

### ***We're looking for:***

- 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!**

**Joan Pugh**—aerial photo of PC Yacht Club

**Joe Gall**—Miner's hard hat worn by his uncle Tituz Tomor in the American Gypsum Co. mine (later Celotex).

**Ethel Wilber**—National Bank advertising ashtray; pictures

**Don Gresbach**—large framed photos of Walleye Festival, Island House, and Put-in-Bay harbor

**Dave Thompson**—1881 Ottawa County Reporter, book *Delphine*, more

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## **OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM**

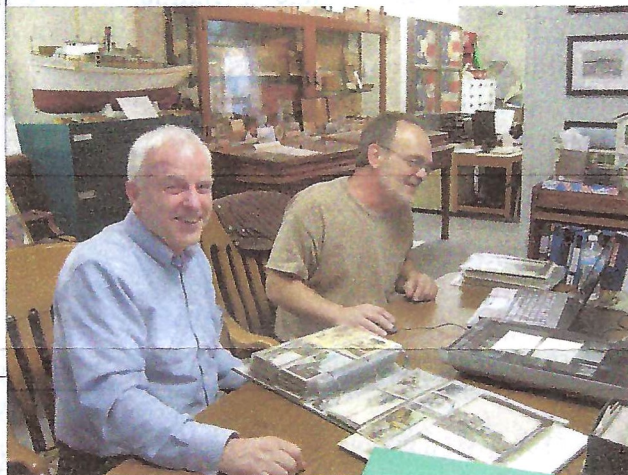
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### **NEWSLETTER**

**Spring 2017**



Hello, friends! Pictured here are two kindred spirits, Jeff Brown on the left with volunteer Chuck Grindstaff. They are scanning mostly Port Clinton photos that Jeff has collected over the years. Jeff grew up in PC, but attended high school in Huron. His (late) brother Dave was in my PCHS class of 1965. Jeff has the best collection of PC photos outside our museum collection that we have ever seen, and we are

grateful for his taking the time to allow Chuck to scan them. Jeff is also working on a book about the photographer Ernst Niebergall, who was a local professional photographer. We had some Niebergall postcards that Jeff had never seen, so we shared them with him for the upcoming book. Jeff has also brought us other items related to PC history and military items from his brother Dave.

We have a number of donated Hardesty and Goodman Atlases, many of which are badly deteriorated. Chuck Grindstaff selected the two in the worst shape, falling apart, and Clair Jeremy is making a display in our large flip charts so that everyone can see the original maps, etchings, and photos from the atlases without handling the very delicate books. We expect this to be ready by late May. We also have on hand the newer reproduction atlases produced by the Ottawa County Genealogical Society and these are available for perusing and copying at any time.

*Peggy*

**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 are sending out renewal requests with the newsletter.

**Another point:** On the member list, some of you have a # to indicate you paid for this coming year, May 2017 through April 2018. If you think you should be marked for paying ahead, please call or e-mail Peggy. We have included membership applications for everyone, paid or not, in case you who are paid might want to give a donation. Thank you for your membership—dues and donations are our primary source of operating funds.

P.S. We were so sorry to lose John Fritz last year, but Peggy forgot to mark that on the member list- Please call her at home if you notice any other errors.

**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)**



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

**Get ready—shoot!** Do you like to take photos of the Port Clinton Lighthouse? Then, this is for you! 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 (left) and several others. 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.)

Have you ever noticed that the Adams St. railroad underpass is narrower than all the others? Or the difference in heights and widths of all the Port Clinton railroad underpasses? Something to think about. . . From Joe Gall, who lives near the Adams Street underpass.



These are our newest—and youngest—volunteers to date. From left are teacher Scott Cross, students Gilbert Mowery, Blake Muddiman, and Tristan Laird. They are helping us do some "jobs" that are difficult for us less agile folks to do. They are making our displays all neat and shiny—Scott first takes a photo of the display cabinet they are going to clean. Then Blake gets down on his knees and removes everything carefully and Gilbert dusts each item. While Gilbert is dusting, Tristan takes the Windex to the glass, dusts the shelf and front and makes it sparkingly clear. We do not always realize how dusty things are until we take them out, but we KNOW they are dusty because it's been many years since they were cleaned. They use Scott's photo to put everything back into place and get the labels right. They have been a real joy to have in the museum once a week. Thank you Gilbert, Blake, Tristen, and Mr. Cross—plus Dianne Rosiar and Jan Gluth for hooking us up with these great boys!



Ottawa County Museum—See our latest historic photos on our Facebook page. Many of these photos were scanned from Jeff Brown's collection.

Does anyone remember "Girls Wrestling" bouts in Port Clinton in 1955? Midge Steel and Sussie Starr faced off at the Armory on Valentine's Day! (Valentine's Day was probably not such a big deal pre-Hallmark times.) Look for the ad in a future newsletter.

**History Mystery**—Do anyone know anything about the relationship between the late Capt L.M. Clemens of Marblehead, Ohio, and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)? In 1938, a local newspaper wrote about the first Clemens reunion in 50 years, which took place at the former home of the late Captain L.M. Clemens in Marblehead. The 17 cousins who attended were grandchildren of Alexander Clemens who was a cousin of Mark Twain. Three of the cousins' fathers received gold medals for saving the lives of five men from the wreck of the Consuelo in Lake Erie. Another article says John Clemons traveled from Portland, Maine to be the first Clemons in Marblehead and that he was a relative of Mark Twain. The relationship of Captain L.M. Clemens of Marblehead and Samuel Clemens is unclear from the articles in the museum.

Does anyone have a genealogy the confirms that Samuel Clemens is a relative of any of the local Clemens/Clemons family? Is there any oral history or legend in this area about the relationship?