



## Programs 2018

### July

**Cincinnati  
Memories**

### August

**Knollman  
Family**

### September

**Picnic/  
Passmore cabin**

### October

**Mary Cunningham,  
Body Snatcher's Wife**

### November

**Germans in  
Cincinnati,  
WWII**

### December

**Christmas  
Party**

# Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

APRIL—JUNE 2018

## Sue and Earl "Sonny" Corson Appreciation Presentation

Susan and Earl "Sonny" Corson were honored at the March meeting of the Crosby Township Historical Society for their many years of service to our Society. They were presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card, along with a beautifully decorated cake shared by our members that evening.

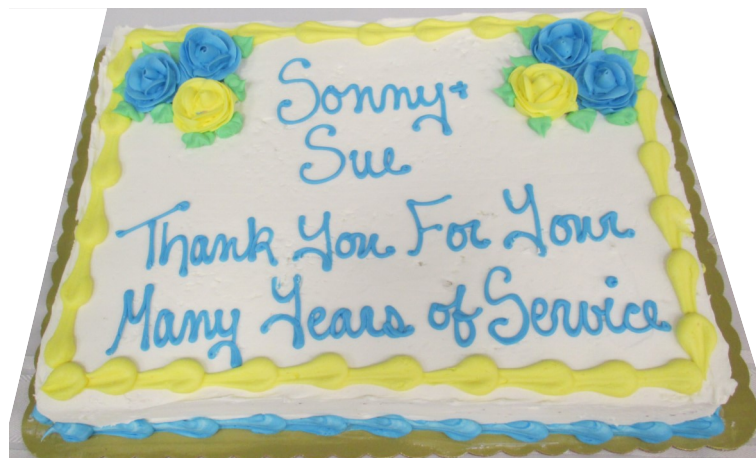
Sue and Sonny became members of our Society in January 1997. In those years, Sonny was a member of the team that reconstructed the Passmore Log Cabin at the township property on Baughman Road. Over the years Sonny has been involved in the Veterans/Resident Memorial Circle in front of the Senior Center on Willey Road and in the cleaning and restoration of the Crosby Township Old Town Hall on Oxford Road that is still ongoing.

In the preceding years Sonny has served as Vice-President under President Linda Flick, Trustee-at-Large, Vice-President again under Maurice Hornbach, and President from 2006 through 2017. Sue Corson has served as Treasurer from 2004 through 2013. Sue is a native of Massachusetts and Sonny was born in Crosby



*Sue and Sonny with Certificate*

Township. They now reside in Harrison. They have a son and daughter and twelve grandchildren.



*Thank You  
Sonny and Sue  
for Your Many  
Years of Service*

## Crosby Day at Stricker's Grove

On Sunday, May 20th beginning at 1:00, a fun day was experienced by those who attended Crosby Day at Stricker's Grove Amusement Park off of St. Rt. 128. Once again, the Society reserved a spot under the eating pavilion. To introduce ourselves to the community we displayed our history books to purchase, membership brochures, and photos on the old Town Hall renovation. We sold chances for one dollar to "guess the amount of cheese puffs in the jar". Craig Holder, resident on Crosby Road, chose the closest number and won the cash prize. During the day, the township also sold chances on door prizes donated by local businesses and organizations. The Society's donation was a Bicentennial History of Crosby Township and a one year family membership. Winner of that prize was Diane Marcum.



*Diane Marcum (middle) with  
Sonny Corson and  
Melba Guard*



*Society display & members*

## Memorial Day Celebration

A very hot day could not keep the crowd from gathering for the 103rd Crosby Township Memorial Day Celebration in New Haven on Sunday, May 27. There was a variety of groups who marched or rode in the parade at 2:00. Representing the Society and decorated for the occasion was Cliff Guard's red pickup driven by him with his wife at his side. The parade arrived at the New Haven Cemetery where the program to honor veterans who have passed on was conducted. Melba, Cliff, and Alice Greene, Women's Army Corps veteran, read the names of those soldiers.



*Cliff Guard & truck*

During the festivities, Society members welcomed visitors into the old Town Hall to present a slide show of the progress of the renovation and for viewers to observe first hand the work that has been accomplished. Members also served cookies and an orange drink. A table was setup with items that could be purchased.



*Melba reading names*

## Passport to the Past

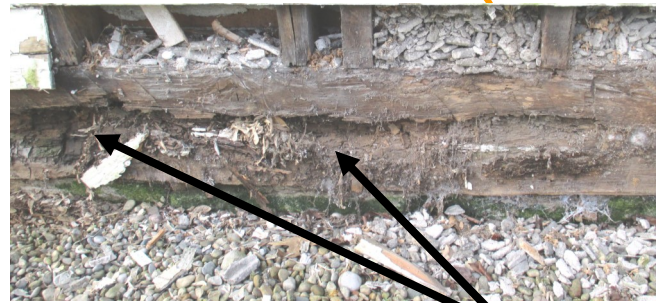


The second annual Passport to the Past occurred Saturday, June 9 from 2:00 until 5:00. This program was created to give the community an opportunity to visit historic sites in Harrison and Crosby Townships. Citizens began their trek at any one of five locations. In Harrison they could go to the Harrison Historical Society Museum and the Governor Othneil Looker home on Carolina Trace. In Crosby Township they could stop at the Passmore Log Cabin on Baughman Road and Crosby Township Old Town Hall on Oxford Road. The last stop was at the Whitewater Shaker Village also on Oxford Road where each person that had their passport stamped at all five places received a plant. At each corresponding location members of the Harrison Historic Society, Crosby Township Historic Society, and Friends of the Shakers greeted the visitors, gave a short history of the site with an impromptu tour, and answered questions.

## Old Town Hall Renovation

In the process of weatherizing the old Town Hall for the winter, volunteers found that the sill plate, a ten by ten inch timber that sits on the stone foundation, had rotted. The walls and floor joists rest on this piece of oak. Meanwhile, inside work stopped in order for the Board

to decide how to proceed. Duane Singleton, Trustee and Project Manager, presented his research on how to remove the old sill plate from around the whole building and replace it with a new one which will be done in sections. He also worked up a rough estimate of the cost. Soon, work will be scheduled to begin this procedure. For more information or to volunteer, call Duane at 319-4166



*Sill plate  
rotted  
through*

### ~ Sales Corner ~

#### **Crosby Township Bicentennial History**

\$15 plus shipping

#### **Stanley McClure's Crosby Township Cemetery Transcriptions Collection**

\$5 plus shipping

#### **Back Issues of the Newsletter 50 cents**

#### **Log Cabin Sketches by Bev Torres call 581-9337 for prices and availability**

## Congratulations on New Haven's Bicentennial

On March 10, 1818, Joab Comstock and Charles Cone purchased 100 acres in the southwest corner of section 11 in Crosby Township. They had Joseph Sater Sr. survey 20 acres of the southwest corner of section 11 to create a village named New Haven after their home place in Connecticut. This year marks the 200th year of that event. Our Society purchased two banners to commemorate this Bicentennial which are hanging at the log cabin and old town hall.



## **Officers:**

President.....Melba Guard.....367-2186

Vice President.... Tony Torres.....581-9337

Secretary..... Shirlee Morgan...367-9671

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Trustee.....Duane Singleton...319-4166

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CTHS Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m., March through December in the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Meetings are open to the public.

**Our Purpose**...to encourage the preservation of historic structures and sites; identify, collect, and preserve literary, graphic and artefactual materials significant to prehistoric and historic cultures, schools, churches, businesses, and families of Crosby Township; to increase community awareness and appreciation of this heritage through documentation, educational programs and other public events; and to assist persons interested in this history by making our collected cultural resources available for study.

## **2018 Membership Dues**

Single \$10.00

Family (3 or more in same house) \$15.00

Life Member \$100.00

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis, Crosby Township Historical Society, Inc., 8911 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030