

The Village Log

INTRODUCING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HURT

Building a Village, One Log at a Time

For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Kevin Hurt, and I'm your new Village Administrator. To tell you a little of my background, let me start from the beginning.

I was born in Xenia and lived for the first ten years of my life in New Carlisle. In 1975 my father decided to return to the family homestead in South Eastern Kentucky. The house we moved into was a large one-story log house that was built by my great-grandfather and then added on to by my grandfather. The house was over one hundred years old and in need of serious repair when we moved in. In fact, the first morning I awoke in the house, I remember staring up at the ceiling and wondering what "Twin-Pet-Dog Food" was. And then I noticed a cardboard box displaying a brand of bleach. The entire ceiling was covered with cardboard boxes. The house had no plumbing and only pull string lights. But I was happy.

Skiping ahead a few years, I graduated with a degree in Recreation and Park Administration. I come here from Iowa where I was working for a government conservation agency and then a 3200-acre farm that produces corn, soybeans, and many, many pigs. There I worked to develop computerized environmental controls for the hog confinement and GPS control systems for yield monitoring and mapping on combines and other implements.

This brings me to the here and now. I am happy here at the Village. I have met a good number of friendly people. What I

have found here is a group of buildings that need a lot of TLC, that is tender loving care/currency. I am awed by the monumental task that was accomplished in building this village, and I understand the Herculean task that is maintaining the integrity of the individual structures that comprise the village. Each structure is a truly unique individual with unique needs and demands. Each one is not only structurally different from all the rest, but is unique in its orientation, exposure, and landscape. Each house stands in silent testimony of its entire history, both of its original site and within the Village. We must not forget that these buildings are the sole purpose for the existence of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Association. *

The association itself is comprised of a group of unique individual with specific needs and desires. This is a community more diverse than any community that would have existed on the frontier. A community then would have had many, many common factors that could serve as a catalyst for solidarity. The community today has only one real common interest, a deep affection for a group of log houses. I personally felt an emotional attachment to these buildings the first time I met them. I believe each person involved with Pioneer Village has felt something similar to what I felt. This is the fact that has brought us all together.

I would be lying if I said everything is coming up roses. The fact is it is Fall. There seems to be a great deal of mistrust among the members. I understand that the last few months have been a bit awkward. (I can relate to awkward.) What I think we need to do, as a community, is remember that first and foremost, the buildings need us. Second of all, instead of complaining about things, get involved. We have a lot of work to do, not only physically, but also organizationally. If you are feeling frustrated, I assure you that most of the membership can probably sympathize. But remember this: You Are Unique! You have talent and skill and experience that no other person in our community has. You have something to offer that will ultimately benefit not only the community, but also the cabins themselves. I am sure that some kind of fondness for the cabins is the reason you joined in the first place. This is your chance. Currently we are constructing a committee system that will write the policies that will give this community a firm foundation of stability that can preserve this Village for the next century. I probably don't know you very well, so I really can't suggest a niche for you. But I think you know what your talents and abilities are. Or perhaps you know another member who doesn't like to brag but has something to offer the Village. Please, let me know what you can do. We need as many active participants as possible if we are to be successful in building a strong

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foundation. Please call me or drop me a note and tell me what you would like to do. Or feel free to nominate someone else for a position.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am finding more potential than ever for this village and people. Something that we need to do is figure out where we want to go from here. Whatever we do, it will cost money, but that is less important than working together. We need to think about a visitor's center, museum, new kitchen and dining facilities, and a paid staff to give tours and take gate fees on a daily basis. If we are going to be viable, we must make a concerted effort to generate and maintain serious revenue. Without it, there is no need to continue. If we are to continue, it is dependent on all of us, and you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There are a number of important dates to mark in your calendar. All meetings are at the Bullskin Inn at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

November 1 & 2, 1997 – Women's Weekend Retreat (see article in this newsletter)

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WELCOME NEW SECRETARY

Hello! Let me introduce myself. My name is Roseanne Dorff and at the Special Trustee Meeting on October 21 I became the new Secretary for CCPV. My husband, Ed Dorff, and I are fairly new members, but have attended every meeting since becoming members, and have volunteered at the last two events. [Editor's note: Ed and

Roseanne Dorff joined in August 1997.] I appreciate the chance to contribute to the Village as Secretary and take its responsibilities seriously. But most of all, I look forward to having fun and enjoying the fellowship of the Pioneer Village.

I extend abig thanks on behalf of the Village to Kelly Maloney who held the position of Secretary before me and did double duty as Treasurer at the same time.

Some highlights of the meetings held in October are that Mark Helphinstine resigned as Trustee. Rick Duvelius was voted in as replacement. A Buildings and Grounds Committee has been set up to address problems and recommend necessary action in these areas. Frank Crabtree also resigned as Trustee, and Debbie Irons was voted in as replacement. The Ohio Historical Society had visited CCPV and had several recommendations. A summary is in the minutes. I hope you find the minutes complete and informative, especially if you are unable to attend the meetings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lukens House Update

I was so pleased that Rebecca Marmora did research on the Lukens House and wrote an article about it for the Village Log. Many thanks, Rebecca. However, there was one error that needs to be corrected. Levi Lukens and Elizabeth Cleaver Lukens only lived in the Lukens House until 1815. Their son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Mary Saterthwaite Lukens then moved into the log house.

Levi was a business man, not a farmer, and he found a place more suitable for his purposes farther down Caesar's Creek. There they built the first sawmill in Massie Township. The boards were then used to build another house. Later he also built a gristmill. The second house was a large frame house.

I learned this unpublished information shortly after the Village was built from descendants of Benjamin and Mary Lukens. They live in Texas and learned of the Village from cousins of my husband.

When the Corps of Engineers was buying property to build the Caesar's Creek Lake the people who owned Levi Lukens second home tried to get that house onto the National Historic Register to prevent it from being moved. This proposal was not accepted.

One more clarification, the name of the barn given us by Miriam Rosell is the Harkdraker

barn, not the Harddraker barn as I have seen in print and which I've heard members mispronounce.

Miriam Lukens

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Report by Shelley Pickrell:
From Saturday, November 1, 1997 10:00 - Sunday, November 2, 1997 5:00 PM many of the Village women met at the Bullskin Inn to sew period clothing and visit.

Mrs. Rebecca Marmora brought her patterns and books about clothing, along with hundreds of yards of pre-washed fabric. She is very knowledgeable about period clothing and fabrics, and helped the rest of us - step by step when needed- through making our own period clothing and identifying correct fabrics.

Due to schedule conflicts, Rebecca was the only person who attended the entire time. However, attendance was very good and there was at least one other person there with her the entire time.

During the day Saturday Jan Campbell, Sharon Kingan, Amy Martin, Roseann Dorff, Carrie MacDougall and Shelley Pickrell looked through the many beautiful fabrics, made selections and started cutting out garments.

Carrie and Shelley both had to leave for the late afternoon and evening, but they came back and were the only attendees to stay the night. Many thanks to Ed Dorff for making sure we had firewood before he and Roseann left for the evening.

Sunday afternoon was also very busy with Irene Riley, Sharon Kingan, Roseann Dorff, Jan Campbell, and Amy Martin coming back. We all continued working on our garments or learning about period dress.

We had a wonderful time and you will see the results of some of our work at the Christmas gatherings.

FROM THE BARN

Hello to all, I would like to make my own introduction to each and every member of Pioneer Village. I am a newcomer here and it is time that we get to know each other.

My name is David L's Rib. I am a 13 year old, retired, registered Thoroughbred horse. My early years were spent in the bluegrass state where I was born, raised, trained and spent many years at the race tracks. I am by no means a famous race horse, but I am proud to say that I have won a few races in my time.

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After my retirement from the world of racing, my previous owners decided that I could best be utilized in my retirement by becoming a permanent member of Pioneer Village.

At the present time I am in training at the Village, where beginning next Spring I will be available for buggy rides and for some demonstrations on how the horse was utilized as a working member of any settlers village.

So the next time you happen to be at the Village, please stop by and visit with me. I am easy to spot! I am 17 hands tall, bay in color and always looking for friendly conversation. I love my new home and am looking forward to seeing all of you.

Sincerely, David L's Rib

P. S. I love carrots!

CHRISTMAS WALK-ABOUT

By Jan Campbell: Bring your candles lanterns Friday, December 5 join us at the Village to honor all the dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard. We will have a Groaning Board dinner beginning at 6:30 PM, followed by a candle lit walk through the village

House Parents: For our Christmas Walkabout it would be great if you could decorate your cabin in old fashioned decorations. The walkabout will be December 5, 1997 at 6:30 PM.

Thank you, Jan Campbell and Irene Riley

CHRISTMAS IN WAYNESVILLE

Waynesville Ohio's Bicentennial Celebration continues with *Christmas in the Village*. Stroll quaint Old Main Street amid carolers, street strollers, a live nativity and luminaries. Find those unique gifts at the 70 antique and specialty shop! December 5-7 and 12-14, Fridays till 10 PM, Saturday & Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM. Call 513-897-8855 for more information.

CABINS, CANDLELIGHT & CHRISTMAS

Pioneer Village will be open to the public Saturday, December 13, 1997 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM for a candle lit tour. The cost will be \$3.00 per visitor. Hot cider and hot chocolate will be available.

House Parents: Please arrange for your decorated cabin to be occupied for the tour.

HELP WANTED

schedule of events for 1998 and we need all the help we can get. We need everything from historic skill demonstrations, to picking up trash, assisting in the kitchen and collecting at the gate. If you can help, even for just a couple of hours, please step forward.

Festival chair people are desperately needed for Green-Up Day, the June, July and August Festivals. There are support people available to help, but we really need people to organize these events.

Rope Makers Needed - We have an old rope maker that would be a great demonstration at festivals. It just needs volunteers in period dress to run it. Burnett Butterworth will be giving lessons to any who are interested.

FROM THE EDITOR

By Shelley Pickrell.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As you know there are a lot of changes going on at the Village these days. Our new Administrator, Kevin Hurt, has been with us for a month now. Please see Kevin's Administrator's Report.

I am working on a Members Directory so all interested Pioneer Village members can contact each other. Please let me know if you would like to be included, and what information you would like to have published.

Many thanks to Mark Helphinstine for his dedication to the Village. Mark has recently taken a second shift position which will keep him from being able to come to our meetings. Mark will continue to be active in the Village. We regretfully accept his resignation as Trustee while wishing him all the best in his new position.

Rick Duvelius was appointed to fill out Mark's term as Trustee. This term began in January 1996 and will expire December 1998.

Please join me in congratulating our President, Burnett Butterworth, on the award he recently received from the Warren County chapter of the Retired Teachers Association for his 50 years of teaching.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Two standing committees have been appointed. Other committees will be forthcoming.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Phil Hodgkinson, Rich Rhodes, Burnett Butterworth, Ed Dorff and Shelley Pickrell

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Rick Duvelius, Rebecca Marmora, Sharon Kingan, Bart Redmon and Debbie Irons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The 2nd Timeline Event has been postponed due to family health problems. We hope the 2nd Timeline event can be held in July, 1999.

This year we are getting our 1998 Calendar of Events schedule set earlier than in the past. The new May Fair will be held again. Also, plans are underway for School of the Soldier in April, and a change in the September festival from Fall Harvest to Celtic. We are quite excited about all the changes.

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Maple Syrup Tours - 1-4 PM Saturday February 28 & Saturday March 7. Contact: Frank Crabtree & Linda Lee 513-897-1120. Frank can also be reached via email at wa8pra@juno.com.

Maple Syrup & Pancake Lunch: Sunday, March 8. Contact: Frank Crabtree & Linda Lee 513-897-1120. Frank can also be reached via email at wa8pra@juno.com.

Green Up Day - Saturday, April 18.

The School of the Soldier - April 25 & 26. Tentative at this time.

School Days - May 7, 8, 14 & 15. Contact Don Richards 513-897-6546

The Fair on the Caesar's Creek - May 16 & 17 - Contact: Rick Duvelius at 513-897-0546.

Ol' Tyme Music & Food Festival - June 27 & 28 - Contact Sharon Kingan at 513-897-0390 from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM or 513-897-0549 from 5-9 PM.

The Way It Was - July 18 & 19

Pioneer Family Farm Days - August 15 & 16.

The Caesar's Creek Celtic Festival - September 18, 19 & 20. Contact Rebecca Marmora at 513-897-1120.

Haunted Village Walk - October 16, 17, 23 & 24. Contact Carolyn Slattery at 513-897-1120.

December 12, 1997 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Candle lit tour of the Village for the public.

TRUSTEES SAY THANKS

A thank you to the Haunted Village Participants

By Greg Knapik

The Trustees and Administration of the Village extend their thanks to chairman Carolyn Slattery, the Haunted Village Committee, and all of the participants who turned out to make the Haunted Village Walk and Hay Ride the huge success it was again this year. My records only go back three years, but for these three years, the records show that the Haunt Village Walk and Hay Ride has been the financially most successful project of each of those years. The dedication of everyone who comes out to help set up, participate on these cold and sometimes rainy nights, and clean up in the rain is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped.

HAUNTED VILLAGE REPORT

Haunted Village Scares Them Again

By Carolyn Slattery

Well another Haunted Village and Hay Ride are over. As I said at the meeting, I want to thank everyone who came out to support me and the Village in putting on this event. It takes weeks of preparation and over 50 participants every night to run the event. I couldn't do it without your help. We got off to somewhat of a slow start on the first Friday evening, but the crowd really picked up on Saturday. The second Friday night was a real test of stamina and I certainly appreciate all of you

sticking it out till 11:00 in the cold windy rain. The show must go on, and go on it did thanks to each of you. Most of our customers that night were parents with small children. We did not disappoint our loyal customers. The second Saturday again brought a great crowd.

For those of you who couldn't make it to the Village, let me recap what you missed. The first challenge was to find your way from the ticket booth at the Village Green gate to the center of the Green following some dimly lit luminaries. There to find Malaki the snake oil salesman trying to pawn off sassafras as a cure for everything from the back of his wagon. Then the big decision. Get some hot dogs, chilly, caramel apples, popcorn balls, or hot cider; or go see the Gypsy with all of her candy and other fine Halloween creatures. Now sneak behind the tents to the hay ride. Do I hear someone playing a harmonica and singing at the back of the wagon. Oh, what a scary thought. Back around the Village past the pioneer farm fields and finally back to - well we will not call it civilization. But the start of the haunted Walk. First into the Hawkins house to see the fortune teller who conjures up the spirit of an long gone pioneer. Out the back door to the woods. What do we have here? A maze to follow. What are those creatures down under us that keep lighting up. I don't know but I am glad to be out of there. Now lets go talk to some friendly old witches just getting ready to set down to a feast of - well again I would rather not say what. Lets head back into the woods. This time there are wood trolls everywhere. I know they are they are there. I can hear something and there is one of them. Lets get out of her and to the light of that fire in the old kiln. Well it appears that these spooks are afraid of a little light. None of them around here. Or wait what is that flying down out of the trees to meet us. Oh no the Grim Reaper. Lets head for the fire over there. Well the good guys are winning here. We have a witch being burnt at the stake. She doesn't think we can do it. Well we will show her. Burn witch burn! Flash, smoke, and what happened to the witch? She is gone. She just disappeared into thin air. We had better get out of hear after threatening to burn her. She may hold a grudge. Oh yes she does. We have to cross through the grassy area covered with snakes. They are wiggling and hissing. Move fast. We are safe now. Or are we? Look at these big buzzards in the tree next to that buggy. And those dirty old highwaymen. They want to rob us. They are going to shoot. Run. Get around the barn. Oh, look at these nice little children in the cage. Why it is that nasty old witch at her gingerbread house getting ready to bake them in her oven. She really shouldn't do

things like that Well lets see what is across this bridge. More trolls. Hiding in the fog this time. Maybe we can get past them in the fog before they see us. Now lets follow the dance music. It is an old Victorian dance hall with four ghosts dancing. I wouldn't want to dance with anything that looked like that. Well at least we can get some friendly hospitality at the Borden house. Lizzy, put down that ax right now or we are leaving. OK, we are out of here. Now it is time for that hot chocolate before the drive home.

I hope everyone who came out to help had enjoyed themselves and got plenty to eat. We had a good time at the kitchen after we closed each night. And we had a special hay ride for the workers after the first Fridays performance. I appreciate everything each of you did to help, especially the things that I never even found out about. It take a lot of pressure off to know that we have so many good volunteers who are willing to pitch in and get the job done for the Village. Thanks again to each and every one of you. Carolyn

1998 CELTIC FESTIVAL

We will be having our first annual Celtic Festival September 18, 19 and 20. The festivities begin with a ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) on Friday evening. Come and enjoy lots of entertainment and food, or try step dancing. All in all it will be an eventful evening as we kick off the first annual Caesar's Creek Celtic Festival.

On Saturday and Sunday enjoy the sounds of traditional music from area musicians and bagpipe bands. Watch the border collies as they demonstrate their herding skills. Talk to the soldiers of different Highland and British regiments. Visit the clan booths to find out more about your Celtic ancestors. Watch as some of the finest Irish and Scottish dancers perform.

There will be lots of re-enactors, craftsmen and vendors, so come and have a wonderful time. We need volunteers and donations. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

The lady chairing this new festival is Rebecca Marmora.

FUTURE PLANNING

By Rebecca Marmora

Our mission statement includes three functions: Preservation, Education and Collection. I have broken down these three functions into six committees that will work to fulfill our mission statement.

I. Preservation

A. Buildings & Grounds Committee

1. Contact construction & preservation contractors
2. Oversee preservation & all improvements of all houses, barns outbuildings, sheds and other physical features
3. Work with contractor & grant writer to design and fund a Visitor's Center and Museum.
4. Determine need of "Rent-A-Cabin" program & follow through
5. Improve grounds & landscaping
6. Remove or replace existing Fences

I. Education

A. Staff/Membership/Marketing Committee

1. Evaluate needs for future staffing
2. develop budgets for staffing
3. develop projects for interns and volunteers
4. Review and improve volunteer programs
5. Contact Americorp, Vista, etc.
6. Organize and implement annual membership campaign
7. Increase local and non-local advertising
8. Continue newsletter to the membership
9. Develop newsletter for the community on an annually, semi-annually or quarterly basis.
10. Organize and continue collaborative efforts with the State, CVB's, Chambers, other historic organizations, etc.

A. Programs Committee

1. Review programs & recommend changes.
2. Enhance the educational aspect of all programs.
3. Work with the Junior's Committee to coordinate

children's programs to coincide with our events.

A. Junior's Committee

1. Organize Junior Historical Society.
2. Organize & implement children's programs to coincide with events.
3. Review & improve School Days program.
4. Develop further children's programs: plays, etc.

A. Primitive Farming Committee

1. Organize & implement primitive farming program
2. Work with Building & Grounds Committee to help improve the grounds.

I. Collection

A. Donations & Accouterments Committee

1. Review nature & extent of all donations.
2. Review storage facilities.
3. Decide & implement outcome of all donations/collections.
4. Contact professionals for preservation needs.
5. Decide which furnishings and accouterments, including clothing, fit our time period.
6. Evaluate need & obtain furnishings, accouterments & equipment.

After these committees have been formed they will individually hold an initial meeting to evaluate CCPV needs. They will meet monthly to begin setting objectives to meet those needs. After two meetings, the Chair of each committee should meet with the grant writer to form The Strategic Plan Evaluation Committee. This committee of seven will visit many historic sites (paid for by a planning grant) including Conner Prairie, Ft. Niagara, Ft. George, Bushy Run, Prickett's Fort, Mansker's Station, Scoenbrunn, Roscoe Village, Ft. Laurens, Plymouth Plantation and Williamsburg. During these visits, committee chairs can speak to directors about the needs of CCPV. We can ask for copies of grants that site has written. We can talk to them about their strategic plans. We can develop new ideas for Preservation, Education, and collection that we have never thought of before. The

Strategic Plan Evaluation Committee should also meet once a month (these meetings can be held in a resaurant on the way to or from an historic site) until a strategic plan is written and approved. Then they should meet every six months to evaluate and amend the strategic plan.

If we decide that any of these committees is not needed at the moment, or is not as urgently needed as another, and we do not form that committee, then how will the needs that committee would have addressed find their way into our strategic plan? Someone will have to be responsible so why not set up the committee? Also - we need every committee to fulfill our mission statement; therefore by not setting up these committees we are failing our mission!

[Editor's note: Please contact Administrator Kevin Hurt ASAP if you are interested in being on any of these committees.]

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Githens House:

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Harrias House Country Store:

Rick Duvelius & John Coffeen

Hatfield House:

Glen & Helen Rhoads

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Right Side: Jan Campbell
Left Side: Mic Richards

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Michael C. Smith & Stan R. Wallace

Luken's House:

Rick Rhodes & Colleen Wegley

Mills-Taylor Saddlebag House:

Left Side: Billy Howard

Schoolhouse:

Charlotte Wilkie

Toll House

Anderson Corn Crib:

Bailey Gazebo:

Barbeque Building:

Blacksmith Shop:

Troy Williamson & Jack E. Bender

Breeze Building: (Restroom)

Elam Smokehouse:

Wayne Milton

Harkrader Barn:

Henpeck Coop:

Lacy Springhouse:

Don Richards

Luken's Barn:

Maggie's Coop:

Meeting House Shed:

Outdoor Oven:

Outdoor Stage:

Scales Building

Sorghum/Maple Syrup buildings:

Storer Shed:

The Head Shed:

The Herb Garden Shed:

Village Kitchen:

wood storage building:

Zoar Building

INFLUENCE OF QUAKERS IN WAYNESVILLE

By Milton Cook. Presented to Waynesville Historical Society October 15th, 1997.

What is Quakerism

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakerism) arose in England at about the time that the Commonwealth government was inaugurated and the Puritans began their Revolution. The movement spread quickly under the powerful leaven of George Fox's preaching and example. George Fox was the Founder of Quakerism.

Fox, the son of a weaver, had a vigorous Spirit and Spoke out fearlessly against the artificiality and the unchristian interpretations that seemed to encrust True Christianity. The early Quakers were opposed, as are Quakers today, to the materialistic element in religion all ritual and ceremony seemed a hindrance to true worship. God was revealed to Quakers by an "inner light" and by spiritual or mystic perception. And, Quakers believed that excessive emphasis was being placed on the Bible as the "Word of God"

The Bible was their Guide, but not their sole resource. The magistrates found Quakers especially troublesome because of their lack of respect in their determination not to blaspheme by taking oaths. Because they tell the truth always, Quakers affirm what they say to be true. Quakers wondered if you swore on a Bible did that mean when you take your hand off the Bible it was okay to not tell the truth.

Some tenants of Quakerism:

The Religious Society of Friends holds as the basis of its faith the belief that the seed of God is in every human being. God leaves no one without witness, but gives the light of Divine Truth and Presence to people of all classes and races.

The manifestation of God in Humanity was most fully exemplified in Jesus of Nazareth. The Divine Spirit became so wholly Jesus' own that his teaching, example and sacrificial life are inspiring revelations in humanity of the Will of God.

As we become Conscious of the same Sprit within ourselves (the "inner light" or "Christ within") and as we submit ourselves to its leading, we also are enabled to lie in conformity to the will of our Heavenly Creator.

Because the Society of Friends believes that which is divine lies deeper than words, it has no formal creed.

Friends believe in a Continuing Revelation of God's will and nature. Hence, Quakerism is not static and does not feed upon man-made creeds.

Friends believe that no rite, sacrament, or mediator is a necessary condition for worship. All that is necessary is a seeking spirit on the part of the worshipper.

Integrity and simplicity are characteristics of Right Living

(They only looked for positive qualities, the good in each person).

Friends have learned that there is no infallible Person, no infallible Book, no infallible Church. We have learned that creed is not separable from Conduct, that a mans religion is not that which he professes, but that which he lives. Quakerism has been called the Living Faith. The principle of equality of sexes has been practiced since the earliest beginnings of Quakerism.

Quakers transact their business by a united decision under Divine Guidance, going beyond Majority Rule, and striving to reach its conclusions in a spirit of reasonableness and forbearance. In Quaker tradition if you speak twice, your first thoughts were not very well thought through, so only speak once per issue.

Quakerism was an insurrection against the bondage of externals. It was a revolution turning men's hearts from systems back to sources. It proclaimed the equality of all men before God and did away with special privileges of kingcraft and hierarchy. It did not drag down the king, nor degrade the Priest. It leveled by elevating men and women up to the level of kingship and priesthood - the high level where men and women may walk erect in the glad consciousness that they are the sons and daughters of God.

The Traditional meeting for Worship

Quaker meeting houses are as plain and simple as the doctrine preached in them. No alter will be seen, no lighted tapers, no cross, no baptismal font, no mural tablets, no stained glass windows, no organ will be heard, no choir boys, no doxology, no call to prayer, no flags, and no collection will be taken up. Benches are used instead of pews.

Silence is the great Quaker Word. Quaker meetings are traditionally held on the basis of a living, expectant silence. *Out of silent waiting for the Spirit to make itself heard comes the Spoken Word, uttered for the help of those present.*

Quaker Structural Organization

First Step: Volunteer Indulged, or Worship Group. Meetings for worship, but no business meeting

Second Step: Preparative meeting. Meetings for worship and keeping minutes of business meeting, but not able to certify marriages or other official business.

Third Step: Monthly Meeting. Able to perform all functions of Quaker meeting.

Quarterly Meeting (group of monthly meetings in the same region) - meets 3 times a year.

Yearly Meeting - 2 or more Quarterly meetings, meets yearly.

Early National Influences

William Penn set up the Pennsylvania experiment, producing the only treaty with the Native Americans not to be broken. Thomas Jefferson used this as a model for the United States Constitution.

Also witness to Religious Freedom against Puritans in New England where Mary Deyer was hanged for preaching against State Religion.

Influence of Quakers in Waynesville, Ohio

I begin with a quote from the journal of Sir Francis Bailey, who accompanied Samuel Heighway to Waynesville in 1797. "The town is laid out at right angles, nearly on Penns' plan." Heighway was not a Quaker, but he saw value in other Quaker work in the planning of Philadelphia.

First Quakers to arrive in Waynesville were Abijah Oneall, Robert Kelley, James Mills and their families. They came from the Bush River Meeting in Union, South Carolina and settled near Waynesville April 25, 1800.

They were the beginnings of a great migration unique in history in that those migrating did so not to improve their own situation, but instead to show their concern for the black slaves. They freed their slaves (sold them to NC ym), sold their land and possessions for about half its fair market

value, and loaded their wagons. They set out through the wilderness to the land that was free in the Northwest Territory, over the mountains and rivers up what is now I-75.

About 18,000 Quakers left the south from 1800 to 1810. This was the beginning of the Underground Railroad.

First a volunteer meeting was held at homes after the first Quakers arrived. They began recording minutes on April 26, 1801 at Rowland and Cyndia Richards house. Twelve families represented consisting of 24 parents and 47 children in the center of the block formed by North, 4th, Miami, and 3rd streets. Became a preparative meeting September 25, 1802.

All came through mm Westland PA Redstone Q.M., and Baltimore Y.M.

The first meeting house was a small log cabin located at 4th and High Streets that was built in 1803.

Miami Monthly Meeting was started October 13, 1803. By February 1, 1807 the Miami Meeting had 1867 members. Its boundaries were the Hocking River to the east, the Ohio River to the south, and no boundary to the north or west. In 1805 a new log cabin Meeting House was built. It measured 30' x 30' and had no stove because Charity Cook felt a stove would be worldly.

Miami Quarterly Meeting was formed in 1809. There was a need for a larger Meeting House in Waynesville.

In 1811 the white brick Meeting House was built. It is 40' x 80' and was constructed as a 2-storey building in the late 1860's. It was made into a single open building with balconies. It remained this way until the 1960's when the women's side was remodeled for First Day school classes. In early times men met on one side and women on the other, then the shutters would be opened and a joint meeting held.

The meeting had a great influence on the Underground Railroad. Several different family homes served as stations on the Underground Railroad.

Those were located in Fosters, Harveysburg, Springboro, and Richmond, Indiana, as well as in Waynesville.

Friends believed in equality for the Indians as well as blacks. They sent representatives to help the Indians adjust to the white man's ways. They served at reservations at Wapakoneta and later when the Indians were moved to Kansas.

Friends have always believed in educating our children. The Meeting House was used

as the first school. When the White Brick was built in 1811 Quakers also built a school which was open to all children of the area of any religion, blacks and Indians. Friends boarding home has also served as boarding for single teachers at times. I would like to share a quote from my distant cousin Wilson Doan from the Centennial of Miami Monthly Meeting October 13, 1903: "We spend more for Arms and preparations for War than for higher Education of our youth."

We have continued this commitment to Education by recently sponsoring the Peer Meditation Program in the Middle School.

The Quaker Cemetery across High Street was the first organized cemetery in Wayne Township. Friends were buried as they died and not in plots. Keeping with the simplicity testimony, early markers were creek stones. Next were plain stones with initials and year of death only. Two Revolutionary War soldiers are buried here, showing Quaker tolerance.

Since Quakers were one of the first to standardize prices and so many shops in Waynesville were run by Quakers, Waynesville was a place to shop. There were weavers and hat makers who made some of the best common beaver hats. Quakers also owned some of the area mills.

Early construction was greatly influenced by Quakers. The White Brick Meeting House is the oldest west of the Alleghenies. While looking at the walking tour one sees that the older houses in town were built by Quakers. John Satterthwaite built the first bridge across the Little Miami River, as well as many other buildings in town.

Temperance has long been a Quaker witness. Great-great Grandfather Davis Furnas attended Temperance Meetings on a regular basis in the late 1800's.

Finally Waynesville became dry.

Women's right to vote was always supported by Quakers. Women were always considered equal. Laerettia Mott was an early Quaker who did much to help establish women's rights.

Since there were so many Quakers in the area Waynesville went for a long time without a jail. When one was built we see how small it is. Over the years Friends have worked with prisoners to help them help themselves. Many Friends have been teachers at the Lebanon Correctional Institute.

In 1905 Friends saw a need to provide housing for the elder Friends and opened the Friends Home. This was one of the early retirement homes in the state. In 1972 Quaker Heights Nursing Home opened.