

The Village Log

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Habitat for History

Spring time is the traditional time to do all those projects that have been put on hold as the cold winter winds have kept us close to the warm home fires. **Habitat for History** is an event at which, we invite the public to come out and join with us in cleaning, restoring and repairing what the elements hath wroth over the winter.

On April 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. we will welcome you and your family and friends at our Quaker meeting house. There you will find a warm "how do you do" by some of our Pioneer Village Staff, who will happily point out the days many opportunities. Pioneer Village has many different opportunities available to fit many interest. Do bring your work gloves. We have garden areas that will need to be readied for planting so if you have a green thumb bring your gardening tools and dig in... For those who enjoy historic restoration bring your carpentry tools and join in restoring our 1800's Houses. We need lots of kids to pick up the sticks that have blown down in preparation for mowing the village. We also have spring cleaning in some of the houses in preparation for the coming year...so bring your cleaning rags and away we will go making a clean sweep for the coming year. So many opportunities to help and make friends along the way! Lunch will be served as a thank-you for help in preserving this wonderful resource.



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Looking Back on the Pancake & Maple Syrup Brunch

This year's Pancake & Maple Syrup Brunch found the sugar snow piling up high around the Bull Skin Inn. While the fire on the hearth made things warm and cozy for those inside, the parking outside was a wee bit challenging. It seems our Februaries of late are becoming more on the stormy side, so with the comfort of our guest in mind we are going to move our event to March next year.



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A Legacy, from Frank D. Crabtree

The maple syrup season always comes as a bit of a surprise. It comes on the wings of the first warm breeze that touches the trees. Unseen to the human eye, that warmth starts a stirring, deep inside the trees, and the life blood of the trees ...the sap... starts moving, signaling the start of a new season. This will be our first maple syrup season without Frank D. Crabtree, who passed away November 7, 2014. It was Frank's love of chemistry that lead him to craft the maple syrup at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and pass that love on to many Village people through the years.

Frank first saw and fell in love with Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village when pursuing another of his hobbies, cycling. One day while out and about on his bike Frank came face to face with the Lukens's house with the siding removed revealing its log roots. That awakened in Frank what would prove to be a life-long interest in the village and her people.

In my mind's eye I still see Frank with his hat on his head and his ever present cigar, ready to dispense advice or just have a friendly chat. He had a keen interest in education and believed we never stopped learning. I remember him sharing some educational resources that he was fond of using to a group of us at the village.



Logan recalls the lessons in making maple syrup and Frank's bragging about his homemade wine. There's plenty of time to chat while waiting for that sap to boil down to sweet syrup...It was sweet time in the sugar shack to savor that art of conversation.

Sue recalled that Frank always had his five second rule and never was without his gold dollars. He would always pay even when there was no charge.

Emily and Peggy still chuckle when they remember there would always be one lone no vote on an issue at member's meetings. Perhaps it was his way of saying that not everything is one hundred percent.

Linda Lee feels Frank's presents is still with us.

Terry recalled the last time he saw Frank on the bench in front of the Mills-Taylor house, just enjoying the day. Terry truly wanted to stop and chat but the day was quickly passing and the chores were piling up as they so often do and now with deep regret, he wistfully wishes that he had stopped for one last conversation. In our hearts I think we all feel the same.

A memorial service for Frank will be held on Sunday May 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village.



House Parent Training

House Parents at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village are our most visible asset at Pioneer Village, they serve in the front lines greeting our guest and sharing with them the interesting bits of history of the house and the time period. Consequently, House Parents have little time together to share some of their personal discovers, research and guest inquiries or learn some hands-on- history to pass on to our guest.

Last season we looked to telling a story as a way to connect with our guest. This year, we will be looking at what were the settlers wearing and doing some stitching ourselves so we can speak knowledgeably to our guest in that area. This unit also ties in nicely with the fact that we will be hosting a Children's Pioneer Camp this summer and we wish that each child has a shift or shirt. So this unit will give us the much needed hands to make this dream come true.

Our next unit is called "Mama needs a Spoon" our men folk will be helping with this unit. Here we see just what work went into providing some of the wooden things that were needful on the frontier. Hopefully everyone will be taking home a spoon of their own making.

As always there will be refreshments and time to visit and reconnect as we share in learning new skills or help our new house parents along that path to knowledge.

The dates and place will be set at the member's meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting please supply us with an email or phone number that we can let you know when and where these fun and informative activities will take place.



Coming to Ohio

Libraries across the country are often faced with the job of going through their book collections to clear out the “old” to have room for the “new”. A lot of the time that “old” ends up in antique book shops just waiting for someone with an eye for old histories to come along and scoop up that treasure and take it home. Such is the case of the, *Settlement of the Old Northwest, Folklore and Religion, Commemorating 175 years, A New Carlisle Sesqui-Centennial History, 1960*, by Jesse C. Barnhart , edited by Harry A. Mount and revised in September of 1985. A truly interesting excerpt of an article contained within caught my eye entitled, “What the Settlers Found And How They Made Out”.

The following description of one type of settler, the early rush to colonize the old Northwest, is as good as any:

Behind the rest, some distance in the rear, comes the lonesome-looking couple from “Old North Carolina”. They had evidently, from their appearance, ventured their all, such as it was, upon the enterprise. An old one-horse tumbrel, with two high creaking wheels, and an old store box for a body-- drawn by a lean pony of the preceding generation-- constituted their mode of conveyance. A bed, a spinning wheel, a pair of cards, a bag of dye stuff, and a few hanks of copperas colored cotton, with six sickly children, make up their stock



in trade. As they moved slowly along, the man walking before, and the wife behind the tumbrel, their lean pony occasionally stopping to crop the tall grass which stood by the way, it was evident to all who saw them, that they had long since arrived at the term of life which the magistrate alluded to, when he said as he married them, "for better, for worse."

Then, when these people arrive at a village or town, conditions don't change much! One traveler was in part justified when he said that Americans planted their towns in the dirtiest puddles they could find. Perhaps so, but the nearby creek or river was a necessity not easily dispensed with.

Contrasting with the "lonesome-looking" couple from old North Carolina were two families from the same state who were bound for a new plantation. They disembarked from a flatboat at Fort Washington (Cincinnati) with every appurtenance of necessity and comfort. There were two noble, spirited bays, one of which fell overboard in landing him, and which could only be accomplished by backing him over the planks. Then there were a neat barouche, a buggy, a light wagon, and for farm wagons each for two horses. Besides, there was a full complement of "household stuff" among which was a piano. Add to this year's stock of groceries and other nic nacs of luxury, and a very vivid idea of comfort in their wilderness home was presented to one's mind. They appeared to be in high spirits, and an air of gentel breeding and intelligence gave the impression that the true "oticum dignitat" was in store for these fortunate emigrants in this land of milk and honey- of fair skies and balmy atmosphere.

So we see that many people of different economic status came to the Old Northwest. Here is a little quote from a "new" book contained in the Introduction of Images of America, Waynesville and Wayne Township.

Samuel Heighway, The English mastermind and founder of Waynesville on



March 8, 1797 expected his projected new “plantation” to become the legislative capital of the Northwest Territory. He went as far as providing a site on the map of the village for a courthouse on the public square.

He and his partners, Francis Baily, a young scientist; Dr. Evan Banes, MD; and Rev. John Smith, expected their 30,000-acre joint investment to become a prosperous agricultural and business center. Heighway negotiated the \$1.25-per-acre purchase from Judge John Cleves Symmes between the Little and Great Miami Rivers.

The settlement party purchased over 10 tons of supplies and tools and shipped them from Philadelphia aboard a 12-by-36 foot Kentucky ark flatboat in the fall of 1796. The cargo was moved on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers to where they form the Ohio River at Pittsburgh. These half-dozen pioneers suffered the rigors of the Ohio River until they arrived near the Little Miami River close to Cincinnati in early March 1797.

After transporting their possessions by wagon to the site of Waynesville on March 8, the settlers dug in with primitive log shelters.

Imagine the mammoth task of moving 10 tons of supplies and tools from Philadelphia to Waynesville. These half-dozen pioneers did not come into the wilderness with just the clothes on their backs but armed with the things necessary to replicate their lives in the East. In so doing they paved the way for the next wave of settlers.

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Projects around the Village

1. Move logs from Franklin cabin to scale barn and stack.
2. Remove Nails from flooring from the Franklin cabin.
3. Install new floor in the front of store using flooring from Franklin cabin.
4. Pickup limbs and sticks around the village.
5. Rebuild fence around transformer
6. Replace the fence boards around the Village Green
7. Redo the out house behind the kitchen

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Projects Need funding

1. Roof on the Hakrader Barn
2. Funds are needed for wood sealer for logs and the fence around the green

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Pioneer Village

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Schedule of Events

Event hrs: Sat. & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Cost: Adult \$5; Youth-under 18 Free

* (Exceptions noted on times and cost)

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Feb 21-22 Maple Syrup & Pancake Brunch*

Try our homemade maple syrup with pancakes, sausage and beverage. •Hours: 9 AM-2 PM Cost* check web site Daily Tours of the Sugar Camp 10 AM-1 PM

April 18 Habitat for History

Help as we work to preserve and restore the village buildings and grounds. Work available for all ages. Bring your family and friends.

May 16-17 Spring Gathering

Step back in time and join the Village as we welcome the pioneers and traders who have come to trade and replenish their supplies from the winter.

June 27 The Village Unplugged*

Gates open at noon.

Enjoy the sweet sounds of artists around the Village. Bring your instrument and sit and jam a spell. A variety of sounds for the music lover in everyone.

Sept 19-20 Civil War Union Training Camp

Learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War as you take part in the training. Ladies, join the Soldiers' Aid Society while attending the afternoon tea. Enjoy demonstrations and activities for all ages. Stay for the Soldiers' dance @ 4pm on Saturday.

October 17-18 Harvest Festival & Gathering

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 24th Pioneer Trick or Treat*

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

December 5 * Candlelight Walk

*4—8pm

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

Watch our website and facebook page for additional events and activities throughout the year.

*Pioneer Village is a Non Profit run by volunteers just like you. We receive NO state or federal assistance. The preservation of the village is funded by our events and the generous donations from people like you. Thank you for helping us preserve yesterday for tomorrow. *

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Directions

•Columbus: 71S to exit 45 (St Rt 73) Right (3.9 miles) left on Oregonia Rd (1.1 miles) Right on Pioneer Village Rd.

'Dayton: 75S to exit 38 (St Rt 73) toward Springboro, Waynesville(12 miles). After you cross St Rt 42,1st road on right-Clarksville Rd. to stop sign (3.9 miles). Left on Oregonia Rd. (1.4 miles) left onto Pioneer Village Rd Cincinnati: 71N to Wilmington Rd. exit 36 go right. Take 1st left-OliveBranch. Go straight onto Murray to stop sign. Right onto Oregonia Rd. (2.8 miles) Left onto Pioneer Village Rd.



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Membership Applications

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: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Circle one):

Individual Membership \$25.00

Family Membership \$35.00

Payment types: Check , Money Order , Cash

Any amount over the membership will be considered a donation. Donation amount (if any): _____

All Member applicants must submit to a back ground check. Membership may be denied if any thing is found.

Would you like newsletter by email? Yes No

Would you like you recive information on work parties and participate in them? Yes No

Would you be willing to make phone calls ,write letters and emails ? Yes No

Would you like to become a docent(a person who acts as a guide,)? Yes No

May we list your contact information in a membership directory ? Yes No

(Plesase circle the ones you are able to help out in)

Kitchen, Gate, Period Crafts and Games, Building Maintenance , Ground/Gardening , Grant writing , Provide Bake goods, conduct tours of the Village, Represent CCPV off site.

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village association can not guarantee a cabin.

Membership Description

1.You get a bimonthly news letter or (every two months).

2. You get a discount at the village store

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