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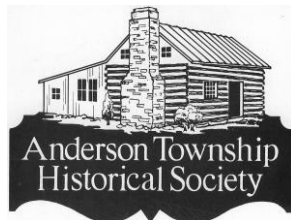
August, September and October 2015

Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 Annual Picnic

Join us as we continue the long tradition of the ATHS summer picnic. Come and enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. You can walk outside before dinner and listen to the sounds of the interpretive trail around the ponds if you like or take a look at the many displays in the History Room.

The Society will provide the meat, drinks, plastic utensils and paper products. Bring your own utensils if you like to save on plastic waste. The rest of the feast is provided by the members; please bring a dish to serve at least eight people. We are asking ATHS members whose last names start with **A – D** to bring **desserts**; **E – L** to bring **salads**; **M – R** to bring **vegetables**; and **S – Z** to bring **starches**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise

noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2015

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these dates: August 2 and 16; September 6 and 20; and October 4 and 18.

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

ATHS member **Lyn Scheper** will talk about Cincinnati's little-known **Black Brigade**. This previously untold story of the **Siege of Cincinnati** is an amazing tale of free Black citizens who helped keep 8,000 Confederate troops from invading the Queen City. In September 1862, over 700 volunteers helped build an 8-mile defensive line stretching from Ludlow to Fort Thomas in just 18 days. It worked. They came, they saw, they turned away because we were too strongly fortified.

This was the first time African-American men were utilized by Union forces during the war. The Black Brigade was later recognized as the first formal organization of Northern Colored People for military reasons. This important event in Cincinnati's history has been memorialized at Smale Riverfront Park through a permanent monument to their bravery and sacrifice.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

Just in time for Halloween, Cincinnati Museum Center's **Barbara Jennings**, who wowed us with her knowledge of Powel Crosley in April, will entertain us again with **Cincinnati Ghosts and Spirits**. This program examines the history of ghost stories and hauntings in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area from the founding of the city right up to the present time.

Did you know many older houses, as well as public places have their resident ghosts? Hear the stories of local citizens, both well-known and regular folks, which were and still are affected by the supernatural. Learn what haunted places still exist today and where they are. Barbara will entertain us once again with a lot of history and a lot of fun.

See ATHS on the web:

www.AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org

Membership Dues

ATHS annual dues for the year May 2015 through April 2016 were due on May 1, 2015. Please send in your dues payment renewals. THANK YOU.

Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates are:

Single	\$ 10.00
Couple	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00

Thank you!

PLAN AHEAD -- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

Before Parker's Grove became the "Coney Island of the West" in Anderson Township, there was the **Ludlow Lagoon Amusement Park** in Ludlow, KY. **Dave Schroeder**, Executive Director of the Kenton County Library and author of "Life Along the Ohio: A Sesquicentennial History of Ludlow, Kentucky," will fill in all the interesting details of what, when, where, how and why this amazingly successful amusement park on the south side of the Ohio River closed in 1917. As a third-generation Ludlow resident, Dave brings plenty of historic photos and expertise on the ill-fated park in Ludlow, Kentucky.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

Do you LOVE Christmas? Do you LOVE Cincinnati history? They will come together in our December 2 ATHS program to be given by Jinny Powers Berten, author of **Cincinnati Christmas**. This is a "you've got to buy one for a friend and another for yourself" kind of book published by Orange Frazer Press in 2011. Lucy Moore says she rushed out to buy a copy at the request of her daughter Debby. It is illustrated with many color photographs from all around Cincinnati. The history begins with a flatboat leaving Limestone (today's Maysville) on Christmas Eve in 1788 and bringing a group of determined men to create a new settlement "at the mouth of the river," today's Cincinnati.

You will love her story-telling, her humor and her research on Christmas customs here over the years, such as P&G's giving live turkeys to employees. She will be presenting a Powerpoint presentation just for us. She will have copies of her book for sale at a discount. If you already have a copy, bring it along, I bet she will be happy to autograph it. This program will put you in a holiday mood so please plan to attend. Bring holiday treats to share for refreshments.

- Lyn Scheper & Lucy Moore, Program Co-chairs

ATHS E-mail Notices

If you want to receive notices of monthly meetings, send us your e-mail address. If you have given us your e-mail address and are not receiving these notices, let us know. If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please notify us. E-mail ATHS at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com** and we will add, correct or delete your e-mail address as you wish. As always, we don't share e-mail addresses with anyone.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently:

Lorraine Heizer
Bill & Diane Hinds
Jane E. Kinley
Charlotte Lennon
John Reed

Marjorie Frame Historian Awards 2015

The ATHS this spring gave **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** of \$200 each to Anderson, McNicholas and Turpin high schools to be given to outstanding history students. The Anderson High School recipient was **Jacob Eifert**. Jacob thanked ATHS for the gift and wrote that he looks forward to his future studies of history while he attends Wittenberg University. He also received a Wittenberg University Scholar Award and two Wittenberg grants. The McNicholas High School recipient **Michelle Rowekamp** wrote that she was very grateful that she was chosen to receive such a wonderful award. ATHS congratulates each of the worthy recipients selected by their schools and wishes them well.

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com**.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to **picapica@msn.com** or give me a call at 231-3390.
- Janet Heywood, Editor

President's Message

You would think that the second pass at doing a President's Message would be easier than the first. Trust me, it isn't. There is still the fear that you will miss an important point or misspell someone's name. On that note, here it is for better or worse!

Plant Sale - The ATHS Plant Sale in May was a rousing success thanks to the efforts of **Jan Hawkins** and everyone else who contributed to the effort with plants and sales. A new record of over \$4,000 was raised – **Great Job!**

Country Store - Country Store is scheduled for September 26 and 27 at the Log House. **Kenny Burck** is acting as chairman for this event and has most of the "ducks-in-a-row". I know you will feel free to contact him at 513-851-9549 or any of the committee chairs with your offers of time or items.

History to Schools - The third year of the History to Schools program went very well. As **Diane Schneider** has reported, we hosted over 600 children in seven days of visits by 2nd graders at the Anderson Center. We had a record number of responses to the "History Challenge" by the children.

Mercer Elementary School third graders and 25 home-schooled children and their parents also visited the Log House in May to complete the education season. Thank you to all the members who helped makes these activities a success.

Open Houses - The Open House season at the Log House started on Sunday June 7, 2015. So far, attendance has been less than hoped for. As mentioned in the last *Surveyor* and at our monthly meetings, the Log House and Annex have new, improved displays and lighting. I hope you will make time this summer to check out the new look and possibly sign-up to work a shift or two on a Sunday.



Plant sale spread out around the Log House at mid-day May 16, 2015. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Property Committee - The Property Committee has solicited bids to replace the roof shingles and gutters on the brick house. As reported, the cost will be about \$10,000 to replace the roof that was last replaced in 1983. I know you all received a proxy in the mail announcing the plan and asking for your support. It is very important that you return this proxy before the August 5th meeting or attend the picnic meeting. We are the stewards of important, historic properties that will very quickly decline if they are not properly maintained or restored.

The proxy was required because we did not have a quorum of 40 paid members at our regular meeting in June. This relatively large quorum number for our organization and the 1970's spending limit of \$500 without approval at a member meeting with a quorum make it very difficult to efficiently maintain our properties. I plan to announce Code revisions before the next *Surveyor* in the hope we can update our operations.

Please have a wonderful day. I hope we will see you in the near future at a meeting, one of the Sunday Open Houses, or at the September Country Store.

- Don Perry, President

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to member **Bill Warden, Jr.** and his family on the loss of his wife **Shirley Marie Warden**. Shirley, a long time member of ATHS, passed away June 2, 2015 at age 79 years from complications following surgery.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to members **Richard and Sherry Vogel** and their family on the death of their daughter, **Alexandra R. "Sandy" Vogel**, who passed away April 16, 2015, at age 60.

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

Generations ago, large sailing vessels had numerous sails and were propelled by the wind. Ropes were used to set the sails, and there was a veritable maze of ropes involved in this process.

It took a long time for a highly motivated person to get to "know the ropes" and master their usage.

Used literally aboard ships, the phrase 'know the ropes' was expanded and now refers to an individual who is an experienced and knowledgeable person.

- Lou Trent

History to Schools by the Numbers

The third annual History to Schools Program is history. The second graders from all six Forest Hills Elementary Schools and third graders from the Immaculate Heart of Mary School spent a day at Anderson Center during the period April 28 through May 15.

Twenty-six teachers brought 587 students and 110 parents to Anderson Center for an all-day visit. The students learned about township government and planning from a Trustee and the township staff. Members of the Anderson Fire and Rescue squad and Hamilton County Sheriff's department demonstrated safety services. The children explored the natural history of the ponds at the Center with Suzanne Clingman, Greenspace inspector.



Second graders in the History Room, sitting at vintage school desks and writing on the slateboards. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

The Historical Society presented two sessions. One session covered early settlers and early stations in Anderson Township. The other session compared "then and now school" experiences and included an introduction to the History Room.

Once again the students were given a "History Challenge" family assignment to take home. Pictures of eleven buildings in Anderson Township were shown both as "Then" and "Now." Students and their families could drive by these buildings and



Flat boat model used by Don Perry, when describing the travels of early settlers to Anderson Township.

compare the pictures of "Then" to "Now." Last year 46 students completed the challenge. This year 164 students completed it.

During the seven days of school visits over 600 ATHS membership brochures were distributed to the children to take home to their families in Anderson Township.

Thanks to these volunteers who represented ATHS for this project.

Don & Sharon Perry

Lucy Moore

Sue Wettstein

Ann King

Nancy Meyer

Sherry Vogel

Linda Magee

Bob King

Linda Jacobs

Lyn Scheper

Kathy Hoelscher

Kenny Burke

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

ATHS received many interesting thank notes from the students. Here are a few comments.

"Thank you for letting us sit in the chairs and writing our names. And for letting us know about then and now pictures. Also I loved the arrowheads that you showed us." - Laineey

"I liked using slateboards. Thank you for teaching me about history." - Kelsey

"Thank you for teaching me about the past! Thanks for teaching about the one room classroom! I liked when we wrote my name on the board!" - Lindsey

"Thank you for showing the items from then and now. I did like to see the flat boat. And for seeing the forts and log house." - Perton

"Thank you for telling us about the flat boat and how you could make a fire on the boat and why a person stood on top of the roof of the boat." - Jillian

"I am so thankful learning how the olden days worked. Man, it shows hard living in the past."



Then and Now display set up by ATHS volunteers at the History to Schools program at Anderson Center. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Come and Enjoy a Sunday Open House

Don't miss the opportunity to explore some of the new displays at the Log House and Annex this summer.



Display of household kitchen items from the early 1900s in the newly-refurbished enclosed porch room at the north end of the Log House. Photo by Lucy S. Moore.

A new highlight in the enclosed porch room of the Log House is a "Tennessee Beauty" iron stove made by the Sanford Day Iron Works of Knoxville, Tennessee in about 1910. This impressive stove was donated to ATHS in 2012. We also have many kitchen utensil and tools on display that would have been used with a stove of this period. We would like to hear any stories or information you have about operating stoves of this type.



Visit the new displays of farming equipment and tools in the Annex. Here's Don Perry with an array of harness equipment. Photo by Lucy S. Moore.

Remember the Annex building behind the Log House does serve as the "summer kitchen" during the September Country Store. The screen on which the harness equipment is hung surrounds the kitchen refrigerator.



The Annex displays a variety of farming items: hay hook, rake & knife; scythes, cultivators, corn jabber, plows, saws and a cyclone seed sower. Come admire the details of these finely crafted tools. Photo by J. Heywood.

Visit the History Room This Summer

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts.



Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. The History Room is jointly sponsored by ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room. Photo of a surprise visitor who liked the Lassie lunchbox on display.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

You can help ATHS by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Programs. ATHS will receive a donation from Kroger based on your registering your Kroger Plus Card, using it and selecting ATHS as the charity of your choice. Register your Kroger Plus Card at any time online at the website: www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You must reregister your card once a year starting in April. Choose ATHS as the recipient of the funds by using our organization number 80156. **Thank you for supporting ATHS and spread the word to your families, neighbors and friends!**

May 2015 Tours at the Log House

Again this spring the Mercer Elementary School third graders walked down the hill to tour the Log House. The students enjoyed learning about daily life long ago from the ATHS tour guides. The kids were especially curious about the outhouse.

Twenty-five home-schooled students and their parents also toured the Log House in May. These students were older and seemed to appreciate the new farm display. Thanks to these volunteers who helped to make the tours so interesting.

Linda Magee	Mary Lou Van Eman
Ann King	Bob King
Linda Jacobs	Nancy Meyer
Bill Dreyer	Don Perry
Sue Wettstein	Lucy Moore
Peggy Reis	Charlie Wallace

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



Mercer Elementary School third-graders walking down to the Log House on the new sidewalk along Bartels Road. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.



Students in the front room of the Log House with ATHS volunteer Ann King, May 2015. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.



Students in the Annex looking at the farming and tools displays. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Sunday Open Houses

Tour guides are needed for the remaining Sunday afternoon Open Houses in August, September, and October. Please consider sharing your love of history by helping to host these events. If you are willing to volunteer a first or third Sunday afternoon July through October, 1 to 4 p.m., call Diane Schneider at 232-6552 for a training notebook and to schedule your Sunday.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



ATHS guides at the Log House, first Sunday Open House, June 7, 2015. L to R: Diane Schneider, Don Perry, Lucy Moore, Linda Jacobs, Bev Robinson, Charlie Wallace.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

Why do people believe you when you say there are more than one hundred billion stars in our galaxy but check when you say the paint is wet?

Country Store 2015

The 2015 ATHS Country Store will be held on **September 26 and 27** at the Miller-Leuser Log House.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 26 and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 27. Following the long tradition of Country Stores, we will have activities for many tastes:

- Cob Web Corner Flea Market
- Bake Sale
- Raffle
- Prepared food for sale at the summer kitchen in the Annex building
- Cold Drinks
- Hand Crafted Items for sale in the Log House
- Farmer's Market with Flowers and Produce for sale
- Silent Auction & ATHS Publications for Sale
- Children's Activities
- Games
- Slate Painting
- Pumpkin Decoration
- Musical Entertainment on both days

For entertainment this year we have the **Will Kinner Old Time String Band** scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and the **Cincinnati Dulcimer Society** scheduled for 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

We need items for the **Cobweb Corner**. This large flea market organized and run by Mary Bailey provides a very large percentage of our income from Country Store. More items are always welcomed. Pick-up can be arranged.

Membership support is needed for preparation and execution of the event. We will need volunteers to assist in planning, manning activities on both days, and helping with the set-up and teardown of the event. If you can provide help, **please contact Kenny Burck at 513-851-9549 to express your interest.**

Please help to make the Country Store a success by attending the Country Store and bringing your friends, relatives, and neighbors. **SPREAD THE WORD.** This event is our major fund raiser of the year, providing about half of our yearly operating budget.

Success of this event will allow us to continue our mission of maintaining the historic structures under ATHS care and improving the education of the community relating to the rich history of Anderson Township.



Kenny Burck and Bob King setting up in September 2014. Volunteers are needed for September 2015! Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Country Store Bakery News 2015

This year went by fast and now it is time again to remind members and friends that later this summer our Committee will be phoning with our usual question - "Can you help our Bakery this year with home-baked or store-bought goodies?"

From our experience last year, we will also ask "Do you make or buy sugar-free or gluten-free candies, cookies or cakes?" Both sugar-free and gluten-free goodies were sought by customers last year and we hope to receive some good donations of these this year. If goodies are not an option, we even accept money donations. Each of last three years we have raised over \$1,000 for our dear old Log House, so please give us a hand again in 2015.

Marcia and Lucy will be rounding up our Committee of Bakery Babes, sending them letters with notes on phone calls to make to explain how to package donated baked goods in smaller sale-size portions, to list any unusual ingredients such as nuts and to explain when and where to drop them off.

On Friday, September 25, we will be at work in the brick house basement from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ready for the drop-off of donations. Donations can also be made on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 when the Country Store is open. We appreciate every donation you give us!! Do sign in on our Country Store Bakery Sign-in sheet so we know about your gift. Our Babes also bake and work shifts selling on Saturday and Sunday; they have been a great blessing to us for six years and this year will be the same. Thanks, Babes, and thanks, Bakers and Buyers in 2015.

- Lucy Moore (752-0968) & Marcia Jelus (474-4377), Bakery Co-chairs, Country Store 2015.

ATHS FUND RAISER at T.G.I. Friday's on Thursday, August 13, 2015

ATHS will have a fund raiser at T.G.I. FRIDAY'S on Thursday, August 13, from 12 noon till 8:00 p.m. at the Anderson Towne Center location. In order to participate, a flyer/coupon must be given to the restaurant when paying your bill. Then the restaurant will send ATHS a percentage of the check. **A copy is enclosed with this Surveyor.** Please highlight the date on your calendars and bring your ATHS coupon.

Since we all have to eat and do enjoy eating out, this is an easy way to make some money for ATHS projects and for the costs of maintaining the Log House and other properties. Please "mark" the date on your calendars. Keep your coupon handy to take with you. Hope to see you. Please ask your family, neighbors and friends to come have lunch or dinner and support ATHS.

- Barbara Christman, Dine-out Fund Raiser



Happy Dine-out diners with Sonia Shively at the ATHS fund-raiser at T.G.I. Fridays in May 2014. Bring a crowd with you! Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

“Dine-out Fund Raiser” Results, May 12

ATHS had a fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's at the Anderson Towne Center on May 12, 2015 and earned \$111.40 for ATHS. Thank you to **Ann King** and **Barb Christman**, who organized the event, and to all who participated.

Member Meetings Snacks

Special thanks to **Bev Robinson** and **Lyn Scheper** for sharing their desserts at our meeting snack table. Could you share your family's favorite snack? If you are interested in helping with snacks at our regular scheduled meetings, please contact Sharon Perry at 231-4304.

- Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
August 5	Annual Picnic	6:00 p.m.
August 13	Fund Raiser at T.G.I. Friday's	
August 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Country Store	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sept. 27	Country Store	Noon to 5 p.m.
October 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
October 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.

Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect Aluminum cans. We have some cans to recycle but can always use more. Bring your cans to the monthly meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange to have them picked up.

Thanks for Your Service

Kathy Hoelscher, Bob King, Lucy Moore, Don & Sharon Perry, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, and Lou Trent for contributing to this issue.

Linda and George Scheper for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in May, June and July 2015: **Barb Christman, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Peggy Reis, Michael Rhein, and Bev Robinson.**



Recognize these pioneer settlers?

Bob King and Don Perry, ready to greet students arriving at Anderson Center for the History to

Schools program in May 2015. Photo by Janet Heywood.