

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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Winter 2013

Upcoming Spring Events

(April—June events)

Speaker and Exhibit Opening

Hell & Homefront: 1863

Saturday, April 6, 1:00pm

In 1863, we are voting on the idea of moving the county seat and our soldiers are in Tennessee, Mississippi and North Carolina. The museum's spring season begins with the Rev. Keith Hunsinger speaking on German-speaking Union units and racism during the war 1:00pm at the Congregational Church at 135 W. Elm St., followed by the exhibit opening and reception at the museum from 2-4pm. A Civil War "sing-along" will precede at 12:30pm.

Civil War Recruitment Encampment

Saturday, May 18, 10am—3:30pm

Co-sponsored by the National Society of Living Historians, this event will allow guests to experience actual events in Fulton County history. Levi and Helen Eversole will hold their 150 year old wedding in North Park at 11:30am, soldiers on leave will be demonstrating their weaponry to visitors, and at 3:00pm, a military funeral for 1st Sergeant Lemuel Viers, who died from his wounds at Chancellorsville.

"Civil War Wedding Tea" Event

(same day), between 11-3:00pm

Be a wedding guest at the Eversole wedding. Theatrical story-telling guests will appear during the tea on the museum porch. Groups of 2-8 may make reservations for seatings between 11am and 3pm. Enjoy mother Tappan's complimentary Afternoon Tea (scones, sandwiches, desserts, and a choice of hot or iced tea). Call the museum at 337-7922 to purchase \$10 performance tickets.

From the President

Friends and members,

By now, you have probably heard that much has happened since the annual banquet. We have been meeting with commissioners to discuss the possibility of developing a possible new local history facility. We have also been meeting with other area county history organizations in an effort to promote each other, highlight each group's unique successes and save money for everyone in the process!

Thank you to those of you who completed our long-range planning survey from our last newsletter. We are encouraged that ALL of you think we need to move to the next level— although carefully and with good planning. We also see that many of you would like us to retain the existing museum building in some capacity. In that light, we are moving forward with our long-range planning team and some private sponsors to present a final plan.

We now have hired grantwriter, Heather Stombaugh, who hopes to find over \$25,000.00 worth of grants this year. New volunteers include: a new archivist, John Myles, and a new marketing/public relations manager, Patrice Rankin. John is a retired librarian and member of the Ohio Library Board, and Patrice is a retired marketing and advertising director who now lives in Fulton County. Adding these three individuals to our existing staff of volunteers is a great start to making our organizational more professional and on the level with other museums in the country.

Thanks again for your support, and please attend our upcoming spring events!

Carl Buehrer,

President



Students from Four County school interior design department under the direction of instructor Kathy Delagrang, again volunteered to re-decorate the museum. This time, they worked in the upstairs hallway. Pictured sponging the walls is Nicole Gray from Delta, OH.

Upcoming F.C. Events:

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King Memorial Marker Dedication Event

Wednesday, June 19
(Juneteenth Day), 10:30am

Join the Delta American Legion Auxiliary and the Delta 150 Anniversary Committee in the dedication of the long-awaited King memorial markers on the anniversary date of the end of slavery in America. Local historian, Naomi Twining, has worked diligently to research and raise funds for this internationally significant historic site. A luncheon will follow inside the legion hall south of Delta on State Route 109.

**The 69th Annual Thresher's Reunion
At the Fulton County Fairgrounds**

June 27—29

Daily demonstrations will include threshing, a sawmill operation, a shingle mill, plowing and machinery parades with our log cabin and blacksmith shop open for spectators on Friday and Saturday.



Local Historian to Speak

Pastor Keith A. Hunsinger, the interim senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon, is also a Civil War history buff who will speak at a society sponsored event on April 6 at 1:00pm at the Congregational Church at 135 W. Elm St. The lecture will be

preceded by a Civil War Sing-a-long from 12:30 – 1:00pm, and guests will have a chance to visit with Keith between 2 and 4pm at a reception at the museum. This is in conjunction with the 1863 exhibit opening.

Keith was an adolescent during the Civil War centennial and began his lifetime interest in the struggle then. He has visited and led tours of the fields at Gettysburg, Antietam, and the Fredericksburg-Chancellorsville complex of battlefields. He has spoken on the civil war in Florida and in a number of locations in Northwest Ohio.

This coming summer, Pastor Hunsinger is leading a group of Civil War enthusiasts on a nine day trip during the sesquicentennial of the Battles of Gettysburg.

Prior to his time in Wauseon, Pastor Hunsinger has served as a pastor in Fremont, Oak Harbor, Defiance, and Delphos, OH and in Lakeland and Clearwater, FL.

2012 Sponsors

(names appear at the entrance to Hell & Homefront Exhibit and in the township hall during the Fulton County Fair):

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Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Category of Membership _____ Check Amount Enclosed: _____

Payable to F.C.H.S, C/O Membership, P.O. Box 104 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

If above is a gift membership, then the gift is from:

Membership Categories:

Patriot (Couple/Family) (\$30)

Includes Admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites

Individual (\$25)

Admits 1 individual to all sites

Senior Couples (minus \$10 per couple) = (\$20)

Students/Senior Individual (minus \$10 person) = (\$15)

2012 Fall Acquisitions

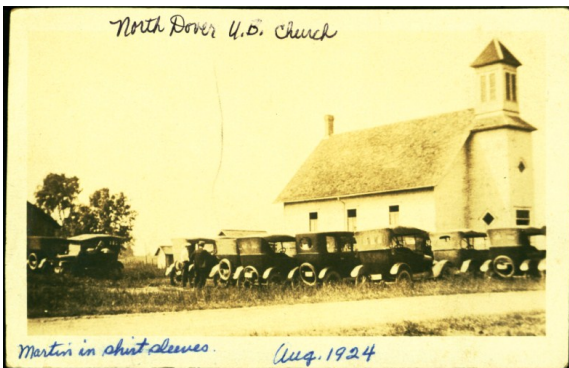
Acquisitions made possible through recent gifts:

- Histories from the Rupp, Wyse, and the Vonier families
- Book, "The Sound of the Hammer" by Carl Conrad Britsch and volumes of Vasti Seman's Delta Atlas genealogy articles.
- Wauseon and Fayette Postcards
- Grade Cards from Wauseon Schools.
- Butler Family Tree
- Herbert Nofziger WWII uniform and gear.
- Book, "Toledo & Western Railroad Company" by Hague & Hise
- 1952 Fayette Yearbook

2012 Thank You!

Besides our twelve busy trustees and their spouses, the society would like to thank the following who also volunteered this year:

- Mish Arlo— Collection Registrar
- Carlan & Lois Badenhop—Endowment Fund/ Museum Docent
- Ken Baumgartner— Endowment Fund
- Jim & Anne Beck— Blacksmith/Museum and Cabin Docent
- Jill Bell— Living History Storyteller
- Loretta Brannon—Archivist/Librarian
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- John Myles—Archives Specialist
- Patrice Rankin—Marketing Coordinator
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- Don Stiritz— Endowment Fund



Postcard, 2012.53.2 Gift of Kathy Fix, Fayette, OH



Cap from Dress Uniform of Herbert Nofziger. Uniform, maps and gear previously on loan to Sauder Village, 2012.59.9 Gift of Beverly Miller, Archbold, OH.

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FULTON COUNTY MUSEUM

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Spring Museum Hours

Tuesdays through Fridays 10:00am—4:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am— 2:00pm

General Admission: \$4, Seniors: \$3, Students: \$2

Questions? Email: museum@fultoncountyhs.org

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