



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Working Hard

I would like to say we have all been working hard this past month setting up the Twinsburg Historical Society and programs both inside and outside the buildings of THS. Our next Open House will be on Sunday, May 29, 2016, and both the Riley House and the Museum will be open 2 – 5 PM.

June Open House

The June Open House will be Museum Only on June 26, 2016. If you haven't stopped in before, please do. Both buildings are quite unique.

Chairs of Committees

Membership – Jon Howard; Hospitality – Beverly Klimas, Nina Landals; Programs – Audrey Kancler, Sue Graham; Maintenance – Giz and Ken Roddie, Rich Bissell; Publicity – Marti Franks; Acquisitions and Display – Bonnie Williams, Rich Bissell.

Calendar

The 2017 Calendar is coming along. The Calendar Committee members have selected the photographs for the calendar from our archives and it promises to be a calendar you will want to have.

Taste of Twinsburg

We are going to have a booth at the Taste of Twinsburg on Saturday, June 18th. 2 – 8 PM. Stop by and meet some of the volunteers. We will have information about the THS along with shirts (both Tees and Sweatshirts), Mugs, and Books for purchase. Hope to see you there.

150 Year Celebration

July 16, 2016 is fast approaching. Mark this date down and plan on attending the celebration of the birthday of our museum building. It was erected 150 years ago. This solid stone structure is still looking good! We will be putting signs around Twinsburg inviting all to stop in and have a slice of birthday cake.

June 2016

Mark Your Calendars:

May 29th, Open House, Museum & Riley House, 2-5PM

June 1st, Trustees Meeting, 7PM

June 18th, Taste of Twinsburg, 2-8PM

July 16, 150yr Birthday Celebration of Museum

June 26th, Open House, Museum, 2-5PM

July 24th, Open House, Museum & Riley House, 2-5PM

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

September 9th & 10th, Olde Thyme Fayre

October 14th & 15th, Tales of Locust Grove

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Thought of Volunteering?

As you all know, we wouldn't be able to have any programs without the effort of our fantastic volunteers. Without the volunteers we wouldn't have a Twinsburg Historical Society. If you would like to help out, contact me at the Museum 330-487-5565 or my Cell 440-591-8408. We could really use your assistance! A few hours volunteering will get you out of the house and can be quite fun. I promise we will take good care of you.

Olde Thyme Fayre

September 10 – 11th. Think of OTF while planning gardens, nurturing flowers, creating anything handmade you would like to display. It promises to be a good “thyme” for all.

New T-Shirts

We have new t-shirts available. They have a picture of the Freeman barn, with the anniversary quilt. They are available in white or grey. These must be washed inside out and not put in the dryer. You can pick one up at the Museum at our open house. The price is \$20.00 each. We still have sweatshirts with the mail pouch sign also.

Membership Time Again

It's membership time if you haven't paid your dues, please send it in now.

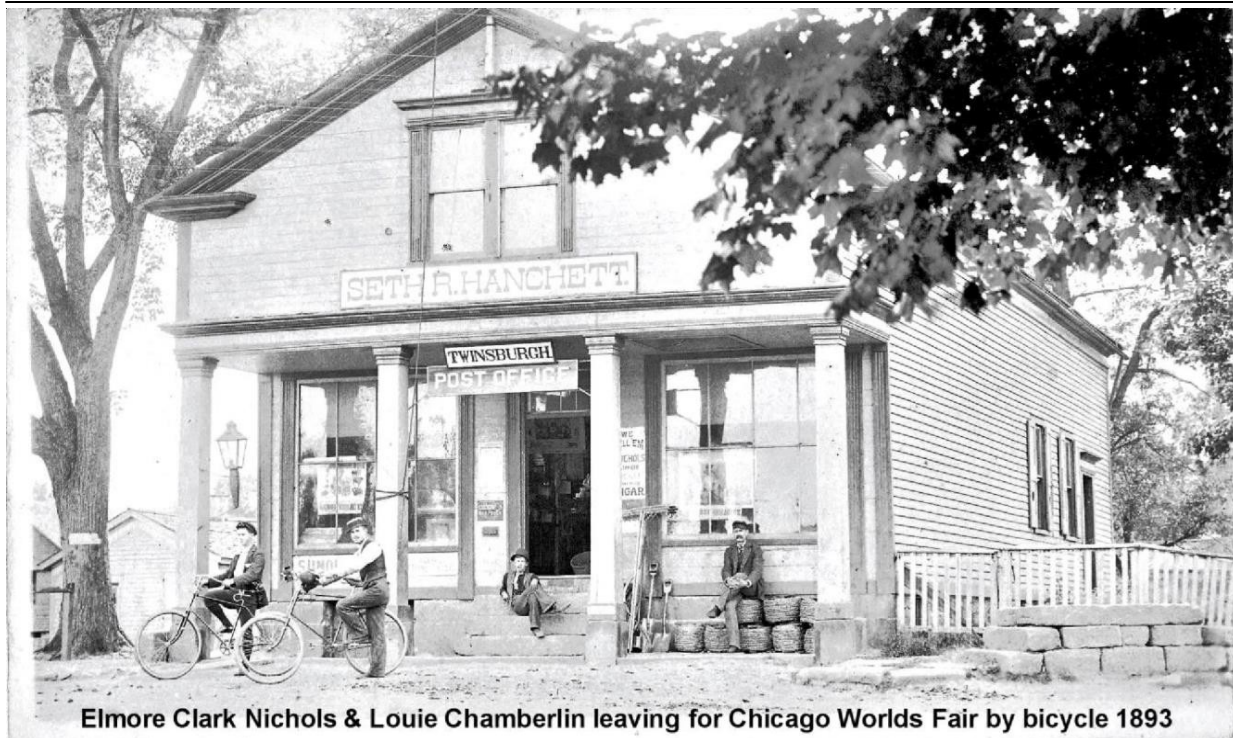
Individual-\$15.00

Family-\$25.00

Business-\$100.00

We also have a perpetual membership which is available for individuals at \$150.00. Please remember that these funds help us to keep the museum open and running. It also helps with our overhead, lights, heat, phone, and any updates or maintenance that is needed. As with any property it is always in need of something. We also rely on donations and you will always find a donation jar waiting at all of our events. We thank you all in advance for all your support.

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The Alling Store at Maple Drive and Church Street changed hands many times over the years

- ☐ S.H. Bishop and Son
- ☐ Bishop & Chamberlin
- ☐ Wilcox & Lamb
- ☐ William McKinney
- ☐ Armstrong & Bull
- ☐ Luton Hanchett
- ☐ Seth Hanchett, (photo was taken at the time of his ownership and was also the Post Office)
- ☐ Chamberlin & Tucker
- ☐ L. K. Chamberlin & E. J. McCreery
- ☐ Wilbur Rylander
- ☐ Charlie Allen & John Sauble
- ☐ Burt and Marian Kollman.

About 1956 the Bissell family built a new 2 story building behind the original store and became known as the "Bissell Kollman Building". Once completed, the original Alling Store was torn down for a parking lot. In the early 1970's Burt Kollman built a new Sparkle Market behind the Broadview Savings and Loan building at the end of Church Street. A traffic light at Rt. 82 and Church Street was added.

1840 – March 3rd, Summit County was formed. Twinsburg and Northfield leave Portage County and become part of Summit County. The new county was created from portions of Medina, Portage and Stark counties. It was named "Summit" after the highest point on the Ohio and Erie Canal.

1841 – The Congregationalists raise money to purchase a new bell (not to weigh less than 400 pounds). This bell was used to announce church meetings, fires, and deaths. The bell would chime for each year of the age of the deceased person. The citizens could tell by the age who had died. This bell was moved to the new Church in 1848.

1843 – Rev. Samuel Bissell resigns as pastor of the Congregationalists Meeting Hall to devote full time to the "Twinsburg Institute". A 20 x 35 wood building was constructed where the future stone building would stand. Twenty additional feet were soon added. Attendance reaches 80-90 students. Boarders from out of town came and enrollment steadily increases. In August, Twinsburg Institute purchases the old Alling Hotel property on the southeast corner of the Square. Over the next few years two additions of 4,500 and 3,500 square feet were added to the Hotel.

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