



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tales of Locust Grove Wrap up:

The fifth annual Tales of Locust Grove was a quite a success. The weather kept the numbers low on Friday night, but not the enthusiastic appreciation of the audience. Saturday's group was almost triple that of Friday's and the final count was almost 200 spectators.

Our Trustees kept everyone warm with hot chocolate, coffee and tasty treats. Donors includes Brewster's Cafe, Fresh Start Diner, George's Doughnuts, Giant Eagle, Gionino's Pizza, Heinen's, Mavis Winkles, Pizza Hut, Romeo's Pizza, Starbucks, Subway, Teresa's Pizza and Twinsburg Beverage. When you stop in these merchants be sure to say thanks.

We took in \$231 in donations and sale of items, including several warm sweat-shirts on Saturday. Our net profit for the tickets was over 600.00. A very nice return.

Apologies to Kelly Mueller whose name was not in the program. More thanks go to Liz and Dave Murch, Kathy Lessman, Derek Schroeder, and Josh Ishihara. Thanks to all who braved the wind and rain to support this project. We are very proud and happy.

Last Chance:

Here is one last reminder about our War of 1812 program scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7th, at 7:30. We are having it at the Library because we anticipate larger crowds. Our speaker, Sharon Myers, has presented many talks in Northern Ohio about the war, and she also has slides to show. Give us Admiral Perry's famous quote or tell us what important song was inspired by the War of 1812 and win free refreshments. OK, the refreshments are always free. We hope to see you!

It's Shrinking!!

You may have noticed that the "Mark Your Calendars" section of the Newsletter is getting smaller. Typically, we have little planned activity over the Holidays and into the first two or three months of the new year. But we are in the process of working on next year's calendar and would love to hear from any of you. Do you know of a good speaker? Have an idea for a program? Would you like to have another Rummage Sale? Feel free to contact a Trustee or leave a message on our answering machine. Or, come to the meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and share your thoughts! These are billed as "Trustees" meeting, but all members are welcome.

November 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**

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

December 5, 2012
Annual Christmas Party
at the Riley House at
7:00 PM

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Annual Christmas Party:

Quilt Raffle at Annual Christmas Party - Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

The party starts at 7PM and will be held in the Riley House, just like last year. If you haven't seen the newly painted hall and stairwell, that will be another reason to come! We will again have a White Elephant gift exchange. If you want to take part, please wrap up something you no longer want and bring it along. Nothing expensive, though.

The highlight of this party will be the annual quilt raffle. This year's quilt would fit a queen-sized bed. It's the double wedding ring pattern in pastels and is on display at the Museum. As always, the quilt is donated by Dolly Raines and her Tuesday morning quilters. It started as an old donated quilt top and has been turned into a lovely bed covering. Raffle tickets are \$5 and can be purchased the night of the party. It only takes one to win!

Another Thank you:

Another thank you to Craig Davenport, son of Deb and Rob Davenport of Twinsburg.

We reported in the September Newsletter about the improvements Craig made at the Historical Society as part of his work toward becoming an Eagle Scout. He and his helpers installed a beautiful brick walkway at the rear of the Museum and replaced the old splintery handrails on the steps leading down toward the Barn. To earn money for these projects, Craig had a carwash earlier in the Summer. Craig had money left from the carwash and has donated it to the Historical Society - \$174.89! Thank you to Craig, truly an Eagle Scout, and to his parents.

Genealogy I:

For people interested in genealogy, the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library offers two opportunities. For more information and to sign up for either class, call 330-643-9030 or go to speccollections@akronlibrary.org Basic computer skills are recommended for each class: Saturday, November 10, 10AM to Noon: "Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research". "Ancestry" is reportedly the premier online genealogy resource tool and its use is free at any Akron-Summit County Library. It can access 8,000 data bases and 200 billion images! Come to the class on Nov. 10th to learn how to use "Ancestry".

Genealogy II:

Saturday, November 17, 10AM to Noon "Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors"

This class is a discussion about identifying immigrant ancestors and locating passenger lists and naturalization records.

Both classes meet in Computer Rm. 2, First Floor, Main Library (60 S. High St. in Akron). A parking garage is attached to the Library.

More DVD's on the Way:

We ordered a second supply of DVD's of the March 28 history forum and have 10 or so left. At \$5.00 apiece, these would make very reasonable Christmas presents. They will be available at open houses and at the Christmas party - or leave a message at 330-487-5565.

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PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Perhaps no violence would be done truth by stating that Twinsburg's professional men have been her teachers, preachers and physicians. Yet such a statement might convey an entirely wrong impression regarding the attitude of the townspeople toward professional life. There were no professional men among the earliest settlers. Such a condition would now seem intolerable, but it was usual and almost inevitable in early sparsely settled communities. It is an additional evidence of the character and training of the pioneers that they keenly felt this lack and sought to remedy it. The needs of the sick and suffering first spurred the people to action. When the first resident physician, Dr. William O'Bryan, came to Twinsburg we do not know except that it was after 1823, and even in 1831 Dr. Town, of Hudson, was Twinsburg's nearest physician. In the early times Twinsburg depended upon Drs. Israel Town and Oliver Mills, of Hudson, when severe sickness manifested itself. At a later date Drs. Selby and Stevens were here and by 1860 the town had four physicians: Seymour A. Collins, John G. Stearns, A. P. Clark and S. A. Freeman. Of this group only Dr. Seth A. Freeman remained long in active practice here. In his early manhood he was an expert worker in iron, working in the large carriage shops of Lowman of Cleveland and later, here in the blacksmith shop of J. W. Harlow. While still working at his trade he began alone the study of medicine and after taking one course of lectures began his long practice. He died in 1902 after a very active life, his ability recognized far beyond his home town by both the laity and the medical profession. Dr. Luman G. Griste came to Twinsburg in 1871, began practicing medicine in 1872 and completed his medical course in 1874. Mrs. Griste studied with her husband and has shared with him the labors over an extensive territory where they have made for themselves a host of grateful and devoted friends. It may with propriety be here mentioned that the entire Griste family have been engaged in professions. Their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Griste Viall, besides being an accomplished musician is also a successful teacher, and their son, the late Lemar Griste, at the time of his death in 1902 as a chemist was employed by the Mineral Point Zinc Co. of N. Chicago as superintendent. Furthermore, Mrs. Griste is a sister of the late Dr. S. A. Freeman. Altogether a record, not frequently excelled. Dr. R. B. Chamberlin graduated from the dental department of Western Reserve University in 1901 and began practicing here as a dentist. The study of disease and medicine was, however, so attractive to him that he continued his studies, graduating from Cleveland Medical School in 1904. He has a rapidly increasing practice and as much dental work as he can spare time for. When compared with other towns that have no resident physicians Twinsburg is exceedingly well favored, being able also to easily obtain specialists from Cleveland when it is desirable. Among the teachers in the public schools there have been comparatively very few who could be properly called professionals. Most of the teachers in the earlier schools were young folk who saw in teaching an opportunity to earn a little and the word is used advisedly money and to whom teaching was an incident, not a goal. Since the establishment of the high school and the reorganization of the school system the condition has changed. As the founder of the Bissell Institute the Rev. Samuel Bissell was a shining example of the value to a community of a man dedicated to the cause of education. As a pastor Rev. Mr. Bissell was the first resident minister in the town. Previous to 1828 Rev. Mr. Seward of Aurora, Rev. Mr. Hanford of Hudson, and the Methodist circuit riders had been relied upon for preaching services. In other chapters concerning the schools, churches and music the reader has learned of the faithful services of Twinsburg's preachers and teachers. But Twinsburg has done better than to provide homes and work for professional men. She has trained the youth entrusted her and sent them far away, but always calls them hers. The names of men long gone from here, such as McKenny, White, Fairchild, Kerruish, Marvin, Voris, Ingersol, Knowlton, Wilson, Pokagon and Hazen link Twinsburg forever with professional life. Since the passing of the old Institute and the multiplication of special schools the public schools have simply provided a good foundation and the inspiration for specialization. Many students have gone from Twinsburg to institutions of higher learning, such as Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, Case, Oberlin, Wooster, Mt. Union, Erie, Hiram, Dennison, Valparaiso and other colleges with the purpose of taking up some profession. It would be impossible to mention all but among them are J. C. Blackman, C. W. Hempstead and Charles Jones in ministerial work; W. H. Gillie, Harvey Brenizer and Albert Chapman practicing law; W. P. Chamberlin, R. B. Chamberlain and J. O. Nelson practicing medicine; Mrs. Ethel G. Viall, Mrs. Lenora L. Pascoe, Clare B. Hempstead and Harry Carrier teaching, and Clyde Cochran as electrician; Roy Stingel, a teacher of pharmacy at Case School, W. S. Lister, attorney-at-law in Cleveland, and P. P. Evans, consulting engineer, make Twinsburg their home. As facilities for easy travel between Cleveland and Twinsburg are increased probably many will avail themselves of homes in Twinsburg and it is hoped a goodly number of the town's own sons and daughters may be among the number.

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