinsburg nestles comfortably in the little valley made by Tinker's creek. From above, it presents a pretty panorama of patches of green, gold, and dark brown, dotted with the black and white of houses and the red of barns, cut in all directions by the grayish-brown of the roads, while throughout the whole goes a winding path of willow-green along the serpentine course of the Tinker's. Here and there are tracts of woodland, in winter bleak and bare save for an occasional pine, in spring the brightest of greens, and turning to an artistic confusion of all colors under the witchery of fall.

That is the way it now appears. A hundred years ago the picture was changed. In place of red barns and modern houses were a few log cabins. The church-spires were not there to pierce the sky. Where now are pastures and fields of corn and grain, the forest was unbroken. Where now automobiles speed along brick pavement, a little trail wandered in and out among the trees.

Wild animals of all sorts were in abundance. The best authority that we have is Luman Lane, whose sketches give a good idea of the natural features of those early days. According to him the deer were so plentiful that they usually saw a number every day that they traveled in the woods. In the fall they were killed with some difficulty but in winter he says it was no uncommon thing for a hunter to bring down three or four in one day. Bears were rather common and used to kill the settlers' hogs in the woods. Wolves were frequently heard and their tracks often seen near houses. They caused a great deal of trouble by killing sheep. Luman Lane says in one place, "One night, my sheep not being safely shut up, I heard them howl as if they were rejoicing with full bellies. In the morning, on going to look at my sheep, found they had taken only four. This was not the only time they killed my sheep." Turkeys were quite numerous and their calls could be heard in all directions upon a still morning. A hunter would select one, go as near as possible, and then imitate the call of the hen turkey; the tom-turkey would usually come near enough to shoot. Hedgehogs were common. The dogs would bite them and get their mouths full of quills which had to be immediately drawn out. There were some wildcats but they stayed in the deep woods and as they did no damage little attention was paid to them. Rattlesnakes were plentiful. A large yellow spotted snake which sometimes measured eight or nine inches in circumference existed upon the high land and a small dark-colored "massa-sauga" upon the low land. There were no crows but great numbers of the larger ravens. We are told that the owls used to make a "hideous noise" in the night. The passenger pigeons were exceedingly abundant here. Henry Parmelee tells about their vast numbers in 1835. They would fly from the Aurora swamp, where they stayed at night, to the Northfield swamp, where they fed. Their flight so darkened the sky that chickens started for their roost. The flock was several miles wide and made such a roaring noise that one could not hear conversation ten feet away. The raccoons and black and grey squirrels destroyed considerable corn. Luman Lane says that he once saw fifty squirrels in five minutes. All of these animals were quite unafraid of man. Sometimes the felling of a tree would be answered by the howl of wolves and a deer would occasionally be browsing upon the same tree upon which a settler was chopping.

The above excerpt is just the beginning of Chapter 1 of the green Twinsburg Book.

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