

The Village Log
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village
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Editor's Corner

While gazing around the village green I took notice that the trees are starting to give us a sneak peak of the splendor of a colorful Pioneer Village Fall. For those who love photography, there is never a better time then Fall to get pictures of our historic structures with the back drop of our vibrant fall foliage.

It has been a busy summer. At least a hundred musicians graced our stages at the "Old Tyme Music Festival". Our "Native American Gathering" saw young and old learning Native American dances and some even tried their hand at learning to play a Native American drum.

Now we are turning our attention to the **"Civil War Event" on September 28 and 29, 2013**. This year we are opening two new events to the public -"night volley" and the "Civil War Ball". Both designed to leave one with wonderful memories. See you under the stars!

Patty Frazee

Spotlight on the Furnas House

I recently was able to catch up with Andy Ray to get an update on the recent renovations at the Furnas House. Andy, his wife(Melanie), children (Sarah, age 8 and Simon age 1), have been patiently waiting for the finishing touches to be done before opening the house to the public.

Andy pointed out that while the new roof was in place on the building before his becoming a house parent, the biggest obstacle to opening the building to the public was stabilizing the second floor and replacing the first floor. With those renovations complete, doors were fixed, walls were white washed and the house was then opened to the public this summer.

According to Andy there are still a few things to do, like repairing the upstairs window and painting around the eaves. (continued page 3)

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Being the curious sort, I asked Andy how he came to this love of history. He pointed out that his passion for history was born early in his life and he even had contemplated being a history teacher. However, life took him in a different direction and he found himself in the Army, in a fox hole in Iraq, with the book, *The Frontiersmen* by Allan W. Eckert. It was while reading this book he realized that part of the history therein had taken place right in his parents' yard. It was that stunning realization that history isn't something that happened at Shiloh or some other distant place but right under his own feet. This fact in turn drew him to Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village.

Andy shared with me his admiration of the Furnas family's willingness to leave their home in South Carolina and walk into the unknown. Visitors will learn more of this family and the ways of life when people first came to the Ohio territory upon visiting the Furnas House.

The Furnas House is also perfectly situated for the Ray family since Andy enjoys woodworking and the barn containing Andy's workshop is just a short walk out the back door.

The Ray's look forward to sharing their love of history with visitors, so do stop by for a look around, the door is open.

The Stuff of Life

This column finds of us exploring what stuff the early settlers in Ohio might of have possessed.. This, of coarse, is going to vary from family to family due to a lot of different circumstances, such as arrival time in the country,economics and sentiment.

In 1788 Benjamin Stites organized a party of 26 settlers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They stopped November 18, one mile west of the Little Miami River, and hastily built a block house and several log cabins. Meanwhile a group of eleven families led by Patterson landed at Losantiville (aka Cincinnati).

Life for these early settlers revolved around food and shelter for their families. Their homes were furnished with whatever a six horse wagon at a slow gate could carry. The flatboats would carry horses and cows and would have room only for a few family articles of the first necessity, as the "Citizens Book" verifies. " It was found cheaper to import local artisans to make furniture than to import manufactured products." This according to research done by Jane Sikes, author of *The Furniture Makers of Cincinnati 1790 to 1849*. (continued page 4)

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There was variety in the furnishings of homes. Daniel Drake recalled that his boyhood home had one bed, a table, one chair, and several wooden stools. While Susan Howell, who later married Nicholas Longworth I, could boast of excellent tables, cupboards, and benches of beech and poplar.

So if one needed furniture at or before 1803 here are a few men that would like your business. I am indebted to Jane Sikes for the following sample information regarding the early craftsmen. She has written several books listing all the men who advertised their furniture making skills.

Aaron Caldwell who advertised in the Western Spy and the Hamilton Gazette, January 19, 1800. Campbell and Williams, let it be know in the Centinel of the Northwestern Territory, September 11, 1795 that "a Journey man or two, who understand cabinet making , to who good wages will be given by Campbell and Williams." Jacob Cotts, chairmaker, this ad ran in The Western Spy and Hamilton Gazette, November 30, 1803. "The subscribers have for sale on Sycamore Street Cincinnati, Windsor chairs, settees and Windsor cradles. They also will repair and paint on more reasonable terms than in any in the place. Luther Kitchell, (Kitchel) from Morris Town, New Jersey, landed with Patterson and Den Man (first settlers) at Cincinnati, in 1788. In 1794 he bought a large amount of fabric which could have been for upholstery.

So in regards to furnishing their homes, the early settlers did have available to them some very finely made goods, if they had the means to pay for such goods and the desire to have them.

NOTES FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

Mark You Calendars!

Annual Meeting

November 9, 2013 at noon

At St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Waynesville, Ohio

Bring a side dish or dessert

Meat and drinks provided

Meeting to follow

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Glancing Back at The Old Tyme Music Festival



THE CIVIL WAR

I am truly excited for the public this year because we are opening up the night volley and the Civil War Ball to the public. We are also honored to have Russ Judge calling the dance. Russ is an excellent teacher and will have even those who have not danced in ages joining in on the fun!

Ladies, do join us for a tea at 12:00 noon on Saturday and a fashion show at noon on Sunday. Both Saturday and Sunday there will be a battle on the Green at 2:00 pm.



Civil War Encampment

September 28-29 2013

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

Gate fee: Adult \$7:00

Children 3-10 \$3:00

Evening activities by Donation

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**Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village
Membership Application**

Please print all information**

Last Name_____

First Name_____Spouse _____

Minor Children listed on membership (anyone over the age of 18, unless permanently disabled, needs to be on a separate membership):

Address_____Contact #_____

City, state, zip_____

Email address:_____

(Circle one) Individual Membership Family Membership

\$25.00

\$35.00

Payment types: Check , Money Order , Cash

Any amount over the membership will be considered a donation

Donation amount (if any)_____

Would you like newsletter by email? Yes No

would you like to volunteer ? Please circle where you might have an interest:

Kitchen , gate , music , time period crafts , building maintenance , grounds/gardening , electric , grant writing ,
phone calls , office work , baked goods , tours , CCPV representative at different locations.

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Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village 2013 Schedule of Events 501(c)3

Sept 28-29 Civil War Encampment

Learn about the life of a soldier during the Civil War. Battles, a ladies tea, demonstrations, an evening ball and children's activities are a few of the events.
Contact Cathy 937-238-6312

October 10, 17 & 24 Ghost Walk

Enjoy a candlelight dinner as ghost stories are shared. After dinner enjoy a guided tour of our "haunted" buildings. 6-9 PM. \$30 per person—no one under 16. Limited spaces. RSVP required.
Contact DD 937-488-2023

October 19-20 Harvest Festival

Celebrate the harvest as the village is preparing for winter. Take part in the activities of the early 1800s. Bring a bag of individually wrapped Treat candy and get FREE admission for one.

October 26th Pioneer Trick or Treat

Children may treat around the village and families can enjoy a treat in the Bullskin Inn. *FREE admission
Hours 3-6 PM

November 2&3 Fall Gathering Rendezvous

Come visit a camp as you visit with the families of the village during the early 1800s in Ohio.
Contact Art 937-488-2023

December 7 * Candlelight Walk

Celebrate with us Ohio's first Christmas in 1803. Dress warm!

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