



Keepers of the Past

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The GTHS Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Submit requested agenda items and Officer reports to schmidbarre@gmail.com at least 7 days prior to the next meeting date.

Urgent Call for Volunteers

The GTHS currently needs additional volunteers for a wide variety of projects and programs. Volunteers may choose their area of interest and specify their availability. Several projects can even be supported from home or remotely. You do not have to be a Goshen-resident or history buff to make an impact. Together, we will find a project that suits your interests, time, and abilities.

Following are just some of the areas in which we need help:

- Docent/tour guide at the museum or log cabin (training provided)
- Archiving and research of collection items
- Exhibit set up/dismantle
- Video interviews (conduct, video, or edit)
- Occasional cleaning of the museum or log cabin
- Decorative landscaping maintenance at the museum or cabin (lawn mowing services are not needed)
- General repairs/handyman services
- Staff support for special events
- Membership and connections
- Photography for special events
- Fundraising
- Marketing support

If you, your family, or someone you know are interested in these initiatives, or have other skills and interests you would like to share, please email us at goshenhistory@gmail.com or call/text us at 513.613.4070.

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GTHS School of Blacksmithing Update

The June medieval axe class with Elmer Roush and Chris Maybury was an awesome experience for all attendees. Lots of good tips and traditional methods were explored, as well as tooling to use with a power hammer. Thanks to all who participated. The July knife class was also a sold-out success. August 12-14 is the punched eye belt axe class with Bart Dellinger, focused on forging, heat treating, and hafting.



We continue to work on other classes, as well as setting dates for open shop days. Please check www.goshenhistory.org for class details and registration instructions.

We have another raffle underway. Tickets are \$10. Winner gets a choice of a Chuck Henderson flatter, an Ed Brazeal rounding hammer, or a coal rack and pair of tongs by Chase Smothers.

The Southern Ohio Forge & Anvil "Quad State" will take place September 23-25, 2022, at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Troy, Ohio. Learn more at sofablacksmiths.org/quadstate/

A special thank you to those volunteers who helped with clean up and repairs at the Log Cabin Heritage Center. Many repairs are still pending but order has been restored and the School of Blacksmithing is fully operational.



GTGS Historian Update

Things are getting lively over at the Anchorage this summer!

We are getting our exhibits ready for you to visit when we reopen the museum on Sundays for visitors, estimated September 25th. Stay tuned for more information on what we will have planned that day.

We have an exhibit of *Goshen in the 1920s* and still offer exhibits on Sam Leever and John Glancy.

Come see me at the museum if you need help with your Goshen Township genealogy or house histories. Reminder, if you are researching your home, we have a great, free download of resources, tips, and clues available on www.goshenhistory.org. Visit our online store to access this free guide.

Cemetery news: A little cleaning has been going on in both the Goshen and Myers cemeteries. Mickey Weiss, a local stone cleaner, has made some amazing progress on some of the Civil War soldier's stones that were hard to read.



Entering every artifact in our collection into our museum software Past Perfect is an ongoing project. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer once a month to enter data in our system, we could use the help. Training provided. Contact gths.historian@gmail.com for more info.



From the Archives

An interview with former Goshen resident Mrs. Charlotte Early Robinson, wife of Capt. Tubal Early

KY Woman Who Knew Washington, Jefferson, Randolph & Jackson
Fredonia Times, May 14, 1885

The Cincinnati Post publishes a picture of and an interview with Mrs. Charlotte Early Robinson, nearly 100 years old, living in Covington, KY. She says:

"I was born at Liberty, the county seat of Bedford VA, 25 miles from Lynchburg. Our family name was Caffery. We were of Scotch descent, and our name was originally Carfrie. I remember my grandfather commenting on the new name that the people had given us and which in our time we gave ourselves. My father was in good circumstances and was a captain in the war.

Did I ever see Gen. (George) Washington? Oh yes, when I was a child. I remember how he happened to be at our house. He and my father were well acquainted... I remember that he was very fond of children, for he took me on his knee, and he tossed me and made much of me. My father died while I was still a child and while at Marion College, I married my cousin Tubal Early, my mother's brother's son. My husband was cousin to Gen. Jubal Early's mother. She admired my husband very much, and named her son the Gen. after him, but by some mistake made by the pronunciation or the spelling he was named Jubal instead of Tubal, as intended. I never saw that Gen. Early. His folks lived in Charlotte County, which was a long way off in those days. My relationship with him, you see, was very remote, and yet he is the only relative I have living. I have outlived all my relatives and friends and I am alone! Alone, and in poverty!

Oh yes, I knew (Thomas) Jefferson very well. His place was called Poplar Forest, located in Bedford County, and he was a near neighbor of my husband's father who, you know, was also my uncle. My uncle thought much of Mr. Jefferson, indeed he thought

just such another man never lived! I was a young girl and my uncle's pet. Almost on every occasion when he went to visit Mr. Jefferson, he would call for little Charlotte (for I was small in stature) and have me seated on the horse behind him. You know nearly everybody traveled on horseback in those days. I was, therefore, frequently at Mr. Jefferson's house when he was at Poplar Forest. Afterward, he moved to Monticello, and I saw him very seldom. Mr. Jefferson was a very sociable man and homely, I thought, with his florid complexion and sandy, bushy hair. He had no family then. He and his wife had separated, and he was living alone. I don't think he and his wife ever came together again.

There was John Randolph of Roanoke. I have seen him very often and knew him very well. He was a little man, of dark complexion, and he had Indian blood in his veins. He prided himself on being a descendent of Pocahontas and was very eccentric. He frequently came to our town with his great pack of hounds to hunt. He would organize a great company of men and ladies to go on the mountains. He bought (you know he was very rich) the Peaks of Otter, which were the highest peaks of the Blue Ridge, and up in the mountains the whole party would go. But there was one point beyond which the women could never go. Almost a quarter of a mile from the summit, one peak was very steep and in order that the ladies might reach the top he had wooden stairways made all the way up. He was a bachelor, whom we called the duke of Roanoke, and paid his advances to a young lady of our town named Clarissa Gilmore, sister-in-law of the hotel-keeper. He proposed to her, but she told him she would like to own the duke's money but believed she preferred not to take the duke. She was a very beautiful girl. His black hair turned gray then. He had few friends then, he was so arrogant, and he wanted to govern everybody. There was always a grand ball when he visited our town.

Yes, I have seen Gen. Jackson, at my mother's house after the Battle of New Orleans. Her father's brother married the sister of Gen. Jackson's wife. Her family name was Donelson. Gen. Jackson's wife had a former husband named Roberts. My cousin Bishop Early, my husband's brother, was the last of my immediate relatives and he died about ten years ago.

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In the year 1835, my husband, my mother, and myself came to Cincinnati. We had considerable means and purchased property in Goshen, O. where we lived for many years. There I lost both my mother and husband, and came to Covington, where I married a second husband Mr. Robinson. We went to live in Ludlow Ky. and there I have lived ever since, until my house was burnt last fall." Charlotte Caffery Early Robinson buried her first husband Capt. Tubal Early in Goshen Cemetery.

More on Tubal & Charlotte Early

Capt. Tubal Early, a staunch abolitionist, moved from Virginia to Ohio with his wife Charlotte, mother-in-law, and nearly 20 free black men and women. Capt. Early offered them protection on the journey, then sponsored many of them as they worked to establish themselves in Goshen. Ironically, his younger cousin Jubal Early was one of the Confederate's fiercest generals who, eventually, met a crushing defeat at Winchester at the hands of Union Gen. Sheridan. While most of those who travelled north with the Earlys struggled to find work and acceptance, several stayed with the family in Goshen, working alongside them. Charlotte even took it upon herself to educate some of the group, hoping it would help them find better work and lead lives of higher purpose. Although she claimed when they arrived in Goshen that her husband had "considerable means," by the time of Tubal Early's death Charlotte was left with nothing. Her house soon fell into ruin and was sold to pay off debts. Perhaps sponsoring nearly 20 freed slaves contributed to the sharp decline in their finances. One of those men, known only as Dennis, is buried next to Tubal Early in Goshen Cemetery. The relationship between the Earlys and the freed slaves they brought to Goshen continued after Tubal's death; two men from the original group eventually moved with Charlotte Early to Covington KY.

Article for "From the Archives" was provided by
GTHS member Tina McDerman.



Upcoming Events

- **Aug 20** – GTHS presents Vintage Baseball with the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings
- **Sept** – actual date TBD – the GTHS Museum reopens on a regular schedule. Visit goshenhistory.org or follow us on Facebook at Goshen Township Historical Society for updates.
- **Oct 1** – Wizard Fest: Fun-filled, Harry Potter-inspired festival, including The Prison Break 5 K, Looney's Magical Tea Tent, and much more. Fun for all ages. Keep up on the activities on Facebook at goshenwizardfest. Proceeds benefit the Goshen Twp. Historical Society.
- **Oct 7** – GTHS welcomes Goshen 3rd graders to the Log Cabin and The Anchorage, with living history interactive demos by The Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee.
- **October 10** – Deadline for nomination of GTHS Board of Trustee officers (election in November). Elections to be held in November.

More history-themed activities throughout the Tri State can be found at www.goshenhistory.org on the calendar right on our home page. Check our calendar for information on local museums hours, antique fairs, living history presentations, and more.

What was big news in Goshen in 1886? Check out these "newsworthy" items from April 7, 1886:

- William McBurney left Goshen to make his home in Iowa last week.
- Misses Lura and Annie Holmes are at home from school on a few days' vacation.
- Dudley Day went to St. Louis to deliver to the purchaser his fine trotting mare Dolly Varden and to visit his brother Tom.
- Henry Miller purchased a McCormick twine binder of J. C. Bird, local agent at Goshen.

GTHS Library Update

Starting on April 10, 2022, we plan on being open every Sunday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. GTHS Historian Laura Bradley or GTHS Librarian Joyce Croley will be there to answer questions and show the current exhibit and new research materials. We will also be opening on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We would love to be open all Wednesday nights but due to a lack of volunteers we are forced to limit hours until we gain more volunteers. If you can spare a Wednesday evening or an occasional Sunday please contact librarian Joyce Croley at librarian.gths@gmail.com. You just need a love of history or meeting people. Free snacks for volunteers too.

The librarian has been busy inventorying the collection and adding more research materials. Joyce has donated a laptop, separate from GTHS admin equipment, so people can research materials at the Anchorage. Projects completed and available on the computer include maps of Goshen and Clermont County scanned and listed on the laptop. An index of all the family history files has been completed and available for viewing. We have purchased from the GHS Alumni, a CD of a newspaper called *The Goshen Booster* which details stories of people and everyday events throughout the decades.

We have photo collections of people, houses, and events with many subjects identified. Since they are digital copies, it is possible to enlarge them on the computer and thus now see and identify people and objects. Many of the photos are school photos and, although some of the people have been identified, we would love for people to look at them and hopefully help us identify family or friends in the old photos. We would also love to scan any family photos you have to add to our collection too.

Finally, the biggest change at the Anchorage is the updating of our security system. We now have Ring cameras inside and outside the Anchorage, as well as fire and water damage monitoring. We are happy that we now have a very sophisticated security system to protect our history treasures. We would

love to thank everyone who donated funds to purchase the equipment and to thank Mike Davison for his expertise and efforts to install the network. We are fortunate that Mike is from Goshen and was willing help research, purchase, and installation of the software and cameras for the Ring system. He has graciously volunteered as our IT person, troubleshooting glitches and software problems. Lucky for us, he is now retired from working for the Hamilton County Federal Court House judges as their computer expert.

Update on the GTHS Video Project: We are currently working on recording personal stories and memories of Goshen individuals. We have videotaped Lytle Brown, a member of the 1958 State Baseball team, Marvel Rich Ferguson and GHS's oldest living grad. We have Joe Hutchinson and Donn Heywood on our schedule and plan to record them as soon as the museum reopens.



We would also like to thank those individuals who have donated items to the GTHS:

- Mike Davidson donated a 20-inch monitor for the laptop and shelving mounts for the Ring cameras.
- Louisa Stiles donated a GHS class of 1926 composition.
- A GHS Class of 1930 photo was donated by Rick Bowman, as well as a collection of photos, autograph book, letters and other WW II ephemera.
- Jeff Neal donated a digital camera to film Goshen community members relating stories of their lives growing up in Goshen.



The Goshen Tornado

On July 6 at 3pm an F2 tornado touched down in Goshen. The area commonly known as downtown Goshen received heavy damage. Fortunately, there were no fatalities and amazingly only 2 reported injuries. Winds up to 135 MPH caused extensive property damage and left thousands without power for days. The GTHS museum "The Anchorage," located next door to the Goshen Twp Fire Station 18 which was destroyed by the tornado, suffered extensive roof damage, broken windows, down signage, and the loss of nearly every tree on the property. At the Cook Log Cabin Heritage Center next to the high school, our beloved log cabin was spared but other outbuildings were damaged by wind, down trees, and flying debris. We are relieved to report that all our buildings are standing, there was no damage to any of the building interiors, and all our artifacts are safe and secure.



Several members and friends of the GTHS, some of whom experienced damage to their own properties, quickly pitched in to secure our buildings and clear away debris. As an organization and a community, we are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support and volunteer assistance from all over the region. The GTHS has also been busy documenting and photographing the event and its aftermath as an historic record for future generations. Clean up and rebuilding continue throughout the area, but it is somehow reassuring to see that grand old stone house on the hill on SR 28, still standing tall, overlooking our town. The GTHS echoes the mantra heard and seen throughout the area, *Goshen Strong!*

Photos courtesy of Steve Ziegelmeyer Photography





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