



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NOTICE!!!

The Committee that created our beautiful Bicentennial Calendar just became aware that we have two July 24ths. The problem is compounded by the fact that we counted the rest of the week from the wrong day. So if you will flip to July and look at the last grid you will see the 24th is a Monday. That is correct. That makes Tuesday, July 25, Wednesday July 26 and well, you can take it from there. Hopefully you have this news before you schedule any plane tickets for July. We are back on track for August and the rest of the year. We apologize for the error but we hope the beauty of the calendar eases the pain. We are offering a strip of adhesive backed paper, with the right dates, that can be glued over the incorrect week. These are available at programs and open houses at the Museum.

Barn Sale

There will be a Barn Sale on April 29. Members are asked to donate salable items for the cause. No clothes or shoes please. Details for the drop off will be available soon. You can always check the website or our Facebook page or call the museum and leave a message. The proceeds will go toward paying for all the improvements on our buildings

March Special Program

Wednesday March 15 we will have 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. This is a nonprofit vocational group dedicated to the documentation of Ohio's underwater historic resources. Kraska, who has participated in books and documentaries on the subject, will have slides to show and stories to tell. Bring all of your friends. The presentation starts at 7:00.

3 Days a Week

The museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00. We just keep getting better and better. All of this activity would not be possible without our members. If your membership has lapsed here are plenty of chances to pay your dues. Consider a Perpetual Membership. You will never regret it.

March 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

February 26, 2-5PM, Open House, Program 3PM, "More Voices From the Hill", VFW Open House 2-5PM

March 15, 7PM, Program "Lake Erie Shipwrecks"

March 26, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

April 22, 5PM. Annual Meeting/Potluck, First Congregational Church

April 30, 2-5PM, Open House, Riley House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

May 13, Garden Club Plant Sale, 9AM

May 28, 2-5PM, Open House, "Salute to the Military", VFW Open House 2-5PM

June 17, Taste of Twinsburg

June 25, 2-5PM, Open House, 3:00 Program about Civil War Veterans in Locust Grove Cemetery, VFW Open House 2-5PM

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be on April 8. We will have our regular potluck and bring your own table service. We gather at the Congregational Church at 5:00 for food and conversation. After the business meeting Andy Tomko will make a presentation on some of our new technology at the museum. Andy and Jon have been working hard cataloging and digitizing our collection. With the help of other volunteers they have been digging out many hidden treasure making it all more accessible. Come with ideas and questions. Prepare to be amazed at all the work they have done.

Genealogy Thanks

Many thanks to Twinsburg resident, Beth Martin, who generously donated her time and genealogy expertise at our January open house. Many people paid a visit that day - one couple came from Parma! Beth gave helpful advice on a one-on-one basis and also left a list of suggested resources and tips for anyone working on their family history. We have copies of the list - stop in Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning or come to our next program or open house to get a copy.

Church and State: Genealogy Research in Religious and Government Records

Featuring Sunny McClellan and Chris Staats

Saturday, April 1, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Main Library Auditorium. Registration requested. These FREE classes require registration. For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org. Visit our Web site at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>

NEARBY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Civil War Lecture Series in Peninsula every 4th Thursday, G.A.R. Hall, 1785 Main St. (Rt. 303) Peninsula
Lectures start at 7PM and are free:

3/23 Music of the Civil War, presented by Steve Ball

4/27 The Buckeye Vanguard, presented by Mark Holbrook

5/25 The Gettysburg Address: Lincoln Redefines America, presented by William F..B. Vodrey

For further information contact the Peninsula Foundation at 330-657-2528 or visit their website:

www.peninsulahistory.org

“Screen Sirens of the 20th Century” at the Case Barlow Farm

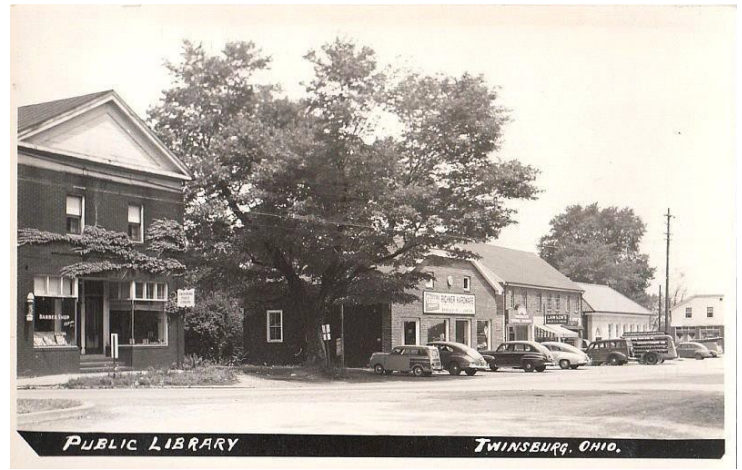
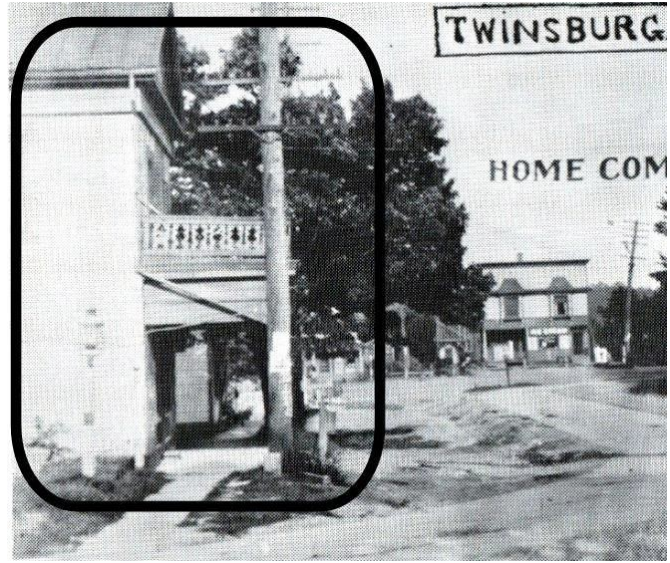
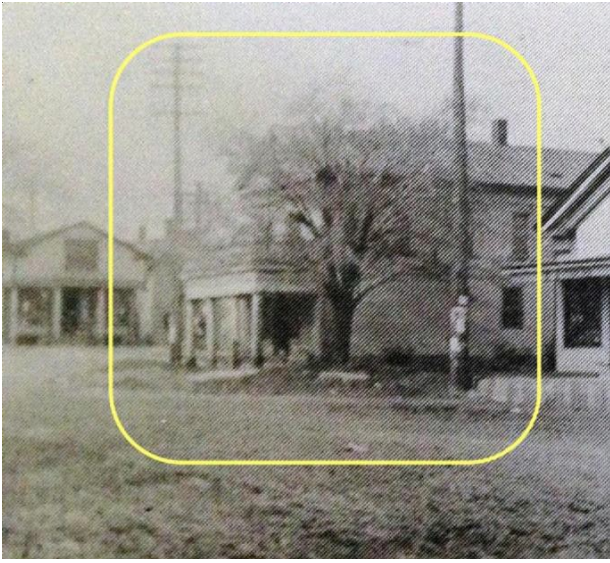
1931 Barlow Rd., Hudson 1:00 Thursday, March 9

Presenter Susan Cannavino writes: “And the Academy Award Goes to KATHARINE HEPBURN! Come learn about the private and public life of the Katharine you thought you knew.....”

Fee is \$25.00 Register at 330-653-1210

March 18 is the third annual "Cabin Fever Tour", sponsored by Historical Societies, Libraries, and Businesses in Peninsula, Richfield, and Hinckley. To see a map of suggested stops and their various open hours, go to www.peninsulalibrary.org select calendar, click on March 18. You will find a description of the day and a link at the bottom to the list of participants and their locationsmostly on or near Rt. 303. One special activity is the scavenger hunt at the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum, 1775 Main St. (Rt. 303), Peninsula. There's a prize!

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1856 – The winter of 1855-56 provided for many sleighing parties. Considerable neighborly rivalry was stimulated and this led to a series of contests among neighboring townships. A crude flag, ridiculously embellished, soon became a prized possession. Solon, the first town to gain the flag, was deprived of it by Twinsburg, the first town in Summit Co. to win it. This victory required sixteen four-horse teams of Twinsburg. The flag was successively won by Bedford, Brecksville, Royalton, Boston, Independence, Hudson and finally Richfield with seventy-three four-horse teams. The excitement had become so intense and widespread that it was determined to make a final, tri-county contest. This was held March 15, 1856, Summit county winning with 162 four and six-horse teams. A few days later Medina County sent 182 similar teams to Akron. They took the flag with them back to Medina County, but through a sea of mud.

Three years after holding their first “Agricultural Fair” on the Square, Twinsburg formed the “Union Agricultural Society” which included Hudson, Northfield, Solon, Aurora, Bedford, Bainbridge, and Streetsboro. The Union Agricultural Society also purchased 13 acres of land forming a triangle at the intersection of Cannon Road, Rt. 14, and Depot Street. A trotting track, judging stand, stock pens, and horse stalls were constructed. Annual Fairs were held there for the next fifteen years until 1871 when the Agricultural Society disbanded.

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