

PRESERVATION OF THE PAST IS A GIFT TO THE FUTURE

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We are happy to announce that sales of The Heritage of Port Clinton have been such that the expense of printing has been recouped. We are proud of the fact that the Port Clinton grade schools are using the book as resource for teaching Port Clinton history. You will also find it on the Internet with other microfilmed materials available through the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. Copies are on file at the Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Mansfield, Ohio, and in the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana - the foremost research libraries in our area.

We are now banking funds with which we will be able to have architects' drawings made for the addition to the museum building. The Board feels that the drawings are necessary before anything else can be done toward having the addition built. The curator has been speaking to organizations around the county and not asking for contributions, but for their support when we are ready to move forward.

Since the manuscript of Heritage went off to the publisher, the staff (for so I consider myself, Clarabelle Bothe, Marti Grindstaff, and any others we can find) have made a major effort at collecting and copying old photographs of the county, and collecting information on all the churches of the county. Clarabelle makes a plea for pictures of businesses in operation before 1930. We will make a copy of the picture and return in to the owner.

Clarabelle has gone through the vertical files filled with clippings by so many volunteers over a three-year period, culled out redundancies, and organized the remains. We now have four file-drawers of vertical files. These are our best reference materials for researchers of all ages, and we serve quite a few. Marti Brown allowed us to copy her tape of the 1982 News Six presentation by Jefferson Elementary School which her son, Ben Roberts, worked on and on which Curator Elizabeth Denney was interviewed. Last year Wanda Shirkey brought her independent study students from Jefferson Elementary to research their subjects and tape segments and repeated the efforts this year, giving us copies of the results. She encouraged Louise Bergman, the other Port Clinton independent study teacher, to use the museum for assistance for her students. We were also interviewed by News Center Six for this year's presentation and look forward to having a copy of that show for our archives.

One of the features of the addition to the museum will be a full room for the archives in which we hope to have any and all literary materials referring to Ottawa County. If you have writings or books about the area and would be willing to donate them, please contact the museum. Another room will be used to store clothing items in a manner that will protect them for future generations. We have discouraged donations of larger pieces because we haven't the storage protection they deserve.

The heirs of Edith Minderman donated her books to the Ottawa County Genealogical Society. The hard-bound books were placed in the Genealogical section of Ida Rupp Library, making that area and excellent resource for anyone researching New England. The loose leaf materials can be used at the museum. All the

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quarterlies of the Connecticut Nutmegger are available from Barbara Bailey, Museum Curator/Genealogical Society Secretary.

The original materials of the First Families of Ottawa County have been microfilmed at Bowling Green Archives and returned to the museum. The films are available at the Ida Rupp Library for use in the microfilm reader-printer. The originals can be seen here. It is a pleasure to have genealogists of the local area coming to the museum for research.

Perhaps you noticed the tulips and daffodils blooming in front of the museum. they were donated and planted by Port Clinton Girl Scouts last fall. We'll try to continue to make our museum more attractive with more plantings and cleaning up our "backdrop", the elevation.



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