

We're looking for:

- Miner's hat
- Photos we can scan
- **No more ink cartridges for now**
- Old Photos
- Archeological Atlas of Ohio by Wm. Mills (re: Indians)
- Old brochures and printed material
- Tickets for movies, ferry rides, circuses
- Local D.A.R. programs, minutes

Thank You!

Anonymous—Master's thesis on draining of the Great Black Swamp.

Clair Jeremy—info on EASTERN STATES/WESTERN STATES passenger steamers at Put-in-Bay with photos

Paul & Bill Moon—photos of Matthews

work for the U.S. Army
Carol Foss—19th/early 20th century stove-top "cookers" from Martin

Bill Moon—architectural drawings of PC lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's boathouse.

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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016—2017

Port Clinton, Ohio



an overview of the past

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First Edition

From the Curator: "History is hot!!" So said Paul Moon at a recent meeting, and we did have a lot going on in Ottawa County in 2016—the Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy placed the lighthouse just north of Derby Pond; Ottawa County Historical Society published a beautiful book on history for the 175th anniversary of the county; Ottawa County Museum board member George Wight with photo help from

volunteer Chuck Grindstaff, wrote a smaller book (see cover above left) for the schools on the history of Port Clinton. The lighthouse and the historical society have had loads of publicity for their projects; **so what has the museum been doing?** We were the **research center** for all three of these projects and I was one of the researchers for specific sections of the anniversary book. We provided the PC Lighthouse Conservancy with volunteer **Chuck Grindstaff's detailed research on the lighthouse** and he provided old photos for their brochures, presentations, and publicity. **We did the same, on a larger scale,** with photos and research for the 175th anniversary book, giving writers complete access to our holdings.

On other projects, **we provided author Wendy Koile photos and background** for her book *Disasters of Ohio's Lake Erie Islands*, **John Gibson** info on local prohibition action for **his class at Terra's Elder College**, **American Pickers** photos for their TV program on Don Rhodes's wonderful collection, and we **responded to many requests** for photos, articles, and information about Ottawa County. I would like you to know that, even though we are not in the news as much as some other organizations, **your museum is a vital part of virtually every history project in the county.** We are like that duck that swims calmly on the lake, but is paddling furiously below the surface. We enjoy it and want to thank you for your support!

Peggy

MEMORIALS

For John Fritz—Lock & Janie Zeis

MEMBERSHIP CLARIFICATION: Our membership year runs from 1 May through 30 April of the following year, not on a calendar year basis. Past membership applications did not make this clear, so they have been revised. We will be sending out renewal requests with the next newsletter.

Port Clinton Lighthouse Photo Exhibit Ottawa County Museum
****Photos by amateurs and pros** Add your photo or "selfie" to the exhibit!**
(details other side of this newsletter)

Get ready—shoot! Do you like to take photos of the Port Clinton Lighthouse? Then, this is for you! Beginning now, we are accepting up to two 5"x7" or 4"x6" photo prints from individuals for display in the museum all summer. This is not a contest, but an opportunity for everyone to see each others' creativity, just as many of you have already shown on Facebook. We will have an area for artistic or realistic photos, and we are also planning to display "selfies" that include the lighthouse. We have a committee working on the plans, and we have the first photo (below). We will be asking you to give us permission to keep and use your photos, but in any case, we probably will not be able to return them. You can stop in when we are open, mail them in, or hang them on a door in a plastic bag. We want hundreds of photos! (Applications at Museum and Library.)

History Mysteries—sort of. Peggy Debien is writing a history of Erie Gardens for a new Historical Society book, which will be Volume 7 or 8 in the People of Ottawa County series. She needs photos and stories from people who lived there in the past or are living there now. On 11 Feb, at 2 pm, she gave a program at Ida Rupp Public Library on what she has found, and she invited the audience to share their stories and photos that day. Please call her at 419-732-1039 if you have any info about "The Gardens." Peggy is also collecting stories and photos of Dubytown on West Perry St. and would love to hear from anyone with info about that neighborhood. (Thelma Duby Cutcher and Rudy Dracka are helping us, too.)

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Clair Jeremy



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First entry in the Lighthouse Photo Exhibit (by Clair Jeremy)

Clair Jeremy joined the museum volunteers after the Port Clinton lighthouse was commissioned. His family has been associated with the lighthouse since his grandfather saved it for posterity rather than burning it as the Coast Guard directed. Perhaps this lighthouse reignited Clair's interest in history. As a volunteer he greets visitors and helps with whatever needs to be done, including displays, repairs, and research. We hope he will continue to pursue his interest in Great Lakes commercial shipping; he is already putting together information on this subject. He has a vast knowledge of local marinas and commercial boating in the county because Jeremy's Marina built many of the marinas in the county and at the islands, and Clair helped with the family business from the time when he was a little tyke.