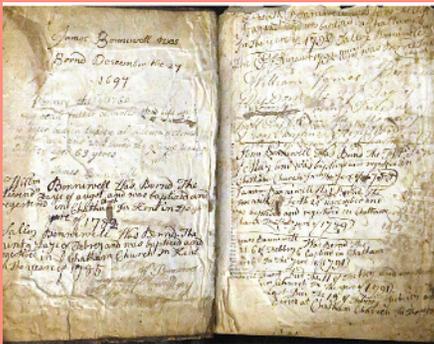


JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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A MEQUON TREASURE COMES HOME

On July 23rd, 2022, a historic Mequon community treasure and artifact found a permanent home in the Jonathan Clark House Museum's collection. The 17th Century Bonniwell Family Bible was generously donated by it's caretaker Kendalyne Gentile who came all the way from her home in Kentucky to honor us with this incredible donation. To learn much, much more about this momentous event and the Bonniwell Family Bible, read within our newsletter.



SUMMER JOY & GENEROUS HEARTS

In June 2022 we continued a JCH Friend favorite, *Pie on the Patio*. This event is meant to be a heartfelt THANK YOU to all that support JCH through donations and volunteerism all year long. In addition to the tasty pie and local libations, we also offered a fabulous fundraiser for our guests to enjoy brimming with community generosity. Keep reading within to help us toast this events success!

JCH CULTIVATES FUN WITH ENRICHING EVENTS AROUND

We have been very busy bees this summer at JCH! With our Heritage Days Series Event, Jonathan Clark's Kitchen, the Bonniwell Bible Event, and Pie on the Patio, we have brought all the summer fun to our community with our fundamental mission at their core. JCH will continue to provide fun and enriching events all year long, so check out inside what we have going on!

JCH DEPENDS ON YOU!

While summers warmth and beauty is still with us here in Wisconsin, we are always looking ahead to the near future and what the Fall will bring for us at JCH. Every Autumn we launch our Year End Drive appeal to you all, and ask you to continue your support

of everything we do at JCH in order to fully serve our community, your family, and you as an individual. We can't do all that we do without YOU, so as we transition from t-shirts to sweaters continue to warm JCH with your generous Friendship.

THE EVENT OF OUR CENTURY

The JCH Bonniwell Bible event was a day charged with excitement, and a general atmosphere of a joy in being together. Bonniwells came from within and beyond the state line, with many of these relations meeting for the first time. This in itself illustrates the great importance of the Bible coming back to it's roots, because it literally brought family and the community closer together. As the Jonathan Clark House Museum strives to serve it's community and interpret how people lived in this area in the mid 19th century we are now much better equipped to do so with the Bonniwell Bible in our permanent collection and our current century. Museums utilize their collections and cultural objects to show tangible evidence of our shared history. With the bible on display inside the historic Jonathan Clark House we can now more fully share our story and hopefully inspire awe and wonder to those who visit and support the Jonathan Clark House Museum.

THE HISTORIC BONNIWELL FAMILY BIBLE BY REED PERKINS, CLARK HOUSE HISTORIAN

Since its acquisition by the Friends in 2012, the Jonathan Clark House has been brought to life with a beautiful collection of period furnishings and accessories. Yet very few of these artifacts actually belonged to the Clarks or their neighbors. The Bonniwell Family Bible is a notable exception. Early this spring, following up on clues from an old newspaper article, family chronicler George B. Bonniwell and I were able to locate the "lost" Bonniwell family Bible. And after a series of emails and phone conversations, the Bible's current owner, Bonniwell descendant Kenadlyne Gentile, graciously agreed that the Jonathan Clark House Museum would be an ideal permanent home for the historic Bible and other related Bonniwell documents.

This Bible, in the Geneva translation, was printed in London circa 1579–1620, and has been in the family since at least 1697. It came to Mequon with the Bonniwells in 1839, and contains birth, marriage, death, and other unique handwritten records of the family dating from the late-1600s through the early-1900s. For many years it belonged to Alfred and Sarah (Turck) Bonniwell. Sarah was Mary (Turck) Clark's youngest sister; Alfred was the Clarks' brother-in-law. It's likely that this Bible accompanied the Bonniwell family throughout the 1840s and '50s as they worshiped with members of the Clark, Turck and other neighbor families at the nearby Bonniwell School. The Bonniwell Family Bible is a unique and irreplaceable part of Bonniwell—and Mequon—history. We are deeply grateful to the Bible's current owner, Kendalyne Gentile, and her family for their generous donation of this very special piece of local history, and we look forward to displaying and interpreting the Bonniwell Bible for generations of interested history lovers.

EVENT SPONSORS HIGHLIGHT COMMUNITY YOUTH HISTORIANS

JCH Board President *Linda Chay*, and her father *Harold Krantz* decided to make this event even more special by donating \$500 to sponsor the expense of this event and to launch the new Cedarburg Youth Historians! CYH President *McKenna Chay* presented the Bible

to JCH, and spoke about how not only does history live well in our community, but that it is also thriving in the passion of our local youth. Keep an eye out for more activities from this budding organization!

BONNIWELL BIBLE EVENT GALLERY



WITH PIE COMES SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS!

This year we raised over \$2,000 for the Jonathan Clark House during our Pie on the Patio Silent Auction! These necessary funds will allow us to continue to grow and serve our community with fun events just like this, as well as allowing us to continue to fulfill our mission for preservation and education. The Jonathan Clark House and the programming we provide will be here for years to come thanks to the generosity of our sponsors who donated such fun and unique items to bid on, and of course, because of YOU.



PIE ON THE PATIO TREATS BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP



SUMMER WINDS DOWN WITH LAST HERITAGE DAY

If you missed out on all the old fashioned fun in June and July don't you fret! We have one more summer Heritage Day full of fun planned for you on August 20th, 12pm - 3pm. Join us and our partners the WMQFA, who will have a special station of activities that includes historic quilts from their education collection to check out and a magnet making project for people to do hands-on and take home with you! And don't forget, we'll have all the Heritage Day favorites like yard games, complimentary tasty snacks, rope making, butter churning, and of course, baby animals!



UPCOMING NOTABLE DATES & EVENTS

Mark your calendar's to experience the Jonathan Clark House Museum's fun and community centric events, coming soon and made for you!

AUGUST

- Saturday, August 20th, 12pm-3pm
Heritage Days (#3)

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 1st, 5:30pm-7pm
Jonathan Clark's Kitchen: Dutch Oven Corn Bread



- Thursday, September 22nd, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Tours & Trails Historic Bike Ride with the Cedarburg History Museum & Foxtown Brewing (Begins at CHM, ends at Foxtown)

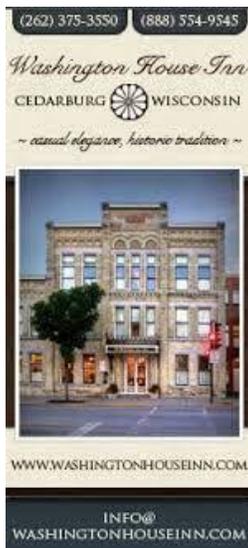


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HERITAGE DAYS 2022 CELEBRATE SUMMER & COMMUNITY HISTORY



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