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# T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **Thanks!!**

Our thanks go to Russ Mortus, Tom McHenry, Hal and Christine Phillips, members of the band, "Rigor Mortus and His Dead Beats"!

This lively string jam session was held on Friday, July 21st in our barn. Attendees enjoyed a fun evening of country music with a number of selections requested from the audience. After, refreshments were served with the iced tea especially appreciated on the very warm July evening. How about a repeat next summer?

## **Sold Out!!**

The DVD's of the Twinsburg History Forum on March 28th have all been sold. We have had some new requests and will probably order more if there is enough demand. Please let us know if you want one by leaving a message on our answering machine - 330-487-5565.

## **Tuesdays at the Museum**

If you have ever wondered about quilting or weaving, stop by the museum any Tuesday morning, rain or shine and you will meet a group of lovely, lively women who will share their talents, their memories and their thoughts. You might even want to try your hand. If you are already a quilter you will be welcome too. There are looms for weaving and sewing rugs too. Lots to see and lots to learn.

## **Riley House**

Riley House Open House coming in October!! Date to be announced in next months newsletter.

## **Finished Work at the Barn and Museum**

The Museum and Barn are ready for the Olde Thyme Fayre and Tales of Locust Grove, our two big Fall events.

Eagle Scout Craig Davenport and his crew have completed a beautiful brick sidewalk at the rear of the Museum. They also replaced the old and splintered wood on the railing that borders the sidewalk from the rear of the Museum down toward the Barn. Stan Jewell has the grounds in perfect condition, as always. Finally, the red geraniums, planted by the Garden Club in the barrel halves at the Barn parking lot, are beautiful. We thank everyone!

## **September 2012**

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

**Monthly Meetings First  
Wednesday of every  
month at 7:00 PM**

**Open House the last  
Sunday of Every Month  
from 2-5PM**

**September 8 & 9, 2012**  
*Olde Thyme Fayre*

**October 5th and 6th**  
*Tales of Locust Grove*

**October 25, 2012**  
*Halloween at the Barn*

**November 7, 2012**  
*War of 1812 Program*  
*7:30 at Twinsburg Public  
Library*

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**OLDE THYME FAYRE**

**Saturday, September 8th, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, September 9th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Drop off Dates and Times for items to be judged:

Handcrafted items, including those knitted, crocheted, quilted, crewelled, cross stitched, sewn, embroidered, woven, painted, or handmade in some way, should be brought to the MUSEUM between 3:00 and 7:00 on FRIDAY, Sept. 7th. Judging will take place Friday evening and the ribbons will be in place on Saturday morning.

Produce and flowers will be accepted in the BARN between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Friday and again from 8:00AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday morning. Judging will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning. Esther and Jerry Corbett will again judge items in the Barn and, of course, will be on hand for a bit of visiting.

Entries for the CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CONTEST must be brought to the Barn by 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 9th. Remember - there are two categories in the baking contest this year: one for age 12 and under and the other for those over 12. The (excellent) suggestion to have two categories came from our judges, professional pastry chefs Betsy Geul and Susan Geul.

The Barn will feature crafts for kids, including candle making and tin punching - both new this year. There will be a painter, a spinner, and some old-fashioned music. There will be the usual delicious Amish baked goods for sale. Ladies from Twinsburg's "Knitwitters" will again be part of the festivities in the Barn. They will be selling homemade items and demonstrating their skills. They are willing to advise on individual projects, so if you are having a problem with something you are knitting or crocheting, bring in your work and consult with the experts.

This year's quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be available. Other raffles are the 50 - 50 and a hand-woven rug, made from donated blue jeans.

Sunday will see a balloon toss, for kids of all ages, and Ninny's famous Chicago-style hot dogs will be back.

Handmade items and their ribbons will be on display throughout the Museum on Saturday and Sunday. We ask that all items that have been displayed in the Barn and Museum be picked up between 4:00 and 5:00 on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you all!

**War of 1812 on hold this month**

As you readers know, we have been running a series on the War of 1812 in the Newsletters this year. These have been provided by one of our Trustees, Marti Franks, who has spent quite a bit of time doing research at the Library. By the time we have our November 7th program we should all have a bit of knowledge about this war from 200 years ago! It is interesting to note that anyone who travels to Canada this summer will hear a slightly different perspective on the War. We in the USA feel that we defeated the British. Canadians, however, celebrate their victories against the US (initially Detroit and the Niagara frontier) and feel that via the War of 1812 they avoided being annexed to the States. History is always interesting!

There will not be an article on the War of 1812 this month but there will be a final one for the October Issue.

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**Mystery Guest at the Museum**

Over this past Twins Day Weekend Lea Bissell got a call from the Twinsburg Public Library wanting to know if the Historical Society was open for tours. Lea told them that they had tried that in past years and there did not seem to be much interest so it was decided that the museum would not be open on Twins Days.

The Library said that they had some people there that wanted to tour the Museum and asked if Lea had time to give them a tour. Lea said that she could meet them at the Museum if they wanted a tour and she would be their personal tour guide.

She met a William Devin at the museum and gave him a tour. He was very pleased with what he saw and what was in the Museum. He took tons of pictures while he was there.

*(here is where the mystery comes in)*

He looked at one of the 5x7 pictures that the Museum had and told Lea that he had the same picture at home. It was one of his ancestors. He noticed that the Museums picture had a few watermarks and stains on it and he would be glad to scan his in and send it to Lea so the Museum would have a good clean copy of the picture.

*(Intrigued yet??)*

The Million Dollar question:

**Who was this William Devin related to??**

*(Answer below)*

**Tales of Locust Grove**

The "Tales of Locust Grove" is scheduled for presentation on Oct. 5th and 6th. This will be our Fifth year! Each year has been unique, and each year we work to improve lighting and minimize background noise. This year we will make a truly serious effort to limit the size of groups so that everyone can hear better and be part of the experience. We always welcome helpers - people to play a part or sell tickets or pick up refreshments that are so generously donated by Twinsburg merchants. If you would like to be a part of this fun event, please leave a message at the Museum - 330-487-5565.

We are getting ready for the "Tales of Locust Grove". There is a Facebook page that you can join to keep up-dated. If you are not a Facebooker email [martifalk@aol.com](mailto:martifalk@aol.com) for updates and information. We are always looking for new ideas and maybe even bring back some old ones. We will be focussing more on the 11 veterans of the War of 1812 who are buried in Locust Grove, and their families. We are including the soldier who came here to fight for the British and stayed to raise his family. This research has been fun and exciting. The myth that this is the "Forgotten War" is not borne out by the amount of material available. It has taken some digging but isn't that the fun of it? Hope this whets your appetite for our visit from Sharon Myers, President of the William Wetmore Chapter of the Daughters of 1812 on November 7 at 7:30.

We are working on a Facebook page for the Historical Society and with any luck you should be able to join by the time this newsletter is in your hands.

Marti Franks

**Answer to the Million Dollar Question:**  
William Devin is the Great, Great, Great, Great Grandson of Moses Wilcox

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