

We're looking for:

- Photos we can scan
- Ink cartridges
- 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!

Alison Falls—books and artifacts from the Holt cottage at Rock Ledge

Rona Rothschild—Two works of art by Virginia Zafirau (see other side of newsltr)

Linda Apling—German Helmet

Joe Gall—miner's helmet and carbide lamp from American Gypsum Co., worn by Joe's uncle, Tituz Tomor

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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

—Hello, members! This summer, we are busy using funds donated by our two biggest grant makers: The **Ottawa County Community Foundation** donation will allow us to reprint our museum brochures. The **Stensen Foundation** grant will help us replace two exterior storm windows, repair two broken glass display cases (one donated by the PC VFW), and improve the lighting in the new part of the museum. We could not operate without these grants and we say THANK YOU! to the foundations that support us!

—This next information goes under the category of “You never know . . .” Sharon Ostling Snyder donated papers and photos she found when she and Snip were getting her parents’ house in order. Among the papers was a copy of a letter from Erie Army Depot HQ to Howard Ostling in 1965. The letter states that on 12 December 1963, the Secretary of Defense announced that EAD:

—would be phased out and closed not later than 31 December 1966

—would have a Reduction in Force (RIF) on 30 September 1966 or earlier

—would keep a few employees until the final closure date.

I say “you never know . . .” to alert our members and people interested in local history because this letter, while it looks very straightforward, confirms some closure dates for EAD that were not on hand in the museum, except perhaps in news articles. Keep us in mind when you are putting your things in order—we are happy to get anything related to Ottawa County! “You never know . . .”

—The historic Port Clinton lift bridge will be close to vehicles and pedestrians from October 14, 2017 through May 25, 2018. Prior to the bridge closure, there will be lane restrictions for concrete repairs and work on the control buildings. The waterway beneath the bridge will be closed to boat traffic from December 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Prior to the waterway closing to boat traffic, it may be restricted to half the river, but boat access will be maintained. Please remember that all construction projects and timelines are weather permitting. To receive weekly updates on this project as it approaches, sign up at <http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHDOT/subscriber/new?qsp=CODE RED>.

Peggy

MEMORIAL

in memory of **Barbara Bailey** from **Eric and Teri Bailey**

Mea Culpa! Apologies to Susie Payne who was not marked as a 2017—2018 member in the last newsletter even though she had paid ahead. And to Sandy Zenser whose name (last on the list alphabetically) dropped off the list more than once—and she still gave us a donation. Thank you both!

Paraphrased testimonial from two visitors from Vermont: *We visit small museums wherever we travel. This is one of the best small museums in terms of organization and labeling that we have ever seen.* And they left a generous donation! Thank you, Vermonters!



Rona Rothschild donated this beautiful watercolor painted by Virginia Zafirau in the 1970s. Information with the artwork indicated it is the Libben farm house. But we don't think so. Do any of our readers recognize it?



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

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History

Mystery ▲▲▲▲▲▲▲▲

In 1967, Archie King donated two stained glass windows which we believe were in the 1889 Trinity Methodist Church. Can anyone confirm the church? We cannot tell from the B&W photos we have.

Do you have any antique tools?

Alison Falls donated this item found in the Holt cottage at Rock Ledge. The tin and wooden "pusher" are each about 14" long. We think it is a sausage stuffer. Are we right? ►►



Did you know?

According to a PC Herald article from February 1953, Camp Perry served as a prison "Honor Camp" of the Ohio State Reformatory of Mansfield, housing about 30 inmates and six guards from Mansfield. This apparently lasted from 1952 to 1960. Please call or e-mail the museum if you have more info on this role of Camp Perry. Thanks to volunteer Linda Kresser, we now have a file of news articles on this subject if you would like to know more.