



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

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2021 Museum Events

- **Sept 12, 1-3pm:** "Music at the Museum"
- **Oct 10, 1-3pm:** "Kid's Day at the Museum"
- **Oct 27:** *Haunted Village*
- **Nov 14, 1-3pm:** "Train Stop Pickerington!"
- **Dec 2:** *Christmas Potluck/Annual Membership Meeting & Election @ Pickerington Senior Center*
- **Dec 3:** *Holiday Gathering in Olde Pickerington Village*

Because of current Covid concerns, masks are required in our Museum. We'll keep you posted about the status of these events via email and our website, PickHistory.org.

—Peggy Portier, President
Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society

Music at the Museum

Pickerington historian, Cleo Richter, is seen in this photo with her Melodeon Organ.



Cleo no longer is with us, but music from the circa 1860 Kinnard, Dreher & Co. Melodeon

will be heard once again during our Historical Society's first Museum Open House of the year on Sunday, September 12, from 1-3 p.m.

Guests also will be able to enjoy old time tunes emanating from Howard Milnor's player piano; music played on James Diley's vintage victrolas; dulcimer music by Kim Richardson; and nostalgic 1970-era pop tunes by Barry Manilow, Tom Jones and others.

New exhibits await guests, including "A Journey Thru Olde Pickerington Village"; a 1952 bridal gown, vintage dinnerware, other recent donations from the Stemen family; late 1800's items and circa 1950 Coke signs from Kraner's General Store. Don't miss this fun and educational event!

Kids' Day at the Museum Sunday, Oct 10, 1-3 PM For the Young and Young-at-Heart!

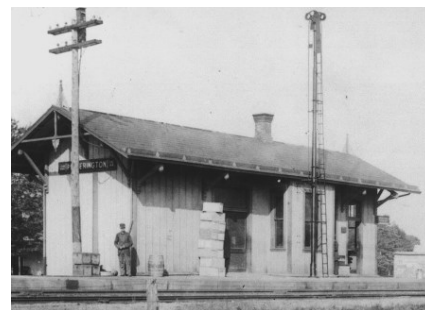
Play old-time games, hear stories, see photos, and touch



artifacts from Pickerington's past. Try on vintage clothing and bring your camera to have your picture taken. Free admission! Complimentary ice cream for kids 12 and under.

Train Stop Pickerington! Sunday, Nov 14, 1-3 PM

Help celebrate National Model Railroad Month at your local Historical Museum! Enjoy the sights and sounds of model trains displayed in our Museum by local railroad enthusiasts. Also hear stories, see photos and artifacts from Pickerington's Railroad Depot that operated from 1879 until its closure in 1958. Free Admission!



AROUND OUR MUSEUM

July Yard Sale Fundraiser at Museum a Success!



Several hundred items from members and friends and a determined group of Historical Society volunteers resulted in \$850 in sales to Central Ohio buyers. Our fundraiser event was held July 9-10 in our Museum's Lower Level.

Saturday Yard Sale workers in the photo at left included (from left) Fiona Spears, Peggy Portier, Mary Herron, Stephanie Johnson — and one of the many visiting buyers during the event.

Other Yard Sale volunteers included Maggie Arendt, Keith Ebright, Barbara Freeman, Pam Good, Ken Planisek, Cheryl Ricketts, David Williard, and Peggy Winter.

Fun and Friendship at our Historical Society August Picnic



Column 1: Several dozen Historical Society members met at Smeck Park's Cruit House for a Park District guided tour followed by a picnic in the Park Shelter House. Attendees included (above) Barbara Freeman, Rose & Greg Karoly, and Richard Villec.

Column 2: More picnickers included Terry Guay, Peggy Winter, Abby & Ken Planisek and the Scheetz family (Carol, Stephanie & Dave). Chef-for-the-evening was Fiona Spears.

LOCAL HISTORY

Life in Pickerington during the early 1900s

First Pickerington Automobile: Village physician, Dr. W.B. Taylor, was one of the first residents of Pickerington to own an automobile. His purchase, a Brush, arrived by train from Michigan. A factory employee accompanied the auto and assembled it on the Pickerington Train Depot's platform. According to Gary Taylor, his dad and uncle (Emerson and Kenneth Taylor who were W.B. Taylor's sons) spent part of their college summers repairing and cleaning this vehicle.

—Dr. W.B. Taylor seen here with his new automobile in an early 1900's undated photo



Rabbit Supper: “For many years the big event of the Men’s Class of the Pickerington’s Methodist Church was the annual rabbit supper held the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Many of the older members remember these suppers of some 40 years ago. The men did all of the work which included hunting, dressing, and cooking the rabbits. Russell Handshey, Professor J.F. Smith, Dr. W.B. Taylor, Reverend Noethlick, and Carlton Good were a few who helped to make these suppers a success. After some years, interest began to lag and the rabbit fever wrote finis to this enjoyable event.”

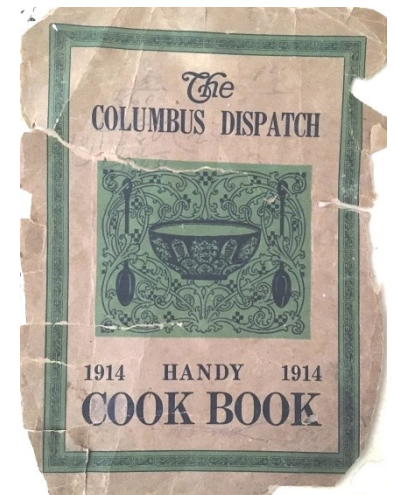
—Exact date and author of this rabbit dinner event description is unknown.



First Pickerington Bathroom and Telephone: This home at 35 W. Church Street in Pickerington was built for O.C. Belt in 1904. The wealthy businessman co-owned the Pickerington Flour Mill (located across the street at that time) and Graceland Farms (which occupied the four corners of Hill and Refugee Roads). This is the first house in Pickerington to have an indoor bathroom. It also is the first residence in Pickerington to have a telephone. The telephone line — called the Woodpecker Line — ran from Main Street in Wagram, down Milnor Road to this house. This was one of two telephone lines in Pickerington at the time.

1914 Columbus Dispatch Handy Cook Book: Recipe for Roast

Pigeons. “Pigeons should be dressed and drained immediately after being killed and cooked as soon as they are cold. Wash thoroughly and wipe them dry; spread a lump of butter on a bit of bread and place it in the cavity of each bird; truss them into shape, cover the bottom of the baking pan with very thin slices of salt pork, place the pigeons in the pan with the backs down, and put a little water in the pan. Roast in a hot oven until they are done and of a nice brown color; they should be basted often. Time, about 20 to 30 minutes. The juice of a lemon dripped over the birds after they are on the platter adds to their delicacy. Garnish the pigeons with slices of lemon and parsley. Make a gravy in the pan, and send it to the table in a gravy boat, with the pigeons.”



2020-2021 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TWP 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

Historian: David Williard
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
Publicity Chair & Website/Facebook/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Curator, Librarian

2020-2021 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize Pickerington High School class photos and purchase display rack for them.
- Install children's "Try It On" vintage clothing exhibit.
- Purchase Video Equipment for "Oral History Program".
- Encourage donations to our Historical Society's Operational and Endowment Funds.



David Hague and Tammy Miller, owners of Coyote Run, invite fellow Society members to join them Monday, August 30, 10am-2pm for a fund-raising event, "Paintings for the Parks" to benefit Fairfield County Parks. Event will be held at the repurposed Tabernacle at Coyote Run, 9212 Pickerington Rd, 43147. This is a Brown Bag event so bring your own food and drinks.

MEMBER NEWS

- ◇ **Benjamin White** upgraded his Historical Society membership to "Lifetime". He joins 73 other Lifetime members.
- ◇ **Ralph and Peggy Portier** were chosen as Grand Marshalls of the Sept. 6th 10:00 AM Pickerington Lions Club Labor Day Parade.
- ◇ **Spence Funeral Home** recently donated two benches for the comfort of members and guests waiting for the handicap-accessible elevator outside our Museum's rear entrance.
- ◇ **Music rolls for our Museum's Player Piano** were recently donated by the Fairfield County Heritage Association. Hear some of these new tunes during our "Music at the Museum" event on Sunday, September 12, 1-3 PM.
- ◇ **A floor stand "Swinging Panel Display Rack"** was purchased for \$1,924 thru donations from Society members and friends. It will house our 1909-1981 Pickerington H.S. graduation photos. Our photographer plans to begin digitizing photos before the end of this year.



On July 31, descendants of the Jacob Pickering family (nephew of Abraham Pickering) presented this circa **1879 "Otha Allen Pickering Signature Quilt"** which contains 30 hand-embroidered Pickering family names. They plan to donate the quilt, along with a display case, to our Museum.

Family members — from Ohio and Texas — in this photo are:
Back row from left: Jody Myers, Carl Miller, and Sharon Sellitto.
Front row: Mary Ann Klein, Susie Millar Miller (Historical Society member), and Peggy Anstaelt.

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