



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Down on the Farm Fund Raiser:

Bob Evans will again be the site of a fund raiser for the Historical Society. Come to Bob Evans on Monday, May 21, 2012 any time between 8AM and 8PM. Please use the enclosed coupon so that the Historical Society will receive 15% of your bill. More coupons are available at places such as the Senior Center, Library, and Richner Hardware. Or, come to open house at the Museum on April 29 and pick some up.

Thanks to all:

Many thanks to Marge Percy, Charles Crouse, Stan Jewell, Don Bissell, and Homer Stocker for a wonderful, nostalgic evening on March 28. It was a program of historic information and lots of laughter, with people attending from as far away as North Canton, Kirtland, and Mentor. The only downside was that it all ended too quickly. Thanks to a suggestion by Marie Richner Moore we will have a DVD of the evening. We are grateful to Kim Culhan for his expertise and generosity of time in recording everything. Kim is currently editing, and we will let everyone know when DVDs are available.

The Hat Lady:

Dreama Powell, President of the Northampton Historical Society is bringing her hats and their history to the Museum. She has history in Twinsburg as her father brought the family from West Virginia to work in the Chrysler Stamping Plant in 1957. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from Akron University. She worked in productions at the well known Yankee Peddler craft fair at Canal Fulton. Her collection of hats come from friends as gifts and some she made herself. She has a lot of stories to tell. Come along to listen and learn. Dreama asked that you bring along a hat of your own. The Hat Lady will be at the museum on Sunday May 20 at 2:00. Refreshments will be served.

American Girl Tea Party:

The Riley House, on Liberty Rd., will again be the scene of an American Girl Tea Party, sponsored by the Twinsburg Library. The date is May 19, with sessions being held from 2:00 - 3:00 and also 3:30 - 4:30. Registration is through the Library at 330-425-4268 Ext 3 and begins on May 5th. Seating is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

May 2012

Mark Your Calendars:

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

April 29, 2012

Open House 2-5PM

May 12, 2012

*Twinsburg Garden Club
Plant Sale 9:00 AM*

May 19, 2012

*American girl Tea Party
Riley House 2:00 PM*

May 20, 2012

*Hat Lady 2:00 PM at
Museum*

May 21, 2012

Bob Evans Fund Raiser

May 27, 2012

Open House 2-5PM

June 24, 2012

*Open House 2-5PM
"Kids Day"*

July 21, 2012

Jam Session at the Barn

September 8 & 9, 2012

Olde Thyme Fayre

October 5th and 6th

Tales of Locust Grove

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Rummage Sale:

We've had some questions about when we will have a rummage sale, and actually we have decided to skip it this year. We appreciate everyone's interest, though, to say nothing of the donations of items we have had in the past. Perhaps next year!

Twins Days:

Last year the Historical Society participated in Twins Days, having a booth and also a float, which won "Most Unique Entry" in the Parade. We do not plan on a float this year, but are considering whether we have enough manpower to have a booth. We are definitely looking for volunteers, people who could spend a couple of hours selling souvenirs and occasionally answering fairly easy questions, such as "why is Twinsburg called Twinsburg ?". If this would interest you, please leave a message at 330-487-5565.

Tales of Locust Grove:

The date has been set for "Tales of Locust Grove" - October 5th & 6th, time yet to be decided. If you are interested in participating, whether portraying an historic figure or setting up or selling tickets, please let us know at 330-487-5565.

Dolley at the White House:

Dolley Madison was the wife of President James Madison during the War of 1812. They were an odd couple. He was taciturn and cerebral, and she was charming and the center of society. They were soul mates and were soul mates and devoted to each other.

Madison's personality did not endear him to the public but Dolley turned the White House into the social center of the Capitol City. Her liveliness and charm coupled with her ability to relate to all facets of society made her one of the most beloved of First Ladies .

On August 24, 1814 she showed the world how courageous she was. The British were approaching Washington and the president left in search of the commander of the district's defenses. He left all the cabinet papers in Dolley's care with the instruction to rake them with her if she had to escape. Dolley was advised by everyone that it was time to go. In the meantime all of the troops and the 100 militia assigned to the White House "melted away."

Dolley spent two days packing her carriage with the papers and all of the valuables she could fit. Her last concern was saving the portrait of George Washington by famous painter Gilbert Stuart. She ordered the frame broken so the portrait could be carried away as she fled.

Four thousand Red Coats invaded the city that evening. After eating the dinner that Dolley had prepared for a party that night, the British voted to burn the house down. The subsequent pillage left the Post Office as the only government building standing. They stole everything possible including Madison's love letters to his beloved Dolley.

The city was then hit by a hurricane and then a tornado driving the invaders out and leaving a sad and soggy city for the Americans to rebuild.

Heidler, David: Encyclopedia of The War of 1812 ABC-CLIO Santa Barbara 1997

Klapthor, Margaret Brown: The First Ladies White House Historical Association 2001

The War of 1812: Video The History Channel

POSTOFFICE AND CIVIL STATUS

From official records we learn that Twinsburg's first postmaster was Moses Wilcox. He was appointed Mar. 28, 1825, but where the office was and how much business was done is not known. After the death of Mr. Wilcox in 1827 Mr. Ethan Ailing was appointed to the position. At that time mail was received once a week from Hudson. In 1828 the total postal receipts were \$36.01. With the institution of the stage line came a tri-weekly mail. In 1839 the receipts were \$256.67, and in 1860 about \$400.00 although postal rates had been greatly reduced. For the quarter ending Sep. 30, 1890, they were \$100.01, while for the quarter ending Sep. 30, 1916, they were \$176.58. After the Cleveland and Pittsburg railway was built the mail was daily brought from Macedonia, Mr. Salmon Nelson being carrier. Later Mr. Alanson Mills held the position many years. The first money order issued by the Twinsburg office was dated Apr. 7, 1890; Oct. 2, 1916, money order No. 17000 was issued. The money order receipts totaled \$542.06 during September, 1916. In July, 1903, a rural free delivery route was established with Mr. O. P. Nichols as carrier. He was succeeded in 1908 by his son, Bela F. Nichols. There are now two mails each day bringing an average of 334 pieces of first, 246 of second, 161 of third, and 17 of fourth class mail. Following is a list of Twinsburg postmasters with dates of their appointments: Moses Wilcox, Mar. 28, 1823; Ethan Ailing, Oct. 24, 1827; Edwin T. Richardson, Nov. 2, 1839; George H. Ailing, Jan. 6, 1851; S. D. Kelly, July 9, 1853; Alonzo L. Nelson, Jan. 17, 1855; Hector Taylor, May 27, 1861; George Stanley, Apr. 1, 1868; William McKinney, July 19, 1871; Sherman Lane, Dec. 13, 1880; Fred D. Barber, Nov. 3, 1885; Seth R. Hanchette, Apr. 27, 1889; Alonzo L. Nelson, July 24, 1893; Bert Chamberlin, Jan. 30, 1897; Albert W. Elliott, Jan. 17, 1901; Roy W. Nichols, Oct. 21, 1908; Albert W. Elliott, Dec. 2, 1911. It is quite probable that since 1831 the post office has always been located immediately overlooking the northern portion of the public square, and for over twenty years in its present location.

CIVIL STATUS

The people of Twinsburg have never been conspicuous as seekers of office and, consequently, Twinsburg has not been represented in public office so much as some other towns, this tendency being emphasized by the fact that the county seats have both been rather distant. At the time of the organization of the new county of Summit, April, 1840, Mr. Augustus E. Foote was elected as a county commissioner, and re-elected that fall for the regular three year term. In the numerous adjustments necessary at that critical time Mr. Foote rendered efficient service. He was also a representative in the state legislature in 1843-4. Another county commissioner from Twinsburg was Nelson Upson, elected in 1860, re-elected in 1863, resigning the office in March, 1866. Orrin P. Nichols, one of Twinsburg's prosperous farmers, also a successful lumberman in western Pennsylvania and northern New York, was elected representative to the state legislature in 1875. He died April, 1877, before the expiration of his term of office, lamented by his colleagues and fellow townsmen. William McKinney, one of Twinsburg's "soldier boys," and at the time of his election, Twinsburg's postmaster, was elected in 1880 county sheriff, and re-elected in 1882. Throughout his four years of service he was assisted by Evelyn A. Parmelee, a comrade from Twinsburg, as deputy sheriff. Horace P. Cannon was in 1859 made president of the Summit County Agricultural Society, and in 1863 was re-elected to that office which he filled with characteristic zeal. The present township officers are: Township trustees, Dr. L. G. Griste, William Fee, Ransom Tyson; clerk, Ellsworth J. McCreery; treasurer, Edward Crouse; constable, S. H. Crankshaw; superintendent of roads, V. R. Hempstead; notaries public, A. J. Brown and Dr. R. B. Chamberlin.

The above is from the Green "Nosey Book". Which still can be purchased from the Historical Society

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