Well the summer has started and the Society parking lot is under construction. It should be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The rain made the plants luscious and colorful. Becky Carmer and Jim Norton have worked to make our entrance attractive. Lori Everett has agreed to help. She is a newer member that has assisted the Society in many ways. Anyone else who would like to help, call Jim Norton. The new parking lot is required to have a site fence. We are trying to get some taller trees so the neighbors can’t see the Society. Something about site line.

The members of the Society are so talented and gifted. Some know the history of almost every item we have. Many have expertise in several of the collections. Some, like me know a little about a little. That’s the fun of being a member. Working in the Society gives us the opportunity to learn more about it, its inventory and its importance to preserving our history.

Larry Drabenstott is the person who helps us keep our inventory organized. During my years, he has worked diligently to keep us up to date. Keeping items organized and on the computer is no easy task. Each item has a number. Earlier our records were all notebook paper and pencil with items listed when they were acquired not by their classification.

Well now the inventory is kept on a system called Past Perfect. This is the system used by most museums in the country. At the Society, Susan Zimmerman, Julie Pooler and Bob Everett have made changes that are very complicated. I call it, “Speaking in runes”. Computer language is complex. Therefore, keeping the inventory is time consuming. Even as I write the Past Perfect system is making huge changes in their program. Thank goodness changing. It’s reassuring to have people who are able to understand the system.

As with many areas of the Society, we have heroes too numerous to name. They, as我们认为 this logo is a wonderful melding of the top finalists and sets a new tone for the society. Be on the lookout for the new logo as we work to incorporate it throughout our online and print material. We would like to thank all members, volunteers, and the Board who helped this logo come to fruition!

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We are excited to announce our next exhibit titled, *Timeless Glass from the Past* on display in the Kister Building from July 26th—November 1st. The official exhibit opening will be Sunday, July 26th from 2:00-4:00pm in the Kister Building at the Society. This extensive collection is being displayed in conjunction with the Wayne County Early American Glass Club and will feature items from early patterns to what may become collectible.

The very first organizational meeting of The Wayne County Early American Glass Club took place on September 28, 1978. On that very first meeting, members displayed a variety of items including pink glass which was a premium from rolled oats, a piece of clear glass which had turned purple from being in the sunlight when it had been used to water chickens and a reproduced pitcher from Williamsburg.

The club consists of 14 active members who meet every second Tuesday in members’ homes to discuss glass topics ranging from styles of glass such as spoons, ashtrays, buttons and miniatures to companies that make glass such as Gillinder, Fenton, Fostoria, Westmoreland, Cambridge and many more.

The Club will celebrate its 37th anniversary with a beautiful and diverse display of glass at the Wayne County Historical Society. There will be a patriotic display, glass baskets, spoons and celery vases, an unusual very big Fostoria punch bowl, Cambridge Glass, Fenton, Mary Gregory, water sets, a God’s creation case consisting of glass animals, butter dishes, bread plates, children’s dishes and many more. In addition to the exhibit, there will be lovely pieces of Simon Pearce glass on display. Simon Pearce is a new company that makes stunningly beautiful hand blown glass and is certain to be a collectable of the future.

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others before them, are the unsung heroes who make the Society a great organization.

These people and many others strive to keep the history of Wayne County, Ohio and America relevant for all generations. How fortunate we are!

Came across the 1904 high school annual. On one page people expressed a goal for their future. Park Redick stated: “I want to know all history by heart.” I wonder if he was successful? 🌟

- Elaine Peterson, President

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**Items Approved for De-Accession**

*Acquisitions Committee*

In accordance with the Collection Management Policy of the WCHS, the following items have been recommended by the Acquisitions Committee and approved by the BOT for Deaccession on May 26,2015:

- **Diplomas of Mary Dunham** (Item #3041); Received in 1977 from the Wayne and Mary Hart Estate; Description - 4 Diplomas for Mary Dunham, none of which are from Wayne County; Not Wayne County related items; likely destroy if a better home is not found.
- **Birth/Marriage Certificates** (Items Numbers Unknown);
- **1822 Certificate of Birth/Christening Mary Ann Young and 1873 Marriage License of Solomon Gerberich to Anna Weimer; Genealogy related items; will give to WCPL Genealogy Department.**
- **Lithographs** (Items Numbers Unknown); 1940 Lithograph of Sam Harding Stille Americanism Poem; Not Wayne County related item; Sell at Antiques in the Vault.
- **Confirmation Certificate of Heinrich Heyl** (Item No. Unknown); Confirmation Certificate from Ashland County; Not a Wayne-County item; will give to WCPL Genealogy Department.
- **Marriage Certificate** (Item No. Unknown) of Mary McComb to Robert Bovard in Cross Creek, PA. Not a Wayne-County item; will give to WCPL Genealogy Department.
- **Map of Ohio-World** (Item No. Unknown). Map issued by the Orrville Courier is damaged beyond repair and will be destroyed.

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**WCHS at the OLO**

Emily Neill, OLO House Manager, with WCHS display

Attention Ohio Light Opera Fans! The WCHS is excited to present our very own display case located in the Wishert Hall Lobby. The cabinet was arranged by Julie Menness and Dick Lewellen with assistance from Mary Eberhart, Charlie Lepold and Larry Drabenstott. A Big THANK YOU to Laura Neill and Michelle Frazier for supporting our organization!

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**Exhibit: Timeless Glass from the Past**

**Exhibit Opening: Sunday, July 26th, 2-4:00pm**

by Jim Norton

Marian Howman (left) and Pat Purdy (right) of the Wayne County Early American Glass Club
‘A Night At the Quinby Opera House’
September 27th, 2015 @ 2pm and 6pm
by A Night at the Quinby Opera House Committee

Please join us for another memorable installment of A Night at the Quinby Opera House set for Sunday, September 27th, 2015. The 2013 show was a not to be missed event, so be sure to mark your calendars!

The committee; comprised of Dick Benson, Margo Broehl, Dave Broehl, Richard Figge, Sally Patton, Molly Pierson, and Carolyn Sheron; has determined that the event will once again be held at First Presbyterian Church’s Bruch Hall (621 College Avenue, corner of College and Bowman St.). There will be two performances: 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Confirmed acts for the 2015 show include Tina Benson, Ted Christopher, Carrie Culver, Brian Dykstra, Richard Figge, Sally Patton, Tom Wood, WACPAC, and Master of Ceremonies Dick Benson.

The goal of the committee is to replicate the flavor of the type of presentations that the original Quinby Opera House had in the late 1800s and the early 1900s (see a brief history at right).

The cost of tickets will be $25 each and each presentation will permit 200 ticket holders to attend each performance for a total for 400 tickets for the two performances.

This fundraiser will bring needed financial help to the operating fund of the WCHS. Please watch the mail in the coming months for more information. Any questions? Contact Dave Broehl by e-mail at davidbroehl@gmail.com.

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Community Band Concert—July 30th
Coordinator—Jerry Payn

On June 17th, the Wooster Community Summer Band gave a heart rejoicing concert. St. Mary’s Catholic Church allowed us to use their gymnasium. Over 200 people gathered to hear a rousing performance. Randy Claes organizes and directs a very intergenerational group. The Frontz family has three generations that are in the band. Many are musicians from Wayne Co. high schools music programs. Paula played “The Trumpeter’s Lullaby” superbly. She was a former member of The Ohio State Marching Band. They missed her when she graduated.

The night was filled with rousing marching tunes, a My Fair Lady score and John Lennon songs. Someone told me they didn’t realize the Beatles’ hit sounded that good. They were surprised they liked it. A gentleman sitting on the front row knew the words to My Fair Lady and quietly but joyfully sang along. But there was a young boy sitting next to me that made my sit a great place to be. The band played a rendition of Jesus Loves Me. He was quietly humming along. Had a good voice, too. Needless to say the night was a delight for all. Thanks to Jerry Payn for getting it organized for the Society, Ned Brooks, Nancy Ditmer, Jeff Lindberg and Tom Roblee for getting instruments and practice areas from the College of Wooster. The name Wooster Community Summer Band does sound more musical than the original Wooster Board of Trade Band. But following in their tradition, there will be a downtown concert on July 30th at 7pm. If it continues to rain it will return to St. Mary’s gymnasium. See you there!

Questions? Contact Jerry Payn, Band Coordinator, at (330) 345-5547 or gmpayn@sssnet.com.

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Quinby Opera House History

The Quinby Opera House was built by D.C. Curry and Brothers in 1876 at the cost of $25,000. It was originally located on the corner of North Buckeye and Larwill Streets. It was named “in honor of Mr. Quinby by popular demand and against his protest, and over his veto.”

The building was the vision of the “Quinby Hall Association”. The organization was comprised of Ephriam Quinby, Jr. - President; E.P. Bates - Secretary; J.H. Kauke; D.Q. Liggett; Ira H. Bates; and D.C. Curry.

The dimensions of the Opera House were 70’ x 104’ with an auditorium of 60’ x 70’ which could hold seating for 1,000 including the balconies on three sides. The stage was 44’ x 32’ and cost $8,000. Gas lights provided the illumination.

Opening night was held on Thursday, February 1, 1877 by Miss Effie L. Ellsler, with a performance from John Ellsler’s Euclid Avenue Opera House, Cleveland, in Shakespeare’s “As You Like It.” Wooster’s Amateur Dramatic Troupe performed plays there through the 1870s. Temperance Movement dramas were also performed at the time, the most popular being “Ten Nights in a Bar Room.” The building was torn down in 1900 when the newer Opera House at City Hall fell more into public favor.
Harry’s Mystery Question
by Harry S. McClarran

This Issue
This issue’s Mystery question deals with another picture given to me by Cliff Leighty. Does anyone recognize this historical structure and where it was located? Answer in the next issue of the Historical Society Newsletter.

You can contact Harry S. McClarran at 132 Pearl St., Wooster OH, 44691 or by phone at (330) 264-0749.

Answer to last Issue’s mystery question….

This is the third in a three part series on interurban car lines and the C, SW and C Traction Company. Last issue’s mystery picture was of Route 3, north of Wooster taken off a glass plate negative shot in 1911. It shows Route 3 north of Milltown Road going up the hill. At this time it was a dirt road and shows a horse drawn wagon coming down the hill. With the construction of the C, SW, and C Company coming into Wooster in 1903, it made possible the transportation of goods and people for greater distances in less time than one could travel by horse drawn wagon. In 1907, John M. Ginter opened Wooster’s first automobile dealership on N. Walnut Street. Thus began the automobile age. People then started clambering for better roads, so in 1919 and 1921, contracts were let to Gregg Anderson of Millersburg to construct a brick road on Rt. 3. In a conversation with Charles ‘Buzz’ Palmer, he recounted his working days on that project. In 1919 he helped in laying brick; construction of that brick road was laid from Milltown Road to Highland Avenue. When school commenced that Fall, the mixer was taken back up by way of Friendsville Road to Milltown and over to Route 3. The contractor continued to add to the road. By this time, a brick road had been built from Highland Avenue to Wayne Avenue that connected the north end of Wooster. The contractor continued north above Milltown Road up to Ackerman’s Filling Station, about a mile and a half from Brown’s House Coal Yards which was on the west side of Rt. 3. In 1921, road work was commenced again. Palmer was engaged to help lay the road up to Jackson, Ohio. From Wooster up to the Ackerman’s, the road was 16 feet wide and from there to Jackson, the road was 18 feet wide. Eventually, the road through Medina went into Cleveland and was known as Cleveland Road.

With the construction of modern roads and the coming of automobiles, it was a short time before people stopped shipping on, riding on and utilizing the trolley lines. This plus the Depression in 1931 led to the demise of the trolley system in Ohio. Previously, I had mentioned Car 54 becoming Min’s Diner on East Liberty Street. Another trolley car, of unknown origin and number, was brought into Wooster and placed on the NW corner of East Liberty and North Bever Streets. It was known for many years as the Home Diner. It disappeared after 1957 before Wooster celebrated its 150th anniversary. This car was removed before any of my trolley books were written. Another car started with an interesting history. A private parlor car, the Josephine, was built in 1903 in Philadelphia PA for the Everett-Moore Syndicate. Their traveling office was a rolling palace complete with office equipment for conducting business along the line. It was named for Henry Everett’s wife. The car had an observation lounge with faithful porter and crew permanently engaged. Painted in rich green with gold trim, the Josephine was first housed in Willoughby OH between the Everett and Moore estates on the C, P and E Line. The car had four 75 horse powered electric motors and made headlines as it shattered the current speed records. It ran along at 60 miles per hour in 1907 setting a long distance record by speeding 800 miles between Cleveland and Indianapolis.

In 1909 the trolley car was sent to the Northern Ohio Silver Lake shop for refurbishing, caught fire and was destroyed. When Everett heard of this, he ordered a new car to be built according to the specifications of the Josephine. At the Niles Car Company, they measured the charred frame-work and hand crafted the Northern which took to the rails in 1910. It had more rounded lines applied to the exterior of the Northern to keep pace with the latest styles. Eventually, officials tired of private parlor car travels and the Northern became the property of the Northern Ohio Traction Company. Numbered 1500; the Northern would run deluxe charters. In 1932, a former employee purchased the car and converted it into a home living there with a monkey. The car was then sold to E.E. Palmer and brought to Wooster, becoming the home for his glass engraving plate business. It

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sat as a work shop on the north side of West Old Lincoln Way past the Fair Grounds. The interior was never painted again and original chairs and rug had been retained by E.E. Palmer. Upon his death, this car became an auto wash office, then was rescued by the Warehouse Point, Connecticut Trolley Museum and restored.

Another diner stood out on Spruce Street and along Little Apple Creek at the turn onto Grosjean Road. This car was built at the Kuhlman Car Company in Cleveland in 1916, a 37 ton steel car, 62 feet in length. #206 was used on the southern division of the C, SW and C and did run into Wooster from Cleveland. When the line closed in 1931, it was sold, moved to Wooster and placed on Spruce Street. Called the Garn Diner in 1932, it became Buzz’s Diner by 1965. The picture of #206 in Jeffery R. Brashares’s book- Southern Western Lines; the Cleveland, Southwestern and Columbus Railway- on page 85 shows how it had been changed over the years. The caption Harry’s Mystery Question for the Wayne County Historical Society Newsletter, June 2015 says: home cooked meals, sandwiches, coffee, homemade chili, cigarettes, tobacco and Sweet Cloverleaf Dairy milk and ice cream. It had a round trolley roof with original windows. By 1965, it is shown with a gable roof and the original windows replaced with single windows. It was using Smith Dairy milk and ice cream. In 1970, it was sold to the next door Central Farm Supply who tore it down to make room for parking.

Trolley Car Accidents

Accidents happened. During the construction of the line into Wooster, on a Sunday in September of 1903, Dick Andrews of Medina had been digging a hole near the tracks at Madisonburg. He was badly shocked when a construction car approached from the north; the rails had not been properly grounded. He stooped to pick up his crowbar laying across the tracks, was shocked, knocked off his feet and was severely injured as he fell into the hole. Unconscious, he was taken to the home of W.H. Mowuery where a Dr. Hollingsworth of Creston treated him.

The first accident in Wooster occurred on December 14, 1903 at 4:00 AM. A south-bound car overran the tracks at the south end of the Public Square due to icy conditions. Even with the brakes and sand applied, the car slid 140 feet past the end of the tracks coming to rest against the hitching post in front of the Mountey Hotel. No one was badly hurt, and when a second car arrived at 6:30 AM, its crew and several local men divided into two teams with cables and chains to haul the car back onto the tracks.

On June 26, 1904 a speeding trolley going north jumped the tracks at a curve (continued below)

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north of Chippawa Lake. The car left the tracks leaving many people severely injured. On Friday, November 18, 1904 Nathaniel Mowuery died from a fall off the Bishop trestle which was located a little northwest of Milltown Road and Rt. 3 over a ravine on the old Dr. Judd property. He and his brother, Dr. M.K. Mowuery exited a trolley far from their destination and attempted to walk back south across the trestle. Another car approached from the south and they tried to find safety on the trestle timbers below the tracks. Dr Mowuery lay down on the timbers and his brother lost his balance, falling 20 feet to the ground. The car stopped, the crew helped Dr Mowuery load his brother into the car and they took him to the Stoll Hospital in Wooster. He had several broken ribs, severe internal injuries and died at home two days later.

On January 3, 1905, while going home from school, 13 year old Anna Wise, daughter of Peter Wise of Bloomington, was struck by a southbound trolley. This occurred near University Street. She had been walking on the rails with two other friends and saw the car coming down the tracks. She stopped off the tracks to the east and her friends went to the west of the tracks. On her side was a little embankment and in trying to climb up, she slid back into the path of the car. Motorman Harry Johnson of Wooster did all he could to stop the car but Anna died shortly after at Stoll Hospital.

On Friday June 26, 1907 at 7:30 PM, car #47 of the C, SW and C left the tracks on N. Market Street just south of Bowman Street. The rails had spread due to sewer construction. None of the 12 passengers were severely injured when the car turned end to end and came to rest with the front end between the trees and pavement in front of the William Annat home. Service was interrupted until midnight. The car was put back on the rails and next day people were transferred from one car to another to get around this disruption. The pavement was badly damaged by the wheels of the cars. The next day a work car derailed at the same spot.

On June 16, 1908, Veinno Cranno, a scissor sharpener, while traveling on Bowman Street was struck by a baggage car at the corner of Quinby and Bowman. He was not badly injured, though he was taken to the hospital.

There was another old wrecked trolley car at the bottom of a ravine north of car #1500 on Lincoln Way west of the Fair Grounds. These are just a few examples of accidents that occurred in and around Wooster during the early days of interurban car lines. Today where one once found dirt roads now stand ribbons of concrete and asphalt roads upon which high speed automobiles traverse. For a short period of time Ohio was criss-crossed by trolley lines when one could go from one end of the state to the other.

Stay tuned for further tidbits of Wooster’s past.
WCHS Standing Committees
Annual Reports—May 2014-April 2015

In accordance with the Constitution of the Wayne County Historical Society of Ohio, standing committees are required to submit an annual report each year by the Annual Meeting to the Board of Trustees. The following is a summary of those reports.

Education & Docents
Joe Miller—Chair

The Historical Society officially opened for tours on April 1, 2015. We have had four tours of grade school students - approximately 300 students.

We will start our program for young high school docents on June 1. If you know of someone that is interested, send them our way. The Committee will have a monthly luncheon for docents and history buffs at Buehlers’ Milltown Community Room. Contact the Historical Society if interested.

The Education and Docent Committee completed an 8-minute video on the Sultana Disaster and had a community viewing in the School House. We have two copies of the video, “The Michael Silver Civil War Story”, posted on the Historical Society website. This video has been shown to the 125 8th Grade students at Triway Junior High School. The videos are available for schools and others to download.

We always need docents. Training is available every Friday morning at the Society.

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Membership
Sandi Keim—Chair

The Membership Committee continues to work toward increasing our membership. We have been able to attract new members by having information available at some of the special events hosted by the Society and visitors to the campus have decided to join.

We want to thank everyone for your timely response to our membership mailings.

Military Committee
Cameron Flint—Board Representative

Accomplishments and Events of the Wayne County Military Committee for 2014-2015 are as follows: 1. The "Wayne County at the Battle of Spotsylvania" display was put in place early in the year; 2. In support of the Downton Abbey exhibit, a display of World War I era military items which featured Captain Redick was put in place in the corner display area; 3. A selection of military items from the collection was put on display at the Wayne County Fair, and was manned by members of the Committee; 4. An inventory of each item in the Committee’s custody was performed. This included a brief description of each item along with an estimated value; 5. Individual Service Members from Wayne County were featured in our display at the Moreland Heritage Days festival in October.

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Nominating Committee
Sandi Keim—Chair

The following individuals were presented as candidates to the Wayne County Historical Society Board of Trustees and accepted by the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2015 for the Class of 2018:

Bob Everett—Bob is retired from Morton Salt. He is providing valuable input on the Society’s computer system. He and his wife Lori are Docents and are on the PR/Marketing Committee.

Renee Jackwood—Renee is an attorney in Wooster. She is a graduate of Wooster High School and holds a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Akron and a J.D. degree from the U of A School of Law (1995). She and her husband, Daral, have four grown children.

Ted Luc—Ted resides in Wooster with his wife Melinda and their four children. Ted is employed at Bogner Construction as a Project Manager. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Construction Management. He is an active member of numerous civic boards and enjoys watching his children participate in various sports.

Lynette Mattson—Originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Lynette came to Wooster to attend college. After graduating in 2008 from the COW with a degree in History, Lynette moved to Philadelphia to pursue her graduate studies with a particular interest in public history. She is now the Assistance Director of the Writing Center at the College of Wooster. She and her husband, Matt Long, reside in Wooster.

Inter-Liaison Committee
Louise-Keating—Chair

The Liaison Committee successfully coordinated the County-wide Historical Societies tour during September and October. Discussion at other meetings centered on how to increase visibility of the societies to younger generations through use of technology, including geocaching and QRs, as well as lively discussion exploring various options to raise additional operating funds for the societies.

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### Permanent Collection—Coordinators Needed!
*by Dave Broehl & Larry Drabenstott*

The Permanent Collection area in the basements of the Kister Building, Tunnel and the Firehouse is coming closer to reality. We have raised or pledged just over $400,000 toward the goal of $508,000. We hope to raise all of the funds by October of 2015 and then begin the construction process.

As part of this, we want to re-visit the issue of having coordinators for each of our categories. We have 61 categories, and we have existing coordinators for only one-half of them. We are hoping that our members might be willing to become a coordinator for a category that interests them or join an existing committee.

We are providing a list of all of the categories, and the names of people who have volunteered.

The categories that still need a volunteer to be coordinator are in **BOLD**.

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| Fireplace Tools         |                           |
| Fredericksburg Pottery  |                           |
| Furniture               |                           |
| Glassware               | Jim Norton                |
| Games                   | Pat Purdy                 |
| Hair Salon              |                           |
| Home/Electric/Appliances|                           |
| Housewares              |                           |
| Industrial Hardware/Machinery/Equipment |                           |
| Kitchen Tools           |                           |
| Lamps                   | David Broehl              |
| Logging Equipment       |                           |
| Magazines               | Documents Committee       |
| Maps (print)            | Documents Committee       |
| Medical Equipment       |                           |
| Military Items          | Military Committee        |
| Missionary Art (College of Wooster) |                   |
| Music/Musical Instruments| Nachtrieb Portraits—Fine Arts Committee |
| Catalogues              | Documents Committee       |
| Office and Writing Equipment | Paintings-Oil—Fine Arts Committee |
| Postcards               | Documents Committee       |
| Posters                 | Documents Committee       |
| Pottery                 | Jim Norton                |
| Public Safety           |                           |
| Quilts                  | Textile Committee         |
| Sports                  | Sports—Sports Hall of Fame|

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**PR/Marketing Committee**

Julie Pooler—Chair

The PR/Marketing Committee kept busy this past year in a variety of areas:

**Online and Social Media:**
The PR/Marketing Committee continues to monitor and update the Wayne County Historical Society website and Facebook page. This past year, our online presence has generated more traffic than ever, doubling our numbers for website visits and Facebook “Likes”.

**Print Media and Advertising:** The committee submitted countless articles to multiple media outlets for events, exhibits, meetings, new acquisitions, fundraisers, etc. related to the Wayne County Historical Society throughout 2014. The committee also printed a 2015 Schedule of Events brochure. This brochure was distributed to the society, the Wayne County Public Library, and the Wayne County Visitor’s and Conventions Bureau.

**New logo:** After more than 60 initial options and input from the board, our membership, and our online community, the committee is excited to present the new logo for the WCHS (as seen on the front page of this newsletter).

*Looking to 2015:* We are excited to be pursuing a new partnership with the Ohio Light Opera. We hope this new partnership will generate more tours, new membership and a greater reach for the WCHS.
The Permanent Collection

Categories of the Society Collection designated to be added to The Permanent Collection.

Currently In Storage - The Unseen 80%


Currently On Display

Adornment | Archeology | Arrowheads | Birds and Animals (taxidermy) | Blacksmith | Clothing | Coverlets | Farm Tools/Machinery | Farming | Industrial Hardware | Logging Equipment | Military Items (Uniforms/Maps/Flags/Guns) | Office and Writing Equipment | Public Safety | Quilts |

Anchor Sponsor for The Permanent Collection

$100,000
Ohio’s Civil War—Celebrating the 150th Anniversary

Upcoming CWRT Programs - September 22nd & October 20th

Mark your calendars for these exciting, upcoming programs brought to you by the Civil War Roundtable:

September 22nd @ 6:30pm:  
On Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. will be another of our quality programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War which is open to the public. The Wayne County Civil War Roundtable in collaboration with the Wayne County Libraries is hosting the program in the Wooster Library Conference Room. We are now approaching the end of the horrible four years of that war. Scott L. Mingus, Sr. Award-winning Civil War author and lecturer will present his “Flames Beyond Gettysburg” talk. In late June 1863, two powerful columns of Confederate troops approached the Susquehanna River in south-central Pennsylvania.

October 20th @ 6:30pm:  
On Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. will be another of our quality programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War which is open to the public. We will welcome David Shaw, noted Rutherford B. Hayes portraiter, will present information on how the Civil War still influences us 150 years later.

Questions? Please contact CWRT Coordinator Gerald Payn at 330-345-5547 or gmpayn@sssnet.com. Make sure to check out upcoming CWRT events on our website!

From the Collection—Dear Father and Mother Kimmell
Also available on the website in the “From the Collection” section!
by Susan Zimmerman

The Wayne County Historical Society of Ohio documents vault volunteers recently unrolled a photocopy of a two-page letter written in 1822 that was donated in 1967 by Mrs. Samuel J. Vogelhuber. The pages had to be placed on light box to read and decipher the old faded long-hand script writing on age-darkened paper but it provided a glimpse into early Wayne County, Ohio life.

The letter was from a 25-year-old William Kimmell, living here in Wayne township, Wayne County in 1822, to his 53-year-old father Joseph Kimmell, living in West Buffalo township, Union County, Pennsylvania. The pages reveal some of the life and times of early settlers in Wayne County, Ohio and a bit about this particular family’s dynamics:

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"To Joseph Kimmell
West Bufaloe Township
Union County
State of Pennsylvania
Wayne Township and
Wayne County March 9, 1822

Dear Father and Mother I take this opper(tunity) to let you know that we are well at present and I hope these few lines me finde you also in the same our son is a growing finely he will be a year old again the 29th of June he tries to talk a ? neary? he can say Dad and Mom and Cat we call him John after his grandfather bomen (Bowman) an his uncle John (Kimmell).

I would have wrote to you before now but I had know opperunity without sending with the male but I thot that the money was to hard to be got for to pay the carage we have hard times about money but everything else plenty and cheap meat is from twenty five to fifty rye thirty seven corn twenty five thatts about eighty bushels of corn of three acres I have three acres of wheat soed and if I have luck ?ill? have my bread. I have foure acres of meadow cleared and i am about to clearing for corn about six acres our clearing is not so bad as yours the grubbing is light I can clear an acre in about fours days in daytime fit for plants.

I have two good shuggar camps of about one hundred each thats thirty trees taped and we boiled about sixty weight and about two gallons of molases I have leased the half of my quarter to a man for twelve years he is to clear thirty acres of land and make good fence and build a good log house and barn and plant one hundred apple trees and I hope that we may have plenty of every thing but ? money? and there is one good thing that I am Clear of Debt.

I wish that you would write to me the next opperunity I have wrote two letters before this and have received non yet. Adam and John have told me that they have got severel letters and I begin to think that you don’t think it worth wile to write to me any more the distant is not much further only 35 miles if got any opperunity to send one to Canton. Adam can send it to Woster almost any time. No more at present from your beloved son,
William Kimmell"

For more information on the Kimmell family and this letter, please visit our website at: http://waynehistoricalohio.org/2015/05/16/dear-father-and-mother-kimmell/
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