

Sharing the Secret

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President's Report: Lynn Trump 548-6116

Our historic 1894 building looks wonderful but there is still some fixing up to do. We are looking into replacing the exterior door on the east side which opens out to the alley and also the kitchen door. The wood floor in the storage room may need to be replaced. And we are looking into using a dehumidifier in the basement to eliminate some of the moisture which is harmful to the building.

I ask for your continued support with our fundraising activities planned in October and December to help cover these improvement projects. As of August 31st, we had \$4,506.88 in checking/savings.

This is a reminder for everyone that membership fees are due January 1st. The \$15 or \$25 membership fees add up and are very helpful in meeting our monthly expenses. We greatly appreciate those who include an additional donations at the time of paying their dues.

Thanks to Richard and Sharon Troutwine, Ways & Means Chairpersons, we had a very successful summer in raising funds which helped cover the cost to complete the window sill and lentil replacement project and also to finish the storage building.

The Civil War study planned by Annette Stewart and Gayla Metzcar throughout the year was well attended. Each speaker, and also the displays prepared by our members, gave us an insight into that period of our history and our local men who volunteered to leave their families to fight for our country's unity.

I appreciate members and friends who have helped this summer to man the fair gate, farmers market, Arcanum Old Fashioned Days activities, rummage sale and served as hosts & hostesses for Saturday Open House.

Carolyn Furlong has arranged a new WWII display. Represented are Army, Navy, Marines, and Army Air Force. Still needed are USS Coast Guard artifacts. The pictures, uniforms and other items were donated by area families. Bring a friend and stop in to see the display and other new items.

Arcanum has been fortunate to have two local historians, Bill Gunder and the late Anita Short. Work is in progress to preserve all Anita's research notes. We still need volunteers to give their time to enter this valuable information into MSWord format.

I have had requests from members to purchase AWTHS knit shirts. If you are interested in a shirt contact me by phone or email - lynntump@yahoo.com.

The Arcanum Village/Township Hall and Opera House is an important part of the history of Arcanum. Let's continue to work together to look to the future as well as to the past.

AWTHS Officers

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November 10th Speaker - Rita Arnold - Ghost Stories

Rita Arnold has been investigating the presence of Ghosts in Darke County for several years. You can hear her "Ghost Stories" November 10th at the AWTHS membership meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rita is a resident of Arcanum and employed at Wayne Hospital. Rita has compiled these stories into several books. She has also conducted tours of "haunted" buildings in Greenville. Have you seen the ghost at the Arcanum library? Is there a ghost at the historical society? Join us Nov. 10th to hear where Ghosts reside in Arcanum.

A Taste of Autumn

Wine and Beer Tasting

October 8th 7:00 p.m.

Contact Dick Troutwine for reservations - \$22. 00 or get tickets at Eilerman Insurance

Committee Reports

Historian: Bill Gunder 692-8000

Work continues on the transcription into MSWord format of the detail notes about Arcanum Businesses compiled by Anita Short. We are almost 80% done with the four volumes of handwritten & typed notes covering every business known to exist in Arcanum from 1852 through 1968. Our team consists of Nancy Baker, who enters the notes into Ms Word and Carol Null, who proofreads every page & makes notes of any corrections required. Those corrections are applied to the original document for archive purposes.

We still have many notebooks to enter into MSWord and could use more volunteers willing to donate time to this entry process. A computer & knowledge of how to create a Word document is the only basic requirements. We can promise you an inside look at many interesting facts about the people and events of Arcanum community. Some of these notes will become a part of our next volume of Arcanum Chronicles.

Ways and Means: Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5218

First we want to thank everyone for their contributions of time and donations for the summer fundraisers. It takes many people and hours to make these projects successful.

Farmers Market After 12 weeks, the Farmers Market concluded August 13th with a net profit of \$836.37. Beside the frozen soup, there was a wide variety of items sold, something different each week. A few yard sale items were sold each Saturday. Thank you for your donations and purchases. A special thanks to Fred Troutwine for the use of his canopy and helping set up every Saturday morning and also to Kirby Sutton for donating containers.

Rummage Sale This year the Rummage Sale was held at the historical building rather than taking all the items to the American Legion Hall in West Manchester. Set-up was on Monday July 25 and pricing was done on Tuesday, July 26 with the sale running Wednesday through noon on Saturday July 29. The sale realized a profit of \$1,293. All unsold items were boxed and taken to Kenworthy's Auction House in Greenville and will be sold at a later date. The total profit will be updated in the next newsletter. Although there were many anonymous donations for which we are thankful, Sally Sharritts and Marilyn Graeff added a lot by giving unsold items from their garage sales. Thanks to Dick and Dee Mathis for providing storage for our sale items. Assisting with the sale were 25 AWTHS members--thank you.

Darke County Fair Gate The Great Darke County Fair is over for another year. AWTHS was paid \$1000 to staff Fair Gate #3. It took approximately 315 man-hours from 41 members and 7 non members. Thank you all for contributing your time and effort!

Up Coming Activities * Mark Your Calendars

A Taste of Autumn Saturday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our 2nd Wine and Ale & Lager Beers Tasting Party at AWTHS. Everyone attending will receive 5 tickets for their choice of wines and or beers. An appetizer and dessert buffet will be served and there will be several raffles throughout the evening. An art and collectible auction will begin at 8:30. Donation is \$22, only 70 tickets will be available. Please plan to come and invite your friends and family to enjoy "A Taste Of Autumn".

Christmas Bazaar The last money maker of the year, the annual Christmas Bazaar, will take place Saturday, November 26th, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Donated items may be brought to the November 10th membership meeting or call Richard Troutwine (692-5128) for pick-up. As in previous years we will have a 50-50 raffle, an In-House Raffle, and a Holiday Bake Shoppe. We hope to again have the Kid's Korner, The Garden Nook, Buckeye Shop, Linen & Things, Gift Wrap Center and some new fun and surprises.

Membership: Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

We welcome new members Brenda Bryson, Charlene Jeong, Jim & Susan Troutwine, Josh & Shala Urlage, and Larry Zeller. January 1st is the due date to renew memberships for all members unless you are a new member who joined after August. Use the form in this newsletter when renewing your membership.

It is with sadness we report the passing of Harold E. Goubeaux and John E. Stevenson. AWTHS valued their support to the community and to the historical society. We offer our sympathy to their families.

Southern Darke County History; _Annette Stewart 692-6462

Call me or any board member when you want to visit the historical society to view displays or see the reference and research materials.

Reference Material Donations:

* Greenville Advocate Newspapers on loan from Bill Oler- two large volumes dating April 1, 1964 through June 30, 1964 and Sept 1, 1966 through October 31, 1966.

* Photos and Brief Family History from Annette Stewart families which include the Brumbaugh, Sease, Culbertson, Michael, Hofacker, Fourman, Etzler, and Young

Ithaca Families is a collection of interesting personal letters which mention Twinsborough, and photos of some of the area's landmarks and local people of the time. The original name of Ithaca was Twinsborough.

Family Histories You are encouraged to write and submit your family history for printing in the newsletter and for preservation in AWTHS archives.

We received excellent coverage about our reference and research features in the "Arcanum News" column this summer written by Vickie Rhodehamel. We also thank her for including news about AWTHS, Civil War displays, Pitsburg and families history. Castine and Ithaca were featured in the Early Bird also. **Pitsburg** submitted by Annette Stewart

Our feature in this newsletter is the "Pitsburg Bicentennial History" written in 1976. It has interesting information about Pitsburg, called Arnettville in 1900, the name was changed to Pitsburg in 1909. Included is past businesses in Pitsburg such as hotels, restaurants, hardware, blacksmiths, groceries, lumber yard, livestock dealers and so forth. In fact the book quoted it "contains a public school, Lutheran, Methodist, Brethren Churches, a bank, hotel, fire department, grain elevators and lumber yards, besides warehouses, good stores and public conveniences and in the neighborhood of a hundred buildings in all. It is a good shipping point for grain and immense crops of tobacco raised in the surrounding community and does a large mercantile business with the prosperous farmers of this section".

Henry Snyder was the founder of the Union Church, operated the first store, was the first railroad agent and postmaster. The first elevator was built by Abe Arnett and Tom Smith of Arcanum. Ed McCue and Tobias Arnett built the second elevator. The Railroad purchased the right of way in 1881 and began operation as the Indianapolis, Bloomington, Western. The regularly scheduled passenger train made its last run in July, 1950. March 1976 was the last freight train that went through town.

In **Monroe Township**, Asa Jones and Henry Addington were the first to settle in 1819. Other early settlers were John Mote, Thomas Jones, William and John Richards, Samuel Cams, Peter Shank, Joseph Brown, Peter Abram, and John Snorph.

A school district was laid off in 1836 and another in 1837. There were a total of seven school buildings in the township. Asa Jones taught the first school.

Mote Cemetery was formed on September 5, 1853 from landowner Colin Jones

Franklin Township The first pioneer settlers were Sam Hall and John Haworth who settled here in 1825. Ira Inman in 1826, Dan Oakes, John Hess and Christopher Newcomer in 1828, Jacob Swinger in 1836.

The township was created in 1839. The first School house was built in 1838 or 1839, one fourth mile west of Painters Creek, on the Hiram Rhoades farm. Mary Reed was the pioneer teacher.

Later 12 more one room school houses were built, two miles apart. The first four year high school was built in 1907 on the site of the once Franklin-Monroe Elementary on Hogpath Road. First class to graduate was in 1908. (Names are listed in the book.)

In 1950 the local school districts - Monroe Twp, Franklin, Arcanum and the one and two schools in Twin Twp. and Van Buren Twp. were merged into Southeastern Darke County School District. This merger didn't last long.

Delisle The village of Delisle was named in honor of a resident named Delilah. The Delisle Elevator was once owned by Elmer Drew.

Look for more information about area of Southern Darke County in the January Newsletter.

Family Tree - Brumbaugh Family

This is the family line of Annette Sease Stewart, dedicated to my mother, Betty Brumbaugh Sease and Grandpa, Delbert Brumbaugh.

The first Brumbaugh (Brumbach in German) arrived in Philadelphia, PA in 1754 aboard the ship Neptune. From Johannes Henrich Brumbach came **Conrad**, from whom my line continues. His son was **George**; George's son was Samuel, Samuel's son was **Jacob**; next generation was my great grandfather Samuel Irvin Brumbaugh.

For this narrative we begin with Samuel Irvin Brumbaugh, born in 1875 who married Isadore A. Fourman (Dola) born 1897. Samuel lived near Mote Cemetery and later moved to Greenville, Oh. Of their four children, Delbert M, born 1904, was my grandfather.

My Grandfather Delbert married Inez Michael in 1923, and they had one daughter, Betty, who is my mother. Both grandparents are buried in Mote Cemetery. My grandfather Delbert was a farmer in Monroe Township and lived on Karr Road in 1928. This is where I live today with my husband Rex, who continues the farming tradition, and where my children Rachel and Kenneth grew up. Our farm was first purchased by my great grandparents, George and Emma Michael in 1928 and has been in the family since then as a working farm.

My grandparents, Delbert and Inez, were the first generation to farm and live here followed by my parents Dale and Betty Sease, with my brother Fred, sister Shanda and myself.

The second house was built around 1917, the first one being destroyed by fire. My grandfather Delbert died when I was only two years old. The only memory I have of him, besides stories, is - he fixed my doll baby. I have lots of memories of my Grandma Inez, because she would come down to the farm and also I stayed with her during the summer in her house in Arcanum on East George Street.

I liked playing with the other kids down the street, and I remember hearing the cars go down the brick street in the nighttime. Grandma Inez would fix oatmeal every morning and give her cat some for his breakfast. She kept canned pears in her old cupboard in the up ground cellar.

Her favorite use of words were pocket book for purse and machine for her car. I remember her helping me can produce in the summer along with my mother Betty. She brought plants and flowers from her friends' gardens to plant on the Karr Road Farm.

She was quiet but did like to talk, had wisdom, worked hard and knew everyone in Monroe Township and Arcanum and who they were related to. Too bad I wasn't into genealogy back then!

My Grandpa Delbert also worked at Blevins Popcorn Company in Arcanum. My grandparents attended Arcanum EUB Church which is now Faith United Methodist and they cleaned the church.

With that note-through my Grandpa Delbert's side of the family, we descend back ten generations from Rev. Martin Boehm (Beam) who first started the United Brethren Church back in Lancaster County, PA.

I told Kenneth, our son, who is a pastor with Green Tree Church of Brethren in Elizabethtown, PA that he is just returning to his roots as most of our family passed through Lancaster County and other parts of Pennsylvania on their way to our home today-the beautiful state and farms of Ohio, especially Darke County and the Arcanum area.

My mother, Betty, married Dale Sease in 1944. My parents moved off the farm in 1978 to Arcanum and then to the cottages at the Brethren Retirement Center in Greenville last year, 2010. They are still going strong.

Note For more detailed information on siblings, birth/death/marriage dates see AWTHS Family Group Sheets on the above families in our Family Surname File upstairs in the reading room of the historical society. AWTHS also has a reference book containing photos of these family members: Jacob and Mary Brumbaugh, Samuel and Dola Brumbaugh, Rachel Brumbaugh Netzley in a generational picture. Edna Brumbaugh Young in a generational picture with Sharon Karns, Delbert and Inez Brumbaugh, Betty Brumbaugh and Dale Sease and children. There are several generational pictures which include Dola Brumbaugh's parents, Henry Fourman and Marietta Culbertson as well as Marietta's mother, Catherine Binkley Culbertson.

Sources: Genealogy of Brumbach Families by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh
 Centennial Biographical Record of Dayton and Montgomery County
 Census records, Wills, Obits, Marriage, Death and Birth certificates
 Family Bible of Marietta Culbertson and Henry Fourman, parents of Dola Fourman Brumbaugh

Brookville Historical Society
 Brookville Star Newspaper
 Cemetery Readings and Records

Corrections and additions are welcome. Contact Annette Stewart at ajstew@embarqmail.com. Permission is needed to reprint or copy the above materials for publication. Sources are to be listed as well as acknowledgment to the researcher.

Wish list

8 oz. canning jars	contact Barb Deis	678-7832
6 to 18 inch clay or ornamental flower pots	contact Sharon Troutwine	692-5128
3 ring binders (any size rings)	contact Annette Stewart	692-6462

Acid free plastic protective sheets for 8x10 inches

I am searching for pictures or announcement cards of the following old school houses:

- Butler Twp: #3 located on Arcanum Hollansburg Rd. between Weavers Station Rd. & Harter Rd.
#9 on S. side of Rt. 722 west of Castine and just east of Rt. 726
- Franklin Twp: #1 located on Red River Youndt and Red River West Grove Roads
#9 Woodsdale Delisle Fouman Rd. ??
- Monroe Twp. #7 Swamp Poodle E. side of Snorf-Jones Rd. N. of Stocker Rd.
- Twin Twp: #3 located on the NE corner of Clark and Loop Roads.
#4 Center School - located on the S. side of Grubbs-Rex Rd., E. of Arcanum Ithaca Rd.
#8 Brown on the S. side of Grubbs Rex Rd, West of Gordon-Landis Rd. (not standing)
#9 Zenger was on the W. side of Rt. 503 N of the Darke Preble Co. Line Rd.
- Van Buren Twp. #9 located on the SW corner of Rt. 49 near Drew Rd.

We would like you to submit your family history to print in the newsletter and also for preservation in the AWTHS archives. Share your memories, stories, letters and journal entries. These are all part of your family history.

Remember ** The Arcanum Books make great Christmas Gifts**

Publications Barbara Deis 678-7832 Bill Gunder 692-8000

Learn the history of Arcanum through books written by our local historians. Share the history of Arcanum with your family and friends.

Books available for Purchase:	Title	Author	Price
<i>The Secret Town</i> - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio	1999	Bill Gunder	\$20.00_____
<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History 1852-1968</i>	2003	Anita Short	\$25.00_____
<i>Arcanum Chronicles</i>	2008	Anita & Bill Gunder	\$20.00_____
Index: Opera House/Town Hall, Chautauqua, Sports, Christmas in the Village, Grassville Quartet, Brig. Gen. E. Sigerfoos, Fast Horses, Parades & Celebrations and Ithaca School			
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Vol. 2</i> - Two smaller books in one	2008	Bill Gunder	\$18.00_____
Book 1 Arcanum Fire Department (1877-1970)			
Book 2 Arcanum Public Library & Historic Ivester House			
		Postage & Handling	\$ 5.00_____
Mail orders to: AWTHS, Attn: Publications Chairman, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304			
Books are also available at the Historical Society House, Farmer Brown's Restaurant and Garst Museum.			

----- **Clip and Mail** -----

2011 Membership Form - Due January 1, 2012
Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum OH 45304

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email contact Barb Deis at bdeis@core.com. You will continue to receive the newsletter by US Mail if you do not provide an email address.

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Annual Membership Fees

___ \$50.00 Sponsorship ___ \$15.00 Single ___ \$25.00 Family
 ___ \$150.00 Corporate ___ \$1000.00 Lifetime

Your tax deductible additional contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you are willing to serve.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care
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Calendar of Events

October 4, 2011	No Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 7 & 21, 2011	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
October 8, 2011	Wine and Beer Tasting	7:00 p.m.
November 8, 2011	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 4 & 18, 2011	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 10, 2011	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: "Ghost Stories" presented by Rita Arnold	
Nov. 26, 2011	Annual Christmas Bazaar	9:00 - 4:00
Dec. 6, 2011	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 2 & 16, 2011	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

January 1, 2012 Membership fees are due

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties -First and Third Friday of each month Sept. through May - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Aluminum Can Recycling

For Sale - Historic Arcanum Books, Bill Gunder 692-8000 Historic Arcanum Christmas Cards and Note Cards

Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine 692-5128 and Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

Newsletter is edited by Barb Deis. Contact Barb at 678-7832 or bdeis@core.com with information for the newsletter.

We would love to hear your stories. Share your memories of life in Arcanum.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY