Upcoming Winter Events

Fulton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society winter programs:

**January 10 Work Night/ Brick Walls**  
members will try to help anyone with beginning genealogy or “brick wall” questions. “Brick Walls” are those obstacles you find when you just don’t know where to look to find the answers to family research questions.

**February 14 Genealogy Webinar During meeting.**

**March 14 Don Allison, speaker**  
NW Ohio Involvement in the Civil War.

All society meetings are held at 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. 410 Taylor St., Delta, OH. Parking and entry is on the back side of the church.

**Saturday, February 18, Sauder Village, State Route 2, Archbold, OH**

Enjoy a day filled with frozen-themed activities like sleigh rides, sledding, bird watching, nature walk and an opportunity to learn about ice-harvesting! We’ll even have some indoor activities like parlor games, popcorn popping, a snowman craft and more!

Hours: 1—5 P.M.  
Admission Adults $13.00, Members $11.00  
Students $6.

**Monday, February 27**  
Metamora Area Metamora Hist. Soc.  
Potluck 6:00 P.M. (bring an item to pass)

Program: For those who missed the Construction Update for the new Museum & Welcome Center of Fulton County presentation last November 17th, Director, John Swearingen. Everyone welcome.

Place: Community Library 253 Maple St. Metamora. See Insert for more info & events

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From the President

Friends and members,

As you can see in the photograph below, the barn-like portion of the new museum is taking form across the road from the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Everything has been progressing on time and on budget, and our director and I look forward to taking our Donor Circle members on a “hard hat” tour of the building in the spring.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this project— no matter whether its an anonymous gift of $20 or a $50,000 pledge spread out over three years. We are 1/3 of the way to our million dollar goal! If you’ve been to one of our recent informational meetings, you have been seeing and hearing about the plans for the permanent timeline exhibit components, and the two spaces that will be dedicated to travelling and special exhibits.

Thanks again for your support, and if you’d like a private meeting to see the plans, we’d love to hear from you. See you in the spring at the opening of our last season at our existing museum in Wauseon. But don’t worry, that building will have a new and exciting life after we are done moving artifacts to the new site.

Carl Buehrer,  
President
STOLEN HOGS!

ADAPTED FROM THE WAUSEON REPUBLICAN

Friday, July 29, 1938

Guy Randall, a farmer living 3 miles southeast of Fayette, had 19 fine hogs ranging in weight from 150—250 pounds. The hogs were shut in a barn about one half mile from any house. When he went to feed them Tuesday morning, they were gone. The hogs were worth about $400. It was evident that the hogs were stolen during the night. He notified the Sheriff’s office of the loss.

Previous to Randall’s calling the Sheriff, the night operator in Lyons telephone exchange had called the sheriff and reported a trailer full of hogs attached to an automobile that had stopped in town. The action of the men in charge made her suspicious. The squealing of the hogs also attracted her attention.

Sid and Orlo Fleming of Lyons gave chase. When the men with the hogs discovered they were being followed, they turned off onto back roads but kept heading toward Detroit, MI.

They passed through Adrian and Tecumseh. Fleming was gaining and got close enough to read the license numbers before he had to stop for gas. The thieves drove to an abandoned farm near Macon where they turned the hogs loose and hid the trailer in the woods. They then returned to Adrian.

Sheriff Loveland and his deputies traced the license plate numbers to a Mr. Pifer in Adrian. He stated he had rented it the day before to some young men who had not returned it. One of the men’s name was Gould. He was soon located on a farm where he worked by the month. Gould was arrested and he revealed his associates were Denver Powers and Robert Gray. They were soon arrested. The three confessed and told the authorities where they could find the hogs and the trailer.

Powers and Gould were arraigned in Common Pleas Court, following an indictment by a special grand jury, Wednesday afternoon and each was sentenced to serve a term in the Ohio Penitentiary by Judge Fred H. Wolf. Gray being a juvenile was transferred to juvenile court where Judge Allen Barber committed him to the boy’s Industrial School. By Thursday, Sheriff Loveland and his deputies had the three in these institutions. Justice was swift.

All 19 hogs were returned to Mr. Randall and none of them seemed to be any the worse for their cross country ride.

Powers and Gray had lived in the Randall neighborhood. It is stated that Gray planned the affair. The telephone operator and the Flemings were given credit for their work.

2016 Thank Yous!

Besides our elected officers and trustees and their spouses, the society would like to thank the following who also volunteered this year:

Jerry Rupp—Collection Registrar
Carlan & Lois Badenhop—Museum Docent/Landscapers
Jennifer Griewahn—Living History Storyteller
Karen Kennedy—Living History Storyteller
Loretta Brannan—Archivist/Librarian
Don Witzler & Carolyn Powers—Blacksmiths
Karen Marsh—Web Mistress
Joellen McDonald—Museum Docent
Bob & Kathy Morr—Log Cabin & Museum Exhibit Assistants
John Myles—Archives/Library Specialist
Toni Shindler—Marketing/Development Coordinator
Carol Hayes—Office Management
Norma Herr—Landscaper
Dee and Jim Spiess—Museum Docent
John and Mary Borck—Museum Docent
Jim and Delores Spieles—Chicken Dinner
In August, the George Davis Green family donated this trunk (right) along with some books to the museum. The “hump back” trunk was used by various family members, even when traveling to Europe by ship. The trunk is inscribed with the name, G. D. Green.

George Davis Green, born February 28, 1842, in Medina, MI. His parents moved to the wilderness of Michigan from Massachusetts in 1834. George took part in land development. In 1865, he moved to Wauseon, Ohio and became a clerk in the general store of Edgar and Green. In 1869 he went into independent business of general merchandising, and in 1889, he became the prime mover in organizing the People’s Bank. He was a director for many years. It was made a State Bank in 1906. George married Mary Louise Sheldon of Litchfield, Hillsdale County, MI. They were members of the Congregational Church and were active in the Masonic Lodge. George died on January 9, 1922 in Wauseon, OH.

Hal Zug recently donated a crazy patchwork quilt that his mother had received (right) as a wedding gift in 1920 from her aunt Minnie Stevens-Newcomb. The quilt originally belonged to Minnie’s mother, who had purchased it.

The quilt was made by Ottooke Grange and the date of 1907 is appliqued into the corner of the quilt top.

This recently donated post card displays the image of the Lincoln Hotel in Delta, OH, built in 1901 was one of the finest in the county through the efforts of J.M. Longnecker. The hotel was a real “show place” with old-world charm. It had impressive balconies where people sat to watch Memorial Day Parades and beautiful geranium boxes that lined its white balustrades every summer. When passenger travel on the New York Central and the Toledo and Indiana railways was replaced with automobile travel, the hotel declined and was eventually demolished in 1966.

This photograph of artist and architect A.G. Britsch of German Township (left) is part of his personal effects and artwork recently donated to the museum by the Black Swamp Arts Council.
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Winter Museum Hours by appointment only.
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