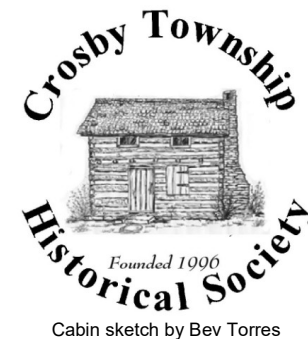




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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Send to Treasurer, Chuck Heis
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NEW CTHS Trustees

Nominations for three new trustees were accepted from the nominating committee at the December meeting. They are: Melba Guard, Michael Minges, and Dwane Singleton. The membership is appreciative for their willingness to serve!

HALLOWEEN AT THE CABIN

Seventeen members spent some time at the Passmore cabin for the annual Halloween evening in Crosby Township. Since it appeared most Trick or Treaters visited the cabin for their candy later in 6-8pm time range, our members determined they would roast their meats over the fire and enjoy their pot-luck meal as soon as they gather next year!

CROSBY TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL MARKER

C.T.H.S. Vice President, Tony Torres will again re-apply this Spring for the grant from the Ohio History Connection (Ohio Historical Society) for funds to help with the cost of the historical marker to be placed at the Crosby Township Hall. There were no more grants available in 2016.

DECEMBER KRIS KRINGLE GIFT

CTHS gifted \$75 for the Kris Kringle chest celebration toward the purchase of toys, food and clothing for local families. This community charitable activity is arranged each year with the help of Crosby Elementary school who submits the names of needy Crosby Township families whose children attend that school.

REPAIRS TO THE CABIN

The Passmore Log Cabin brought our CTHS together in 1996. Through the effort of the officers, members, and many volunteers, one of the original log cabins in the town of New Haven in Crosby Township was taken down, stored, and two years later reassembled on Baughman Road behind the fire Department building. Permission was obtained from the township Trustees.

At that time one log was rotten. The men found another, cut it to size needed and replaced the bad log. The project was completed with hopes it would last 100 years. Unfortunately, one other log, the bottom log in the front of the cabin had a little rot and now needed to be replaced. Bill Morgan and Earl Corson noticed this a few years ago. Bill and Earl had coated the whole cabin several years ago with waterproofing but the log had become worse. They knew for quite some time the log would need to be replaced. Then in 2015, Bill's wife, Shirlee, mentioned this to a friend in Shaker Farms Garden Club, Jeanne Wise. (Shaker Farms planted and maintain



At the sawmill: Bill Morgan, Thomas Schrank, Earl Corson, Rick Roessler and David Roessler.



The new log unloaded, the crew takes a rest.

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the garden around the cabin). Most of CTHS members are no longer able to do the manual work on the cabin and our club is limited in funds.

Jeanne told her husband, Lon, a carpenter, of our problem and he looked at the log and told Bill and Earl he would help find and help replace the log if two or three strong men could be found to help. This sparked our president, Earl Corson into action. The Board was contacted and the work to find a log and the men to work began.

At a tour of Joe Larges' home, club member Judy Fritch overheard Earl, Shirlee, and Bill discussing the need to replace the log. The next day she called Earl and said a friend of hers, Thomas Schrank had a portable saw mill. Tom not only furnished and cut the log, but he donated it to us. Earl talked to John Minges who donated a trailer for a day to pick up the log in Indiana. Using Earl's truck, Earl, David Roessler, and David's brother Rick drove to Batesville, Indiana, to pick up the log, followed by Bill and Shirlee Morgan in their car. Shirlee took pictures and they watched while Thomas Schrank sawed the log and placed it on the trailer. The next Saturday, Lon, David and Earl began work on the log sawing it to the exact size, measuring, jacking up the cabin and making plans for the next weekend to remove the large stones, and take out the old log. Floor boards in the cabin had to be pulled up and the door removed. (They also repaired the door which would not open for the last few years). Bill and Shirlee watched and took more pictures. The new log then had to have wedges cut to fit into the same spot. Earl coated the new log on three sides with waterproofing so that it was ready to put in place. The next weekend Lon,

David and Earl again met at the cabin. Bill and Shirlee were there to take more pictures with Bill to help with advice if needed. The new log was then put into place by David, Lon and Lon's son Tom. Now in early November 2016, just the chinking, replacing of the stones and waterproofing needs to be done on the log and the whole cabin will need to be waterproofed and the gardens redone next Spring.

Lon Wise, at this time, not a member of our Society, also replaced the boards in our bench outside the cabin last year. We cannot thank Lon and his son enough for helping and also his lovely wife, Jeanne for getting him interested in helping us old people with this much needed project so this 1815 log cabin may last many more years to honor the pioneers who settled our country and show the children and their children how the pioneers lived.



New Log in Place—Tom Wise, David Roessler, Lon Wise and Bill Morgan.



Historical Society Programs

Attention: We have no meetings in January and February due to the possibility of inclement Winter driving weather.

Thursday, March 16th.—Members have been requesting another evening of "Show & Tell." So bring an interesting item that may be in your personal family collection or something you have recently acquired to share with us! It may be something that will stump the members, but we are pretty smart so you have a challenge!

In Case You Missed it . . .

In October, about 15 of our CTHS members the home of Cleves resident, Joe Large to view his own personal collection of items and pictures of Cleves, North Bend and Harrison.

In November, new CTHS member, Scott Curtin gave a program on our country's military combat equipment from the Spanish American War to Desert Storm, with many items on display. Scott explained how protective clothing and items changed and improved through the 20th century and when new protection was introduced for our combat forces.

In December our meeting and Christmas party was well attended. The serving tables were overloaded with wonderful snacks and desserts brought by members. Sue and Sonny Corson provided guessing games bringing three glass jars filled with sewing needs, various keys, and Americana items. Prizes were given to those who came closest to the amounts in the jars.



SALES CORNER

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. 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.

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

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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