

Wish List

Information and history on county businesses.

We are beginning a project of "Preserving the Present for the Future." We don't want to wait for 50 years to begin collecting current information on our businesses. We have begun to ask local businesses to provide us with their history, photographs and brochures or other information to help build a picture of how Ottawa County is today.

New Volunteers to help out during the quieter days of the off-season. We need help sorting and filing news articles from the past and identifying old photos. We also have computer work—learn a new skill—we will train you! Call Wayne Walter at 419-797-0186 or 419-732-2237.

More Visitors! Our best "open" days are when we have lots of visitors. Call Peggy at 419-732-1039 to make an appointment for a visit outside of normal open hours.

Monetary Donations—Please consider the museum for your end of year giving. We operate entirely on donations and memberships.

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Greetings from the Curator!

In the mid-1970s, when I was stationed in England, the London Times ran a photo from Port Clinton showing a man dwarfed by the large blocks of ice blown up from the lake onto the road. I had seen that happen when I was growing up, but to the British, it was truly an incredible sight. We have a few photos, but if you have any pictures or info about the ice, we'd love it if you would share them.

Peggy Debiens, Curator

P.S. My apologies to Sam Conte for misspelling his name—I knew better!

We are looking for donations of books and printed booklets about the history of Ottawa County. For example:

The History of Elmore by Grace Leubcke

Our Ottawa County with a photo of Perry's monument on the cover

Histories of any areas around the county

Thank you for Memorial Donations—In memory of:

Emily Kuzma—Joyce and Virgil Murphy

Tom McRitchie—Mr&Mrs: Dan Almendinger, Joe Brenner, Lee Bredbeck, Rudy Dracka, Jack Menier, John Stefano, Todd Warnicke, James Wolf, John Kocher, Lockwood Zeis, Max McLaury, William Kyle, Frederick Hany; Mr&Mrs Jerry Wittman and family, Connie & Kim Carter, Joan Englebeck & Bobbie Schmidt, Molly Kavanaugh, Frank Wiewandt, Christopher Ohm, Casey Lambert, John Walker.

Kevin Boger—Mr&Mrs Lockwood Zeis.

THANK YOU for the following recent donations:

Bill and Marge Benedict—antique clothing and personal items

Jeanne Huskey—photos from the estate of Dorothy Gulau

Kathryn Rudes—digitized photos of family and Port Clinton

Paul Berndt—digitized photos of local area and boats

Marie Packert—Pat Jeremy's book *Military Families of Ottawa County, 1776-1900*

Paul Moon—1904 Advertising diary from H. Heineman, Lakeshore House (see next page)

Jim Widmer for copies of postcards of the period around 1908, the year the Ida Rupp Public Library was founded by the Port Clinton Literary and Social Club

Kay Eberth—book *Memories of Genoa, Ohio, 1868-1968*

Lakeside Heritage Society—book *A Pictorial History of Lakeside, Ohio*

Coffee with the Curator: January 21st, February 18th, and March 18th, 10a.m. to noon. Our first coffee attracted visitors in search of information on the old I.O.O.F. building, most recently known as Gallery on the Lake. We were able to find additional photos and info for them to take away. Stop by for coffee and chatter!

For those of you who have not renewed your membership—a renewal card is enclosed. For those who have renewed—THANK YOU!

