

# Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2022



## Programs

**2022**

**June**

**Lottie Moon/  
Confederate Spy**

**July**

**Chester Cornett, A  
Chair for the  
President**

**August**

**Grover Nugent,  
Growth of Morgan  
Township**

**September**

**Annual Picnic**

**October**

**Catie Coffin/  
Underground  
Railroad**

**November**

**John Halderman/  
Korean War**

**December**

**Christmas Party**

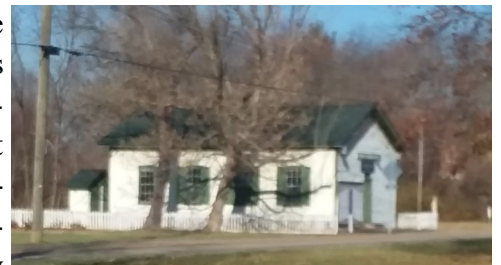
## *Old Town Hall Renovation Begins Again*

It has been a while since members of the Crosby Township Historical Society began renovating inside the old town hall. The last time we worked was before the covid pandemic doing drywall. At that time, by accident, we found the sill plate on the north side, a large wooden log that holds up all the rest of the building (walls and floors), was rotting away from water damage. The building never had a system in place to drain away rainwater. We looked at the south and west side and the same damage was happening there. The building was not safe to continue. Work stopped in order to find a solution.

After the Board looked into what could be involved, we came to the conclusion that if we did anything to the foundation, the building could collapse. The building does not belong to our Society but is part of the real estate belonging to Crosby Township. So we presented the situation to the Crosby Township Trustees at their June meeting. The Trustees were faithful at looking into what needed to be done.

Their final decision was to accept the proposal by Parnell Construction to repair the sill plate damage. The proposal stated that Parnell will use concrete filler in the sill plate, install treated 2x12 boards around the building perimeter attached with structural screws, and install z-flashing behind the existing siding and over the new lumber. The cost to the township will be \$5,650. In November Rosemeyer Roofing was hired to take off and replace damaged boards on the roof plus old shingles. New shingles were placed on both the hall and the outhouse. We thank the Trustees for their commitment to saving a historic building.

When the trustees finish repairs to the hall, our Board will begin making plans to continue the work needed on the inside. We look forward to the day that we can move our collections and materials back into the old town hall for display so that, once again, the community can enjoy the history of our township.



*New roof on Old Town Hall*

## Meeting Time Change

During our September Board meeting and regular meeting the Board discussed the possibility of a change in our schedule for meetings. Attending in the evening has become an increasing deterrent during the months the nights are dark and driving is difficult for our older membership. A consensus was taken and it was decided that the regular meetings would continue March through September on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings in October, November, and December, when the nights are dark, will be the third Saturday morning of those months. The time will be determined in the coming year.

## Crosby Kringle Chest

The Crosby Kringle Chest is a way that our township gives back to the community. They provide Christmas presents for needy children and extra food for their family's holiday dinner. This has been a program that was originated sixteen years ago. They solicit funds from community businesses and organizations then volunteer shoppers buy the gifts and food. Our Society has contributed most if not all of those years and this year we are giving a contribution of \$50.00

## Passmore Log Cabin Cleanup

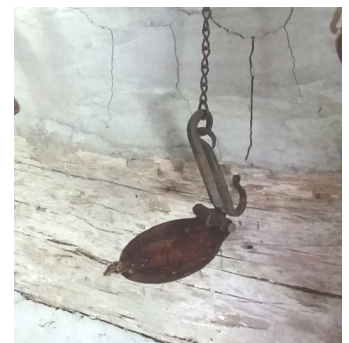
On a September Saturday, Board members spent the morning grooming the log cabin. It had been a while and was much needed. During the log "house cleaning," an inventory was taken of the items within. The items were also photographed so that we have both a visual list as well as a written one. This record will help us keep an eye on items as they age and can no longer be available for display. We also checked closely on the structure itself to find anything that needed repaired. Small holes were visible in the roof and a ground hog had moved foundation stones to use the crawl space as its home. Those things will be addressed. The possibility of getting electric to the cabin was explored. We are researching the ability of having an interior hidden outlet for plugging in lights and possibly temporary heat during special events at the cabin.

Inventorying items proved to be a little challenging. Thank goodness for the Board members who knew what most of the items were!



*Cleaned items that were rearranged (left)*

*Do you know what this item's use was? (right)*



Saturday, October 29, 2022 from two to five our historical society participated in the annual Passport to the Past event along with four other organizations. During this one day event citizens from around the area spent the day experiencing local historical sites. Among the sites were our Passmore Log Cabin, the Harrison Village Historical Society Museum, Othneil Looker Home, Whitewater Shaker Village, and the Fernald Feed Materials Production Center (now Fernald Preserve). It was a beautiful day for this occasion and record number people attended. At the cabin we had over thirty sight-seers. They were impressed with the each site and expressed that they wished they had time to see all of them. We displayed a board of photos that demonstrated the process the Society went through to dismantle the cabin, relocate and rebuild it. Refreshments were provided by member, Shirlee Morgan.



## Email Addresses Wanted

The Board is asking members to allow us to place their email addresses on file with the Society. Having email addresses makes it easier to contact you and saves the Society money in printing newsletters that are sent through regular mail. If you haven't given the Board your email address and would like us to have it as a way to contact you, you may write it on the sign-in sheet at a regular meeting or contact Melba Guard, 513 519-6237.

## Township History Book Reprint

Photo restoration of the Memorial Edition of Stanley McClure's *History of Crosby Township* continues to make headway. The process is to scan original photos, download them into the master file, then return them to the owner unharmed. Currently, examples of the needed photos are displayed near Brenda Jackson's office at the Senior Center. If you have copies of these photos or know who does, please contact Melba Guard, 513 519-6237.

## Trustee Election

During our opening meeting of March 2023, we will have elections for Trustees. Presently, we have two Trustees but our bylaws state we should have three. Trustees oversee the operations of the officers and attend Board meetings and regular meetings. If you are interested in being a nominee, please contact Melba Guard at 513 519-6237 before March. We also have the position of Secretary open.

## ~ 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

**Passmore Log Cabin Reconstruction CD**  
\$5 plus shipping

**Officers:** (513 before numbers)

President.....Melba Guard.....519-6237  
Vice President.... Tony Torres.....581-9337  
Secretary.....  
Treasurer..... Chuck Heis.....738-4343  
Trustee.....Mike Minges.....367-0172  
Trustee.....Duane Singleton..319-4166  
News Editor.....Melba Guard.....519-6237  
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CTHS Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Regular meetings are also held on the third Thursday at **7:00 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.

**2023 Membership Dues**

Single \$10.00  
Family (2 or more in same house) \$15.00  
Life Member \$100.00  
Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis, Crosby Township Historical Society, Inc., 8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030

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