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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Doris West

The recent visit of 15 tornadoes throughout our surrounding towns has brought some new perspectives to many of us. I am reminded of the old saying, "Here today; gone tomorrow." Miraculously, there was no loss of life in the nearby surrounding towns, but what else might we have lost? One news article spoke of the emotional trauma and sense of security affecting many. More obvious are the many wooded areas now flattened. How about the loss of buildings, both homes and commercial. Many times only pictures are left of what once had been.

Thanks to some of our members, we have a permanent record of what the houses and buildings in Clayton and Englewood looked like during 2004 on Main Street and West National Road. Members took pictures of each structure and mounted them in order in scrapbooks. Even though we didn't lose any of those buildings during that recent storm, many are now gone since being documented.

Have you ever looked through old pictures and realized you don't have a clue as to the name of that childhood friend or even what or where was that building behind them? (Remember to write on the back of your photos, so you and your family will know.)

If you have an idea for a project that would help preserve the history of this area, we would like you to come to the Center and share. We also invite you to roll up your sleeves and assist us in seeing projects through. We need more worker-bees because some of us are about buzzed out.

☞☞UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS☜☜

All functions are at the History Center unless otherwise noted.

Meetings on 2nd Wednesdays

July 10/business meeting/miniprogram: Steve Woolf, Clay Twp. Trustee, "The Anatomy of a Township," with spotlight on Randolph Township

Aug. 14/business meeting/miniprogram: Andrew Walsh, author of *Lost Dayton*, about buildings no longer in existence

Sept. 11/business meeting/miniprogram: TBD

QUARTERLY SUMMARY

April 2019: The RTHS had heavy expenses during March, with a closing checking account balance down $1,762.55 from the February closing balance. The unusually heavy expenses of $1,898.77 were due to the yearly insurance, the newsletter expenses, the PastPerfect maintenance, and office supplies all coming due in the same month. The *Miami Valley Sunday News*, which absorbed the *Englewood Independent*, has ceased publication and the *Brookville Star* is now covering Englewood. The RTHS will continue to submit the history photo of the month to Ron Nunnari, who is covering Englewood for the *Star*, but it is uncertain how often it can be published. Twenty-two Boy Scouts and their parents held a meeting at the Center and some of the Boy Scouts will work on the flowerbeds. Jennifer Barclay visited to look at information about the City of Clayton. The tax papers have been filed. Workers have been recruited for the book sale on April 26 and 27, and the RTHS will hold a garage sale on May 30 and 31 and June 1. There was no miniprogram. Refreshments and a social hour on the lower level followed.

MAY 2019: Ivan reported that the City of Union is renovating a church to serve as a police station and thus is unable to set a date for pouring the base and moving the statue donated by the new owner of the former Te-Co building. Boy Scout Troop 325 has a lot of activities scheduled and the scoutmaster will be unable to bring scouts over to work on the flower beds in the near future. The book sale brought in $396.00, and Doris asked people to bring donations for the garage sale scheduled for the end of the month. Glynn Marsh has asked Deeter Nurseries for estimates for arbor vitae to line the side of the front. Ivan said Tru-Lawn has given a total price of $210 to apply weed killer and seed to the lot. Ivan Clark presented a miniprogram on the history of V-E Day. Among other things, he said the term began to be used in the fall of 1944, when the Allied powers believed victory was approaching.

JUNE 2019: The board members present voted to spend $1,199 to mulch, clean, and edge the flower beds along both sides of the building. Ivan Clark said the electric company's quote for lighting in the front of the building was too high to consider and he is still attempting to resolve the problem of the Rumpke dumpster serving the apartment adjacent to the front lot. The garage sale brought in $791.00, including a $100.00 donation from a member. Another book sale, with holiday decorations included, will be on Dec. 6 and 7. Doris announced that neither she nor Ivan want to serve as president next year, although she is willing to work behind the scenes to take on such tasks as typing the agenda. She asked people to volunteer or persuade others to volunteer. Ivan Clark presented a miniprogram on the Hart-Rinehart Cemetery. Owned by the Kleptz family on Haber Road, the cemetery has tombstones with names of several old families but is overgrown with honeysuckle and multiflora rose. While the RTHS would like to restore it, the cemetery is on private property, not accessible to the public, and would require more than just volunteer labor. In addition, the RTHS has the cemetery reading Loren Butterbaugh did in 1998. Glynn pointed out the RTHS cannot rescue every old cemetery. Monty argued that was no reason not to try. The members reached no decision.

AREA NEWS AND NOTES

In Memoriam

Hobert Robbins died in late March. He was a long-time member of the RTHS and a life member since 2005. At the meeting in January 1998, when Sue Cummings again made the point that the Society needed to find a permanent home. Robbins declared, "You need to go about it in a businesslike manner," and donated money to start the building fund. His donation must have brought us luck; the Society signed the papers to acquire the History Center in early March of that year.

Center Escaped the Tornado

The Memorial Day tornadoes missed the History Center, which came through the storm in fine shape. There was extensive damage in Clayton around Westbrook and Crestway, Meadowbrook, and the area around Janice Place and Afton Road. Amazingly, in the entire state, only one person, in Celina, died. Volunteers turned out to help with the cleanup, and area businesses (and some out of the area) donated services.

THE FAMILY TREE



by Kay Dawson

Votes for Women

On Aug. 18, 1920, Harry T. Burn gave women the right to vote.

On May 21, 1919, U. S. Representative James Mann (R.-Ill.) proposed a resolution to approve the Susan Anthony Amendment giving women the vote. The House of Representatives passed it by 304 to 89, and on June 4, the Senate passed it by 56 to 25, two votes more than the needed two-thirds.

It came after a long struggle. Abigail Adams asked John Adams to "Remember the Ladies" when forming a new government; although he considered her his intellectual equal, he made no move to grant the same status to other women. While some widows managed their late husbands' businesses, in general women could not own property in their own name, much less vote.

The Seneca Falls Convention in 1849 produced pressure for women's rights, but had little practical effect. In 1969 Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, realizing the vote was the key to all other reform, founded the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) and began working for a constitutional amendment. At the same time, Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell founded the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA), focusing on amending state constitutions.

This approach seemed to be progressing when Wyoming Territory granted women the right to vote in 1869. When Wyoming became a state in 1890, the state constitution included women's suffrage.

By 1878, there was enough pressure that Congress formed committees to debate and study the issue. But in 1886, a proposal for woman's suffrage was defeated.

In 1890, the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association merged to form the National American Woman's Suffrage Association (a really creative name) and began lobbying on a state-by-state basis. Within six years Colorado, Utah, and Idaho gave women the right to vote.

Historians debate why these Western states were the first to accept women voting. Some think that they were almost entirely rural and settled by large numbers of homesteaders, with wives and daughters providing essential labor. Women also were instrumental in bringing "civilization"—churches, schools, and social organizations—to the frontier. Others claim that to become a state a sparsely settled area needed all the voters it could get.

Between 1910 and 1918, the Alaska Territory, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington gave the vote to women. (Again, most of these were largely rural states.)

The movement gained momentum with marches and protests, with suffragettes chaining themselves to the White House gates and undergoing hunger strikes in jail to protest President Woodrow Wilson's opposition.

During World War I, women assumed many of the jobs the soldiers had been doing, and the view of women's roles changed. Wilson dropped his opposition, but in 1918 the proposal lost in the Senate by two votes. Congress finally passed it on June 4, 1919.

Ratification by 36 states was needed. By March of 1920, 35 had done so. Seven southern states had already rejected the amendment. In Tennessee, the legislature was tied, 48 to 48, and Harry T. Burn had the deciding vote. He had been opposed, but his mother told him, "Don't forget to be a good boy." He did as his mother told him, and U. S. Secretary of State Bainridge Colby certified the amendment on Aug. 26, 1920. On Nov. 2, more than 8 million women across the country voted. (Warren G. Harding was elected. Since his administration was scandal-ridden, this merely proved women could vote as stupidly as men.)

The remaining 12 states ratified over 60 years, with Mississippi doing so on March 22, 1984.

(No, that date is not a typo.)

Membership Report by Wilma Schroeder

Memberships Processed April–June

Family: Norman & Gale Danes (r), Connie & Melvin Porcher (r, 2 years); Luis & Pat Riancho (r),
Individual: Barbara Benson, (r), David Hoke (r),

The Society is fortunate to maintain a very high membership renewal rate. We continue to add new members each year, but lose some of our valued older members to death and relocation. We value each and every member and work hard to make the Society a valuable resource for history in the community.

ACQUISTIONS

From Doug Allen: Six photos of Union Police from 1970s; 8”X10” photo of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation’s 10th anniversary (1969); framed photo of Englewood PDQ Market; framed photo of Englewood Pharmacy/Ben Franklin Store; framed photo of Englewood Bakery; framed photo of EZ Cleaners; framed photo of Randolph Township Constable Tom Ryan; framed photo of Randolph Memorial Stadium; framed photo Northmont students 1965; framed photo of Randolph School driver’s ed class.

From Shirley Baker: 1980 T-Bolt Northmont Junior High School Yearbook; Farmers State Bank cloth money bag with zipper; Farmers & Merchants Bank of Englewood money bag, with zipper (black cloth); Berger Lumber Co. apron; two green “R’s” given as sports award at Randolph; colored postcard showing corner of Rt. 48 and W. National Road (caption “1841-Sesquicentennial Year-1941”); *DDN* newspaper, Jan. 18, 1991, with headline “War. Operation Desert Storm”; *Englewood Independent* issue of Feb. 1, 1978, with headline “Blizzard”; packet of pictures and letters from Randolph Class of 1950’s 60th reunion; 8"X10" b&w photo of Randolph 1950 football team; 1946 edition of “Sport Record” handout from Montgomery County basketball tournament in which Randolph played Brookville.

From Sandy Benton: Three 5"X7" duplicate pictures of the class at Clayton School in the 1940s or 1950s; pictures of two of teacher Eleanor Roger’s classes of Clayton School in the 1940s or 1950s; copies of clippings: *DDN* clipping of July 20 or 21, 1981, “Clayton Turning Eyes to Past”; *DDN* clipping Nov. 17, 1987, “Long-time Resident Recalls Clayton Boom”; *DDN* Clipping Feb. 18, 1993, “Old Clayton”; *DDN* clipping Sept. 11, 1983, “Old Home Offers Charm, Challenge.”

From Cleva Collar: 1940s-vintage black metal telephone (child’s toy); Shirley Temple paper doll set with many outfits (1939 era), box not original; black metal child’s “De-luxe Dial” telephone (1940s); picture of Cleva’s uncle, Harry William Lunaeck, in WWI uniform, taken in 1918 when he was 22; sheet of many kinds of tax stamps used beginning in 1940s and through 1960s; buggy whip passed down through Cleva’s family.

From Mary Geiger: Dominoes from 1970s in original box; 1928–1940s-era touring automobile game in original box; 1990s edition of Double Six Dominoes in original box.; game of Pit in original box; game of Skip-Bo, 1960 edition, in original box.

From Joyce Gallichio Steffano: April 27, 1961, issue of the *News Tribune*

OFFICERS NEEDED

Like Uncle Sam in World War I, the RTHS needs YOU.

Next year’s officers will be nominated this October and elected in November. A new president will be elected, as will a vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and four members of the board of directors.

Doris West, the current president, and Ivan Clark, the past president, need to devote more time elsewhere and are not available to serve as officers again. Doris has said that she will continue to work behind the scenes with tasks such as typing up the agenda for each meeting and other work if the new president wants the help, but she can no longer carry on as president. Ivan, of course, will also continue to volunteer when he can.

Do any of the local members want to assume this office?

Do not let all the tasks Doris has performed deter you. Remember, much of her work has been volunteer work not required of the president. According to the bylaws of the RTHS, the duties of the president are to have executive supervision over the activities of the Society, to preside at all membership and board of directors meetings, to report annually on the activities of the Society, and to appoint the members of the committees and delegates not otherwise provided. The duties of other offices are available in the by-laws at the RTHS History Center, and the society will be glad to return a telephone call or email asking about these offices.

The RTHS has always been fortunate to have dedicated volunteers, but we need more. Here is your chance to make a contribution to your community in addition to your much-valued membership fee.

Anyone interested in this or any other office can contact the RTHS by email or phone.

RECENT HAPPENINGS AT THE RTHS HISTORY CENTER

Miniprograms

In May, Ivan Clark presented a miniprogram on V-E Day, the day World War II ended on May 8, 1945. It was a bigger celebration in Europe than in the United States, since not only had Europe borne the location of the war but the United States was still involved in the war against Japan. American flags were at half-staff throughout the celebrations, since the nation was mourning the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, but President Harry Truman, born on May 8, said it was the best birthday present he ever had. Ivan described some of the celebrations in London, in which the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret went into the crowd in disguise.

In June, Ivan called the members' attention to the sad state of the Hart-Rinehart Cemetery. This is on private property between Haber and Rinehart roads, just south of the county line. The 28 or so graves carry the names of many early families in the area. While the RTHS has an inventory of the graves done in 1998 by Loren Butterbaugh, many of the tombstones are toppled and the area is overgrown with honeysuckle and multiflora roses. Ivan asked if it was feasible to make a project of restoring it. Problems include the difficulty of dealing with the plants and the fact that the current owner of the property is ill and may be unable to give consent. Furthermore, this is not the only such inactive cemetery in the area, and the Society can't hope to rescue all of them. At the same time, it seems a shame to let early settlers' graves fade away.

Fundraisers a Success

The RTHS fundraisers this summer were successful, but there may not be any more.

The used book sale in May raised $396.00. Members and friends of members donated books, videos, magazines, DVDs and CDs, and Doris and Wilma spent time sorting them by topic and pricing them.

When the sale opened, people were already waiting at the door, and the customers were fairly steady throughout the two days of the sale. Several bought enough books that they had to make two trips to get them to the car. Some donated their change. (And some saved money for the members who were working by buying books we had been tempted to buy!) Even so, there were books left unsold, and these will be offered again on Dec. 6 and 7. Some of them are out of print and unavailable except at such a sale. Many are in very good condition for used books and will make unusual Christmas gifts for an avid readers.

On May 30 and 31 and June 1, the RTHS's annual garage sale coincided with the Englewood garage sale and raised $691.00 (and an anonymous member donated $100.00). Once again, all the items had been donated, so this was clear profit.

Doris has said after this December's book sale, she is not going to arrange any more sales because it is too much work with too little help. Each year, Doris and Wilma have done the lion's share of sorting, pricing, and arranging items. They have also worked at least a full shift at each sale, and have often worked more than one shift. They simply do not have the time or physical stamina to devote to this any more. Even the other members who work shifts at the sale tend to be the same people all the time.

Last summer, Doris hurt her ankle and was homebound during the second sale, and this May Wilma suffered an accident (fortunately minor) and was unable to work the days of the sale. Member Anita Bannerman and her husband, David, visiting the area from Florida, stopped by the Center and stepped in to work when they learned of the problem. Many thanks to them.

If the Bannermans could give up a few hours of their vacation to help out, maybe those of us living in the area could do more. Could we get more people to help with this winter's book sale? There is no heavy lifting involved in actually selling the books; all anyone needs to do is list the price of each book the customer brings to the table, add up the price (and a calculator is available for those of us who are math-challenged), take the money, and make change. And, of course, smile and thank the customers.

The RTHS will not do a "Dine to Make a Difference" at Bob Evans this year. The income from it did not justify the effort required.

We do need more fundraisers, of course, not only to raise money but to acquaint the public with the History Center. If you know of a successful fundraiser by another organization or you have any other ideas for activities, please contact us. We welcome all ideas.

Similarly, if you have an idea for a program you would like to see–maybe a speaker you would come to hear or an exhibit you would like to see–please make these suggestions, too.

MYSTERY PHOTOS



Who is she?

Very often, people find old photos in attics or among deceased relatives' belongings. These were clearly prized photos, considered worthy of being saved.

But the original owners neglected to label them, undoubtedly feeling they would never forget the event or subject.

This photo is from the RTHS archives. It is clearly a formal portrait of a woman in her best clothing, From the hairdo and dress, it was most likely taken sometime around the 1890s or maybe the early years of the 20th century.

Formal portraits in those days were usually taken only to mark special occasions. This might have been her high school graduation, or possibly she was making her debut into society. The dress and hair style, though, as well as the poise she shows, indicate a slightly more mature person, so maybe it was a college graduation. Maybe it was her wedding day and the matching photo of the groom hasn't survived the years. Maybe she was leaving home for a teaching job in a distant state; with long-distance travel not common, her family might never see her again.

Again, the photo below is undated but is clearly an important occasion. Was this a class at a young woman's finishing school? It is not likely to be the superintendent and faculty of a school, since 15 teachers would have been a very large school. Maybe it is a Sunday School class?

And why is one woman wearing a dark blouse when all the others are dressed in white? Was she in mourning for a loved one? Did she just not have a clean white blouse?



If anyone has any ideas about these photos, please contact the RTHS.
And please identify all your family photos.

Membership Information

Yes! I want to become a Member of the Randolph Township Historical Society.

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address_____

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Phone_____

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New _____ **Renewal** _____**Gift**_____

Membership Level (Check One)

_____**Individual @$15.00/year**

_____**Family @ $25.00/year**

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Enclosed is my check for _____

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Please send completed form with check to:

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COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

One way to donate to the Historical Society without hurting your budget is to link your KrogerPlus card to the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Each quarter, Kroger allots a certain amount of money for the Rewards budget and divides it among participating organizations according to each organization's percentage of the total spending by members of all the organizations. Reports sent to RTHS only show the customer's KrogerPlus Card Number, name, and the donation amount.

To register your KrogerPlus Card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the instructions. Link the card to RTHS (NPO #81403). Those without computers or email can set up accounts at the public library or through another member. You can also register at 1-800-837-4483, with your KrogerPlus card and the RTHS number shown above. The bottom of each receipt should show your donation. Last year the Society earned about $500 through this program.

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JULY 20, 1969

Fifty years ago, on the afternoon of Sunday, July 20, 1969, the world stopped to watch Apollo XI land on the moon. As Neil Armstrong notified the Houston Space Center, "Tranquility Base here. The *Eagle* has landed," many people had the same reaction as Walter Cronkite.

For eight years, since President Kennedy had announced the goal of putting a man on the moon, the CBS correspondent had prepared for this moment. Captivated by the space program, he had gone through as much of the astronaut training as NASA would allow.

He admitted later he had prepared a very dignified statement about the historical moment. But caught up in the moment like the rest of us, the experienced newsman who had ad-libbed for several hours when President Kennedy was assassinated, could only say, "Man on the moon! Oh boy!" He turned to astronaut Walter Schirra, who was providing technical information for the broadcast, and said, "Wally, say something, I'm speechless."

Later that night (Eastern Daylight Time), the world tuned in again as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto a surface not part of the Earth, and around noon the next day people held their breaths as the lunar module blasted off and the astronauts linked up with the capsule that would bring them home.

As with most historical events, hindsight makes it look inevitable. The moon landing seems easy because it was successful. The public was unaware of the risks. In response to a direct question from Jan Armstrong, a NASA official estimated the chance of all three astronauts returning safely at 50 percent.

What memories do Randolph Township residents have of the most historic event anyone alive today ever witnessed? Please send them to the RTHS to be included in the oral history files.

Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind.

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SOME DATES TO REMEMBER REMAINING IN 2019

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Monthly Meetings:
2nd Wednesdays

July 10, 7:00 p.m./
Miniprogram: Steve Woolf, Clay Township Trustee, "Anatomy of a Township."

Aug. 14, 7:00 p.m./
Miniprogram: Andrew Walsh, author of *Lost Dayton*.

Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m./
receive slate of officers nominated for 2020

Nov. 13, 1:00 p.m./
election of officers for 2020
(*note time change*)

Dec. 11, 1:00 p.m.

Work Sessions:

Wed. and Sat. afternoons
1–4 p.m.

Visitors' Hours at the History Center

2–4 p.m.

July 7 & 21

Aug. 4 & 18

Sept. 8 & 22

Oct. 6 & 20

Open other times by appointment
Call (937) 832-8538
and leave message

Special Events:

Used Book and Holiday Decorations Sale at the History Center
Dec.6: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Dec. 7: 10 a.m. –2 p.m.

Exhibit:

"Toys from the Past": Toys and games from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

In addition, exhibits are always being refreshed.