

Our Mission

To preserve, restore, and open the Shaker buildings and surrounding grounds known as the North Family of White Water Shaker Village; to collect and exhibit artifacts related to the site for the cultural enrichment of the public; to educate the public about this unique part of our nation's historical legacy.



Photograph from private collection

The White Water Broom Shop

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*Join us in protecting
and preserving the*

WHITE WATER SHAKER VILLAGE

A gem of Ohio's past



White Water Shaker Village was established near Harrison, Ohio in 1823 and thrived until 1916 when the community closed. White Water is the only surviving Shaker village of the five founded in Ohio. The surviving twenty-two buildings are sentinels to a bygone era, including two dwellings, three shops, the only brick Shaker meeting house, a trustees' office, barns, smoke houses, milk house and more. White Water is important because so much remains in its original, rural agricultural setting.

Yes! I would like to join the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.

Each new Sponsor, Patron and WW Society member receives a free copy of *Pleasant Hill Shaker Furniture* by Kerry Pierce. All members receive an invitation to the annual Meeting House Anniversary Celebration and our newsletters.

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- STUDENT \$15
- INDIVIDUAL \$30
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Who were the Shakers?

Persecuted in England for exuberant worship, Mother Ann Lee's small band of "Shaking Quakers" arrived in Albany, NY in 1774. Formally known as the United Society of Christ's Second Appearing, this religious communal society quickly grew into 24 self-sufficient villages under leaders that followed Mother Ann. Known today as the "Shakers", these people chose a peaceful life separated from the world and are admired for their simplicity, work ethic, and craftsmanship.

The Shakers at White Water

The Shakers came to southwestern Ohio in 1805 (near Lebanon) and were drawn by a Methodist revival to southern Butler County in 1823. The community found a permanent home along the Dry Fork of the White Water River in Hamilton County where they built their brick meeting house in 1827 and the brick dwelling in 1832. The community prospered, expanding to three semi-autonomous Shaker families over the next twenty years. Following declining membership, the community closed in 1916 and the farm land and buildings were sold to area farmers. The Great Parks of Hamilton County purchased a large part of the site in 1989-1991.



Our Challenges at White Water

Responding to public interest in the White Water Shaker community, the Friends of White Water Shaker Village was organized in 2002. In 2007, the Friends leased the North Family buildings and acreage from Great Parks to preserve and restore these historically and architecturally significant structures and open them to the public. The Friends of White Water Shaker Village receives no financial support from Great Parks.

The North Family historic site provides a window into Shaker life during the 19th century. These buildings are being restored. Your assistance will allow us to maintain, restore and open these buildings to the public.



How you can help

- The Friends of White Water Shaker Village is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Your donations and membership are exempt from state and federal taxes.
- There are many volunteer opportunities - from yard work, building restoration projects, painting, creating exhibits, and writing articles for the newsletters.
- Donations of cash or appreciated stock may be made to the Friends of White Water Shaker Village via the Hedda von Goeben Endowment at The Dayton Foundation
<www.daytonfoundation.org>

