

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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A Note from the President

One of the things I love about being involved with the Pleasant Hill History Center is hearing stories told when people come to visit us. Sometimes one of the pictures or displays we have will set the wheels turning, and we find out more than we ever knew about something. It is fascinating to listen!

Another thing I love is being able to help others with a missing piece of their past. We recently had a woman mention when she visited that she had never seen a picture of her grandmother (who died before the woman was born). Through our internet resources we were able to locate some pictures and print them off for her. She was elated, and I think a little speechless!

I think we are also a little speechless with the outpouring of support we have received. With your support, as well as a grant from the Miami County Foundation, we have a new heating and cooling system in place. A host of volunteers have been helping us to get settled in at the new location as well as participating in the fundraisers we have had.

I hope you can stop in and see us. We are always anxious to see any artifacts or pictures you might have. Who knows, you may help somebody find a part of their past as well.....

Lesla Delcamp, President

Membership News

We have 102 partners and 7 business friends. New members include: Robin Colvin, Don Cress, Nancy Dickerson, Carol Etzler, Penny Fisher, Shirley Ryder, Patty Stickels, Richard Snyder, Kim Vestal, John Wackler, Kathi Wackler, and Stern Financial Corp.

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 will have the unsold items from our Holiday Bazaar in the museum until Christmas. Check our items for those last minute gifts. Thanks to all who donated items which made our Bazaar such a success!

Grand Opening Ceremony

On December 8th at 3:00, we will have our Grand Opening Ceremony. It has been nearly a year that we have owned our new building. Much work has been done to get to this point.

It is time to celebrate our accomplishments.

End of the Year Giving

As you consider year-end giving for tax purposes, please consider the Pleasant Hill History Center. We are a non-profit organization so your donations are tax deductible. It is through your generous support that we can exist.

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**

Miami County Quilts in Newton Township



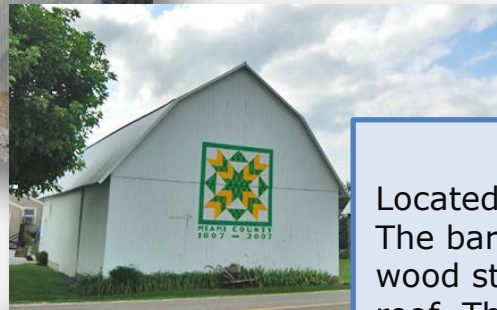
1 - Joseph's Coat

Located at 3111 Rangeline Road. Built in the early 1800s, this barn is a two story timber frame Bank Barn with hand hewn beams and the stone foundation was quarried from a local site.



2 - Goshen Star

Located at 2015 N. Owens Rd. The barn is a pole barn constructed in 1975 of wood with steel siding.



3 - Wood Lily

Located at 6035 Thomas Road. The barn is a "hip roof" style, wood structure with a metal roof. There is an identical barn behind it, and through the years they have come to be known as the "Twin Barns".



4 - Evening Star

Located at 217 Walnut Street. The barn is a post and beam style barn, built of hewn wood beams in the late 1800s.

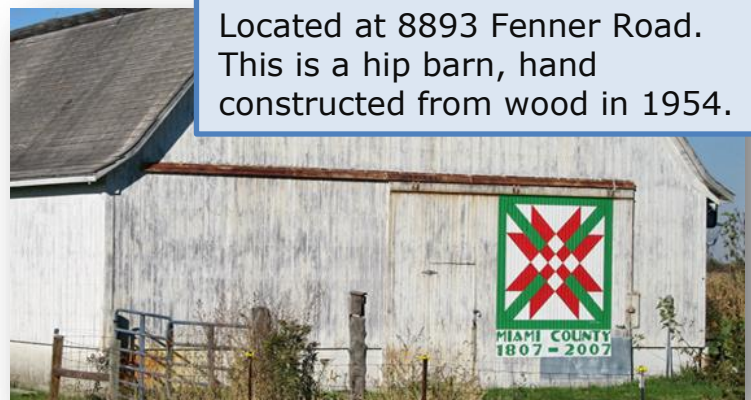


5 - Martha Washington Star

Located at 10802 State Route 718. The farm is designated a Century Farm – having been in the same family for over 100 years.

6 - Mexican Cross

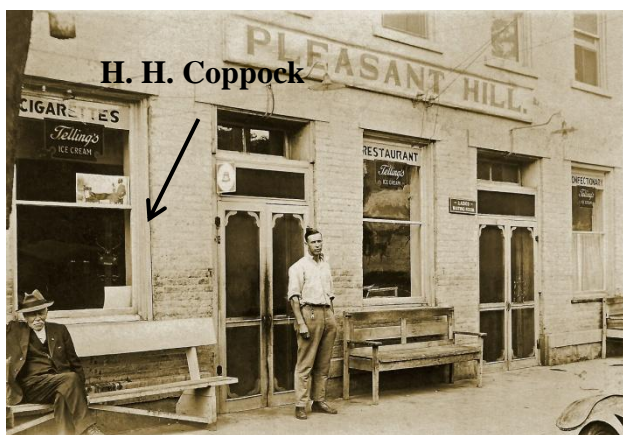
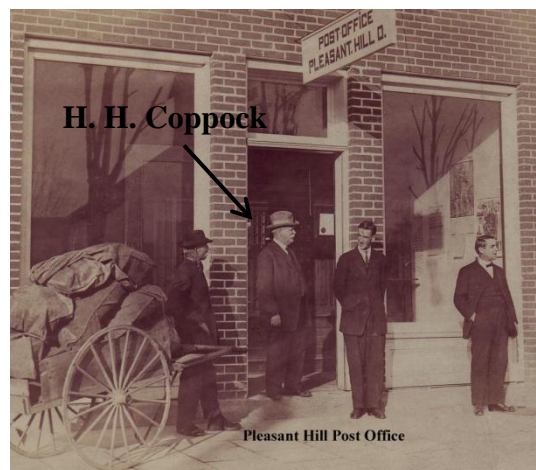
Located at 8893 Fenner Road. This is a hip barn, hand constructed from wood in 1954.



H. H. Coppock

Jonathan C. Coppock, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of South Carolina and after his marriage sought a home upon the wild western frontier. Making his way to this state he located in Union township, Miami County, and made a claim of government land, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, including the present site of Ludlow Falls. There he erected a log cabin.

When his son Joseph Coppock had reached man's estate he was united in marriage to Miss Sally Jay, and they became the parents of three children: William, Allen, and H. H., of this review.



In the year 1833 Joseph Coppock removed to the farm on which the birth of our subject occurred. Throughout his active business career he carried on agricultural pursuits and also operated a grist and saw-mill. At the time of his death he owned five hundred and twenty acres of land in Newton Township, besides considerable town property. He died July 12, 1897, and in his death the community lost one of its valued citizens.

H. H. Coppock remained with his father until twenty-one years of age, at which time he began farming on his own account, purchasing a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he remained until February, 1864. At that date he responded to the country's call for aid and joined the boys in blue as a private of Company I, First Ohio Cavalry. At Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1865, he received an honorable discharge.

On resuming the pursuits of civil life Mr. Coppock returned to Newton Township, where he resided upon his farm until 1868, when he traded that land for a farm west of Pleasant Hill, comprising one hundred and ten acres, making his home thereon until 1879. He operated a grist and saw-mill until 1896. He then transformed it into a plaster factory and has since carried on business along that line, the enterprise proving to him a profitable one, which brings to him a good income.

Mr. Coppock has been twice married. In 1861 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Isabella Williams and they became the parents of six children, namely: Daniel W., Cora, Clara, Charley, Sally and Frank. On the 22d of January, 1883, Mr. Coppock wedded Miss Ada McCarter, of Montgomery county, and their union has been blessed with four children: Nellie, Eunice, Vora and Etta.



Henry Harrison Coppock

Mr. Coppock is a member of Daniel Williams Post, G. A. R., of Pleasant Hill. He was appointed postmaster of Pleasant Hill on February 23, 1911 and served for 4 years.

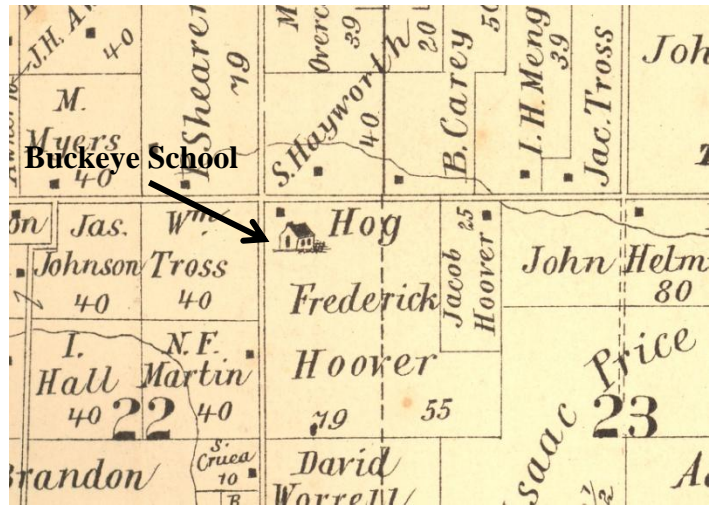
He died at the age of 87 on July 12, 1928 in Newton Township. He is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Newton Township One Room Schools

School # 5 - Buckeye School

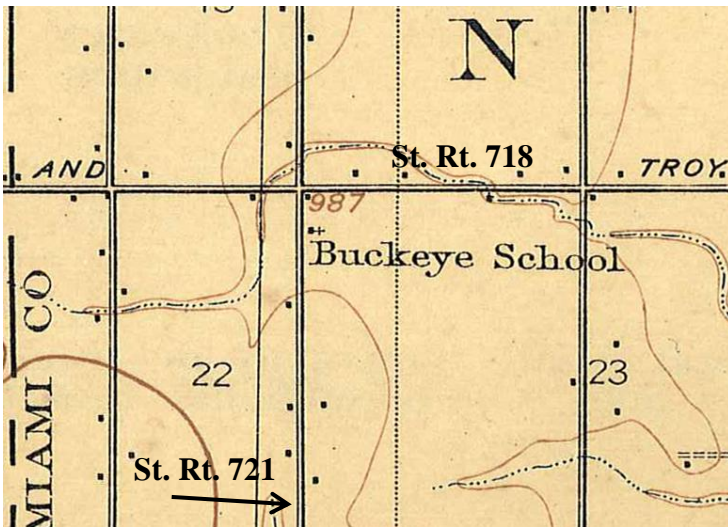
School #5 was located on the East side of State Route 721 near the intersection of State Route 718.

Two lots: Being a part of the Northeast quarter of Section 22, Town 8, Range 4. Beginning on the Sloan Road at a point 38 rods South of the Northwest corner of the East half of said quarter section; thence East 11 rods; thence North 7 3/11 rods; thence West 11 rods; thence South to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre. Beginning at the same point, East 11 rods; thence South 7 3/11 rods; thence West 11 rods; thence North to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre.



1894 Plat Map of Newton Township

The land was purchased from Frederick Y. Hoover in 1867 for \$18.00.



1911 USGS Map of Newton Township

Some of the teachers at Buckeye School were:
 B. F. Hatfield, Israel Menges, John Overcash, Charles E. Staub, Laura Altic, Alice West, Foster Brumbaugh, Mae DeWeese, Arthur Hocker, Michael Norris.



**Arthur Hocker, Teacher
 April 3, 1917**

When the Newton Township Schools consolidated in 1923, Buckeye School was sold to M. K. Knisley for \$240.00.



December 8, 1908



Site of Buckeye School 2013

BUCKEYE SCHOOL District No. 5 Newton Township, Miami County, Ohio S. D. MOHLER, Teacher	
PUPILS	
Mabel Penny Willie Weimer Otis Purtee Francis Kraus Willie Gorman Vera Paul Grace Weimer Mary Paul Selma Kraus Judd Laudenslayer Robert Jackson Roy Cassel Isa Class George Purtee Mildred Paul Judd Zimmerman	Herbert Wissinger Mary Gorman Pearl Shafer Mildred Weimer Lucile Rench Walter Jackson Glenn Overcash Edward Purtee Roxie Zimmerman Eva Weimer Gladys Rench Leona Weimer Ruth Rench Clifford Greer Judd Reel
SCHOOL BOARD	
N. W. Lodge M. A. Jackson Jacob Whitman	Chas. Jackson T. F. Norris

Pleasant Hill History Center Museum

Since 1976, The Pleasant Hill History Center, formerly the Oakes-Beitman Museum has been located on the second floor of the Oakes-Beitman Public Library. In the fall of 2013, Brian Sarver of Jackson-Sarver Funeral Homes, offered to donate the building at 8 Monument Street to the History Center. The building was built in 1964 by the Citizens National Bank, Co. It originally was used for a bank but in later years it was used by the funeral home.



On September 30, the Pleasant Hill History Center Board met and voted to accept this generous donation. The board had much discussion about acquiring this building. The History Center would be responsible for removing the drive through and the building had a leaky roof and no heating or air conditioning. They knew these would be expensive, but felt that having the museum on the ground floor would be a great asset to the residents of Pleasant Hill and Newton Township. The deed was transferred December 17, 2013.

The work began to tear off the drive through on April 12, 2014. Many volunteers, under the direction of Keith Trost and Dan Delcamp, worked all day to get it removed.



The plumbing was fixed, including new toilets and hot water. Inspection from the Miami County Building Regulations Department was completed and we received our occupancy permit on June 20, 2014.

The process began to move all records and artifacts from the second floor of the library. It was decided to hire a moving company to move the larger cases and the fireproof filing cabinets. On July 15, the movers came, and without incident, moved the heavy items to our new building.

A \$5000 grant to help pay for the heating and air conditioning units was given by the Miami County Foundation. The heating and air conditioning units were installed on October 20-21, 2014.

Pictures, artifacts and memorabilia were hung and display cases were filled. We continue to organize and work on future displays for the museum. We have come a long way, but still have much work to do.



Thanks to the many people who have given their efforts, financial support, or donations to this project. Through our garage sale, pie orders, Bazaar, membership drive, and t-shirt sale we have been able to accomplish much. With sincere gratitude, we would like to thank the following people without whom this project would not have been possible:

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