

# HALLMARKS

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## OSUM Students Explore Local History at Heritage Hall

*submitted by Sue Oakes*

Director Gale Martin and Archivist Mary Gross, at the Marion County Historical Society, hosted nearly thirty college students at Heritage Hall in January.

Despite the cold and snowy weather, students from The Ohio State University's Marion campus arrived on January 22 to tour the museum, and returned on January 27 to conduct research in their individual areas of interest.

Gale Martin conducted special thematic tours of current and permanent exhibits in Heritage Hall, and both she and Mary Gross worked with students, individually and at length, using objects in the Heritage Hall collections and archives. In addition, meeting in advance of these programs, Gale Martin helped OSU instructor Sue Oakes to design and organize the two events.

Students – including a number of engineering and other technical majors – in select second-year writing classes at OSU-M visited Heritage Hall in order to explore how objects from the past offer glimpses to the present of attitudes toward, and experiences with, science, technology, and industry, in a community over time.

The students later toured the Huber Machinery Museum, where they focused on objects in its collections which are representative of North Central Ohio's industrial and technical history, particularly materials and information relating to traditions and innovations at Huber Machinery and Marion Power Shovel.

Following their museum work, students in these classes will be conducting interviews with science, industry and technology workers and retirees involved in North Central Ohio businesses. They will interview people, whether formerly or currently involved in industry and technology, about their working lives in the Marion area.

If you would like to share your stories, please contact the Memories Project at [http://osumarion.osu.edu/memories\\_form](http://osumarion.osu.edu/memories_form). If you have questions or need more information, please e-mail [memories@osu.edu](mailto:memories@osu.edu) or leave a message for Sue Oakes at 740-725-6147.

Additional information about the project may also be found on the University's



*Freshman Pete Penwell and Ohio State Marion English Lecturer, Sue Oakes*

project webpage, <http://osumarion.osu.edu/memories>, in the video interview at <http://osumarion.osu.edu/news/science-industry-and-technology-marion-county-ohio-past-present-and-future>, and in the article "OSUM Project aims to interview area's workers," published in the Marion Star on December 16th, 2013: [http://www.marionstar.com/article/20131215/NEWS01/312150011/OSUM-project-aims-interview-area-s-workers?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.marionstar.com/article/20131215/NEWS01/312150011/OSUM-project-aims-interview-area-s-workers?nclink_check=1)

Please consider sharing your story!

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

**JANUARY –FEBRUARY Museum closed Except by Appt. Office is Open Tues. – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Feb. 24 Mon. 9:00am Museum Clean-Up Day  
Volunteers Needed!

Feb. 27 Thurs. 7:00pm Program on dating 19th century photographs by using clothing, hairstyles and other clues. Presented by Gale Martin. Heritage Hall Auditorium

**MARCH—APRIL Museum Opens Weekends Only Office now open Mon. – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm**

March 01 Sat. 1:00pm Volunteer Training  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

March 10 Mon. 2:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

March 18 Tues. 10:00am Marion's History Discussion Group  
TRECA Community Room

March 18 Tues. 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

March 28 Fri. 7:00pm Night at Heritage Hall  
Heritage Hall

March 29 Sat. 7:00pm Night at Heritage Hall  
Heritage Hall

April 07 Mon. 2:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

April 15 Tues. 10:00am Marion's History Discussion Group  
TRECA Community Room

April 15 Tues. 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

April 24 Thurs. 9:00am Set-up for Rummage Sale  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

April 25 Fri. 4:00pm Rummage Sale (MCHS Members Only)  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

April 26 Sat. 9:00am Rummage Sale  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

**MAY - Museum Open Wed – Sun, 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

May 03 Sat. 7:00pm Time Traveler's Ball  
Harding Hotel

May 12 Mon. 2:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

May 20 Tues. 10:00am Marion's History Discussion Group  
TRECA Community Room

May 20 Tues. 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

June 09 Mon. 2:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

June 17 Tues. 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

June 19 Thurs. 7:00pm Program Meeting, Clement Vallandigham and the Civil War  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

July 10,17, 24, 31 Thurs. 9:30am Blast From the Past

July 07 Mon. 2:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
Heritage Hall Auditorium

### Exhibits Come to Life During "A Night at Heritage Hall."

The Marion County Historical Society will present the 8th Annual "A Night at Heritage Hall" on Friday evening March 28 and Saturday evening March 29 from 7pm to 9pm. This event gives visitors the opportunity to explore our past. Imagine roaming Heritage Hall at night! Courageous participants explore the dimly lit museum with flashlights, meet historic personalities and discover many new things about history as they wander among exhibits that spring to life to tell their stories. Pre-registration for non-members is \$7 per person; tickets at the door are \$8. Pre-registration for members is \$3.50 per person; tickets at the door are \$4.

To register your family or group for one of the flashlight tours, send your check or money order to NAHH Heritage Hall, 169 East Church Street, Marion OH 43302 or purchase tickets online at [www.marionhistory.com](http://www.marionhistory.com). For more info call MCHS at 740-387-4255.

The preregistration deadline is March 27.

### Time Travel with the Marion County Historical Society!

Join us at the beautifully restored Hotel Harding in Marion on May 3, 2014, from 7pm to 11pm for a fun-filled evening visiting the past, present, alternate past and future! Enjoy dancing, demonstrations of historic crafts such as weaving, calligraphy, chain mail and more; learn historic dances; be a part of the costume parade, indulge in a Victorian tea, and sample sumptuous appetizers and desserts provided by the best caterers around. Dress from the past, present, alternate past and future is encouraged! Steampunk enthusiasts are welcome! Ticket Prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at door. Event sponsors include Harding Centre, All Occasions and Special Occasions.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: by Gale E. Martin, Executive Director

The staff and members of the Marion County Historical Society are serious about preserving the history of Marion County. If you have visited any of our recent exhibits, you will have viewed many of the artifacts we have in our collections from individuals, businesses, schools and churches of Marion City and County. If you could peek into our archives, you would be amazed at the tens of thousands of items waiting to be displayed. We have everything from autograph and photo albums to phonographs. We even have tools and Indian artifacts! Imagine having over 100 years of Marion Star newspapers to preserve! All these articles have something in common – they are part of Marion's history that is being kept in trust for future generations.

Of course, preservation is not cheap, requiring special acid-free boxes, acid-free paper, specially-made Mylar enclosures for photographs, etc. All of these are expensive, but necessary to be sure that our grandchildren and their children are able to see these valuable artifacts in the same condition they are today.

Perhaps you have been looking at that item handed down for generations and thought of donating it to the museum someday. Today is someday! Call us at 740-387-4255 and ask if it is something we might like to have. You see, another of our passions is SHARING Marion County history. By donating your artifact, you could be sharing it with all the people who enter our doors.

Please also remember, when it is time to renew your membership to the society, that we need your support to help to purchase archival materials and maintain the quality of exhibits and programming the Marion community deserves. Please also remember us with your generosity when estate planning as well.



*Tintype of Sophia De Roche Rinker and child donated by Carolyn Irene Ulsh*

### ARE YOU THINKING OF DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Those gently-used unwanted items can greatly benefit the Marion County Historical Society! This year we will once again have a special members only sale from 4-6 on Friday April 25. Our annual rummage sale is set for Saturday April 26 from 9 AM – 5 PM in the Heritage Hall Auditorium.

Bring your items to Heritage Hall between the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM from April 21 to 25. If you need pickup for your items just call Heritage Hall and let us know. Volunteers are needed for pricing items ahead of time and for helping watch over the sale. Call Heritage Hall 740-387-4255 for more details. Please, do not bring or send any clothing!

### Terradise Garden Tour, Yard and Plant Sale Sunday, April 27

The landscaped and natural areas around Trella Romine's former home, Terradise, now a nature center, will be open for a yard sale and spring tour on Sunday, April 27 from noon to 4:00 P.M. Terradise is located southwest of Caledonia eight miles east of Marion.

When Ray and Trella Romine purchased the 18 acre property and built their home on the banks of the Whetstone River, they felt they had found heaven on earth. Ray coined the word "Terradise" to express that sentiment.

One of the attractions is the variety of spring wildflowers. Terradise already had spring beauties, trout lilies, wild hyacinths, trilliums, Virginia bluebells, wild ginger and violets and Trella visited neighboring woods for other species native to the area. Now fifty species of spring wildflowers are found here. There are twenty species of native trees, and twenty more species have been planted. Terradise has been named an Ohio Natural Landmark by the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

To reach Terradise from State Route 309 at Caledonia turn south on State Route 746. Where it turns left continue straight ahead on Whetstone River Road North, passing the curve at the Thew Cemetery. Terradise is the second house on the right at 1536. Parking is across the road from the house. Gale Martin of *Natives in Harmony* and Bob and Sue Harter of Delaware Ohio will offer native plants and herbs for sale.

Visitors may also tour the Terradise Nature Preserve, a site of the Marion County Park District, across the river from the house. It has graveled access, a parking lot and shelter house. Paths lead along the river and through the woods. It is located at the dead end of Marion-Williamsport Road off State Route 746 one mile south of Caledonia. It is also a geo cache site and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. This 14 acre preserve is a gift of twelve acres from Romine and two acres from Ralph Boger. For more info phone: 513-484-9729 or E-mail David Haldeman at [haldemandavid@gmail.com](mailto:haldemandavid@gmail.com).

## A Big Thank You to these Pride Members for contributing to the 2014 MCHS Budget

### \$50,000

James Conkle, Daniel Conkle, Cynthia Antone, Judith Roberts in memory of Louis & Berniece Conkle

### \$500 to \$999

Mary Donaldson, Kevin & Rebecca Shafer, Jack & Bea Kellogg

### \$250 to \$499

Mark & Diana Melroy, Wyandot, Inc., Allen & Susan Potts, Fred & Judy Hazen, Rex & Carolyn Parrott

### \$100-\$249

Mike & Phyllis Glasco, Warren Brown Family Foundation, Judy Kilbury, Kenneth & Maureen Cole, Daniel & JoAnn Zimmerman, Jack Shaffer, David Haldeman, Thomas & Marjorie Wilson, Terry & Pam Rowland, Marion General Hospital, Daniel & Valerie Wigton, Gary & Karrin Risch, Clair & Karen Zimmerman, Douglas & Marjory Denzer, Virginia Telfer, Thomas & Susan Brown, Meredith Predmore, Michael & Diane Watson, Doris Harraman, Johnston Supply Inc., M. Joseph & Joyce Miller, Charles R. Crisler, Lee Sisler, Jerry & Beatrice Agner, Shelby Needham, Amy Deuble, Jeanette White, Ralph & Mary Lee, Gary & Carol Robinson, David & Karen Ream, Carolyn Ulsh, Lowell Thurston, James & Renee Paxton, Stephen & Mary Jenkins, William & Nancy Gracely, Larry & Mollie Geissler, Richard & Diane Mault, Karen Ward, Dr. David Fitkin, Ralph & Jane Brown, Rebecca Yannitell, Phil & Paula Reid, Robert & Janet Lucas, Teddy & Carol Jolliff, David & Brenda Little, Morral Companies, LLC, Dorothy Skeelee, Sharon Mathews, James & Barbara Hering, Tarlok & Amar Purewal, Paul & Janet Augenstein, Daniel & Linda Russell, Charles & Jeanette Sens, Howard Davids, Judy Fox, Richard & Janet Bryson, William & Debbie Bowers, Randy & Sandy Winland

## Exciting Recent Donations to MCHS!

**CATHEDRAL PHONOGRAPH:** Last fall, MCHS member Mike Perry contacted us regarding an opportunity to purchase a Cathedral Phonograph originally manufactured in Marion during the 1920s. We were very interested in the machine, but the society has no dedicated funds to purchase items such as this. MCHS Board member, John Murphy contacted the Ridgedale Lions and the Prospect Lions about the Cathedral Phonograph and the two groups, along with Mike Perry and John Murphy, donated enough to cover the cost of purchasing the machine and having it transported to Marion from Georgia.

**KING PHONOGRAPH:** Just recently a phone call led to the arrival of another Marion-made machine. Richard (Dick) Tuttle, who now lives in Delaware, contacted MCHS about a phonograph that had been owned by his grandfather and produced by the King Lumber Company of Marion.

His brother, Robert, had the machine at his home and had passed away. It was his wish that the machine come to the Marion County Historical Society.

Once again John Murphy came to our rescue and went to Delaware, picked the machine up and delivered it to Heritage Hall.

Both of these machines will be on display in the Marion Manufacturing area located on the lower level of Heritage Hall.



**EDWARD HUBER HOME ANDIRONS AND LIGHTS:** About the same time we were trying to figure out how to come up with the means to obtain the Cathedral Phonograph, Virgil and Liane Curren contacted MCHS about some treasures they were ready to donate. Among the items were andirons, lights and a sink that had been in the Edward Huber house. This magnificent pair of antique hand forged andirons has varying motifs of scrolls throughout and are some of the nicest examples we here at Heritage Hall have ever seen.





## What's new in the MCHS collections?

*Accessioned between 11/29/12 – 3/22/13*

**Dorothy Young:** Beige wool 3/4 length coat; Dark blue crepe dress with matching belt; Frank Bros. dress box; Two metal lard cans; Fisher Price corn popper from Snow's Racquet Store

**Barbara Brown:** Black lace dress; Silver brooch with tiny silver beads and oblong glass adornment; Sepia photograph of Barbara Brown family

**Judy M. Smith:** Children's clothing including brown leather gloves, red wool shoes, beige baby bonnet and dress; Silver plaque from coffin of Letta M. Bahr; Sepia photograph of the Obenour family; photographs of the Drollinger family including Samuel Drollinger, family portrait, family photograph outside their home, Sam Drollinger at work at a quarry, Carl & Harry Drollinger as children, seven black and white photographs of work at a quarry gravel pit; B&W photograph of Snyder Milling in Marengo, Ohio; Army-Navy "E" Award to Osgood for Excellence in Production awarded to Samuel L. Drollinger, October 7, 1942 at the Osgood Company, Marion, Ohio.

**Stephen R. Sutherland:** Two volume set of "Beauties and Curiosities of Engraving" with provenance.

**Ruth Moloney Cowgill:** Book "On Grandfather's Farm", Information on the poems & antidotes written by Ruth

**John W. Watkins:** Several R.L. Watkins items including an 1883-1885, 1888 and 1891 cash flow ledgers, 1891 advertising ledger, 1884 expense ledger; Hand written advertisement for "One Dip Pen"

**Jim Christian:** Book - Wright's Official History of the Spanish-American War.

**L. Raff:** **Art Horse Magazine:** Issue No.15 Article by L. Raff with information about Prince Imperial

**Carroll Neidhart:** B&W framed photograph of a day the circus came to Marion; Photograph of 1907 parade on Center Street at Main Street

**David Haldeman:** CD by David Haldeman and his band – "Headin' South with Bone Voyage"

**Sue Evans:** 1958 Oil painting of Frederick C. Smith painted by Arthur Edwin Bye; 1996 Oil painting of Frederick G. Smith painted by Luciene Le Breton; Photographic portrait of Betty Smith

**Jenny Noftz:** Framed oval photographic portrait of a child

**Gaile A. Baker, Jr.:** Short autobiography of Gaile A. Baker, Jr.

**Albert Ward Collection:** Assorted WWI era items including letters (some censored) and other communications from Lawrence E. Webb from his stations at Camp Sherman, Camp Mills, overseas deployments; WWI era Letters to Hayes Ward, U.H. Wade, and Mrs. Hayes Ward

**Chris Northrup:** Photograph of Herford bull; Postcard and two reviews of the play "The Ohio 4th" by Daniel Shoeman; 1919 Marion County Fair fan; advertising fan from Gast Bakery and Restaurant, Prospect

**Marion Star:** B&W photograph of The Marion County Bank

Richard Burtch: Sepia photographs of Daniel Mevy who served in the Honor Guard for President Harding

**Lewis Casky:** Two B&W photographs of the Caledonia Methodist Church; "A Memorial - Brief History of Caledonia Methodism 1833-1909" booklet

**Julien Devereux Weeks:** B&W photographs and other items from Weeks family album c. 1914-1926; assorted Marion Star and Cleveland Plain Dealer newspapers c. 1891, 1895, 1916, 1919 & 1922, many relating to Weeks family members; Copy of Gettysburg Address; c. 1860 Daguerreotype on black case; Five Calvary United Church Directories 1998-2004

**Louise Varisco:** Collection of c. 1800 carte de visites & cabinet cards of people and sites in Marion area; 1882 Tenth

Annual Commencement Program for Marion High School; Census records for Theron & Mary Prentice 1870-1920

**Charlton Myers Collection:** Correspondence with Ohio Historical Society regarding War of 1812; Handwritten notes regarding the Harrison War Trail; Hand drawn map of Whetstone River Area south of Waldo; Tapes of the "Salt Rock Historical Society" WMRN radio show c. 1960; Assorted notes on a variety of topics relating to early Marion County events and people; Howe 1888 History of Ohio 5 vol. set; 1882 Marion County Directory; 1860 State Gazette & Business Directory; Copy of Bradford R. Durfee's will

**William P. Murphy:** Assorted WWII items including a metal clad Bible, copies of Honorable Discharge and other military papers for Sterling Junior Pratt

**Lucian Arnett:** 1864 Civil War letter from a sister to her brother in Jonesboro, Georgia that was found on a dead soldier

**John and Jana Bartram:** 1881, 1886, & 1896 Marion Independent newspapers; 1884, 1887 & 1888 Marion Democratic Mirror newspapers; 1900 Marion Democrat newspaper; 1884, 1888, & 1899 Marion Daily Star newspapers; 1895 Marion Astonisher newspaper; 1897 Marion Daily Transcript newspaper

**Mrs. John Schott:** Newspaper clipping regarding origins of Marion County village names

**Carolyn Irene Ulsh:** 1864 Bible; 1908 Bible; 1920 New Testament; 1881 Tried and True Buckeye Cookery cookbook; 1912 New Webster Illustrated Dictionary

**Sarah Henry Family:** Re-enactment clothing including children and adult dresses and aprons from Marion Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1972

*Please Note: Some of the recent accessions may have been in storage before being added to our collections. While we do our best to be prompt, our volunteer archival staff often work on other projects as well. If you have recently donated an item and do NOT see it on this list, the item has not yet been accessioned.*

## *Historically Speaking: A SURVIVORS' STORY*

*By Fred Malone, MCHS Board President*



As we begin the last full year of our 150th commemoration of the Civil War, I want to share a story of a real survivor with you. Of course, there are many great tales of heroism, glory and survivorship that have become a part of our historical learning process. I want to tell you of a man from Marion, an immigrant, who came to this country as a child and became a man during a trying period in U.S. history.

William Fies was born in Ellmendingen, Baden, Germany on October 17, 1841. The family emigrated to the United States in 1847 when William was 6 years old. They settled in New York City as did many people coming from Europe in those days. However, in September of 1852 the family moved to Marion to escape the over crowded conditions of New York and start a new life.

At the age of seventeen William was apprenticed to learn the trade of cabinet making, an occupation that would have a bearing on his future adult life in Marion. Over the next three years he practiced his new trade and planned for his future. On April 12, 1861 at 4:30 A.M. the world as William knew it was about to change. As residents of Marion, Ohio slept, the newly formed Confederate army opened fire on Fort Sumter and forced the evacuation of Major Robert Anderson and the remaining federal troops. Three days later, newly inaugurated President Lincoln asked for 75,000 three-month militia soldiers to suppress the rebellion and the war escalated from there. Lincoln, speaking to Congress on Independence Day in 1861 reiterated his intention to keep the union together. He called for another 400,000 volunteers to put down the uprising. The War Between the States was now full on.

On the 30th. day of October, 1861, William enlisted as a private in Company B, of the 64th. Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Marion, Ohio. He was appointed corporal November 16, 1862, and later promoted to sergeant on April 1, 1864. Fies served with the company until he re-enlisted at Blain's Crossroads, East Tennessee for three years more and was re-mustered January 27, 1864. Sergeant Fies served with the 64th in all the campaigns, battles and skirmishes they participated in during that three year time period. He continued to distinguish himself as a soldier and a leader of men.

On November 30, 1864, General John Bell Hood caught up to retreating troops at Franklin, Tennessee, and launched a massive frontal attack in the afternoon. The Union troops abandoned their strong position and marched north at night. During the battle of Franklin, Sergeant Fies and five others from his company were taken prisoner and marched to Columbia, Tennessee to be held. After a few days, they were marched along with about 1800 other prisoners to Meridian, Mississippi where they were confined in a stockade. By the time they reached Meridian, most of them were in deplorable condition, having marched several hundred miles

over bad roads, in the winter, with scanty clothing and even scantier rations. Many of the prisoners were barefooted and sick. A few days later, their lives got a lot worse. The six boys from Marion's Company B, 64th OVI were packed aboard a train and sent to Andersonville, the worst prison the country had ever seen.

Sergeant Fies described Andersonville as "hell on earth". Over the next four months, he was forced to live outside in filth, with little to eat and no fresh water to drink since the ditches used as latrines were also the only source of drinking water in camp. The soldiers barely survived, often eating bugs, rodents or whatever they could find.



On March 26, 1865 as the war was winding down, Fies along with the five from Marion and several hundred others were taken out of the prison and moved to an encampment on the Big Black river near Vicksburg, Mississippi.

On the 23rd of April, 1865 paroled union soldiers, of which Fies was one, were loaded on board the ill-fated steamboat, " Sultana " at Vicksburg. Over two thousand soldiers, along with passengers, crew and cargo (an exact number was never known) were packed together like so many cattle on board a ship that was licensed to carry only 356 people. The steamship was headed up the river to Cairo, Illinois.

Fies, and the other soldiers were homeward bound from Andersonville and Cahaba Confederate prisons. They had survived the terrors of battle, the loss of close comrades, physical and mental wounds, the risky confinement of hospital, the humiliation of capture and surrender, homesickness, boredom, the daily threat of death by starvation, disease, suicide, robbery, injury, or death by raiders. The Sultana landed at Memphis, Tennessee on the evening of April 26th to offload some cargo. Sometime around midnight the boat left Memphis and proceeded north up the Mississippi River. At 2:00 A.M. on the morning of April 27, 1865 , the steamship exploded sending bodies, debris and fire into the air and the swollen Mississippi River.

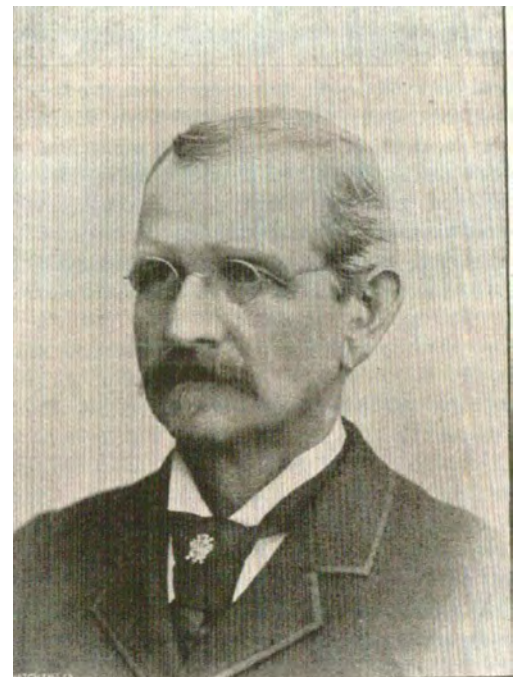
Sergeant Fies said he was brought to his senses by water being thrown over him by someone on the hurricane deck. The agonizing shrieks and groans of the injured and dying were heart rendering and the stench of burning flesh was intolerable. Fies was burned, his face bruised and bleeding, his left hand badly scalded and his shoulder dislocated. Once in the water, Fies managed to find a piece a floating wood to hold onto to prevent sinking to the bottom of the icy river. Hundreds of people were already dead from the exploded boiler and many more were to drown before the morning came. In all, over 1700 people perished from the sinking of the Sultana, mostly all soldiers. Sometime after daybreak, Fies was pulled from the water by a rescue boat and taken to a hospital in Memphis. After a few days in the hospital, Sergeant Fies managed to get on a boat bound for Cairo and would eventually make it to Camp Chase in Columbus. Fies was mustered out of the Union Army on May 30, 1865 under a special telegraphic order from the war department, having served just three years and seven months in the army. Sergeant Fies claimed there were about twenty members of his regiment on board the Sultana at the time of the disaster, ten of whom were lost.

Returning to Marion after the war, William Fies became a member of the firm of Fies, Schaffner & Dreyer in the furniture and undertaking business, which was dissolved in 1877 after eleven years. Fies continued in the business himself and in 1882 he and Amos Kling erected the Fies-Kling Block on South Main St. William continued in business for himself and became a very successful businessman and prominent citizen. Mr. Fies was a member of the Masonic order, Marion Chapter, R.A.M. and I.O.O.F. and the G.A.R. .

Fies served as a city councilman for four years, city clerk for four years, Chief of the Fire Department and a member of the Board of Education.

Today we have Fies Avenue in the City of Marion and the Fies building still standing on South Main St. to serve as gentle reminders of the man who survived more than anyone could imagine.

Marion had many active participants in the Civil War. The exhibit " What's Civil about this War" will open in March at Heritage Hall, there, along with contemporary objects visitors will find the stories of these brave soldiers told in their own words through letters incorporated into this exhibit. I would encourage you to come and see this exhibit and learn more of our local Civil War connections. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.



WILLIAM FIES.

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF  
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JUANITA CALLAHAN, JIM MIDLAM