



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Ice Cream Social

There are two special reasons to attend our July Open House. We will be hosting the annual Ice Cream Social with the kind cooperation of your local Dairy Queen. In addition to the sweet and tasty treats you will have an opportunity to take a last chance at the bargains from the Rummage Sale. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 31 for twice the fun of your regular Open House.

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

Music at "The Barn"

Old time music will be performed in the Twinsburg Historical Society's old time barn and it sounds like fun! Join us on Friday, August 26th at 7 pm as the "Gitter Pickers Old Time String Band" will perform. And they are inviting all attendees to "jam along with them". So bring your fiddles, banjos and guitars if you wish. But whether you'd like to join the jam or just enjoy the sounds, you're all invited to be a part of this special event."

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 with judging again done by professional chefs, Susan & Betsy Diersing Geul. We will accept entries of "Creative Brownies". The possibilities are endless, and we look forward to a huge variety of fantastic treats.

Check us out on the Web: www.lwkweb.com/twinsburghistoricalsociety

July 2011

Mark Your Calendars:

July 21, 2011

*Ice Cream Social from
2-5PM*

August 6 & 7, 2011

Twinsdays Weekend

August 3, 2011

August Meeting

August 26, 2011

Music at the Barn

**September 10 & 11,
2011**

Olde Thyme Fayre

September 7, 2011

September Meeting

October 7 & 8, 2011

Tales of Locust Grove

October 5, 2011

October Meeting

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Dates to Remember:

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

August Meeting - August 3, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Historical Society

Friday - August 26th - Music at the Barn, courtesy of the Gitterpickers.

Olde Thyme Fayre - Sept. 10 & 11.

September Meeting - September 7, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Historical Society

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

October Meeting - October 5, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Historical Society

Interested in the Civil War?? Here are some presentations that you might be interested in:

July 18 - 6:30 - 7:30

"An Evening with Billy Yank"

Presented by Mark Holbrook

Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library

3101 Smith Rd., Akron (330-666-4888)

July 24 - 2 PM

The Southern Viewpoint

Presented by Ed and Sue Curtis of Salisbury,

North Carolina

Bath Township Museum

1241 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd.

Bath, OH

<http://bathmuseum.ning.com/>

July 28 - 7 PM

Gettysburg & Its Aftermath

Presented by Carol Zeh

G.A.R. Hall Museum

1785 Main St., Peninsula 330-657-2633

August 7 - 2 PM

Songs of the Civil War

Nancy Ganyard will accompany her talk with music of the era.

Bath Township Museum (Cleveland Massillon Rd)

Aug. 12-14 10 AM to 5 PM

Civil War Encampment

Hale Farm & Village

Civil War Records at the Historical Society

In addition to the many interesting pieces of information found in the "green book", the Historical Society has in its possession the results of extensive research done by Peter Holman regarding men in the area who served in the War. When Peter and his wife (Lynne Roseberry) left for Africa, they gave this collection to Lynne's uncle, Stan Jewell, to pass on to the Historical Society. The material is available to those interested....call us at 330-487-5565 to make arrangements to look at it.

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TWINSBURG IN THE CIVIL WAR

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Part II

In the latter part of the summer of 1862 Kirby Smith, a rebel raider with a command in Kentucky, was making his presence known in successive raids, and was evidently designing the capture of Cincinnati. So acute was the danger that Gov. Tod, on September 10, 1862, sent the following appeal through the papers to the citizens of northern Ohio:

"To the several Military Committees of Northern Ohio: By telegram from Major-General Wright, Commander in- chief of Western forces, received at 2 o'clock this morning, I am directed to send all armed men that can be raised immediately to Cincinnati. You will at once exert yourselves to execute this order. The men should be armed, each furnished with a blanket and at least two days' rations. Railroad companies are requested to furnish transportation for troops to the exclusion of all other business. David Tod, Governor."

To this appeal thousands of men from northern Ohio responded and among them were thirteen from Twinsburg. No muster roll of the Twinsburg Squirrel Hunters has been preserved and the names of those who went are given from memory by the only two survivors of that company now living in Twinsburg, Evelyn A. Parmelee and Herman H. Baldwin: Frank Baldwin, Herman H. Baldwin, Frank Booth, Andrew J. Foster, Tyler Hill, Evelyn A. Parmelee, Aurelius Tucker, Daniel W. Richardson, Wilbur Upson, Beverly Upson.

Other towns responded to this call and the men went to Cleveland where they met others from various townships and joined together, forming a company with Daniel W. Richardson captain. They took with them such arms as they could get. Some had muskets, others either rifles or shotguns, but they were ready for service immediately.

The Twinsburg contingent was taken by train to Columbus, thence to Cincinnati, and from there across the Ohio River into Kentucky.

After the danger was over the men were returned to their homes, those from Twinsburg having been gone from home nearly two weeks. Governor Tod telegraphed to Secretary Stanton, "The minute men or squirrel hunters responded gloriously to the call for the defense of Cincinnati." At the following session of the Legislature a resolution was unanimously adopted, authorizing the Governor to have lithographed and printed discharges for the patriotic men of the state who responded to the call of the Governor.

The Squirrel Hunters Discharge

Our Southern Border was menaced by the enemies of the Union. David Tod, Governor of Ohio, called on the Minute-Men of the State, and the Squirrel Hunters came by thousands to the rescue. You, Evelyn A. Parmelee, were one of them and this is your Honorable Discharge. Charles W. Hill, Adj. Gen. of Ohio. Approved by David Tod, Governor

Malcolm McDowell, Major and A. D. C.

Under the act of April 14, 1863, for the reorganization of the militia of Ohio, those liable to duty in Summit County were organized into companies and regiments under command of David Tod, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Ohio. Those liable under this act in the northern part of the county formed the first regiment of militia in the county of Summit. Two companies were organized in Twinsburg for the regiment, one company being made up of those living north of the east and west road from Macedonia to Aurora, and the other those south of this road. The officers who held commissions from the governor were: Daniel W. Richardson, captain, Chauncey B. Lane, first lieutenant, Alfred Ledsham, second lieutenant, for the north company; Josiah Oviatt, captain, Earl C. Herrick, first lieutenant, William Chamberlin, second lieutenant, for the other company. Oscar A. Nichols was commissioned quartermaster of the regiment. These companies met frequently during the summer and fall on the square at the center of the township for drill in the manual of arms and company formation.

The square, so called then (now the park), made an ideal place for company movements as there was not then a tree or shrub on the whole place, just a bare common. In the latter part of the summer the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of this and other regiments from northern Ohio went into camp in Cleveland for a week under instruction in drill in company and regimental formation. The officers were commissioned for five years and the organizations were maintained during the war to take part in the struggle if necessary, but no drilling was done after 1863.

Part III next month.....

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