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ANNOUNCING TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS !

The War of 1812 – The Role of the Area Now Known as Marion County, Ohio

In conjunction with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, the Marion County Historical Society has released its latest publication. *The War of 1812 – The Role of the Area Now Known as Marion County, Ohio* features a review of key events of the war from national, state and local perspectives.

While Marion County did not officially exist in 1812, there were certainly events taking place in the area that were impacted by the war. Among these were the impact of the Greenville Treaty Line, the use of war roads throughout the area, the building of Fort Morrow and an infamous military action that became known as Drake's Folly. Information is also shared on prominent early settlers, 1812 era cemeteries and historical markers commemorating activities from the war era.

Researched and written by Willis Thomas and Randy Winland, the publication coincides with the opening of the new Heritage Hall exhibit "War and Peace 1812-1859." It is available for purchase in the Heritage Hall gift shop at a cost of \$5.00 with all proceeds going to the Marion County Historical Society.

My Not So Ordinary Life

Local author Trella Romine has published her autobiography of 172 pages covering some of the events of her ninety-six years, lived mostly in Marion County. On June 3 Trella will host a book signing at her home, Terradise, 1536 Whetstone River Road North, about a mile southwest of Caledonia in eastern Marion County. From 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. visitors will have an opportunity to purchase books and to have them autographed. They may also tour the gardens around her home along the banks of the river.

The book is illustrated--with many of the photos in color—and in softbound and hardbound editions. It has been three years in the making and includes accounts of living through a hurricane in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1926 and of a three week visit to the Philippine Islands. Trella's career as the owner of Hemmerly's Flowers brought her in contact with her customers at the milestones of their lives—births, deaths, weddings and anniversaries.

She was a charter and founding member of the Marion County Historical Society, has served as president and secretary, editor of Hallmarks and founder of the Heritage Preservation Endowment fund. She is now a trustee emeritus. On Saturday afternoons you will find her in the Resource Center of MCHS assisting researchers. She was one of the original group who "brought Edward Huber back to life" by founding the Edward Huber Memorial Association. For twenty years she served as a trustee of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museum of the Ohio Historical Society. Trella's book will be available at the Heritage Hall gift shop after the book signing on June 3.

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SAVE THESE DATES! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HERITAGE HALL & BEYOND

Museum Offices open Monday through Friday 9-4 Museum Open Sat. –Sun. 1-4 PM, March-April

June 7, Thurs.: program meeting with Josh Mann on the Evolution of Ohio Military Uniforms, 7 PM, auditorium

June 12, Tues.: Executive committee: 4 PM, auditorium

June 19, Tues.: Board meeting, 4 PM, auditorium

June 22-23: Celebrate Summer Pre-1950 Car Extravaganza, Fri. evening at the Palace Theater Pavilion and all day Saturday in downtown Marion

July 02 – July 07 : Marion County Fair, Seiter/Wilhelm Log Cabin activities and bake sale, hands-on history

July 05, Thurs.: Blast from the Past, for youth ages 8-12

July 10, Tues.: Executive Committee: 4 PM, Auditorium

July 12, Thurs.: Blast from the Past, for youth ages 8-12

July 19, Thurs.: Blast from the Past, for youth ages 8-12

July 17, Tues.: Board Meeting 7 PM

July 26, Thurs.: Blast from the Past, for youth ages 8-12

Aug. 14, Tues.: Executive Committee: 4 PM, Auditorium

August 19, Sun.: Claridon Prairie tour, meet at Prairie marker 1 PM, near intersection of 98 and 309

Aug. 16, Tues.: Board Meeting, 7 PM Auditorium

August 26, Sun.: Trella Romine Prairie Preserve Tour, meet at Blockhouse marker 1 PM, SR 203 & 739

Sept. 06, 07, 08: Popcorn Festival, museum open extended hours of 12-6 PM

Sept. 18, Tues.: Discussion group at 10 AM, Underground Café TRECA

Sept. 20, Thurs.: Program meeting, 7PM speaker Rick Finch Director of Fort Meigs

Sept. 22, Sat.: War of 1812 event, location to be announced.

Oct. 08, Monday: "Rags, Riches, Jewels or Junk" antique appraisal from 3 to 6 PM at Kingston of Marion

Oct. 20, Sat.: Ham and Bean Supper event, open to membership and public, \$5 per meal and lasts from 4:30-7 PM. to be held at Kingston.

Historically Speaking

By Fred Malone, MCHS Board President



When you think about the President of the United States, you always associate "Hail to the Chief" with the office. Did you ever wonder from where the song came? Originally, "Hail to the Chief" was a poem, written in 1810, by Sir Walter Scott entitled "Lady of the Lake". The lyrics, written by Albert Gamse, were set to music in 1812 by James Sanderson. In 1815, it was first used to honor George Washington and the end of the War of 1812.

Andrew Jackson was the first living President to have the song used to honor his position in 1829, and it was played at Martin VanBuren's inauguration in 1837. It was officially used at James Polk's inauguration, where after, it became a mainstay to announce the arrival of the President. Polk was not an impressive figure, so some announcement was necessary to avoid the embarrassment of his entering a crowded room unnoticed. At large affairs, the band rolled the drums as they played the march, as a path was cleared for the President.

Under the term of Harry Truman, the Department of Defense made it the official tribute of the President. Four ruffles and flourishes were added to the beginning of the march to announce the arrival of the President.

The time is quickly flying by. I have already completed five months of my tenure as MCHS president. The War of 1812 dinner at the Palace Pavilion went very well. The members of the panel did an outstanding job in portraying their historical characters and for a brief time we were transported back to the second war for independence. I cannot say enough about the period dinner prepared and provided by Primrose of Marion. The food was delicious and the presentation was perfect for the time frame we were celebrating. The entire evening would not have been possible without the sponsorship of Primrose, Wilson-Bohannon, Carroll's Jewelers, Modern Woodmen of America, and Shamrock Winery. Thanks again to each and everyone who helped make the event a success.

MCHS is a vital part of our community. We need your support as members, volunteers, and promoters of the historical society. Please ask your friends, associates and family members to become members of MCHS. Remember, if we don't preserve our past, it will be lost forever.

From The Director's Desk: by Gale E. Martin, Executive Director

Please help MCHS by signing up for Kroger Community Rewards!

Kroger has asked that every year those who wish to donate to the Marion County Historical Society sign up for Kroger Community Rewards again in April! If you had already signed up last year, please see the section at the bottom of the page.

If you have never participated in the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM you need to register your current Kroger Plus card with Kroger online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com first.

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy when you get online to sign up.

- Click on **“Sign up today”** to the right, then enter your zip code and click **“search”**
- Click on the arrow to display the list of stores in your zip code and highlight your favorite store
- Enter your email address and create a password then click **“next”**
- Key in your Kroger Plus card number (if it says this card has already been used, please call the number on the back of your card)
- Enter the security code, enter in your contact information, then click **“next”**
- Verify that your account information is correct. Check box for agreement of the terms and conditions and click **“complete information”**
- Kroger will send a message to the email address that you entered earlier in the process. (this can take up to 15 minutes)
- Check your email inbox, open the email from Kroger and click the link or copy it and paste it into your browser.
- Sign in; click on the **“click here”** button and then type in your email address and password
- Under Kroger Community Rewards section at right, click **“edit Kroger community rewards information”**
- Find MCHS by typing in the organization number. Ours is **80167**. Click **“search”**.
- Please make sure that you click on the circle to the left of the organization name so that it becomes highlighted. Click the **“select your organization”**.
- Click the **“save changes”** and scroll over the pages to make sure your information is correct.

If you were already signed up you still need to re-register after April 1. Registrations must be done at krogercommunityrewards.com and all participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate.

If you were already enrolled online before the end of April 2012, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on **“Columbus”** and click on **“re-enroll”** and follow these steps:

- Put in your email address
- Put in your password (if you forgot the password, go through the forgot your password step) Click the **“sign in”**
- Find MCHS by typing in the organization number. Ours is **80167**. Click **“search”**.
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- Click the **“save changes”**

Thank You for your support!

Blast Returns!

For the twelfth summer, "Blast from the Past" will once again give kids ages 8-12 an opportunity to learn more about a wide variety of topics all tied to Marion history. Beginning on July 5, and continuing for every Thursday in July, a group of MCHS volunteers will make Heritage Hall and other area venues come alive with fun activities with an educational focus.

On July 5th, participants will learn how our ancestors took care of their trash, who the greatest recycler of all time is, and the role pollution has played in our past when "Can You Go Green?" is the program topic.

Travel back 200 years to meet some of the interesting characters who lived in Marion County and Ohio in 1812 on July 12th with "Can You Imagine It?" A scavenger hunt in the "War & Peace 1812-1859" exhibit in Heritage Hall will also be part of the fun.

July 19th will find students digging in the dirt as part of "Can You Dig It?" Discovering how archaeologists learn about people who lived in the past by studying items they left behind will take center stage. Marion County's own archaeological dig site will be discussed and some "mystery items" will provide a challenge to the young scientists.

Fun and games that our ancestors took part in will wrap up the Blast programs on July 26th. After playing a variety of historical games, students will also learn what the Olympics, the NFL and Major League Baseball all have to do with Marion.

Each session also features a craft activity and a snack related to the topic of the day.

Program flyers with information about Blast from the Past were distributed to all elementary schools in Marion County as well as several other sites.

Morning sessions will be held from 9:30-11:30 and afternoon sessions from 1:00-3:00. All programs are free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, call Heritage Hall at 740-387-4255.

2012 "BLAST FROM THE PAST" REGISTRATION FORM

<u>Child's First & Last Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>AM/PM Session?</u>	<u>Allergies or Medical Conditions?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Caregiver's Name</u>	<u>Two Phone Numbers</u>	<u>Address</u>	
_____	_____	_____	
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<u>Doctor's Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Dentist's Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I agree to release from all liability and hold harmless the Marion County Historical Society, its employees and Board of Directors for any accident or injury that may occur to my child while participating in the 2012 Blast from the Past programs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO: The Marion County Historical Society, 169 E. Church Street, Marion, OH 43302
Questions or to register by phone: 740-387-4255

What's new in the MCHS collections?

Accessioned between 12/22/2010 - 4/1/2011

Mary Ellen Withrow: Souvenir bag of shredded US currency with imprint "Mary Ellen Withrow, Treasurer, State of Ohio"; Framed photo of Mary Ellen with Hillary Clinton in the White House; Photo of Mary Ellen sent to Jack Telfer, 7- 21-1997

Larry DeYoung: Chair from the Columbus, Delaware & Marion interurban railroad believed to be from a "Red Bird" parlor car

Mary Ellen Holcomb Somerlot: Color photo of woman holding a WWII quilt made by Leona (Haynes) Holcomb (Quilt is in MCHS collections)

Jim Bauer: Mason jar with imprint "The Marion Jar, Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858"

Edith Keeler: Photos of Cara McKeever, Marion's first Girl Scout Leader & her troop, c. 1923

Stuart Koblenz: Photo of Mrs. John Schroeter and opera star John Melton

J. Scott Pickeral Jr.: Wooden chest filled with carpenter tools used by John Pickeral in the building of houses in Marion, c. 1860-1880.

Harry Dowler: Wooden table built by the father of Ed Hutchman for Home Federal Savings and Loan to use as a boardroom table c. 1960's

Joan Phalor: Photo of Company G, 4th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Diane M. Collins: Green glass bottle embossed "Marion Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Marion, Ohio"

Isabelle Howard: Weaving shuttle from Susquehanna Silk Mill, Watson Williams Mfg.

Carroll Neidhardt & Scott Crider: Framed watercolor of the Marion Brewing & Bottling Company; Copy of an ink engraving showing Gabler's Store in Waldo Village, Ohio; Key to the old Huber building on Greenwood Street

Dorothy Thew: Summer WAVES (Women Accepted for Emergency Service) WWII era U.S. Navy uniform

Bernie Borg: Homemade blender made by Carl Borg, c. 1940's

Ronald White: WW I gas mask with canister in khaki haversack

Robert Dombaugh: Wire rim glasses

Charlie Evers: "Kleinmaier Bros." wood shoeshine brush; Photo of the Ohio Air Tour, August, 1947; B&W photo of the "Wise Amateur Hour Final" held at the Palace Theater, March, 1941; B&W photo of the Marion Soap Box Derby, 1947; B&W photo of the Marion, Ohio Christmas Parade, 1949; B&W photo of the sale of the first of the new issued Money Order stamps in the Marion Post Office, February 1, 1945; B&W photo of the Marion County Fair "Cooking Bee", 1950; B&W photo of a rally after a football game; B&W photo of the WMRN Press Box at Harding Stadium, Marion, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1943; B&W photo of the Glenwood School Choir, 1959

Richard E. & Barbara J. West: Black velvet hat with black ostrich feathers; Small brown hat box with "The Union" label

Mary Catherine Gillen: 1800's "Hair Book" with names of people and a piece of their hair

George E. Packer: U.S. Army hat with visor that belonged to George E. Packer, c. 1942

Mary Jo Stafford: Wire rim glasses

Albert Ward: Black velvet dress with belt

Virginia Howard: Black and silver toy electric stove, c.1930's; Green gym uniform from Harding High School with "Howard" embroidered on the back, c. 1940's

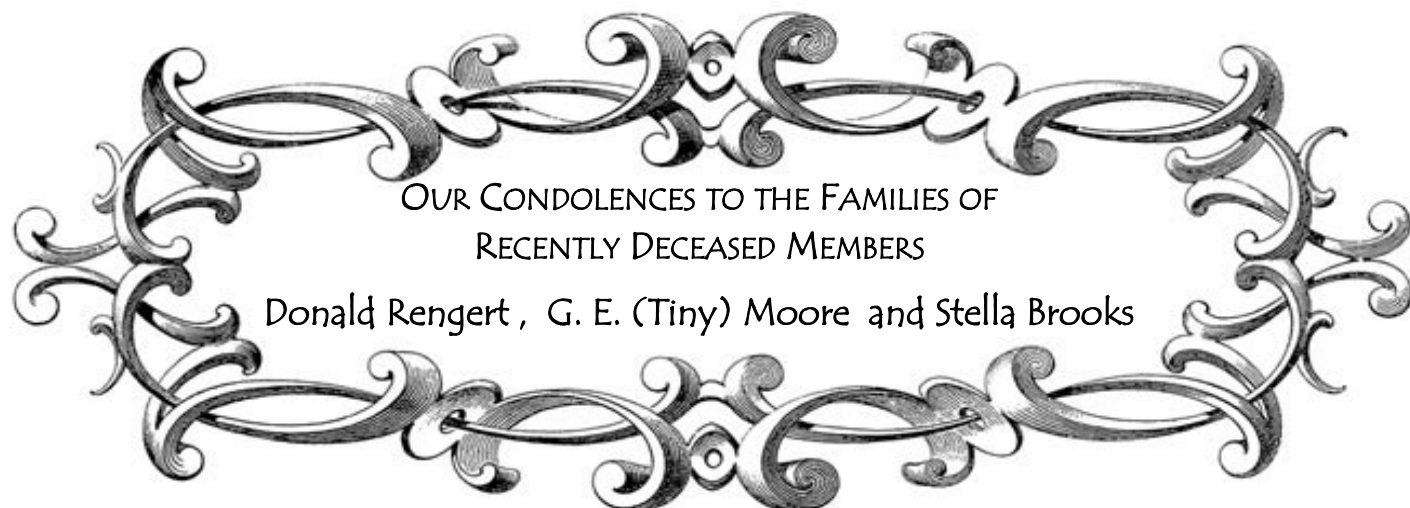
Mr. & Mrs. William Bates: Full length natural dark brown mink coat & black sheared beaver stole, both with labels from "Black Furs, Mt. Victory, Ohio"

George Kasotis: Mounted photo of Hopalong Cassidy

Margaret Selanders: Scrapbook with photos of Margaret Selanders, Victor Micheal, Open Donithen, Florence Smith Schweinfurth, W.E. Selanders, Victor & Paul Micheal, Charlotte Matilda Hoke Donithen, Donithen family in front of their home, Waldo baseball team, other unidentified people.

Robin Wasson: U.S. Marine uniform, service medals, sword scabbard, insignias & other items of Dennis P. Wasson who served during the Vietnam era; Silver cuff links engraved with "Seabees" & their logo; Scottish uniform items representing the Kerr Clan of Scotland including a kilt, dress jacket, kilt hose, garter flashes, sporran (type of pouch worn with a kilt); small knife in sheath; hat, neckties, scarf, pipers belt, black & silver chain, Scottish Highland Dirk (dagger), kilt pin, sporran (kilt pocket), Royal Standard of Scotland Banner of the King of Scots.

Please Note: If you donated an item and do NOT see it on this list, the item has not yet been accessioned. While we do our best to be prompt, our volunteer archival staff often work on other projects as well.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF
RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS

Donald Rengert, G. E. (Tiny) Moore and Stella Brooks

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