



## *Start a Tree "Free"* by Ed Saleski

BC (Before Computers), my parents used to tell me about interesting family trivia. My mother used to say to my father "you're still mad at me because my Godmother poisoned your uncle" or my grandfather shoveled manure for Teddy Roosevelt's horses. And its all true, Roosevelt used to stop in Winchester NH to see his friend Col. Woods and my grandfather bordered his horses.

To find information on your family history you don't need the Funk and Wagnalls encyclopedia, just a computer. The historical records which have been digitized in the last 25 years are unbelievable.

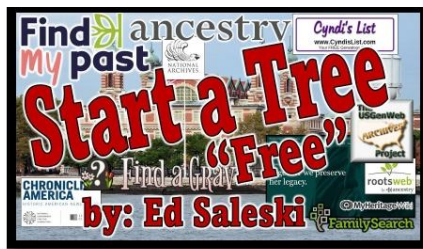
So, I started becoming interested

in my family history about 60 years ago. Back then there was no software or even computers to compile the information. I used the latest technology, 35MM pictures, and Xerox copies of what I accumulated from relatives. Over time computers became the thing and there were plenty of software programs that would provide data CD discs so you could build a tree. The problem is, relatives, or anyone who wanted to look at the data had to download software and needed a computer to look at family data. Over time many internet companies started to offer the ability build a tree (and my family is in most of those that I can't access). There was

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based on census records that show the parents and children that you can easily connect to.

Heritage, Ancestry and others that I joined and was never impressed at their flexibility and ease of use.

So here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and everyone has a cell phone, and most people have a computer that doesn't get used much.

About seven years ago the largest compiler of family records LDS (Latter Day Saints) combined with Ancestry because of their large database of records. Now the LDS records are in a system identified as **familysearch.org** and does not advertise to get people to use it. And what you build in there stays there. Once you create something, you can download an APP on your phone to view the info and pictures also.

The "familysearch" tree is based on a single tree that anyone can jump on to and possibly connect to what is there from your family history. Whereas the other databases are non-shared trees. Stay off my tree, its mine and I pay a monthly rate for that. How many of your nieces, nephews or distant cousins might have tried to start a tree or look for family over the past 20-30 years and quit for various reasons. If people in European countries look to find connections, its usually the familysearch.org database. Family search has also built mini-trees

Even if you are not big into family trees, I encourage people to sign into familysearch.org and create an account. Before you do anything and access any records, they want to know who you are - basic info much less than Facebook. When first starting out enter your parents' names and then try their brothers and sisters. Every time you enter a name and search, if they find a possible match, they will ask you "could it be this one?" if it matches you can connect to the data that exists or create a new person. I don't want to go into instruction details; I like to think its trial and error. Contact me and I'll get you through it.

Once you connect to a person, the data associated with that person like birth, marriage or census record stays with them. Any new or additional information the LDS database finds about that person, stays with them. If you go to the top of the page, you get the persons personal info which you can add to or change. At the bottom of the page is their family information (Parents and Children). And you can put in a picture of them or their family by clicking on the image box - the instructions will follow.

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Once you have a small tree there Is a phone APP that can be loaded into your smart phone to access the info. Minor changes can be made like adding dates, but a computer is better for most. My wife's family is one of those large German-Irish families and I can answer most family questions (Who married who? And when did they die?) by using my phone APP. The info does not reside on the phone; it accesses the database and displays it.

Old family pictures? What do I do with them? They can be loaded into the familysearch.org site and will be there when someone is looking for them years from now. It has happened to me. I spotted pictures of great aunts and uncles that I never knew that someone put in.

I usually don't put living cousins' names or pictures in the database, if they want to add them they can.

and there is another APP available to view only your pictures. What sites pro-

vide the most info? I have been a big follower of Google.com. The info in the database keeps getting larger and more sophisticated, call it AI, to me it's a lot of data scanning info. Search by phrases and ask it things, you couldn't do that a couple of years ago.

Looking at European info I use Wikipedia.org to discover locations and facts about other countries. Local libraries (especially the Columbus Metropolitan Library) now have a wealth of info online, it saves trips to the museum.

So, if you are not computer literate get one of your children or nieces or nephews to get it going. They might be amazed in what they find in the early census records or which relatives have entered information.

~ Ed Saleski    edsales@snet.net

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# Upcoming Events

The RHS Class of 1970 is invited to visit the RTHS Museum prior to their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration!

## The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society Welcomes the RHS Class of 1970

  
From 10am to 12pm 1485 Jackson Street  
**For an Alumni Walk-Thru, Saturday, Sept. 06, 2025**  
1485 Jackson Street – Across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School

## Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

  
**General Meeting and Indoor Picnic**  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 5:30pm

On September 16th, we are looking forward to our annual General Meeting and Indoor Picnic where we elect officers and a trustee! We will also vote on a new dues structure.

Be sure to visit during our September 20<sup>th</sup> Open House! You can join us in the kitchen for some snacks!

## Be sure to visit us at the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society Open House

  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

RTHS Museum, 1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068  
(across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School)

## Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

  
Be sure to visit us at the  
**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
**Open House**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

*Come to the Museum and take a walk back in time ....*  
1485 Jackson Street (across from the former Hannah J. Ashton Middle School)

Join us for our October 18<sup>th</sup> Open House! We would love to show you our exhibits and share some snacks!

We hope to see you for our November 15<sup>th</sup> Open House!

Our Christmas Gift Shop will be open, and ready for business!

## Be sure to visit us at the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society Museum Open House

  
**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

*Come to the Museum and take a walk back in time ....*  
1485 Jackson Street (across from the Hannah Ashton Middle School)

# THE COURIER

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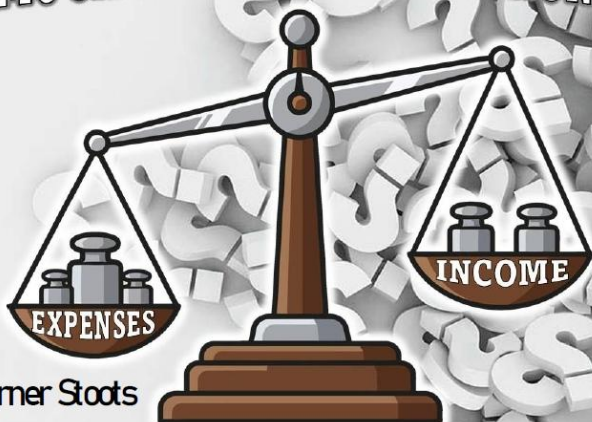
**MON - FRI 9:00-5:45**

**SAT 8:00-12:00**

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# HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN RTHS?



by: Mary Turner Stoots

It costs more than you think!  
In fact, It is almost unbelievable!  
Here is a sample from **2024**:

## EXPENSES

Electric	\$ 3,021.17
Water	440.04
Gas	893.48
Sales Tax	75.41
Fees & Membership	175.00
Museum Office Exp.	6,146.66
Lawn & Grounds	2,605.70
Consigners	36.00
Insurance	4,721.00
Fire Alarm Upgrade	<u>3,556.50</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$21,670.96**

## INCOME

Membership	\$ 5,330.00
Donations	6,825.15
Gift Shop-Taxable	352.00
Books-Taxable	212.00
Christmas Gift Shop	204.00
Fundraisers	725.89
Donations-WE*	<u>372.03</u>

**TOTAL INCOME \$14,021.07**

\* WE = Western Electric

Are we going Broke? Not yet! We have some money stashed away, and we have an incredible Treasurer who keeps a very close eye on every penny spent as well as every penny received. But – as time moves on, our “stash” will eventually be depleted.

About ten years ago, the dues were adjusted. It's time to look at that again, but the Board of Directors decided to **offer an incentive!**

If your dues are paid before December 31<sup>st</sup>, you can pay at the **current rate**, AND – you can pay up to two years in advance at that rate! For example, if I have an individual membership, I can pay for two years at \$20.00 per year (\$40.00 total), and it will remain current through December 31<sup>st</sup>, of 2027!!

At the general membership picnic and meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be voting for officers, and the new “proposed” dues structure. Please feel free to come and add your two-cents worth to the conversation! *(continued on page 07)*

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN RTHS?



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Are you wondering what the proposed dues will be?

At the September meeting, we are going to vote on the following:

CURRENT	PROPOSED
\$20.00 – Individual	\$30.00
\$25.00 – Family*	\$40.00
\$30.00 – Sustaining	\$50.00
\$50.00 – Contributing	\$75.00
New Category – Promoter	\$150.00
\$300.00 – Lifetime**	\$300.00

\* The category of “Family” will be changed to “Household”

\*\* Lifetime is a one-time payment only, and not renewable every year

We did a comparative study of the dues from:

- Columbus Historical Society
- Fairfield County Heritage Assoc.
- Gahanna Historical Society
- Pickerington-Violet Township
- West Licking Historical Society

When I joined, I didn’t understand the difference between Sustaining and Contributing. What did they represent? It was explained to me as:

*“They are merely titles given to categories for those who wish to give a little more than the standard dollar amount.”*

Please join us for our indoor picnic and voting on September 16, 2025.

# 2025 CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

**Publish September Courier**

06 – SAT – RHS Class of 1970 Alumni

Walk-Thru 10:00am-Noon

16 – TUE – Board/General Meeting & Indoor Picnic - 5:30pm

20 – SAT – Open House 10:00am-2pm

## OCTOBER

03 – FRI – Rose Hill elementary

14 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm

18 – SAT – Open House 10:00am-2pm

18 – SAT – HALLOWEEN PARTY

Reynoldsburg Community Assoc

20 – MON – DEADLINE - NOV COURIER

## NOVEMBER 2025

**Publish November Courier**

05 – WED – Four Seasons Garden Club 3-5

11 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm

15 – SAT – Open House, Holiday Gift Shop  
10am-2pm

## DECEMBER 2025

05 – FRI – Tree Lighting @ City Hall 5:30-8

06 – SAT – Christmas on the Town 10-3

Open House, Children’s Activities,  
Gift Shop

16 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm

17 – WED – Christmas Dinner RTHS

5:00pm O’Charley’s Restaurant

2272 Baltimore-Reynoldsburg Rd  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

20 – SAT – DEADLINE - JAN 2026 COURIER

20 – SAT – Open House, Holiday Gift Shop  
10:00am-2:00pm

*I miss the 1970’s when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.*



Ohio Historical Society  
Ohio Veterans  
Oral History Project  
**Marvin Shrimplin**

Interviewer:  
Cameron Wood

February 27, 2017



by: Mary Turner Stoots

It's absolutely amazing what you can find when you Google someone you know! I actually found Marvin by accident! I was only looking for a photo, and I ended up with a very interesting interview that took you from childhood through high school, the Vietnam War, then life after the military.

The interview covers:

- Joining the Army
- Officer Training
- Vietnam Deployment
- Life at an LZ (Landing Zone)
- Training
- Meeting his Wife & Leaving Vietnam
- After the Army
- Adjusting to civilian life
- Experiences as a Veteran

Here is a link to go to the video:

[https://resources.ohiohistory.org/ohms/viewer.php?cacheFile=OHC\\_Shrimplin\\_Marvin\\_03072017.xml](https://resources.ohiohistory.org/ohms/viewer.php?cacheFile=OHC_Shrimplin_Marvin_03072017.xml)

If you are having trouble copying the link, feel free to send a request to me at [RTHSCourier@aol.com](mailto:RTHSCourier@aol.com) for the link, and I will send it to you!

I adjusted the lighting on his picture for the banner, but it was filmed in low lighting. Don't worry if you watch it! Nothing is wrong with your computer!

As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is virtually impossible, but irritating everyone is a piece of cake.



## NEW MEMBERS!

**Daniel Marty & Vicki Haden-Marty** – Family Membership

**Lisa Wood** – Individual Membership



Contact **Carol Deuber** if you are aware of an RTHS member who could use a Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, or any other type of card for some added sunshine in their life

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# VIETNAM LAPEL PINNING



In this photograph, it is difficult to visualize, but in his left hand, Mark is holding a small lapel pin for his service during Vietnam. Mark Myers was "Pinned" by RTHS member Linda Young. Linda said, "It has been our honor to present this this special Veteran pin to as many Vietnam Era & Vietnam Veterans as possible.

The program has been completed, but we can continue to present any pins that are left outstanding. I have been so blessed to distribute **sixty pins** as of today along with group pinnings. And - You wouldn't believe the stories I have been told...

This is the card that we carry to express our thanks. It was another blessing to give that pin to Mark, Marvin Shrimplin, and other members of RTHS." ~Linda

The card says:

- Shake their hand and say, "On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank you for your service."

- Inform them that the message, "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back of the pin.
- Pin closest to the heart of the veteran. We want them to know that our gratitude is heartfelt.
- If the veteran has already been pinned, ask them to carry it forward to someone who has not been pinned.

**Purpose:** To recognize, thank, and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

**Eligibility:** Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the US Armed Forces at any time During the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

**Presentation:** These lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during public events held in communities by Commemorative Partners (like the

DAR\*).

Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instance when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during private ceremony.

\* DAR=Daughters of the American Revolution. Linda Young belongs to the Mathias Ridenour Chapter.





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4. Now that you have a digital account, you can clip digital coupons and hook them on to your Kroger Card!



## ***The Courier***

by: Mary Turner Stoots

I started as editor of the *Courier* back in May of 2016. Connie Parkinson and Suzy Millar Miller were both quite immovable on the fact that we should publish bi-monthly as communication is one of the most important and key factors of our organization since our members are spread all over the country.



I fully agreed with them! And - they were going to be my reporters/writers! OMG! Who could have asked for more? Suzy used to write for a newspaper, and Connie was an author who graced the NYTimes Best Seller List for around eight weeks during the 1970s. Sure! Why Not? Everything was falling into place gracefully, and we were doing great for a long time, .... Then Connie had a fall... A Very Bad fall. It happened in November of 2022. One of my dear friends was gone. then about 15 months later, Suzy passed. I lost both of my partners in crime just like that!

I thoroughly appreciate those of you who have supplied articles. I can easily put together the newsletter if the content is written, but to write it myself, organize it, print, fold, staple, label, and mail, it is getting to be too much. Sheryl Knapp (our Corresponding Secretary) is going to help with the folding, stapling, labeling, and mailing, but without regular writers, I still don't have the time to write and do all the other jobs on my desk. After talking to Jim today (our esteemed Vice President), I have decided to move to a quarterly publication versus bi-monthly. If the newsletter becomes too full or too difficult to manage, I can always print extra issues. I have found that regardless of how hard I try, I can't do everything.

This might even be a temporary move until more of my tasks are delegated. So -- please don't fret. My plan is to be around for a long while, and the *Courier* is a priority for me. I hope I haven't upset everyone. I just want to be open and honest with you.

There is so much I want to do. I truly enjoyed teaching Calligraphy classes and Chalkboard Sign Painting. I would love to do that again, and I have tons of beads at my house. I would love to teach a bead stringing class!

If any of you know someone who would be willing to teach a class – PLEASE let me know! We need to open more classes to the community.

Regards, Mary  
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An adorable picture of RTHS member, Frank Maurer and his Grandson in California



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## We Are Moving Our Christmas Dinner Back to the Burg!

We have decided to move our Christmas Dinner back to Reynoldsburg! The Manager at **O'Charley's** was extremely nice and they have a wonderful room in the back that would accommodate our group very well.

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm**

Their menu is quite diverse! They have lots of appetizers, along with steaks, ribs, chicken tenders, chicken & pasta, 1/2lb. 100% American Angus Beef Burgers, meatloaf, French Dip, O'Club, and grilled chicken sandwiches, seafood favorites, Entrée salads & soup, and their famous rolls & sides, followed by an assortment of

desserts, including an apple pie slice, chocolate chip cookie skillet, a slice of ooey gooey caramel pie, strawberry cheesecake, a whole (entire) ooey gooey caramel pie (what?), brownie lover's sundae for two, and brownie bites.

If I survive the aftermath of a sugar coma, I will try to keep the speeches to a minimum.

The O'Charley's Restaurant is on the East side of State Route 256 just North of Interstate 70, at the corner of Taylor Park Drive and SR-256. It's directly across the street from McDonald's!

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