

Newsletter

August and September 2009

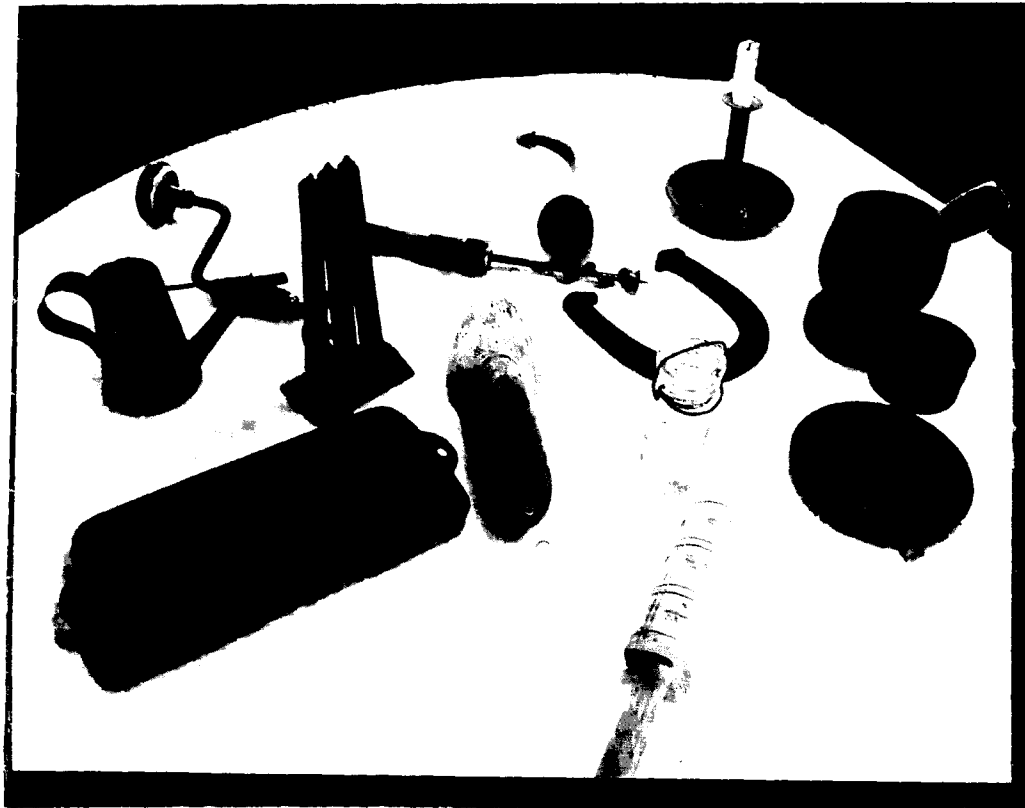
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Can you guess the name and use of each item above?
Read page three for the answers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MON. AUGUST 3 -- 9 to 12, Moving day, Dryer House
THURS. AUG. 6 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the
New Albany Library. Hostess: Naomi Fodor.
MON. Aug. 10 -- 9 to 12, Moving day, Dryer House
TUES. Aug. 25 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting at Starbucks
THURS. SEPTEMBER 3 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the
Library. Hostesses: Kim & Sharon.
TUES. Sept. 8 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting
TUES. Sept. 15 -- Newsletter Deadline
TUES. Sept. 22 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting
FRI. & SAT., Sept. 25 & 26 -- Yard Sale at Dryer place
THURS. OCTOBER 1 -- 6 p.m. Wiener Roast
SAT. Oct. 10 -- HARVEST THE ARTS FESTIVAL

NEWS OF INTEREST

Once again, we are indebted to **David Cline** for cleaning up & trimming around the Dryer House, and generally keeping an eye on the place.

Norma Gorsuch has given us some antique lace curtains (from her mother and grandmother) and some Ealy china. Thanks, Norma.

The daughters of **Kim and Duane Cathell** have been causing excitement lately: **Kayley** and her husband have produced the first grandchild, a healthy little boy, and **Kristen**, who is in the Intelligence branch of the Navy, is on her way to Afghanistan.

Kathy Yager's daughter **Kristin** graduated from Ohio Dominican college this past spring.

Willow Otten, age 9, has already begun to bring glory to our ranks by winning 3 ribbons in the 4-H sewing competitions at the Franklin County Fair.

Our thoughts are with **Ed Holter**, who is seriously ill, and with **Helen** and their daughter and grandchildren as they continue to care for him.

ANSWERS FOR INQUIRING KIDS

As part of the 4-day "Inquiry Kids" camp in early June, some of us were invited to present informative historical material to elementary school children. Teachers were remembering the great success of our tours for 4th-graders through the Kern-Harrington House a few years back, and especially how much the kids enjoyed seeing old tools and guessing what they were used for. So Theresa Kempker, in an old fashioned dress & bonnet, asked the students to identify the following antique objects: a candle mold, a tallow pourer, a candlestick, a whale-oil lamp, an iron corn-stick pan, a powder horn, a mortar & pestle, a glass canning jar with glass lid, a horseshoe, a wooden shoemaker's last, a springerle rolling pin, and a brace & bit. The questions and answers were videotaped for future use in the school. The most popular segments were the action ones, when Theresa demonstrated how to use the mortar & pestle and the brace & bit, and then let the kids take turns using these tools themselves.

Secondly, Catherine Saveson did a presentation about quilts, first displaying her great-great-grandmother's oak leaf-and-acorn appliqué quilt made & signed in 1858 by Elizabeth Haymaker when she was only 11 years old. The children enjoyed finding the various designs worked into the quilting and admired the tiny stitches. Then Cath brought out little squares of material for the children to try sewing an appliqué themselves. All this was videotaped also.

Thirdly, our friend Daniel Thompson brought along three display cases of his Indian tools, points, arrowheads, etc., and told all about them. As we know from the program he gave us last year, these were all found on the Thompson family farm. Daniel has made quite a study of them and was able to give the children a lot of history. Again, this was videotaped to be used in the school next year. Quite a project! The teachers in charge of this program are to be commended: Mrs. Norman, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Cullinan. Ronda Anderson was helping, too. Thanks to all, & we hope to be able to see some of the footage next year.

St. ALBAN

St. Alban was the protomartyr, that is, the first martyr of Christian Britain. While that much is known, many of the other details of his life have been lost over time, or have been supplanted by legend. Yet he still remains such an important saint in England today that there is a move to have St. Alban replace St. David as the patron of the country, and numerous churches and towns around the world are named after this saint. In fact, not far from New Albany, in Licking County, there is a St. Albans township, named by Noble Landon, one of the founders of New Albany. He named the township after the town of St. Albans, Vermont, his former abode. So, who was St. Alban?

Alban lived sometime between the third and early fourth centuries. He was a pagan Briton who probably joined the Roman army. He lived near the Roman town of Verulamium, northwest of London. One day, a Christian priest stopped at his home to hide from the Romans. The man was so good and kind that Alban took instruction from him and converted to Christianity himself. The authorities heard rumors that a priest was at Alban's house. When they came to search the house, Alban threw the priest's cloak over himself to try to save the cleric. Alban was arrested and taken to the governor, who made him remove the cloak (or the cloak fell away). He was recognized, and the governor was furious that he was fooled. The governor demanded that he pray and sacrifice to the Roman gods or be executed. Alban refused to deny his faith, instead praying, "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things." Some accounts say that Alban was tortured, but still refused to deny his faith.

Many legends surround his execution. One says that on his way to the hilltop to be executed, a river had to be crossed. The bridge was full of people, and crossing was proceeding slowly. Alban was in a hurry to receive the martyr's crown, so he asked God to part the river, much as Moses had parted the Red Sea.

Alban, along with the executioner and the rest of the crowd, crossed the dry riverbed, whereupon the river resumed flowing. The executioner was so amazed that he refused to behead Alban, and, by the time the top of the hill was reached, had converted to Christianity himself. He was executed after Alban, thus becoming the second martyr of Christian England.

-- Theresa Kempker

NOBLE LANDON, St. ALBANS, ALBANY, & NEW ALBANY

According to John Saveson's account in the booklet **HISTORIC NEW ALBANY: PEOPLE AND PLACES**, Noble Landon was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1783, but at an early age moved to the town of St. Albans in northern Vermont. He came to Licking County in 1810, and named the township where he settled for his "native place, St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont," according to **Our Early Times**, a Newark publication.

Meanwhile, according to John Saveson in the booklet **FOUNDERS OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO**, the city of Albany, New York, figured in Noble's life. He would have passed through it or near it en route from Vermont to Ohio, and one of his brothers operated a hotel in Albany during the time when Noble built his own hotel and, with William Yantis, platted the town of New Albany, Ohio (1837). Thus, the name of New Albany (doubtless chosen by Noble Landon himself) was most likely inspired by the name of Albany, New York, while at the same time it was reminiscent of that similar-sounding name of St. Albans.

GIFTS FROM FLORENCE BEVELHYMER

We have recently received some very old maps of the Pataskala area, a number of scrapbooks of local historical interest, and typed copies of her own autobiography from Florence Bevelhymer.

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING of JUNE 4

The meeting was held at the New Albany Library and was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Kim Cathell.

There were 15 members present.

Helen Pestel presented the treasurer's report. Betty Maynard made a motion to accept the report, seconded by David Cline; all present were in favor.

The June meeting was the summer cookout/potluck dinner at the Savesons' barn. There was no official meeting and no minutes were recorded.

The secretary was absent so the president read the minutes of the May meeting as printed in the June and July newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes, as read, was made by Helen Pestel, seconded by Kathy Yager; all present were in favor.

There was a \$218.00 profit from the Founders' Day boutique and bake sale. But, the Franklin County Board of Health arrived on the scene and inspected the bake sale. On the spot, the society had to pay a \$25.00 fee (fine) for a permit to continue the bake sale since the donated baked goods did not have listed ingredients on them. It seems that any home baked goods put out for sale must have all the ingredients, used in their preparation, listed for any purchaser to see. So, there's extra work for anyone who, out of the kindness of their hearts, agrees to bake something homemade for a fair or celebratory event of any kind.

The annual Yard Sale is planned for September 4-5, at the Rose Taylor Dryer House on Walnut Street. Volunteers to "man the fort" are requested. (Date later changed to Sept. 25 + 26.)

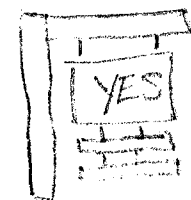
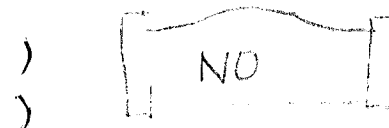
Thinking ahead to the Harvest the Arts Festival in the fall, we need to begin saving cast-off hats, shirts, old stockings, and knee high stockings for the making of scarecrows and rag dolls. We have a mountain of leftover blue jeans from last year. We are also in need of

any color of candle wax and used candles and old metal cans to do the candle-dipping activity. The cans need to be about the size of the old 3 lb. coffee cans or # 10 cans.

) If we have to list the ingredients of our food, think about the bake sale, apple butter sale and the soup and sandwiches sale that we have had in the past at the festival. Do we still want to carry on with these activities?

Has anyone gone to look at work done by "Inspired Spaces, Landscape and Design"? The Executive Board would like to recommend using this company to produce the brick sidewalk from the Ealy House steps to the leisure trail in front of the house. They have given NAPHHS an estimate of \$2,625.00 to do the work. Helen Pestel made a motion that we proceed with this bid, as long as the contractor provides a detailed drawing of the final work. This was seconded by Naomi Fodor. A hand vote was taken: 6-for, 7-against, motion died. Discussion will continue.

Next question: Who's in favor of having a sign to mark the existence of the museum? There were 9 votes in favor. What shape? Should it be like the sign on Market Street which advertises the Library? NO. Should it be like the hanging shingles sign on Main Street which showed the old Bath and Bodyworks business? YES. This design would tend to be a little higher off the ground, so the information would not be obscured by pretty flowers planted below it. On several shingles we could show the name of the museum, hours of operation, and special events planned for the community.



There has been a new bid presented for repairs to the RTD House roof, soffits, and overhang. The bid is from Scott Clark Construction (John Shockey's son-in-law). It is not for a complete replacement of the roof on the main part of the house but to "repair and paint what's missing or rotted". With cleanup after the repairs included, the bid is

for \$2,825.00 and will be funded by a grant from the village of \$5000.00, given specifically for work on the RTD House. Robert Dean made a motion to accept this bid, seconded by Betty Maynard, and accepted by a yes vote of 10 hands.

In her will, Donna Parri~~ll~~ left funds to donate a memorial bench like the ones at the VFW facility in Gahanna, to be placed in the yard of the Ealy House Museum. Ed Ferris, from the village staff, suggests putting the bench in the SW corner of the lot (in the backyard, left corner) on a "hardscape" (a solid surface). Discussion ensued as to what the bench would look like, and to maybe put it in the front yard, NE part of the yard, near the walk, or the leisure trail, or the trees. Nothing final was decided except to leave this discussion until after the front walk is completed and people can go to the VFW Hall to get an idea of what kind of bench Donna had in mind.

A letter was sent to the society from the NA Police Dept. asking us to join their "Crime Awareness for Businesses" group; kind of like a Block Watch Program. We agreed that it is a good idea.

Here are some bits of sad news. Dan Mooney, Florence Bevelhymer's guardian, died almost 2 weeks ago. Gene Mayer died this past winter. Ed Holter has been moved into a nursing home in the Minerva Park area.

As federal government expenses are being scaled back staffs are being cut or eliminated in some offices. Marty S. made a motion that she and John complete and send in the paperwork to apply for a National Registry historical marker for the Ealy House, before there are no staff people to process the paperwork. This was seconded by Kathy Y. and the motion carried.

Marty S. brought up the subject of a decision made to stop publishing the minutes of each monthly meeting in our bimonthly newsletter. There was a great deal of discussion about the value of printing the minutes, before corrections could be made by the members who were present, and the minutes being officially accepted at the next meeting. The point was made that only the corrected minutes should be printed and read by those receiving the newsletter,

but that could be 2 to 3 months after the fact; really old news for those of us who may have to miss an occasional meeting and would like to be kept informed within a shorter time frame. Many of the members present want to continue the way this has been done in the past. Print the minutes, make corrections at the next official meeting, and vote to accept the minutes with corrections, and go on with meeting at hand.

John S. made a motion to include the minutes of each meeting in the newsletter. This was seconded by Marty and with a hand vote the motion carried.

The discussion then turned to the executive board wanting to see and approve the contents of the newsletter before it is given to the printer. This sometimes would be very difficult, due to lack of time to put it together in its final form, when the articles to be printed are delivered to Marty only a day or so before it goes to print. Up until now, Marty has done a satisfactory job turning out the newsletter. The members who live a long distance away or are infirm and unable to attend the meeting have the same right to get the news, uncensored by the board, as do the people who live close but choose not to attend the meetings but still want to keep up with what's happening.

John S. made a motion that Marty has a free hand in the publishing of the newsletter. This was seconded by Theresa Kempker and by a hand vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

As usual, delicious refreshments were provided by our hostesses of the evening: Liz Feichter and Marty Saveson.

Submitted by: Kathy Yager, secretary pro tempore

MOVING STUFF TO THE EALY HOUSE

Please join us at the Dryer House on two Mondays, Aug. 3 & Aug. 10. Come early, with your car or truck. We'll be starting with the smaller things.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETINGS
of June 9, June 22, & July 28**

Ealy House -- We are waiting for "a couple of adjustments" to the architect's drawing, & then the back porch & ramp plans are to go to the ARB in September.

Dryer House -- the repairs for which the Society voted will be made "as soon as the carpenter's present job is done."

Newsletter policy discussed; brought to Society at July 2 meeting.

Harvest the Arts and Yard Sale discussed in detail.

PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

A reminder: keep on saving the following items for Harvest the Arts (Oct. 10): large-size coffee cans & other commercial food-size cans, for melting wax. Also, small canning jars (pints and half-pints). Also, we need hats & long-sleeved shirts and old pantyhose for the scarecrows.

PLANNING FOR THE YARD SALE

Keep the dates of September 25 & 26 free to help with our big Yard Sale, to be held on the grounds of the Dryer House. Almost anything will be accepted for the sale, except clothing.

SAD NEWS

Longtime Historical Society member **Eugene Mayer** died on March 10 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. His service was held in the Franklin United Brethren Church on March 14th. Gene was 92. We send our condolences to his wife, Marion.

Dan Mooney, who was Florence Bevelhymer's long-time friend and her legal guardian, died unexpectedly on June 19 at the age of 66. He leaves his widow, Sandra, a brother, and 2 daughters. As far as we know, Florence is still in a care center in Normal, Illinois.

TREASURER'S REPORT for May/June 2009

<u>Income</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Cat's Meows (8 sold by NA Alumni; 5 by Society)	\$ 220.00	
Memberships (Monica Morgan L; Bobo, Martin & Folk Y)	\$110.00	20.00
Founders Day (Boutique \$33.25; Bake Sale \$184.75)	218.00	
Pamphlets	7.25	5.75
Dickendeshier Memorial	100.00	670.00
Fodor Memorial		70.00
Return of ARB Fee	300.00	
Checking Interest	<u>2.18</u>	<u>2.40</u>
Total Income	\$ 957.43	\$768.20

<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP - (Ealy \$73.41, \$21.63; RTD \$4.94, \$4.94)	\$ 78.35	26.50
AT&T	21.54	21.50
Brink's		107.50
Columbus-City Treasurer Ealy Water & Sewer	25.85	
New Albany Architectural Review Board	300.00	
Treasurer State of Ohio VFIRS	100.00	
Print Xpress (newsletter)		55.00
David Beatty - Ely House front porch & steps		<u>8,850.00</u>
Out the Ordinary (purchase of 13 Cat's Meows)	<u>130.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 655.74	\$9,061.00

May 1st Balance	\$ 27,972.23
Income	1,725.67
Expenses	9,716.82
June 30 th Balance	\$19,981.08
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
18 Month CD Balance 2.47% Annual Int.	5,541.37
Vanguard Fund Balance 03/31/09	13,851.64
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 03/31/08	46,383.52
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 03/31/08	31,995.74
Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer	

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