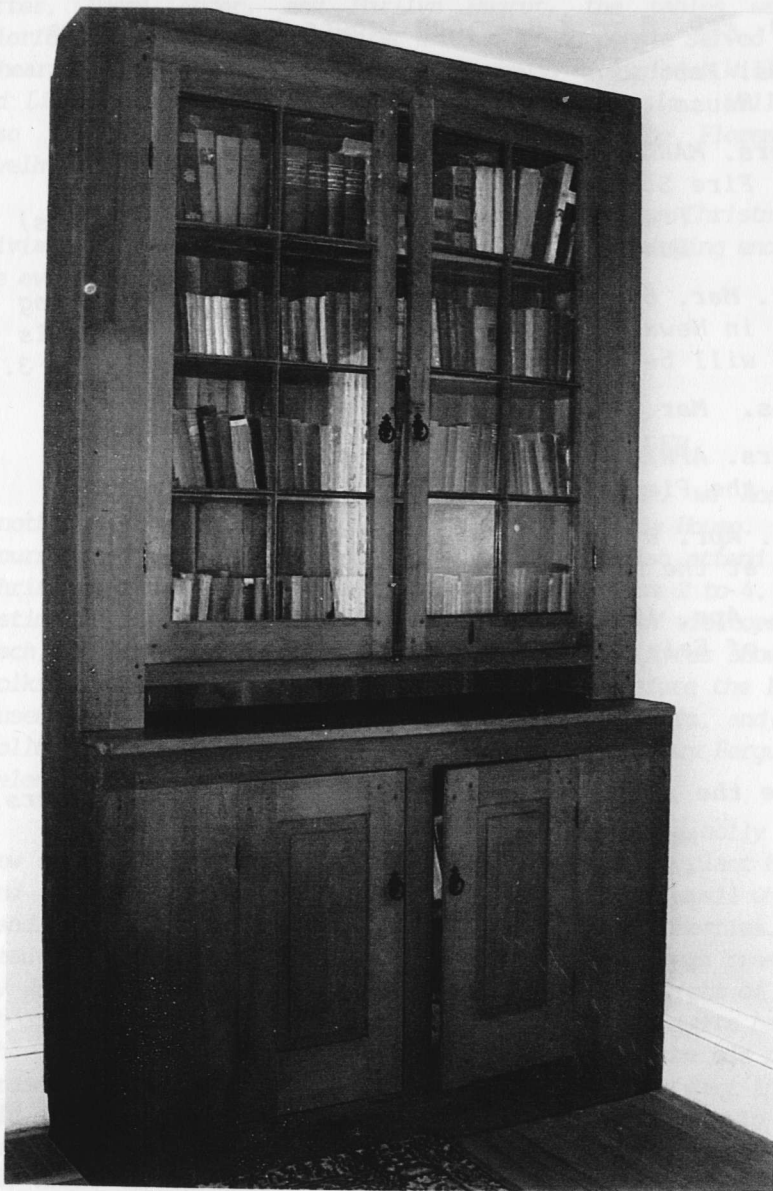


Newsletter

February and March 2011



The Goodrich Bookcase in the Ealy House Parlor

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs. FEBRUARY 3 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station.

Program: Mark Twain's Humor (readings by John Saveson)

Sun. Feb. 6 -- 2 p.m. Cub Scouts tour Ealy House

Tues. Feb. 22 -- Noon, Board Meeting at the Ealy House

Thurs. MARCH 3 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station

Program: James Thurber's Humor (readings)

Hostess: Helen Pestel

Sat. Mar. 6 -- Ohio Hist. Society Regional Meeting in Newark at the Heisey Glass Museum. Details will be given at our Society Meeting on Feb. 3.

Tues. Mar. 22 -- Newsletter deadline

Thurs. APRIL 7 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station.

Fri. Apr. 8 -- Cecil Walton Memorial Service at the N.A. Methodist Church (tentative)

Mon. Apr. 11 -- 5:30-7:30 -- Girl Scouts' tour of Ealy House & meeting (3rd-graders)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Note the following new addresses of Society members:

Norma Massie

446 Howard Gap Rd., #2
Fletcher, NC 28732

William and Pauline Resch

10055 Johnstown Road
New Albany, OH 43054

Richard and Joan Thomas

1285 Park Plaza Drive
Columbus, OH 43213

CHRISTMAS DINNER AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION

Twenty-six members participated in our festive holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Christmas-tree-adorned concourse of the New Albany Methodist church. Thanks to Sharon Carter, Naomi Fodor, and Marilyn Regrut, the tables were colorfully decorated. Jean Shafer and her young people served up a hearty, delicious meal. And our two young violinists, Willow and Liam Otten, favored us with some Christmas music. Willow also played a very special piece dedicated to Florence Bevelhimer, who would have much appreciated it.

Kathy Yager then presided over an amusing Christmas trivia game, in which everyone was a winner. Carol singing ended the evening.

EALY OPEN HOUSE A REAL CROWD PLEASER

Three days after the above Christmas dinner, we hosted another major event--a holiday Open House at the Ealy House. Our hours were 1 to 3, planned to allow people to also attend the Christmas events at the Fire Station scheduled from 2 to 4. We estimate that 60 or 70 people came. We had flocks of visitors on each of the 3 floors, with John Saveson and John Ayres showing folks around the basement (a drawing-card even before the Farm Museum was ready), Marty Saveson handling the upstairs, and the following docents on the main floor: Sine Ayres, Nancy Ferguson Helen Pestel, and Neil Kirby.

The decorations were appropriate to the 1860's: holly and yew sprays on the mantels, silvery clusters of money plant here and there, and a Christmas tree simply trimmed with small white candles, green velvet ribbons, and strings of red cranberries. A beautiful wreath of fragrant natural materials had been created by Joey Thomas for the front door. A surprise highlight of the whole event was organ music emanating from the upstairs hall, where Catherine Saveson played Christmas carols on the old pump organ. Racky Campbell had told us that his family had kept their old pump organ in that very spot. We hope Racky will come to our next open house and tell us whether our organ sounds as good as his did.

CECIL WALTON (1921-2010)

Cecil Walton was born Oct. 13, 1921, in Columbus, to Roy and Elizabeth Pickens Walton, both of whom had come from Kentucky in 1915. He was the 3rd child of 7. He was preceded in death by Roy, Ray, Paul, and Robert, but survived by his brother Don and his sister, Helen King, both of Columbus. They all grew up on a farm at 10950 Johnstown Rd. in Plain Township. "In looking back," he wrote in his memoirs, "farm life was very difficult."

"After signs of war in 1941," he continued, "I decided to become a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Upon graduation as a 2nd Lt. on Dec. 3, 1942, I received my flying wings. My first orders were to pilot B-25 Bombers and I was sent to North Africa. The rest is History."

Meanwhile, he had met Arloia Eyssel Baughman in 1st grade. "I kinda liked her," he said. They went through school together, became high school sweethearts, graduated together in 1939, and were married on Dec. 3, 1942, in Mesa, Arizona. Cecil went off to war. He describes his war experiences as follows:

"I bombed railroads and bridges in Italy and Germany, flying at 12,000 ft., which was the most effective range for German 88-millimeter guns. In 1943 I volunteered for the 83 Bomb Gp., which was sent to India to strafe (at 50 ft. or lower) Japanese supply routes coming out of China and Burma. In 1944, after 68 flight missions, I returned to the States as a Capt. and met my first-born, a girl (Elinda Lou, or "Lindy"), born Dec. 6, 1943."

After the war, Cecil returned to New Albany and his family, but then again entered the U.S. Air Corps. He and Arloia and their children lived at 21 different Air Force bases in the United States, ending with Ramstein in Germany. In 1964 he retired as a Lt.Col., and he & the family settled in New Albany again. In 1967, their third child, Mary Elizabeth ("Beth") was born. Tragically, their son, Danny Lee, died in 1977 in England at the age of only 31.

Cecil turned to several different kinds of work and many volunteer activities. He and Arloia were founding members of our Historical Society in 1975. In 2001 they moved to Georgia to be close to Beth and her husband, Chris Gansel, and daughters, Jessica and Maggie. Their older daughter, Lindy Secord, and her daughters, Shara and Shana, live in Arizona.

Arloia writes, "Cecil was a hard-working, honest and loving man with a brilliant mind. He helped make the United States of America and New Albany a better place in which to live." No better words could describe him.

-- M. Saveson

ROBERT L. GOODRICH (1919-2010)

Robert Goodrich, who died on December 12, 2010, just a month short of his 92nd birthday, spent most of his life in Plain Township. The son of William and Flora Goodrich, he grew up on a farm on Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, and graduated from the New Albany schools. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed mainly in Panama.

How he met his wife, Millie, is worth repeating from the Newsletter of December 2004:

According to Arloia Walton, "Millie met her husband-to-be at a baby shower for a mutual friend of Bob's mother and Millie's mother. Bob came to drive his mother home and offered Millie a ride to her home. The city girl and the farm boy fell in love and were married in 1950."

Bob was an active member of the VFW Post #4719 of Gahanna, a founding member of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, and a long-time member of our Historical Society. He and Millie were enthusiastic members of the Orbiting Squares squaredance club. Many of us remember the program which the Orbiting Squares put on for one of our Society meetings a few years back. Bob attended our Historical Society meetings regularly until just 2 or 3 months ago, when his health slowed him down. We all miss Bob's good-natured participation and his ready smile.

Bob and Millie Goodrich are survived by their children: Daniel (and wife Cheryl) of Marysville, Susan (& husband Keith Wilt) of New Jersey, Steven (& wife Merrilee) of Westerville, Diane (and husband Greg Myers) of New Albany, and Robert J. Goodrich of New Albany. There are also 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

-- M. Saveson

The old Goodrich House

Most of our readers remember the fine old house that Bob and Millie lived in at 3845 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, and we remember when it was moved and kept on a temporary framework until it deteriorated and had to be demolished. The history of that house can be studied in detail in our Society Newsletter #14 of Feb. 1989, written by John Saveson. Briefly, the house was built between 1837 and 1847, probably by Solomon Baughman. In 1925, Bob's father bought the house and 160 acres from Nicholas Farber. William and Flora Goodrich lived there until 1955. Meanwhile, Bob and Millie lived in a little former tenant house beside the main house "until at Christmas time 1955, they and Bob's mother decided to change houses."

One piece of that old house is still with us in the form of the bookcase pictured on our cover. Of course, it was probably not so much a bookcase as a dish cupboard in the original house. We are lucky that it fits so well in our Ealy House parlor.

More Goodrich history from John Saveson's Feb. 1989 Newsletter: "The Goodrich family has been settled in and around New Albany for many years. Among their family records are papers relating to the sale of 40 acres of Goodrich land on the east side of New Albany in 1834 to Noble Landon. In 1837, by dividing the land into lots, Noble Landon became one of two founders of the Village.

WALTER DAILY (1912-2010)

James Walter Daily was born on November 15, 1912, to Arthur and Carrie Park Daily. He graduated from New Albany High School (where he was a star baseball and basketball player) in 1930 and was married to his high school sweetheart, Bernadine Schott, in 1935. According to Arloia Walton, Walter and Bernadine "both had lead parts in a musical play performed at the school, and that was the beginning of their romantic relationship."

When Walter was just a baby, his father was killed in a railroad accident. His mother took a job as a telephone operator in New Albany and she and the three children (Clark, Elizabeth, and Walter) moved in with her parents on the Park farm out on Central College Road, west of Harlem Road.

From his uncle Paul Park, who was a supervisor in the fur department at Lazarus, Walter learned to become a furrier. His profession took him to Dayton, Milwaukee, and Albany, N.Y. However, after we got into World War II, Walter had to choose between being drafted and going into defense work, so he and Bernadine and the children moved back to the Columbus area and Walter worked at Curtis-Wright until the end of the war. Then he resumed his career as a furrier and became, as his son Jim says, the "furrier of choice in central Ohio." Bernadine's sister, Aziel, also worked with furs--her specialty being the linings.

Walter and Bernadine had three children: Jim (married to Roswitha) of New Albany, Gerald (married to Janet Freeman-Daily) of Seattle, and Barbara (married to Vince Evangelista) of Coral Gables, Florida. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. In their later years, Walter and Bernadine moved to the Worthington Christian Retirement Village in Columbus, where Bernadine died in 2005. Walter died there on Dec. 16, 2010, aged 98.

They were active members of our Historical Society and of St. Paul Lutheran Church on Walnut Street, the founders of which included Bernadine's Schott grandparents. The Schotts originally came to this country from Germany early in the 19th century. In 1850, a cholera epidemic caused many German families in Columbus, including the Schotts, to move out here. Our readers may recall that some of the members of that same Schott family were masons who worked on the Ealy House and whose names are included in the attic stairway inscription. As for the Dailys, it is known that some of them fought in the American Revolution, and we know from the local maps that some Dailys owned land in Plain Township at least by 1840.

Old-timers remember Walter as a fine athlete and both Walter and Bernadine as talented singers and actors in their high school concerts and plays. Later residents remember both of them as cheerful, helpful members of the community with intelligent ideas in our meetings and friendly greetings whenever we met.

-- M. Saveson

Meeting Minutes January 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Regrut.

Helen Pestel read the minutes from the previous meeting. Neil Kirby moved approval of the minutes, and Theresa Kempker seconded. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

The members sadly reported the recent deaths of three individuals who were instrumental in the formation of the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society: Robert Goodrich, Cecil Walton and Walter Daily. Each of them had dedicated many years of their lives in service to the Historical Society, and each will be remembered for their commitment and dedication to the organization. The members spent a significant portion of the meeting recognizing the many contributions made by these members.

Memorial services were held for each of them in December. A second memorial service will be held on April 8th at the United Methodist Church for Cecil Walton who passed away in Georgia where he and his wife, Arloia, have been residing.

The members also discussed the possible sale of the Dryer House. Robert Dean has attempted to contact Joe Ciminello, but hasn't heard back from him. No new action was taken at this time, but several members offered to participate in discussions with Mr. Ciminello if he can be reached.

Helen Pestel discussed a problem she has been having with AT & T concerning the phone at the Ealy House. After much work, she has managed to get the problem resolved and has gotten the Historical Society a credit on its next bill.

Helen Pestel reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Nancy Ferguson moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report and Naomi Fodor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed the recent Harvest the Arts Festival held at the Doran Farm. The Historical Society sells baked goods and apple butter at the festival as a fundraiser for the organization. In addition, members give demonstrations on candle making and

other historic crafts as a part of the programming. An inquiry was made of Kathy Mayhorn, President of the New Albany Arts Council, as to how the Historical Society might get listed as a sponsor of the Harvest the Arts Festival. Evidently, the Historical Society would have to contribute \$800 to the event in order to be considered a sponsor. In recent years, the Arts Council has assumed most of the financial responsibility for Harvest the Arts. Advertising and entertainment expenses are high and little, if any, money is made on the event by the Arts Council.

Marilyn Regrut reported moisture was getting into the Ealy House in the northwest corner of the basement. John Saveson had a professional look at it and discovered that a field tile had been broken near this corner of the house. Mr. Saveson paid \$355 to have the tile professionally repaired, so that the problem could be resolved without waiting until the next meeting. Helen Pestel moved that the Historical Society reimburse Mr. Saveson for the expense. Naomi Fodor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The members had a general discussion about establishing a small fund which would be available for use between meetings, should an immediate maintenance need arise at the Ealy House. Most members seemed in agreement that such a fund should be established. No formal action was taken at the time.

The group had a discussion about the need to add some weather stripping to the front door at the Ealy House, and setting the temperature in the 50s when the house is not in use. Nancy Ferguson offered to take care of the weather stripping and contact the Ohio Historical Society for advice on several small issues at the house. Marilyn Regret offered to contact David Cline and get his advice on some of the issues.

The group decided to resume their "workdays" at the Ealy House on Monday, January 24th at 9:30 am. It was decided that most "workdays" will be scheduled on Mondays at 9:30 am in the upcoming year, and the group will try to publicize the exact dates of future "workdays" at the next meeting.

Helen Pestel reported she has placed a second order for memorial bricks to be placed in the front sidewalk outside the Ealy House. She is accepting orders for a third engraving of bricks later in the year. The cost of a memorial brick is \$50 and anyone interested in purchasing one should contact Mrs. Pestel.

Treasurer's Report -- November/December 2010

The members had a discussion concerning their desire to honor Naomi Swickard Fodor for her many years of service to the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society. Being the gracious person she is, Mrs. Fodor requested she not be honored. The group decided, instead, that it would hold a birthday party for Mrs. Fodor in August. Nancy Ferguson agreed to host the birthday party at her home.

The meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were provided by Naomi Fodor and Marilyn Regrut.

--N. Ferguson, Sec. pro tem.

NOTES & NEWS

Patty Zarley is happy to be home again after spending some days in the hospital and more days in the New Albany Care Center, recovering from a serious fall. She is surrounded by family members and therapists helping her get back to normal.

Grand Marshals -- After reading the 3 obituaries in this issue of the Newsletter, you will be interested to know that Cecil, Walter, and Bob were all Grand Marshals for Founders Days in the past: Walter and Bernadine Daily (along with Bernadine's sister, Aziel Schott Shockley, and another long-time member, Blanche Fravel) in 1987; Cecil and Arloia Walton in 1988; and Bob and Millie Goodrich in 1998.

Memorial Contributions -- This is a good moment to remind our readers that you should consider making a memorial contribution to our Society in honor of a friend or family member, "in lieu of flowers." Simply mail the contribution to our Treasurer at P.O. Box 219, New Albany, OH 43054. The family will be notified that a gift has been given. The gift will be added to our Society's Memorial Fund. Another way to honor someone is by ordering a Memorial Brick. Call Helen Pestel at 614-855-3765 for information.

Sale Items -- Our Society is offering for sale the following articles which are not part of our catalogued "collection": a large 2-harness loom, a Victorian dresser, a 19th-century "knock-down" wardrobe; an early-20th-century Hoosier-type cabinet, and a hanging Tiffany-style stained-glass lamp. These items are being advertised on a poster at the Scott's Antique Shows in Columbus. We thank the Furniture Physicians for displaying the poster at their booth.

<u>Income</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Dues (D & S Carter, Yager, Farber, Gorsuch)	20.00	\$ 30.00
Yard Sales	\$ 35.00	
Bricks for Sidewalk	50.00	50.00
Sidewalk Donation	2,000.00	
Applebutter	106.00	3.00
Christmas Dinner		404.00
Canning Jars	45.00	
Memorials to Goodrich, Walton, & Daily		150.00
Copper Recycling	2.60	
Checking Interest	<u>1.33</u>	<u>1.02</u>
Total Income	\$2,259.93	\$ 638.02
<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP - (Ealy \$34.94, \$257.88; RTD\$5.77, \$5.77)	\$ 40.71	\$ 263.65
AT&T (2 months)		44.83
Brink's Security System		107.97
New Albany UMC Youth Christmas Dinner		404.00
Amerigas - rental of propane tank at Dryer House		158.00
Print Xpress newsletter		47.50
City of Columbus-Water & Sewer Ealy House		<u>29.34</u>
Tim Newman Roofing (RTD House)	<u>700.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 740.71	\$ 1,055.29
<u>November 1st Balance</u>	<u>\$ 12,712.65</u>	
Income	2,897.95	
Expenses	1,796.00	
<u>December 31st Balance</u>	<u>\$13,814.60</u>	
Hold for Computer Software	600.00	
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00	
Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/10	18,257.19	
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 09/30/10	65,353.17	
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed	
Ameriprise (11/16/10)	104,320.44	(includes \$6,826.00 Memorial Money)

Respectfully submitted by
Helen Pestel, Treasurer