

OUR MISSION is to promote and sustain interest in the history of Delaware County, Ohio through historical preservation and education.

OUR VISION is to be a continuing, self-sustaining source of, and repository for, Delaware County historical information that fosters life-long interest through community engagement, education, and historic preservation.

Did You Know?

Since 1991, the Garth Oberlander Barn has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2018, calling attention to Ohio's heritage and agricultural legacy, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill designating barns as the official historical architectural structure of Ohio. It is critical that we make the improvements to ensure long term preservation of our Barn.



Please help us preserve our legacy

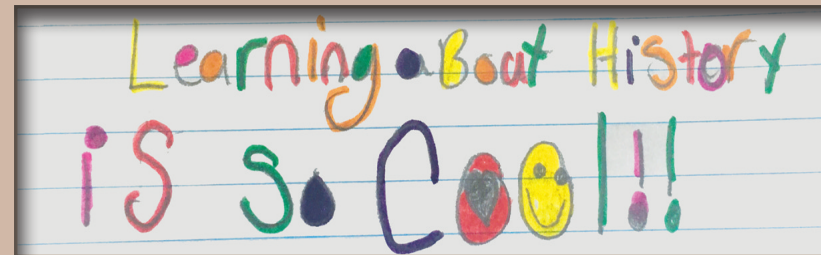
We believe that Delaware County has an **EXTRAORDINARILY RICH HISTORY TO SHARE**. From our earliest inhabitants to pioneer settlers, from farmers to presidents, to those seeking freedom from slavery, Delaware County has an amazing past to showcase. Your financial help will make this legacy last. We take our education and historic preservation responsibilities seriously because we know that **WHEN IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE**.

We teach that history can be fun. **WE RECEIVE DOZENS OF THANK YOU LETTERS FROM STUDENTS** who tell us things like this: "I thought it was cool that the field trip was fun AND educational!" Or "I really enjoyed the reenactment! I love how you guys incorporate a mixture of facts but still made it fun."

The **GARTH OBERLANDER BARN, MEEKER HOUSE, NASH HOUSE AND THE MILLWORKER COTTAGE** BECOME **LIVING TIME CAPSULES** each time we

share Delaware's history with our visitors through programs, exhibits and tours offered there and around the city. *Good neighbors like you make this work possible.* Because of your generosity, we will save these buildings for our children and grandchildren and allow the work of educating future generations to continue.

Take a minute of your time and **CONSIDER A DONATION THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU.**



— From a student's thank you letter

Education is our Heartbeat...

Historic Preservation is our Responsibility

Your gift sustains us!



Delaware County Historical Society
Our History, Our Heritage

MEEKER HOMESTEAD MUSEUM
THE BARN AT STRATFORD
2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, OH 43015

CRYDER HISTORICAL CENTER
RESEARCH LIBRARY
NASH HOUSE MUSEUM
157 East William Street, Delaware, OH 43015

MILLWORKER COTTAGE
2571 Stratford Road, Delaware, OH 43015
(U.S. Route 23 and Stratford Road)

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Education is our Heartbeat...

The Delaware County Historical Society **TEACHES LOCAL HISTORY** to thousands of school children and adults each year through classes, camps, programs, tours and exhibits. School programming is coordinated with the Ohio public school curriculum. We count on donations from people like you to continue our efforts:

- **Programs for school children** including the Underground Railroad and American Indian programs, the Artifact Cart and the award-winning History Tote Bag Program.
- **Cemetery Walk** with reenactors of notable people buried in the historic Oak Grove Cemetery.
- **Monthly free programs** for the public such as: Railroads, Notable Women of Delaware County, Frederick Douglass, Floods in Delaware County, and many more.
- **Nash House Museum** – Victorian Era exhibits illustrate life in the late 19th century.
- **Meeker Homestead Museum** – Pioneer Era permanent and rotating exhibits such as Stratford Mill Town and American Indians in Delaware County.
- **Library resources and services** – we have cataloged more than 15,000 items including photographs, manuscripts, maps, books and objects. The majority of our photos are on the web at DELAWAREOHIOHISTORY.ORG. Click on “Our Collections.” Your donation will help us digitize newspapers and city directories.

Historic Preservation is our Responsibility

Delaware County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state of Ohio. **RAPID GROWTH CAN ENDANGER OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS** through ill-considered demolitions of irreplaceable buildings from our past. Our Historic Preservation Committee endeavors to identify these significant structures which may be endangered by neglect or careless development and provides resources for preservation, protection and restoration.

The Society owns four irreplaceable historic buildings that need repair and maintenance to ensure their preservation. **PLEASE HELP US TO PRESERVE THEM AND KEEP THEM IN GOOD CONDITION.** Your donation will support projects like these:

- **Garth Oberlander Barn** – This iconic, massive stone-end barn, built in 1848, was used as an agricultural barn for its first hundred years. In early 2019, with a generous grant from the State, we completed Phase 1 of the structural timber restoration of this historic barn by replacing hand-hewn beams and columns that had suffered insect damage and decay over the years. With your help, we can complete Phase 2 which includes a new roof and additional loft timber replacement ensuring the barn’s continued presence as a historical piece of Ohio’s pioneer past.
- **Meeker House** – This fine Federal style brick home dates to 1823 - Ohio’s pioneer era. Today it serves as our Meeker Homestead Museum. Funds are needed to provide maintenance and upkeep to continue the preservation efforts of one of the oldest homes in the county.
- **Nash House** – This Victorian-era, middle-class residence was built in 1878 and provides an authentic educational tour through city life in Delaware’s nineteenth century growth heyday. Important needed improvements include roof repair, safety-related exterior walkways and stair railings, and repairs to the entryway of the Cryder Historical Center.
- **Millworker Cottage** – located on Stratford Road, this tiny and simple stone cottage was built in the mid 1800s as part of a row of 20 homes built for the employees of the Paper Mill, located near the intersection of what is now U.S. Route 23 and Stratford Road. It has been staged with furnishings of the era and may be open to the public periodically.

YES, I would like to make a donation to the Delaware County Historical Society at the following level:

- ☐ \$2,000 Pioneer**

☐ \$1,000-\$1,999 Stratford**

☐ \$500-\$999 Historian*

☐ \$250-\$499 Society
- ☐ Other_____Any amount is most welcome; consider a high amount to make an even bigger impact.
- ☐ I would like information about legacy/planned giving.
- ☐ *I would like a souvenir pen made from a 170-year-old barn beam (a \$500+ level bonus)
- ☐ **I would like a souvenir pen and pencil set made from a 170-year-old barn beam (a \$1,000+ level bonus)
- ☐ I choose to divide my pledge over a 3-year period
- ☐ Please make my donation anonymous

All donors of \$500 or more will receive a plaque with their name inscribed and placed on the donor board located in The Barn at Stratford.

Name(s)_____

Address_____

Phone_____Email_____

Payment method: ☐ Check ☐ Bill my credit card

Card number_____

Expiration Date_____3 Digit code_____

Signature_____

Please make checks payable to: The Delaware County Historical Society. Mail to: 2690 Stratford Road / Delaware, OH 43015.
Email: info@delawareohiohistory.org • Donations may also be made on our website: www.delawareohiohistory.org
Thank you for your continued support! We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

