



# Delaware County History Courier

## Upcoming Events

### Harlem Township Breakfast

Pancakes! Donations are appreciated  
Saturday, February 9 from 8:30 to 11 am  
Grange Hall, 12900 Center Village Rd

### Treat Your Valentine to Lunch in the Myers Inn

By donation, no reservations needed  
Saturday, February 9 from 11am to 1pm  
45 S. Columbus St, Sunbury

### Columbus, The Road to Capital City

Mike Frush, President Columbus Historical Society  
Monday, February 11 at 7 pm  
103 E. Olentangy St, Powell

### Voices from the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, February 13 at 7 pm  
William Street United Methodist Church,  
28 W. William St, Delaware

### Maple Sugar Tours

Registration required  
Saturday, February 16 & 23, March 2  
(stratfordecologicalcenter.org)

### Maple Syrup Time

For all ages - learn how maple sap is extracted and cooked  
Saturday, February 23 from 9 am to 4 pm  
Gallant Farm (preservationparks.com)

### Galena Storytelling Event: Dolley Madison

with diorama by Patricia Swisher  
Saturday, March 2 at 1 pm  
Galena Town Hall, 109 Harrison St

## Message from Communications - Lynn Foreman

It has been exactly 2 years since we first started publishing the Courier, our current events newsletter, so this seemed like a good time to provide updates on that as well as the other activities of the DCHS Communications Committee. In 2017, the first year of the Courier, we published 6 editions (in each even numbered month). Last year we published 4 times (in Feb, May, Aug and Dec) which was more manageable, and the plan is to continue on this same schedule.

In December, Matt Kear published his final edition of the Historian newsletter for which he has served as editor for the past 11 years. I am pleased to announce that Steve Shaw, a long time volunteer with the Society, has agreed to assume editor duties. He is currently working on the next edition which will likely be published in March. The expectation is that going forward, 2 editions of the Historian will be produced each year, with the second one timed to be ready for distribution at the Delaware County Fair in September.

The Society has also been making an effort to extend our communications reach in the digital space. Rick Fisher has been serving as web master for both of our websites (in addition to the Society site, we have a site dedicated to the venue: [barnatstratford.org](http://barnatstratford.org)). We are currently exploring options for updating this site to improve performance and marketing content. Mary Ann McGreevey manages posts to our Facebook pages (again we have 2), and reports that we are constantly getting more "likes". We also have Twitter and Instagram accounts, however what we don't yet have is someone to fill the position of Social Media Expert and post there regularly.

As always, we would welcome any volunteer help, on either a one-time or a recurring basis. If you have local history or other worthy information that would be of interest to our members, or if you have skills that would be useful to the Communications Committee, email [lforeman@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:lforeman@delawareohiohistory.org).

## ????????? Carson's Quiz ??????????

February is Black History Month. How much do you know about the history of African Americans in Delaware County?

- African Americans were in Delaware County prior to 1850. Where did they settle?  
A. Depp Settlement      B. Eden      C. Delaware City      D. Orange Township

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- There were two Civil War soldiers training camps in Delaware. What was the name of the camp for Black soldiers?  
A. Camp Hayes      B. Camp Eden      C. Camp Delaware      D. Camp Freedom

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- Many African American residents of Delaware County served in the Civil War but who of these did not?  
A. Stephen Booker      B. Abel Wilson      C. John Madison      D. Henry Charles Clay

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- Which of the following African Americans was not a charter member of the Crawford Band?  
A. Stewart Crawford      B. Abel Wilson      C. Lionel Austin      D. Benjamin Franklin Thomas

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- Who owned a Wagon & Carriage Repairing Shop at 152 East Winter in the late 1800s?  
A. Stewart Crawford      B. Abel Wilson      C. Lionel Austin      D. Benjamin Franklin Thomas



**CAUTION**

**ENTERING CONSTRUCTION ZONE**

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Thanks to the efforts of then State Representative Andrew Brenner, we received a grant from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, so renovations at the Barn at Stratford are taking place from now through March of this year. This is work that the Society has been planning in order to address known structural issues in the 1848 barn. The work is being managed by local barn preservationist Dan Troth. Some of the replacement material is being salvaged from old structures. For example, the “new” beams came from a couple of 1840s barns that were torn down in northern Ohio.



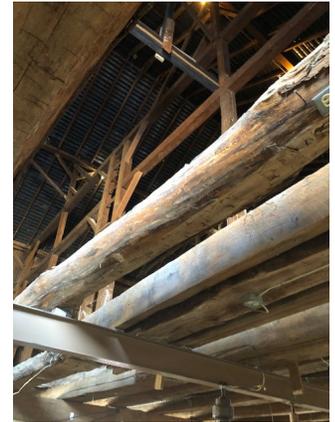
Rotted beams removed



New beams delivered



Temporary supports installed



Floor boards removed



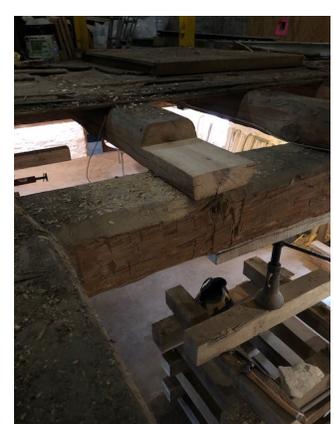
South end of barn cleared out



Modern interior structure removed



Clear view of the roof



Making way for the new beams



Preparing for new footers



An overview of the lower barn



In addition to all the work in the barn, some minor renovation has also been going on in the Meeker house. The bathroom next to the dining room is being removed to make that space more useable for gatherings and video exhibits. A portion of the old wall near the parlor entrance will be preserved as a display to show 19th century construction techniques.

## Early Settlers and the American Indian in Delaware County - Curriculum Support Committee

The Curriculum Support Committee has spent the last two years researching the topic of American Indians in Delaware County. Initiated by requests from local teachers asking if we had such a program, we decided to make this our next research project and work toward a school program for our county schools. As our committee usually does, we turned to Brent Carson for ideas. Brent has told many stories about the Indians in our area and he often starts with his own childhood looking for arrowheads. The stories go on from his arrowheads to the stories of local people finding an entire cache of arrowheads and spear heads when a tree was uprooted in Radnor. Brent talks about the young boys who were hitting golf balls into a pit near what is now the OWU baseball field. When they went to retrieve the balls, they found a skull and other human remains. They reported their finding to the police and OWU and as the story moves forward, eventually the Ohio Archeological Society was called in and they determined the bones were prehistoric from the Glacial Kame Indian culture. Other Indian artifacts and cultural objects have been found in the county, such as the Cole excavation near the Delaware Reservoir or the mounds in Highbanks Park. There are also more stories, of Pluggy's Town and then sadly, of the removal of the Wyandots when they were marched through Delaware.

Today's social studies classrooms are organized around the Ohio Content Standards by grade level, and several concepts from the standards guided our program development. The use of primary sources is an overarching guideline. Accurate vocabulary and authenticity are others. We learned very quickly we needed some professional-level help. Eric Olson and Stacey Halfmoon, both anthropologists with the Ohio History Connection, came to the Cryder Center to meet with our committee and give us detailed background information about some of our collection items like flints, spear heads, celts, arrowheads and other cultural items. Stacey gave us background on tribal histories and vocabulary. She attended our first rehearsal and provided extensive feedback on the four break-out sessions we had created with upper elementary students in mind. From her constructive comments, and also the comments of other local educators and interested DCHS Board members and members of nearby historical societies who also attended this rehearsal, we gained invaluable thoughts to improve the program. Major among these ideas was a shift in emphasis from just American or Delaware Indians to a broader program title, Early Settlers and the American Indians in Delaware County. We now had so much content, we had to shorten the time in each of the breakout sessions.

Benny Shoults became a partner in this project as he learned and listened along with us, but Benny viewed all this through his eyes as Exhibits Curator. As a result of this partnership, Benny developed an entire room on the 2nd floor of the Meeker House dedicated to the Indigenous Peoples of Delaware County.



That exhibit is open to the public. Another partnership project arrived at this time with Hayes High School art teacher, John Scott. John and his art classes created a large model of Pluggy's Town, the Indian encampment located along the Olentangy River on the west side of Delaware.

From the content standards, which Stacey Halfmoon emphatically reinforced, was the concept of Then and Now. The American Indian has not vanished so it is important for teachers to make students aware of American Indians today. We need to present their history and heartbreaking removal from Ohio but we also try to represent their influence and presence in today's culture.

This spring, a final dress rehearsal will be scheduled once the Barn renovations are complete, then we will invite a school class to be our first pilot school group. The program advertising and launch will occur in the Fall 2019.



This article was contributed by Karen Hildebrand.

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**Thank You!** We are extremely grateful for grant money that has allowed us to improve our IT infrastructure.

Recently, the Society was awarded a grant from the Delaware County Foundation's Ron Sabatino Family Fund. The money received has been used to purchase a Network-attached Storage (NAS) system. This is a data storage device connected to the DCHS network which provides real time access to the data, plus a convenient method of sharing files among multiple computers.

Another grant, through the Delaware County Commissioners, was used to purchase a new computer server to replace the one that had been limping along for quite some time at the Cryder Research Library.

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The Delaware County Historical Society is pleased to announce that we are holding our first ever Antiques at the Barn at Stratford show and sale, **May 3-5, 2019**. This will be a multi-vendor event. If you are a vendor and interested in this event send us a message at [jnmelrose@outlook.com](mailto:jnmelrose@outlook.com). Some vendor spots are still available.

We will be hosting a Preview Party on May 3. Tickets for the party and Antiques Show will be available soon. Visit our website for all the latest information:

[barnatstratford.org/2019/01/29/antiques-at-the-barn/](http://barnatstratford.org/2019/01/29/antiques-at-the-barn/)

Long regarded as a well-known antiques landmark, the Meeker House and Barn, located just south of the city of Delaware, Ohio, will carry on the tradition set by Tom and Carolyn Porter, offering the highest quality antiques to those with a discerning eye and refined tastes.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this iconic 1848 barn, with hand hewn beams is said to be one of the most complete homestead in Delaware County, Ohio. As good stewards of this legacy, we will use the proceeds from this event to fund restoration work and support the mission of the Historical Society.

## Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. **B - Eden**, which was the early name for Kilbourne
2. **C - Camp Delaware**
3. **C - John Madison** was too young to serve in the Civil War but did take part in the Spanish-American war and is buried in the Soldier's Circle in Oak Grove Cemetery
4. **C - Lionel Austin**
5. **D - B. F. Thomas** advertised his business in the 1899 City Directory on page 141

### DCHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Newsletter preference (circle): Printed  E-mail  Both

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In addition to your membership noted above, please consider an additional gift to the Society:

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