

Pleasant Hill History Center Newsletter

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Pleasant Hill History Center

Mission Statement

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

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Pleasant Hill and Newton Township

“Preserving our local history by telling our stories.”

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Fall 2017

A Note from the President

As we enter into a new fiscal year, I would like to bring everyone up to date on the status of the Executive Board and results of the Annual Meeting. Lolita Schultz did not seek another term on the Board and we are sorry to see her leave. We want to recognize her valuable contributions and dedication to the Pleasant Hill History Center. Steve Patton, representing the Village of Pleasant Hill was re-elected and Dawn Spitler, also representing the Village, was elected as the new Board member. Ruthann Coate, representing the Township was elected for another two year term.

We are currently preparing for our next program which will be a "Cemetery Walk" at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. This will be held Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Our membership drive has brought us several new Partners which brings our membership to 133, including Business Partners. If you have not paid your membership, please consider doing so. The fee helps defray the cost of the newsletter which is sent out quarterly.

We continue to encourage you to be an active participant of YOUR History Center and do come to enjoy the programs we provide four times a year. Also, we are still encouraging everyone to participate in the Kroger Rewards program with the History Center being the Non-Profit recipient. If you need help accomplishing this, come to the History Center any Monday from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. for assistance. Hope to see you there soon.

Donna Favorite, President

Membership News

We have 123 partners and 10 business friends. We welcome Denise Cain, Linda Sampson, Theresa Burnside, and Bev Robbins as new members. If your membership expires this year, you should have received a letter or email regarding your renewal.

If you have questions about your membership, call Lolita Schultz at 937-676-2771. Thank you for your support!

Lolita Schultz, Membership Chairman

Pleasant Hill History Center Executive Board

Your board has reconfigured for this year. The following officers have been chosen: Donna Favorite, President; Steve Patton, Vice President; Ruthann Beck, Secretary; Dawn Spitler, Treasurer; Rosalie Adams and Jerry Warner, representatives.

Cemetery Walk

We will be sponsoring our annual Cemetery Walk on September 10, 2017. Our selected individuals this year are Mary Mikesell, J. K. Teeter, Joseph Plunkett, and Mazie Teeter. The Walk begins at 1:30 and continues until 3:30.

Featured Display in October

During the month of October, the History Center Museum will be featuring the vintage tea sets of Jean Gilbert. Jean has collected miniature tea sets, as well as china place settings, for many years. She will also be displaying some of the china once owned by Ella Wampler. Stop in to see this interesting display.

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

Cemetery Walk 2017

Our Cemetery Walk will be held September 10, 2017. We will be featuring the following individuals: J. K. Teeter, Mazie Teeter, Mary Mikesell and Joseph Plunkett.

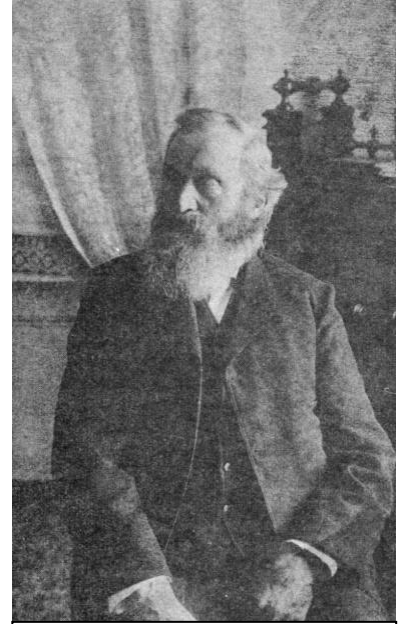


Mazie Teeter

Mazie Teeter was born on March 21, 1877. She was one of fourteen children of Elias and Susannah Teeter. They lived on a farm northwest of Pleasant Hill. Mazie began teaching in Pleasant Hill Schools in 1899. She started teaching in the 1875 building and then taught in the new 1923 building. Mazie died on February 3, 1929. The light pole at the new building was dedicated in her honor. A plaque was placed there in her memory.

J. K. Teeter was born in Pennsylvania on June 4, 1813. His parents were Isaac and Elizabeth Teeter. His family moved to Miami County in 1837. J. K. married Caroline Reed in 1838. The original plat of Pleasant Hill was laid out by him. He purchased Lot #2 on which he built his home and today is the Oakes-Beitman Memorial Library.

J. K. Teeter died on March 27, 1897. His stone reads, "J. K. Teeter, Founder of Pleasant Hill."



J. K. Teeter

Mary Brewer Mikesell was born November 8, 1856. She married Jacob Deeter Mikesell on July 10, 1879. They had four children: Bessie, Roland, Daniel, and Mason. Bessie died in 1892 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In 1898 Jacob Mikesell died of heart disease. Her son, Daniel, started the Mikesell Potato Chip Company, America's oldest potato chip company.

Mary died on May 26, 1921, and is buried beside her husband in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.



Daniel Mikesell, son of Mary

worked at DuPont, where he discovered Teflon. Roy has won many awards for his work in chemistry. Bessie died in 1969. Joe died on January 1, 1976. He was 92 years old.

The Cemetery Walk will be from 1:30 until 3:30. Hope to see you there

Joseph Plunkett was born on March 8, 1883. He married Bessie Garst in 1909. They had 5 children: Roy, Marie, Ruth, Jane, and Richard. His first son, Roy, graduated from Newton in 1927. He



Joseph Plunkett Family

Deeter's Mill

Robert Dickson came to Newton Township in 1808 and built the second sawmill in the township and the first one to be located on Panther Creek. Michael Deeter purchased the mill. The mill was later known as the Deeter Mill. The sawmill was powered by water from Panther Creek. A dam was built to divert the water through the mill to run the saw blade.

The area between Sugar Grove Mill and Fairview School, which was located at the corner of Rangeline and Circle Hill Roads, was once a large woodland. The Deeter Mill turned many of the trees into lumber which was used to build many of the homes in Newton Township.



Deeter Sawmill on Sugar-Grove Road



Pictures courtesy of Nancy Feldner, T. E. O'Brien, and Norv Deeter.

In 1938, Clyde Robbins purchased the saw mill and moved it to his home near Troy. The mill was then powered by an 18 horsepower Aultman-Taylor engine. The Robbins family used the mill for many years. The mill still stands in the barn.



The channels used to bring water into the mill can still be seen on the property.



Deeter Sawmill as it looks today.

Amelia Mary Morton Ziff

Amelia Morton was born July 5, 1903 to Simon Clate and Clara Mae Bowman Morton. She was born in Indiana while her father was taking a collegiate course from Earlham College. Her father was the superintendent of Pleasant Hill High School from 1903 to 1910. He also worked for the Beery School of Horsemanship. He died in Pleasant Hill when Amelia was 9 years old. He is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.



The Mortons had many children. Among them were: Edith, Miriam, Lorna, Amelia, Basil, Ruby, Byron, Delmar, Alma, Norven and Emerson. (Morton school in Vandalia is named for Byron Morton.)

Amelia graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1921.



Amelia married William Bernard Ziff on April 27, 1929. He was the president of the W.B. Ziff publishing company which later became Ziff-Davis. They published such magazines as PC Magazine, Car & Driver and Popular Electronics.

William Ziff died on December 20, 1953 at the age of 53. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery due to his military service in the United States Army in the 202nd Aero Squadron.

Amelia died November 14, 1980 in Dade County, Florida. She was buried beside her husband in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D. C.

In 2010, both Amelia and William were disinterred and moved to an undisclosed location.

Their son William Bernard Ziff, Jr. took over the publishing company. The company continued to grow. When William was diagnosed with cancer, he asked his sons if they wanted to take over the company. None of them did, so he sold the company for 1.4 Billion dollars.



Clate & Clara Morton with 3 of their daughters



Ziff Brothers - Robert, Daniel & Dirk

In 2006, when William died, the three sons, Daniel, Robert, and Dirk, inherited his fortune. They created the Ziff Brothers Investments Company. In 2016, the brothers were listed as 14th on Forbes list of richest people in America, with an estimated wealth of 14.4 Billion dollars.

In 1992, the William Ziff family created a trust fund and named it after their great grandmother, Amelia. Today, the Ziff Family has donated millions of dollars to various organizations. The family's philanthropy is well known.

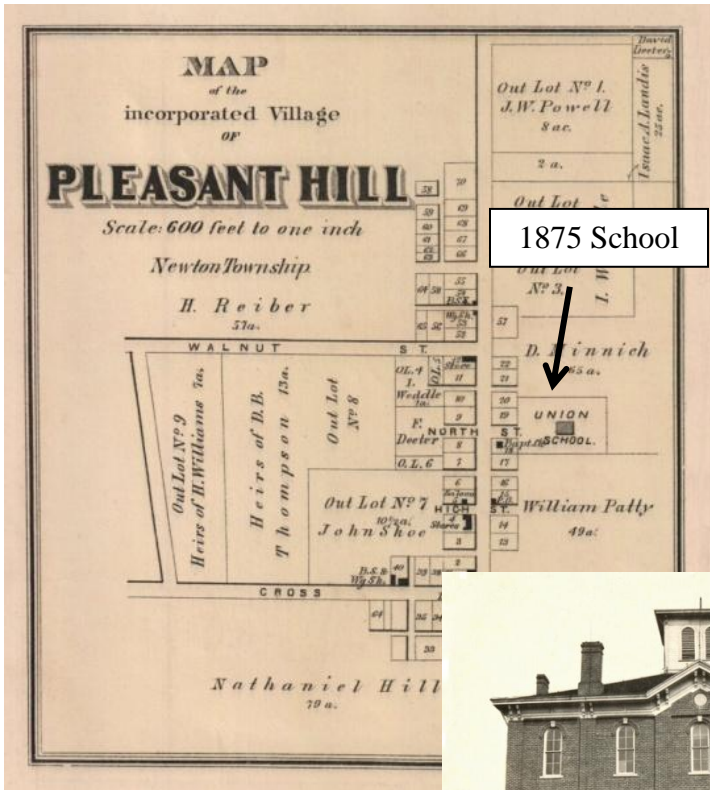
From our little town of Pleasant Hill, descendants of her residents are changing the world.

1875 Pleasant Hill School

In 1875, a new school building was built in Pleasant Hill. This school replaced the school on Church Street.

The building was heated by steam and contained six large and well-ventilated rooms, with a hall on the third story capable of comfortably seating 300 people. Horatio Pearson was elected superintendent in April, 1875.

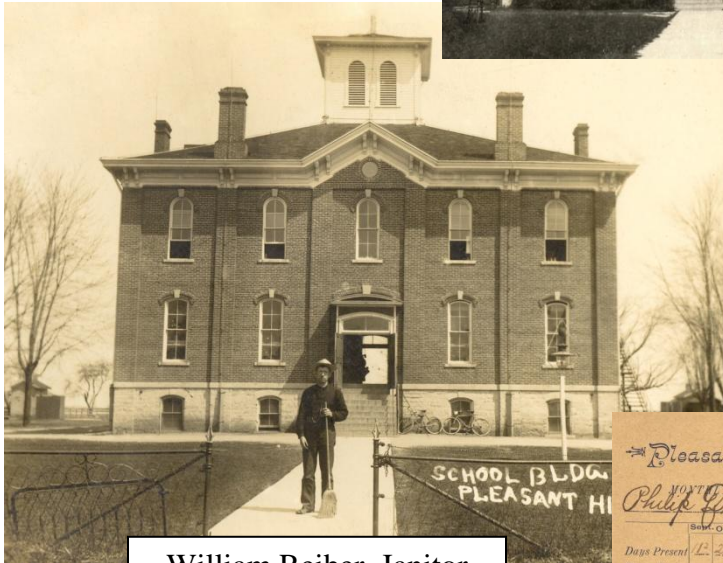
The school was sold and removed in 1923 when the next Newton building was built. The 1923 building was built directly behind this building.



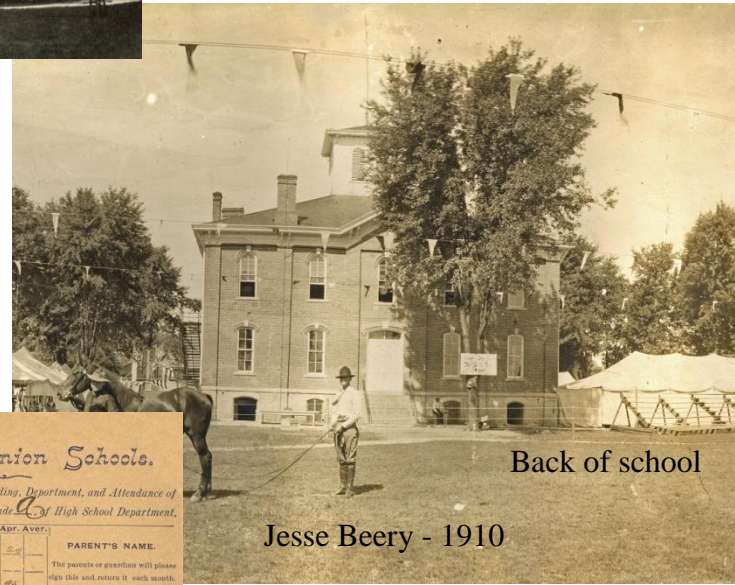
1875 School



Pleasant Hill, Ohio.



William Reiber, Janitor



Back of school

Jesse Beery - 1910

Pleasant Hill Union Schools.

MONTHLY REPORT of Class Standing, Department, and Attendance of
Philip Daniels Pupil in Grade *C* of High School Department.

(Show Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Aver.)

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Aver.
Days Present	22	20	17	24	24	24	24	
Times Tardy	15	20	17	24	24	24	24	
Department	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Rhetoricals	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Arithmetic	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Grammar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Geography	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Reading	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Phy. Geog'y	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
History	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Algebra	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Physiology	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Civil Gov.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Composition	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Book-keeping	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Geometry	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Literature	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Physics	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Orthography	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Rank	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Gen. Average	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Promoted to Grade *C* in High School Dept.
 100 Perfect; 90 Good; 80 Fair; Below 70 is the average of any branch, no Promotion.

C. H. Beach Sup't

Grade card



PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL