



Greentown Historical Society

103 E. Main Street, Greentown, IN 46936

July 2009

"Clues To Our Past"

by Joyce Lantz

The G.H.S. opens its doors to a new exhibit, "Clues to Our Past", consisting of only artifacts donated to our collections. The subject areas include documents, maps, newspapers, agriculture, postcards, scrapbooks, clothing, textiles and hand-crafts, local authors and artists, and much more. The Society is grateful to all of our donors who have entrusted us with the care and exhibition of their donated items. We hope that, after visiting our exhibit, Greentown area residents will have a better idea of what they have at home that may be a valuable way of preserving our past.

"Clues to Our Past" will be available from July 25 through mid-November. The exhibit will be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. and is free.

GHS Calendar

- Jun 10 throughout summer Annual Garage Sale
- Jul 13-18 Howard Co Fair
- Clues to Our Past exhibit Jul 25-mid Nov
- Aug 16 Ice Cream Social
- Sept 12 Preservation workshop
- Sept 19 Jr History
- Oct 27 Annual Meeting

Letter from the GHS President

by Rachel Jenkins

What a wonderful time we had reminiscing about the beginnings of the Greentown Historical Society and celebrating the 10th year of our founding! That was the theme of this year's Tributes and Tales dinner, which was held June 13 at Jerome Christian Church.

In my prepared remarks, I remembered that the Greentown Sesquicentennial in 1998 provided the impetus to "catch the moment" and explore the possibility of forming an historical society and providing a museum of general historical material. I credited Bob Armstrong for supporting the sesquicentennial and Bonnie Bonebrake for her excellent leadership in that month's long celebration.

Early responders to a call for interested persons included Tom Manderfield, Sarah Cotton, Ron Simpson, Milo Hochstedler, Beulah Cobb, Jon Ayers, Lynne Kurtz. Soon to follow were Jean Simpson, Barbara Middleton, Martha Lou Zirkle, Lisa Stout, Lisa Seegert, Bob McCann, and Bonnie Turner. (Continued on page 2)

Thank You

On May 5 volunteers Kathy Farr and Michelle McKane of Key Bank volunteered at the History Center as part of the bank's day of service. Their volunteer hours saved other folks a lot of time, and we appreciate their kindness to us. When you see them, please thank them.

Letter To G.H.S.

April 29, 2009

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Howard County Historical Society, we would like to thank you and send our congratulations for ten years of outstanding service to Eastern Howard County. You have done a wonderful job of promoting local history through your collections, exhibits, and public programs. Your volunteer team has spent thousands of hours bringing history to life and engaging your community in creative and meaningful ways.

We are thrilled with your success and are proud to be your partner and friend.

Sincerely,

Kelly Karickhoff, Howard County Historical Society

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The group began adding members, having public programs, conducting fund raising events, and raising awareness of our community presence.

It was realized that we could only progress so far without a building to house historical material. A search began which resulted in the purchase of the building at 103 E. Main Street. It was in need of MUCH attention. With volunteer labor and generous donations the roof and interior walls were replaced. New wiring and heating and cooling were installed. The interior was redesigned to our needs. The front was cleaned and returned to its original design.

June Hill, Joyce Lantz, and Madeline Deckard joined the board.

Challenge Ahead

This current board has a big job ahead of them. They will continue with collections, research, exhibits, and programs including youth programs. But for what we hope is a relatively short time, they have a big mortgage to pay off. You see, we bought the corner building, 101 E Main Street, most recently the Sports Corner, but known to many as the former State Bank of Greentown.

We were cramped in the first building and tripping over ourselves as we found a corner to store incoming exhibit materials, a closet to put fund-raising materials such as signs and dinner service, and meet-

ing space. In the gallery we couldn't put an exhibit in the middle of the floor and plan on a board meeting in that room.

The "new" building, which we call the annex, is already being used as a meeting room and an extended exhibit area, work room, and collections and membership room. The mortgage balance on that building stands at about \$40,000.

"Painless" Ways to Give

Your historical society needs regular sources of income in addition to special appeals. I recently managed to get one of my monthly bills reduced. Instead of just adding that to my checking account and seeing it drift away with purchases, I started a monthly withdrawal from my checking account to be sent to the Greentown Historical Society. I am really happy with this decision because I know I am supporting the society on a regular basis and don't have to remember to write a check, a possible option for others.

Another means of donating is being used by a member, Heather Jenkins. Her employer has a matching donation plan whereby an amount of her choosing is deducted from her paycheck and put into a fund. At the end of the year the company matches, 50 cents on the dollar, and sends a check to the Greentown Historical Society. This may also work for some other people.

Native Americans Exhibit by Lisa Stout

As of June 29, 654 visitors signed the guest registry for the Native Americans exhibit. Thank you to the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana for their support and to everyone that loaned or donated items and provided programs to make this exhibit a success. I hope you were able to say good-bye to Grandfather as he makes his journey back to Minnetrista in Muncie.

The Arrowhead and Indian Artifact Collectors' Convention held on June 14 was well attended. Six tables were filled for viewing and a lot of stories were shared. Thank you to all who came.

Donations

We thank the following for their monetary donations to G.H.S. in the last quarter: Brenda Imbler, Barbara Middleton, Rita Kingseed, Dr. David Gibson, Robert Hill, Miriam Whelan, Carolyn Donson, Penny Meurer, Nella Mae Padfield, Betty Swisher, Steve Imbler, Sally Imbler, Jerry Johnson, Carole Petro, Town of Greentown, Steve & Jan Myers, Ron Simpson, Greentown Antique Mall, Bryan Mohr, DVM, Joan Imbler-Clarke, Jane Christy, Teresa Ebert, Lorena & Chet Hendricks, Sue Adams, Harper Implement, Jean Simpson, Lisa Stout, Ron Simpson, Brenda Imbler, and Wal-Mart Foundation.



Exhibitors at the Indian Artifact Convention on June 14

We thank the following for their material donations: Darwin & Martha Freeman, Jim & Nancy Echelbarger, Sally Imbler, Mike & Joyce Lantz, and Karen Swan.

We Love Our Docents by Lisa Stout

We are grateful to the following docents and volunteers who served during April, May and June: Barb Middleton, Nancy Echelbarger, Rita Kingseed, Rachel Jenkins, Ron Simpson, Charlotte Agness, Joyce Lantz, Lisa Stout, Jean Simpson, Ronda Eldridge, Martha Freeman, Darwin Freeman, Sally Nicholson, Amber Crites, Susie Middlesworth, Bonnie Middlesworth, Sally Imbler, Connie Voorhis, Sue Clouser, Carolyn Donson, Paul Nicholson, Dwight Schaaf, Max Kingseed, Barb Sorrell, Karen Swan, Harry Sparks, Angie Sparks, Kent Evans, Bev Evans, Betty Swisher, Jerry Johnson, Charlie Swisher, Susann Sumpter, Nella Mae Padfield, Wayne Frakes, Ron Swan, and Jim

Echelbarger

Volunteer Report

by Jerry Johnson

Greentown Historical Society is an integral part of downtown Greentown. These past four months have seen a wonderful exhibit of the Miami Indian history before and after the white man arrived. Lisa Stout was the director of this exhibit.

As an army runs on its stomach, the Greentown History Center runs on its volunteerism. The dedication of the volunteers has been amazingly cordial and well received. There were several docents and openers who went beyond their duties approaching this volunteer time when they could have been with family, friends or ill relatives. The Greentown Historical Society gives thanks to those who have been docents and openers for a job well done during the Native American

exhibit and we ask for your continuing volunteerism in the next exhibit entitled "Clues To Our Past" under the direction of Joyce Lantz.

Kudos to these volunteers: Joyce Lantz, Charlotte Agness, Connie Voorhis, Sally Imbler, Nancy Echelbarger, Betty Swisher, Charles Swisher, Barb Sorrell, Susann Sumpter, Dwight Schaaf, Karen Swan, Ron Simpson, Jean Simpson, Nella Mae Padfield, Paul Nicholson, Kimberly Nicholson, Bonnie Middlesworth, Rita Kingseed, Wayne Frakes, Sue (Continued on page 4)

Founders Portrait: Front row L to R: Martha Lou Zirkle, Jean Simpson, Joyce Lantz, Beulah Cobb, Rachel Jenkins. Back row: Robert Hill, husband of June Hill, Lisa Stout, Ron Simpson, Milo Hochstedler, Marie Manderfield, wife of Tom Manderfield.



Clouser, Carolyn Donson, Barbara Middleton, Dave Turner, Bonnie Turner, and Rachel Jenkins.

For information about becoming a docent (an exhibit guide) or other volunteer at the Greentown History Center, contact Jerry Johnson at 765-628-7578 or 765-432-8992.

Jr. History Activity

On September 19 the G.H.S. will host another Youth Activity Day on the theme of "Ghosts in the Graveyard." We will meet at 10:00 A.M. at the History Center. Watch the Grapevine for details, and information will be sent later to Eastern Elementary School. Call Karen Swan if you have questions: 628-3565.

Public Program

On September 12 from 10-11AM we will have a program on "Book and Paper Identification and Preservation" presented by Marcia Ford, Kokomo Public Library, Genealogy Dept. Anyone interested is welcome to attend at the GHS Annex. Free admission.

G.H.S. Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for this year's annual membership meeting on Oct. 27. It will be at Kokomo Zion UM Church located at 5051 E 400 N. The speaker will be Denny Middlesworth, Graduate of Eastern Class of 1960 and Purdue University. He was a Flight Engi-

neer and flew the first and second flights of the new planes built by Boeing. Watch the fall newsletter and the Grapevine for details.

Artifact Donations

by Joyce Lantz

We thank the following patrons who have donated artifacts to the collections at the History Center from January through June 2009: Charlotte Agness, Jeff Bennett, Richard Moloch, Darwin Freeman, Rita Kingseed, Sue Cook, Lisa Stout, Dustin DeWitt, Sally Imbler, Sandy O'Reilly, Mary Mast Pier, and Robert Hill.

Rummage Sale

The G.H.S. garage sale will continue throughout the summer at the Simpsons' garage at Main and Indiana St. We continue to accept donated items, except clothing. We also have a nice selection of perennials. Call Sally Imbler at 628-7174 for more information, drop-off times, or to volunteer your time.

Fair Parking

This year we will again be parking cars during the week of the 4-H Fair. Our location at Kokomo Grain and Greentown Equipment Co. will have stone parking lots. Our prices will be \$3 per car and \$2 for motorcycles. We are an easy walking distance from the fairgrounds. Come park with us and save money!

Sidewalk Sundae

There's hardly any summertime treat more enjoyable than ice cream. Join us for an old-fashioned sundae on Aug. 16 from 1-4:00 P.M. in front of All In Good Taste east of the History Center. \$3.00 donation is requested. Napkins provided for sticky fingers and chins!

Christmas Exhibit

Plan now to display at our 3rd annual Christmas exhibit. There will be a Christmas tree decorating contest at the History Center. You may use Christmas decorations or other objects totally unrelated to Christmas, perhaps a collection or recycled things. Use your imagination! Gift certificates will be awarded as prizes. The exhibit will be Dec. 6 through Dec. 27. Call Jean Simpson at 628-7674 for further information or you may leave a message at the History Center at 628-3800.

Historic Log Cabin

By Jon Ayers

The log cabin that some in Greentown remember as a roadside stand has an interesting history.

My paternal great-grandfather, Joseph H. Weaver (1840-1900), built it sometime after he returned from serving the Union in the Civil War. Our family is not sure of the original location, but it was moved to the site west of the bridge at

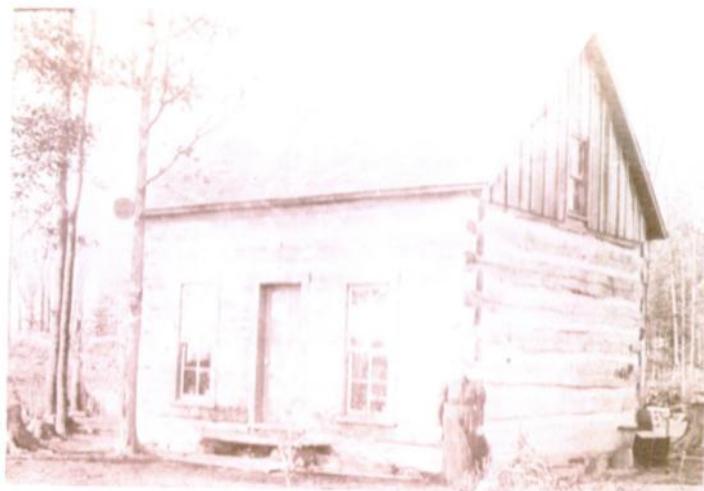


Image of Weaver log cabin provided by Juanita Petty

From GHS Artifact Collections

Beginning July 25 in the exhibit "Clues To Our Past," visitors will see many artifacts donated to Greentown Historical Society. On the next three pages are samples of items that will be on display. In the section about military service and related groups will be some items representing the War Mothers. This photo of the War Mothers Convention was taken in April 1957 at the Hotel VanOrman in Ft. Wayne, IN. From Greentown are Alma Zirkle, Nora Schaaf, Dollie Swisher, and Eva Cheek. (Continued on page 7)

Photo donated by Martha Lou Zirkle

some later time. In March 1881 my grandmother Margaret L. (Weaver) Ayers was born in the cabin. She had two sisters and a brother, but it is not certain they were also born there. The above picture shows my great-grandmother Mary L. (Wright) Weaver standing in front of the cabin. It was probably taken somewhere between 1900 and 1906. The family has a warranty deed for the property at the corner of Walnut and Washington Street in Greentown dated June 1906. This property became the Ayers homestead, and remains in the family.

In the 1950s local resident Claude Freeman rented the cabin to sell fruits and vegetables, and did so for many years. After he passed away, one of

his sons carried on the tradition for a short time. In the mid-1990s a collector purchased the remainder of the building to dismantle and reconstruct at a location out of state. At that time, it was estimated that over 70% of the original wood used in the construction remained intact.



Liberty Township

- Brunk, Lee R. (w Cora) farmer T 20a R7 Kokomo 29-C Ind tel.
- Bryan, J. J. (w Sarah) farmer O 80a R2 Greentown 9-W Ind tel.
- Burgan, Lon (w Lena) farmer O 5a R1 Greentown A-8-N Ind tel.
- Burgen, Glen (w Anna ch Howard, Raymond) laborer T H&L R4 Greentown 32-C.
- Campbell, Al (w Ella ch Doris, Lettis, Johnie, Marthabelle) farmer T 30a R4 Greentown A-7-W Ind tel.
- Carr, Charlotte (ch Estella, Hazel, Keith) farmer O 10a R3 Greentown 34-W Ind tel.
- Chase, Marsh N. (w Nola ch Eleanor) farmer O 9a R3 Greentown 32-E.
- CHEEK, J. W. (w Clemmie ch Hersey, Paul, Edwin, Robert) farmer T 100a R2 Greentown 16-C Ind tel.
- CHISM, IRA (w Cora ch Ferrell, Ivan, Eva, Mary, Wilson, Eugene P.) farmer O 15a R4 Greentown A-9-E Ind tel.
- Chooee, Frank (w Vesta ch Delight) farmer O 20a R1 Greentown A-8-W Ind tel.
- Clark, Tilman farmer O 80a R7 Kokomo 19-E Ind tel.
- Cline, Harvey (w Etta ch Leota, Reverdia) farmer O 26a R2 Greentown 5-N Ind tel.
- Clingenpeel, Arthur (w Lydia ch Lola, Ermon, Adrian, Leon) farmer T 40a R2 Greentown 5-E Ind tel.
- Colbert, William (w Mamie ch Paul) farmer T 40a R3 Greentown 32-E.
- Colescott, Celia farmer O 173a R7 Kokomo 30-S B&I Ind tel.
- Conkle, Mrs. Esther (ch James, Geo.) R4 Greentown A-9-S.
- Corwin, Walter H. (w Bessie ch Alva, Elsie) farmer T 40a Greentown 21-E Ind tel.
- Crist, Morris (w Rethel ch Gordon, Robert, Eloise) farmer T 122a R2 Greentown 9-N Ind tel.
- Croussore, Albert (w Joesphine) farmer O 80a R4 Greentown A-7-S.
- Croussore, Rebecca farmer O 57a R4 Greentown A-7-W.
- Dailey, W. M. (w Tillie ch Ira, Russell, Paul, Cleo) farmer O 18a R7 Kokomo 20-C Ind tel.
- David, T. J. (w Mary ch Everett, Andy, Willie, James, Estella, George, Clarence) farmer O 40a R3 Greentown 34-S Ind tel.
- Davis, John W. (w Lydia) farmer O 20a R7 Kokomo 21-W Ind tel.
- Davis, William G. (w Leota ch Lillie) farmer O 16 2/3a R3 Greentown 34-W.
- Dawson, Jonathan (w Rachel ch Mary) farmer T 55a R2 Greentown 21-S.
- Dawson, Lester (w Hazel ch Monell) farmer T 25a R7 Kokomo 20-S Ind tel.
- DE GRAF, HOMER (w Merle) farmer T 68a R1 Greentown A-3-S Ind tel.
- DENDALL, OSCAR (w Bertha ch Lee, Bernice, Gerald) farmer T 90a R2 Greentown 4-N Ind tel.
- Dick, A. R. (w Martha ch Edna) farmer O 16a R6 Kokomo 10-S Ind tel.
- Dick, John A. (w Batchlor) farmer O 62a R2 Greentown 10-W.
- Donelson, Loran (w Arlie ch Fred, Lawrence, George, Kenneth, Everett) farmer T 20a R7 Kokomo 29-S.
- DOTTERER, G. W. (w Goldie ch Anna, Clare, Miriam, Lucile) farmer T H&L R2 Greentown 8-N Ind tel.
- Dotterer, T. W. (w Barbara ch Dorothy, Frank) farmer T 10a R5 Kokomo 19-W Ind tel.
- DUDLEY, EMERY (w Goldie ch Bertha, James) farmer T 10a R2 Greentown 21-C.
- Duncan, Paul M. (w Bessie ch Gerald) farmer T 80a R1 Greentown A-8-N Ind tel.
- Dunlap, Clarence (w Gladys ch Mildred, Elvora) farmer T H&L R4 Greentown 6-A-E.
- Dunlap, George (w Mary) farmer O 80a R4 Greentown 6-A-E.
- EBERSOLE, ISAAC (w Malinda ch Joseph, Menno, Alvin, Savilla, Emery, Beulah) farmer O 50a R2 Greentown 7-N Ind tel.
- Ebersole, Leroy (w Leila) farmer T H&L R2 Greentown 7-N Ind tel.
- Evans, Oscar (w Elenna ch Veda) farmer T 200a R4 Greentown A-8-E Ind tel.
- Evans, F. (w Mary ch Hazel) farmer T 73a R4 Greentown A-4-E Ind tel.
- Fadely, Mrs. Martha (ch Fred, Charlie, Floyd, Clevis, Cora, Blanche) farmer O 3a R2 Greentown 26-N.
- Fahey, Michael (ch William) farmer O 80a R2 Greentown 16-E Ind tel.
- Fowler, Mrs. Flora (ch Sherman) farmer O 10a R4 Greentown 16-E.
- Freeman, Rolla (w Gail ch Melba, Robert) farmer T 107a R4 Greentown 16-E.
- Gilbert, Therman (w Lydia ch Madge, May, Verlin) farmer T 30a R4 Greentown 8-N.
- GINGERICHH, D. C. (w Dora ch Obed, Lizzie, Katie, Bernice) farmer O 80a T 120a R2 Greentown 4-S.
- Gingerich, Jacob (w Emma ch John, Bertha) farmer O 160a R6 Kokomo 17-W.
- GOLDING, FRANK farmer T 40a R2 Greentown 16-C.
- Golding, Frank (w Mattie) engineer T H&L R4 Greentown 32-C.
- GOLDING, MAXELL (ch Frank) farmer O 40a R2 Greentown 16-C.
- Golding, William L. (w Della ch Audrey, Cedric) thresher O 22a R2 Greentown 21-C Ind tel.
- Graf, Chas. (w Stella) farmer T 40a R2 Greentown 4-N Ind tel.
- Green, W. B. (w Della) farmer O 100a R3 Greentown 27-S Ind tel.
- GRIFFIN, W. F. (w Margaret ch Madge, Robert) farmer O 118a R7 Kokomo 29-S Ind tel.
- GROSCOST, JOHN E. (w Effie ch Lyman, George) farmer O 56a R3 Greentown 33-N Ind tel.
- Groves, Melvin farmer O 9a R2 Greentown 21-C Ind tel.
- Hall, John S. (w Kote ch Fern) trustee O 22a R1 Greentown 3-N Ind tel.
- Hamper, W. C. farmer O 5a R7 Kokomo 31-C Ind tel.
- Hancock, John (w Samantha) farmer O 80a R1 Greentown A-3-E Ind tel.
- Hardey, H. K. (w Mary) farmer O 43a R4 Greentown 32-W.
- Harnier, Ralph A. (w Mattie ch Gretchen, Verlie, Edward, Dallas) farmer O 80a R7 Kokomo 29-C.
- Harvey, O. M. (w Della ch Estella, Basil) farmer O 81a R2 Greentown 28-N Ind tel.
- HELMS, DAVID (w Nancy) farmer O 137a R4 Greentown A-17-S.
- Helmuth, Albert (w Lydia) farmer T 45a R2 Greentown 6-N.
- Hensler, Jessie (w Grace) farmer O 2a R2 Greentown 7-E Ind tel.
- HENSLEE, W. A. (w Laura ch Della, Loyd, Albert, Lucius, Ada) farmer T 113a R5 Kokomo 18-W Ind tel.
- HENSLEE, WALTER (w Ethel) farmer T H&L R5 Kokomo 18-W.
- Hethcoat, S. (w Alice ch Hazel) farmer T 30a R4 Greentown A-8-C Ind tel.
- Hill, George W. (w Addie ch Mary) farmer O 12a R3 Greentown 34-N.
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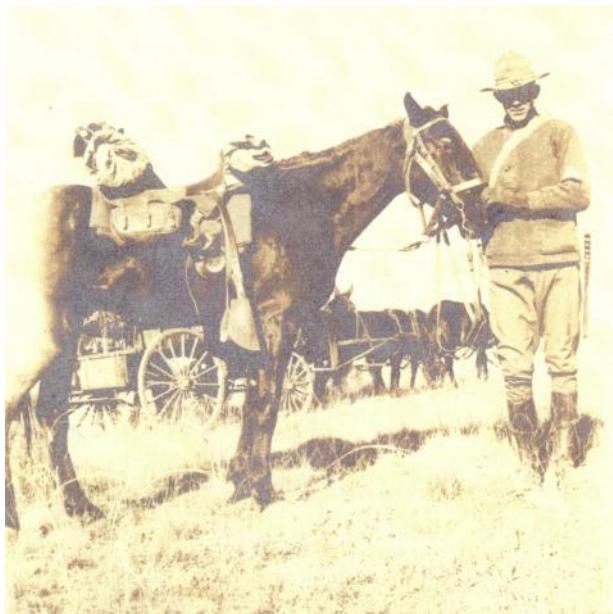
On the opposite page is a copy of page 34 from "List of Residents for Howard County Indiana" published by Wilmer Atkinson Company, publishers of The Farm Journal, in 1921, donated by Dave Turner. It's of great interest to a researcher looking for genealogical background for anyone who may have lived in our county during this time period. According to the publisher, the following will help you read the entries:
"Names in CAPITALS are those of Farm Journal subscribers—always the most intelligent and progressive people in any county. No Tumbledowns, for no farmer can keep on reading the F.J. and being a Tumbledown, too. Many have tried, but all have to quit one or the other.
ABBREVIATIONS—a, means acres; bds, boards; B tel, Bell telephone; w, wife; ch, children; H&L, house and lot; L 10, Location 10; O, owns; R1, Rural Route No. 1; ret, retired; T, Tenant; 4h, 4 horses; 2c, 2 cattle."

On this page to the right is a photo of Richer's Buggy Shop. It was located at North Meridian St. and the railroad. The third person from the left is Nicholas Richer.

Photo donated by Sue Cook

Also on display will be several items representing military service by local residents. Below is a photo of Herbert Nash in training during World War I.

Photo donated by Carol Carlile



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Our Mission

- To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of eastern Howard County, Indiana, and its citizens.
- To carry out historical research, preservation, and education.
- To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences.