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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

We will welcome once again a good friend to ATHS, **Mr. Bob Genheimer**. As you may know, Bob is the George Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology in the Cincinnati Museum Center. His topic this night will be "The Excavations at Hahn."

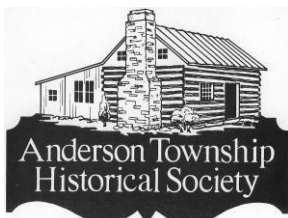
Please mark your calendars to attend this first official meeting of 2014! We can't think of a better way to kick off the brand new year!



Mr. Bob Genheimer, Curator of Archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center, (seated) examines items brought in by visitors at "Archaeology at Anderson Day" on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

See ATHS on the web:

www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org



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.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 Annual Dinner

46th Anniversary Annual Dinner Meeting Our yearly banquet meeting includes the election and installation of ATHS Officers and Trustees. After we finish dessert, we will welcome our speaker for the evening: **Mr. Greg Roberts**, Vice President of **Historic New Richmond**. Greg will tell us stories of the steamboat days on the Ohio River and describe how our neighbor the river town of New Richmond, founded in 1814, served as a major port during the steamboat era. This year New Richmond on the Ohio celebrates its 200th anniversary. Please do plan to be a part of this important and fun evening.

The **Annual Dinner** will be at the **Receptions Banquet Center** at 4459 Eastgate Blvd. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. ATHS booklets will be for sale, and there will be photos and other items on display. The cost of \$17 per person includes a buffet dinner of salad, a choice of fish or meat, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. Bring your family and friends. If you need more information, call Bev Robinson (231-3789).

Please send the enclosed reservation form and your check payable to ATHS to William Dreyer, 8564 Eagleswalk Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45255 by the reservation cut-off **February 26, 2014**.

- Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

Join us for our April meeting as we welcome spring; we hope the snow and ice of this winter of 2013-14 are gone by then! Connie Whitaker, our hard-working and persevering programs chair, is recuperating from a nasty bout of pneumonia as this issue of the *Surveyor* goes to press in mid-January. The detailed description of the April program will be available on the Anderson Township Historical Society website in February and announced at both the February and March meetings.

2014 Dues are DUE on May 1, 2014

ATHS annual dues for the year May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015 are due on May 1, 2014. Please send along your dues payment and stay up-to-date.

Send your check to ATHS, "Membership," P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The membership rates from May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 are:

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

Election of Officers and Trustees

The Nominating Committee (Don Perry, Lyn Scheper and Diane Schneider) will present the following slate of Officers and Trustees at the March 5, 2014 Annual Dinner Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Slate is as follows:

President	Linda Scheper
Vice President	Don Perry
Treasurer	Sue Wettstein
Secretary	Linda Magee
Trustee (3 yr term)	Connie Whitaker
Trustee (3 yr term)	Robert King

Trustees who continue to complete their elected terms are Sonia Shively (elected 2012), Ann King Chapman (elected 2012), Lucy S. Moore (elected 2013) and Lou Trent (elected 2013).

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently:

Joy Riley Ramsey
Sue Wehmeyer

Steve and Kim Loseff (current members who became Lifetime Couple members in December)

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 ath sloghouse@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 – TV Stardom & 2014

Commercial Success – Our Log House is the new "star" in a VERY brief (15 second) ad for the Ohio Lottery with a Goldilocks and the Three Bears theme. It first aired on December. 30; I saw it on New Year's Eve at a friend's home. We backed up twice to watch it and froze frames to see the set details. Unfortunately, I have not seen it since. If you think 15 seconds is fast, the whole process from the first call to view the cabin, to site approval, set up and filming took about 10 days total. Whew! Along with our 15 seconds of television fame, comes some fortune - \$1,000 for the two-day "rental" plus almost 50 ATHS volunteer hours.

Many thanks to **Diane Schneider** for taking the project in hand from the first phone call, through the filming and wrap up. Due to tight timing, we took a telephone poll of the Board to approve the project. At the same time, we set up 2 to 3 hour blocks with two people each over the two days and filled many slots with available Board members. By the Dec. 4th monthly meeting, "Day 1: dressing the set" was already complete. Members filled in the Day 2 schedule for a 14-hour day of filming on Dec. 5.

We greatly appreciate our enthusiastic ATHS film crew. **Diane Schneider & Linda Magee, Bev & Al Robinson, Bill Dreyer & Sue Wettstein** volunteered for the "dress the set" day on December 4. On Dec. 5, filming started at 5 a.m. with **Diane** (again) & **Lou Trent, Don & Sharon Perry, Bob & Judith Malinzak, Lucy Moore & Janet Heywood** on duty throughout the day. **Lyn Scheper & Diane** (yet again) stayed until the set was struck and the Log House restored to its original condition by the Lightborne Production film crew. We locked up and left at 7:15 p.m.

Kudos - First, a big thanks to **Connie Whitaker** for the superb programs and speakers she has booked in both the past and future. Great job!

Patience Please – The sidewalk project begins soon with a new culvert on Clough Pike at Bartels. Road closures will not impact our two major fund raisers. Yes, the work will be disruptive at times; but the Township will restore our sign, flagpole, fence, etc.

Capital Projects - Board members are preparing lists of major/minor repairs needed to protect our many structures. These needs will be prioritized and budgeted for over the next few years. Some projects could be done by members; please volunteer if you can help.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

597 Guests at the Log House in 2013

It was a busy year for tours at the Log House. Third graders from Mercer Elementary School visited in May. In addition to our regular open houses scheduled for the first and third Sundays, June through October, the Log House was open on Saturday, July 6 in conjunction with the Legion of History Day held at the nearby American Legion Post 318. Many people attended the Sunday Open Houses throughout the summer and fall. Eight cub scout troops toured in the fall. The Lightborne Production crew filmed a commercial for the Ohio Lottery in early December. The tally of visitors totaled 597 for 2013. Last year's total was 469.

Sunday, October 20 was a memorable day. One cub scout group arrived for a tour at 12:30 p.m. The "Open" sign for visitors went up at 1:00 p.m. Some members of the Frame family from Buffalo, Wyoming stopped by to look around. At 2:00 p.m. another cub scout troop arrived for their scheduled tour. Meanwhile the Jantzer family from Denver, Colorado visited the Log House along with other guests. At 4:00 p.m. the "Open" sign came down but another cub scout troop arrived for their discussion of family life long ago. We had 90 visitors on this one day!

Visitors to our Log House in 2013

Month	# of guests
May	145
June	55
July	47
August	48
September	56
October	150
November	66
December	30
TOTAL	597

Many thanks to these member guides:

Charlie Wallace	Al & Bev Robinson
Connie Whitaker	Bill Dreyer
Sue Wettstein	Ann King
Bob King	Don & Sharon Perry
Sonia Shively	Lucy Moore
Bob & Brenda Greer	Anne Ross
Linda Magee	Lyn Scheper
Diane Schneider	Barb Christman

Tour guides will be needed for 2014. Consider joining this great group. Contact **Diane Schneider**, Projects Chair, at 232-6552.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

Plant Sale Saturday, May 10, 2014

The AHS spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10 at the Log House. **Susan Liggett** has volunteered to serve as Co-Chair this year along with **Jan Hawkins**. This very popular event provides a major contribution to the operating costs of the Society and the maintenance of the Log House. Many thanks and congratulations go to Jan Hawkins and the Plant Sale Team for their nurturing of this event that grows each year. Most of the plants for sale are "home dug." **Members can help by providing donations of plants to sell, including perennials, annuals, tomato plants, and vegetables.** To make donations, please call Sue Liggett at 232-8679. Also needed are pots with soil in them. Empty pots are not needed since there are many on hand. You can help to make the plant sale a success. Donate plants and buy some. Spread the word and tell your friends.

John A. Ruthven, "20th Century Audubon," at the AHS meeting, December 4, 2013



John A. Ruthven, with his painting celebrating Martha, the last Passenger Pigeon, at the December 4, 2013 meeting. Photo by Lucy Moore.

Members were thrilled to hear the presentation by artist John A. Ruthven at the meeting in December. Mr. Ruthven, who celebrated his 89th birthday this fall, entertained us with tales of his development as an artist and stories of his life. He described his current work that celebrates Martha, the last passenger pigeon, who died at the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. This painting has been duplicated as an ArtWorks mural on a building at the corner of Vine and Eighth streets in Cincinnati.

Goldilocks Visits Our Log House

Lightborne Productions Company contacted us in late November about the possibility of using our Log House as the location for filming a commercial for the Ohio Lottery Commission. After two site evaluations we were chosen as the location.



Lights and reflectors set up illuminating the front door of the Log House. Photo by Lucy S. Moore.

Set-up Day was on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013. The artists from the production company “dressed” the interior of the Log House to look like the inside of the cabin of “The Three Bears” of the 19th-century fairy tale.



Photo by Linda Scheper.

Of course, there were small, medium and large bowls full of porridge and three chairs. Three fishing poles, three bear portraits, three lanterns, three crocks, three canisters, three banjos, three mounted fish trophies, a rustic wooden coat rack and a baby bear pull toy completed the décor.



Some of the tents and tables in the parking lot. Photo by Janet Heywood.



Some equipment on site. Photo by Linda Scheper.

The commercial was filmed on Thursday, Dec. 5 beginning at 5:00 a.m. and ending at 7:15 p.m. If you happened to drive by the Log House on that day you saw trucks, vans, SUVs, cars, seven tents, lights, screens, reflectors, and camera equipment all over the property.

Thirty people including the crew, the talent, the caterers, representatives from the advertising agency and the clients from the Ohio Lottery Commission roamed around.



Monitoring camera images. Photo by Linda Scheper.

The reviewing room was in the basement of the Brick House. Hair and make-up were upstairs in our conference/research room. Lunch was served at tables set up in the barn.



“Goldilocks.” Photo by Lucy S. Moore

ATHS received \$1,000 for the use of our property. The Ohio Lottery commercial began airing in late December. We have been promised a copy of the commercial which we hope to show at a monthly meeting.



Action later moved to the side door of the Log House. Photo by Lucy S. Moore.

Members of ATHS were on site at all times to observe and protect our treasures. Thanks to these members who covered two or three hour shifts:

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| Lou Trent | Diane Schneider |
| Lucy Moore | Janet Heywood |
| Bill Dreyer | Sue Wettstein |
| Bob & Judith Malinzak | |
| Al & Bev Robinson | |
| Don & Sharon Perry | |
| Linda Magee | Linda Scheper |

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



A man holding a bear paw is at the door. Photo by Janet Heywood.



Image of "the Bear" opening the door as seen on the camera monitor. Photo by Lucy S. Moore.

Adopt a Roadway 2014

The Historical Society has joined forces with Anderson Township and is participating in "Adopt a Highway" programs in the Township. We are helping to keep roads and other areas litter free. This is the third year for the Society to participate in the program. We are responsible for keeping clean both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road down to Clough Pike and along Clough in front of the Log House to Royalgreen. The Township supplies gloves, bags, vests and T shirts, and pickup tools for our use. The bags of trash are left at the road side and the Township will pick them up. The Township will provide liability release forms for each participant. Recognition will be on the Township website and in publications of the Township.

Please plan to support this worthwhile project and put on your calendar the following tentative dates for 2014: Saturday April 26, 2014, Saturday July 19, 2014, Saturday October 18, 2014, and Saturday December 13, 2014 which are when we will be out cleaning our adopted roads. Hope to see a lot of our members out those days for the more we have working the easier it will be for all.

- William Dreyer

Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Support ATHS!

And if you're a Kroger shopper, there's no easier way to support the Society than using your Kroger Plus Card. Once you have enrolled online, you will benefit us each time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus Card for qualifying purchases.

Members who are already registered contributed to us, at no cost to them, \$130.20 by shopping at Kroger from August to October 2013. We will be receiving another check from Kroger after the end of January. **Reminder: if you have not registered, please do so and remember that everyone has to renew each year in April to continue in the program so we can continue to receive contributions from Kroger.**

Aluminum Can Recycling

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

New Information Located about Tabitha Noble, Log House Owner

ATHS member Kenny Burck sent in this article that he prepared for the Pardue Family Newsletter about his ancestor, Tabitha Pardue Noble.

I began my genealogical research on my family in 1968. I soon discovered I had ancestors in the eastern part of Hamilton County, Ohio (near Cincinnati) and they lived in what is today the oldest log house in the area which has never been moved and always maintained its appearance as a log structure. My great-great-great grandmother Martha Noble was born in the house in 1829 to parents James and Tabitha Noble. The Noble family lived in the house as early as 1826, Tabitha purchased the house and 15 surrounding acres in 1836 and her children sold the property in 1866 when Tabitha presumably died.

Census records indicated Tabitha and her husband were born in either Virginia, North or South Carolina. In my search I discovered that James Noble married Tabitha Pardue (many spellings) in Wilkes County, North Carolina in 1808, they appeared in the 1820 census of Clermont County, OH and by 1830 moved to Hamilton County, OH. James had died by the time the 1840 census was taken and Tabitha did not appear in the 1870 census.

I determined to my satisfaction by the preponderance of the evidence that Tabitha's father was Bevil (many spellings) Pardue. On a research trip in 1995 to Wilkes and Surry County in North



Tabitha (Pardue) Noble, Log House owner. Photo donated to ATHS by her g-g-g-g grandsons, Kenny Burck and David Mathews, 1998.

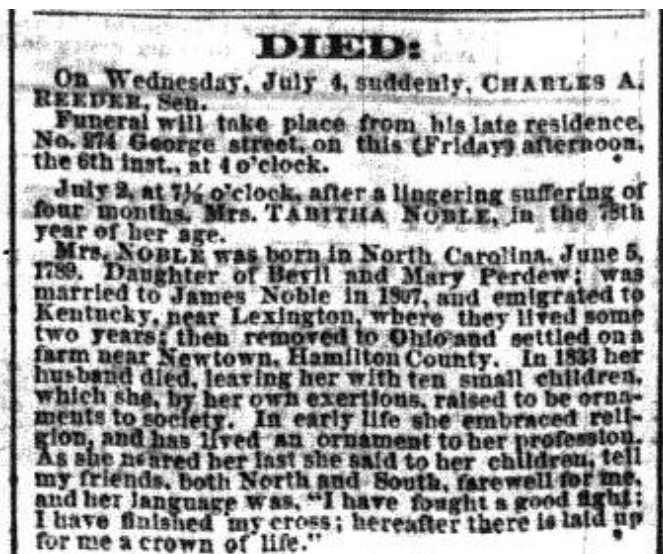
Carolina, I located information about the Pardue/Perdue Family Historical Association and learned that they held a family reunion every two years. So I joined the Association and have attended every reunion since 1997.

Since then several of my male Pardue cousins in my known line have taken the DNA test and confirmed their relationship to the family. To prove my relationship I have had to settle on what I assumed was good genealogical research. I assumed James Noble died between 1833 (when his last son was born) and 1836 (when his wife Tabitha bought the log house in her own name) and that Tabitha died by December 1866 when her family sold the property. The answer to almost every genealogical question when you ask yourself, "now where do I look" or "now what do I do to find more information" is always "just keep on looking."

I recently purchased a new book published by the Hamilton County, OH Genealogical Society, *Death, Marriage & Other Notices in the Cincinnati Enquirer, 1818 to 1869*. For whatever reason I started looking in the list where maiden names were listed in death notices and found a Perdue which is not a common name in this area of Ohio. I quickly glanced to the left side of the page and there was Tabitha Noble who died in her 78th year on July 2, 1866.



Detail of 1847 map with modern roads added. Notice the owner's name "Mrs. Noble" at the site of the Log House.



Copy of the death notice for Mrs. Tabitha Noble, as it appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer, July 6, 1866.

I could hardly contain myself until I obtained the original death notice in the newspaper which was on microfilm at the downtown library, hoping it might contain some other interesting details. Many times death notices are very brief but the index did give an age and a maiden name so I was hopeful there might be additional information about Tabitha.

To my great surprise the article did give her exact birthday (I had only guessed at the year), it revealed she had suffered for four months before her death and that she was married to James Noble in 1807 in North Carolina (I did know this but the year was 1808).

Then came the big confirmation that her father was Bevil Perdew. James and Tabitha had at least seven living children in 1866 and they would have known who their grandfather was. But the notice gives even more great news for all descendants of Bevil.

Many sources on the internet and other places list Tabitha Sale as the wife of Bevil. I have searched for years to locate even one suggestion that this could be true but there was no known source found. There is a case to be made that her maiden name COULD be Sale, but where did someone come up with Tabitha Sale? Now we know from the notice that Bevil's wife and Tabitha's mother was Mary.

The notice went on to say that after James and Tabitha married they emigrated to Kentucky near Lexington for two years before they relocated to Ohio. I have located them in Clark County, KY in the 1810 census. The notice says that James Noble did in fact die in 1833 leaving his wife with ten small children and that Tabitha had raised them "to be ornaments to society."

Tabitha must have maintained contact with her past as the notice stated that she said to her children as she neared her last, "tell my friends both North and South farewell for me", and the notice ended with a quote from Tabitha, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my cross; hereafter there is laid up for me a crown of life."

Tabitha was the only daughter of Bevil and Mary Pardue and it is assumed by 1866 her six known brothers, John, Thomas, Joel, Robert, William and Sale were all deceased. As genealogists we continue our search and are always on the lookout for new family information.

- Kenny Burck



Kenny Burck as "Farmer Burck" at the ATHS Country Store, September 2013. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

In the early days of home electricity, people knew little about it or the maze of wires that carried it. However, two things were quickly learned. Some wires carried no current and could be touched without harm. Other wires were full of energy and could yield a first-class jolt. They were known as "live wires" because of the current in them. Some people were so full of energy that their blood seemed to flow like an electric current. These energetic, vibrant people who were always ready to serve as the life of the party, came to be known as "live wires."

- Lou Trent

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes.

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
February 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 5	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 10	PLANT SALE	9:00 a.m.
May 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 18	Board 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.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to members **Jan and Robert Hawkins** on the loss of their son **David Hawkins** in early January 2014.

Visit the History Room

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. Come see the exhibit of some materials from the celebration of Anderson Township's Bicentennial Celebration in 1993. Now's the time to start thinking about how we might commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Township in 2018. We'll also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Anderson Township Historical Society in 2018. The History Room is jointly sponsored by ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room.



View in History Room, Anderson Center, Jan. 2014.



Holiday refreshments at the December 4, 2013 meeting. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Member Meetings Snacks

Once again I would like to thank one and all who helped with snacks at our recent meetings. With treats at our Christmas meeting so abundant, it is impossible to name all of you. Thank you again.

If you are interested in bringing a sample your favorite recipe to an upcoming meeting, please contact me at 231-4304. Thanks again, Sharon.

- Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

Thanks for Your Service

Kathy Hoelscher, Lucy Moore and Linda Scheper for photographs of activities, programs and the filming for the Ohio Lottery ad.

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

Bill Dreyer, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, Sue Wettstein and Connie Whitaker for contributing to this issue.

Lou Trent for contributing our new features "Where Did That Come From" and "Thought for the Week."

Those members who served as docents for the History Room in November & December 2013 and January 2014: **Nick Borowski, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, and Charlie Wallace.**

ATHS E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders for all the monthly meetings, send an e-mail to athslighthouse@yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS e-mail list.