



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News for Members and Friends

SPRING 2022

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### Enjoy Weekend Fun at your Historical Museum!

**Sunday, April 3, 2-4pm: Music at the Museum.** Hear music from vintage instruments and discover new exhibits.

**Friday, May 6, 8am-Noon: Museum in-door Yard Sale.** Museum Lower Level.

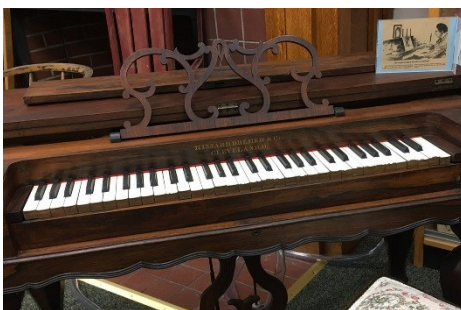
**Friday, May 6, 6-8:30pm: Pickerington Chocolate Hop.** Museum Main Level.

**Saturday, May 7, 8am-Noon: Museum Open House and in-door Yard Sale.**

**Sunday, June 12, 11:30-2:30pm: Painting for Pickerington Fundraiser/Raffle/Picnic** at Coyote Run ("The Tabernacle").

**Sunday, July 10, 2-4pm: Down on the Farm.** Outdoor broom-making; demos of vintage farm implements/tools and more.

**Sunday, August 7, 2-4pm: Kids' Day at the Museum** — for the young and young-at-heart! Enjoy games, stories, and dressing up in vintage clothing.



### Sunday Afternoon Music at the Museum April 3: 2-4pm

Join us for 2022's first Sunday Funday at our Historical Museum! Kim Richardson will play tunes at Cleo Richter's 1860 Kinnard, Dreher & Co. Melodeon recently

repaired and electrified. Kim will be joined by volunteers making music on our Player Piano that belonged to Pickerington's Howard Milnor; Cleo Richter's early 1900's "Victor Talking Machine"; the Diley family's 1879 Taber Organ; and two tabletop phonographs donated by James Diley: a 1914 Edison Amberola DX, and 1927 Columbia Viva-Tonal.

Sunday visitors also can experience a new Pickering family exhibit featuring an 1879 quilt containing embroidered family names along with coverlets, photos, and a Civil War sword/scabbard — all donated by Sharon Sellitto and other 7th generation Abraham Pickering family members.

Additional new items on display include early 1900's Stemen family dinnerware and a 1952 wedding gown; E.D. Kraner's 1897 Pickerington Postmaster certificate of appointment; and two large framed 1950's Coca Cola artwork from the former Kraner's General Store.

**Admission to our Museum is free. A ramp/wheelchair lift for handicap visitors can be accessed at our rear entrance (off Lockville Road).**

## Thank You Members and Friends!

Peggy Portier (right) was re-elected to another 2-year term as President of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society during our December member dinner/annual meeting at the Pickerington Senior Center. Her updates about Historical Society programs, projects, and finances included:

- ◆ More than 50 guests attended our Museum's November "Train Stop Pickerington" event while 1,000 enjoyed our December "Holiday Gathering".
- ◆ A \$1,924 display rack is ready for our 1907-1981 Pickerington H.S. graduates' photos. The process of repairing/digitizing the photos for the new display rack will be ongoing for several years.
- ◆ Fairfield County Foundation's "32-Hour Give" over the Thanksgiving holiday resulted in 38 members and friends contributing a total of \$5,721 to our Historical Society. Thanks to all who have been so generous with both monetary donations and contributing volunteer hours at our Museum throughout 2021.



## AROUND OUR MUSEUM



### *May 6-7: Museum Yard Sale & Chocolate Hop*

**Mark your calendar for a weekend of fun at our Historical Museum on May 6 & 7.**

#### **Friday morning, May 6, 8am-Noon Yard Sale:**

Located in the Museum's Lower Level. Enter rear entrance — easily accessed via a ramp off of Lockville Road next to the Fire Station. Shop early for best bargains! Volunteers needed!

#### **Saturday morning, May 7, 8am-Noon Yard Sale**

continues in the Museum's Lower Level. Also during this morning, guests will have an opportunity to explore our Museum's Main Level where many new local artifacts and exhibits are on display.

#### **Chocolate Hop: Friday, May 6, 6:00-8:30pm:**

Enjoy free chocolate treats at our Museum and Olde Village businesses. A limited number of advance maps are available at E. Columbus Street's **Humble Crate** and **Hair Boutique** for a \$5 donation per person. On event date, maps are available for a \$5 donation on the plaza beside our Museum. A portion of Chocolate Hop proceeds benefits our Historical Society.

### *June 12: Painting for Pickerington Fundraiser & Picnic at "The Tabernacle" at Coyote Run*



This event provides a wonderful opportunity to get an up-close look at Pickerington's updated late 1800's Tabernacle, now known as Coyote Run, located at 9212 Pickerington Road.

Watch, hear barn stories, and chat as famous Ohio barn artist, Robert ("Bob") Kroeger, creates a painting — using palette knives — of the historic Diley Barn that still stands at the corner of Basil-Western & Allen Roads.

Guests also can enjoy lunch, buy raffle tickets for a chance to win Bob Kroeger's Diley Barn painting, participate in a silent auction of other Kroeger paintings, and purchase an autographed copy of his "Historic Barns of Ohio" book.

#### **The afternoon timeline is as follows:**

**11:30:** Event opens to watch Bob paint and chat.

**12:30:** PVTSH members enjoy complimentary light lunch (hot dogs, chips, popcorn, dessert, bottled water). Lunch also is available to non-members for a donation.

**1:00:** Bob talks while lunch continues along with silent auction, sale of "Historic Barns of Ohio" book (\$25), and raffle tickets for barn painting (\$10 each/3 for \$20).

**2:00-2:30:** Raffle drawing of Diley Barn painting is held, and silent auction winners announced. Continuation of "Historic Barns of Ohio" autographed book sales.



### ***Let's Bring Back Pickerington Railroad Depot's Sign to Pickerington!***

Pickerington's historical railroad depot sign is being offered at a Denver, PA (50 miles west of Philadelphia) auction on March 29-30. ***This is our opportunity to bring our sign back to Pickerington!***

The opening bid is \$400. However, railroad buffs anticipate the winning bid may be as high as \$1,500. Would you be willing to help contribute funds to, once again, make this sign a part of Pickerington-Violet Township history?

To donate to this project, send your check to Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society, PO Box 732, Pickerington OH 43147 so it is received no later than March 25.

Or submit your donation online through the "Donate Now" button at the bottom of our website homepage: [www.pickhistory.org](http://www.pickhistory.org).

## LOCAL HISTORY

### A Look Back at Pickerington in 1915:

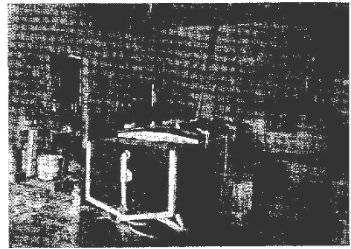
***The Farm Journal Illustrated Farmers' Directory of Fairfield County Ohio 1915.*** There are many interesting books in our Historical Museum's Reference Library to which members have access during Museum hours. This 1915 *Farmers' Directory* contains interesting "Facts and Figures" in its preface: "Fairfield County, with a total of 3,407 farms, ... represents more than 95% of the entire area of the County. The farmers ... are the most prosperous folks in the County". The largest farm crop was reported to be corn, followed closely by wheat, then potatoes, and oats.


A handwritten name (original owner of the book) appears on this *Farmers' Directory* cover: H.S. Taylor; his listing on page 263 includes information about his wife, Vilura, and 2 children. His listing also shows the family owned/farmed 313 acres on Route 2, Pickerington. They also owned 9 horses and 23 cattle.

A few of the other noteworthy Pickerington residents found in this 1915 *Farmers' Directory* included:

- Ricketts, J.D. (Jesse), 2 children, farmer, owns 110 acres, 19 horses, 40 cattle, Route 2 Pickerington.
- Snoke, Mrs. Mary (wid Noah), 1 child, hotel keeper, Columbus St Pickerington.
- Dr. W.B. Taylor (N. Blanche), 2 children, physician, owns building & lot, 3 horses, 2 autos, Columbus St Pickerington.

Although the majority of advertisers in this book are from Lancaster, two Pickerington businesses purchased large ads in the 1915 *Farmers' Directory*. Their ads can be seen at right:

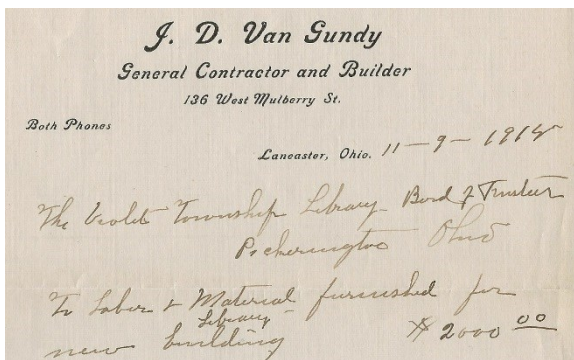
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Citizen Phone 66		Bell Phone 932
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### ***Carnegie Library under construction during 1915:***

A meeting of the Library Board was held at Pickerington Bank on April 7, 1915. The group chose E.S. Matheny (Columbus) as architect

for the library. On October 6, 1915, the Board opened the 14 construction bids received and accepted the low bid of \$7,161 from J.D. Van Gundy (Lancaster). His \$2000 invoice for "Labor & Material furnished for new Library building" is shown at left.



### ***C.O. Beals was Pickerington's Mayor in 1915:***

Mayor Beals can be seen in the center forefront of this photo at right. He is wearing a white shirt and tie. Beals was an attorney whose law office was located next to the Carnegie Library at 5 West Columbus Street. He served as Mayor from 1912—1921.





## 2022-2023 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP 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 & Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Curator; Librarian

### 2022-2023 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos (display rack already purchased in 2021; project will continue for several years).
- Begin research/planning the task of preserving our Museum's windows.
- Begin video-recording residents' historical memories.
- Encourage donations to Historical Society Operational and Endowment Funds.

## Member News

A warm welcome to **Jeff and Beth McCullough**, from Pickerington, who recently joined our Historical Society as Family members.

### A Little Covid Humor:



## CELEBRATING MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US



**Dottie Ebright**, age 72, passed away Feb. 6, 2022 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. A year after graduating from Pickerington H.S in 1967, she married her Pickerington H.S. sweetheart, Keith Ebright. Keith serves as a Vice President of our Historical Society; both have been active Society members for many years. Dottie also is survived by son, Matthew, and many grandchildren.

**Kenneth Patrick**, was an Honorary member of our Historical Society at age 99 when he left us on Dec. 18, 2021. Kenny was a long-time Violet Township farmer and is fondly remembered for helping care for 6 Alaskan reindeer on the Patrick's Refugee Road farm for two years prior to the opening of the Columbus Zoo in 1927. Our sympathies to his daughter, Cyndy, and his many grand and great-grandchildren.

**Ralph Portier**, age 71, passed away at home Dec. 30, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. He was a true and faithful servant who worked tirelessly for Pickerington and Groveport police departments. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Portier, who is President of our Historical Society. Both have been long-time supporters and volunteers for our Historical Society as well as many other community initiatives and events. Rest in peace, Ralph.



**Charles Ed Turley**, was born in Pickerington on August 11, 1926 and left us on Nov. 8, 2021. Ed was a Pickerington H.S. and OSU graduate who enjoyed a long and successful career as a CPA. He was a long-time member of our Historical Society. Our sympathies to his surviving children, granddaughters, great grandchildren, and brother, Ralph Turley.

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