



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

FALL 2019

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ www.PickHistory.org

Call us: 614-382-5989 ~ Email us: pickhistsociety@hotmail.com ~ We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Coming Up: Historical Society Fall/Winter Programs & Events

Sept 14, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Ohio Presidential First Ladies' History, Jewelry & Fashion** @ Historical Museum.

Sept 21, Noon-10pm: **Oktoberfest @ Combustion Brewery**. Volunteers can help raise funds for our Historical Society.

Oct 1-31: Fairfield County's **Trail of Scarecrows** featured at Historical Museum and other Pickerington locations. Vote for your favorite.

Oct 12, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm Program: **Passage on the Underground Railroad** @ Historical Museum.

Oct 14-15: Historical Society Fundraiser @ Kingy's. See enclosed coupons!

October 30, 6-8pm: The Haunted Museum @ Olde Pickerington's annual Haunted Village.

Nov 9, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm Program: **Explore Zane's Trace in Fairfield County** @ Historical Museum.

Dec 3, 8:00am to Dec 4, 2:00pm: **Fairfield County Foundation's 30-Hour Give**. Matching funds for donations to Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society fund. More info in next newsletter.

December 5, 6:30-8:30pm: Historical Society Members-Only Christmas Potluck & Election @ Pick Senior Center. Reservations Required.

December 6, 5-8pm: Historical Museum open for annual "Holiday Gathering".

Volunteer opportunities are available for all of these events! Let us know if you can help.

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Or phone: 614-382-5989

Ohio Presidential First Ladies' History, Jewelry & Fashion

**Second Saturday
Sept 14 ~ 1-3 PM**

Museum Lower Level



At 1:00 PM, a short Historical Society Meeting will take place in the Museum's Lower Level followed by Dr. Mari Halkovich's educational and lively presentation of "Ohio Presidential First Ladies' History, Jewelry & Fashion". Included will be a hands-on display of antique jewelry and other items related to Ohio's Presidential First Ladies.

Dr. Halkovich is a retired school district superintendent who now owns an antiques business in Medina, Ohio.

Admission to the Museum and our afternoon program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and conversation are available after Dr. Halkovich's presentation.

Prior to our 1:00 PM Historical Society meeting and "Presidential First Ladies" program, check out the new exhibits in our Museum. Doors open at 10:00 AM.

Call for Nominations for 2020-2021 Historical Society Board of Directors

This year's election of officers of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society will be held during the organization's annual meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Pickerington Senior Center. Historical Society members interested in being an officer candidate for a 2020-2021 term or applying for one of the volunteer positions currently available (curator, historian), please contact Historical Society Nominating Committee Chairman, Gary Taylor, by email to pickhistsociety@hotmail.com or phone 614-382-5989.

AROUND OUR MUSEUM THIS FALL



Second Saturday: October 12, 1:00 PM *Passage on the Underground Railroad*

At 1:00 PM, join us for a short Historical Society meeting in the Museum's Lower Level followed by a Civil War-related presentation by living history performer, Darlene Gage: **PASSAGE ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**.

Gage portrays Amanda Baugh whose husband died of influenza, leaving her and 4 children without an income. She turned her husband's business building into a lodging house and became a conductor of the Underground Railroad, helping runaway slaves

make their way to freedom. During this presentation, Amanda will share what life was like during the 1860's Civil War -- including what people ate and wore.

Darlene Gage has 14 years of experience as a living history performer. She retired from The Ohio History Connection in 2012 to pursue her own work in the area of living history. She is a published author with stories of her years growing up in Ohio and Kentucky. She attended Kentucky Wesleyan College. Her interpreting brings history to life.

Admission to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum and Amanda Baugh's presentation are free and open to the public. Light refreshments and conversation available after the meeting/presentation.

Prior to our 1:00 PM Historical Society meeting and "Underground Railroad" program, check out the new exhibits in our Museum. Doors open at 10:00 AM.



Second Saturday: Nov 9, 1:00 PM *Explore Zane's Trace in Fairfield County*

At 1:00 PM, attend a brief Historical Society meeting, then **EXPLORE ZANE'S TRACE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY**. This interactive program will be presented by Dale Ferbrache, retired Fairfield Union High School Principal and local historian.

Zane's Trace is a frontier road constructed during 1796 -1797 by Colonel Ebenezer Zane. It ran from Wheeling, WV, through Fairfield County OH, to Maysville, Kentucky. Guests will be able to examine survey information, discover hidden history, little known facts, and take a first-hand look at the comprehensive

mapping of Zane's Trace. Questions are welcome.

Admission to this program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and conversation are available at the end of the presentation. Prior to our 1:00 PM Historical Society meeting and "Zane's Trace" program, check out the new exhibits in our Museum. Doors open at 10:00 AM.

Pickerington businesses, organizations, schools, groups and individuals are invited to create a scarecrow and install it at a participating location — such as our Historical Museum's lawn. A \$50 VISA gift card will be awarded to the People's Choice winner!

If you are interested in participating, email or phone the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society. Details and an application form will be sent to you. Deadline to enter is September 20, 2019. Cost to enter is \$5.00.

October 1-31 Trail of Scarecrows



LOCAL HISTORY

Are these Pickerington Historical Homes Haunted?

By Maggie Arendt

While writing "Then & Now" stories for ThisWeekPickerington and the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society between 2010-2015, I had the opportunity to interview owners/employees of numerous historic places around Pickerington. Several buildings were said to be haunted, including these:



Dovel Manor House, 660 Hill Road North, was built by early Pickerington settler, John H. Dovel, in 1839 as the "farmhouse" for his recently purchased 113-acre parcel of land. He lived there with his second wife, Catherine, and four daughters he had with his deceased first wife, Grace Looker. The home was completely restored and renovated in the late 1970s by owners Orval and Bea Fields. Their son, Orval Fields II who is an attorney, purchased the home for his law offices in 1998. Both generations of Fields have said the home is haunted, primarily by the ghost of a woman they named "Agnes." The people in this photo, taken in the early 1900s, are unknown. Maybe one of them is Agnes



Jacob Pickering (1827-1886), grandson of Pickerington's founder Abraham Pickering, purchased two lots on Center Street in 1880 and built this home. Subsequent homeowners were John Hizey (father of concert violinist John Newman Hizey) and, later, 1908-1911 Violet Township School Superintendent W.H.C. Ackers. For the past 20+ years, **the Pickering-Hizey-Ackers home at 115 North Center Street** has been used as law offices. Some people who have worked there claim it is haunted, citing unexplained classical music playing, a woman's face appearing in a first-floor transom, scratching on a bathroom door, and the scent of lavender. The house certainly looks haunted in this photo, which was taken in the early 1900s.



Dr. W.B. ("Doc") Taylor built this home at 47 W. Columbus Street in 1927. His medical office was the small building seen to the right of his home. For the convenience of patients needing the use of a bathroom, there was a walkway from the office to his kitchen door. Dr. K. W. Taylor joined his father in the practice of medicine here in Pickerington in 1930. W. B. "Doc" Taylor died on December 31, 1944. Doc Taylor's little office building was moved to 30 Cross Street in 1953, where it still stands. For the past 10+ years, Doc Taylor's former home has housed England Insurance. According to England Insurance staff members interviewed in 2011, unexplained open doors and strange noises in the foyer and kitchen area are the norm in Doc Taylor's former home.

For more information about Pickerington-Violet Township history — haunted or not — check out photos and artifacts at our community's Historical Society Museum which will be open during Pickerington's Haunted Village on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00-8:00 PM.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

In Memoriam



John Eisel, Historical Society Lifetime Member, Violet Township Director of Operations, and retired Fire Chief, passed away July 5, 2019. Our hearts and prayers are with his wife Lori (also a Historical Society Lifetime Member), his daughter Kaylie, and four stepsons.



Jim Paxton, 86, passed away August 28, 2019. He was a 30-year volunteer for the Violet Township Fire Department. Both he and his wife of 57 years, Diana, have been supporters and active members of our Historical Society since 2010. Our condolences to Diana, their son Jim, and daughter Jennifer.

2018-2019

PICKERINGTON-VIOLETTOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

Elected Officers

President: Peggy Portier
Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor
Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright
Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker
Secretary: Mary Herron
Treasurer: Fiona Spears
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

President's Appointees

Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
Publicity Chair/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Historian, Curator

2019 Historical Society Projects

Clean Museum Carpets (upstairs and downstairs)
Create children's "Try It On" vintage clothing exhibit
Purchase Video Equipment for Oral History Program

New Members

Welcome new Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society "Individual" members who include:

- Goldie Kincaid - Pickerington, Ohio.
- Sandra M. Silvey - Reynoldsburg, Ohio.



Clover Rogers — at 94 years young — is one of our Historical Society's most active members! She brings cupcakes, cookies and other desserts to our Saturday afternoon programs; always participates in fundraisers; and helps with our spring Chocolate Hops and other special events. Thanks, Clover!

Like or follow the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society on social media by visiting our pages at:



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PickeringtonHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/PickeringtonHistoricalSociety)



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Please help the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society. Print this page, cut the coupons, then invite your family/friends to participate in this fundraiser by giving them a coupon.



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Oct 14 & 15, 2019

4-10 PM

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