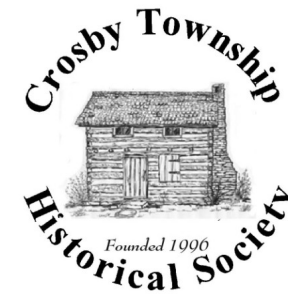




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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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CROSBY TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL

LOSS OF A MEMBER

Crosby Township Historical Society mourns the loss of member, Val McKenzie who passed away recently. He attended our meeting regularly until his illness would not allow it. Val was an avid genealogist and collector. We extend our condolences to his family. He will be missed.

TOWN HALL HISTORICAL MARKER

The Butler Rural Electric Cooperative has gifted CTHS with a \$500 amount toward purchasing a historical marker for the Crosby Township Town Hall. We will apply again to the Ohio Historical Connection for a grant toward the marker and hope that this year we will approved.

TOWN HALL RESTORATION

Restoration work on Crosby Township's Old Town Hall to bring it back to its original appearance continues. Previously the dropped ceiling was removed along with unnecessary ductwork. Paneling was taken down from the walls. Partition sections were removed and the debris discarded. There were two delays that halted work during the summer months. The first was the swarm of honey bees that had made a nest in the side and had to be removed. The second was the hot weather which kept workers from getting into the attic to replace the old wiring. As hot temperatures give way to cooler days, the rewiring will take place soon. Once it is complete insulation will be blown into the walls. The building will then need to be "buttoned up" for oncoming inclement weather and the furnace repaired before other work can be done.

Meanwhile, Tony Torres, Duane Singleton and Melba Guard gave a power point presentation to the township trustees at their September meeting to update them on the progress of the project. The society's board members are in the process of creating a letter to be sent to area businesses informing them of our efforts and to ask them to consider investing in this historic restoration with a donation. Our society has recently accepted one \$500 donation from a generous anonymous donor. Earl Corson added \$50 from the sale of two outdoor benches not needed by the society. The Torres family who recently sold their residence and business have donated three display cases. With these contributions and other possibilities, our objectives can be accomplished!

By Melba Guard

CABIN IMPROVEMENTS

We now have an electric outlet at the cabin which will be beneficial. Member, David Roessler has done considerable work on changing the stone steps at the entrance of the cabin, fixing the cabin doors to improve opening, securing loose floor boards, replacing chinking that was loose between logs, and fixing the flagpole. Lon Wise did work in the garden surrounding the cabin. Our society sincerely thanks them for all of their efforts!

CABIN IMPROVEMENTS

Crosby Township officers and trustees have changed the monthly board meeting to one week prior to the regular monthly meeting. The board believes it will be advantageous to have their working meeting at a time separate from the regular meeting night. All members are welcome to attend.

BYLAW REVISIONS

Revision of CTHS's Constitution and Bylaws were adopted June 15, 2017. Many of the changes were simple such as word substitutions, additions, or removing sections. Some major changes were as follows: "Dissolution of the society shall be decided in a special meeting by a vote of a Quorum of the Board of Trustees and 60% of members attending the special meeting...". "The Society shall conduct its affairs in accordance with its non-profit status and shall not take any actions that shall jeopardize this status...". The classes of membership have been reduced to individual, family, life, and honorary. The section on membership dues was deleted. Finally, the description of the nominating committee and the hospitality committee was updated. Any member may request a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

PASSPORT TO THE PAST

Karen Kilgo and the Village Historical Society organized "Passport to the Past" at various local structures on Saturday, August 26th. The Whitewater Shaker buildings, Crosby Township Town Hall, the Passmore Cabin, and the Governor Othniel Looker House on Marvin Road were the venues. Greeters gave information on the building's history and offered refreshments. CTHS members hosted the town hall and the log cabin, boasting 34 guests. Visitors received a passport at the first dwelling and had it stamped at each of the other sites.

Stanley W. McClure, Historian

One of the most recognized names in Crosby Township's recent history is Stanley W. McClure. Stanley was locally born in 1905. He self-published numerous books on his own family history: *The McClure Family* by Stanley W. McClure first published 1956; *The Simonson Family* by Stanley W. McClure first published 1981; *The Wakefield Family of Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio* by Stanley W. McClure, first published 1984; *Descendants of William Sater (1793-1849) Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio*, by Stanley W. McClure, first published 1886; and most notably to our organization, *The History of Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio* by Stanley W. McClure, 1992.

However, many do not know that these writings, later in life, were preceded by works during his career with the National Park Service in Washington D.C.. From 1946 to 1952 McClure cataloged property in the White House for a booklet *The White House* which was often used by Secret Service Guides. He also wrote two publications for NPS that can be accessed and read online at:

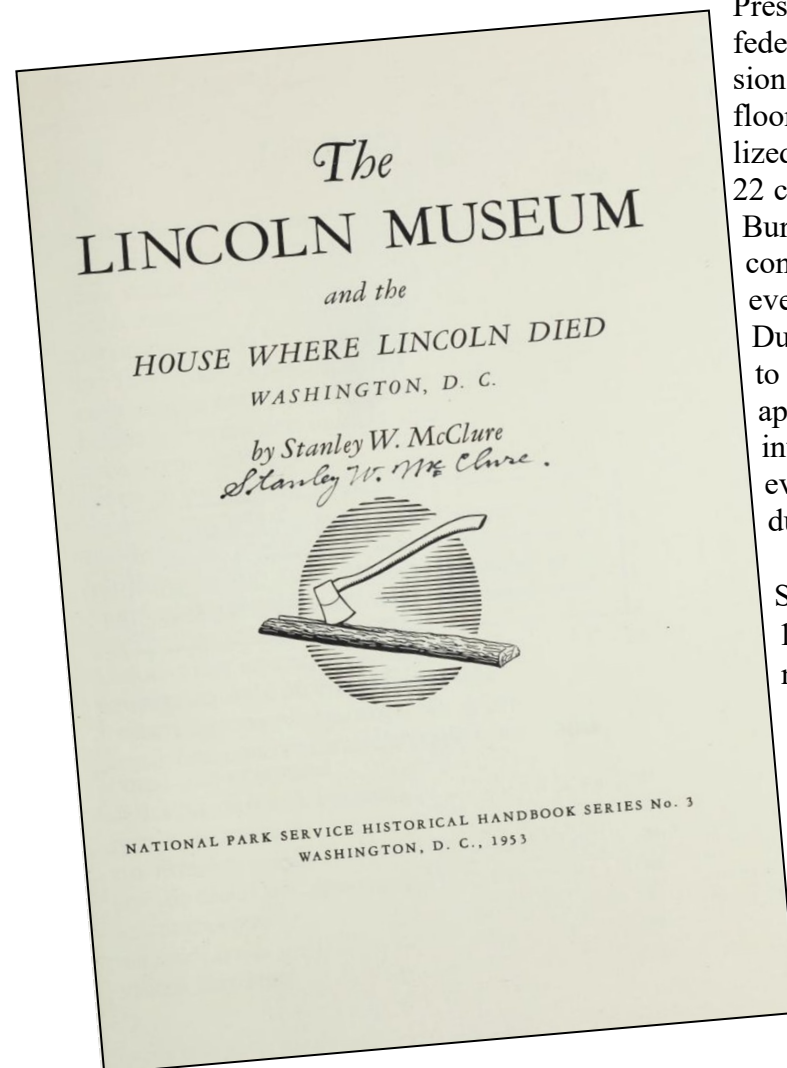
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The Lincoln Museum and the house where Lincoln died, Washington, D.C. by Stanley W. McClure
First published in 1943, again 1953, 1954.

Historical and Architectural features significant in the restoration or partial restoration of Ford's Theater by Stanley W. McClure First published in 1956

This Washington D.C. theatre was purchased after President Lincoln's assassination and refitted by the federal government. It became the Records and Pension Bureau with an Army Museum on the third floor. In 1893, excavation in the basement destabilized the structure and three floors collapsed killing 22 clerks and injuring 68 of the Records and Pension Bureau. The building interior was reconstructed and converted into a museum of Lincoln artifacts. It was eventually transferred to the National Park Service. During the 1950s a bill was introduced in Congress to fund the restoration of Ford's Theatre to its 1865 appearance. Mr. McClure gives wonderful insight into Abraham Lincoln's death and surrounding events and into the restoration of this historic site during this time.

Stanley W. McClure lived here until his death in 1996. He was a native son who shared his talents nationally.



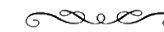
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Programs

Thursday, October 19th—Speaker, Thomas Stander will present a program entitled “Eight Months in 1917 That Forever Changed Butler County and Surrounding Area.”

Thursday, November 16th – CTHS member David Roessler will give a program “Hiking the Pacific West Trail.”

Thursday, December 21st—We will again have our December meeting and annual Christmas party with guessing games and prizes, and many wonderful snacks and dishes brought by our members. Drinks will be provided.



In Case You Missed it . . .

Our meeting in July contained a powerpoint presentation given by CTHS members Melba Guard and Duane Singleton. Both members have been very active in the restoration of the Crosby Township Town Hall and wanted to provide photos of what the on-going changes look like.

In August our members took a field trip to the home of member, Judy Fritch. Judy and her late husband Paul were avid collectors of items ranging from ancient artifacts like arrowheads to campaign buttons and medals, beautiful art glassware, antique iron banks, ornamental clocks and much more. Everyone enjoyed the tour and great refreshments afterward.

September brought a warm evening for our annual CTHS picnic at the Passmore Cabin and twenty-nine members and two guests were in attendance. Meats were grilled and many wonderful dishes were shared from sides to great desserts. It gets bigger and better every year!



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.

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