

# *Canfield Historical Society*

# *The Bond House Dispatch*

*October 2025*

## **A Message from The Society President**

*by Suzie McCabe*

The Annual Meeting for CHS will take place on November 13 at the Canfield Library immediately preceding the program at 6:00 pm. The election of officers and trustees will be held and all members are invited to attend and cast your vote for the incoming slate. The slate is not complete at this time. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time to be an officer or trustee, please contact Suzie McCabe to be nominated from the floor at the meeting. We would like to thank Glenn Sedgwick for serving as trustee. Though he is going off the board, he has enjoyed his tenure and assures us he will continue to support the society.

Exciting events continue to happen at the Bond House. The wedding gown show garnered much attention and brought in over 50 people during the Open Houses. Special thanks to Sarah Libb Pannell who helped set up the gowns and found someone to loan us a few mannequins. MVHS also lent us a mannequin for the event. We acquired numerous gowns for our collection; a bonus, should we choose to stage the event again in the future.

Thanks to everyone who manned the Information Booth at the Canfield Fair. This annual fundraiser helps us continue our mission. Special thanks to Ken and Cindy Kaschak for the large laminated maps and information cards. They were extremely helpful to all.

Recently Laura and I welcomed visitors to the Mahoning Dispatch from Keystone Printing and Press in East Liverpool. Craig Kidd's family established the print shop in 1921 and Craig himself has had "ink in his veins" his entire life. He has recently retired and sold the shop to Craig Wetzel. Mr. Kidd was impressed with our shop and shared a few tidbits about various aspects of the industry. They recently printed our new stationery and we look forward to collaborating with them on future projects.

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## **Lighting of the Green Open House at Mahoning Dispatch Saturday, November 22**

### **The CHS Board**

**President:** Suzie McCabe  
**Vice-President:** Nancy Newton  
**Secretary:** Emily Campbell  
**Treasurer:** David Goddard

**Trustees:**

Kevin Campbell, Jack Dixey,  
Jerry Dixey, Susan Hendricks,  
Clare Neff, Jane Perrett,  
Debbie Roman, Glenn Sedgwick

## **Fundraising Project 2025**

Consider supporting our preservation efforts with this fundraiser. A watercolor painting of Downtown Canfield circa 1960's created exclusively for the Canfield Historical Society by artist Craig Wetzel. The 7.5 X 18 prints are limited edition, signed and numbered by the artist. Prints are \$30. This fundraiser supports the preservation work of the non-profit Canfield Historical Society. To order your print call the Canfield Historical Society at 330-533-3458.



*The image above has a watermark which is not on the prints.*

## Curator's Corner: *The Owl above the Cupboard*

by Laura Zeh

Three generations of Fowlers kept the press alive,  
A family's devotion where stories would thrive.  
The Mahoning Dispatch, inked with pride,  
A century's news flowing steady and wide.

For a century he has watched the press,  
Feathers dulled by dust, yet proud nonetheless.  
Glass eyes fixed where the linotypes sang,  
When headlines were hammered and copyboys ran.

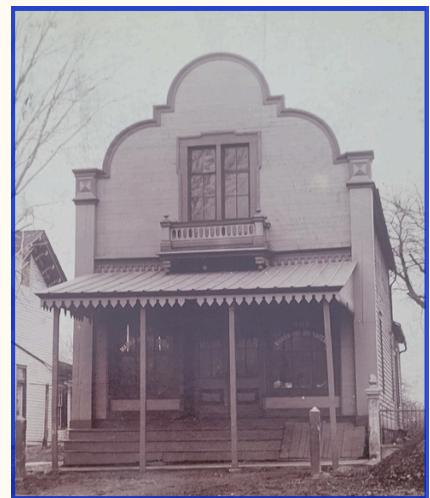
Perched high above the cupboard's crown,  
He's seen papers rise, and papers go down.  
Ink-stained fingers, the shuffle of feet,  
Deadlines struck in the clatter and heat.

He knows the hush when the presses halt,  
The midnight oil, the editor's fault.  
He's heard the laughter, the curses, the cheers,  
The shuffle of history's weight through the years.

Though taxidermy stilled his flight,  
He keeps his vigil through day and night—  
A silent witness, a guardian fowl,  
Time-bound spirit, the newsroom's owl.

And should you glance where the shadows creep,  
You may feel his gaze, both stern and deep.  
For a hundred years, he has kept the lore,  
Of stories told, and stories no more.

Now he observes that Suzie and Laura keep memory alive,  
So the Mahoning Dispatch's spirit survives.  
How with careful hands, they tend the old office, preserving its strands.  
They cherish each story, each yellowed page,  
Breathing life into this history stage.



### ***WHOOO owned the Owl before the Dispatch***

Inquiring minds often ask us the story behind the taxidermied Owl at the print shop. While no absolute definitive answer is available, we have discovered a possible connection. In the February 27, 1885 Mahoning Dispatch the following article appeared.

*"E. E. Dyball's pet owl dropped dead one day this week while a young man was doing a bass solo up Brown. A youth next door, blowing a cornet, coraled a rat and it died. Fact."*

Dyball's dentist office was located near the Mahoning Dispatch at the time. Perhaps Dyball's pet owl came to rest in the care of the Fowler family?

## Cemetery Lantern Tour: Canfield Village Cemetery



**October 10 6:00 pm**

Join us on Friday, October 10th at 6pm as Suzie and Laura lead a guided lantern-lit tour through a section of the Canfield Village Cemetery.

We'll share the stories of some of our fascinating former residents of Canfield, bringing history to life among the headstones.



The tour will stay on a cemetery road, making it accessible and appropriate for those in wheelchairs or with walkers. The walk will last a little over an hour. A \$6 per person donation is requested from non-members. Free for Canfield Historical Society members. In preparation for this walk a gravestone cleaning day was held in August. Several volunteers showed up to help clean the stones to be highlighted on the Lantern Tour. All donations from the Cemetery Lantern Tour benefit our Cemetery Cleanup Program, helping us purchase needed materials and chemicals to clean headstones at this and other Canfield cemeteries.

Pictured here is Emily Campbell, our secretary, cleaning the stone of David Griffith. The before and after photos are included. Come walk with us into the past — and discover the lives behind the names carved in stone. Park at the back of the cemetery as the walk will begin there. Should inclement weather arise, a rain date of Saturday, October 11 6:00 pm has been set. Check Facebook for an update.



## REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS: How They Shaped Canfield's Development

*Thursday, November 13, 2025 6:00 at the Canfield Library*

In 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, officially announcing the 13 colonies were severing ties with Britain. A war ensued, with the major combat ending at Yorktown in 1781; the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783. The Connecticut Western Reserve opened for settlement in 1795 and Canfield was surveyed in 1798. Revolutionary War veterans were among the early settlers who contributed to the growth of the village. Several of the original proprietors who purchased the acres from the Connecticut Land Co. had served in the fight for independence; though not all settled here. Col. Samuel Canfield and his son, Judson Canfield, the town's namesake, were two such gentlemen, although their descendants did make their homes in the village. The surveying company also boasted veterans



Nathaniel Church, Nathan Moore and Joseph Pangborn. The waves of veterans that settled in Canfield in the early 1800s included William Chidester, Matthew Steele and Tryal Tanner from Connecticut. Close on their heels were the German families of Harding, Everitt, Ohl, Whitzell and Yeager whose patriarchs all supported the Rebellion. Join us as we explore the lives of these men who helped us win our independence and build our nation.

## *Calendar of Events 2025*

**Friday, October 10, 2025**

*Lantern Tour 6:00 pm Village Cemetery*

Presenters: Suzie McCabe and Laura Zeh

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

*Revolutionary War Veterans of Canfield 6:00 pm*

*An America 250 Program at the Canfield Library*

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