

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



Winter 2010

From the President

Winter Greetings to our friends and members,

Although the weather seems bleak and cold, the spirits of the Fulton County Historical Society are upbeat! We have been encouraged by the continued financial support of the Fulton County Commissioners, our other sponsors (listed on page 2), and our renewing members (renewal form is page 3).

I enjoyed visiting with those of you who attended our annual meeting in Delta last October, and hope to meet more of you in the new year. As you read through this newsletter, I encourage you to get involved with a volunteer project, or at least, visit our website, blog, and Facebook page. We've done our best to list everyone on page 2 who helped us last year. If we missed you, let us know, because we are keeping track of volunteer hours for our grant applications.

Thanks again,

Carl Buehrer, President

HELL & HOMEFRONT: **Civil War Through Fulton County Eyes**

The Fulton County Historical Society is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$1,500.00 research grant from the Ohio Humanities Council for its future contributions to the State of Ohio's "Ohio Civil War 150" commemoration in the years(2011-2015).

Upcoming Events:

***Fulton County Museum
Spring Season Hours
beginning 3/2/10:***

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am —4pm
Saturdays 10am—2pm

"Hell & Homefront: Civil War through Fulton County Eyes" will be a five year project, containing exhibits, educational programs, and a publication on the history of Fulton County from the underground railroad movement in the 1830s through the reconstruction era—not a glorification of war, or particular battles, but the viewpoints of Fulton County citizens, both on the battle field, and those left behind at home. The group will present its findings in a series of free lectures at three area public libraries in the spring (*see dates in the next newsletter*).

The museum's extensive collection of Civil War artifacts will be the centerpiece of this commemoration.

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Ohio
Humanities
Council

The society is seeking family stories, collectors, historians, veterans, and anyone interested to become part of the planning process. A blog has been set up through our internet web site, www.fultoncountyhs.org where interested people can bounce ideas back and forth. For more information, contact our director: museum@fultoncountyhs.org or (419)337-7922.

Thank You 2009

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Volunteers Of the Year

This year, these volunteer members spent well over 1,500 hours on projects of the society. Help us give these individuals the thanks they deserve:

200 or more hours

Mich Arlo

100-200 hours

Judy & Lowell Warncke

50 - 100 hours

*Loretta Brannan * Carl Buehrer **

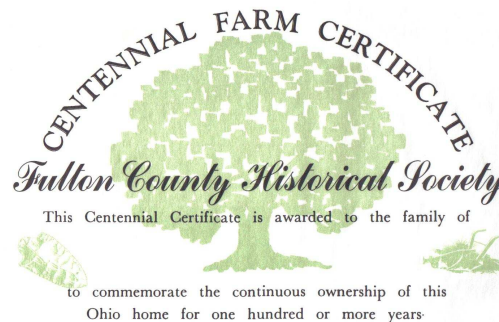
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The recipient of the 2009 Centennial Farm Plaque was James & Paula Savage. Their farm, in Pike Township, was purchased by Charles Evers in 1907.

2010 Membership Renewal & Sponsorship Form

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New Acquisitions



Several more objects have been donated this past fall, including this photograph and epeletts, originally owned by Colonel Epaphras Barber, who created the Barber Subdivision in Wauseon where our county museum is located. These objects were donated by his granddaughter and great-granddaughter, and will be included in our upcoming exhibit. Other objects donated since the last newsletter were: the Graber post card collection, Wauseon Alumni artifacts, Winameg/Mary Agnes Howard-McClarren items, A commemorative Sterling Company coin, corn husking gloves, and the dining room table of Ada Shaefer-Howard.



Slaves in Delta?

The John King Farm, purchased in 1834, was located at the present site of State Route 109 and County Road F. The U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, the Ohio Historical Society, and the Network to Freedom organization have recognized this site as a National Underground Railroad Station. The site is now owned by John and Betty Trowbridge and the Delta American Legion.

While the Reverend William King (*below*), a nephew of John, was in Canada establishing the Buxton/Elgin Settlement in the late 1840s, his fifteen former slaves resided on the farm for a year-and-a-half. They were taught northern farming and logging methods, how to preserve fruits of the harvest. And, for the first time in their lives, they were paid for their labors. They were taught to read and write, and attended services in the big barn at the King's Sabbath Center.

Historian and society member, Naomi Twining is soliciting funds to erect a memorial at this historic site. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box, in care of the "King Memorial Fund". To speak with Ms. Twining about this project, call (419)474-7084. We thank Mr. Lowell Yoder for his recent \$500.00 donation toward this project.



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Fulton County Historical Society on Facebook?

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