



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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What a blustery start to the year. Your trustees have been working hard on many projects including the preservation of Old School what some would call souvenirs, others might say relics. It has been a challenge. For those 641 or so folks who follow the Face Book, you know that there was a lot of activity around the who, when and hows of that project. There is more to be done and many decisions to be made. The plan so far is really exciting. Follow us on FaceBook, check the website and give us a call or send an email. Somebody will get back to you.

This is the year of membership. We need many more members. You are receiving this newsletter so you have already heard the call. Help us spread the word. At the last trustee meeting we set a goal of fifty new members. There are over 600 folks interested enough to follow us on our FB page. Can we move some of those folks to this column? Memberships make great gifts too. If you have been in the museum lately you know how hard your trustees have been working to reorganize and repair our lovely buildings. We have only just begun and like all homeowners we know that there is always something. Consider a Perpetual Membership too. That way you will never have to renew and you will be investing in the future of our beloved Society. If each member convinces one new member to join we would far exceed our goal and help ensure our financial solvency. Even though we are all volunteers and we have no paid staff, and the business community is always generous, we still have bills to pay.

February 2018

Mark Your Calendars:

January 28, 2-5PM, Open House, Victorian Valentines

February 25, 2-5PM, Open House, at the VFW, MAPS Museum (Military Aviation Preservation Society)

March 25, 2-5PM, Open House, Elaine Marsh, Summit County Metro Park's Watershed Specialist, who will speak about dams on the Cuyahoga River and efforts to remove them.

May 12, Annual Plant Sale by Twinsburg Garden Club, at the Freeman Barn.

July 14, Horticultural Show hosted by Twinsburg Garden Club At the Freeman Barn.

In April and May a display on the old Chrysler Plant will be at the Library. As you know many of us came here because of that plant. Twinsburg today has so much to do with Chrysler's decision to build that Plant here. We need memorabilia, artifacts, pictures, anything you might have to enrich the display. Suggestions are welcome.

We have a variety of committees too. That gives you an opportunity for even more fun. You can sign up for Membership, Publicity/Public Relations, Program Planning, Acquisitions/Displays, Hospitality, Maintenance. A job for every talent and interest. Are you in possession of a young person or a teenager? We are always looking for strong backs and arms, computer skills and "out of the box thinkers." We are looking for interns too.

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The museum is still not open during the week. We are waiting for warmer weather. We can always arrange special tours if you give us a call.

Now that we are into the second semester, seniors are looking for scholarships. We offer a to a graduating senior who has been involved with the Historical Society, Locust Grovers take notice. As you write your essays you need to indicate your interest and involvement with history and the history of Twinsburg.

So many projects in the works. Email, call, message and check the website. We are waiting to hear from you. Help us move the preservation of our past into the future.



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1900 - April 20th, Rebecca L. Young of Twinsburg died. Rebecca was so afraid of accidentally being buried alive that her will stipulated that a post mortem examination be held and her heart and brain be removed from her body. If this was not done she wanted two bullets shot through her heart and two bullets through her brain. Twinsburg Dr. Gristle held a post mortem examination. She requested that after the funeral, her body be given to a medical college or disposed of as Dr. Gristle wished. Rebecca Young was buried in Locust Grove Cemetery.

1901 - The Township hires a repairman at \$300 per

year to do general repairs. It included lighting the gas lamps around the Square each night.

1907 - Twinsburg had 4 Telephone companies competing for subscribers; Central Union, Bell Lines, Akron People, and Hudson Telephone companies. Within two years they were consolidated into the Hudson Telephone Company with 126 Twinsburg subscribers. It was common to call the operator to find out where the fire was when the alarm sounded or details on the latest disturbance.

1910 - The Samuel Bissell Memorial Library Association was formed. A fund of over \$600 was collected to equip and furnish a room in the home of Amanda Tucker. The "Samuel Bissell Memorial Library" opened on May 7, 1910. For a short time a fee was charged for the issuance of books but the fee was disposed with and a levy was made for the purchase and repair of books. Library hours were 8 am to 8 pm.

1911 - Twinsburg built its first paved road. The Plank road (Rt. 14) between Twinsburg and Bedford was replaced with a 14 foot wide brick road. The Brick paving was extended south on Rt. 91 to Hudson.



Twinsburg Bank - Mr. E. O. Christy comes to Twinsburg in the fall of 1911 to organize a Bank. He spent the winter in Chicago but returned in April 1912. Bank construction soon followed. Mr. Christy became ill and was hospitalized in the summer and died in September. The Twinsburg Bank was completed and formally opened on November 11th 1912.

Train Accident - August 2, a switch was left open at the Twinsburg Depot and a Wheeling and Lake Erie passenger train out of Cleveland crashed into freight cars on a siding. One killed, four seriously injured and dozens hurt. The caboose was driven through the Depot window.

Trivia - Miss Carrie Hagerman of Twinsburg was swimming at Gordon Park in Cleveland. She ventures too far into the lake and almost drowned. She was saved by life guard Clyde King, fireman of Cleveland hook and ladder No. 7. Two years later (Feb. 1913) they were married. At the age of 21 Clyde became the youngest Sheriff in Ohio when he served for 2 years in Uniontown.

1912 - The Wilcoxon Water Company was formed. Mrs. Celestia E. Wilcox, the owner of the best spring in town generously provided water from her spring to the township people in and about the center of Twinsburg Township. One of the few requirements was sufficient water would be left flowing to meet the watering requirements for both her 70 acre and 10 acre properties, her home, and animals. Water would also be available for the Public Square, School House, and Twinsburg Center. Twinsburg township record book dated September 8, 1912 tells of the death of a twenty month old daughter of G. H. Parmelee, and in brackets in shaky handwriting of the keeper of the record book, was written "our baby"

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