



# Reflections

*...then and now*

**Loveland Museum Center**

**201 Riverside Drive; Loveland, Ohio 45140**

**SUMMER 2018**

## ***Caledonia Society Returns***

**Thursday, August 16 – 6:00 – 8:30**

You won't want to miss this family friendly event featuring the Cincinnati Caledonia Society Drum & Bag Pipes Band on the front lawn of Bonaventure.

Member Robert Reid will lead the band playing popular Scottish tunes everyone loves. Light supper fare will be served on the veranda with adult beverages available for a donation (half the proceeds go to the performers).

Bring a friend, a lawn chair or blanket for seating, enjoy a tour through the museum and log cabin, and enjoy the music and meeting old and new friends.



Caledonian Drum and Bag Pipe Band

## ***New Name Chosen***

After careful consideration by the ESCC Team and the Board of Trustees, a new name has been chosen for the Greater Loveland Historical Society Museum.

### ***Loveland Museum Center***

As you can see, this meets the criteria we set: it retains LOVELAND; it is shorter; and it says exactly what we are – a MUSEUM plus a CENTER, which includes our campus of an historic log cabin and gazebo, a library, office and meeting room.

A new logo and brochure will be discussed soon.

## ***ESCC Team Plans Strategy***

The team of 8 members, Norman Neal, Rob Bauer, Andy Bateman, Kate Arnold, Jenny Shives, Pete Bissman, Sue Peterson, & Jan Beller, completed the work with the professional from Executive Services Corps of Cincinnati in May, but the long-term work of planning and projects is just beginning. Here is a summary of the progress.

VISION statement: To continue building an appreciation for the rich historical heritage of the Loveland area by preserving and promoting its history for future generations.

MISSION statement: To collect, preserve and display historical information pertinent to the Greater Loveland, Ohio area, be regarded as a local authority on historical designation, serve as curator of locally significant art, and foster within our community an appreciation and curiosity regarding our area's past.

OBJECTIVE: Increased community involvement, awareness & presence.

Four strategies discussed and two have chair persons and work is ongoing – the first, Name Change has been made and details of promotion are in the planning stage. Thanks to Rob Bauer for chairing this section.

Sue Peterson is chairing Update Time Line/ Interactive Displays team. This project is designed to use the material displayed on the time line to design an interactive "BrightSign Presentation". The first phase will be designed specifically for third grade students, using the information our tour guide Peggy French uses for the May school tours. The second phase will have links to many historical topics including Nancy Ford Cones, railroads, historic buildings, floods, and more.

Extensive planning and research has gone into the preliminaries to enable us to write an Ohio Humanities Grant. If we get the grant, we will hire a professional IT person to help with design.

Sue, Jenny Shives, and Jan Beller have been working on the grant; Pete Bissman has completed most of the technical research; Peggy French and Norman Neal will research subjects for phase two. The goal is to have phase one complete in time for May 2019 tours.

## More from the ESCC Team

The third and fourth strategies do not have a chair or designated team. But they will be addressed by our limited staff late this summer.

Strategy three is Attendance Action Plan – planning and implementing innovative programs which will appeal to a younger audience. The goal is to recruit new active members. The current program chair, Laurie Gordon, will call a program committee meeting in late August to brainstorm program ideas, set dates, and ideally recruit volunteers to chair/help with each event. We would appreciate all current members' help and ideas!

Strategy four, called Succession Plan, is what this whole process started out to be. How and where do we go from here when current active staff and members are gone? With an aging population of active members, the Board needs to put together a plan of action. For example, it has been impossible to recruit enough docents to work only three hours each month, so we can remain open to the public on weekends. And what about all the other jobs that are not getting done related to our mission of preservation?

To start the Succession Plan, Jan has recruited a nominating committee, which will be looking at Board of Trustees positions to be filled next year, along with job descriptions. This discussion of what we want to accomplish and what staff we need will provide information for a long range plan of action. Input from Strategy three, including dates, programs and events, who is in charge, and evaluation will be used to complete this plan of action.

## Membership Report

The Museum Center is finally going to print an updated membership book. Peggy Goodwin has volunteered to lend her extensive computer skills to help move our membership data into booklet form.

We would like to make it as current as possible, but we still have over 50 people who have not paid their 2018 membership dues. We would like to keep your name on the list. **If your name label is yellowed, that means you have not paid. If you want to remain on our mailing list, please send your dues by July 20<sup>th</sup>, so we can put your name in the new book.**

### Welcome new members;

Quarterly Lillian & Jerry Meyers 707-322-1560  
Life 3396 Westach Way  
Sonoma, CA 95476

F Dr. Carol Collins & Phil Hoover  
9600 Hickory Dr.  
Loveland, OH 45140  
206-330-5022

## Lunch and Learn Sessions

The April 18<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn, "Quakers and the Underground Railroad" with Dolly McKeenhan, was a great success with just over 40 guests attending.



Dolly gave an excellent talk about the Quakers in Warren County

The June 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn, "Experiences in Namibia", with Steve Link and his wife Barbara Rugen, was also very successful and interesting. We learned a lot about this African country, the culture, the beauty, and the hardships.



This enthusiastic, service minded couple spent two years in Namibia with the Peace Corps, trying to make a difference in the community, one life at a time. Steve has offered this presentation to other groups, if anyone is interested. Call 513-781-3803.

### REMINDERS

The Museum Center's e-mail address has changed to: [glhsm75@gmail.com](mailto:glhsm75@gmail.com)  
If you would like to receive the museum e-blast for updates & reminders, please send your address to us.

This newsletter can be found on our WEB page:  
[www.lovelandmuseum.org](http://www.lovelandmuseum.org)



## ***Third Grade School Tours***

The Museum Center's school tour guide, Peggy French, spent part of four days on campus leading seven third grade tours during the month of May. She did two classes at a time (up to 50 students plus chaperones) for a total of 390 guests.



Peggy French, in the second parlor, shows students the 1930's phonograph player and records.



Jan Beller (shown here) and Nancy Miller shared information about the Rich Log Cabin during the tours

## ***City of Loveland Preservation Committee***

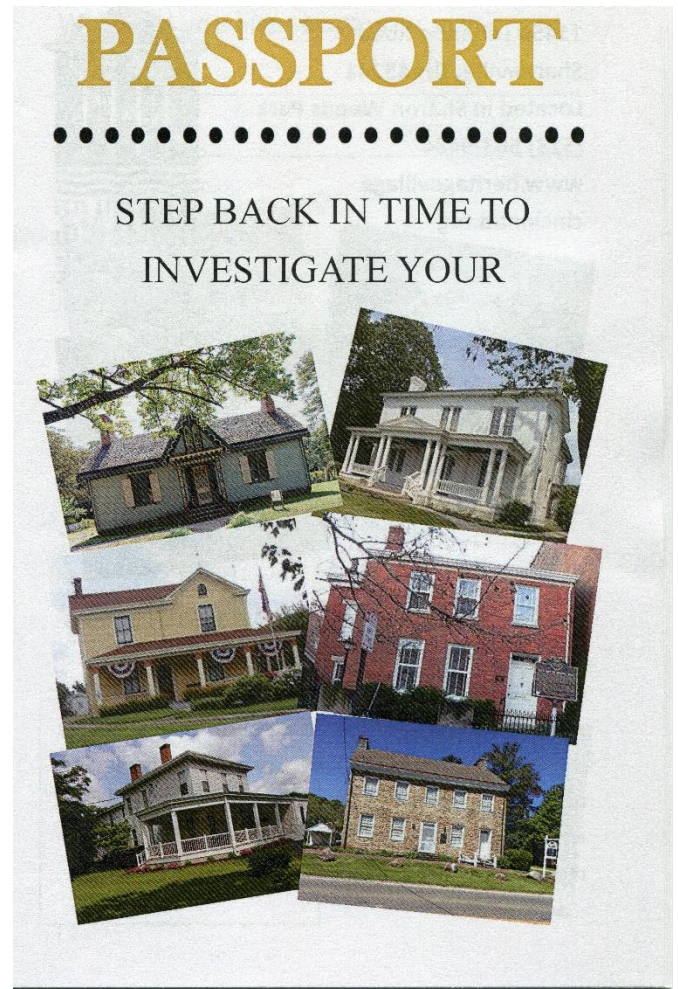
Loveland City Council has appointed a Preservation Committee and Jan Beller and Andy Bateman are representing the Historical Society. The committee will be setting boundaries for the district to be covered and will design guidelines for future design and preservation of new and historic buildings. Formal application for Certified Local Government (CLG) will be sent to the state for final review and approval this summer.

Members of the committee took an oath of office in May and the first meeting was held June 27. The first boundaries, an area on the east side, including the business district and some residences, were discussed. Additional sections or individual buildings can be added at a later date.

## ***Gift Shop News***

Mark the date of November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual Loveland Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Fair at the Loveland High School. The Museum Gift Shop will have a booth and Nancy Garfinkel is looking for volunteers to "man" the booth from 9:00 to 3:00. Both gift shop managers will be attending the Columbus Gift Fair – buying holiday items!

Don't forget to come visit the shop for great deals on cards, Loveland memorabilia, and more!



This Passport is now available in the Gift Shop

Most of you have heard of Passports, both for The Ohio History Connection and our National Parks. Museums & Historic Sites of Greater Cincinnati (MHS) has now developed a Passport for the Greater Cincinnati area and our Museum Center is part of it. You can purchase one for a donation of \$5.00 (these funds go directly to the Loveland Museum Center).

MHS was founded in 1992 by a group of local museums and historic sites in order to cultivate and encourage the appreciation of history throughout the region. Today, with over forty organizations, it is considered to be the largest colloquium of its kind in the Midwest. Each member site offers a unique perspective on history and culture, showing off the cultural gem that personifies this area.



# ***Historic House Tour***

**Saturday, September 29; 12:30 to 5:00**

After a very successful house tour last year, the Museum Center has decided to do another grand tour on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. As our only fund-raising event, the cost will be \$20 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Accepting reservations immediately – limited to 250.

This will be a driving event, as we are using several houses that were on tours in the past. We are insisting on car-pooling (cars can be left in the museum lot).

On the east side of Loveland, four houses have been chosen: Judge James Hall summer home (also known as Dee Jay Farms) in Warren County; The Robb Montgomery Victorian home (owned by Dale Eads) on East Loveland Avenue; James Loveland's residence on Hanna Avenue; and the Paxton/Lee house on Cedar Drive, owned and restored by committee member, Jim & Kim Grethel.

A must-see on the West side of Loveland is the house built by Edwin Shields, called "Christeen" (also the former Shield's Crossing Restaurant), now owned by Randy and Kathleen Campion. The sixth house on West Loveland Avenue, has been restored as an art studio and home by Dick and Deidre Dyson.



The only Loveland home listed on the National Register of Historic Places is *Christeen*, built in 1870 by Edwin Moore Shield, owner of a Cincinnati foundry.

Shield, with the help of a friend, Treasury Secretary, Salmon P. Chase, won a big military equipment contract for Cincinnati, distributing the work among machine shops in the Third Ward – the "Flat Iron". He fitted ram boats for the U.S. government during the Civil War. In 1873 he founded the Mount Adams and Eden Park Incline Co, with the first official run in 1876. Shield died at *Christeen* in 1879. He named the house after the town of Christeen Mills, Delaware, where he was born.

The house was sold to Judge William Johnston who lived there until his death in 1891. Other owners included the Montgomery family, the Charles E. Nisbet family, and Helen and Bob Parker, before it became a restaurant in the early 1980's. It was put on the Historic Register in 1982. The property originally extended across the road to the river and had several out buildings, including a woodshed, a smoke house, ice house, carriage house, and gazebo. Some are still there to see.

The **Victorian Robb/Montgomery House** was built in 1875 by David T. Robb and his wife Caroline Amelia Lockwood for their daughter, Elizabeth and son-in-law, James W. Montgomery. At some point the property was named "Elmere" because of all the elm trees. The Montgomerys moved after a fire in 1935. Five other families lived there before 1993 when Dale Eads purchased the house and began restoration.



This fountain is just one example of the beautiful garden Eads has created.

Featured in magazines, newspapers and TV as well as recently documented in the Smithsonian Historical Museum in Washington DC archives, you will view a mix of formal and informal garden, stone work display in many creative and unique ways with beautiful water features and a collection of unusual and rare plants, trees and shrubs.

When you tour the **Dyson home and Art House II**, on West Loveland Avenue, you will get an extra treat.



Dick and Deirdre purchased the ca. 1904 residence on West Loveland Avenue in 2002, using it as a studio and small art gallery.

Major additions started in 2013. Except for cosmetic updates, the front was unchanged. A two-story extension was added to the back and the second floor was converted into their living space. Second floor walls and ceilings were removed or re-arranged for a spacious and modern apartment with two bedrooms, two baths and a large open dining/kitchen/family room overlooking the street, plus bar/nook and office area.

The Art Gallery remains on the first floor where you will see a large collection of Deirdre's art.



**The Hall/Crane House** was built in 1850 by Judge James Hall (1793-1868) as a summer home. He practiced law in Cincinnati, but was remembered more for his writings about the “west” than being a judge. He was born in the East, living in New Jersey, Maryland, and Philadelphia. The War of 1812 interrupted his formal studies and he joined the war effort, participating in the battle of Chippewa and the siege of Fort Erie.

Soon after the War, Hall traveled by boat “west” and settled in Vandalia, Illinois (then the capitol), and later moved to Cincinnati. In both cities he wrote and established several magazines. By editing the *Illinois Monthly Magazine*, Hall achieved recognition as a cultural leader, a scholar, and an author. He pushed for public education, equal rights for the Indians, and wrote extensively about the western frontier.



The Cranes lived here in the 1950's when it was featured on a Cincinnati Garden Tour



**The Loveland/Baehr House**, ca 1848, was occupied by several famous people, including Loveland's namesake.

The Leonard “Teddy” Baehr and family lived there from 1927-1988. Ted played fullback for the University of Cincinnati.

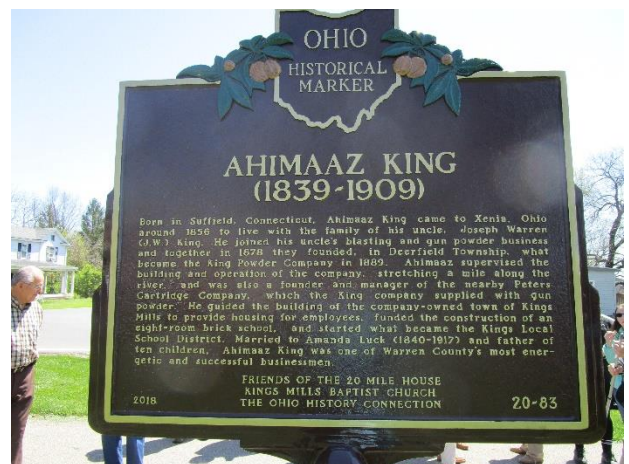
The story is told that on Halloween of 1914, Baehr and the Red and Black were trailing the Kentucky Wildcats when a frustrated Teddy turned to his teammates and cried out, “Give me the ...ball!” Teddy's shout reached the ears of the head cheerleader who responded with the now-famous cheer: “They may be Wildcats, but we have a ‘Baehr-Cat’ on our side.” To this day, *Bearcats* have been playing for UC. (from UC Magazine, March 2015).



In mid-April, new member Lillian Ramsey Meyers visited the Museum Center with family members. They are shown here with the Ramsey Paxton Cemetery Historic Marker. Thanks to Dave Kennedy who set it up in council chambers for a photo-op. It will be put on a pole at the cemetery at White Pillars soon.



Here are the three Ramsey descendants at the Ramsey Paxton Cemetery with the Ramsey grave marker.



Ohio Historical Marker - The King Mansion

The Dedication of the Kings Mansion was held April 29<sup>th</sup>. The first house in Kings Mill was built by industrialist Ahimaaz King in 1885. Three generations of Kings lived there until 1988. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.



# ***WWI - Part II***

By Rob Bauer

One hundred years ago America was swept by a wave of patriotism and untouched by the violence that had engulfed Europe for the preceding four years. Yet every part of this country – in fact, every corner of the world, was savaged by an invisible killer far more powerful than anything devised by man.

In March 1918, a soldier at Fort Riley, Kansas, suddenly became violently ill. In the next several days it spread through the camp. Within five weeks, 1127 soldiers were infected and 46 died. This malady spread to other military camps across the U.S. Infected soldiers boarded transport ships and took the undiagnosed illness to Europe. The disease spread among soldiers on both sides and to the civilian population. By the end of July, it had infected people all around the world but it appeared to be subsiding.

Military censorship prevented information concerning this disease from being reported. Spain was a neutral country and was struck hard by this disease. Because it was reported by Spanish news sources, this disease came to be called the “Spanish Flu”.

In August, the second wave struck and became exceedingly deadly. Usually influenza mortality rates are highest among infants and the elderly. However, this flu was particularly deadly to 20-35 year olds. It struck so suddenly and severely that many died within hours of coming down with the first symptoms. Others died within a day or two. Southwest Ohio did not escape the ravages of this pandemic (a world wide epidemic). On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Cincinnati Health Department closed all schools, theaters, movie houses and churches. All public or private meetings were prohibited. During October there were 4625 reported cases and 681 of those died. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Dayton's Health Commissioner closed schools, theaters and churches and the next day closed all saloons, soda fountains and pool rooms. Restrictions did not apply to outdoor activities such as sporting events, but game cancellations were common because teams did not have enough healthy individuals to place on the field.

In early November, restrictions were lifted in Dayton and Cincinnati. Then Armistice Day saw organized and spontaneous celebrations with large crowds. Now the region (and the rest of the world) was struck by the third wave. Grammar schools were closed again and children under sixteen were banned from public areas.

In Cincinnati, two entire fire companies were temporarily abandoned after 139 fire fighters fell ill. By December, 54 civilians had to be posted at various fire houses to help. January 1<sup>st</sup> brought an end to restrictions. This third and final wave of the Spanish Flu ended as quickly and mysteriously as it had begun.

Dayton health officials reported that there were an estimated 40-50,000 cases in the city – or one third of the population. Cincinnati health officials estimated there were 100,000 cases and 1700 deaths. Sixty-four percent of the deceased were adults in their prime, healthiest years. At Camp Sherman, an army facility outside of Chillicothe, 5686 soldiers developed the flu and 1777 died.

The global statistics are staggering. There are estimates that twenty to forty million people were killed by the pandemic – roughly five percent of the world's population. It is estimated that 675,000 Americans died – ten times as many as in World War I. Some of 43,000 servicemen mobilized for the war died of influenza. This pandemic has been described as the most devastating and deadliest disease that the world has ever seen.

Many questions remain unanswered. Why three distinct waves? Why so lethal with a high mortality rate among the healthiest age group? How did it start and end so suddenly? Could this ever happen again? Another



question is why has this pandemic been virtually ignored by historians or even family oral histories?

There is one theory that everyone worldwide was just so tired of the death and suffering caused by the war and disease that they did not want to think about it again – that they simply wanted to move on with life and hope for a better future.



***Thanks to Pete Bissman for designing this banner and seeing that Advantage Signs produced it in time for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.***

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GLHSM continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48.00) and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook (\$10.00). Also books by local authors, including Paul Pfarr, Hazel Cole Kendle, Lester Horwitz, and Larry Hamilton, John Vial and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweat shirts, the numbered hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards & prints and more!

## ***"Passages Through Time"***



Published by Greater Loveland Historical Society, this fascinating book is brimming with period photographs and historical information. Copies are available in the Museum Gift Shop for \$15.00 each. All proceeds benefit ongoing programs & preservation.

We'll be happy to mail a copy anywhere in the U.S. for an additional charge - \$5. Please send check along with mail instructions to GLHSM, 201 Riverside Dr.; Loveland, OH 45140

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