

Sharing The Secret

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When you read this newsletter the year 2012 will be coming to an end and 2013 will be about to begin. As the page on the calendar changes, the office of president will change also. With the approval of the membership at the January 10th. membership meeting, Larry Wallace will step into the roll of president after a two years term as Vice President. I appreciate the support the board and the members have given me the past two years. I'll continue to help AWTHS in a supportive roll.

As of November 30th the bank balance was \$8745.45.

Many people helped Dick and Sharon Troutwine to make the Christmas Bazaar the best yet, bringing in approximately \$4000. I want to thank each of you for working, for your time in making items to sell and for shopping.

Fred and Carolyn Troutwine are working hard to preserve the early 1900 newspapers. They need your help to put the old newspapers into plastic covers.

The history of Southern Darke County took over two hundred years to unfold. Preserving that history also requires time, as well as energy and ideas. There are several ways you can help, contact Bill Gunder, Carolyn & Fred Troutwine, Carolyn & Keith Furlong or Annette Steward, they each have a different way by which you can be helpful.

Remember, all renewal membership fees are due January 1st, unless you are a new member as of October 2012. Have a wonderful New Year.

Carry-In Dinner January 10th 7:00 p.m.

**The first initial of your last name indicates which food item you should bring. -
A thru F - Salad or Vegetable * G thru P Meat or Meat Dish * Q thru Z Dessert**

March 14, 2013 Program

AWTHS presents Tom Franklin alias David Conner, Pioneer Fur Trader and Indian Agent - March 14th

One of our best received programs returns for an encore! Tom Franklin brings us another character from the past...David Conner, pioneer fur trader and Indian Agent.

Conner was born August 9, 1771 and died August 9, 1844. He came to Greenville, Ohio about 1810, then to Fort Recovery, an Indian territory, and established a trading post on the Mississinawa. In May 1817, he recorded 160 acres in Randolph Co. Indiana. Moving westward with the Indians, ending up in Grant County, Indiana about 1825, and is said to have owned over 2000 acres there. He was known as a gruff man who did not like trading with the white men. Tom portrays David Conner in the first person, and will take you face to face with Conner in his trading post in the summer of 1812, and hear of his experiences in the Indiana Territory.

A native of Randolph County, Mr. Franklin is on the Board of Directors of Randolph County Historical Society and the Board of Directors of the Mississinawa Battlefield Society.

At age 13, Tom went to work for a fur buyer in Winchester. He started researching the western fur trade and mountain men. His interest came alive on his first trip west in 1985, and he began collecting supplies to portray a mountaineer. He was most interested in the "Statehood Period" of Indiana. After attending "Mississinawa 1812" for the first time, he was hooked, and has participated in enactments ever since.

For those interested in recreations of our local past, go to the website "Mississinawa 1812" and get a real feel for how involved these enactors are, and the authenticity of their portrayals.

When Tom comes to AWTHS on March 14th, at 7 pm, he will be: "David Conner".

AWTHS Officers and Directors

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Acquisitions - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

11031 DVD 1961 class 50th Reunion (held April 15-16, 2011)	Richard Troutwine
11032 DVD made from film (1/2008), Arcanum School 1936-37 buses, kids, teachers classrooms, etc.	Harry Sarver JR. Collection
11033 Auction of Arcanum Butler School (Feb. 2011)	Carolyn Furlong
11034 Arcanum Sesquicentennial (May 15 & 16, 1999 ((2) DVDs	Ralph Shively
11035 DVD 1999 Arcanum Sesquicentennial	Ralph Shively
11036 AHS Class of 1961 50th Reunion - Booklet and Placemats	Richard Troutwine
11037 2011 poster advertising Arcanum old Fashioned Days	
11038 Items from Gladys Brown collections - Girls and Boys Basketball (1909)	Carol Ary
11039 Rosser Lumber Co. novelty fork	Bob Barton - Kentucky
11040 Class of 1961 AHS Reunion 2011 class picture of those in attendance (Banquet Program)	Richard Troutwine
11041 1960 photo AHS typing class, (2) photos of Mayor Fisher and Arcanum Police Force (1962)	Carolyn Hollinger
11042 1939 letter from Nona Rosser and Sara Rosser, (3) notes of sympathy	JoAnne Hill
11043 Picture of several members of the Arcanum Fire Dept. The other photo is of Tex Ritter (movie cowboy)	Paul Shuttleworth
11044 Margerite Bloom note to Dave Hill	JoAnne Hill
11045 A book of Greenville Daily Advocates (Sept.-Oct. 1966)	Pat and Bill Oler
11046 Darke County Review (1/30/94), Arcanum National Bank bag, (1993, 1996, 1997, 1998) hard covered Polk Directories	Mark and Lois Eilerman
11047 Ithaca Families Vol. I (refer to note on Acquisition card)	Jean Price
11048 Ithaca Families vol. II	Jean Price
11049 Large Collection of vintage greeting cards	Jean Price
11050 Bolts from old jail housed in Municipal Bldg. (Dale helped remove them)	Dale Miller
11051 Arc-Hi News (1958-1961), various school pictures and sport's articles, 1960 School Calendar	
11052 (2) photos of collection of 6 showing D&U train station, George St. (looking east), Ritz Theater - circa 1950s	JoAnne Hill
11053 Arcanum National Coin Bank	JoAnne Hill
11054 Darke County Fair Print	Lynn Trump
11055 John Smith Co. Rain Gauge and original box	Janet Johns
11056 (2) glass medicine bottles (donated to garage sale, decided to keep)	
11057 A collection of Greeting Cards sent in the early part of 1900	
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11059 (2) John Smith Ink blotters and (1) post card, "Greeting from Arcanum, OH"	JoAnne Hill
11060 Post card - picture of hogs "Hello from Arcanum OH	Tom Staley
11061 Arcanum Letter Vest 1926 or before, (5) photos	Keith and Karen Besecker
11062 Lions Club Badge (Montreal 1979 District 13)	Gertrude Brehm
11063 Diploma Holder - Southeastern Schools Class 1956 and two newspaper clippings	Jean Cox Aukerman
11064 A book of Greenville Daily Advocates (April-June 1964)	Bill and Pat Oler
11065 Straw Hat (example of German Baptist Heritage)	
11066 Mid-century child's dish	Carolyn Furlong
11067 Arcanum High School Trojan Banner (Pennant)	Cary Wogoman

Historian - Bill Gunder 692-8000

All of Anita's notes have been entered and will be reorganized in the coming months. I wish to extend a huge thanks to Nancy Baker and Carol Null for the many hours of work they contributed to complete this job. Some notebooks contained notes about multiple subjects so it will be necessary to identify the topics, select the details and place them into common files. This will make the information more useful for future research by our visitors.

Nancy Baker is continuing to abstract funeral records from the books at Kreitzer Funeral Home. We now have 2,052 names completed covering burials they conducted from 1957 through 1991. This work is continuing as Nancy has time in her busy work schedule.

Ways and Means

Christmas Bazaar - Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Thank you! Thank you ! Thank you!

Your help, donations and purchases were very appreciated. So many members and friends of the historical society helped in so many different ways. Our Bazaar was so successful that we realized over \$4000 which is remarkable.

Our In-House Raffle added \$130 to our profit. Winners were Joe Howard- Primitive Basket; Ronda Penrod - Poinsettia Tree; Lighted Snowman Birdhouse - Cathy Sink; Glitter Candle Set - Kim Unger; Goody Basket - Terri Small.

The 50-50 Raffle awarded \$140 to Carolyn Siculan - 1st place; \$100 to Tom Troutwine - 2nd place; and \$75 to Jim Troutwine - 3rd place. Our profit was \$315. Thank you all for selling and buying raffle tickets.

The large red and gold wreath, our door prize, was won by Felicia Bohse.

This year we used every room downstairs to house our Bazaar, showcasing the wonderful items people donated and made. Annette Stewart and Betty Sease were in charge of Kid's Treasures and "Free Stuff". Co-Chairmen of the Country Store and the Holiday Bake Shoppe were Joan Rench and Barb Deis. Beck's Boutique was organized by Carolyn Furlong.

A very special "thanks" to: Betty Shank and her daughter, Kim Jackson, for creating & designing wreaths, centerpieces and trees; Connie Payne, a good friend of AWTHS, for her beautiful bags of scented pinecones and for designing many of the handmade decorator items; Fred and Carolyn Troutwine and Larry Wallace for painting and decorating our wooden trees; Pam and Larry Post for painting a rocking horse; Carolyn Trump for the handmade doll clothes and sweatshirts; Nora Mahoney for the texting gloves; Dean Pitzer for constructing wooden sleds; Barb Deis for designing and constructing items for the Buckeye Shop; our apron seamstresses were Beth Flora, Marilyn Graeff, Barb Deis, Jeannie Miller, Jean Hillis, Joan Rench and Judy Dellis; everyone who made goodies for our Bake Shoppe & Country Store; Jeannie Miller for advertising our Bazaar and Rose Lambert for donating the poinsettia tree and for the many ways she helped and supported the chairpersons.

Please remember to save and donate your Christmas items at any time through out the year. The 2013 Bazaar is only 10 months away.

Ithaca Trivia

Do you remember the big building on the southeast corner of State Routes 722 and 503 in Ithaca? It was the Jacob Thomas Dry Goods Store. Did you know the gray painted wooden facade of that building is on a building in Clifton, Ohio across from Clifton Mill? Tony and Pat Sartariano, owners of Clifton Mill, purchased the facade. The Sartariano family built a new building across the street from the mill for storage and maintenance.

The red brick walls on the property of the 1900 Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) building on the northeast corner of State Routes 722 & 503 were constructed of bricks from John Smith Grain Company which was on property that faced 101 W. South St. and encompassed 110 & 112 W. George St. in Arcanum.

Historical Society is Open to Visitors the First Saturday of each Month

NEW HOURS FIRST SATURDAYS The AWTHS is now open the "First Saturday" of each month from 9 a.m. until noon. The house will be open each Saturday during Farmers Market, beginning last week in May through middle of August. In case of severe winter weather the house will be closed. **We will need host to greet people during the visiting hours.** Please let Annette know if you can help on any of these dates: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4. Come and browse among our many treasures or sit, relax and spin a tale or two. This is a good time to research, or bring your family history and photos to start organizing. You can make an appointment for us to assist you with your project. There are good stories out there that just need to be written.

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY - Annette Stewart 692-6464 ajstew@embarqmail.com

Photographer is needed to take pictures of old school houses in Twin and Van Buren Township (existing and non-existing locations). See Annette Stewart for list and map of school houses. Need digital camera or way to download to CD or flash drive.

KOREAN WAR POSTERS - Bob Weisenbarger has loaned the society some interesting posters about the placement of the different war locations for the Korean War. These will be on display this winter. Those wishing to loan or donate artifacts please contact our society pertaining to the Korean War or other conflicts.

SCRAPBOOK WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 2nd, 9 a.m. Annette Stewart 692-6462

During our "First Saturdays Visiting Hours" our reference library will host a "scrapbook workshop" to learn how to assembly family photos, old documents, letters, and such into a treasured heirloom for themselves and future generations. The workshop is open to beginners and those who have started a project.

You are asked to bring your own materials. Please **read the "Preservation Guidelines" before attending.** Note that supplies should be archival safe and acid free.

Please RSVP to Annette by January 28. Call Annette about proper supplies. She will be glad to talk to you about what you will need to get started. Ideally, old photos or paper items should be copied on quality photo paper then the copy used in the scrapbook or display. Decide if you wish a large scrapbook size or smaller binder size. Most scrap papers are for larger scrapbooks but other materials can be put in the smaller album size.

You're welcome to come and observe. We'll be talking about photo preservation. Carolyn Furlong will show some examples of page layouts. We may break for lunch and continue in the afternoon. If there is severe weather we will reschedule to March 2.

Tips for PRESERVATION OF YOUR HEIRLOOMS

During the November AWTHS program presentation by our Reference Library Coordinator, mention was made concerning preservation of old photos and paperwork such as old letters, deeds, recipes, and documents. We will be continuing these thoughts **with a series of preservation guidelines** for those wishing to start scrapbooks, albums and organizing their family history or heirlooms.

These topics are credited to: Jane Cullinane from the Connecticut State Library.

Factors that cause our treasures to deteriorate.

While we can't control the quality of products from years ago, we need to be careful of these:

Wear and tear, exposure to light and extremes of temperature and humidity; poor housekeeping (insects, mold, dust); improper repairs and storage materials; obsolete formats; and accidents.

PHOTOS AND PAPER

Wear white gloves when handling photos and paper items.

Make a copy of the original on good photo paper. Hang or frame the copy.

Leave repairs to the professional or qualified conservator.

Consider making two copies of original if copying small photos from albums; the second copy can be cut apart and scanned on computer individually. This way you have a "digitalized" copy on computer which can be then saved to a CD, flash drive, or external hard drive.

Try to have three copies of the photo: original, actual copy scanned and saved to computer in several methods. Make back-up copies of your files in case of computer crashes. Store one copy off-site.

Original can be scrapped but I recommend corner mountings if using original. This way it can be removed if necessary. Once it is fastened down with tape, it is sometimes impossible to remove without damage to the picture.

Provide proper storage materials. Look for acid-free products such as papers, glue, tape, clear page covers, and writing pens. No magnetic pages or rubber bands. Watch materials or boxes that photos and papers are stored in. Preservation use at home should be "low-lignin" or "lignin-free," and "buffered" materials.

Avoid writing on the front or back of the photo. Instead attach an acid free label written in acid free ink. Or purchase special marking pens if write on back of photo.

If copying a deed to achieve the "aged" look, copy in color setting.

Web sites: Preservation Advice for Historical Societies and Home Collections <http://www.cslib.org/presinfo.htm>

Resources for private and family collections: <http://nedcc.org/resources/family/php>

Look at this web site for information about materials. It's located on Broadway in Greenville. Sometimes they have coupons. <http://artifactsink.com>. (By Ivy League). Also, check Jo-Ann Fabrics and Hobby Lobby. Staples carry the acid-free plastic sleeves for binder size.

History of Arcanum Books for Sale

The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio \$20

Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968) \$25

Arcanum Chronicles \$20

Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 \$18

To purchase books contact Barbara Deis 678-7832, Bill Gunder 692-8000, Board Members or on our website

ARCANUM AND THE 1913 DAYTON FLOOD - Bill Gunder

When reading the following excerpts from The Arcanum Times, it should be remembered that the flood took place in the early morning hours of March 25 in Dayton and that the Times, a weekly newspaper did not have a detailed knowledge of what had happened in Dayton when they went to press for their March 27 deadline. Many of the articles during this period were quite lengthy; thus, we have edited them to a degree in the interest of space, in regard to Arcanum interest.

From The Arcanum Times, March 27, 1913. Wind Storm. Friday morning (March 21) at 7:30 a violent wind storm struck Arcanum and caused a great amount of excitement. The roof of the coal bins of the Arcanum Milling and Grain Company was blown off and tore down telephone, telegraph and electric wires in its path. Slight damage was done by part of the roof hitting the roof of the W.E. Francis warehouse. A large window in the front of C.O. Hoffman's drug store was broken out by a falling sign. A traction car was derailed at the Big Four crossing by Conductor Cummings who saw a piece of roof flying at him. Another storm struck Arcanum Sunday (March 23) evening at about midnight with the top part of the smoke stack at the power house being blown off causing the suspension of water and light service until Friday evening.

Also from The Arcanum Times, March 27, 1913. Dayton Flood...locally the flood did little damage. Several washouts...the oldest inhabitants say they never saw such an amount of water in this part of the country. The country around town was submerged until noon and cellars were filled with water. The pumping room at the power house was in four feet of water. No trains have entered Arcanum except the passenger west to Indianapolis and hence all communication with the outside world is cut off. Traction car service has been suspended since Monday night (March 24) and will not be resumed for several days.

A week later, from The Arcanum Times, April 3, 1913. People Respond Freely. Arcanum Sends Food and Clothing to the Stricken Inhabitants of Dayton. (Note: there was a listing of approximately 150 names of local people and amounts of cash given totaling \$458.77 to the people of Dayton.) Before train service was established on the D&U six wagon-loads were hauled to Dayton from Arcanum. Sent were 175 gallons baked beans, 100 gallons of milk, three thousand dozen eggs—half of which were boiled, 3500 loaves of bread, fifty boiled hams, coffee, sugar, canned meats and clothing of all kinds. Merchants gave shoes, shirts, stockings, etc. Provisions are estimated at \$3,500. The death list in the Dayton Flood will be near 150. Property Loss to be Great. Many left Dayton and came to Arcanum to stay until things can partly be cleared. The Ohio Electric Railway is running (south) to Brookville only. All the bridges between Covington and Dayton across Stillwater river are out except Prairie Ford, one-half mile north of Ludlow Falls. The new concrete structure at West Milton went down with a crash when a log hit it. The flood began at 1:00 Monday night (Tuesday a.m., March 25)

By April 10, 1913 it was known that \$100,000 damage had been done to Darke county roads and bridges by the flood. The total devastation in Dayton was given in the May 1, 1913 issue of The Times. Flood Figures. Total property loss in Dayton caused by the recent flood is estimated at \$128,000,000. Pianos were damaged to the extent of \$800,000. The furniture loss is placed at \$9,440,000. Depreciation of real estate in case the rivers are not improved will be approximately \$55,000,000. Leaf Tobacco worth \$900,000 was destroyed. The churches and public buildings suffered a loss of \$2,068,100. Livestock and autos worth \$1,000,000 were destroyed. Ninety-three thousand persons and 20,000 homes were directly affected by the flood. There were 46 relief stations for the distribution of food and clothing and these supplied 83,000 persons. Four millionaires of Dayton stood in the bread line at the NCR Station.

2013 Membership Form

Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip code _____

\$15 Single \$25 Family \$50 Sponsorship \$150 Corporate \$1000 Lifetime

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

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

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Historic Sites Education Nominating Flower Garden Care Yard Care

Genealogy Publicity Design/Displays Publications

Adopt A Highway Typing Research Papers

Calendar of Events

All 2013 Membership fees are due by January 1st

January 4 & 18, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00-3:30 p.m.
January 5, 2013	Open Hours	9:00 a.m.- Noon
January 8, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 10, 2013	Membership Meeting and Election of Officers	7:00 p.m.
	Carry In Dinner	7:00 p.m.
February 1 & 15, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00-3:30 p.m.
February 2, 2103	Open Hours & Scrapbook Workshop	9:00 a.m. - Noon
February 12, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 1 & 15, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 2, 2013	Open Hours	9:00 - Noon
March 12, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 14, 2013	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Just a Reminder

- * Attend the annual membership meeting to elect new officers and enjoy a carry-in dinner **January 10th.**
- * Pay your membership dues
- * Help to put old newspapers in plastic covers. Contact Fred Troutwine 696-8939
- * Volunteer to be a host/hostess during Saturdays open hours
- * Attend workshop to learn to assemble your keepsakes in an album **Feb. 2nd**
- * Volunteer to serve on various committees
- * Donate 8 ounce canning jars and lids
- * Tell your family and friends they can read AWTHS newsletters at our website, beginning with the first issue: January 2005
- * Donate Christmas & Holiday print or colored fabric, table clothes, placemats, sweaters, etc. that can be up-cycled.

Hall Rental - Contact Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Information for Newsletter Contact Barb Deis 678-7832