

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



Fall 2010

Upcoming Events:

Fish Fry Fundraiser
St. Casper's Roman Catholic Church, Wauseon, OH

Friday, October 22
 4:30—7:00pm

A portion of the proceeds go to our society! Call Bev @ (419) 822-3585 to donate a dessert

Annual Meeting & Banquet

Thursday, October 28
 Lyons Christian Church
 Fellowship Hall

5:30pm registration and greeting
 6:00pm dinner served

Train Depot Open
All Hallow's Eve

Saturday, October 30, 6-8:30pm
 During Wauseon
 Trick-or-Treating

Santa at the Depot

December 14th through the 17th,
 7:00 to 9:00 PM

December 18th & 19th - 2:00 to
 4:00 PM

December 21st through the 23rd
 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Museum Hours:

(through December)

Fulton County Museum:

Tuesdays and Fridays
 10am —4pm
 Saturdays 10am—2pm

From the President

Dear members and friends,

Another busy summer has come and gone for the Fulton County Historical Society. We have weathered the storms, both financially and physically this spring. During the series of tornados that swept through the county in May and June, the museum received some damage, and through tough economic times, we are glad to see that you are continuing to financially support our organization by renewing your membership and through sponsorship contributions.

To introduce the upcoming Civil War commemoration, we received a special treat from one of the descendants of E.L. Hayes—the man who helped found Wauseon and led the 100th O.V.I. (*see page 3*).

This year, Fulton County fairgoers were transported back to 1860 at our historic structures. The Canfield family had just moved out of their cabin, replaced with the John Butler family. Re-enactors from the National Society of Living Historians group helped play the part, and encouraged visitors to see our exhibit next April at the Fulton County Museum. Next door, our father and son blacksmiths were hard at work, just like Henry & Raphael Reighard were, over a century earlier. In the Swan Creek Township Building, Census results from 1860 and a map from 1858 accompanied a mock presidential election of 1860. We are proud to report that Abraham Lincoln won again 150 years later!

We hope to see all of you at our annual banquet (*see reservation on page 3*), where we will learn more about the Civil War in Fulton County and the exciting projects we have in the works.

See you there,

Carl Buehrer

President, Fulton County Historical Society

Hell & Homefront Merchandise

The first commemorative items for the Fulton County Civil War Sesquicentennial are here and available! The T-shirts come in Red or Grey, and are available in L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. The two smaller sizes are \$15 each, and the two larger sizes are \$18 each. Order your shirts by calling the museum or purchase them on-line at: www.fultoncountyhs.org.



Our B&O Caboose

Historian, Dwight Jones of Columbus, Ohio spoke recently about the B&O Caboose (C-479) that sits west of the Wauseon Depot. Here is a brief history of the car:

The caboose was built in February of 1923 in Washington, IN. In April of 1952, the caboose was repainted at the same location and the brakes were upgraded to an "AB" type. In November of 1954, its journals were repacked at Newark, OH and it was put in service the following month at Zanesville, OH. In March of 1960, the caboose returned to Washington, IN to be repainted. In October of the following year, the caboose was reassigned to an Ohio-Newark Division of the railway. In 1962, the caboose could be found back in service at Zanesville, OH, and in May of the following year it was sent back to Washington, IN for its fourth coat of paint. In August of 1966, the caboose's plywood sides were added and the car was repainted in Chillicothe. In February of 1969 its journals were repacked at the B&O yard in Rossford, OH, and two months later, an "In-Date Test" of the caboose's mechanical workings were inspected in Walbridge, OH. The car was then part of a train wreck in the summer of 1971 and then stored in Toledo, OH until it was retired and sold in October of 1972. The caboose was then used as an office at the Seagate Quarry, just north of the Toledo airport until its purchase by the Fulton County Historical Society in November of 1975. Then president, M.A. Farber and the Wauseon High School FFA chapter members put new siding on the outside, installed new windows, worked to restore the interior and repainted the car. Current plans are to repaint the caboose with its original B&O stenciling.



Caboose Open House, August 15, 1976

Summer Society Activities



Cathy Mattison, Sharon Buehrer, Judy Warncke and Mary Gajdostik preparing food for the Hayes reception

Bill Terry was honored with a reception (*above*) at the museum during the Wauseon Homecoming, and this year's



displays at the township hall were seen by thousands of visitors.

Many volunteers from within the organization, and friends of our group have been contacting us and pitching in to help with our society projects!

Our township hall display (*left*) on the 1860 census and presidential election.

The members and trustees of the society were busy this summer. Our float this year was driven by board member KC Wittenmyer in



Becky Dickson (*above*) making a braided rug and Kathy Dickson making socks for civil war soldiers during the fair. Donald and Ashley Wilhelm (*right*) from nationalsoctyoflivinghistorians.com at our log cabin

several county parades. Our director participated in Sauder Village's Preservation weekend in July by showing visitors the correct way to store and display old photographs.



2010 Membership Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Category of Membership _____ Check Amount Enclosed: _____

Payable to F.C.H.S, C/O Membership, P.O. Box 104 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

If above is a gift membership, then the gift is from:

Membership Categories:

Historian (\$1,000)

Includes: Name listed on all educational programs and a plaque at fair & museum for a year, admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites, and name will appear in quarterly newsletter annual banquet program.

Council Oak (\$500)

Includes: Name listed on a plaque at fair & museum for a year, admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites, and name will appear in quarterly newsletter and annual banquet program.

Pioneer (\$250)

Includes: Admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites and name will appear in the quarterly newsletter and annual banquet program.

Native (\$100)

Includes: Admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites and name will appear in annual banquet program.

Patriot (Couple/Family) (\$30)

Includes Admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites

Individual (\$25)

Admits 1 individual to all sites

Senior Couples (minus \$10 per couple) = (\$20)

Students/Senior Individual (minus \$10 person) = (\$15)

New Acquisition

Brigadeer-General E.L. Hayes Collection

c. 1862 - 1865

Gift of William & Charlotte Terry

This collection of Civil War and personal memorabilia once owned by Wauseon native,

Edwin Lewis Hayes, fourth cousin to President R. B. Hayes, was

presented by his great-great-great grandson to the society in a special ceremony at the Wauseon Homecoming on August 6. Among the collection is a presentation sword, commissioned by the town of Wauseon in the summer of 1862 from Tiffany & Co. in New York City. The sword was presented to then, Major Hayes, who was leaving his post as city councilman and his downtown business to recruit Fulton County men to form the 100th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The 100th fought throughout the south, and were even held as prisoners of war at one point during the war. The collection will be part of the Fulton County Museum's special exhibit, "Hell & Homefront: Civil War Through Fulton County Eyes", opening in the spring of 2011 as part of the war's 150th anniversary.



Civil War Re-enactors, Mayor Dehnbostel with sword (center), and museum Director, John Swearingen, Jr. during ceremony.

44th Annual Meeting & Banquet

Thursday, October 28, 2010 5:30pm (meal begins at 6:00pm)

Lyons Christian Church Fellowship Hall

138 East Morenci Street, Lyons, OH 43533

Chicken and Ham are the entrees for this year's banquet. Our director, John Swearingen, Jr. will be giving a presentation on 150th anniversary of the Civil War that our group is participating in these next 5 years.

Name _____

Number of meals _____ x \$12.50 = _____

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Civil War Through Fulton County Eyes

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