

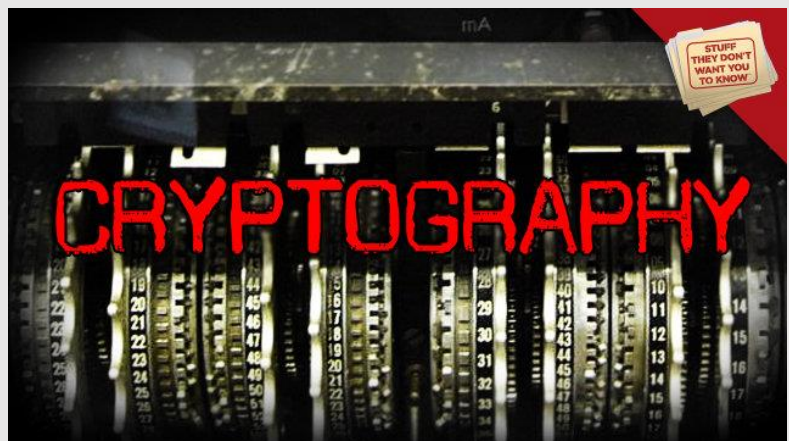
Franklinton Historical Society

Promoting interest in Franklinton history...nurturing a sense of pride in the Franklinton area

Madame X: Alice Meyer Driscoll

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A crowd gathered in Westerville on July 25, 2017 to dedicate an Ohio History Connection World War I commemorative marker honoring hometown hero Alice Meyer Driscoll. The Westerville Historical Society, Westerville Library, and the Westerville Rotary Club sponsored the marker placed in front of the Meyer family home where the Westerville Library Local History Office is now located. Ms. Driscoll, known as Madame X, served in the U.S. Navy in 1918-1923 and 1924-1949. Recruited as chief yeoman (the highest entry-level position), she trained as a code-breaker in the 1920s becoming an exceptionally talented cryptanalyst. Her great-nephew, a naval officer, paid tribute to her role in cracking key Japanese naval code that enabled the U.S. to inflict critical damage to the Japanese fleet during the Battle of Midway in June 4-7, 1942, six months after Pearl Harbor.

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