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Powell: From a Sleepy Little Village to a Thriving City

By Sherry Carmichael

Here is a history trivia question. What community in Delaware County was named Middlebury upon settlement, was locally called Hall's Corners during the middle 1800s, and its current name received from a prominent Delaware lawyer in 1857? If your answer is Powell, Ohio, you are correct!

Although the actual arrival of the first settlers to present day Powell is unknown, we know from an early marriage record that a wedding took place in 1813 "up in Middlebury". This is documented in *The History of Delaware County* written in 1880. Therefore, we can say with authority that there was a settlement by that name, at that place, very early in the 1800's. The 1880 History of Delaware County also lists names of many of the earliest settlers in Powell.

The crossroads at the center of the city, was once the location of a corner store run by Thomas Hall, in the mid 1800's. You can surmise how the moniker, "Hall's Corners" came to be. Mail was delivered, from Lewis Center to this store until 1857. At that time, the residents applied for a

local post office. Help with the application was sought from Judge Thomas Powell of the city of Delaware. Upon receipt of the postal designation, and with gratitude to the Judge for his help, the area was renamed, Powell.

Upon the death of Hall, his son Asa Gordon Hall bought out his brothers' interest in the family home and property, just west of the center of town. In 1875, news of the Columbus & Toledo Railroad expansion through the area, caused Asa Gordon to enquire as to its intended location. Learning that the intent was to build the railroad east of the town, Asa Gordon offered the right of way through his property on the west of the town. His offer was accepted, and the road was laid out west of the intersection of Powell, as can be evidenced today.

Knowing the value of the railroad to the growth and prosperity of a town, Asa Gordon drew, and had surveyed, a town plat which was recorded and became official in February 1876. The community thrived with a population of 300 to 350. The small town offered all the essentials: grocers, blacksmiths, mail delivery, schools and a church, along with transportation by rail.

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Late 19th century photo

Courtesy of Powell Liberty Historical Society

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By 1946, the town remained, “sleepy” and little changed. Hidden between the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers, few had reason to know of Powell’s existence. The major reasons for coming through the town was to travel the route to the Columbus Zoo or attend the motorcycle and stock car races at the Powell Speedway.

The speedway was one of the major reasons for Powell’s next important date. Noise, dirt and traffic were results of the speedway, and residents wanted some control. As a result, an effort for incorporation was born which was granted to Powell in 1947. A mayor and council were elected to pursue legislation governing the town. The establishment of a volunteer fire department and the erection of streetlights were two major accomplishments soon after incorporation.

So when did this “sleepy, little” town begin its morphing into the bulging city we know today? By the 1980’s mushrooming development and annexations into township property began. City status was reached in the year 2000. The year 2018 records Powell’s population at 13,309.

You can be sure that the census of 2020 will show a continued healthy and prosperous growth. It is safe to say that “sleepy, little” Powell has been discovered--- and awakened!

To learn more about Powell you can visit the website of the Powell Liberty Historical Society – www.powellhistory.org



Current birds eye view taken at the intersection of Liberty and Olentangy Streets (Powell Road).

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Challenging Times For Us All

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This has been a very difficult column for me to pen as I am not a naturally talented or prolific writer and struggle with putting my thoughts down in a meaningful and comprehensive way. Knowing that we are experiencing such challenging times makes all our brains a little scrambled, understanding that many aspects of our life have changed, and some will never go back exactly the way they used to be. I do know that there are activities that I will never take for granted again such as going out to eat at a local restaurant, hugging my friends (yes, I am a hugger), and experiencing so many freedoms that I never gave a second thought about before mid-March. I am amazed at the creativity and dedication of our community in adapting to “new normal” activities such as porch concerts and drive-by birthday parties, of parents homeschooling their kids while working in their home office, and our restaurants offering pick up meals—a welcome relief from seemingly constant home cooking.

This has been a challenging time for the DCHS. We have cancelled or postponed a number of our programs, events and fundraisers, as well as our first Pioneer Days for third graders which was slated for early May. We will reschedule what we can. We are taking this time to think how we can accomplish our mission in new and creative ways. Our committees have been meeting via Zoom, which is a kind of Brady Bunch type screen where you can see others at the meeting on your computer screen. (This is also a good way to see who has extensive bookshelves or interesting décor in their homes.) This method is not ideal, but it gets the job done.

I am especially proud of our Curriculum Support Committee and their “fearless leader”, Karen Hildebrand, as they have created a Learn at Home program for school children, available on our website, which includes a series of history related activities. Adults will learn too!

We have had several virtual programs, available to the public, using Zoom and Facebook live including one on Route 36 and one on Archaeology in the Olentangy River Valley.

Our venue manager, Melissa Stroupe has been conducting virtual tours using video on her phone to show potential wedding customers our historic Barn at Stratford and has been successful in booking several. We have formed a Safety Committee which has researched and established best practices when we reopen to ensure protection for our staff,

volunteers and visitors, following Governor DeWine’s criteria. Though we have been “closed” there is still work to do such as funding to find, brochures to rewrite, webinars to watch, and obviously newsletters to publish.

The Meeker Museum was slated to reopen on March 29th and this too was postponed. I am happy to announce our museums and research library will reopen beginning July 8th, by appointment. Look for additional information later in this issue. Visitors to the Meeker Homestead Museum will see a wonderful exhibit titled “CONNECTING THREADS” which will showcase the County’s rich textile history. It will feature

a rare collection of Jacquard Loom coverlets made by a weaver in Delaware in the mid 1800’s as well as pre-Civil War loom which will be demonstrated. Early clothing and quilts will also be on display. Our dedicated Meeker Museum Curator, Benny Shoults has been working hard to create this amazing display.

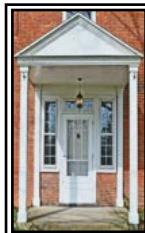
As the stewards of our county’s history, we know that history is being made during these extraordinary days. Even bad history...is still history and must be recorded for future generations. We will be documenting and storing experiences of Covid-19 from members of our community which will give future generations information about life during these times. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

Our board, staff and volunteers continue to have tremendous drive and passion for preserving and sharing the stories of our county’s most treasured history. We know we will get past this challenging time and hope we will be able to reschedule our postponed events to future dates. We thank you for your support and hope to see you at our programs and museums when it is safe to resume our activities.

This crisis has made us all slow down and take a look around at the things that are important to us – our family, nature, and learning to not take things for granted like our health and our loved ones. Often good things come from bad and we know we will emerge from this nightmare with a new appreciation for our world. My heart goes out to all those affected by the virus, and to those who have lost loved ones and friends. Our organization is faring better than many and for that, I am grateful.

And finally, how often do we get a chance to slow down, look around and revisit our priorities? Life seems a little more satisfying because we are not rushing through it, too busy to pay attention. Stay safe, dear friends.

Donna



Director’s
Column
By
Donna
Meyer



Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

By Dustin Lowe

The headline for the Delaware Journal Gazette on November 6, 1920 announced that for the first time in the nation's history women had voted in a presidential election. It was an event that had been decades in the making.

The women's suffrage movement began in 1848 when the first Women's Rights Convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York. The Declaration of Sentiments was written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton during this time which created an agenda for women's rights. Stanton adopted part of the Declaration of Independence by stating "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed."

Because of the federal system, the women's right to vote could be achieved via either a federal or state constitutional amendment. The early suffrage movement tied themselves to the abolition movement. Those dynamics changed after the Civil War.

In 1869, the movement became a national movement known as the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), founded by Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. Another conservative organization called the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) was founded the same year. They favored to amend individual state constitutions. It wasn't until around 1910 when the women's suffrage movement, among other reform issues like prohibition, started to move to the forefront of American politics.

The State of Ohio had a lot of early suffrage activity along with two women's rights conventions. As early as 1858 a vote by the Ohio House to give women full suffrage ended in a tie. In 1896 partial suffrage was granted for local offices such as school boards. At the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Sojourner Truth delivered her memorable speech "Ain't I a woman?"

Harriet Taylor Upton served as president of Ohio Woman Suffrage Association from 1899 up until 1920. On February 15, 1917, the Reynolds' presidential suffrage bill was passed by the Ohio senate by a vote of 19 to 17 and followed the house in passing the bill, however it was struck down in a referendum the following November.

On June 16, 1919, Ohio voted to ratify the 19th amendment shortly after it was approved by congress. So no matter what, the women of Ohio



Color postcard version of a poster designed by Cornelia Cassady-Davis of Cincinnati for the "Votes for Women" campaign. Via Ohio Memory.

were going to vote in national elections for the first time. The larger battle of universal suffrage was still being fought. By August 1920, 36 states including Ohio voted to ratify the amendment and it soon became a part of the U.S. Constitution. By November 2, 1920, the precincts in Delaware County more than doubled in voter registrations. The newspaper paper declared that "never before in history was there so many votes cast—due to suffrage." Presiding judges at the local polls were astonished by the large number of women voters. "Where do they all come from?" was continually asked.

The winner of the 1920 presidential election was Republican Senator Warren G. Harding who defeated Democratic Governor James M. Cox, both of Ohio. As the election was the first in which women had the right to vote in all 48 states, the total popular vote increased dramatically, from 18.5 million in 1916 to 26.8 million in 1920.

The passage of the 19th Amendment 100 years ago has allowed women to vote on the matters that will affect them, and the vitally important hard work of suffragists must be recognized for their impact should always be celebrated.



Suffragettes representing Ohio counties gather at the Ohio Statehouse.

(Photo from Ohio Memory)

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Finally – We Have an Opening Date!

Our buildings will be open beginning July 8! Though the governor said that museums could open as early as June 10, we decided to take a little extra time to be sure we have all safety preparations in place.

Re-opening will be the Cryder Historical Center including the Research Library and the Nash House Museum as well as the Meeker Museum.

In late April, we formed a Safety Committee and we formed the following guidelines to protect our visitors, volunteers and staff.

- We will be following all federal, state, county, and city guidelines.
- Visitors to these facilities will be required to wear masks. Our volunteers and docents will also be wearing masks. If a visitor does not have a mask, one can be purchased from us for \$1.
- We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout our museums and library.
- Decreasing the number of chairs available to assure 6 feet social distancing between all volunteers and public working at the research library.
- Our staff and volunteers will do a self-check to be sure they are healthy.
- Visitors must make appointments.
- The number of visitors at one time will be limited to 1 guest in the Cryder Research Library or the Nash House Museum with the exception for a household or related group of people of 4 or less who will stay together
- We will frequently sanitize all surfaces including high-touch spaces and restrooms

The Meeker Museum will re-open as well with an amazing exhibit, titled "CONNECTING THREADS" that showcases the county's textile history, from home-crafted clothing to other homespun items early settlers would have made and used. The exhibit will feature a rare collection of Jacquard Loom coverlets made by a weaver in Delaware in the mid 1800s, and Delaware County hand-made quilts dating to the 1800's. The main feature is a pre Civil War loom, which will be demonstrated.

The Connecting Threads exhibit is sponsored by



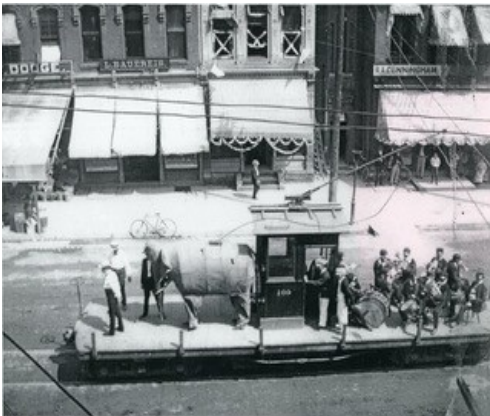
Appointments to the Meeker Museum can be made by emailing—Meekermuseum@delawareohiohistory.org or by calling Executive Director Donna Meyer at 740-369-3831 ext. 3.

Appointments for the Cryder Historical Center, for the Research Library and the Nash House Museum can be made by emailing librarian@delawareohiohistory.org or by calling 740-369-3831 ext. 2.

The Amazing Run of Delaware's Crawford Band

By Steve Shaw and Watson Walker Jr.

In the late 19th Century, if you were hosting an event or party and good music should be part of the agenda, the Crawford Band was the group to book. Formed in 1868, it was to come to be known as the "best colored harmonious band in the State of Ohio". They were to make music and entertain for the next 30 years. It was organized in Delaware by Stewart Crawford and, for its three decades run, was comprised of local African American musicians, largely from the south side of the City of Delaware. Like most community bands, the musicians made their primary living in other vocations. Crawford himself was an engineer, Benjamin Thomas owned the B.F. Thomas Wagon and Carriage Repair Shop, and Able Wilson was a stonemason. Some other documented musicians included Elmer Washington Bryant Curry and Harry Highwarden.



Few records remain of music played before recorded music and the instruments the band used - brass instruments and drums, made it suitable for large venues. They played at events ranging from political rallies, fairs and even the Buffalo Bill Traveling Show, when it was in Delaware. Stewart Crawford's death notice in January 1911 included the following tribute. "Stewart Crawford leader of the famous Crawford's band that for a quarter of a century was one of the most notable musical organizations of it's kind in Ohio".



Crawford Band 19th Century parades in downtown Delaware

(Photos from the Society Collection)

Remembering Our Beloved Volunteer Ann Simons

Love of history. Need to organize. Can do attitude. Combine these three passions and you have Ann Simons, a valued volunteer at the Delaware County Historical Society, who passed away on December 4, 2019. Ann was instrumental in organizing our collection at the Cryder Historical Center. She spent two years designing and implementing a system for naming and numbering storage areas, documenting objects, and putting the objects in their proper storage place. She took us from chaos to structure. Ann will truly be missed.

(Submitted by Karen Cowan)



The Barn at Stratford Grounds Us

By Donna Meyer

The word "barn" comes from the combination of the words - "barley" and "place." It's an old English word essentially meaning a place where one stores barley. It's why the words "barn" and "barley" share a common spelling.

Early History - The Barn at Stratford, a Standard Pennsylvania style barn, was built in 1848 by George Bieber (1803 – 1854) who was from Berks County, Pennsylvania. This style barn is denoted by the fore-bay projection over the lower level stable wall and are two-level banked structures. Bieber purchased the property from Forrest Meeker in 1845. It is undoubtedly a "second generation" barn, and any remnants of the original barn have not been located, though ground penetrating radar to search for it, was conducted several years ago. The Barn at Stratford is truly a gem and an important part of Ohio's agricultural history. It is also a wonderful example of early barn craftsmanship, demonstrated by hand-hewed beams made by expert timber framers. The Barn and Meeker House, placed on the National Historic Register in 1991, are one of the most intact homesteads in the county and on the path that escaping slaves took while traveling on the Underground Railroad.

The foundation and stone end walls were laid of squared and coursed limestone and rubble quarried from the plentiful deposits on the nearby Olentangy River. The massive timber structural elements inside the barn, are the hand-hewn products of the first-growth surrounding forest. The construction date of the barn has been determined by having a dendrochronology study conducted by the College of Wooster using wood core samples. The roof, now covered with galvanized steel bi-rib panels from the mid-twentieth



century, was originally of wood or slate shingles. The brick design on the stone ends of the barn does not provide ventilation since it does not go through the structure and is not only decorative but provides a place for birds to nest. German farmers considered it good luck to have barn swallows nesting in their barns and they believed that their families, crops and livestock would prosper if they had barn swallows around. It was also said that barns which had nesting swallows will never be struck by lightning. Barn swallows return to the same nest year after year.



Photo by Steve Shaw—Fall 2019

After Bieber died in 1854, the homestead was owned by his heirs until 1880 when the property was purchased by Jesse Eury who sold it to his daughter, Josephine in 1892. In 1920, the A. C. Miller Company (which later became Union Fork and Hoe), purchased the property and logged the plentiful lumber in the area to make wooden handles for tools, such as shovels, axes and hoes. From 1936 to 1940, renters Paul and Bertha Radugge and their family lived in the Meeker House and farmed the property. From 1946 to



The Radugge family's livestock shown here on the west side of the barn.

1952, the Humes family rented the barn and other outbuildings and farmed 210 acres on the Meeker property. They lived in a rented home on Stratford Road, while another family occupied the Meeker House. They raised Percheron and Belgian horses and kept 2-3 in a stall with a total of up to 75 horses in the barn at one time. The family sold the pregnant mare's urine so drug

companies could make medicine for stomach ulcers and it sold for 2-3 dollars per gallon. It was the responsibility of the teenaged son to collect the urine.

As an Auction House - In 1941, Garth Oberlander purchased the 210 acres from A. C. Miller Company and moved into the Meeker House until the end of 1945 when his family moved back to Bucyrus at the time of the death of Garth's father. Then they moved back to Stratford Road in 1952. Oberlander, who grew up in Bucyrus and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1936, began the Garth's antique business in 1954. In 1971, Garth sold eight acres of property with the historic house and stone-end barn to Tom and Carolyn Porter who then ran the business and moved their family into the house. Oberlander moved to a small apartment that had been

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constructed for him in the loft of the barn. When the Porters retired in the early 2000s, the auction business continued under the ownership of Jeff and Amelia Jeffers, and remains a nationally known antique auction house, now located in Columbus.

In 2010 the Porters, who had retained ownership of the real estate, sold the corner to Turkey Hill, and donated the remainder, with the historic buildings, to the Delaware County Historical Society.

Today's Barn Usage - We provide educational programs at the Barn to adults and thousands of school children every year and have developed programs for elementary students on the Underground Railroad as well as programs on American Indians and early settlers who lived in Delaware County. Our Curriculum Support Committee, composed of retired educators, bring history to life as they provide reenactments of real historic characters. Monthly programs in the Barn, open to the public, offer topics such as Early Pioneer settlers, covered bridges, and the history of Delaware County sports venues.

The Barn is also used as a community gathering place, providing space for meetings, fund raisers, birthday parties, training events, and especially weddings and receptions. Last year, we saw our first, very successful craft and vendor fair. We also installed an upgraded climate controlled system

as well as state-of-the-art AV, including projectors, screens, and a wireless microphone system.

This year, we added some new options including the concept of a Micro-Wedding, perfect for couples who might otherwise visit the courthouse for a wedding and who want to keep things simple without the all-day party. These activities help provide self-sustainability for the Society.

Last year, we completed Phase 1 of renovations to the Barn, which included replacement of damaged beams, swapping out steel columns for historic wooden hand hewed ones, and restoring altered sections to original and historically accurate configurations. This was accomplished by timber framers and historic barn consultants and funded by a grant from the State of Ohio. We have applied, once again, for further grant money from the State to replace the badly worn roof, repair additional damaged rafters, and restore the leaning south stone wall.

Our 172 year old Barn proudly stands today thanks to generations of preservation. When asked about the history of the barn, we gladly speak about the innovation, creativity, courage, and historic moments. Architecturally, we reference the shoulders of the barn. Their strong limestone is iconic to Stratford. Once located remotely, it is now a reassuring glimpse of the past, nestled on the south side of a progressive town. There is no better place to celebrate what keeps us grounded.

Is a Micro-Wedding right for you?

Have you ever considered a destination wedding, but long-distance travel was difficult for your loved ones? Do you want a celebration that is both intimate and affordable? Do you fear the stress of planning a "traditional" wedding?

Micro-Weddings are a growing trend for today's couples. Many couples are looking for an intimate ceremony with a relaxing reception. Micro-weddings are ideal for couples on a tight budget without sacrificing the style that adds to your moment.

The Barn at Stratford knows a thing or two about moments in history, and at The Barn, we know that your history begins with "I do." Our beautiful venue is owned by the Delaware County Historical Society, and every event, large or small, supports historical education and preservation in our community.



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Curriculum Support Committee Launches Early Settlers and the American Indian Program

By Karen Hildebrand

The Society's Curriculum Support Committee started three years ago to prepare a program about the early settlers of Delaware County. We received several requests from teachers needing information about our pioneers and how they interacted with the American Indians in the area. We made sure the information was research-based and accurate.

We started by gathering both the fact and the folklore of the area. Our collections storage room and display cases had boxes of arrowheads, flints, grinding rocks and more. However, we weren't confident where they came from and how these they were used. Eric C. Olson, an archaeologist, who was an intern at the Ohio History Connection reviewed our collection of early tools and stones and helped us identify these items.

A program format with an introduction and four break-out sessions was designed for fourth grade and middle school audiences. We worked through the Ohio Learning Standards for the Social Studies to align the content with the Standards.

Stacey Halfmoon, the Ohio History Connection Director of Indian Relations for Museums and Sites was enlisted to help. She was knowledgeable as well as an enrolled member of the Caddo Nation. Stacey was an invaluable resource and we had many, many meetings and communications with her to guide us. DCHS volunteers Brent Carson and Benny Shoults worked with Hayes High School art teacher John Scott to create a model of Delaware's Indian village, Pluggy's Town. The Hayes art students researched and designed the model and it was then donated to us to be part of the Indigenous People Exhibit in the Meeker Homestead Museum.

We did a dress rehearsal before presenting to the students, and a focus group of local educators, DCHS



Volunteers Bill Rietz (left) and Ray Myers talk about early settlers in Stratford.

Board members and other interested parties provided feedback and evaluation. Stacey supplied a lengthy evaluation for improvements and at the same time applauded the program for the strength of the content. Using the critiques from both educators and consultants, we refined certain aspects of the program and researched for some key facts. We waited until the next school year to put all this together with re-writes and more research, we felt we were ready to ask a school to be our pilot presentation.

On November 21 and 22, 2019, Schultz Elementary fifth grades were invited to be the first student group to see the launch of the Early Settlers and the American Indians in Delaware County program. These were rather cold and blustery days as the school buses unloaded the 140 students each day at 9:15 to fill the seats in the Barn. Brent Carson introduced the program with stories of those early times and pointed out how many Indi-

an names are associated with our county – starting with Delaware from the Lenai Lenape Indians, or Arrowhead School, the Olentangy Braves, Shawnee Hills, Wyandot Run and more. When the introduction was completed, Karen Hildebrand directed the students into rotating groups with our volunteer group leaders: Nancy Baxter, Susie Hough and Roxann Newton, and the students moved on to the following areas:

~ **Meeker Homestead Museum Whetstone Room** – T.K. Cellar and Nancy Fleming related the early stories first from T.K.'s ancestor who was one of the very first settlers in Liberty Township—Thomas Cellar and next was Nancy's rendition of Mrs. Moses Byxbe and tales of the Wyandots coming to the city of Delaware.

~ **Meeker Homestead Museum Indigenous People Exhibit** – Cindy Kerr talked with the students about relics of the Indian culture in Delaware. She also pointed out the model of Pluggy's Town.



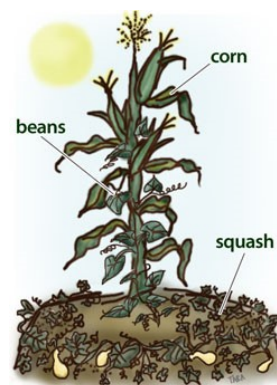
Meeker Homestead Museum Curator, Benny Shoults (left) and Delaware Hayes High School Art teacher, John Scott look at the Pluggy's town model.

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Cindy Kerr shows students the American Indian artifacts.

~Everyday Life of the Early Settlers was next on the program agenda as students moved on to the Barn's Carriage Room where the team of DJ Sanfillipo, Kerry Frazier and Joe Dwenger gave the presentation. This included a look at the importance of waterways, Joe reenacting from the diary of Rev. James Finley of the Wyandot Mission, and DJ demonstrating early games from the American Indians. Next door, Ray Myers was giving a presentation of the agricultural concept of the Three Sister's style of agriculture used by natives of Ohio. The method used corn, beans and squash to complement each other and to maximize food production in the space available. When he finished explaining, the students were



The 3 Sisters Planting Method

directed to grind corn using actual grinding stones.

In the main room of the Barn, the final act of the day was Brent Carson telling the story of Pluggy's Town with Jim Siler reenacting the blacksmith who lived there for a time with the Indians.

As the students were leaving, we heard last minute questions and very positive comments. The following day we received an evaluation from Kristin Wilder, our contact teacher at Schultz with comments from the students: "I loved this!" "Can we stay longer?" "That was so interesting!" "I didn't know all of that happened in my town." "I loved the part where we got to grind corn!" Perhaps the best conclusion to this article is a quote from Ms. Wilder: "Fifth graders are a tough crowd and very hard to please so I was overjoyed by their reactions. ... I just want to say that this was one of the best field trips I have taken my students on in my 12 years of teaching!"

Thanks to a great team of retired teachers, librarians, historians and volunteers who helped with this program (it takes a village!): Nancy Baxter, Brent Carson, T.K. Cellar, Joe Dwenger, Nancy Fleming, Kerry Frazier, Kit Gordon, Karen Hildebrand, Susie Hough, Cindy Kerr, Susan Logan, Ray, Myers, Roxann Newton, Bill Rietz, Lois Rooks, DJ and Dick Sanfillipo, Laurie Schaefer, Benny Shoults, Jim Siler, Watson Walker Jr, and Diane Williams.



Brent Carson (left) and volunteer Jim Siler talk about the blacksmith who lived with the Indians at Pluggy's Town



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Little Brown Jug Race

Over the last year and a half, the Delaware County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Little Brown Jug Society, has conducted interviews with individuals connected with the Little Brown Jug Harness Race in Delaware Ohio, to develop an oral history of the race. Interviewees include owners, trainers, drivers, and others with intimate knowledge of the race, to record their recollections, thoughts, and feelings about it. No one has previously documented the tremendous cultural and economic impact of the race on Delaware County. The interviews took place beginning in September 2018 with an expected completion date of August 2020. The final product is a compilation of audio and video files as well as written transcripts and artifacts related to the LBJ Race. These files will gradually be made available via the Society's webpage.

A folder about the Little Brown Jug is being added to the 3rd Grade Totebag which the Society makes available to teachers in Delaware County schools.

Dr. Richard Leavy, volunteer with the Delaware County Historical Society and retired professor of Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University, is the project manager. Funding was provided by Ohio Humanities and Society donors.

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A big thank you to our recent donors to our collection! You help fulfill our mission *to promote and sustain interest in the history of Delaware County through historical preservation and education*. Your generous donations of artifacts, manuscripts, and pictures help make the past tangible by adding to our displays and informing research. We are forever grateful.

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We want your COVID-19 stories

As you know, we are making history that will be talked about for years to come. Since our mission is to preserve and educate about Delaware County History, we want to begin preserving the stories of the Covid-19 pandemic and how it affected our life. If you have stories to submit, go to our website at www.delawareohiohistory.org for more details.



to renew your membership?

It happens! But beginning in July, we will be having a \$5 off membership special so it makes sense to renew now! See the back page of this newsletter for a membership form.

Help us Build the Future!

We want your feedback!

We will be sending out a short emailed survey in July to better understand how we can continue to serve you and improve what we offer. Please look for that in your email box soon. We will be awarding a \$50 Visa gift card to one lucky person who responds.



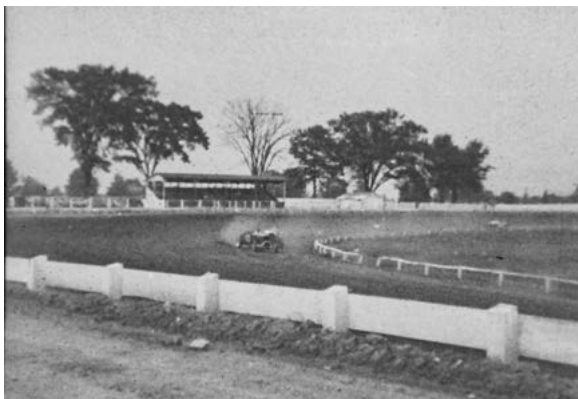
Images of Early Powell



Powell Train Station - late 19th century



Powell School and School Hack (bus)



Powell Speedway— was located just west of the railroad crossing on the south side of Powell Road on the site of the Delaware County Fairgrounds (1909-37).



Columbus Zoo—photo taken in the 1940s

(Photos courtesy of the Powell Liberty Historical Society)

Acting on the Right to Vote



Campaigning for the right to vote in Ohio



Photos courtesy of Ohio Memory



Women voting for the first time

Upcoming Events

- August 26 Remember the Ladies – 1850’s Women’s Rights Convention in Salem Ohio
Presented by Cathy Nelson, member of the Ohio Humanities Council Speakers Bureau and founder and president emeritus of the Friends of Freedom Society, in partnership with the Delaware County League of Women Voters. Sponsored by Ohio Humanities. This program will be presented at 7pm via Zoom and on Facebook live.

- October 11 *Oak Grove Cemetery Walk - reenactors will portray notable county residents who were buried there. This will be a live ticketed event. Oak Grove Cemetery, 1pm
Reservations will be available on Eventbrite Members will receive a discount.
Participants are encouraged to wear face masks and group sizes may be limited.

- November 18 Delaware County Historical Society Annual Meeting - Iconic 1950s thru 1990s TV and radio personalities who lived in Delaware County, presented by Brent Carson and special guests. This event may be an in person event or presented on Zoom.

- December 5 Nash House Holiday Open House. This may be changed to Meeker and we may offer timed tickets to attend.

*You're invited to **NOT** attend this year's annual fundraiser on Friday, October 2nd:*



Did you ever wish you could attend an event in your jammies? Here is your chance!

Due to restrictions on large gatherings and our mission to keep our supporters safe and healthy, this year's Banquet in the Barn will be held as a virtual event by using Zoom. You will enjoy:

- Historic reenactments
- Online Auction
- Discounts on 2021 Banquet Tickets
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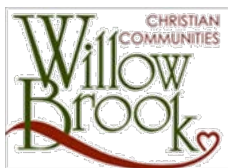
Mark your calendar and look for your UNinvitation in the mail. We hope to NOT see you at the Banquet in the Barn!

Our programs during the second half of the year will look very different as we strive to keep our visitors, volunteers and staff safe.

Check our website for more information as it becomes available.

If you are planning to attend any of our free Zoom events, please preregister on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) to receive your emailed Zoom meeting code (search Delaware County Historical Society).

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More Ways To Help The Society

Volunteers Needed!

The Society has a critical need for volunteers! Our opportunities provide social distancing, sanitization, and facemask safety.

There are dozens of ways that you can help our Society grow. For more information, contact the Society at volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org

We have priority needs for **docents** at the Meeker Homestead Museum and for **cataloguers** at the library in the Cryder Historical Center. No experience is necessary—we will provide all the training. Just bring your enthusiasm!

We need volunteers to help us maintain and plan our **garden** spaces at the Cryder Historical Center and the Meeker Homestead.

There are opportunities to help the **Communications Committee**—writing blogs and newsletter articles and more!

If you are interested in helping us in the garden or writing, please contact Donna Meyer at director@delawareohiohistory.org.

Committee Members Are Needed

The Society is growing rapidly and needs volunteers to serve on its many committees. Our active committees and subcommittees are as follows:

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Education
Library Subcommittee
Museums & Exhibits Subcommittee
Programs Subcommittee
Collections Subcommittee
Curriculum Support Subcommittee
Historic Preservation Subcommittee
Communications
Information Technology
Membership
Finance and Budget
Resource Creation

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