



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

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## The Locust Grove cemetery is getting a make over.

John "Walt" Walters the owner of Graveyard Groomers, travels the country helping local communities restore their gravestones. Walters taught himself to do this work and shares his knowledge by conducting workshops around the country. Walters said that people tell him he shouldn't be training his competition. "There are way too many cemeteries to do them all. We need more people to learn this work." Ed Ponter traveled to Indiana to take Walters' workshops. The beginning workshop is on cleaning and the advanced workshop is on repairing. Ponter works with Walters when he comes to town. He also works on his own with the help of his daughter Jennifer Post. "We share Walt with Bedford. That way we don't have to pay all of the travel expenses." The money from ticket sales for "The Tales of Locust Grove" helps pay for the restorations. The cemetery was filled with visitors on the weekend of October 14. Great weather and new stories drew a record number of people to the annual walk. There were 115 visitors on Friday and almost 200 on Saturday. This is the ninth year that the Historical Society has presented "The Tales of Locust Grove". Every year citizens young and old come to reenact the lives of some of Twinsburg's famous and not so famous citizens. The tour started with refreshments in the Freeman Barn and a chance to chat with Dr. Freeman, one of the owners of the historic structure. The next stop was the museum to visit with two of the teachers from the past. Visitors were then guided across the parking lot to the mausoleum and then up the hill to hear more stories of the town that twins built. The society took in over \$1,300.00. There were larger crowds and more actors to tell more stories than years past. President Jon Howard said, "The volunteers put in a lot of work and time to put on such a fantastic program." Two great additions to the performance were Veronica Hughes who edited the scripts and performed a part. Rachel Murar, a veteran actress from the early days of Locust Grove came back to help Marti Franks and Veronica as a coordinator.

## November 2016

### Mark Your Calendars:

October 27th, Halloween Stories in the Barn, 7:00PM, ages 5yrs and older.

October 30th , Open House, 2-5PM

November 20th , Open House, 1-5PM

December 18th , Open House, 2-5PM

## Bicentennial Calendar Update

Don't miss out on the Historical Society's 2017 Calendar - we think it turned out quite well! Creating it is one of the ways that we are participating in next year's Bicentennial. It includes historic pictures and facts and lists many of next year's events. Thanks to our 24 sponsors and tremendous help from Steve Noble at ERC Printing, the cost is only \$5.00. Calendars are available at the Historical Society Open Houses and the "Friends" Gift Shop at the Library, or simply call and leave a message at 330-487-5565 and we will make arrangements to get you one.

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**Twinsburg Historical Society Hosting a Special Open House at a Special Time**

The regular Open House of the Twinsburg Historical Society will not be on the last Sunday of the month due to Thanksgiving weekend. There will be a special program. The Open House on Sunday, November 20, will have a very special program President, Jon Howard has organized a road show in conjunction with the Lake Erie Chapter 28 chapter of The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, NAWCC. The chapter is comprised of members from Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania who are committed to furthering the study of horology, the science of measuring time and the art of constructing devices to measure time. Chapter 28 shares its knowledge with the communities by opening its regional and national exhibits to the general public to enjoy and learn about the displayed timepieces. They will be at the historical museum with a clock and watch identification road show. The general public can bring in their family timepieces in order to learn more about their treasures. The open house will be from 1:00 to 5:00 but the NAWCC reps will be there at 12:00.

**Area Happenings**

**Akron:** Two buildings belonging to the Summit County Historical Society are the Perkins Stone Mansion, home of Akron's founding family, and the John Brown House, home of the famed abolitionist and a site on the Underground Railroad. Both are at 550 Copley Rd. in Akron and are open for tours Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM. On Halloween there will be "lights out, flashlight lit" tours of the Perkins Mansion. Call 330-535-1120 for ticket prices and more information.

***Hudson:***

The historic Case-Barlow farmhouse will soon be decorated for the Christmas Holidays. Tour this beautifully maintained home November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM, with a preview party on Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7PM. The house is located at 1931 Barlow Rd. For more information call 330-650-0591

**Holiday House** is being presented by Case Barlow Farm & Hudson Heritage Association. The Preview Party, "Moonlight & Mistletoe", is Saturday, November 19th from 5-7. Guests will be greeted by a special tea cocktail by Angela Gotthardt of the Secret Tea Society and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvre by Chef Larkin Rogers. The farmhouse will be decorated by numerous interior designers, florists and local shopkeepers. All items will be for sale. Tickets are \$75 and allow for re-entry during Tour days, November 25th & 26th from 10-4. Tour tickets \$15. Tickets available through a link online at [casebarlowfarm.com](http://casebarlowfarm.com) and at the Learned Owl, the Grey Colt and Destination Hudson.

Wind up the baseball season with a trip to the Hudson Library and Historical Society, 96 Library St. in downtown Hudson, on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Beginning at 7PM, baseball historian Scott Longert will discuss his latest book, NO MONEY, NO BEER, NO PENNANT: THE CLEVELAND INDIANS AND BASEBALL IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION. Register at 330-653-6658

***Bedford:***

Would you like to think about an election other than the current one? If you have an interest in Ohio's James A. Garfield you won't want to miss the day of presentations and discussions about our 20<sup>th</sup> president on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Ellenwood Recreation Center in Bedford, from 9 am to 3pm. Fees are charged and include materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Call 440-232-0796 for information and to register.

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**First Congregational Church**



**1850** – The wooden Plank Road (Rt. 14) between Twinsburg and Cleveland was near completion



Example of a Plank Road

**1851** – George Alling buys out his brother Frank and ran the store until he died in 1856. The store then went to Bishop & Chamberlain. Bishop and Chamberlain ran the store together until Chamberlain sold his interest. Bishop ran the store until the start of the Civil War when he sold it.

In the early 1850s a group of Freemasons began meeting under dispensation. Early meetings were held in member homes but soon moved to the old cheese storage house on Bedford Road. Cheese was stored and aged on the first floor, the second floor was reserved for use by the Freemasons. Dispensation ended in 1857 when a Charter was issued. In 1866 the Cheese House burned and some records were lost but the Bible, Books, and Charter were saved. After the fire, the home of Harrison Dunshee on the southeast corner of the Square was purchased for the new Masonic Lodge. The building was expanded with a 24 foot addition closer to the road. Changes in jurisdiction of the chapter lodges necessitated the removal of this chapter some years later to Bedford. The Blue Lodge remained in Twinsburg. The "Old Masonic Lodge" was used until it was sold in 1957 due to noise, parking and safety (a tractor trailer slid on the ice and into the side of the Lodge nearly ending up in the basement.)

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