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## Society Starts Tote Bag Program For Area Schools, Teachers, Students

By Karen Hildebrand

The newly formed Education Curriculum Support Committee would like to announce that the pilot Tote Bag Program has launched!

The Curriculum Support Committee met many hours over this past summer and fall to create this program, which started with the idea of a traveling trunk full of local history materials much like many museums use today. As the brainstorming sessions continued, the committee decided to use the tote bags recently purchased for the Society because they are easier to transport and were just the right size to pilot the first program of this type for the Society.

The bulk of the bag consists of folders holding archival photos and documents about the development of Delaware County. We also included current photographs so that students could see how the county has changed over time. Each bag also contains two DVDs, all of the Society's pamphlets, a copy of Jeffrey Darbee's *Delaware and Delaware County*, a folder on the history of the Nash House, and a teacher resource folder with lesson ideas for using primary documents and reading lists.

The committee is made up of recently retired teachers Brent Carson, Ray Myers, Joe Dwenger, Laurie Schaefer, Bill Rietz, and Karen Hildebrand, each of whom have social studies backgrounds. With the current Ohio Social Studies Content Standards in hand, we went grade by grade looking for ways the materials housed at the Research Library could best be utilized by teachers around the county. It was decided to target the third grade and focus on local history per the standards. The working part of the project moved forward and was presented and approved by the Board. We called the first bag the "prototype."

Though we were slowly finding a sense of direction, we decided that a meeting with third-grade teachers from around the county would be beneficial. We sent out invitations to each of the over one hundred third-grade teachers in the county, asking them to attend or send a representative to a meeting on August 26. Kudos to all the teachers that attended at the very busiest time of the school year. Their input was invaluable. Diane Williams, a veteran teacher at **(Continued on Page 2)**



**Above: Kevin Pulfer, a third-grade teacher at Olentangy Meadows Elementary School, as he receives the first Tote Bag.**

(photo by Karen Hildebrand)

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# Tote Bag Program First Step For Curriculum Support Committee

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Carlisle Elementary, invited us to her classroom to observe how she teaches Delaware history to her students. This, too, proved to be helpful to the committee to get a real feel for third graders and added insight to the contents of the Tote Bags. Another teacher, Nikki Ford from St. Mary's, was also very helpful, as she is not from Delaware and we could use her new "eyes" to help us look at local history and our materials in ways that would be helpful to young students learning about their history for the first time.

When the prototype bag was complete, we had several assembly-line meetings at the copier to make copies for two more bags. Though we have three bags prepared and teachers at the ready, the requests are coming in and we now need to make more bags. Thankfully, the Society has received a grant from the William Street Church Foundation, which will be used to help create at least six more bags.

It was very exciting to present the first Traveling Tote to Olentangy Meadows third-grade teacher Kevin Pulfer as he and his class visited the Cryder Historical Center, and as Brent Carson gave his well-

known tour of the Nash House (with faithful volunteers Joe Dwenger and Laurie Schaefer) and directed a discovery Scavenger Hunt for the students. Mr. Pulfer and his class will be the first to check out the tote full of materials. Each teacher will be given an evaluation form to provide feedback as to how the Tote Bags fared during the course of their local history study. What changes need to be addressed? What was most helpful? What other items might be included? At the end of the school year, the Committee will go over the evaluations and hopefully next year's bags will be even better.

In the meantime, the Committee is starting work on the fourth grade curriculum, which focuses on Ohio. Brent Carson has suggested that we develop materials on the Native Americans and early settlers of Delaware County. Then we plan to move on to the fifth grade with emphasis on the Underground Railroad. Looking ahead, the Committee is anxious to begin planning for the educational potential of the Meeker House and inviting classes to an extended look at their county's history through exhibits, historic documents, archival photographs and prints, and more.

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## Local Cigar Maker Riddle, Graff and Company Was Big Success In Late 1800s

By Maggie Webb

Christian Riddle was born in Germany in 1846. He came to Delaware County, Ohio, from Germany with his parents in about 1848. As a young boy of only 11 or 12 years old, he began working for a local cigar maker, Charles Wottering. After the outbreak of the Civil War, at the age of 16, Riddle enlisted in the 86th O.V.I. regiment and later in the 145th and 186th O.V.I. regiments. After the war he worked in the cigar trade in Ohio and Indiana until he became partners with cigar manufacturers Liebienderfer, Bolinger & Co. In 1867, he opened his own cigar manufacturing company. The story goes that the first one thousand cigars he produced were shipped to a man in Galion, Ohio, who never paid for them.

George Graff was born in Germany in 1842. He came to Delaware with his parents in 1853. He worked in the cigar business until the outbreak of the Civil War when he enlisted in the 86th and then the 145th O.V.I. regiments. After the war, Mr. Graff started his own small cigar shop, then joined Christian Riddle in forming the company of Riddle & Graff.

In 1874, Leroy Battenfield, who was born in 1846 in Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio, joined Riddle and Graff in their cigar enterprise and the company became known as Riddle, Graff and Company. Like his partners, Battenfield also served in the Civil War. He served in the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery.

In 1878, the Riddle & Graff Co. built a new three-story factory at 10 North Sandusky Street. The stone-front building was twenty feet by one-hundred-five feet deep, with a basement of the same dimensions. The first floor housed

the office, salesroom, and warehouse. The sales room carried twenty-four brands of their cigars. The warehouse stored over 100 cases of tobacco, including fine Havana tobacco. The second floor was used for drying and packing. The third floor was used for manufacturing, and the company made 60,000 cigars per week. Christian Riddle was in charge of the factory, buying, and shipping. George Graff was General Superintendent and head of the sales room. Leroy Battenfield was in charge of the traveling salesmen.

By 1889, the company was also occupying the 3rd floors of the two adjacent buildings, 2 and 6 North Sandusky Street. They occupied nearly 15,000 square feet of space for their sales, factory, packing, and storage. They employed over

100 people and manufactured 4,500,000 cigars per year. They paid \$15,000 annually in Revenue Stamps.

George Graff retired from the company in the early 1890s. By 1908, Riddle, Graff and Company employed 150 people, paying annual wages of \$35,000-\$40,000. It manufactured 6 to 8 million cigars annually and paid \$18,000 in annual revenue taxes. Their cigars were sold in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania.

In 1910, the Riddle and Graff company building was appraised at \$10,500. The Riddle and Graff company operated until the mid-1920s. In 1930, the building at 10 North Sandusky was occupied by the Bentz 5 & 10 Cent Store.



**Two views of a cigar board and cutter used at the Riddle, Graff and Company factory.**

(photos from DCHS Collection)

## Stagecoaches and Taverns in Early Delaware County

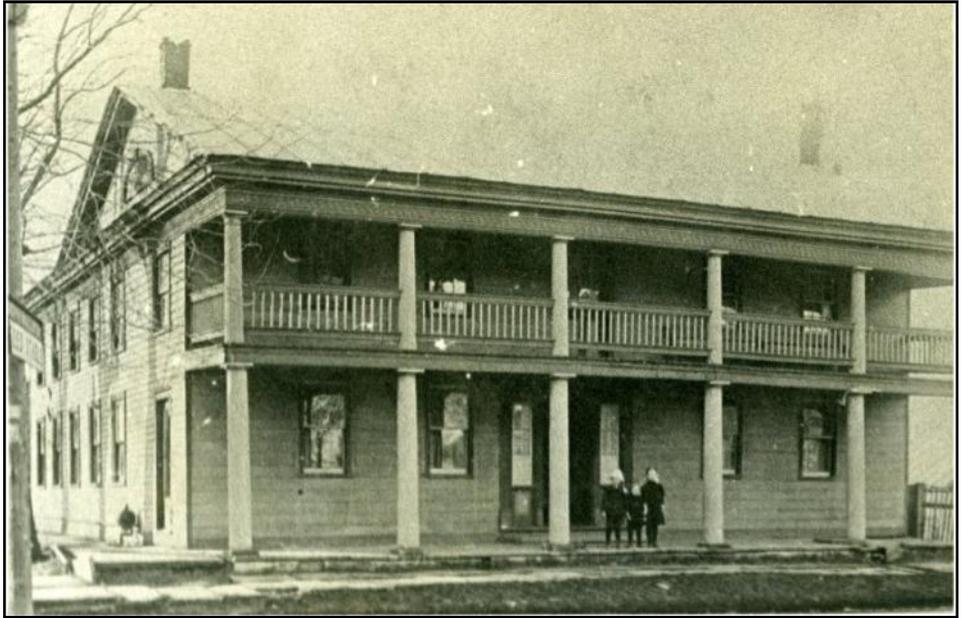
By Brent Carson

The earliest means of public transportation in Delaware County was the stagecoach. The unpaved roads were often a quagmire of mud. Five miles per hour was an average speed. Passengers were expected to adhere to certain rules. No smoking was permitted in the cab, however, chewing tobacco was permitted as long as you spit downwind. Drinking was permitted as long as you shared the bottle with the other passengers.

Most important was the expectation that passengers assist in helping remove the stagecoach from the mud when it was stuck. This included the use of wooden rails to pry the wheels forward. Sometimes passengers would need to walk a distance carrying the rails.

The travel was so slow and difficult that it was necessary to have frequent stops to refresh the horses and the passengers. Stagecoach stations or taverns dotted the maps of the county. More than two dozen can be identified, and nearly half of them are still standing.

The most noted is the Myers Inn in Sunbury. The



**The Myers Inn**

(photo from DCHS Collection)

structure has been refurbished and today is the home of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. Located on the west side of the square, it is the only one in our county which is open to the public. It was constructed between 1816 and 1820.

The Delhi House and Baker Tavern of Radnor are today beautifully preserved brick homes. The Delhi House stands on the northwest corner of State Route 203 and Radnor Road, across the street from the Radnor Heritage Society. It was built in 1854 by William Watkins. The brick was from the ground across the road, today the site of the Radnor Cemetery.

The Baker Tavern is located on the west side of State Route 203, just south of the village. Above the front entryway is carved the inscription "J. Baker - 1850". Even though the tavern was actually completed in 1849, it is told that the builder asked that he be permitted to inscribe "1850." A 49 was more difficult to carve, and he agreed to discount the owner for being allowed to do so.

The era of the stagecoach ended in the 1860s with the completion of the railroads. Some of the former stagecoach stops closed, but others continued as taverns or hotels. Most were sturdy structures large enough to attract and accommodate the public. It is no wonder that many have remained today as historic pieces of architecture.



**The Baker Tavern**

(photo from DCHS Collection)

## Marcus Curtiss, Early Settler and Tavern Owner

By Susan Logan

Marcus Curtiss, and his wife Caty (or Katy) Newell, who were married in 1804, came to Delaware County in 1808 from Stratford, Connecticut, having followed his brother Jeremiah to the county. In 1809, Mr. Curtiss built a log cabin in Genoa Township just south of the location of what would become the Curtiss Inn and Tavern. In 1822, he built the brick inn using hand-made sun-dried brick and hand-hewn timbers. He purchased the land for the tavern in October 1812 from Col. Moses Bxybe, one of the founders of the City of Delaware.

When built, the west-facing brick building overlooked Yankee Street and Big Walnut Creek; Yankee Street was flooded when the Hoover Dam was constructed on the Creek. According to an article written in 1967, when the Society marked the building as historical, the interior of the inn was finished in cherry, walnut, and ash wood.

In October 1825, Mr. Curtiss was licensed by the State of Ohio and Delaware County to keep a tavern in the township of Genoa for a term of one year. Mr. Curtiss was also appointed as postmaster, but the exact date is not known. He filed reports to the Postmaster General in 1826 and was still serving as Postmaster in 1834, when Galena applied to establish a post office.

A story was passed down the family that the Marquis de Lafayette stopped at the tavern and left his gold-handled cane. The cane was later sent by stagecoach to him in Mt. Vernon. However, as stated in an article in the *Columbus Dispatch* in 1957, this tale is in dispute, because Lafayette was never near the interior of Ohio. It is true that the stagecoach passed the Curtiss tavern twice daily, once going north to Mt. Vernon, and the other south to Columbus.

The Marcus Curtiss Inn and Tavern was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in December 1976. This historic building is a private residence located on Sunbury Road.



**The Marcus Curtiss Inn and Tavern**

(photo from DCHS Collection)

The papers of Marcus Curtiss (1780-1868) were donated to the Society about 20 years ago. The collection includes loose books, a box of newspapers of the day and box of documents which include correspondence, materials about his position of postmaster, a day book relating to the general store that Mr. Curtiss ran and articles about the Curtiss Inn.

### Newsletter Articles Are Wanted!

We want to publish articles of any length written about Delaware County history in this newsletter.

For our Spring 2014 issue, articles will be due on March 15. For our Summer 2014 issue, articles will be due on June 15.

Send your submission or your questions to [info@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:info@delawareohiohistory.org)

# Local Volunteers Join With Regional Group To Protect Bieber Mill

By Brenda Krekeler

## *History of Bieber Mill*

In 1843 to 1844, Shubal W. Knapp and John Blinn built a three-story frame gristmill at the site of the present-day Bieber Mill, along the banks of the Olen-tangy River on Chapman Road in Liberty Township, Delaware County, Ohio. In 1848, Knapp and Blinn sold the mill and ten acres to George Bieber for \$3,000. George's son, James Bieber, assumed the operation of the mill after George's death. James continued to expand his land holdings through purchases from family members. He eventually acquired over 100 acres adjacent to the mill site.

James Bieber's gristmill operations were very successful. In 1876 - 1877, James Bieber and his brother Henry built an addition to the frame gristmill. On the north side of the gristmill, they erected a 6-level limestone mill with a full basement and foundation. The new stone mill housed a saw-mill on the first floor. The remaining space in the huge mill was never used for any milling process. The adjacent gristmill, however, continued to operate successfully.

James Bieber found himself in financial difficulty in 1880 when he could not pay for the stone mill's construction. He was in debt to William H. Marvin for \$13,098. Bieber tried to pay Marvin, but was unsuccessful and his beautiful stone mill was auctioned at the Delaware County Courthouse on March 9, 1889. Jesse Eury paid \$2,505 for the Bieber Stone Mill.

Jesse Eury did not operate



**Bieber Mill**

(photo courtesy Brenda Krekeler)

the mill due to poor health. Eventually the gristmill was placed back into operation. Elmer A. Wigton was the miller in 1896 and eventually became the owner. Wigton was a bachelor and lived in the mill. While Wigton operated the mill, the stone dam was destroyed in a flood. Wigton constructed a log and brush dam, but it, too, was ruined by a flood. Elmer Wigton sold the mill in 1923.

Subsequently, the Bieber Mill has had numerous owners. The old frame gristmill met the fate of many other mills and was devastated by fire. Unfortunately, due to the proximity of the stone mill, it was also destroyed by the fire. The stone mill lost its roof, floors, and massive beam structure to the fire.

## *Bieber Mill Today*

Bieber Mill stands as one of the most impressive mills ever

built in Ohio. The walls are 3 feet thick and made of beautiful hand-cut limestone. The local area is famous for its limestone and the mill is evidence of the skilled stone masons of Delaware County in 1876. The side that faces the river is still intact and provides the visitor with the impression that the mill was a gigantic structure even by today's construction standards. The other three sides of the building have deteriorated, but are still spectacular.

The structure sits on the Olen-tangy River and has braved many floods. Three stone arches, one on the north side and two on the riverside indicate the route through which the water was channeled to power the subterranean water-wheel. The millrace and basement where the water flowed through the wheel have been covered with

**To see some videos** of the Mill and the cleanup, visit the Bieber Mill website, [www.oldmills.scificincinnati.com/ohio\\_mills\\_delaware\\_bieber\\_main\\_history\\_page.html](http://www.oldmills.scificincinnati.com/ohio_mills_delaware_bieber_main_history_page.html)  
A link is also available through our website, [www.delawareohiohistory.org](http://www.delawareohiohistory.org)



### Volunteers at the mill after a good day's work

(photo courtesy Brenda Krekeler)

silt from the river. The stone arches are still visible several feet above the silt. Due to the lack of archeological findings at Bieber Mill, it is possible that underneath the years of silted debris in the basement foundation there may be remnants of an old wooden water-wheel, or even more likely, turbines. What an amazing find that would be!

The towering red-brick chimney at the northeast corner of Bieber Mill indicates that, at some point, a steam engine was going to be used or was used to power the sawmill.

The photographs depict the magnificence of the Bieber Mill but it cannot provide you with the awe-inspiring atmosphere that you can experience with a visit to the site. This is one of the most architecturally significant historic structures left in Ohio. It is currently owned by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). They would like to restore the building, but there are no available funds.

Bieber Mill is presently classified as a ruin by ODNR. ODNR stabilized the edifice in the early 1990s by repairing the deteriorated windows and the top edge of the limestone walls. It may be a ruin, but no matter how many times you

visit Bieber Mill, you will always be awestruck by its mass and impressive design.

On November 2, 2013, 19 volunteers helped clean up the dense honeysuckle, vines, brush, and trees to open up Bieber Mill to Chapman Road. Our volunteers at Bieber Mill spent their effort, time, and energy, along with their power saws and tools, to keep Bieber Mill visible for the public to enjoy, and to prevent damage from the tree roots eroding the foundation and

vines deteriorating the mortar.

Thank you ODNR for allowing volunteers from the Great Lakes Chapter of SPOOM (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills), the Preservation Parks of Delaware County, and others the opportunity to clean up and maintain Bieber Mill. It is apparent that ODNR wants to maintain the existing structure and its history for generations to come.

Thank you volunteers! Not only have you assured the preservation of Bieber Mill and its legacy for Delaware County but also for all

Ohio residents and citizens throughout the nation. Bieber Mill is our history and we want everyone to be able to participate in our American heritage.

*Brenda Krekeler is the Editor and Webmaster for the Great Lakes Chapter of SPOOM. For information about how you can help maintain Bieber Mill, please visit [www.spoomgreatlakes.org](http://www.spoomgreatlakes.org) or [www.preservationparks.com](http://www.preservationparks.com), or email Brenda at [bkrekeler@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bkrekeler@cinci.rr.com).*



### Bieber Mill

(photo courtesy Brenda Krekeler)

## Trustees Take Unique Tour of Cellar House, Barn

By Roger Koch

On August 9, Delaware County Historical Society Trustees Brent Carson, Roger Koch, and T.K. Cellar were privileged to tour the historic Robert McCoy Cellar house and barn in Liberty Township with former Liberty Township Trustee Kim Cellar and local contractor and barn expert Dan Troth, Vice President of Friends of Ohio Barns. The tour of the partially-dismantled, but still standing, pioneer-era structures was guided by Troth, who is a knowledgeable master-craftsman of timber-framed barns. Troth pointed out many construction details to the group, and explained their significance to the structure.

The earliest portion of the barn was constructed in 1830, and the original part of the house was constructed in 1839. The date of construction of the two buildings was determined by a process called dendrochronology, where a small test boring of the timbers in the building allows accurate dating of what year the trees were originally felled to build the structures.

The Cellar Homestead was located on the west bank of the Olentangy River on land that is now the southwest corner of State Route 315 and Home Road, immediately south of Liberty Presbyterian Church. Robert McCoy Cellar was one of nine children of Thomas Cellar, a gunsmith who fought in the

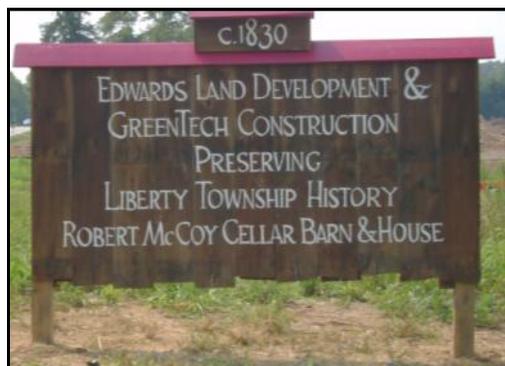


**Robert McCoy Cellar Barn**

(photo by Roger Koch)

Revolutionary War. After the war, Thomas purchased 4,000 acres on the Olentangy River and arrived here in 1802, raised a family, and his son, Robert, built the house and barn on part of that land.

The site is scheduled to be the location of the 2014 Parade of Homes, and later a development of several dozen new homes. Driven by a love for historic barns, Troth secured the developer's permission to disassemble the house and barn, each to be reconstructed at a later time and different place, so that the public might be able to view and appreciate them. "These barns are a part of our history that is in danger of being lost, and we want to aid in every way we can by saving, repairing and restoring them," said Troth, who is also a resident of the area.



**Sign posted near the corner of Route 315 and Home Road**

(photo by TK Cellar)

Richard Arndt  
Dan Bania  
Gene Buckingham  
Richard Bump  
Michael and Mari-  
Anne Burke  
Susan Button  
Norma Closson  
Richard Fisher  
Alice A. Frazier  
Larry and Susan  
Garrett

### 2013 New Members

Clyde Gosnell  
Gary Hill  
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Karl F. Jentgen  
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Lou Schultz  
Jesse J. Smith  
Ric J. Stranges  
Frank E. Timmons  
Daniel Troth

Jalayne K. Van Gorden  
Dakota Van Gorden  
Karol Van Gorden  
Philip Van Gorden  
Louise Warner  
Lynne Powers Weber  
Harold G. and  
Constance D. Wells  
Peter White  
J. Michael Yohe

## Annual Meeting Held; New Trustees Elected

The Society held its 2013 annual meeting in the historic, original 1820 Liberty Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Home Road and State Route 315, on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

T.K. Cellar presented an excellent program on the history of the Liberty Presbyterian Church.

The business portion of meeting included the election of trustees. T.K. Cellar and Bill Rietz chose not to continue on the Board, and they were recognized for their dedicated service to the Society. Both indicated that they will continue to volunteer as they are able. Incumbent trustees Sue Heston, Jack Hilborn, and Matt Kear were elected to new three-year terms. Mary Ann McGreevey and Marian Vance agreed to join the Board and were elected to three-year terms.

The Board elected the Officers at its first meeting of 2014. Brent Carson was re-elected to serve as President, and Jack Hilborn and Roger Koch were re-elected to be Vice President of Development, and Vice President of Operations, respectively. Jan Fleischmann was re-elected to be treasurer. Mary Ann McGreevey was elected as Corresponding Secretary, and Lynn Foreman was elected to be Recording Secretary. Bob Gerspacher and Matt Kear were elected to serve as Trustees-at-Large on the Executive Committee.

There are also a number of key volunteer positions available, check our website for details.



**Above: T.K. Cellar presents a program on the Liberty Presbyterian Church during the Annual Meeting.**

**Right: Outgoing Trustees T.K. Cellar and Bill Rietz**

(photos by Matt Kear)



### New Life Members

Lynn and John Foreman  
Karl Jentgen  
Margaret Jones  
Bill McCarty  
Carol and John O'Brien  
Kay Rietz  
Gary Skinner  
Pam and Jim Smith  
Lynne Powers Weber

### Open House Held in December

The Society held an Open House for the Christmas season at the Cryder Historical Center on Saturday, December 21, 2013. This event was open to the public and showcased the many exhibits in the Nash House Museum and the Library. Nash House Curator Maggie Webb decorated the house for the season with the help of her grandchildren.

Over 40 visitors were welcomed by Jan Fleischmann, Brent Carson, Joe Dwenger, Benny Shoults, and Maggie Webb.

## Recent Donations to the Society

### William B. Williams photograph:

The Society received a photograph of William B Williams (1806-1886) and five of his children – David D. Williams, Elizabeth (Williams) Gallant, Margaret (Williams) Lewis, Mary (Williams) Wright, and Hannah (Williams) Lewis – from John Gardner on December 2, 2013. The picture was taken before William B Williams died in 1886. According to the *History of Delaware and Ohio* (1880) p. 783, William B Williams was born in Wales, and came to Radnor Township, Delaware County, Ohio, in 1817. He married Margaret Jones in 1834 and they had 9 children, 3 of whom were deceased prior to 1880. His oldest child, William W. Williams, was not present when the picture was taken. Mr. Gardner lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is a descendant of William W. Williams.

### Cigar making tools:

The Society received a cigar trimmer and cigar board from Bill and Donna Dunn on November 10, 2013. These items had been used by Mrs. Dunn's great aunt, Olive Heath, when she was employed at the Riddle and

Graff Cigar Manufacturing Company. One of five cigar companies in Delaware, Riddle and Graff was located at 10 North Sandusky Street in Delaware.

### Early washing machine:

The Society received a cataract model electric clothes washer, which is in need of reassembly, from Sue Bauer on October 10, 2013. The washer was purchased by Herbert and Clara Eliot, Mrs. Bauer's grandparents, between 1915 and 1917. The Eliots lived at 448 W. Central Avenue in Delaware.

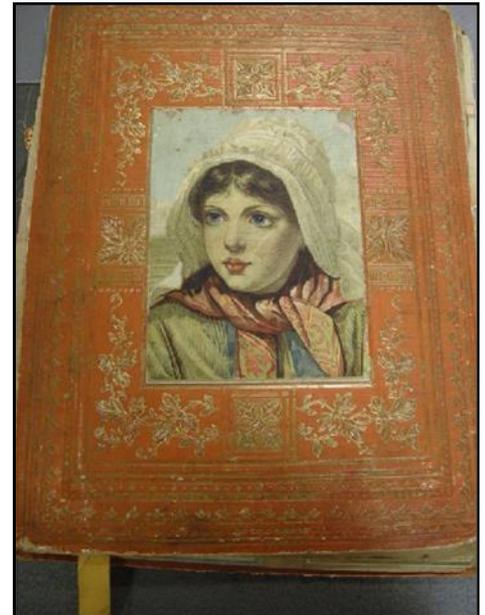
Since its founding in 1947, the Delaware County Historical Society's collection has been built by individuals who donate items which are from homes, businesses and government entities located in Delaware and Delaware County. We accept objects, photographs, papers and publications **which are in good condition and will illustrate the history** (story) of Delaware County. Please contact the Society via e-mail ([info@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:info@delawareohiohistory.org)) or telephone (740-369-3831) to determine if you have something that might be of interest to the Society.

## Featured Item: Scrapbook



In each issue of the newsletter, we feature an item contained in the Society's collection. In this issue, we are featuring a scrapbook which was made by Katie McVey around 1888. According to Society research, Katie McVey was born on May 23, 1878, in Kingston, Ohio. The book contains many stickers and cards, including business cards, mostly from Cardington, Ohio. Other items are from Delaware or Alliance, Ohio.

The card from Delaware that can be found in the scrapbook is from the Gary Brother's Manufacturing Company, which was located at 31 North Sandusky Street during the time that Katie made this scrapbook. It also contains many original



drawings by Katie, and a quarterly grade report dated December 24, 1890.

- Anne Frissora

## *News and Notes from the Nash House*



(Photo by Sandor Gulyas)

### **Fire Safety Training**

On October 30, Charlie Cooperider, senior fire inspector with the Delaware Fire Department, presented a program to Society volunteers regarding what actions to take in case of a fire. After a lecture session in the Library of the Cryder Historical Center, the volunteers were invited to go outside to the parking lot for practice extinguishing an actual demonstration fire set up by DFD officers. Above, Jim Simons takes his turn as fire fighter. The participating volunteers included Joe Dwenger, Roger Koch, Jan Fleischmann, Lynn and John Foreman, Susan Button, Susan Logan, Sue and Jerry Heston, Paul Monks, Ann and Jim Simons, Gary Simons, Bill Rietz, Jack Hilborn, Brent Carson, and Sandor Gulyas.

- Roger Koch

### **Opening Meeker Exhibit To Feature Public Transportation**

The Society's Education, Museum and Exhibits, and Collections committees are beginning the planning for the exhibits that will be on display at the Meeker Homestead. An opening exhibit will feature public transportation in Delaware County History. The exhibit will highlight the stagecoach, train, streetcar, bus, and taxicab. In the months to come,

committee members will be searching the archives for records and artifacts. Do you have information which would enhance our exhibit? Anecdotes, stories, names of people, photographs and other artifacts - we would welcome your input. Please contact Brent Carson in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

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Number

- |                                 |               |                          |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
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