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We need to convert members to the new digital version of the newsletter due to the ever-increasing costs of printing and mailing. If you have not already subscribed, you may have missed our first two mini newsletters from July and December. These contained different information than the traditional spring and fall editions. Eventually, we will not be mailing our newsletters so please subscribe now! Please visit www.greenvillealumni.org, scroll down to “subscribe” and enter your email address.....
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Our new Website: www.greenvillealumni.org

Important Upcoming Dates: SUNDAY, MAY 3, OPEN HOUSE (1:00-4:00) at GHS cafeteria

Choir-O-Rama Sat. May 16 (7:00 pm) and Sun. May 17 (2:00 pm) at the Memorial Hall

GHS Commencement Sat. May 30 (7:00 pm) at Harmon Field

Homecoming Parade Thurs. Oct. 8 (6:00 pm), from W. 5th St., up Broadway to Harmon Dr., then to Park Band Shell.

Homecoming Football Game, Fri. Oct. 9 (7:00 pm), vs. Vandalia Butler, at Harmon Field.

Preliminary Class Reunion Schedule for 2020 later updates coming in the summer. Please see your class rep.

1948 Sat. May 2 at BRC Brethren Home Brick Room, 11:00 am, **Shirley DiRocco**, 937-548-1449

1955 Sat. Aug. 22, at the Hills of Judea, Fort Jefferson, 4:00-11:00, **Allen Hauberg**, 1937allenh@gmail.com, 937-547-6269

1956 Sat. Aug. 29 at Maid-Rite picnic area, afternoon, **Duane Shields**, 937-548-3072, deshields858@embarqmail.com

1960 Not known

1962 Sat. Aug. 22 at Romer’s on the Circle, 3:00-?, **Georgia Young** georgia4362@hotmail.com, 937-423-4416,
Alice Ann Morrison Brown aliceab@embarqmail.com

1965 Sat. July 18 at Romers on the Circle, afternoon and evening, **Gloria Brubaker**, gbrubaker3839@gmail.com

1970 Fri. Aug. 21 at J&J Enterprises, Rt. 502 West, 5:00-11:00, Becky Pequignot Empie, robertempie@aol.com, 937-417-9222

1975 Sat. Aug. 22 at Elks Lodge, E. 3rd St., **Greg Wilson**, 614-309-4808, homeworkllc@yahoo.com,
Dana House Holzapfel djholzapfel@gmail.com 937-423-1762

1980 Sat. Aug. 29 at J&J Enterprises, Route 502 West, **Len Nealeigh**, 937-417-2137, len@kolorkoteplastering.com

1985 Sat. Aug. 22 at J&J Enterprises, Route 502 West, **Cheryl Sleppy Jennings**, ghs.1985reunite@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/291576534010/>

1990 Sat. Aug. 22 at ?? **Heather Hunt Brown**, florcafehonduras@yahoo.com, bonfire Friday, picnic Sunday

1995 None planned **Rich Hadden II**, rich.hadden@wright.edu

2000 Sat. Aug. 22 at Sloopy’s ?? 7:00-?, **Kristen Rogers Jones**, krstn_home@yahoo.com, *check for date, too!*

2005 Not planned yet. **Jessica Hershey Bosserman** hershely44@gmail.com, **Allie Amick Depoy**,
allieamick@gmail.com, **Katie Raffel**, katie.e.raffel@gmail.com

2010 Not planned yet **Danielle Bankson Urbancic** dlbankson@gmail.com,
Katie Erisman Bonfiglio katie_bonfiglio@yahoo.com

2015 Not known. **Evan Kiser** (Class President) evan.L.kiser@gmail.com

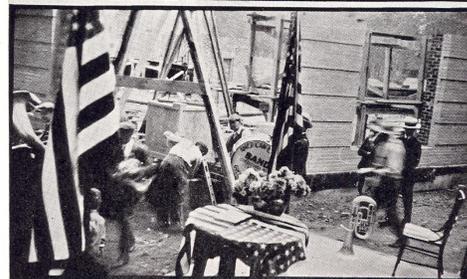
Contents of the 1923 Time Capsule from the old Junior High School building

The High School building on Central Avenue was recently demolished, but its **Time Capsule** was recovered and its contents examined. The Dedication was June 12, 1923, with the cornerstone being laid in a ceremony which featured our local Girl Scouts. The address was given by the president of the Greenville Historical Society, **Frazer Wilson**, GHS 1890. He was a noted author of Darke County Families history, Darke County history, author of the "*Peace of Mad Anthony*" which was an original book included in the time capsule, and was former Mayor of Greenville (1925-27 and 1936-39). The laying of the cornerstone is pictured in the 1924 Chief and was performed by the local Girl Scout troop(s).

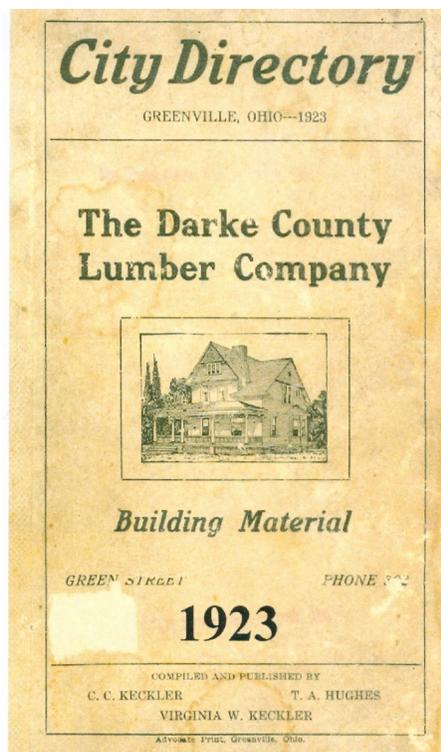
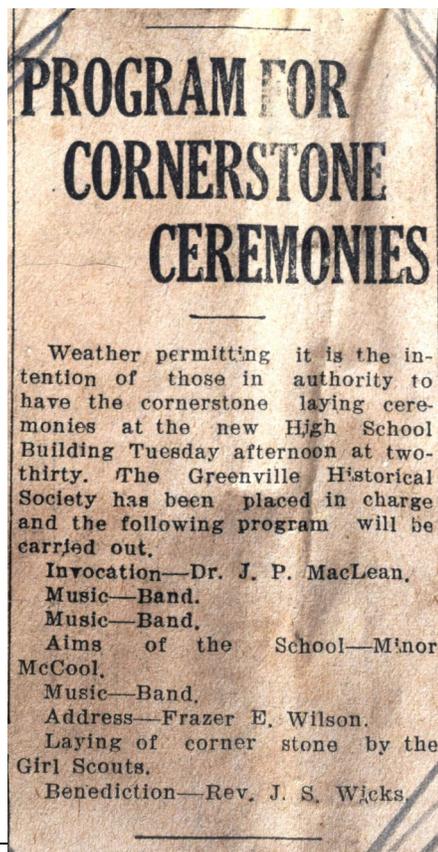
The cornerstone was removed July 12, 2017, by **Richard Barton**, Gettysburg HS '71, who purchased the rights for \$1,000 to tear out the stone. He had additional help, an air gun, and a concrete cutter to free the contents, and plans on keeping the findings.

The Time Capsule must have been assembled by local attorney **George A. Katzenberger**. It was stored in a copper box, which is highly oxidized now, with no protection around the outside, and is about 12" long by 6" wide and 4" deep. The lid was loose, just lying on top of the box. The contents were not protected, were exposed to air, and most of the contents were not sealed and have deteriorated to a condition that it cannot be restored or displayed.

Pictured here are the cornerstone location, the 1923 Dedication ceremony, the Time Capsule copper box, newspaper article previewing the upcoming ceremony the next day, and a 1923 City Directory.



Laying the Corner Stone of the High School Building, June 12, 1923.

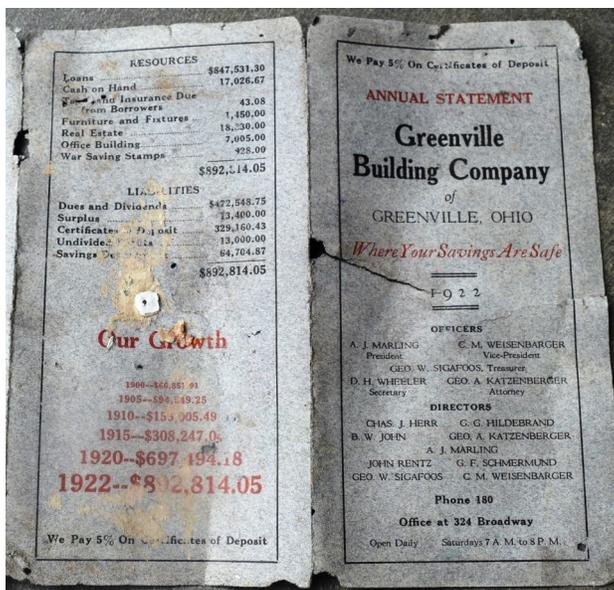
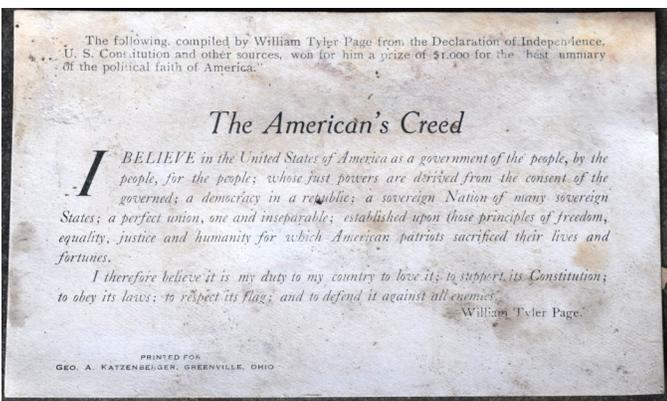


There was a deteriorated 1923 Greenville City Directory (*an original copy can be found at the Garst Museum*). There was a copy of "The American's Creed" which was written by **William Tyler Page** in 1917, as an entry into a patriotic contest about the political faith of America during World War I. The U.S. House of Representatives passed this resolution in 1918.

This is **The American's Creed**: "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

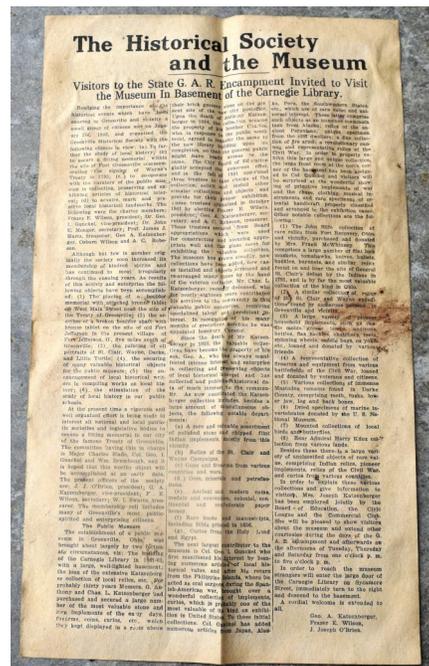
There were two thick letters with contents which have turned to powder and are not legible. There was a Annual Statement of the **Greenville Building Company** (which is now Greenville Federal) from 1922, with their statement of assets (resources) and liabilities.

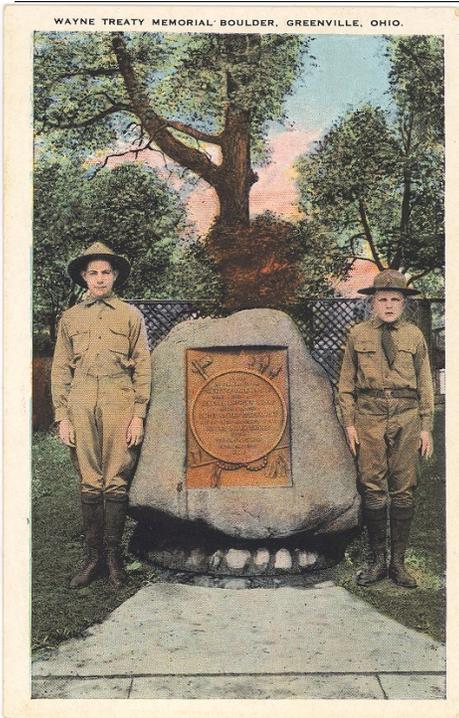
Pictured here The American's Creed original sheet, letters which have turned to powder, and the Greenville Building Company statement:



There was a **Historical Society and the Museum** informational sheet from the early 1920s (one sheet), and a discussion column about the Subject of Interest sponsored by Greenville Building Company. Two newspapers of the day June 11, 1923, the *Greenville Daily News-Tribune* and the *Greenville Daily Advocate* (both folded but very legible). A letter from the Police Department is not legible and a deteriorated postcard from 1920 showing the Anthony Wayne marker boulder which is in front of the City Building today, along with two Boy Scouts, one being George Katzenberger.

Pictured here are the Historical Society and Museum information sheet and on the next page are page 1 of the Advocate paper, and the Anthony Wayne boulder post card.





Two important historical books were also included but not in good enough condition to be usable. Both were identifiable and reprinted copies can be found at either the **Garst Museum** in Greenville or from **Amazon.com**:

The Peace of Mad Anthony, by **Frazer E. Wilson**, originally printed in 1907, is an account of the subjugation (forced control by the US government) of the Northwestern Indian Tribes and the Treaty of Greene Ville. This opened the territory beyond the Ohio River for Anglo-Saxon settlement. The book is separated into four segments:

1. The old Northwest—the Indian tribes, origins nature and distribution, Colonial expansion, French and Indian War, the Ordinance of 1787.
2. The tribes protest Arthur St. Clair appointed Governor, Army camps,

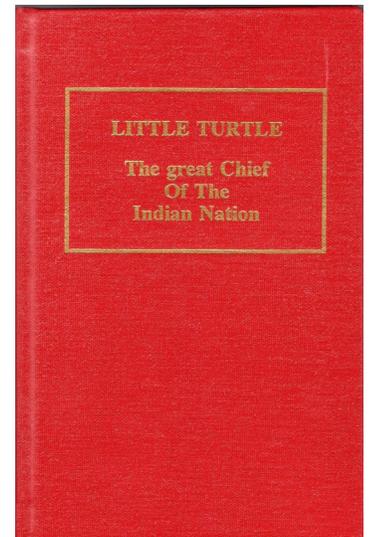
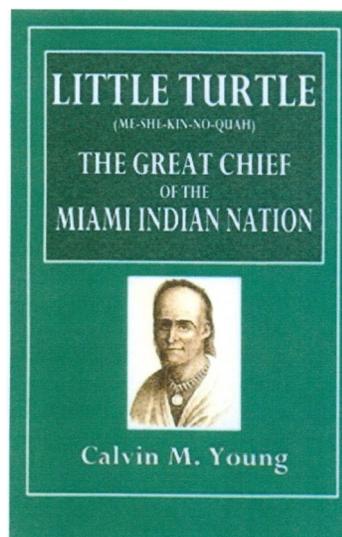
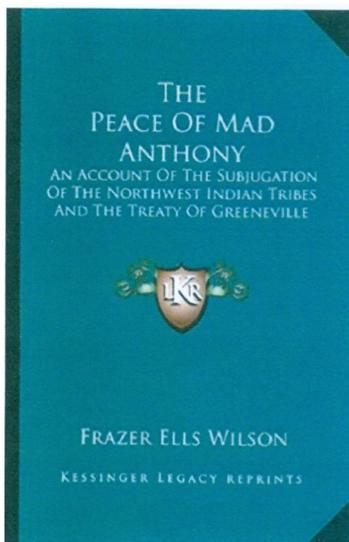


Little Turtle.

3. Anthony Wayne is victorious after St. Clair’s defeat, military establishment, many forts built. 4. The Great Peace, tribes assemble at Green Ville to sign the Treaty of Greenville.

Little Turtle, the Great Chief of the Miami Indian Nation, by **Calvin M. Young** (who was a Little Turtle historian from Franklin Township, Darke County), originally printed in 1917 is a sketch of his life together with that of Captain William Wells and other noted descendants. This covers the Miami Tribe, Arthur St. Clair’s expedition, Anthony Wayne’s Campaign, the Great Council Fire, The Treaty of Greene Ville, his birthplace and character sketch, and other descendants.

Pictured here are the reprinted covers of these two books, available at the Garst Museum or at Amazon.com . The original books were quite deteriorated.



Although most items found in this Time capsule were unusable in their current condition, the items were able to be identified using the local historical connections. The true treasure is knowing what was included in the capsule and what items the citizens of that time deemed to be important enough to keep for the future. The Garst Museum is invaluable for its research possibilities and resources, especially in today’s world.



2019 Reunion – 1948 Class

Front Row: Harvey Pierce, Dick Faulkner, Richard Robbins, Doris Rhoades Mikesell, Betty Oberer Best, Bob Hathaway, and Phyllis Shook Townsend.

Back Row: Vanis Lephart Brumbaugh, Jack Brandt, Nancy Nealeigh Wenger, Phyllis Beisner Hathaway, Phyllis Bowman Null, E.J. Byram, Arlene Fourman Hicks, and Shirley Stebbins DiRocco. *Held at the BRC (Brethren Home) Brick Room, May 4, 2019.*



2019 Reunion – 1954 Class

Front Row seated: Sarah Jane Brinkman Delk, Shirley Hipple, Ann Hawley Patty, Pat Meckes Faulkner, Shirley Feierstein Linn, Ted Mann, Jo Ann Schumeth Altic, Judy Howard Jones, and Barbara Albrecht Landis.

Standing (L to R): Nancy Brown Warner, Leota Rohr North, Jeanette Funk Patton, Jim Troxell, Peter Hemer, Dennis Neff, Jim Diltz, Jim Oliver, Gary Henderson, Jacque Durr, Keith Barnhardt, Richard Davis, Jim Whitaker, Martha Steffen Kober, and Jim Albright.

Present but not pictured: Barb Ridenour Landess Gentry. *Held at J.T.s Restaurant, July 27, 2019.*



2019 Reunion – 1956 Class

Front Row 1: Ken Brunswick, Jerry Gordon, Ginny Alley Bertram, Barb Stouffer Snider, Judy Schaar Fitzgerald, Karen Seibel Armstrong, Marilyn Mowery Miller, Dorothy Butts Beck, and Shirley Beasley Morrow.

Row 2: Bill Maxwell, Dave Gauvey, Dave Girbert, Marilyn Kreider-Bradley, Barbara Crawford Wilcox, Dixie Wentworth Jones, Helen Riegle Dull, Judy Beam Kauffman, Martha Baker House, Eula Meyer Byers Alford, and Nancy Redman Stump.

Back Row 3: Phil Holthouse, Melvin Johnson, Lois Dohme Schuh, Duane Shields, and Ron Stephens. *Not present for picture:* Chloe Yoder Suter. *Held at the Maid-Rite picnic area, Aug. 24, 2019.*



The Girls of 1957 80th Birthday Celebration

Front Row: Jacquie North Clark, Sonnie Wenger Saurber, Karel Seibel Dixon, Donna Jefferis Foley, and Marilyn Halley Howell.

Back Row: Susie Stickel Hildebrand, Ann Goubeaux Bagnoli, Nancy Younker Barry, Doris Meador Starck, Connie Finton Davis, and Julia Ann McGreevey von Haam.

Held at J.T.s Restaurant, Aug. 24, 2019.



2019 Reunion – 1959 Class

Front Row Seated: Janet Stolle Peiffer, Karen Hoover Henninger, Sandra Shepherd Slate, Deb Zeller Patterson, Alan Greiner, Carol Maxwell Funderburg, Kathy Meehan Shockney, and Susan Brewer Schaar.

Row 2: Robert Locke, Sharon Wogoman McDonald, Connie Stonerock Hart, Karen Grobe Mehl, Marilyn Bowman Wilson, Joanie Buchy Dahlen, Janet Lehman Hicks, Arlene Spahr Bankson, and Margaret Hildebrand Manix.

Row 3: Gene Henninger, John Hannah, Roger Nealeigh, Janice Meyer Denlinger, David Cox, Mara Jekabsons Cox, Marilyn Wills Gruber, Barbara Wentworth Stockslager, Judy Westerman Fasnacht, and Judy Brown Rhoades.

Back Row 4: Layne Peiffer, Roger Marker, Fred Dean, Dale Drew, Duane Johnson, Ross Gruber, Keith Fasnacht, David Spidel, and Becky Victor Stute. *Held at Romer's Catering Room at the Traffic Circle, Sept. 28, 2019.*



A Thanksgiving tradition for more than 20 years has continued again this year. The four Buell sisters reunite and begin their Christmas shopping each year in downtown Greenville. Pictured here at The Montage Café on Broadway are **Cathy Buell Cornell** GHS 1966, of Greenville, **Patty Buell Lear** GHS 1979, of Cleveland, **Molly Buell Logan** GHS 1978, of Columbus, and **Eileen Buell Schulze** GHS 1973, of Greenville. Each is holding one of her “holiday finds” for this year, an insulated mug with the lettering “The Real Housewives of Darke County”. Downtown Greenville is thriving with small, newer, independent, and unique businesses for customers who enjoy small-town shopping like these sisters do.

Editor's note: This mug may be purchased at The Montage on Broadway for \$24.99 plus tax.

<https://montagecafe.com>



2019 Reunion – 1964 Class

Front Row Seated: Patricia Fisher Schlosser, Shirley Baxter Oliver, Judy Haffner Borders, Esther Goubeaux Joslin, Patty Cool Cotterman, (Brenda Marker Denlinger), Cindy Fisher Lutz, Doree Greendyke Lee, and Gary Fort.

Row 2: Nancy Bromagem Parish, Karen Cook Besecker, Pat Lemmer, Beth Rhynard Hoffman, Judy Bisel Miller, Janet Rismiller Davenport, Charlotte Snyder Wright, Liz Sullivan Steinle, Nancy Grimes Miller, Terri Moore Emory, Alice Bain Barton, and Wanda Bruss Bailey.

Row 3: Dwaine Blumenstock, Marsha Kuhnle Prasuhn, Patsy Pence Livingston, Roberta Heath Crawford, Sue Thomas Schlechty, Don Hoblit, Terry Hurt, Karen “Cookie” Linke Del Guidice, Darlene Hammaker Winterrowd, Jerry Stump, Chuck Bowen, Wayne Marker, Fred Foutz, and Rick Birt.

Back Row 4: Dick Brown, Larry Ellis, Jerry Ellis, Phil Ungericht, Dennis Forte, Jim Poling, Dick Swartz, Gerald Sleppy, Jerry Doss, J.L. Harter, Dave Small, Les Crowell, Greg Reck, Larry Anthony, and Bill Light.
Held at the American Legion Hall, Aug. 24, 2019.



2019 Reunion – 1963 Class

Front Row on floor: Kerry Ungericht and Marsha Palser Duvall.

Seated: Penny Binkley Wills, Linda Thompson Ungericht, Randa Thompson Snyder, Beth Marshall Thomas, Laura Marker Witters, Mary Jane Campbell Dietrich, and Melody Brown Fox.

Standing: David Wills, Jean Hufnagle Gobel, Tim Scheiding, Dora Wright Mosier, Dan Coppess, Ralph Clutter, Richard Martin, Joe

Mong, Bill Harris, Doug McGriff, and Paul Whittington.

Held at the Bistro Off Broadway, Aug. 24, 2019.



2019 Reunion – 1967 Class 70th Birthday Party -- Group 1

Front Row Seated: Jack Phillips, Linda Butts Rush, Patty Westfall Fultz, Nancy Bailey Shiveley, Kathy Rhoades O'Dell, Marsha Buchy Brown, Mike Coffman, Janie Godown Graham, and Trudy Matthew Tutwiler.
Standing: Mike Fourman, Doug Richardson, Pat MacKenzie, Martha Morton Petkewitz, Linda Hammaker Bruns, Karen Doss Lowder, Jennifer Smith Bertram, Chrissy Seiler, Janet Twaits Pepper, Carol Young Forte, Kathy Hoblit Bowen, Barbara Willman Rhoads, Beckie Brandon Shumaker, Carol Mason White, Leon Rogers, and Betsy Nealeigh Miller. Party held at the Montage Café and picture taken at the YOLO Urban Park on Broadway, Aug. 10, 2019.



2019 50th Year Reunion – 1967 Class – Group 2

Front Row Seated: Linda Godown Stoltz, Darlene Horner Oeslager, Susan Hoschour Miller, Susan Haworth Beisner, Nancy Martin Holcomb, Jenice Martin Schultz, Roscoe Hinkle, and Ms. Judy Lewis Logan (*teacher*).
Row 2: Kathy Maher Zouhary, Marty Hiestand Keener, Judy Gueth Schmidt, Beverly Grote Townsend, Barb Mong Hill, Penny Heiser Wilson, Steve Maitlen, Jane Magoteaux Dryzyga, and Jerry Gerace.
Row 3: Tania Lindemuth Lam, Judy Littman Whitaker, and Karla Katzenbarger Brown.
Row 4: Terry Jasenski, Peggy Griffin, Dee Lam, and Mike Gerlach.
Back Row 5: Greg Gerlach, Terry Garbig, Ron Light, Kyle Kagey, David Grooms, Steve Longfellow, Scott Mills, Phil Mong, and Bill Moore. Held at Romer's Catering Hall on the Traffic Circle, Aug. 24, 2019.

Homecoming 2019: "Show You Up"

This year's Homecoming Week was October 7 to 11, 2019, and concluded with a victory in the varsity football against West Carrollton. The Thursday evening Parade started from a new location along the first block of West Fifth Street just off Broadway. The route was similar up Broadway to Harmon Drive and across to the Marling Band Shell. The Pep Rally featured the GHS Band of Pride, Cheerleaders, the football team and the Homecoming Court candidates. The Grand Marshal was one of G.H.S.'s most ardent supporters and constant contributor to our school's success, **Ty House**, GHS 1974. The football captains and Head Football Coach **Aaron Shaffer**, GHS 1995, did a great job of raising the audience's enthusiasm at the Band Shell.



All the Homecoming Court candidates (underlined here) were introduced before the **Chief Green Wave** was introduced. The 39th Chief Green Wave was **Marcus Wood**, the son of **Lisa Phillips**, GHS 1986, and **Sam Wood** of Trotwood, and youngest brother of **Devin Wood**, GHS 2013, **Quinton Wood**, GHS 2015, and **Trae Wood**, GHS 2017. He was president of both Supply Chain Management in Career Tech and the Chess Club, and is a 3-sport athlete: football, basketball and baseball. Other Chief Candidates were: **Tytan Grote**, was a football, wrestling and baseball athlete, and son of **Melissa Rice Grote**, GHS 1995, and **Chris Grote**, and sibling of **Sydney Grote**, GHS 2018 and **Kenzi Rice**, GHS 2032, and wants to play college football and major in Education. **Zane Mancillas**, an outstanding wrestler and son of **Nathan Mancillas**, GHS 1988, and **Lougena Canada Martinez**, GHS 1994, and siblings **Kelsi Mancillas**, GHS 2014, **Tani Mancillas**, GHS 2018, and **Evan Martinez**, GHS 2033, and wants to wrestle in college and become an insurance salesman.

Foster Cole, a basketball and track athlete, NHS and NTHS member, son of **Kimberly Davis**, GHS 1992, and **Timothy Cole**, GHS 1996, brother of **Jeremiah Bunch**, GHS 2022, and **Rebecca Bunch**, GHS 2025, and wants to study architecture at Miami Univ. **Tyler Beyke**, son of **Jim Beyke**, GHS 1989, and **Michelle Beyke**, brother **Brandon Beyke**, GHS 2017, is the football QB, a basketball starter, and a baseball star, NHS, NTHS, Key Club, and Student Council member, and wants to play baseball at Trine Univ. (was Tri-State Univ. in Angola, Ind.) and major in civil engineering. **John Butsch**, son of **John** and **Marianne Butsch**, brother of **James Butsch**, GHS 2012 and **Jacob Butsch**, GHS 2015, a track and football player, and would like to play football in college and become a dentist. **Ethan Flanery**, son of **Douglas Flanery**, **Robyn Flanery**, **Dana Flanery**, and **Chad Kennedy**, brother of **Eli Flanery**, GHS 2022, a football, basketball and baseball athlete, Class President, Student Council, and NHS member, wants to major in biological sciences and eventually attend medical school.



At Friday's football pre-game ceremony, this year's Queen was crowned by last year's Chief Green Wave **Colton Zumbrun**, and the winner was **Riley Hunt**, a 4-generation GHS Alumni member, daughter of **Nathan Hunt**, GHS 1995, and **Lori Hunt** (Arcanum), grand parents **Bruce Hunt**, GHS 1972, and **Cindy Rhoades Hunt**, GHS 1972, great grandparents **Bill Rhoades**, GHS 1944, and **Janet Ashman Rhoades**, GHS 1945, siblings **Cooper Hunt**, GHS 2025, and **Meredith Hunt**, GHS 2028, is an NHS, Student Council, Key Club, Orchestra member, and won the State Track and Field Pole Vault Championship last year as a Junior and is the current state record holder. She has a scholarship to attend the University of Arkansas to further her pole vaulting career and major in business. **Emma Klosterman**, daughter of **Rob Klosterman**, GHS 1993, and

Shelly Kiryluk Klosterman, GHS 1995, grandchild of **Dan Klosterman**, GHS 1972, **Patty Linder Klosterman**, GHS 1974, **Juanita Fairbanks Kiryluk**, GHS 1965, **Gunter Kiryluk**, Gettysburg '64, sibling **Clayton Klosterman**, GHS 2018, a member of NHS, NTHS, FCA, Med Tech, volleyball, track and cheerleading member, and holds the GHS record in both the long jump and the triple jump, wants to continue her track and studying nursing. **Maggie Bankson**, also a 4-generation GHS alum, daughter of **Matt Bankson**, GHS 1991, and **Heather Vore Bankson**, GHS 1994, grand daughter of **Arlene Spahr Bankson**, GHS 1959, **Dean Bankson**, Ansonia '56, **Neal Vore**, GHS 1972, **Joyce Christian Vore**, GHS 1973, with sublings **Sam Bankson**, GHS 2022, and **Charlie Bankson**, GHS 2027, was a swimmer and soccer player, and wants to attend Univ. of Cincinnati and major in Pharmacy. **Kiersten Barnes**, daughter of **Stephanie Barnes Karger** and **Kellen Karger**, sibling of **Keira Karger**, GHS 2024, **Keegan Karger**, GHS 2023, **Leighton Qunitor**, GHS 2013, and **Cristiano Quintor**, GHS 2032, wants to thank her Children's Learning Center teacher **Amy Hunt Schoen**, GHS 1997, for making a difference in her life and inspiring Kiersten to enter Early Childhood Education. **Mary Burk**, daughter of **Karl Burk**, GHS 1989, and **Lisa Poeppelman Burk**, and grand daughter of **Darryl Burk**, GHS 1959, and **LaJean Hnery Burk**, GHS 1960, a member of NHS, NTHS, Key Club and cheerleading captain, who wants to attend Miami Univ. and major in Kinesiology and pursue a Master's degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics. **Natea Davidson**, daughter of **Andrew Davidson**, GHS 2003, and **Alicia Mowery Davidson**, GHS 2003, was a member of Key and Science Clubs, an athlete in softball, basketball, and cross country, and wants to major in Psychology at a 4-year college. **Morgan Gilbert**, daughter of **Misty** and **Travis Gilbert**, was Class V.P, member of Key Club, NHS, NTHS, a high-scoring point guard in basketball, and an All-Ohio Honor athlete in softball (as a shortstop), and has signed to play softball at the Univ. of Tennessee--Martin and major in Engineering.

The first Homecoming was held at GHS in the Fall of 1949 and the whole process has changed significantly through the years. This year's version was one of the better ones.



Chief Green Wave Marcus Wood
And Queen Riley Hunt

2019 HOMECOMING COURT

Left to right: Emma Klosterman, Ethan Flanery, Kiersten Barnes, Zane Mancillas, Natea Davidson, John Butsch, Chief Green Wave Marcus Wood, Homecoming Queen Riley Hunt, Tyler Beyke, Morgan Gilbert, Foster Cole, Mary Burk, Tytan Grote, and Maggie Bankson.



2019 50th Year Reunion – 1969 Class – Group 1 (above)

Front Row Seated: Sheila Brady Christian, Suzanne Barnhardt Carrington, Sharon Boyd Stebbins, Craig Deubner, Jim Bell, Gayle Ayers Kinnison, Krista Fisher Lawhorn, and Kathy Denniston Girdler.

Row 2: Kent Fourman, Debby Booker Sadders, Chuck Jenkins, Rose Abbott Jenkins, Annie Eikenberry Myers, Marcia Brewer Fink, Mary Fitzwater Hutcheson, Gary Condon, Gloria Harpest, Mary Benanzer Shrader, and Gary Arnett.

Row 3: Irma Bates Heiser, Claudette Baumgardner Flitman, Deidre Eve Dohse, Debbie Fitzwater Bell, Scott Clum, Ron Coblentz, Sam Edger, Sally Futrell Reid, Bev Campbell Vanover, and Marlys Brown Wachtelhausen.

Back Row 4: Jim Heiser, Mike Franklin, Don Delaplane, Bill Combs, Mike Brandon, Ted Clutter, Norm Fullerton, Nick Chanos, Alan Fierst, Alan Clark, Jason Fisher, and Jim Broderick. *Held at Romer's Catering Hall on the Traffic Circle, Aug. 24, 2019.*





2019 50th Year Reunion – 1969 Class – Group 3 (above)

Front Row Seated: Todd Oliver, Sharon Owen, Joyce Orrison Dotson, Dan Sullenbarger, Pam Wagner Sharp, Shirley Seals Hathaway, Marvin Johnson, and Marion Johnson.

Row 2: Ron Riegle, Maury Rhynard, Linda White Vernon, Cindy Thompson Spahr, Martha Schmalenberger Hutton, Becky Roll Phifer, Tom Vance, and Hank Steinmetz.

Row 3: Raine Reigle, Tom Trittschuh, Kathy Sharp Wilkins, Kathy Van Dine Daughtry, Monica Shaw Hirsch, Phyllis Pretsman Davenport, Becky Stevens Kelley, and Ted Shuttleworth.

Back Row 4: Paul Snyder, Kent Zechar, Ron Weitemier, Jack Nichols, Jeff Schmidt, and Jamie Williams

Not pictured: Tony Tutwiler, Ted Dohse, Dave Paulus, Mike Rush, Gary Garland, Rosemary Twaits Paulus, Dennis Hunt, and Steve King. *Held at Romer's Catering Hall on the Traffic Circle, Aug. 24, 2019.*

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CLASS OF 1969 50th Year Reunion Celebration:

Debby Booker Soddors put together one the largest class reunions we have ever had at GHS, with 114 classmates and a total of 170-180 attendees at Romer's. The amount of planning that had to go into this production seemed astronomical. Thank you to your committee for all the effort that it took to make this a success.



2019 50th Year Reunion – 1974 Class

Front Row Seated: Becky Schweigert James, Cheryl Abbott, Gail Maxwell Beach, Nanette Rudy Brawley, Debra Stull Kohn, Barb Oda Dent, Patty Sink Browning, and Bonnie Abbott Zerkle.

Row 2: Connie Cool Swartz, Debbie Lease, Teresa Garland Plessinger, Kim Hill Raper, Dena Miller Nelsen, Diana Hoffman Cook, Loretta Caudell Fansler, Terry Shields Shutts, Mark Goubeaux, Timothy Hart, and Holly Bankson Finnarn.

Row 3: Mary Hupman Morgan, Tom Deeter, Joan Leonard Butchko, Dan Riegle, Sheree Mitchell Boyd, Susie Griffin Hyatt, Kornelia Miok Barnett, and Krista Gerlach Hennessy.

Row 4: Jeff Hufnagle, Jeff Pequignot, Terry Greer, Dave Holcombe, Mike Ryan, Dave Shields, Sam Puterbaugh, Joe Godwin, and Rodney Grim.

Back Row 5: Chris Deardourff, Tom “Lefty” Worner, Mark Kimmel, and Ty House.

Attending but not pictured: Kathy Stentzel Shafer. *Held at Romer’s Catering Party Room on the Traffic Circle, Aug. 24, 2019.*





2019 Reunion – 1979 Class – Group 1 (above)

Front Row: Richard Pontius, Bill Lingle, Tammy Wise Curtis, and Jennifer Petty Colvan.

Row 2: Sandra King, Susy Goodwin Dennison, Dorothy Skaggs Landis, Lori Suter Garland, Sue Plumb Patti, and Lori Riegle Delk.

Row 3: Rene Wood Teasdale, Jill Johnson Wright, Dave Denniston, Sharon Rogers Hummel, Brenda Harshbarger Long, and Jerry Pence.

Row 4: Louie Rivetti, Sharon Weyrick Harris, Michelle Henderson D'Antuono, Roger Riffell, and Lisa Trittschuh Wehrley.

Back Row 5: Patty Buell Lear, Pam Hemer Aldridge, Kris Henry Hansman, Susie Hicks, and Tracy Haines.

Back Row 6: Blair Miller, Sandi Sullivan, Addie Rodenburgh, Patty Stockslager Bonfiglio, Mike Seiler, Julie Dickey Colvin, and Cheryl Batten Smith.

Held at the St. Clair Manor, Aug. 17, 2019.

<<<<<<<< 2019 Reunion – 1979 Class – Group 2 (at bottom of the previous page)

Front Row: Tom Harsh, Debbie Byers Swihart, Matt Anderson, Dan Crawford, Lisa Martin Kettlehake, Roxanne Teeter Beck, and Sherri Miltenberger Jones.

Row 2: Randy Swihart, Bob Lockhart, Eric Johnson, Deanna Hoffman Butts, and Jamie Marker Parton.

Row 3: Kevin Sink, Dean Fornshil, Beth Byrum Wells, Rosalie Harpest Zelnick, Sharon Kissinger Curvin, Scott Spille, Tom Wetzel, Ted Cassel, Laurie McDonald Rose, Mike Bowers, Jeff Rose, Roxanne Hart Cech, Mike Stover, Gary Loxley, Ted Fiely, Jamie Graham Osborne, and Dana Crawford Melling.

Back Row 4: Alan Wetzel, Paul Stickel, Kevin Folkerth, Duane Zerkle, Brad Fisher, Bill Anderson, and Gib Bickel. *Held at the St. Clair Manor, Aug. 17, 2019.*

“Delayed Pilgrims”

Transcription of an audio tape spoken by Miss Ethel Hathaway and deciphered by Mara Cox

Miss Ethel Hathaway, GHS 1915, was a long-time English teacher at G.H.S. (1928 to 1960, mostly teaching Sophomore English), and this is from her thesis for a Master’s Degree in Education from Miami University. She had helped with English language classes for immigrants in the early 1950s. Some high school students also helped with these classes.

A male voice introduces the radio program at Miami University (*with accompanying music introduction*). He says, “Do you like to meet new people, to make new friends? This afternoon Ethel Hathaway, from the high school staff of Greenville, Ohio, is going to tell you of her new friends from foreign shores. Perhaps to you the space of oceans will become as nothing as you hear memories and reflections of friendships that overcome the barriers of language, for her friends are the Delayed Pilgrims” (*music plays...*).

Then Miss Hathaway speaks: “It almost seems incredible now after several months experience of teaching English to foreign friends, for not long ago, the term “D.P.”, recently seen in magazines and newspapers, was just one of those alphabetized names that referred to some foreign groups called displaced persons. People who have lost their homes or people who have been displaced from them by the war, a thousand miles away. Of course, one felt sorry for them, but the feeling had a vagueness about them, a generality, because one was thinking in terms of a group, not of intelligent, interesting individuals we now know. But perhaps I should go back to the beginning.

“The first time I ever saw a group of displaced persons, Estonians, Lithuanians, and Latvians, was when I was invited to attend a YWCA International Friendship Program. It was inspiring to see them gathered at a large table, from which they rose to speak in accents that suggested countries so far away that we’ll never have the opportunity, even if we wished, to touch their shores. Then when we heard them sing their Christmas Hymns, for it was a short while before Christmas, sometimes in different times, but with fervent sincerity. Somehow there is a harmony there that seems to suggest time for which man has dreamed for many ages when swords shall be beaten into plowshares and one world shall abide in peace. This ideal, though not attained, and in the last few tragic years, apparently obscured by clouds of war, did that night seem attainable. Perhaps as a nation we must say what Browning rather than Ezra said as an individual, ‘but I aspire to be and was not, comforts me or a man’s reach must exceed his grasp.’ We should like to think if we could pierce the solemn myth that the present obscure the future, we could see a world more like that of which we have dreamed.

“Sometime after the YW meeting, someone said, ‘I wonder whether these people should have English classes.’ The thought was soon translated into action and the classes were formed. Although I was not teaching the first night, I was privileged to be present. I was so much impressed that day, that two days afterwards, I could not refrain from jotting down my thoughts. May I tell you about it by quoting my notes practically as I wrote them.

“That day after the first session of evening school, first meeting at the Presbyterian Church, sang “Silent Night” in various languages. When I wakened the next morning, I could see nothing but the light in their faces. Close the door to America, you mean to eight-year-old Lauma with flaxen braids, to Gurgen (?-*spelling*) who sits on the edge of the seat as though afraid he’ll miss some new American words, you mean Alex, the chemist, who speaks five languages, _____ (*un-intelligible name*), the pharmacist, Mrs. Wicheck (?-*spelling*), the Ukrainian mother who only knows two expressions, “Danke” and “sitzen sie”, but whose mobile face expresses graciousness, friendship, gratitude, yes, and pride for her brilliant son Joseph, is now part of an American school studying in peace and freedom. Joseph who manifests for Science, Latin, Mathematics, the same devotion boys lavish upon football and other sports. Shall America close the doors to Doctor Dzenis, the talented sculptor whose sensitive fingers give beauty that is a joy forever? Mr. Murdichs (?-*spelling*), who, among his possessions, who brought his violin and copies of Grieg, Handel, Chopin, and _____ (*unintelligible*). He plays now with stiffened fingers hardened by physical toil, brings forth deep tones of harmony that suggests best of old world’s culture, the hush of some great music hall. Shall we not let them enter? Remember, Liberty holds the torch of light and the broken chains of tyranny lie at her feet --- (*short pause*

of music) ---

“The passing days finally brought us to the time of the Christmas party. It was an evening to be remembered. The beauty of a present at Christmas, trees with the soft glow of Christmas lights, some native costumes, a quaint little girl with braids and old world beauty, intelligent faces, a few sad ones, a fair boy of ten, Ints, here for his first Christmas in America and attracted by the nativity scene, his mother’s soft-spoken words. Ints would show me the Christ I go see. The words seem to have almost _____ (?) a double meaning with the play of suggestion deeper than the literal.

“Somehow one could only wish that the spirit prevailing there that evening in that narrow room, amongst those of different lands might know no boundaries. When one realizes what Delayed Pilgrims had experienced, their resiliency, their tendency to come back, their poise is astounding. One displaced person who fled the Russians four times, the last 1,000 miles by wagon, yet says because his family is with him, because he is now unshattered by fear. ‘I have been lucky, too lucky.’ No longer do they fear the arrival of the long, black, official car, the ominous knock upon the door, the forced departure of a loved one, whom they shall see no more.

“To us they have come, Latvians, Ukrainians, Estonians, Lithuanians, with their talents, their dreams, their love for freedom. But that is not all, having emerged from the curtain of tyranny, they bring an impassioned plea that we be alert in the affairs of government now, that we keep our freedom and democracy, and drop not the torch of light.

(music of “God Bless America.....”)

“You have been listening to another program in a series designed to further and better understanding among nations. Today’s program was written and directed by **Ethel Hathaway**. This is Jack (? _____) speaking.”

(music.....)

Transcribed by Mara Jekabsons Cox, GHS 1959. Ethel Hathaway had told Mara she had this tape and that she, Mara, was in the tape (“the quaint little girl”). Upon Miss Hathaway’s death in 1989 at age 91, Mara was given this tape. Miss Hathaway taught English at GHS for 32 years.

“Miss Hathaway was my Sophomore English teacher and my English language teacher in those immigrant classes,” said Mara.

Ethel Hathaway

Miss Ethel Hathaway, 91, of 336 E. Main Street, Greenville, died Thursday at her residence. She was born Sept. 26, 1897, in Van Buren Township and was the daughter of the late Thomas and Lodema Jane (Slade) Hathaway.

She retired in 1960 as a teacher having taught English at Greenville High School. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Greenville, attended Baldwin Wallace College of Berea, received her AB degree Summa Cum Lauda from Ohio Wesleyan and did her graduate work at Miami University. She had taught a total of 40 years. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association of University Women, charter member of Business of Professional Women in Greenville.

She is survived by one first cousin, Mrs. Carl (Evelyn) Reynolds of Arcanum. 6-9-1989

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Zechar Bailey Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Locke officiating. Burial will be in Abbottsville Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Darke County Humane Society or the Right To Life organization.



Ethel A. Hathaway

ETHEL HATHAWAY
Teacher, English, 1928-1960
GHS Graduate 1915
Born Sept. 26, 1897
Died June 9, 1989, age 91



ETHEL HATHAWAY
Sophomore English



A “Delayed Pilgrims” Family

Many of the Eastern European countries fell under German control in the early 1940s during the Nazi expansion, and this included the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. When the Soviet military advanced into Latvia in 1944 pushing the Germans out, the Latvian territory fell under Soviet control. Most sources counted that 200,000 to 250,000 refugees escaped Latvia and fled to Germany or Sweden. The Jekabsons family was placed in a displaced persons camp in Sengwarden, Germany, in the British zone about 1949. They arrived in the United States in December, 1950, and eventually lived at **Joe Menke’s** farm on State Route 502 west of Greenville. The oldest sister **Maija Jekabsons** went to work for Joe Menke’s brother in Dayton and she graduated from Dayton Fairview High School. The other four Jekabsons sisters all graduated from Greenville High School: **Ilze**, GHS 1958, **Mara**, GHS 1959, **Ilona**, GHS 1962, and **Selga**, GHS 1965.

The Latvian citizens confirmed their strong support for independence, and the Republic of Latvia gained its full independence from Soviet domination on Aug. 21, 1991. In 1992, Mother **Anna**, **Ilze** and her husband **Jan**, and **Mara**, went back to visit their old country. In 1994, **Anna**, **Ilze**, and **Maija** went to visit uncles and cousins who were living there at that time.

(“We, the Jekabsons family, escaped Latvia in 1944-45 when Russia got the upper hand in the area where the Jekabsons had lived.”)



Selga, Ilona, Mara, Ilze, and Maija in Germany in 1949



Mother Anna, Maija, Ilze, Mara, Ilona, and Selga, at Christmas, 2000

2019 Reunion – 1999 Class

Front Row: Josh Canan, David Cannizaro, Bethany Garland Jutte, Andrew Scott, Mitchell Etter, and David Benton.

Row 2: Robert Brown, Mike Manix, Brian Rehmert, Zachary Hoying, Phil Chatwood, Nathan Steinmetz, Aaron Kruckeberg, and Nate Pahl.

Also attending reunion functions of golf and Sloop’s: Wyatt Murphy, Caleb Woods, Matt Bobillo, Joe Sowers, Jessie Geist, Mike Mowery, Jenny Gasper Diehl, Corey Schmidt, Kristen Kelly

Schmidt, Shelly Rethlake Zeller, Robbie Garrett, Suzi Couchot Cain, Jerimey Davidson, Luke Capasso, Jessica Cook Atkins, Geoff Surber, Cheryl Argo Sosa, Mark Armstrong, Jake Lavy, Leah Warren, and Paul Loshie.

Held at the Turtle Creek Golf Course (formerly the Greenville Country Club), Aug. 25, 2019.





2019 Reunion — 1989 Class

Front Row 1: Kelley Ludlow Crist, Susan Clark Stall, Tracy Shumaker Jarvis, Pat Onkst, Becky Powers Dinnen, Kendra Bard Haworth, Jason Haworth, Tracy Howard Schaar, Tonnya McGlinch Guillozet, Chad Baughman, Melinda Thompson Thompson, Jenny Sleppy Foster, Heather Gilbert Wood, and Laurie Hanish Westheimer.

Back Rows combined: Lynn Crist, Eric Strait, Lloyd Gerald Fort, Greg Weidner, Doug Alexander, Steve Plessinger, Barry Blanton, Kerry Pohl, Chuck Swank, Brian Marcum, Travis Teaford, Jason Perdue, Chad Longfellow, Stephen Bucklew, Julie Shuttleworth Monnin, Trent Thompson, Josh Keller, Tammy Supinger Royster, Becky Cox Satullo, and Scott Coffman.

Held at the V.F.W. Hall on Ohio Street, August 17, 2019.



2019 Reunion – 2004 Class

Front Row: Ruth Hollinger Ragsdale, Alisa Butts Beisner, Maggie McNutt Salem, Mandy Neff Rismiller, Stacy Schellenburg Gibson, Carmen Jeffries, and Connie Smith Harless.

Back Row: Michael Rieman, Michael Fritz, Luke Miller, Meredith Kress Pollitz, David Woods, Jodie Downey, Michael Dowler, John Floyd, Karley Kitchen Wion, David Singer, and Erica Corey Riley.

Held at Tolly's Gastropub (Longfellow's Restaurant), Aug. 17, 2019.



2019 Reunion – 1994 Class

Front, kneeling: Justin Gonzalez, Mark Richardson, Joe Smith, Justin Sommer, and Steve Minnich.

Row 2: Molly McKenzie Price, Tina Kerg Cameron, Margo Crawford Wheeler, Cindy Weidner Stevens, Amy Kohlhorst, Lisa Maher Strawser, Emily Dynes Burk, Kim Barnes Williams, Mindy Snyder, Heather Vore Bankson, Susan Allread Barker, Cami Woodall Snider, and Dawn McGlinch Arnett.

Back Row 3: Emily O'Brien Kautz, Jamie Toman McGillivary, Kela Lane Plamper, Julie Wilson Ritchie, Jennifer Riley Bruns, Emily Stubbs Thornhill, Lacosta Barnes Teague, Leah Shuttleworth Lines, and Tina Church.

Held at the Turtle Creek Golf Course (formerly the Greenville Country Club), Aug. 3, 2019.



2019 Reunion — 2009 Class

Front Row, kneeling: Erin Hartzell Hines, Lucy Stephens, Tessa Clark, Andrea Bonfiglio, Victoria Marti, Rachael Duplessis, Britley Ritz, Ryan Butts, Kyle Teaford, and Lindsay Ricker.

Back Row: Derrick Harshbarger, Zach Melling, Emily Oiler Megown, Laci Stikeleather Sturgill, Shaun Duplessis, Cassi Chalmers, Kirsten Keller Harvey, Brittany Bowers Bear, Kaylin Cates Henninger, Kurstin Wysong Butts, Tiffany Enicks, Tamzin Bennett Powell, and Morgan Small.

Back Row 3: Michelle Brandt, Tyler Martin, Kevin Brenner, Jaime Pierce Clawson, Arielle Hayes, Jordan Ferguson, Leah Cain Shepherd, Mollie Ruble, Seth Monnin, Taylor Wagner Shear, Alex Derr, Tasha Livingston Rosengarten, and Clayton McGlothlin.

Held at Turtle Creek Golf Course (formerly the Greenville Country Club), Aug. 24, 2019.

The Trainor Family

Previously we brought Agnes Trainor's Class Song 1916 Sheet Music to you and this is the follow-up history of her family.

The Honorable Martin Bryant Trainor became an orphan child with the death of both parents before he was ten years old and was raised by his uncle, **Morgan Johnson**, on a farm near Tyner in northern Indiana. He worked as a clerk in his uncle's store and attended country and public schools in Tyner before attending Plymouth High School. The Superintendent there was Professor Chase and he ranked Martin as first in his class. His uncle sent Martin to the University of Michigan where he made a brilliant showing and graduated a half year early. At the U. of M., he met **Katherine "Kitty" Lecklider**, the daughter of a prominent physician in Greenville. Returning to Greenville, he established himself in business in partnership with his uncle, owning a small elevator and buying grain on the Pan Handle Railroad in Greenville under the company name of the Johnson and Trainor Company. He spent his evenings diligently studying law and eventually was admitted to the Bar in 1886. He became a very influential, popular and a respected citizen of Greenville, and was an attorney by trade before becoming a Judge. He sat on the bench countless times throughout the Midwest. He also operated other businesses in town which included *The Greenville Democrat* newspaper, the Trainor Opera House on West Third Street, and the Banner Lumber yard. He owned several farms and many houses and lots in town. No man in Darke County excelled so well in so many different vocations in life (from *History of Darke County*, 1914). He died late in 1927 after putting in a full day of legal work. His funeral in 1927 remains the largest one ever held in Greenville (according to the late historian **Bill Booker GHS 1953**, who wrote in recent years).

The **Opera House** on West Third Street was purchased by Frank McWhinney in 1875 and was used to showcase traveling road shows that presented dramas, musicals and comedies. It was also used for high school graduations and other functions. Martin Trainor bought the building and it became the Trainor Opera House. In November, 1926, the interior of the building was completely gutted by fire. It was rebuilt and served as the State movie theater until it was demolished in 1981 for a public parking lot, for which it is used today.

Martin married Kitty and they had four children. They bought an unfinished Victorian mansion on Vine Street just north of West Main Street from Greenville citizen **John Devor** who started building the house in 1863. The house reportedly cost \$50,000 to build and this was an enormous price for this era. This plush Civil War home was said to have represented American architecture opulence at its best. The three-story house had fifteen rooms. The main and second floors both had iron and wood fireplaces in each room. The house had deep relief sculptured ceilings, ornamented window frames, overhanging bay windows, brass chandeliers and fixtures used for lighting. Above the front entrance was a dark blue skylight which cast light and dark shadows on the winding staircase. Martin bricked up the incomplete rear wall, or the west side of the house, placing only one round window on that wall. They owned two houses next to their main house. One of these, 212 Vine Street, had been built about the 1880s and was later occupied by Agnes and John throughout their lives.

Morgan Trainor was their first child and was a brilliant young man who became an attorney at law before entering medical school. He became a Medical Doctor and, at one time, served as the Coroner of Cook County, Illinois (Chicago). Martin made his son study law but Morgan "jumped the rails" and went to medical school. Morgan, named for his great uncle, married **Clara Fritsche**.

Little is known about a second son, **John**, who died the year of his birth (1890).

Mabel Trainor, a GHS graduate 1912, was the manager of the Banner Lumber Company, which her father owned. She married **William James "Jay" Johnson**, who was a chemical engineer (from *City Directory*). She lived about all of her life at the family home at 200 Vine Street, and even after her marriage. In Mabel's older years, she lived in the house by herself and the once-grand Victorian home had fallen into disarray. Shortly after she died in December, 1961, the house was destroyed out of necessity, just before the house's 100th birthday.

A 1916 GHS graduate, **Agnes Trainor's** extraordinary music talents allowed her to enter the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and study voice and piano. She majored in both disciplines. She studied voice with the

in the 1920s (*from City Directories*). After she graduated, she studied in Italy since her parents had the money to send her there. When she returned to the United States, Agnes set up a studio in New York City, where she taught voice and elocution. She had some famous students, including **Edgar Bergen** and **Vaughn Monroe**. She was the vocal soloist at the largest Jewish synagogue in Brooklyn. She was dark complexioned and the synagogue members didn't know that she was not Jewish. Her beautiful voice was enhanced in part by her singing in the Hebrew language. Agnes married **John Keehan**. Agnes had an audition at **The Metropolitan Opera** (The "Met") in New York City, but according to her husband, her nerves got the best of her and she was not chosen.

She later was a voice teacher in Greenville, during the 1940s to 1960s, which included many vocal music recitals. Agnes played the piano for these recitals and one of the programs is included here. Agnes and John lived in the house next door to the mansion at 212 Vine Street. She had many autographed pictures on the walls of her house that were signed by many of the opera stars of New York City. In the 1960s, she was the Junior Choir Director at the First Presbyterian Church on East Fourth Street. This choir practiced in a large room with a high ceiling, and Agnes had a grand piano in the corner. A lot of music was created here at a time when there were a lot of student participants in the choir. **Helen Plessinger** Miller, GHS 1966, can recall one such memorable time when Agnes sang "The Lord's Prayer", and those privileged to witness this said that her strong vocal performance at that time was enough to "make the rafters shake".

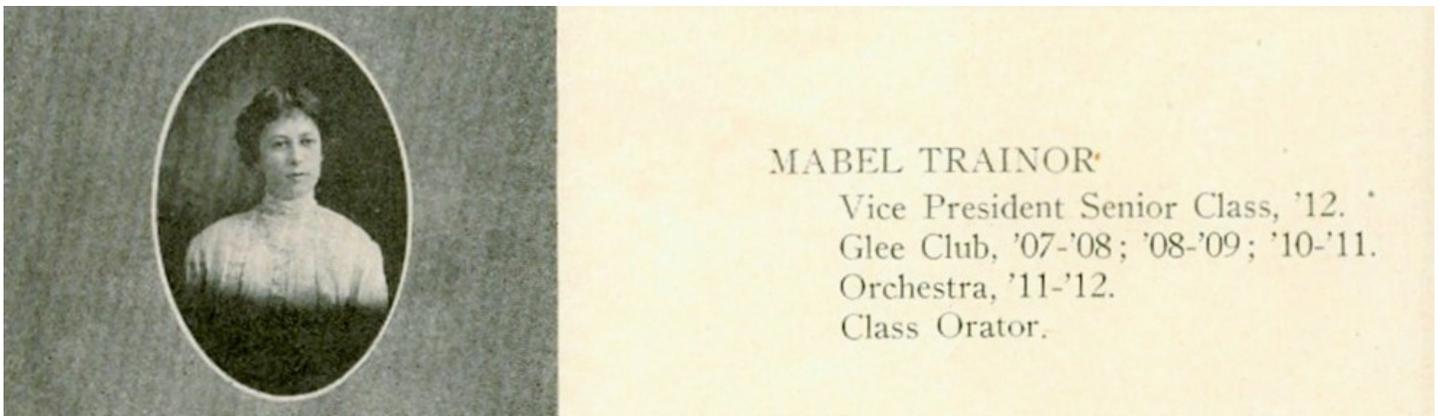
When Agnes died in 1983, the Trainor family's colorful history in Greenville ended. They are all buried in the Greenville Union Cemetery.

*Editor's Note: Special thanks to **Pat Smith Roy**, GHS '53, **Jeanette Funk Patton**, GHS '54, and **Helen Plessinger Miller** GHS '66, for their assistance.*

All Trainor family gravesites are located just south of the Union City Road in Section 24 of the Greenville Union Cemetery and are situated in a semi-circle around a tall granite, ornately crafted, obelisk monument, and representing their elevated stature in the community:

- Martin B. Trainor**, husband/father, (1860-1927), died at age 67
- Katherine M. "Kitty" Lecklider Trainor**, wife/mother, (1861-1929), age 68
- Morgan X.L. Trainor, M.D.**, first child, (1885-1951), age 66
- Clara Fritsch Trainor**, wife of Morgan, (1891-1965), age 74
- John R. Trainor**, second child, (1890-1890), age under one
- Mabel Trainor Johnson**, third child, (1894-1961), age 67, GHS graduate 1912
- William James "Jay" Johnson**, husband of Mabel, (1891-1947), age 56
- Agnes Trainor Keehan**, fourth child, (1897-1983), age 85, GHS graduate 1916
- John Keehan**, husband of Agnes, (1897-1977), age 80

Senior Class photos from 1912 (Mabel)- *below*, and 1916 (Agnes)- *top next page*>>>>





AGNES TRAINOR, G. H. S. '12-'16

H. S. Chorus, '12-'15

G. H. S. Orchestra, '13-'14

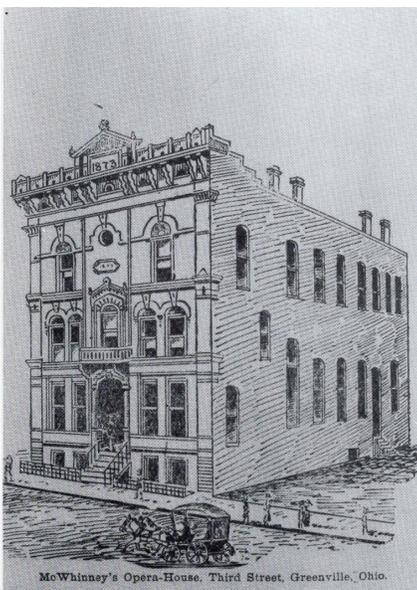
Glee Club, '14-'16

Rhetoricals: The Needs of Greenville



212 Vine Street where Agnes lived,
Next door to the Victorian mansion.

Trainor house at 200 Vine Street (1863-1962)
During its later years (above)



McWhinney's Opera House,
then Trainor Opera House,
and more recently the
<<<<<<State Theater.



The Trainor Family burial plots in the
Greenville Union Cemetery are in a semi-
Circular formation around the center obelisk.

***More Trainor tombstones pictures will appear in the Summer Newsletter.*

THE OPERA HOUSE



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The Greenville City Schools Board of Education and The Friends of Harmon Field need YOUR help to continue improvements at the Harmon Field and Jennings Center Track and Field Complex. Together we need \$800,000 to complete the \$2,000,000 the Greenville City Schools Board of Education has committed to a new restroom, concession stand, locker room, and training room facility. We have an ambitious fundraising timeline, working to get the \$800,000 raised by the end of the 2020 fall sports season. Donations can be made to:

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100 Green Wave Way Greenville, OH 45331**

Questions can be forwarded to Aaron Shaffer, Greenville City Schools Athletic Director, by calling 937-548-3185 ext. 1078 or by email at ashaffer@gcswave.com. Additional information will be available in the next alumni newsletter.

Our Open House is Cancelled for 2020

The Greenville High School Alumni Association must cancel the upcoming Open House for this year only, due to the uncertainties surrounding the current worldwide virus. The High School building/cafeteria where we have our interesting showcase of school history may or may not be open at that time, and we do not have another similar location to use. Secondly, our alumni who would normally attend may not feel comfortable mingling with their old friends in the climate which exists now. We know things are changing daily, but the planning that would take place must be put into action soon.

Our organization is not going away, and our newsletters will continue on the current four times a year basis. We do encourage all of you to sign up on our website for our digital versions of the newsletters in place of the mailed-out versions that we have been doing through the years. No more printed copies will be mailed out after January, 2022. As of now, two are printed per year and two more are only available at the website. Please subscribe to our newsletter at the website.

Website: www.greenvillealumni.org

The organizers for each class reunion scheduled for this year can decide for themselves what they would like to do. Many factors will come into play as the year progresses, and their classmates will know best what they want to do.

We will remain an active organization and want to continue connecting with all our alums around the country and doing all our information gathering and disseminating functions like we have been doing in the past.

The Directors of the Greenville High School Alumni Association
