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This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Roy Meier, one of our trustees, who was killed in a tragic accident several days ago. Roy had been a trustee of the society for many years and served as our membership chairman until a few months ago. He was one of the hardest working, most dedicated people I have known. He was not a native of Twinsburg but was always interested in learning more about its history. He even researched the history of his own home and had a specially made Century Home sign with the date of construction included. Roy worked nonstop to keep our membership list updated, always looked for creative ways to increase our membership, and spent many hours making sure our new membership chairperson was comfortable taking over when he retired. He was always asking questions, proposing ideas, and suggesting solutions for problems. He would argue passionately for an idea, but always graciously accepted the decision if he was outvoted. In the last few years, he spent countless hours producing a "Year in Review" document which included highlights of the previous year for our organization. Roy was present for almost every historical society event, even when he had other more pressing matters to worry about. He has left some big shoes to fill! We extend our condolences to his family. Rest in peace, Roy. We will miss you.

Barn Fund Raiser Update:

Donations received so far total \$3291.53 and we thank everyone who has donated to this point. **A Great start, but we still need more!!** The Barn and the metal roof are in need of a fresh coat of paint and the Mail Pouch sign needs touched up too! We are in need of approx. \$50,000 to cover the costs of this much needed work and are reaching out to our members, friends, supporters and community for your help. All donations are tax deductible and we have Our Super Donor who will match up to \$10,000 when we hit that \$10,000 mark. Please help us preserve and maintain this historic downtown building!! You can get more info on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

You can also make your donations by mailing your check to the above address or through by PayPal by using this QR Code:



CALLING ALL BAKERS! It won't be long before it's Olde Thyme Fayre time. It's actually as late as it can be this year (Sept. 12th & 13th) because it's always held the first weekend after Labor Day, and this year Labor Day falls on the 7th.

One big difference will be the Bake Sale. For many years, Betsy Diersing and Susan Engeman, professional bakers, provided us with an incredible Bake Sale, donating all of their proceeds to the Historical Society - several hundred dollars every year! They can't do it this year, but Joan Ponter is organizing a new version. She is asking for donations of home-baked goods and planning a sale on Saturday, the 12th. It will start at 11:00 and last until the bakery is all sold. If interested in helping please call or text Joan at 216-548-4969. We'll be grateful for any help!

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2026

August Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

July:

7/26/2026, Open House, 2PM-5PM, Museum.

August:

8/5/2026, Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, Museum.

8/7/2026, Special Twins Days Open House, 12PM-3PM, Museum.

8/12/2026, **Special Program**, Local Author Series. David Painter, will present at the Riley House, 6:30PM. See article in newsletter.

8/15/2026, **Special Outing**, Twinsburg Historical Society and the Greenbridge Teahouse, Summer Social. 12:30PM-3:30PM. Cost \$10/person. See info in Newsletter.

8/26/2026, **Special Program**, "Geneva on the lake. A history of Ohio's first summer resort" by Wendy Koile. Doors open at 6:30PM, Program starts 7:00PM

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September:

9/2/2026, Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, Museum.

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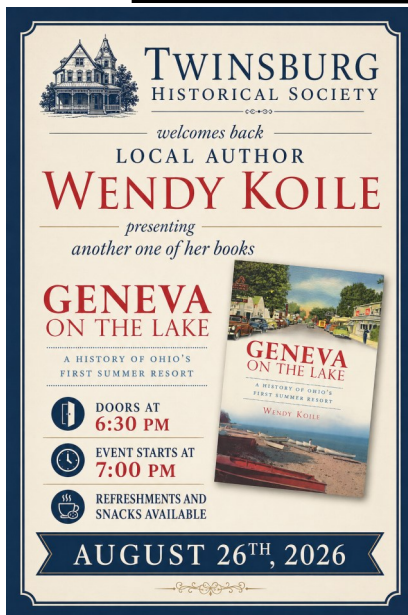
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We are continuing our Local Writer's Series with an evening with local poet, David Painter. We will gather at the Riley House on **Wednesday August 12** on Liberty Road at 6:30. He will read some of his poems and answer questions about his work, his process and any other questions you might have. All are welcome, no reservations necessary. He will have copies of his books to purchase so if you are interested bring cash or check. Hope to see you there.

BARN CLEANUP

The inside of the Barn is looking much better thanks to some dedicated workers on June 24. Several Trustees were joined by Cindi Kurt, David Wales, Ashton Phillips, and (of course) Andy Krupa in moving items from the stalls, cleaning, and - in general - got the Barn ready for the June 28 Open House. We thank you all!



She is back!!!!

On August 26, 2026, we will have Wendy Koile back to present another one of her books.

She will be talking about her book, "Geneva on the lake. A history of Ohio's first summer resort" This should be a fascinating look at Geneva on the Lake.

Doors will open at 6:30 PM

Presentation will start at 7:00 PM

Refreshments will be provided.

She will have copies of some of her books available for you to purchase.

Wendy has presented her different books several times for us and this event is well attended. Don't miss it!!

The Historical Society is joining with the Greenbridge Teahouse for a Summer Social on Saturday, August 15 from 12:30 to 3:30. There will be their special strawberry shortcake and your choice of iced tea or old-fashioned lemonade, all made right there. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from the Historical Society via Venmo (See QRCode). Walk ins will be welcome on the day. Food can be purchased in the Parlor and can be enjoyed the Courtyard Patio, the 82 Side Porch or in any of the picnic spots in the newly renovated Square. What a great way to enjoy a summer day in Twinsburg with the Historical Society and the Greenbridge Teahouse.

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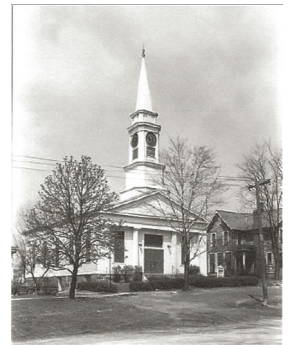
250 Celebration Twinsburg. We brought our ever-popular marble game and our rotary phone complete with dial tone. Kids had a chance to guess the number of candies in a jar and the lucky winner out of 55 entrees was Joe. Congratulations The turnout was great and the rain held off long enough for everyone to visit our table before lining up for rock the Park.

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Renewing & New Members:

Raymond Griffith Allen (8yrs)
Gregg Charbonnet (9yrs)
Rhonda Crawford (NEW)
Barbara Rudy (8yrs)
Donna Beck (3yrs)
Carol Stafinski (NEW)
Jill Jewell Mathiew (10yrs)
Marilyn Maenza (10 yrs)
Cecilia Leonard (7yrs)
Steve & Karen Murphy (23yrs)
Chuck & Kathy Bonacci (10yrs)



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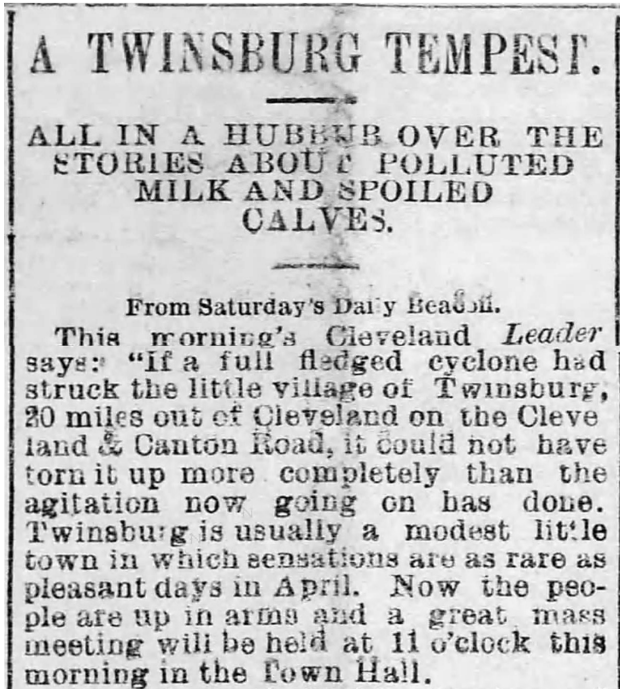
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Dr. Seth Freeman Series

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1887 – Dr. Freeman was a member of the Summit County Board of Health. In April, the Cleveland and Akron newspapers reported the dispute over several weeks in He created a tempest when he reported that the Dairy farms in Twinsburg and the milk, they produced was unhealthy and unfit for consumption. one of his neighbors. Dr. Freeman presented the problem to the Township Trustees that 40 cases of cholera morbus had occurred. He wrote a letter to the State Board of Health. He reported he found the remains of several dead caves and sheep laying in the fields sloping down the creek. He complained that the waste curd and

wehy from the cheese factories was a contributing factor. The result was killing the fish in Tinkers Creek. The Dairy Cow's drank from the creek and contaminated the milk. Two health department officers from Cleveland came to Twinsburg to investigate.

1892 – When he turned 62, Dr. Freeman moved his practice to the Kendal building in Cleveland near Public Square. Dr. Freeman likely rode the Train from Twinsburg to the Cleveland Terminal Tower and walked to his office. He later moved his medical practice to 262 Prospect Avenue.

1895 - Twinsburg's Central High School had a graduating class of three, including Edison Freeman. His brother Ray graduated in a class of four in 1903.

Alumni of Twinsburg High School	
motto: <i>Altimus in factis, non annis</i>	
CLASS COLORS Pink and Green	
CLASS ROLL	
Miss Edna Lane Miss Louva Scoutten	Mr. Ray Freeman Mr. Manley Culhan
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C. B. Lane, Pres. H. A. Bissell Thomas Bell O. O. Kelsey	H. E. Post Geo. Walton G. L. Rorabeck N. Walt A. W. Carrier, Principal of School
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This Month in History: August

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 11, 1841 - Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave, spoke before an audience in the North for the first time. During an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island, he gave a powerful, emotional account of his life as a slave. He was immediately asked to become a full-time lecturer for the Massachusetts Antislavery Society.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

Trivia Challenge:

What famous writer was born in 1564?

- A. Moliere
- B. William Shakespeare
- C. Geoffrey Chaucer
- D. John Milton

Answer: B
William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and baptized there on April 26, 1564. His actual date of birth remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on April 23.



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TWINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

welcomes back

LOCAL AUTHOR

WENDY KOILE

presenting

another one of her books

GENEVA ON THE LAKE

A HISTORY OF OHIO'S
FIRST SUMMER RESORT



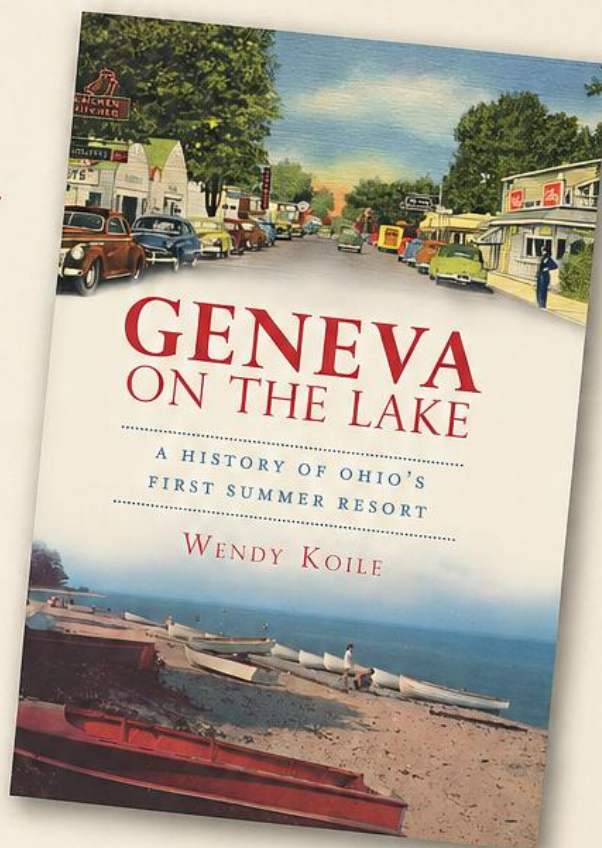
DOORS AT
6:30 PM



EVENT STARTS AT
7:00 PM



REFRESHMENTS AND
SNACKS AVAILABLE



AUGUST 26TH, 2026

THE TWINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

invites you to a

Summer Social

GREEN BRIDGE TEAHOUSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
12:30 – 3:30 PM



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PER PERSON

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*The Twinsburg Historical Society
requests your presence
at our:*

"BARN PAINTING FUNDRAISER"

The Freeman Barn is in need of maintenance to preserve the heritage of this structure. Twinsburg Historical society hosts many events and programs utilizing this barn.

This is a "Non-Event Event"!! You don't have to leave home or put on your work clothes. Instead, put on your favorite comfy clothes and relax and donate to the cause!!

You can make your donation through PayPal or by sending us your check. Please use either method below:

Scan this QR Code and use PayPal:



Donations will be
accepted starting on
6/20/2026 and
continue till we
reach our goal.

Checks can be made out and sent to:

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This fund raiser will help us raise the \$50,000 needed to cover the recoating of the metal roof and painting of the exterior of the building which includes preserving the "Mail Pouch" sign.

Donations received up to \$10,000 will be matched by our anonymous "Super Donor"

Donation Levels:

\$25 Helper	\$500 Lift Operator
\$50 Laborer	\$1000 Foreman
\$100 Painter	\$2000+ Barn CEO
\$250 Barn VIP	



The Twinsburg Historical Society aims to inspire the community, by collecting, preserving and exhibiting artifacts from the city's past and fostering connections to people and ideas.

***The Twinsburg Historical Society, is a 501c(3), nonprofit, we rely on your
generous tax deductible donations to meet these needs.***

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