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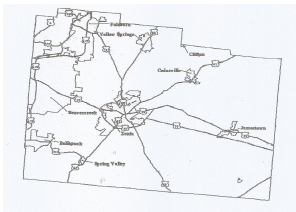
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Current board members:

Sheryl Baker, Andrew Brody,
Sandy Chubner, Ann Halder,
Carol Jenkins, Jim Langan,
Cindy Liming, Ben
Thompson, and Ann Wolf.

No meetings in January and February;
however, the office is open unless there's a
weather emergency in Greene County. Watch
the skies and the news.

My New Year Wish

May this year be
the best of any
that have ever
come to you.



Thank You to outgoing Board members
Jon Dobney and Ron Goble.
You served GCHS well, gentlemen.

Please check your mailing label for the date through which your membership is paid. If it says "Oct 2023" or before, please send in your renewal. Thanks to all who have already renewed.

Musings from the Executive Director

My husband Nick and I got to go on a Rhine River cruise in early November. It was fabulous. We traveled on the *Viking Mani* ship down the Rhine, from Basel to Amsterdam. The scenery was lovely even though it rained practically every day. Having experienced a German river valley now, I can see why my immigrant ancestors felt so comfortable settling along the Ohio River! Of course they never lived in houses like the one pictured below.

Welcome to our new members: Virginia Hannon of Peoria IL, Steve & Rachel Testa of Xenia, and Gerry & Diane Hasen of Beavercreek. We are glad to have you!

Sympathy to the families and friends of Phil Stivers and David Huber, both of whom died in November. Phil, aged 67, was very much interested in our military collections, and was planning to pick up volunteering again when I spoke to him last, this past September. Dave, aged 99, was a great friend of GCHS, as well as a fascinating person to talk to. In the mid 1950s, he worked at the Aero-Med lab at Wright-Patterson AFB, in G-force and weightlessness research that affected the space programs, then moved into electrical engineering. He loved trains of all kinds and sizes as well. Both these men will be missed.

Until next time, Catherine Wilson



President's Letter by Ron Goble

By the time you read this you should have a new Board President, it's been fun but time for me to go. Don't be too hard on whoever takes my place.

Work has started on the repairs to the Galloway Log House. New front step railings have been installed on the Townhouse. The cottage repaint/repair is finished as far as I can determine. The complex is looking good, thanks to the volunteers that have come forward to assist. The society still needs a custodian as that position has not yet been filled.

Railroad display committee needs some more members. I would like to see the train display upstairs continue to be run during events. We also need an electronics person to develop a system to run the trolley car on the display. It used to run back and forth between the 3rd St intersection and the Church St part of the display but that circuit has apparently failed. The old circuitry is 30 years old and the manufacturer is no longer in business. Any ideas, please contact me.

Benson and I wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





In November Catherine Leininger, Greene County Chapter OGS, told about the Civil War Burials Project.



Bob Ford came in December to regale us with holiday-themed music and stories.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers!
We appreciate those who help throughout the year.

Excerpts from the Past

Xenia Daily Gazette, 22 May 1886: Mrs Angeline Casey, who was drowned in the flood, was 70 years old the 15th day of last March. Among her effects was found this memorandum: "This is my 67th birthday, I baked 61 pies, 2 Jelly rolls, 1 chocolate cake, 1 Sponge cake, and 2 fruit cakes. How is that for my 67th birthday, and I never enjoyed better health." The cooking was done at Sanborn's restaurant. [Sanborn's restaurant was at the Little Miami Railroad depot, associated with Ohmer's Hotel, according to the 1881 Xenia city directory; this is now near the bike hub on South Detroit at Miami Ave.]

Xenia Daily Gazette, 11 March 1892: Bob Wilson is taking lessons on the bicycle. He is as graceful as a goose at a barn yard lunch. [How descriptive! Robert B. Wilson (1872-1918) was born in Cedarville Township, became a Presbyterian minister, and moved to Illinois, where he died of typhoid. His wife returned to Greene Co. after his death, and they are buried at Tarbox Cemetery near Cedarville.]

Research Information Requested

Bob Ford, musician & storyteller who gave our December program, is looking for information on Black farmers in Greene County, past or current. If you know any persons of color who are or were farmers, please contact him at bobfordmusic@gmail.com.

GCHS Calendar

January-February 2024

Office hours all month: Tuesday-Friday noon to 4 PM; Saturday noon to 3:30 PM
No meetings in January or February.

Tuesday, 2 January: Full board meeting, 4:30 PM

Sunday, 21 Jan: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM

Tuesday, 6 February: Executive Committee meeting, 4:30 PM

Sunday, 18 Feb: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM

Sunday, 25 Feb: DAR essay awards, 2-4 PM

Thursday, 29 Feb: Leap Year Day

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month for publication in the next issue.

Railroad Display Committee meets on Thursday evenings at about 6 PM.

Carriage House Quilters meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

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