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President’s Remarks – Jenny Quigney 937-459-8090

Hello everyone. Sometimes it seems like last week that I wrote an article for the newsletter but in reality it was just the beginning of summer. Here we are heading into the fall season with the Christmas season lurking around the corner along with winter – crazy! That being said I want to remind everyone that we have a couple more membership meetings and programs coming up to finish off the year with our usual open houses the first Saturday of each month. I would like to thank all the people who have helped host the open houses because without their help we could not continue to do this.

Treasurer Jerry Kramer reports a balance of \$13,894.25. Currently, there are no big expenses, only operating expenses.

Coffee and Conversation series this past summer was very well attended. I appreciate all the volunteers who helped with securing the guests and providing the refreshments. I know that I have enjoyed them along with others.

Our fair gate fund raiser was another project that was completed this year. Thank you to our members and friends of AWTHS who volunteered to help. The Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner and I am sure we will have just as much help with that fund raiser. Be sure to drop off your gently used Christmas décor at the back door of the Historical Society. We depend on those donations for a successful bazaar.

Volunteers are what make our organization work as well as it does, so I would like to extend my thanks to another behind the scene person. Betty Sease has been cutting out all and any newspaper articles related to Arcanum and Southern Darke County and putting them in binders for the reference library. Thank you Betty for all your efforts. Another person that I would like to recognize is Barb Deis, she works hard on this newsletter among other things. I also credit her for keeping me straight, I know sometimes that can be a tough job. Again, thanks to all who take the time out of their day to help in any way, that they can does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

I also would like to express our sympathy to the Tom Stevens family on the loss of Tom. He will be greatly missed.

Please check out the rest of the newsletter for events coming up with dates and times. The next newsletter will be after Christmas. Time marches on. Enjoy your fall and Holiday season.

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November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Program \* Darke County Genealogical Society

Members of the Darke County Genealogical Society will be our guests November 8.

The Society promotes preservation of family histories and the history of Darke County. Our guests will share information regarding their programs which include recognizing members who have a proven ancestor of one of the following: Darke County First Families, Pioneers, Civil War Veterans and Century Ancestor.

Join us to learn about the genealogy workshops they conduct and their willingness to help anyone doing research.

**October 6 from 9-noon** the **Arnett Family** Portrait will be on display at AWTHS. Kathy Fout has loaned us the portrait along with the family history to view during the fall months. The portrait will be on display thru the end of October. Arnettville (Pitsburg) history and maps are also displayed. If you missed seeing this at the August Coffee make plans to visit and bring your Arnett and related family history to donate a copy to AWTHS Reference Library. Related families are: Arnett, Friend, Arnold, Bristley, and Feitshans.

**November 3 from 9:00 am – noon at AWTHS:** **Bill Baker will be here with a presentation and display** on the Henry Sr. Baker and Elizabeth Poe families which also includes Elias Baker and Mary Baker. Bill’s work is based on reading newspaper articles that circulates at the George Baker/Mary Fancher Reunion. The focus will be “The Baker Home’s Story”. Please bring your Baker family questions and a copy of your tree to donate to the AWTHS Library.

**AWTHS Officers**

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**Membership - Sharon Troutwine** 692-5128

Have you remembered to pay your 2018 dues? Please call me if you have a question, 692-5128.

We are sorry to report the passing of members Tom Stephens and Galen Lenhart. Our sincere condolences to their families.

**Framers Market**

As summer ends, so does the Farmers Market. This weekly summer event had only 3– 4 vendors participating,, we appreciate their faithfulness. The Open Trunk Sales (new this summer and held once a month), were not well attended, just not enough people came downtown. AWTHS took in \$46.75.

**2018 Darke County Fair Gate #3** - Keith and Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to staff the fair gate. We appreciate all those who went above and beyond by working additional shifts to fill vacant schedule spaces.

In addition to the \$1,250 paid by the fair board we will receive, at a later date, payment from the Daily Advocate for distribution of fair pamphlets.

Bev Rench has accepted coordinator duties for the 2019 Fair Gate #3 AWTHS schedule. Thanks Bev for your willingness to keep this ball rolling.

Thanks again to our volunteers. It's a good opportunity to meet and greet friends, family and other visitors to the Great Darke County Fair.

**\*Christmas Bazaar 2018\*** Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

It's time to mark your calendar for our major fundraiser, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar.

<u>Friday Nov. 23rd</u>	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Preview Sale
<u>Saturday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Second Day Sale

We will again have Mrs. Santa's Bake Shoppe. We hope you'll give Mrs. Santa a hand by making lots of yummy homemade goodies for our sale. **Deliver goodies to AWTHS between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Door Prizes, In-House Raffle and 50-50 Raffle are all part of the Christmas Extravaganza.

Remember, we will be carrying downstairs all of our stored donations after our regular Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a huge effort, we really need your help—we can't do it without you.

Gently used Holiday items are always welcomed. Donations should be left at the back door of the historical society building. Call Richard and Sharon if you need help with a large donation.

Please spread the word to help advertise our Bazaar. No other bazaar has such great prices for such nice items.

After the last of the goodies are sold, the raffle winners are announced and the door prizes awarded helpers are needed to pack up unsold items. Your help will be welcomed Monday morning Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to clean up.

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**Trivia** Barber Shops were often run in combination with pool or card rooms. (Arcanum, Ohio Business History page 240)

Arcanum Times December 4, 1913 Fast Playing by Local Basket Ball Team Pulls in Another Victory

Last Thursday night saw the fastest basket ball game played in Arcanum for a long time when the Arcanum Tigers defeated the Greenville Rexalls, 28 to 23. The local boys played an excellent game and have developed considerable team work. At various times of the game they showed better all-around playing than the visiting team. A large crowd witnessed the game. Fourman center for the Tigers, and Reigle of the Rexalls, were the stars of the game.

Baseball was always a big part of small communities. The first Arcanum Base Ball Club was organized in 1899. No indication as to where the games were played or for how long. In 1912 a company of ten businessmen formed to promote another baseball club for Arcanum. These were considered semi pro teams. Read more in the *Arcanum Chronicles* page 31 and 32.

**Just A Reminder**

Euchre Parties are open to everyone – join the fun.

*Learn how Darke County Genealogical Society works to preserve Darke County History Nov. 8th.*

Make plans to help with setup of the Christmas Bazaar and also help during the bazaar November 23 and 24.

*Donate gently used Christmas items for the bazaar.*

Membership fees can be paid now for the coming year.

**Acquisitions** – Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

18041	Small cream colored crocheted ladies purse displayed with prairie wedding dress worn by Melinda McBride and McBride family history.	Melinda McBride Family
18042	Paper Needle book from John Smith Store	
18043	Photo of Carl Trentine WWII 1943-46, Solomon Islands	
18044	Ruler from The Craft Sampler, Judy Miller – owner	Lois Troutwine
18045	Picture of Gerald Hency (center) with two row corn picker, And WWII ration book and tokens	Phyllis Hency
18046	Silk souvenir handkerchief from Estate of Robert Faulkner who Served in Pacific WWII.	Janet Johns
18047	Fact Freezer Book from Arcanum Lockers, Inc. dted1945	Dick Troutwine
18048	Picture of area ladies and club members	Located – Organization Binder
18049	Obituary of Glen Dale Broughman (son of Ester Feitshanes and John Broughman (television news pioneer broadcaster)	Janet Johns
18052	Circa 1920 medical journal, The Bloodless Phlebotomist	Carolyn Furlong
18053	Various business items pertaining to Arcanum	Ruth Ann & Larry Crowell
18061	1917 AHS Football team photo, one I.D. , Martin Weisenbarger	
18062	1944 AHS Senior Class Picture	
18063	Sears Roebuck Catalogue Chicago	Marilyn Graeff
18064	Arcanum Elementary schoolbook and school pictures 1961-63-64-65-66-67	
18065	Arcana pamphlet and photo of 1921 team basketball photo	
18066	Navy Photo of Brian Noggle and buddies	
18067	Oct 1957 of DPL Forward Magazine, Fire Fighters and Arcanum article	
18068	Greenville Arcanum National Bank Bag and paper copy of \$10 dollar bill	
18069	1939 Monroe H.S. Graduation card booklet and 2 photos of 1937-38 Glee Club Monroe Twp. School faculty	Gale Honeyman
18090	1975 FFA Jacket 1975, FFA Banquet Program	Becky Hill
18091	1977 blizzard newspaper, Arc. Nat. Savings tray & bag, and Columbus news clippings of Arc basketball team	Larry Wade
18092	Photo of Noah Fourman married to Melinda Landis, parents of Silas Fourman	Carolyn Fourman Fisher
18093	Old school desk bell gift to Annette Stewart for her one room school project	Tom Staley
18094	Framed 1969 Journal Herald found under carpet in home of Guy Haley, Candidate for congress	Sharon Karns
18095	1943 & 1946 Arcanum Senior Class Framed Pictures	
18096	Photo copy of Robert and Laura Jane Bowers Davidson, Photo of Marie Kauffman Davidson and Robert Davidson, children of Roy and Nellie Brehm Davidson	Carolyn Fourman Fisher
18097	Arcanum Federal Savings and Loan certified money holder	Sharon Karns
18098	Guy Daniel Hawley 1906 Arcanum graduation picture (1880's 1890's)	John Hawley
18099	The Daniel Albright Family Portrait and I.D. chart	John Hawley
18100	Graduation framed photo – 1914 Arcanum High School	Carolyn Furlong

*AWTHS members and community have been so generous in donation of numerous pictures. We chose to place the pictures in binders for display in categories of Community, War Years, Sports, Businesses, Clubs, and Organizations, and Schools are a few examples They will be displayed at meetings and other events. They may be viewed the first Saturday of each month when AWTHS is open to the public.*

**Check out website**

Please check out AWTH'S website periodically. We've put some new photos and info under the "New Collections" tab. Included are photos of: Allbright family, Mr. Hency, and the Arnett photo. Under "Events" you will find the AWTHS Schedule of Events which goes thru the end of the year.

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY

ANNETTE STEWART 417-3746

### Wreaths Across American December 15

The Ft. GreenVille DAR Chapter, along with area businesses, is sponsoring “Wreaths Across American” on December 15 for the Greenville Union Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed on the Veterans graves. Individuals can sponsor their loved one’s grave by donating money for a wreath or making a contribution toward the fund for the wreaths.

If your loved one’s grave or Veteran’s grave is in another area contact the area cemetery or funeral home to learn if a local group is sponsoring the project in that locality.

If you are interested in donating your time to help lay or clean up wreaths please contact the Ft. GreenVille DAR Chapter thru their Facebook page. Here is a general link to learn more <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

### WILLIAM ASHLEY RE-DEDICATION AND REKINDLED

Second brings me to the inquiry from Find-a-Grave which is a web site to look at cemeteries and burial sites. I was approached about William Ashley, Revolutionary War soldier. Through the inquiry from Vicky Krogg a friendship was built as well as a probe into the assumed burial site. Those of you not familiar with our Historic Self-Guided Driving Tour on Ithaca from several years ago, William Ashley’s memorial stone is placed at Ithaca Cemetery and is a designated historic site on the tour. As you read the condensed version in the brochure you will find mention along the route of the “actual burial site” being on Clark Road behind the old two room school house on the hill outside of Ithaca on Rt. 503. This was taken from a web site which list the Ashley Cemetery in this location “behind a two room school house”. However, Vicky and myself looked further into the records and believe this may be in error. In a Bible record and letter from the Burton Ashley family dated 1906 we read “Died in Darke Co. Ohio December 28, 1828 and lies buried beside the grave of his wife on the farm then owned by his son, Elisha about two miles south Ithaca and now owned by John Frazee (1906)”. This family had actually visited the farm and burial site many years ago.

Also newspaper accounts from Arcanum Times dated May 1923 “grave located Frazee farm near Ithaca”. And later in the Arcanum Times from May 10 1940 we read about the “Floyd farm adjacent to Darke-Preble Co. Line in Twin Twp. as the resting place.”

Going back in time to the 1923’s the Daughters of the American Revolution located the grave on the Frazee farm. A crude boulder with crude lettering and dates was the only marker found. A suitable monument was planned to be erected.

In 1940 a grave marking program was to be held at Ashley’s gravesite under the Veterans Grave project-WPA- along with Ft. GreenVille Chapter DAR. The day of the ceremony the farmer or land owner changed his mind and the government grave marker was placed in Ithaca Cemetery.

In looking at the 1910 plat map you will see the Frazee farm at the corner of Rt. 503 and Darke Preble County Line Road. Not Clark Road as on an early map for Ashley Cemetery.

Fast forward, August 1, 2018 the Ft. GreenVille DAR Chapter re-dedicated the Ithaca stone. Jenny Quigney, Jim and Barb Deis and Annette Stewart attended the ceremony. Vicky Krogg, descendant of William Ashley family, was also present. Thru FB publicity of the event we found the owner of this location of supposed burial site. Jennifer Weaver Suggs mentions her dad living here for many years and moving a huge bolder on the farm to the pond area. So could this possibly be the bolder from 190 years ago marking patriot William’s grave? But even if not the “actual” marker of the grave we are pretty certain William Ashley’s remains are on this farm.

There are many records in AWTHS file on William Ashley and his family: Some are from Darke Genealogical Society, OH DAR, Vicky Krogg, Find a Grave and our local newspaper accounts. We can say William was a bricklayer by profession, had 11 children, served Revolutionary War on at least three accounts of service and migrated to Ohio from New York around 1816. In 1820 he was in Knox County, Ohio before coming to Twin Township.

### Other Landmarks and Facts

William’s sons were preachers or elders: William, Harry, Elder Elisha who later lived on William’s farm and burial site; Elder Loami who married Jane Baker and built one of the oldest brick homes in Ithaca which is still standing today. It is located going north on Rt. 503 on the left (west) right by the Hoover home. Their initials were once visible in the south gable of the home. He was a bricklayer by trade. And Alanson, Sr. lived on Gordan-Landis Road near Darke-Preble County Line Road section 35 SE corner and would have been near the location of the church and Lynch Cemetery close to Oda’s today. The Ashley’s held Methodist meetings in his home in 1830 (Thomas Meeting House) and later per Gordon history this church went into town with the Baptist Church which later closed. We also read in another account: Alanson lived where Milbert Ressler and Bonnie Ressler lived -in 1985. Was also the Ed Boomershine farm.

***If you access Find-a-Grave website you can read William’s bio as well as mention of his family members and their prospective burial sites.***

*William is from Poultney VT and started his service in 1775.*

*He fought with the Green Mountain boys of VT and his father and HIS father’s brothers are considered The Founders of Poultney VT.*

**SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY continued**

We've had a busy summer with Open First Saturday Mornings. In July and August we hosted a Genealogy and History Workshop and had in attendance around 8-10 guests coming in asking questions about their families and general inquiries about Arcanum. Another purpose was to acquaint people with the contents of our Research and Reference Library and how to use the materials provided.

We will continue to be open the First Saturday Morning of the Month as we have volunteers available. If you can help host, your help would certainly be appreciated. Thank you to those who served this summer.

**Baker Homes Story - Written by Bill Baker**

*Is your DNA in this 1900 picture? Come find out at 9:00 AM Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Arcanum, Ohio. This picture, containing 400 to 500 people, was created at The Baker Reunion near Pitsburg, Ohio in 1900. The photo is on our FB page under the Baker Homes Event. We suggest you follow this event to keep updated.*

*The Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society, 123 West George Street, will feature pictures, relics and genealogy compiled by Bill and Jean Baker over thirty years. Bill Baker is a direct descendent of two lines of Baker pioneer families that settled much of west central Ohio. You also may be a descendent.*

*In 1805, the Michael Baker & Catherine Smucker Family arrived near (what would become) Brookville, Ohio. Henry Baker accompanied his uncle, Michael, from Somerset, Pennsylvania. Henry would marry Elizabeth Poe and from these two family roots, Baker pioneers and their relatives would settle much of the land between Brookville and Greenville, Ohio.*

*If your ancestor was living in 1900, there is a chance he or she is standing on the barn bank in the picture. Not everyone is named Baker. This is the only known print of the photograph that may have been taken by a newspaper photographer. Maybe you have the negative. Maybe you have a letter or article that references the reunion or the photo. Let's explore our Baker roots by focusing on the homes they made in The Miami Valley.*

*Join the search 9 AM to noon, Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society, 123 West George Street, Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio.*

*You may be familiar with Dewey (milkman) and Grace Baker from Arcanum as we have a photo in our collection. This is one of many descendants from this family. If you have Fourman ties you're probably related!*

**Remembering When****Making Apple Butter**---taken from an old newspaper clipping, 1934

*"Place, the home-like David Swinger farm, Franklin tp., Darke Co. The conserve maker - Mrs. Jesse W. Baker. Helpers- Betty, Paul, Shirl and Delbert Baker.*

*There is one savor of sweet cider and another of Rambeau apples ripening in orchard aisles. There is the piquancy of sorghum molasses bubbling in the pan and rapture of hickory wood burning in the open. There is the tang of rue and peppermint in old gardens, the smack of new mown corn and grain stacks drying. But the most wholesome of all these is the tantalizing aroma of homemade apple butter boiling in a great iron kettle.*

*Perhaps of all the settlements in the Miami Valley, the Pennsylvania Dutch of Franklin tp. Were the most famous for this conserve of sweet cider. Gallon after gallon of it boiled to almost the diminishing point before the choicest of ripe apples, peeled and quartered, were added as the final bouquet to make it a spread fit for royalty. From Mrs. Baker, descended from a long line of makers of endless jams, jellies and preserves, we learned the mysteries of open kettle-rendered apple butter.*

*But it takes work to make apple butter, and the sweet old-fashioned patience, possessed by very few now-a-days, to stand over a kettle and stir and stir hour after hour. Mrs. Baker held a long pine stick in her hand and kept it busily turning. On the end of the stick a paddle attached, suspended and bored thick with holes explored every inch of the bubbling conserve, for if allowed to scorch just at the time it waxed sweetest and best, all her efforts would be for naught.*

*The way to know when it is done to perfection is by watching the bubbles, caused by the escaping steam, come more lazily to the top, and learned the psychological moment when the glowing ambers should be covered and the great pot of ambrosia left to cool. The cooled apple butter would be ladled out into stone crocks and jars, covered with paraffin and set in a sweet smelling cellar to make sandwich spread for the kiddies. Breathes there a man with stomach so papered he would not crave one of those sandwiches- golden apple butter spread thick over a base of country butter."*

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October 2, 2018	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 5 & 19, 2018	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
November 6, 2018	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 2 & 16, 2018	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
November 8, 2018	Program	7:00 p.m.
November 12 thru 22, 2018	Darke County Genealogy Society Set up for Christmas Bazaar	
November 23, 2018	Christmas Bazaar	6:00 – 8:00p.m.
November 24, 2018	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 a.–5:00 pm
November 26, 2018	Pack up and clean up following Bazaar	9:00 a.m.
December 7 & 21, 2018	Euchre Party	1:00 p.m.
<u>January 10, 2019 Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers 6:30 p.m.</u>		

<b>2018 Membership Form</b>		<b>Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304</b>	
Name _____	New _____	Renewal _____	
Phone Number _____	Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email address _____		
Address _____			
City, State and Zip Code _____			
Annual Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime
Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____			
Please check the area where you would like to help.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Sites <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Displays <input type="checkbox"/> Publications <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Reference Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Facebook Updated	
<input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Website Updated	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Acquired Photos & Documents to Laptop	