



“Clues To Our Past”

by Joyce Lantz

The current exhibit of selected artifacts from the collections of G.H.S. will continue through mid-November, 1:00-4:00 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Although the exhibit does not contain everything in the G.H.S. collections, visitors will find many things of widely varying interest. Before television and computers, children amused themselves with story-books, autograph books, games, dolls, and more from these bygone days found on display. Likewise, what did women do with their so-called spare time before today's distractions? Among the needlework, quilting, and sewing items, one table displays linen fabric made in 1787 and embroidered in 1897. We also have military items from the Civil War through the Viet Nam War. Admission is free.

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Mark your calendars for this year's annual membership meeting on Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. It will be at Kokomo Zion UM Church located at 5051 E 400 N. The speaker will be Denny Middlesworth, Graduate of Eastern High School, Class of 1960 and Purdue University. Denny was employed at Boeing Engineering for 26 years. As a Flight Engineer Denny flew the first and second flights of the new planes built by Boeing.

He will be speaking on "How Does a Pilot Know What to Do When He Does It?" The meal will be served by Kokomo Zion UM Church at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

Reservations must be made for the meal by October 19th. A reservation form is on page 7 for your convenience.

The program is open to the public at no charge. Watch the Grapevine for details.

Westerwald Pottery Available

by Connie Voorhis

The Historical Society is very proud to announce we are now carrying Westerwald pottery in our gift shop. The pottery comes in a distinctive green and gray stoneware. Certain pieces are marked with Greentown, IN. Est. 1848. There are various styles available to purchase. We do have a catalog that has many other items available to order. The pottery is wheel thrown, signed and dated. The kitchenware is lead-

GHS Calendar

- Clues to Our Past exhibit until Nov 15
- Oct 25 Apple Dumpling Delight
- Oct 27 Annual Meeting
- Dec 6-20 Christmas Exhibit
- Dec. 6 Christmas Home Tour
- Dec 21-Mar 6 History Center will be Closed
- Mar 6 Opening of Local Artists



free, microwaveable and dishwasher safe.

This would make a wonderful gift idea and or keepsake for visitors. Prices vary from \$25.00 on up. The gift shop is located in the annex to History Center and open the same hours as the History Center.

Christmas Exhibit

by Jean Simpson

Plan now to display at our 3rd annual Christmas exhibit. A hat and mitten tree is being added this year to the Christmas tree exhibit at the History Center. Bring these items, hand knitted or some you've purchased and hang them on the tree. They will be donated to Kokomo Urban Outreach for distribution to children who need them.

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! We have some trees available for you to use or bring your own. Gift certificates will be awarded to the two entries receiving the most "favorite" votes. Set up dates are November 27 at 3-7 p.m. and November 28 from 9am to noon. The exhibit will be Dec. 6 through Dec. 20. Tear down date is December 27. Call Jean Simpson at 628-7674 for further information or you may leave a message at the History Center at 628-3800.

Local Authors Booklet Revised in 2009

We're happy to announce the addition of 7 more local authors to our booklet entitled "From This Land: Writers of Eastern Howard County". The revised edition is for sale in the Gift Shop for \$2.00. If you purchased the original edition and would like the newest additions for your booklet, stop by the History Center and pick up the addition to take home at no charge.

Artifact Donations

by Joyce Lantz

The Society receives donations of artifacts and papers into our permanent collection on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the History Center. If this is inconvenient for you, call 628-3800 for an appointment. Please do not leave items during hours when the museum is closed. Donors will be asked to complete a form with information about each donated item to establish its authenticity. The Greentown Historical Society Collection Management Policy reads: "The Greentown Historical Society is interested in items of historical significance and interest about eastern Howard County. Artifacts and documents that relate to eastern Howard County are most desirable and will be given first priority. Artifacts and documents from outside the area will be collected if they help

create a fuller understanding of the history of the area."

We would like to thank the following donors of artifacts during the 3rd quarter of 2009: Mary Pier, Charlotte Agness, Marjorie Freeman, Virginia Coan, Ernie Hooker, Rita Kingseed, and Barbara Kingseed.

2010 Membership

It's time again to renew individual, junior and family memberships. If you have had one of those annual types of memberships, we have enclosed a conveniently addressed and stamped envelope for sending in your completed 2010 membership form along with your check. We're looking forward to another year of history programs, exhibits and junior history activities that our members will find both interesting and enlightening. Thank you for all of your support!

Fair Parking Success

by Jerry Johnson

Howard County fair parking is an annual event for the Greentown Historical Society to raise money for the betterment of the Society. The Society uses the funds generated from the parking of vehicles in various ways such as mortgage, maintenance of our buildings, or monthly utility bills. The Greentown Historical Society appreciates the

use of 2 lots owned by Greentown Equipment and Kokomo Grain for parking cars during the fair.

Ron Simpson was the chairman of the fair parking. He did a great service for the history center by having prepared signs and parking barriers to establish the perimeters for our parking areas. Ron diligently put these out every evening of the fair and picked them up at the end of the evening. Ron also surveyed our competition and made sure the Historical Society parking was close in proximity to the prices of the other vendors.

Rachel Jenkins also helped in lowering the parking fee by printing a 50-cents-off coupon in the Greentown Grapevine.

The mainstay of the fair parking was the volunteers. This group accepted the job of cashiers or parking attendants and ambassadors for the History Center. The Greentown Historical Society would like to thank all the participants that served: Kent Evans, Sally Imbler, Joyce Lantz, Dwight Schaaf, Paul Hubbard, Sue Hubbard, Lisa Stout, Melody Sumpter, Wayne Frakes, Karen Swan, Nella Mae Padfield, Steve Myers, Paul Nicholson, Bev Evans, Bob Sumpter, Kim Nicholson, Charles Swisher, Betty Swisher, Ron Simpson, Angela Sparks, Harry Sparks, Jeanne Johnson, Aimee Elliott, Jordan Elliott and Derek Elliott.

Rummage Sale

Report by Sally Imbler

Thanks to the generosity of close to 100 people who donated all sizes of articles from an organ to a stamp, to a bed to a marble, over \$500 worth of plants including over 50 containers of "hens and chick" and a large variety of books, which brought huge success to our garage sale. We are very grateful to Ron and Jean Simpson for the use of their three-car garage all summer.

The many volunteers who worked included Ron and Jean Simpson, Lisa Stout, Bonnie Turner, Nella Mae Padfield, Sue Clouser, Barb Sorrell, Janalyce Hatton, Charlotte Agness, Shirley Howell, Sue Flook, Rita Kingseed, Barb Kingseed, Bev Evans, Angie and Harry Sparks, Betty Swisher, Susann Sumpter, Karen Swan and Sally Imbler. THANK YOU!

An often-asked question is "What will you do with all that is left?" All of the books will go to Rita Kingseed for the Literacy Coalition sale to be held next spring. Some things will be kept for next year's sale. The rest will go to a charity thrift shop in Kokomo.

All proceeds this year, just over \$6,700, will go to pay on the mortgage. We will continue to take donations for next year's sale. Call the History Center at 628-3800 for pick up.

We give great thanks to you buyers for every cent that you

gave. You made this a delightful event.

Donations

We thank the following for their monetary donations to G.H.S. in the last quarter: Karen Adams, Barbara Middleton, James Speidel, Blake Lytle, David DeWitt, Dick & Shirley Moser, Janice David, Fred & Rachel Jenkins, Beulah Cobb, and Max Kingseed. We thank the following for their material donations: Joyce Lantz, Clara Chase, Ryan Hensler, Sue Clouser, Connie Voorhis, Paul Nicholson, Lisa Stout, Ron Simpson, Barbara Middleton, Kent & Bev Evans and Sally Imbler.

Eat Apple Dumplings

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 25, for a delicious dessert to celebrate the changing of our seasons. Greentown Historical Society will sponsor "Apple Dumping Delight" at 113 E. Main St., the home of "All In Good Taste Catering" from 1 to 4 P.M. The yummy, old-fashioned apple dumplings will be home-made and cost \$5 each. The public will be invited to eat in the restaurant or to purchase to carry out. Pre-sale tickets are available at the History Center or by calling Bev at 628-7141 or Sally 628-7174. Tickets will also be available at the door that day. Look for event posters around Greentown. Bring a friend!

Basket Factory

Rachel Jenkins, Editor of The Grapevine, received the following letter in response to publication of the Claude Butler's Basket Factory picture:

"Imagine my surprise to see on the front page of your August edition a picture of a place I have intimate knowledge of. It happens to be a photo of the place of my first "job" at age 13.

I'm afraid you have misplaced it, however, since it was located where the present day City Hall is located. It was a two-story frame structure covering two thirds of the lot. The third portion contained a smaller frame building occupied by Ed Lawrence's Barber Shop, where I occasionally shined shoes.

The two businesses on the ground floor, separated by a stairway in the center, were my father's "Tin Shop" shown in the lower left, and a bakery and/or a restaurant on the lower right. The "Basket Factory" was over the Tin Shop, and was operated by an immigrant from one of the Balkan countries. He was called Mr. "Kuzmunjov." (My spelling, purely phonetic) He was a tiny man whom I believe is the man on the right.

In 1926, when I believe the photo was taken, there were no child labor laws! Boys at that time went to part time jobs as soon as they could handle a hammer, pitchfork, etc. Mr. K. was kind enough to give me a job making baskets. I think I was paid 5 or 10 cents each.

If I made three baskets a day (quite a feat) I could go to Man-rings Drug Store soda fountain for a treat.

The baskets were, as you surmise, Funeral Baskets, usually carried by "Flower Girls" at funerals. They were inner lined with sheet metal containers made by my father at his shop below. I think he may have gotten 25 cents each. Not bad in 1926 wages!

The car in the right foreground looks like our family's 1913 Ford Model T and brought back many fond memories of my early days in Greentown - the nicest little town in the world! I am now 96 years old and would love to hear from any Old Timers who remember me and those good old days."

Sincerely,
James Doty (Jim)
Port Orange, FL
-386-788-3029

Editor's note: In corroborating Mr. Doty's story, we have found on the 1927 Sanborn map a business labeled "store" with an adjacent tire service shop in the location he remembers. On a 1916 map prepared by Bonnie Bonebrake, she indicates that a basket-making store was next door to the Palmer Hotel, on the southeast corner of Meridian and Grant Street. Also on the 1927 Sanborn map, a basket-making store is indicated in the Hasler-Stout parking lot next to the G.H.S. History Center, next door to that era's Traction Station.

The History Center welcomes additional information about the story of Claude Butler's Basket Factory or any other local basket factories. Call, e-mail or write us with your information.

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Youth Study Local History

by Karen Swan

On Saturday, September 19, fourteen students and ten adults participated in an activity day at the Greentown Historical Society. The students searched the exhibit, "Clues to Our Past," to complete a crossword puzzle. They learned about vintage clothing and tried on vintage hats, aprons, and military uniforms. The uniforms were loaned to the Historical Society by Brian and Keith Lausch from Brian's Surplus. Pictures were taken after they admired themselves in the mirror.

The students and parents then traveled to the historic Lindley Cemetery where they did a scavenger hunt to find the grave sites of local families, including the Lindley family. Also discovered at the cemetery were graves of many veterans including veterans from the Civil War and even the War of 1812. After finding interesting grave markers, they used tracing paper donated by Caldwell Monument Company to trace the stones. They especially enjoyed this activity as it allowed them to read some stones that were unreadable before the tracing was done.

Gems Collection

The following editions of the Greentown Gem are digitized and available for viewing



Isaac Hanny and Elyssa DeAngulo model vintage clothes loaned for the youth history event.

Heather Holliday helps Stephanie Frakes and Hailey Holliday read a gravestone in preparation to doing a "rubbing" with tracing paper.



on line at home or at the History Center. Use this website to access them: <http://www.howardcountymemory.net>

On the top menu bar, click on "Collections" to access the newspaper collection as well as several other archives: June 23, 1898; Sept. 9, 1912;

Sept. 22, 1910; Sept. 30, 1915; Apr. 25, 1918; Sept. 25, 1919; Dec. 15, 1921; Aug. 9, 1923; May 8, 1924; June 3, 1926; Feb. 9, 1928; June 6, 1930; Feb. 5, 1931; Feb. 1931; Feb. 26, 1931; Mar. 19, 1931; Apr. 23, 1931; Nov. 10, 1932; Apr. 27, 1933; Jul. 27, 1933; Feb. 22, 1935; Nov. 8, 1935.

Book, Paper and Photo Preservation

by Connie Voorhis

September 12th Marcia Ford of the Kokomo Howard County Public Library presented a talk on book, photo and document preservation. Marcia presented many different ideas on preserving old books, showing how to glue covers and repair pages without damaging the book. Old books should always be stored flat instead of standing on edge.

She also presented many different ways of preserving and storing photographs. As many people have found out the hard way, our old way of using peel-apart pages in scrap books does not preserve the photograph. She also mentioned that metal file cabinets are much better than wooden, old or new, for storing old documents. The wooden pieces often are made of particle board and give off a toxic

substance harmful to items.

She also gave several pointers on acid-free storage folders, etc. This is very important to preservation. Lastly she talked about newer ways of preserving items, such as with a digital camera and storing on a hard drive. If at all possible, it is better to store the originals and use copies for any displays or presentations. This was a very informative talk to anyone interested in paper and document preservation.

GHS is looking for sponsors or donors for several items and projects needed to complete the refurbishing of the Annex. Please contact a board member or call 628-3800 if you can help us: book cases, magazine display racks, folding tables, air purifier (new or used), a scanner/printer (new or used), and funding for roof repair.

2010 Exhibit

by Sally Nicholson

The Art Exhibition for the Historical Society will run from March 6th, 2010 to June 27th, 2010. It will showcase the talents of artists from Greentown and the surrounding communities. The exhibit will include the following categories: painting, drawing, graphic design, photography, sculpture, ceramics and mixed media. A pre-opening reception for artists, sponsors and board members will be held the evening of Friday March 5, 2010.

Mast Furniture Safe

Upon the closing of Mast Furniture and the sale of the building to Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, Mary Pier wished to donate the safe to the Greentown Historical Society. The safe is at least 100 years old and was a part of the store as long as she can remember.



Wish List

Marcia Ford demonstrates how to encapsulate a document for preservation.



Annual Meeting Reservations

Please reserve my seat for the Annual Meeting / Dinner / Silent Auction on Tuesday, October 27th.

(Reservation deadline is Monday, October 19th)

_____ Persons @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Send your check and reservation to GHS, PO Box 313, Greentown, IN 46936.

I'm sorry I cannot attend but enclosed is a donation to the Society for the following purpose: _____



Greentown Historical Society Membership Form for 2010

Purpose: 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, and to provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences.

Dues Rates:	Junior (18 and under)	\$ 8.00
	Individual	\$ 15.00
	Family	\$ 45.00
	Life Member	\$200.00

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Dues paid in mid-year will be pro-rated by the number of months remaining in the year.

Life Membership dues may be designated to the General Fund or to the Greentown Historical Society Endowment Fund.

Please complete the information requested on the back of this form and mail with your check in enclosed envelope.

Thanks from Paul Nicholson, Membership Chairperson

Greentown Historical Society
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Membership Form for 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check one:

____ Current Member

____ New Member

Check one:

Category of Membership: ____ Junior

____ Individual

____ Life Member

____ Family

Life Member:

____ General Fund

____ Endowment Fund

Other donations enclosed: Building Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Greentown Historical Society