

Pleasant Hill History Center Newsletter

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Pleasant Hill History Center

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Mission Statement

“To preserve the history of Pleasant Hill and Newton Township through documents, pictures, and artifacts.”

Historic

Pleasant Hill and Newton Township

“Preserving our local history by telling our stories.”

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Fall 2014

A Note from the President

1910

Dear Sister: - If you have no school today send Lura down here if you like, to stay till you need her. Can't you come down tonight? - The only card in the house and train time. Lovingly, Lura
(It was the only card she had and it was time for the train to take the letter.)

So Lura Miles was sending a note by train from Ludlow Falls to Pleasant Hill regarding arrangements to be made on the same day. Mind boggling, isn't it? A note mailed gets to the next town and arrives on the same day. Those were the days.....

Oct. 31, 1911

The house is all clean and we are all looking for you. Lura

At the History Center, we are busy these days getting our new 'house' in order. We have enjoyed having some new volunteers help us get things unpacked, cleaned and organized. We always seem to have projects that we could use help with. Let us know if you are available.

We are also busy preparing for our 2nd annual Cemetery Walk. You will learn a lot! Also, look for upcoming details about our holiday bazaar, November 7th & 8th.

Lesla Delcamp, President

Membership News

We have 91 partners and 6 business friends. New members include: Janice Deeter, Rita Ressler, Jeanette Finkam, Larry King, Judy Benson, and Mark Thompson.

Questions about your membership, call John Weaver at 937-632-4004. Thank you for your support.

John Weaver, Membership Chairman

Pleasant Hill History Center Museum

We have moved our history center to our new building at 8 East Monument Street. Come see us. Look for information about our grand opening. Please note that we have a new Post Office Box, # 82.

Cemetery Walk

Our second annual Cemetery Walk will be held September 21, 2014 from 2:00 until 4:00. Our featured individuals will be Almeda Stout, J. C. Klopfer, Addison Palmer, and Jasper Marshall.

Business DVD Sale

A DVD of Pleasant Hill Businesses has been created for the History Center. They are being sold for \$5.00 each and are available at the Museum.

Museum hours are every Monday from 3:00 - 7:00. Come visit your museum!

**Be sure to check our web site @ Pleasanthillhistorycenter.com
and visit us on Facebook**

Roy Joseph Plunkett

Roy Plunkett was born June 26, 1910 in New Carlisle, Ohio, to Joseph and Bessie (Garst) Plunkett. In 1911, the family moved to a farm in Newton Township, south of Pleasant Hill. His sister Marie was born in 1913, Ruth born in 1914, and sister Jane was born in 1920. Around 1925, the family moved to Owens Road. His brother Richard was born in 1929.



1927 Graduation Class Picture

In 1927, Roy graduated from Newton High School. After graduation he attended Manchester College in Indiana. He graduated in 1932 with a B. A. in Chemistry. He then attended the Ohio State University in Columbus earning a master's degree in 1933 and a PHD in 1936.



He married Dorothy Detrick in 1935. In 1936, Roy joined the DuPont Company as a research chemist at the Jackson Laboratory in Deepwater, New Jersey. On April 6, 1938, while doing an experiment involving refrigeration gasses, he discovered a white waxy substance in one of the cylinders. The substance was tetraflouroethylene. This substance was named Teflon. The tef was for tetraflouroethylene and DuPont used "lons" in a lot of words it made up for its materials.....hence: Teflon.

In 1951, Roy received the John Scott Award.

This award was presented to those whose inventions improved the "comfort, welfare, and happiness of human kind" in a significant way. Other award winners include: Madame Curie, Thomas Edison, and the Wright Brothers.



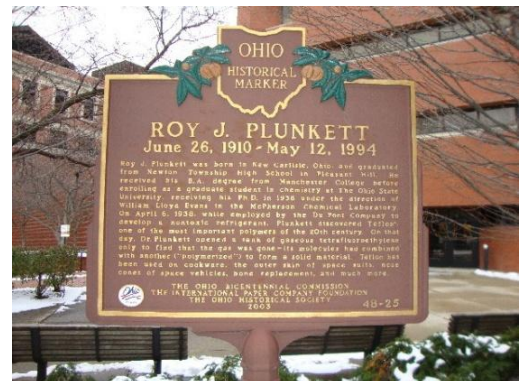
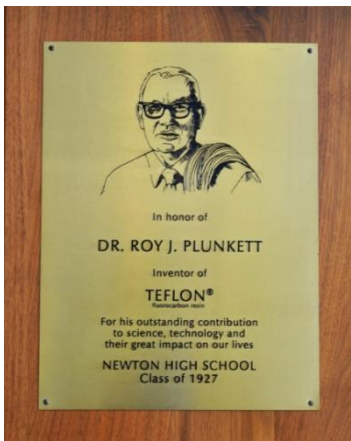
50th Wedding Anniversary of Joe and Bessie Plunkett
Home located on Owens Road

In 1952, Roy was given an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Manchester College. In 1968, he was given a Doctorate of Science from Washington College of Chestertown, Maryland. In 1977, Roy also received a Doctorate of Science from the Ohio State University.

Other awards include: Modern Pioneer Award, Chemical Pioneer Award, The Ohio State University Centennial Achievement Award, The Moissan Award (from France), and The John Hyatt Award.

Roy has been inducted in to the Plastics Hall of Fame, National Inventor's Hall of Fame, Ohio Hall of Fame, and the Newton High School Hall of Fame.

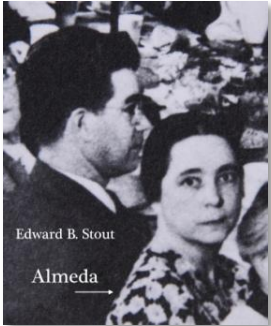
Roy died at his Corpus Christy, Texas home, May 12, 1994.



Historical Plaque located on the Ohio State University Campus

Cemetery Walk 2014

The second annual Pleasant Hill Cemetery Walk will be held September 21, 2014. The walk will begin at 2:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm. Come to the walk to find out further information about the following selected individuals.



Almeda Luella Schultz Stout

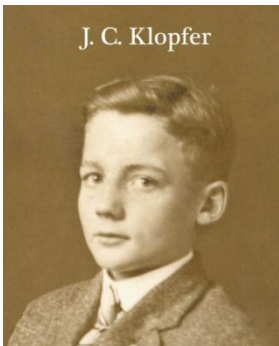
Almeda was born February 24, 1905 to John Frederich and Agnes (Schlegel) Schultz. She married Edward B. Stout in 1924. They had a daughter, Jean in 1925. Almeda and her husband were avid supporters of Newton School and the Pleasant Hill community. Almeda died March 30, 1993.



Addison Palmer

Addison Palmer was born September 6, 1847. He was in Company H of the 6th United States Colored Troops. He enlisted September 5, 1863 and was promoted to Sergeant, July 20, 1865. He mustered out with the Company, September 20, 1865.

Addison Palmer died May 29, 1914, in Newton Township.



J. C. Klopfer

J. C. Klopfer was born December 28, 1905 in Newton Township. He was the son of Louis and Edna Minnich Klopfer. He married Helen McMaken in 1926. They had one daughter, Virginia. J. C. became manager of Klopfer's grocery store when his father died. J. C. died February 25, 1963.



Jasper Marshall

Jasper Marshall was born April 26, 1853, in Spring Valley, Ohio. He enlisted in the 7th Calvary, Company L on December 14, 1875. He was on hilltop duty the day of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. He injured his left foot. He married Mary Jane Moss, December 14, 1883 in Miami County. He died May 9, 1920 in Newton Township.

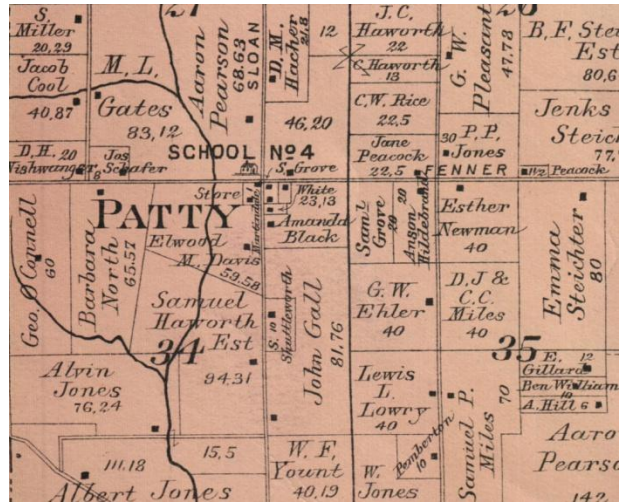
8 OCCUPATION	laborer
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work	
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)	enlisted (part of Custer's army)
9 BIRTHPLACE	Springvalley, O.
(State or country)	

Taken from Jasper Marshall's death certificate



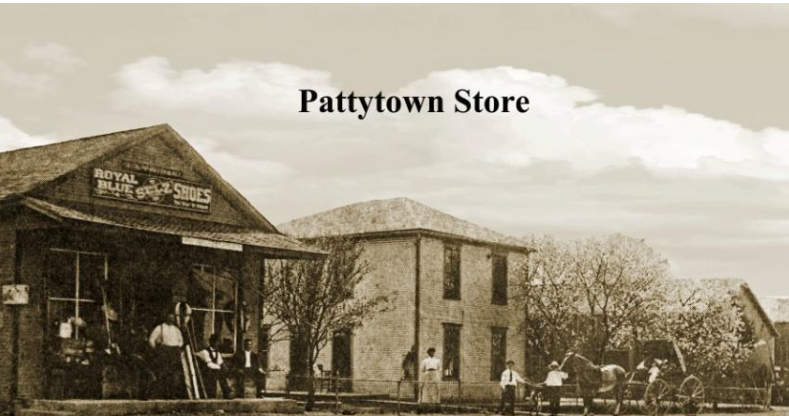
Pattytown

Pattytown is located at the intersection of State Route 721 and Fenner Road. It has been called Patty, Pattystown, Pattyville, and Pattytown. A Post Office was located there from 1898 until 1903. Samuel Grove was the Postmaster. When it was discontinued, the mail went to Laura and someone picked it up and brought it to the Pattytown Store.



1911 Plat Map

The main attraction in Pattytown was the General Store. Some of the proprietors of the store were Samuel Grove, Ambert Grove, Dale



Pattytown Store

Elleman and Albert Martindale. In the summer, residents would gather on the front porch to talk about their lives. This became known as the Loafers Bench. Sometimes the men would pitch horseshoes beside the store.

Albert Martindale had a Huckster wagon which he would use to take groceries to sell to local farmers. Sometimes he would barter with the farmers, possibly trading some barnyard chickens for cheese and bread.



A two room schoolhouse was built in 1904 in the Northwest quadrant of the intersection. In the 1970's the signs marking the town of Pattytown were stolen. On July 26, 1982, the store was torn down by ODOT because it was too close to the road.



Loafer's Bench



(School Site)

Aerial view of Pattytown

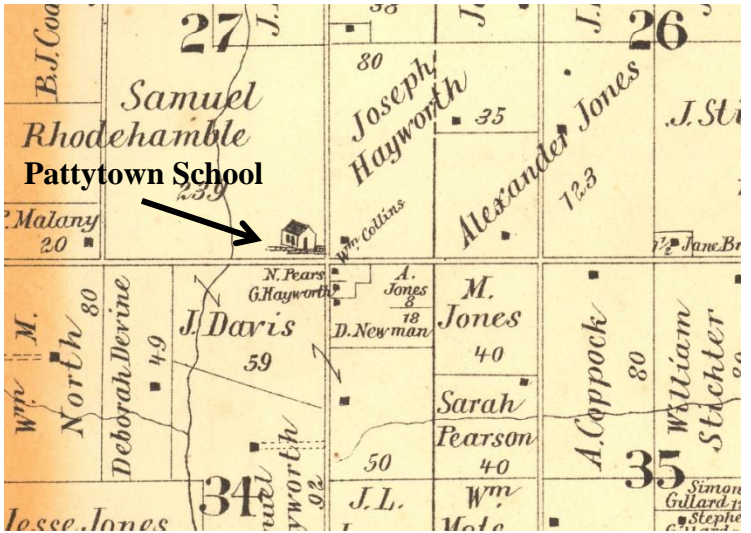


Newton Township One Room Schools

School # 4 - Pattytown School

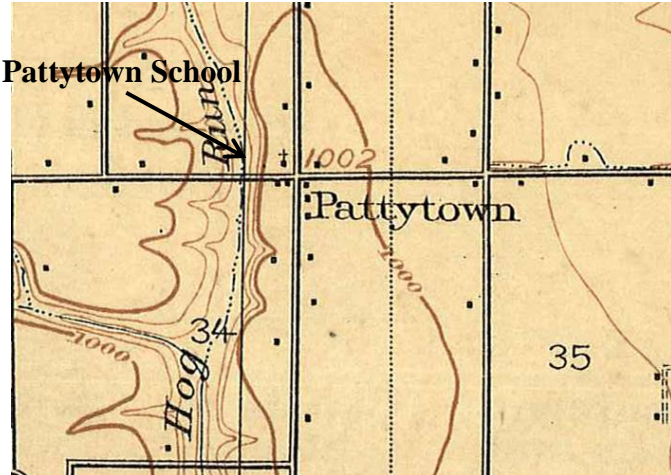
School #4 was located on the Northwest corner of Fenner Road and State Route 721.

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Town 8, Range 4; thence West 20 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 20 rods to the half quarter section line; thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre.



1894 Plat Map of Newton Township

The land was leased from Samuel Rhodehamel in 1852 for \$1.00. Land was purchased in 1869 from Samuel Rhodehamel for \$100.00. The second school on this site was a two room school built in 1904.



1911 USGS Map of Newton Township

Some of the teachers at Pattytown School were: D. Hatfield, Jonathan Jay, Ella Beitman, Laura Teeter, Samuel Overcash, Clara Miles, Carrie Teeter, Mac Harshman, Walter Hayworth, Alma Helman, Zella Aldrich.

When the Newton Township Schools consolidated in 1923, Ashland School was sold to Milton Longnecker for \$410.00.



Pattytown students about 1894



1915 - 1916 Pattytown
 Row 1: Milford Hunt, Leo Hunt, Nellie Gall, Jessie Hunt, Reba Cool, Lucille Haworth, William Stager
 Row 2: Robert Miles, Kenneth Hocker, Stephen Kimison, Lowell Cool, Boyd Stichter, Mable Green, Clarence Ehlers
 Row 3: Irene Martindale, Bessie Hocker, Lenore Cool, Edith Stager, Mae Sloan, Charley Cool
 Row 4: Roscoe Stager, Ralph Gall, Kenneth Williams, Roy Hocker, Ruth Martindale, Alma Helman (Teacher)
 Row 5: Charley Owens (Teacher), Walter Jones, Paul Ehlers, Agnes Hocker, Ethel Sloan, Meade Hunt
 Row 6: Vernon Jones, Dale Niswonger, Lorie Jones, Audrey Niswonger, Zella Aldrich



Pattytown 2 room school built in 1904