

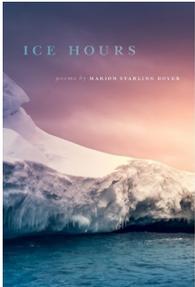


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Local author Marion Starling Boyer will be back again at the Riley House on Tuesday, February 6 at 7PM, to talk about another book, Ice Hours. This is a suite of poems set in majestic and severe Antarctica, chronicling the nearly forgotten story of the Ross Sea party who sailed on the Aurora at the beginning of World War I to support Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914–1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. There is so much more to this story. Boyer is an excellent researcher and a powerful story teller.

January Open House:

Mark your calendar for the first Museum Open House in 2024 - January 28. With just a little over two weeks to go until Valentine's Day, this will be the perfect place to indulge your creative self and make some Valentines. We will provide the fancy materials and will have plenty of table space so that you can spread out. Children of all ages are more than welcome. It's also an opportunity to see our collection of Victorian era Valentines. We'll be open from 2pm-5pm - no charge.

As you can see we are already lining up so many events for the year. Please try to attend as many as you can. We also need your help in our advertising department. Please repost any flyers or print and post wherever you can. We work hard to schedule great events throughout the year. Keep checking the Facebook page and our very wonderful Website and share. Encourage folks to join and a gift of membership works great. If you would like to be more involved email us and we will get back to you with so many opportunities. This is a great group. If you love Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Reminderville, you will love us. Hope to see some of you at our next program.

Special Program on 2/24/2024, "Unity Celebration" will be at 1PM at the First Congregational Church Twinsburg. (9050 Church St.)

First Burial at Locust Grove Cemetery

The first burial at Locust Grove Cemetery took place on July 5, 1846 when 83 year old James Henri was laid to rest. He was the oldest man in town at the time of his death. Having outgrown the first public burying ground and wanting to keep a memorial ground more substantial than home farms, Ethan Alling purchased the land, graded it, added fencing, and planted locust trees. In 1860, a stone fence was constructed to replace the original fence. The roadway leading to the cemetery was deeded in 1870 by Lewis Alling. The stone vault was constructed around 1872, used for storing bodies throughout the colder months until they could be properly buried once the ground was no longer frozen.

Information from

-Twinsburg, Ohio, 1817-1917 by Lena M. Carter

2024

February Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 2/6/2024, **Special Program**, 7PM, Riley House. Book Program by author Marion Starling Boyer.
- 2/7/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.
- 2/24/2024, **Special Program**, 1PM, First Congregational Church, "Unity Celebration".
- 2/25/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 3/6/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.
- 3/24/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 4/3/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.
- 4/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 5/1/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.
- 5/26/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 6/5/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.
- 6/30/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.
- 7/3/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.
- 7/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

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Founding of Twinsburg

Ethan Alling left for Ohio with three hired men, Zeri Alling, Rodolphus (called Tom) Wolcott and Lex Johnson on March 3, 1817. A sawmill was built in 1817 and a gristmill was built in 1818. In 1818, a frame barn and part of a frame house were also built. Joel N. Thompson ran a distillery in 1821.

In July 1817, Ezra Osborn arrived and settled in the western part of the township. She had "the distinction of being the first woman to be a settler in the town."

First Railroad Comes To Twinsburg

The Connotton Valley R.R. was built in 1880 running "one-half mile east of the center" of town. It went from Cleveland to Canton and for years was known as the Wheeling and Lake Erie. The railroad brought the telegraph to Twinsburg. The American Rapid Telegraph Co. originally operated the Connotton Valley railway lines but eventually became the Postal Telegraph Co. In 1882, the first telegraph office in Twinsburg was established with Fred. B. Barber as the person in charge. Information from "Twinsburg, Ohio 1817-1917" by Lena M. Carter (p. 133-134).



Are you a person that just wants to get involved with the Historical Society as a volunteer? Please consider signing up as a THS Volunteer. It is simple, Just fill out the Volunteer Information Sheet and we will put you on our Volunteer list. When things come up we will contact you and give you dates, times and what we need help with. You can download the form by scanning this QR Code. You can also fill out the online form on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

(We have tried to accommodate everyone's level of technology for this)

Update: Riley House Roof Follow up.

We would like to thank all that helped by donating to the Riley Roof Fund. The total expense from Jilek Roofing was \$12,890 and we thank Jim and his crew for working with us on the roofs of all of our buildings. Total donations received, to date, that were designated to the "Riley Roof" has been \$3580. We appreciate those who have sent in donations and will continue to accept any and all future funds received. All donations received are tax deductible. We will continue to update you on all donations received. Thank you.

Please note:

*Our Facebook page is open to all for sharing historical information or old picture. It is a great way to drop great information and tasty historical tidbits. It is **NOT** for advertising or discussions about local issues or politics. We are a non-partisan group dedicated to the preservation of and participation in the history of our three communities. If you are not sure don't post. Send us a private message, email or give us a call.*

"The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present."

David P Thelen

Renewing Members:

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SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD,

OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Part 11

even in midsummer, hanging on the line from the rear corner of her house, a cake was just out of the oven, heavily frosted, and she was at home. Swearing allegiance to her flag, I marched to the fluttering colors in quick time. Aunt Jean enjoyed, I am sure upon my mature reflection, the appreciation bestowed upon her talents.

We visited.

On our own farm, there were four successive tenants each of whom worked the farm and occupied the rear half of the large house. Our family lived in the front half of the house and the so-called cottage on the east side of the road. Father commuted to Cleveland from the whistle-stop one half mile south of us where the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad crossed 91.

The earliest of the tenants in my memory was the family of Denton "Dent" Leach, a rough and ready type who operated under the watchful eye of a large and effectively daunting, red-haired Mrs. Leach. Young as I was, I was made aware of the running feud between Mrs. Leach and John Schmalzle who could most entertainingly expound upon her idiosyncrasies.

The Leaches were succeeded by the family of William Hirschman, a solid couple whose family grew to five children, the eldest about 2 years younger than I. Will Hirschman was a cattle dealer, but he kept a few dairy cattle and took hay and sometimes grain from the land.

Most of my growing up and my first paid work was for good Farmer Hirschman. His team of grays named Die and Doc were the first of a long line of

This Month in History: February

1937 Federal Old Age Pensions Started

2006 Sago Mine Disaster West Virginia

1994 Skater Nancy Kerrigan was about to speak to reporters in Detroit, Michigan when she was suddenly attacked.

1946 The first General Assembly of the United Nations Meeting

1952 "Today" Program Begins on NBC

1991 Iraq attacks Tel Aviv, and Haifa, with Scud missiles

1901 Queen Victoria passed away in the Osborne House on the Isle of Wight

1973 US president, Richard Nixon, appears on national television to announce "peace with honors" in Vietnam.

1964 The 24th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is Ratified

1945 Soviet troops enter Auschwitz, Poland

Trivia Challenge:

What did Princeton researchers Ernest Wever and Charles Bray do in 1929?

- A. Turned a live cat into a working telephone.
- B. Discovered LSD
- C. Invented the first Computer
- D. Distilled the first bottle of Absinthe.

Answer: A. Wever and Bray removed the skull and most of the brain of a live cat and connected its auditory nerve to an electrode. When one researcher spoke into the cat's ear, the sound was seemingly converted, among the cat's neurons, into an electrical signal that was transmitted through the electrode and a connecting wire to a telephone in a separate room. (I know it was kinda gross. Sorry)

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