



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Year in Review

This may not have been our busiest year ever but it sure felt like it. At our January Open House Beth Martin came by to help folks get started on their individual genealogy search. She was on hand for personal consultations to help search for your ancestors. Beth is an active member of Ancestry and Find A Grave.com

February we hosted a panel titled "More Voices from the Hill" an offshoot of Carla Lyndale Carter's film, "Voices from the Hill" which chronicled the history of Twinsburg Heights with the help of students. Constance Peek Longmire led a panel of residents as they reminisced about that neighborhood and talked about its future.

In March, there was a special program all about Ohio's under water historic resources. Speaker Christopher Kraska, is the current chair of MAST, the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team. He shared slides and stories of shipwrecks and the exciting world under the sea. Kraska has participated in books and documentaries on the subject.

In April we had three events. We moved to the First Congregational Church for the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck. We held a huge Barn Sale and cleared out a lot of stuff and made a tidy sum to continue all of the work we have planned and then held that over to our regular end of the month Open House for both the museum and the Riley House.

In May we loaned the Freeman Barn to the Garden Club for their annual plant sale. We also took our show on the road to the library with a table for Family Land a big celebration. In June Andy Tomko presented "Preserving Our Past by moving into the 21st Century" and talked about the many new electronic capabilities and our connection to the Summit Memory Project.

On Founders Day in July, we held our Grand Reopening all day to show off our many new exhibits. We had teachers in to talk about our school room and we had two performances of our brand new play about the real founders and what founding a town really means. We used the Barn as the theatre and filled the space both times.

December 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

November 19, 2-5PM,
Open House, Clock Show

November 25, City of
Twinsburg Luminocity

December 2, City of Twins-
burg Winter Wonderland

December 6, 7PM, Histori-
cal Society Christmas Party

January 28, 2-5PM, Open
House

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In August we had our special Twins Day Open House on the Friday afternoon before the opening of the festival. Then local author, Veronica Hughes came to the Riley House to talk about her new book *Beyond the Monument: The Civil War Soldiers of Twinsburg Ohio*. A week or so later we had our “Olde Thyme Fayre” a great good time for young and old that filled the museum and the barn. At the end of the month we had our own “Antique Road Show” with free appraisals. We tucked that in the Barn because the museum roof was under construction. Hard to believe it was just another week and we were in the cemetery telling the “Tales of Locust Grove” for the tenth year. Ed Ponter has spent a huge amount of time working with the Graveyard Groomers, a company out of Indiana, repairing and restoring the headstones. His effort got a wonderful write up in the Bulletin in October.

Another October event was the ever popular “Story Telling at the Barn”. We finished the month back at the Riley House with Veronica Hughes selling and signing her book on the soldiers of the Civil War. She is donating a part of the proceeds from her book back to the Historical Society.

November was our last regular Open House and we hosted the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors for the third year. Folks brought old time pieces of every kind and size to get expert information and free appraisals.

If that wasn't enough, the museum was open Monday. Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 12 for guests to drop by just to chat.

Impressed? We need your help to keep up the pace and even do more. If you are receiving this then you are a member. Don't forget to renew. We are now offering two year memberships at a special discount. Why not buy a membership as a Christmas gift. What a great way to connect with someone who lives out of town and longs for news from home. Good way to get a young person started on keeping our history safe. Maybe this is the year for a Perpetual Membership and see your name on our beautiful plaque.

Have a little free time? Volunteer to help on any of our many projects. Send us your suggestions. Remember, everything we add takes muscle and money. We welcome both. Have a super cookie recipe? Attendees always appreciate home made snacks. If you did not get to our events this year look for our January Newsletter for next year's calendar. Check out our website and join our Face Book page. Whatever your interest or talent we can use your help.

One more great Christmas Party on December 6 at 7:00. Bring a clever gift for the gift exchange, a plate of snacks to share and ,if you like, a bottle of wine. Wear your Christmas sweater or your skinny jeans. Just come on in.

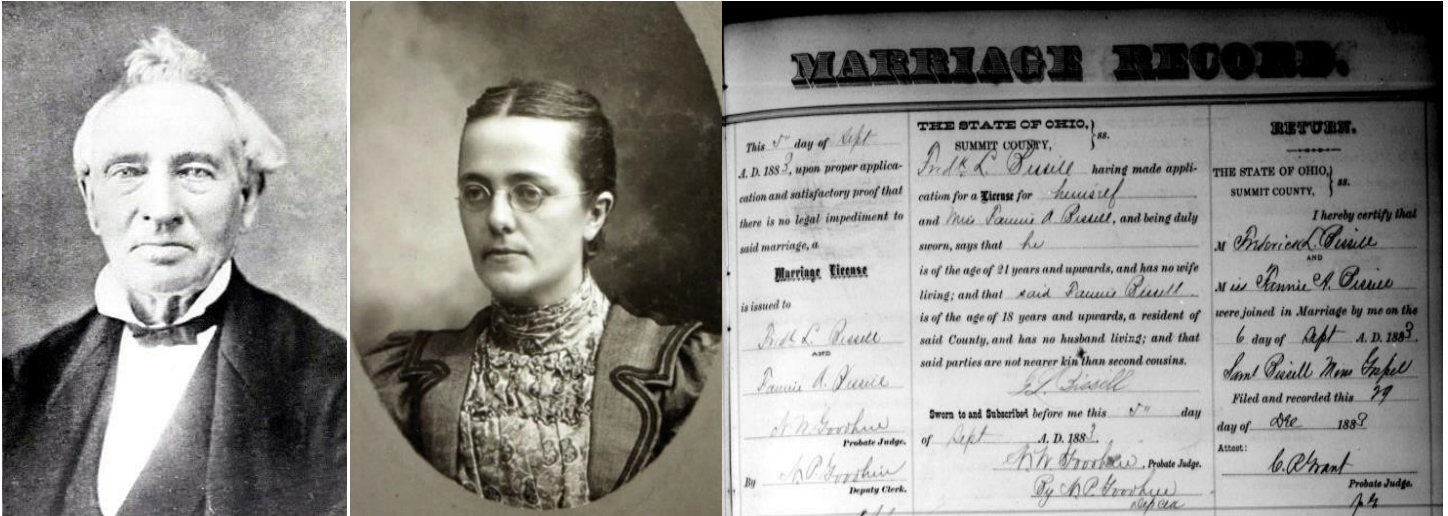
We will not have regular morning hours during the winter, but we will start again in Spring when the winds warm a bit. In the meantime, come to the Open Houses on the last Sunday of each month, check us out on Face Book and at twinsburghistoricalsociety.org. Stop in at our Trustee meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

January 28, 2018 will be our first Open House of the New Year And we already have a great event planned. Stay tuned for more. Happy Holidays.

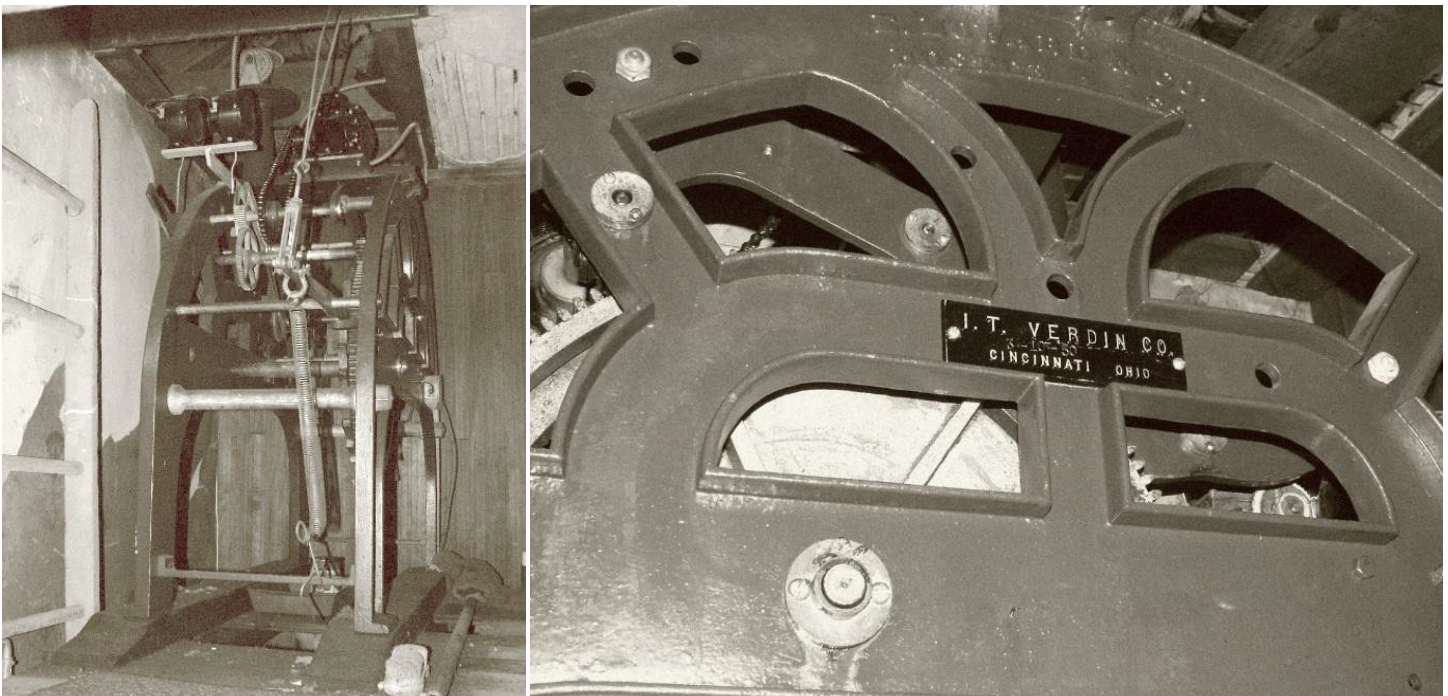
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In 1880 Twinsburg dairy farmer's cheese sales hit \$100,000 (equal to \$2.3 Million in 2014).

1895 – Rev. Samuel Bissell dies at home at the age of 98. Although he became a father late in life, at the age of 67, he raised several orphans but never adopted. He was survived by his second wife Cynthia, daughter Fanny, and son-in-law Frederick Bissell. Frederick was Fanny's second cousin. Rev. Bissell married Frederick and Fanny on September 6th 1883. By 1895 Fanny and Frederick were living in Winterset Iowa (birthplace of John Wayne and George Washington Carver) and where the parents of Frederick lived. Later they move to Oregon where they live the rest of their lives.



The Congregational Church installed a “town clock” in the tower from a donation of \$350 by Mrs. Sarah Riley. On October 12, 1895, it was voted to keep the clock on sun time. In 1907 clock was set on standard time and in 1914 it was changed to Eastern Time. In 1950 the Church clock was electrified.



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