



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Twins Days Open House

August is a busy month for the Twinsburg Historical Society. Friday, August 5 there will be a special Open House for the Twins on Twins Day weekend. All are welcome to help us welcome twins from all over the world. The museum and barn will be open from 12:00 to 4:00. Visiting twins and locals too, will get a chance to delve into the history of the place where it all began. Trustees will be on hand to show folks around and answer questions and maybe pick up some great books and gifts to carry home as memories. Our regular Open House is on Sunday, August 28 from 2:00 to 5:00. Visitors will tour the building that Samuel Bissell built by hand 150 years ago. The Barn will be open for exploration too. The grounds are lovely in August and a great place to pose for perfect pictures. For further information call 330-487-5565 or check us on Facebook or

www.twinsburghistorical.society.org

Bicentennial Calendar Update

Work has progressed nicely on the promised 2017 calendar. Many hours have been spent selecting pictures, deciding on the format, and contacting sponsors. Next comes the task of deciding which historic dates to include. Community volunteers Ray Diersing and Grace Condelli, along with Trustees Beverly Klimas, Sue Graham, Marti Franks, Bonnie Williams, Lea Bissell, and Audrey Kancler have all worked to make this happen. Thanks to the professional and patient guidance of Steve Noble, at Erievue Reproductions, this should be ready in time for sale at the Olde Thyme Fayre.

Olde Thyme Fayre

Saturday, September 10 from 10AM to 5PM and Noon to 5PM on Sunday, September 11th. Handcrafted items may be brought to the Museum from 5 to 7 PM on Friday evening. Produce, flowers, floral arrangements may be brought to the Barn on Friday from 5 to 7 PM and 9 to 10 AM on Saturday. (A reminder.....we decided last year that Friday's drop off would be the same times at the request of some people who were bringing stuff to both areas)

August 2016

Mark Your Calendars:

July 31st, Open House, Museum & Riley House, 2-5PM

August 5th, Special Twins Open House, Museum, 12-4PM

August 28th, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum

September 10th & 11th, Olde Thyme Fayre

September 25th, Open House, 2-5PM

October 14th & 15th, Tales of Locust Grove

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

October 30th, Open House, 2-5PM

November 27th, Open House, 2-5PM

December 18th, Open House, 2-5PM

Wrap-up of the 150yr Anniversary of the Historical society Building will be in the September Issue.

Check us out on the Web: www.twinsburghistorical.society.org

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Genealogy

For anyone interested in genealogy, the Akron-Summit County Library continues to be a good resource. There are several free, recurring classes at the Main Library, 60 South High St. Also at the Main Library, a one-day free program will be held on Saturday, August 27, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Entitled "Our Ancestors from Europe: How to Discover Their Individual Stories", topics include passenger arrival and naturalization records, Italian records, and tips on discovering the real stories of our immigrant ancestors. To register for a class or for the one-day seminar, call Special Collections at 330-643-9030 or email speccollections@akronlibrary.org

Go on a Quest and learn Akron's Canal History

What is "questing"??? Using maps and clues to discover historical, cultural, and natural gems - in this case about the Ohio and Erie Canal. An opportunity to do this is available this Summer and Fall thanks to a grant from the National Park Service and the collaboration of more than 100 teachers, volunteers, and park staff. Pick up your map and clues at 57 West North St., just west of Howard (Main) near downtown Akron. The historic Mustill Store Museum is nearby. The adventure takes about 40 minutes...longer if you enjoy reading details at the exhibits. The trail is paved or brick. At the end you will find a hidden treasure box with a log where you may register your name. Sounds like a fun family history lesson!

Summit County Historical Society Events:

Farm to Table History Hike

Join Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society on Friday, August 12, from 9-11 am to explore the importance of commerce along the Ohio & Erie Canal and the significance of Downtown Akron as a depot. After the program, tour leaders will visit the Main Street farmers market. Parking stickers will be given to those attending the program. Meet at Lock 3.

Mary Campbell Cave History Hike

Join tour leaders from the Summit County Historical Society and Summit Metro Parks on September 18. Details are forthcoming.

Paranormal Pizza Party and Murder Mystery Dinners

Book the Perkins Stone Mansion for your own private party for a night of fun, dining and entertainment. Prices vary and events can accommodate from 8-30 people.

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1846 – Ethan Alling purchases 1 ½ acres of land from Mr. Park Clark and others to create Locust Grove Cemetery. After grading, fencing, and allotting, he planted locust trees and a fence. Lots were \$3 to \$6. In 1860 an additional 3 feet of land was purchased around Locust Grove Cemetery and a new stone fence was constructed. July 5, 1846 the first burial in Locust Grove was James Henri who was 83 and the oldest man in town at the time of his death. 1872, a vault was built. 1889, the town buys Locust Grove Cemetery. In 1903 the town adds another acre to the south end of the cemetery. 1907, stone columns were built at the driveway entrance.



Above, Cemetery Lane to Locust Grove Cemetery

1847 – An anti-Slavery Convention was held in Twinsburg August 23rd and 24th. Speakers were Mr. Garrison, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Foster. Slavery was a common topic for letters to newspaper editors.



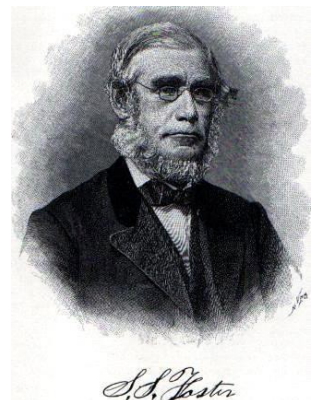
William Garrison



Fredrick Douglass



David Walker



Rev. Stephen Foster

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