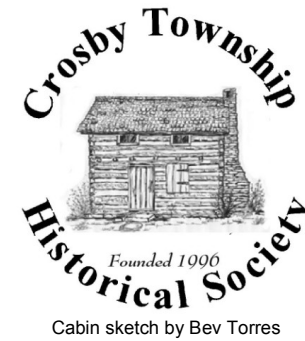




**CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN 2014**

The slate of CTHS Officers was presented again and approved at the March meeting. They stand as follows:

President: Earl Corson  
 Vice-President: Tony Torres  
 Secretary: Shirlee Morgan  
 Treasurer: Charles Heis

**CTHS INVENTORY**

Members, Mike Minges and Melba Guard, and officers, Earl Corson and Tony Torres, have completed an inventory of items held in file cabinets at the Crosby Senior Center and papers, photos and artifacts held at the Harrison Savings and Loan. Work will be continued at the Crosby Town Hall. All volunteer time is much appreciated! Please contact Tony Torres at (513) 738-0373 if you can help! This spring will be a perfect time with comfortable temperatures.



Photo by Sharon Blackaby

*The Passmore Cabin  
 Farewell Winter...  
 We Shall Not Miss Thee!*

**Remember 2014 Dues**  
 Send to Treasurer: Chuck Heis  
 c/o 8911 Willey Rd., Harrison, OH 45030

**WHITE WATER SHAKER ANNUAL MEETING**

All are welcome to attend this event on:  
 Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
 10 am—4 pm  
 \*\*Advanced Registration and Prepayment Required\*\*  
 Deadline: April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Location: Fernald Preserve Visitors Center,  
 7400 Willey Road,  
 and a tour of the White Water North Family Site

Guest speakers include Tom Queen and Martha Boice. Tom Queen's presentation is titled, "To Last a Thousand Years: The Shaker Legacy". Martha Boice will share her knowledge of "Shaker Herb Gardens".

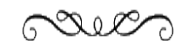
The registration form and more information can be found at:  
<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102959880456-96/AG+registration+2014.pdf>

**TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

Several more steps are necessary to complete Crosby Township Historical Society's tax exempt status with the state of Ohio. The budget report for the last four years will be submitted. It is expected to be finished by this summer.

**LOG CABIN FLAG**

The Passmore Cabin American Flag was replaced by member, Maury Hornbach through the township.



Hooked on Genealogy

—by Melba Guard

I am one of those people who got hooked on genealogy a while ago. My Immediate family lived around Harrison where I grew up, and I knew no other family members. Two years ago, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that one of my ancestor lines settled in Crosby Township where I now live. His name was Adam Myers who was born around 1750 in Germany in the Hess-Kassel vicinity in a small town named Reinhardshofen. He had completed his apprenticeship as a blacksmith and was returning home when taken by a press gang, forced into the English army, and was sent to America to fight in the Revolutionary War. The voyage to America was difficult. Men were packed in like herrings. Every six soldiers shared a wooden spoon and a tin cup. Rations were limited and the water stored in casks stank and had to be filtered through cloth before drinking. The Hessian soldiers, commanded by Lieutenant General Wilhelm von Knyphausen, fought in every major battle.

America had already been settled by quite a few Germans. When they learned that their brothers were coming to fight them, they were outraged. This did not escape General George Washington's notice. He created a campaign to turn around the sentiments and possibly the war by encouraging the fierce Hessian soldiers to defect and join their American countrymen. They would receive full pardon, land, and cattle. There were immediate results and Adam Myers was among those deserters. Seven months after Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown, King George III negotiated peace. Adam learned that there were many Germans in Pennsylvania and headed in that direction.

Adam married a lady named Anna Catharina. They lived in Salt Lick Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His family's names were found in the Good Hope Lutheran Church records. His first three children, Frederick, Anna Catharina, and Mary Elizabeth were not on the baptism records but John, Barbara, Henry, Johannes Jacob and Anna Christina were. He was a farmer and listed on several tax tables owning over 100 acres, cattle and a horse.

Many people journeyed through Fayette County heading from the east to the west to try their fortunes in Ohio and other parts of the western frontier. Adam and his wife, who were in their fifties, also decided to start anew. The easiest means of transportation was by flatboat down the Ohio River and it is supposed that this also was the Myers' choice. There was plenty of rich farmland in a place called Crosby Township. He bought property from John Keever, and it was recorded in 1815; however he was listed in the township in 1809. The property was located along Edgewood, Dick, and Oxford (later the Flieman farm).

His children married local people except my direct line ancestor, Frederick, who married May Poe from Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of George Poe, who was related to the famous Indian fighters, Adam and Andrew Poe. Eventually they moved to Jackson Township, Dearborn County, Indiana. Anna Catharina "Catie" married Brant Agnew. They were among the original families that



ANNA CATHARINA 'CATIE' (MYERS) AND BRANT AGNEW

founded the Whitewater Shakers. However, Catie was not as committed to the religious sect as her husband and his family. She talked Brant into leaving and they, with their children moved to Pontoosuc Township, Hancock County, Illinois. One of their sons was accused of burning down the Mormon Temple in Nauvoo, Illinois. Mary Elizabeth married George Iseminger from Morgantown, Butler County. They moved to Monroe County, Indiana, with his folks. John married Mary Iseminger, George's sister, and they raised their family in Crosby Township. He was one of the founders of the United Brethren Church in New Haven. He inherited Adam's farm. Barbara, who married John Caley, died young. Henry married Martha McLain from Butler County. They moved to Indiana. His grandson was Datus Ensign Myers, a well-known artist. His great grandson, Debs Myers, was a well-known writer, managing editor of Newsweek Magazine, and speech-writer for Adlai Stevenson and Robert F. Kennedy. Little is known of the last two children except that they may have died before or during the family's journey.

See the map on Page 3

SALES CORNER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Thursday, April 17th—This program will be a "Show and Tell" by members of items and memories of "Easter Past".

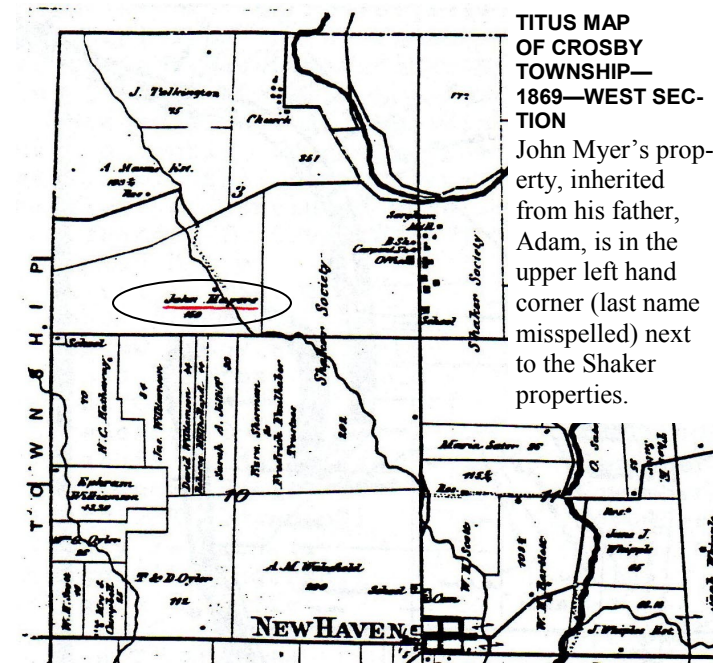
Thursday, May 15th—Jack Blossser, of the Ft. Ancient Museum and State Memorial, will present a program on the history of Ft. Ancient. Fort Ancient, which is 245 feet above the Little Miami River, is the largest and best-preserved prehistoric hill top enclosure in the United States. Fort Ancient is a 2,000-year-old monument attesting to the sacredness of American Indian culture. Source: <http://www.fortancient.org/>

Thursday, June 19th—Diane Mollstrom from the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library, Archives Dept.-Library Collections will speak on "Inland Rivers."

In Case You Missed it . . .

Cincinnati Museum Heritage Program speaker, Jeanne Rolfes returned to present Part Three of "Cincinnati Memories." her program, providing a virtual tour of Cincinnati landmarks. This program took us on a "Twenty Mile Walk" visiting Lunken Airport, Mt. Echo Park, Western Hills High School, Mt. St. Joseph College, The Anderson Ferry, Spring Grove Cemetery, the Cincinnati Zoo, and other notable places.

The John Meyers Property in Crosby Township



TITUS MAP OF CROSBY TOWNSHIP—1869—WEST SECTION  
John Myer's property, inherited from his father, Adam, is in the upper left hand corner (last name misspelled) next to the Shaker properties.

STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at [kklaene@fuse.net](mailto:kklaene@fuse.net). They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping. STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

LOG CABIN SKETCHES...art work and note cards by Bev Torres, depicting our cabin in New Haven. Proceeds are shared with C.T.H.S. Call Bev at (513) 738-0373 for prices and availability.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS...reflective white numbers on green background. Recommended by our Fire and EMT Services. Custom-made for \$10.00 each. Call Earl Corson, (513) 367-9371. Free local delivery.

BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER may be obtained for 50 cents each, to cover printing and postage, by contacting the editor (below).

MEMBERSHIP DUES (\*due annually by March):

- Regular member: \$5.00\*
- Contributing Member: \$10.00\*
- Family (3 or more, same household): \$12.00\*
- Life Member: \$100.00 (one time)

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis  
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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440