

Newsletter

June, July, & August 2014
New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



Cecil and Arloia Walton
on their wedding day, December 3, 1942

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAYS AT THE EALY HOUSE -- Usually 9:30-12:00, but it's a good idea to call first (Ealy House phone no. is 855-9861).

ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC

THURS. JUNE 5, 6 p.m., at Savesons' barn, 8370 Clouse Road. The Board will provide several main dishes. Everyone else please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Iced tea, lemonade, and ice water will be provided. Please bring your own table service (extras will be available).

All members are urged to come, and guests will be welcome. For more information, call Marty Saveson at 855-9809.

FRIDAY JULY 4 -- INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN NEW ALBANY-- The parade may or may not include our Society's horse-drawn antique spring wagon, depending on whether we can get the wheels repaired.

The Ealy House will be open for tours from 2 to 4 p.m. See the local paper for details about the fireworks and other events sponsored by the Events Board.

SAT. JULY 12 -- 9:30 a.m. Tour of Hanby House in Westerville, followed by a short Society meeting in the Hanby meeting room. We will do some car-pooling. Hanby House is on West Main St., just west of Grove St., and across the road from Towers Hall. There is a parking place behind the Hanby House, on Center St. Call Marilyn Regrut (797-4490) or Marty Saveson (855-9809) to sign up. Admission is \$3.50 (or \$2.50 for seniors).

THURS. AUGUST 1 -- 7 p.m. -- Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station.

SAT. & SUN. AUG. 16 & 17 -- Harlem Township Days in Center Village. Our Society has been invited once again to have a booth and to display our Heritage Quilt. The Harlem Tshp. Historical Society always puts on an impressive spread of displays and live events, including a Civil War encampment re-enactment.

MON. AUG. 18 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. SEPT. 4 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at Fire Station

TO ARLOIA WALTON

This issue is dedicated to Arloia Walton, who, as many of you remember, was a driving force of this organization from its beginning in 1975. Even now, at the age of 93 and living far away in Georgia, she contributes historical information to our Newsletter and inspires us to keep going. Her boxful of family files is an important source of local history in our Ealy House office. At our suggestion she has written for us a brief account of her life and sent us some photos to illustrate it.

DEEP ROOTS and HAPPY DAYS:

The Life of Arloia Baughman Walton

There is great pride in being a fifth-generation descendant of Adam and Sevilla Baughman. In 1803 the couple, with one child, traveled from Washington County, Pennsylvania, to central Ohio. They settled on some of the land in the southwest quarter of Plain Township owned at that time by John Huffman, who, in 1802, had bought 4000 acres from Dudley Woodbridge for 4000 gallons of Monongahela whisky. (Woodbridge had obtained the land from the Federal Government in 1800 in exchange for many warrants which he had bought from Revolutionary War veterans.) Huffman divided the land into parcels, which he sold off to settlers, including the Baughmans. The site was chosen because it was plain, had good water (Rocky Fork Creek), and plenty of wildlife. Adam and Sevilla's log cabin was used for religious meetings and schooling as the population grew.

My parents, Arby Earl Baughman and Carrie Madge Benedict, had lost their son at 18 months of age. I was born several years later, on May 3, 1921. My birth home was located at 21 High Street in New Albany. It was an 1860 8-room frame house that was built by an undertaker and his wife. Their daughter had died at age 18 and a request was made that I bear her name. Mother was also fond of a little girl named Eyssel Stump. Thus, my name became Arloia Eyssel Baughman, which was very hard to learn to write.

In 1927 I began first grade. A little boy gave me a valentine depicting a man painting a billboard with the words "I love you." I told this story many times, with Cecil Walton always adding, "My mother made me do it!" We attended the same school, in the same building, for twelve years.

Cecil enlisted in the Army Air Corps when we entered World War II, and later invited me to his cadet graduation. This 21-year-old small-town girl rode a train from beautiful Ohio to Mesa, Arizona.

Everything was brown desert, 6-foot-tall thorny cacti, huge gorgeous stone formations, and mountains. It was here, on December 3, 1942, that my high school sweetheart received a 2nd-Lieutenant commission and his pilot wings, AND we were married. Life began for me as a military officer's spouse. We welcomed Elinda Lou in 1943 and Danny Lee in 1946. Our navy son died in 1976 in Holy Locke, Scotland.

Cecil was assigned to 22 bases and we lived in 8 states, Alaska before statehood, and Germany. In Germany I enrolled in a branch of the University of Maryland, where my German language classes proved to be a disaster. Shopping was still done, however, by pointing and showing the German mark currency.

Retirement from the Air Force was magical. After 25 years of marriage, Mary Elizabeth was born. With the desire to continue to fly and travel, we purchased an airplane. We took trips to Tulip City, Michigan, to New England states in the fall, and to wondrous western states. It was also very pleasant to travel to small airports throughout Ohio for lunch. Best of all was living back in New Albany.

In 1974, the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society was formed. I enjoyed helping to collect and preserve artifacts showing the history of the area. We undertook many different activities and projects so that students and residents could learn about their community. High school students were taken to interview and record memories of long-time residents. We also used students to model old-fashioned clothing at local assisted-living facilities.

We completed expensive and difficult renovations on three early New Albany homes and used them as museums and for storage. Fundraisers began with the writing of a booklet, "The History of New Albany: a Framework," which was then sold to the community. We also sold historically themed postcards, stationery, and pamphlets. There were live and silent auctions, raffles, yard sales, and bake sales. Additionally, salvaged materials were sold from old homes that were set to be demolished. We also delivered phonebooks to residents and sold vegetable garden produce at a roadside stand.

Other early Historical Society achievements included the introduction of several festivals and social activities. New to New Albany were the Christmas Tree Festival and the Harvest the Arts Festival, where we cooked apple butter over an open fire. Also popular was the Founders Day parade and celebration, which was (and still is) held each spring to remember the founding of New Albany in May 1837.

Now, happiness is having my loving family live in my home with me. I also enjoy watching sports, news, and weather on TV and talking by phone to old and new friends. I am most proud to be called "Mom" by 3 and "Grandma" or "Nanny" by my five granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. I also cherish the memory of being called "Babe" by my mother and daddy and loving husband of 68 years.

McDonough, Georgia, is no New Albany, Ohio, but it is a warm and beautiful place to live in at age 93. Thanks for the memories. God bless all.

-- Arlee
April 2014



ARLOIA WALTON: "A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH"

I first met Arloia Walton in 1975 when I taught at New Albany High School. To help my students learn more about history, I ran an ad in the local paper with an invitation that anyone interested in local history should come to a meeting at the high school. That evening several people showed up to discuss local history. One of the community members who showed up that evening was Arloia Walton. After a few minutes, Arloia said that she had been waiting for the right time to start an historical society for New Albany, and she began to devote countless hours of effort to do so. She had already been collecting many artifacts of local history in her and her husband Cecil's basement. If there was anyone who loved her home town, her heritage or its people more than Arlee, I can't imagine that person.

Arloia was the heart and soul of the historical society, and her enthusiasm was infectious. She was the driving force behind Founders Day and she dressed in pioneer costume and could be seen everywhere organizing and directing. In order to promote the organization she was fearless. Whether asking local businessmen and women to support historical society efforts or rolling up her sleeves to work on projects, Arloia was a force to be reckoned with. New Albany was Arloia's second love after husband Cecil, and I hope she knows how much she helped me to love it also. Thanks, Arloia.

-- Rudy Sever

AN APPRECIATION FROM NAOMI

Naomi Fodor wants us to emphasize the importance of Arlee's work in preserving the stories of many of the older members of the community. She encouraged high school students as well as our own adult members to tape-record the memories of--for example, Naomi's own mother, her cousin Walter Heischman, who was a superintendent of schools in Upper Arlington, Ethel Schleppi (our local artist), Nina Estle (wife of the much loved doctor), and many others. Arlee "knew everybody in New Albany," according to Naomi, "and she knew all the old houses. Cecil's bus route enabled him to spot exactly where all the old houses were," many of which are now long gone. "We have so much information we wouldn't have had if she hadn't done all this. Although she wasn't formally trained as a historian, still, she organized the collection of information in a valuable way."

The first event of the day was the Parade, complete with rain, sleet and hail. The Parade went on but there were fewer viewers than usual. The Historic Society float was most unusual this year. You remember our wonderful old horse-drawn wagon. We were not able to use it because the termites have done such a job on the wheels it was deemed unsafe. Alternative plan was to put the wagon on Robert Dean's historic Studebaker truck and have both the wagon and truck in the parade. It worked thanks to Robert, David Cline and Debbie Dean who loaded, decorated and transported our exhibit.

The NA 2-5 Gym was filled with wonderful historic items. Neighboring Historic Societies came (*Harlem Township and Johnstown*); individuals demonstrated crafts; rug-braiding, Marty Saveson, and knitting, Church of the Resurrection shawl ministry. Sandy Wash showed her collection of antique and vintage baby bottles, Jean Champeau brought chatelaines, Marilyn Regrut shared interesting buttons of the type used when NA was a farming community, and the NA police department was busy producing ID's for children.

The Historical Society Displayed the Heritage quilt which is an appliquéd piece of art showing old roads (named) and homes of the past, some still in existence. This always draws much interest and the original designer, Joann Windel spent much time telling people about it. The Society also displayed seven quilts which were made locally and donated to the Historic Society by family members. Old-time maps were displayed so people could find where their current residence stands. WWI artifacts including a uniform belonging to Alexander Doran were displayed. The kids liked the canteen and adults marveled at the fact that Dr. Doran's draft notifications were sent out on penny postcards.

David Cline's invented an interesting activity: "What Is It". He assembled a number of old-time artifacts, allowing people to guess the use. Correct answers were provided.

Many people volunteered time to make the Gym event a success; they included Monica Morgan, Beckie and Frank Knore, Sally Hess, the Deans, Dr. Marsh, Marty Saveson, ^{Joann} Dick Windel, Linda Honaker, and Beckie's friend Mona. Chandler Kiesel, a high school senior and a member, saved the day many times Friday and Saturday. Without his help the items from Ealy House would never have made it to the gym and back. He had the strength and stamina most of us were lacking.

Ealy House was open to the Community from 2-4PM. There was a steady stream of visitors including returning students and their families. We love to see the

students who have visited on field trips return for another look. All four floors were open and available for viewing. Our docents returned to do a great job; they include Helen Pestel, John Saveson, Catherine Saveson, Diane Goedeking, Neil Kirby and Theresa Kempker. We have two special docents who are students, Willow Otten and Meghana Ravi; they specialize in the second floor, which contains most of the toys. In addition to docent duties, Meghana entertained guests by playing music on the antique pump organ located in the second floor hall.

The success of Founders day was the result of many people helping. Members Beckie Knore and David Cline, who also serve on the Founders Day Committee, deserve much praise and credit for a successful event.

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Highlights of the General Meeting of April 3, 2014

Marilyn Regrut reported that we are still working on the sale of the Dryer House. She spoke with Joe Ciminello a few days ago, and he is working on getting a survey done. The new survey would separate the portion of the lot with the paved driveway from the Dryer House parcel. The separated portion of the parcel would then be joined to the lot with the golf course maintenance building on it.

Marilyn also reported that the City of New Albany would like to put a bike trail across the front of the Dryer House property, to connect with the bike trails on either side. The members did not see any problem with the bike trail or removing any trees involved. John Ayres moved that the Society authorize the President to sign the general warranty deed and easement documents prepared by the City, as long as the Historical Society's address is corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed the recent \$10,000 grant from the City of New Albany and which projects should be prioritized. The following items were decided upon after a lengthy discussion: Tuck pointing in the basement, Landscaping around the new parking area, repairing walls and painting the basement stairwell, repairing the basement windows, and replacing modern light fixtures.

The New Albany Realtors Association has contacted us and asked if they could do some landscaping at the Ealy House. Each year they choose a different New Albany organization to assist with landscaping. They will do approximately 60 hours of work and spend about \$1000 on materials. The work will be done on June 4 from 9 to noon. Our members were very grateful for the assistance and are looking forward to the help.

--Nancy Ferguson, Sec. pro tem

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Highlights of the General Meeting of May 1, 2014

OLD BUSINESS, Dryer Property: David Cline reported that more of the fence is down. The barn door is coming off and there are dead raccoons in the breezeway. A red fox greeted him. David and Robert will dispose of the dead animals.

EALY HOUSE

Parking area... ARB meeting at 6:50PM May 12 Members invited to attend.

Hall light fixtures shipping by May 6

Porch / ramp cleaning and sealing was discussed after presentation of two bids: Ron Davis \$ 2500, Complete Power wash & Softwash \$2400. After discussion a motion to engage Ron Davis for the work was made by Liz Feichter, Second by Robert Dean. All present voted in favor. Color options for the sealer are available; it was suggested that we choose one that will match the back porch.

Ron will also be repairing two basement windows for \$100.

Display of three ladies' weskits which date 1890-1920. The dating information was obtained by Debbie Dean and Marilyn Regrut when they attended a presentation by The Ohio State University Costume & Textiles department. Gayle Strege, curator dated the garments. Handouts shared.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Theresa Kempker and Liz Feichter.

Submitted by, Marilyn Regrut

NOTES & NEWS

RECENT TOURS -- A very enthusiastic Cub Scout troop explored the house on April 7, complete with leaders and parents.

On March 20, we showed the house to a Study Group from the Worthington Historical Society. This group of women was very well informed about old houses and impressed by our Ealy House being furnished with local antiques with good provenance. They congratulated us on having local families willing to donate their antiques. And they spoke about their Orange-Johnson House in Worthington, urging us to visit it.

On April 26, Marilyn Regrut and Debbie Dean attended a program at the OSU Historic Costume & Textiles Collection entitled "History's Closet: Teaching History Through Clothes." For example, garments were displayed which represented the development of Ready-to-Wear clothing in the early 20th century (and its importance to the growing labor force of women). Another example was how fashions during World War II were influenced by fabric shortages and by the development of new fibers such as rayon and nylon.

HENRY KEMPKER recently returned home after spending his spring semester from Heidelberg College (in Springfield, Ohio) at the original Heidelberg University in Germany.

HONEYBEES are the newest feature of the Otten/Saveson acres at the end of Clouse Road. This is partly Liam's 4-H project, but chiefly a serious ecological addition to the property and eventually a source of honey. After the barn party on Thursday, you might like to walk up the hill to see the new hives (from a safe distance).

THANKS TO OUR MEMBER JOHN O'CONNOR for putting more of our Newsletters on our website. The issues from 2005 through 2013 are now available there. Thanks again to Catherine Saveson and Willow Otten for having begun that process.

BILL RESCH has written a very interesting article on the project of removing invasive plants from the wooded areas along Rose Run Creek. Many school students have been involved in this difficult but rewarding work and they have been learning a lot about ecology and botany in the process. Look forward to reading all about it in the next issue of our Newsletter.

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society

Treasurer's Report -- March/April, 2014

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Memberships (John Fisher, John Connor & Debbie Moore, Connie Folk, and Chandler Kiesel)	\$ 30.00	\$ 14.00
Postage/Newsletter donation	10.00	
Bricks for Founders Day	100.00	
Grant from City of New Albany	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Donations from member and tour guests		<u>220.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,140.00	\$234.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP - (Ealy \$562.90, \$359.74; RTD \$6.27, \$6.31)	\$ 569.17	\$366.05
ADT Security (3 months)	107.97	
JCR Landscaping (downpayment for parking lot)	3,500.00	
United States Postal Service (PO Box rental)	56.00	
Print Xpress		43.70
Columbus Art Memorial (brick engraving)		40.50
Correction to January AT&T	10.00	
AT&T	<u>35.50</u>	<u>34.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,278.64	\$484.52
<u>March 1st Balance</u>	<u>\$ 22,932.96</u>	
Income	10,374.00	
Expenses	4,763.16	
<u>Balance April 30th</u>	<u>\$ 28,543.80</u>	
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00	
Vanguard Fund Balance 12/31/13	26,316.20	
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 12/31/13	77,857.47	
Ameriprise (3/31/14)	141,259.71 (includes 9,414.28 (6.66452%) Memorial Money)	

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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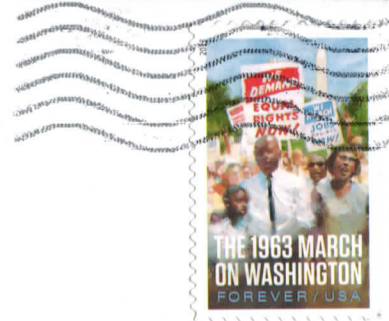
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Fri. July 4 — Ealy Open House, 2-4 p.m.

Sat. July 12 — Hanby House Tour (see p. 2)

Thurs. Aug. 7 — Society meeting at Fire Station

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