



Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

JULY—SEPTEMBER 2023

2023 Programs

August

**No Meeting
(due to Senior Center remodeling)**

September

Annual Picnic

October 14

Early Indians

November 11

Chester Park

December 9

**Bible Sticks/
Christmas Party**

Remember:

October, November and December meetings are the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CROSBY TOWNSHIP?

History is all around us, yet there appears to be a growing vacuum of what people know about it, especially local history. It is a subject seldom taught in schools. And, when citizens are left to themselves to find out about the area in which they reside, the end result is that growing numbers of people lose their curiosity to do the research. They fail to understand the usefulness of local history of which they are a part. Consequently, they fail to develop into a community and continue to be disconnected.

This is why historical societies have an important function in the making of a community. Historical societies are able to teach their residents that learning from the mistakes and successes of the past can produce an understanding of how to shape the present and the future. Preserving local traditions, stories and civic commemorations inform and transform people by giving them an identity, something of a sense of roots. Local history can inspire individuals to be more civic minded and encourage responsible behaviors.

Our historical society has produced two history books on Crosby Township. The first book, authored by Stanley W. McClure, is no longer in print. However, our society has taken the original and vastly improved its photos. It is now ready for print and available for purchase. Our society is taking orders. An order blank with details is on page three for those who want to buy a copy.

As a way to spark or re-spark your interest in our area, page two has questions to see what you know. Enjoy and good luck with the answers.

A flood in the spring of 1805 did considerable damage to the small village of Crosby in the township. Over several years it was entirely evacuated. Where was the approximate location of the town?

The village of New Haven had another name for a while because another post office in northwest Ohio was named New Haven. What was the other name?

The Old Town Hall on Oxford Road in New Haven was built with leftover



funds used to pay for substitute soldiers that took the place of drafted men. This was during what war?



Morgan's Raiders came through the township, going through New Haven, then on to New Baltimore. Were they part of the Union Army or the Confederate?

Home Like Inn, along the river in New Baltimore, was originally the home of a German family named Wabnitz. George Wabnitz ran a business next to his home that used water from the river. What business was it?



Besides New Haven Cemetery, there are over seventeen family cemeteries located in the township. There is one unusual cemetery located on Mt. Hope Road. What makes it so unusual?

There were five distinct areas in the township. Besides New Haven, New Baltimore and Crosby, what were the names of the other two?

A very peculiar religious sect was formed in 1824 in the township. Single members



vowed to stay celibate. Husbands and wives of married couples lived separate from each other. How did they become known as "Shakers"?

A summer camp for boys and girls, run by the Catholic Church, was located in New Baltimore. What was its name?



The first Memorial Day Service in the New Haven Cemetery was held May 30, 1888/1889. It has been held every year since. How many services have been held up to this year (2023)?



Almost every year we have different Passmore descendants visit the cabin. This June we had some visit that were from out-of-state. They enjoyed viewing the cabin and the presentation hosted by our Trustee, Mike Minges. Pictured to the left is John Hayes (right), his daughter Kara Kinikin (middle) and her husband Jason Kinikin (left) with their daughter Harriet (middle). Kara would be a great, great, great granddaughter of John Passmore.

Email Addresses Wanted

The Board is asking you to allow us to place your email address on file with the Society. Having email addresses makes it easier to contact you. It will also save the Society money on printing and postage. 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, either by email at guard_m@fuse.net or phone at 513 519-6237.

~ 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

6th Annual
PASSPORT TO THE PAST
Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023
2 - 5 pm
Free event
Tour five Ohio historic venues in Harrison and Crosby Townships

Order Blank for:

History of Crosby Township (reprint)

by Stanley W. McClure

\$22 a book, plus \$9 postage if mailed

Make checks available to:

Crosby Township Historical Society

Send check and this order to the following address:

Chuck Heis, Treasurer,

8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030

I want to buy _____ copy/copies

My name, address and phone number is:

Officers: (513 before numbers)

President..... Melba Guard..... 519-6237

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

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Treasurer..... Chuck Heis..... 738-4343

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CTHS Board meetings are held an hour before the regular meetings. **April through August** regular meetings are held on the third Thursday at **7:00 p.m.** **October, November, December and March** are on the second Saturday at **10:00 a.m.** Meetings are held in the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road and are open to the public. **September** picnic is the third Thursday at **6:00 p.m.** at the log cabin,

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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