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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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Winter 2022

A Note from the President

This fall the third graders visited our museum. This field trip is part of their curriculum on local history. We enjoy teaching them about Pleasant Hill and Newton Township.

The museum is closed for the winter. We will open this spring. I know there are many who are anxious to visit. We hope to have some special programs once we feel like it is safe to do so.

Santa and Mrs. Claus have visited Pleasant Hill and the village tree has been illuminated. Wreaths have been added to the Civil War Monument. The holiday season is upon us.

Wishing you a happy Christmas season and a happier 2023!

Ruthann Beck, President

Membership News

We have 108 partners and 10 business friends.

We welcome Brian Ganger, Caleb Fritz, Trenton Runkle, Kristin Gray, Tracy McGuire, and Jackie Sweitzer as new members!

Memorial contributions in memory of Millie Kight and Wayne Leonard were received.

Thank you to everyone who honored these individuals.

Questions about your membership, call Dawn Spitler at 937-417-4985. Thank you for your support.

Dawn Spitler, Membership Chairman

Kroger

Be sure that you are signed up for Kroger Community Rewards. This program is a great fundraiser for our museum. Our quarterly checks help pay our utility bills! Check your receipt to see if you are still signed up!

We appreciate your help with this fundraiser.

Virginia's Sugar Cookies

One of Virginia Kinney's many projects was to name the sugar cookie as Ohio's State Cookie. In November, a contest was held to find Pleasant Hill's best sugar cookie in honor of Virginia. The judging and winners were announced at the

Christmas in the Village event. The winners were: Adult Division: 1st Place: Kelly Boothe, 2nd Place: Jenna Moran, 3rd Place: Laura Metzger - Kids Division: 1st Place: Kyah Boothe, 2nd Place: Wren Bauer, 3rd Place: Kirstey Metzger.



Winter Hours

We are closed for the winter. We will re-open on March 6, 2023.

Stay healthy this winter. See you next spring!

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

Dr. Thomas Arnold Schultz

Tom Schultz was the son of Carl and Esther (Hill) Schultz. He had two brothers, Jack and James, and a sister, Becky. He grew up in Pleasant Hill and graduated in 1953 from Newton.

In 1954, Tom married Patricia Preston in the First Brethren Church in Pleasant Hill. The couple was blessed with three sons, Steve, Mark, and Tim.

After graduating from Newton High School, Tom served two years in the U.S. Army, completing Medical Training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He was stationed in Glenhausen, Germany.

Upon returning from the army, Tom graduated from Ashland University, Ashland Theological Seminary, Hamma School of Theology, Wittenberg University and Miami University. He earned his degrees in teaching and counseling and served 19 years as a teacher and counselor in public education in Ohio, and in later years in California for the Long Beach Unified School District at Lakewood Senior High school.



In 1963, he was ordained as a Brethren Church Minister of Ashland Theological Seminary. Dr. Schultz earned four Master degrees and two Doctorate degrees, one in Marriage and Family Counseling and one in Theology.

Dr. Schultz was a pastor at four different churches in Ohio. He was pastor of Steuben Congregational Christian Church in Steuben, Honey Creek United Church of Christ near Christiansburg, The First Brethren Church in Gratis, and the Fort McKinley Church of the Brethren in Dayton.

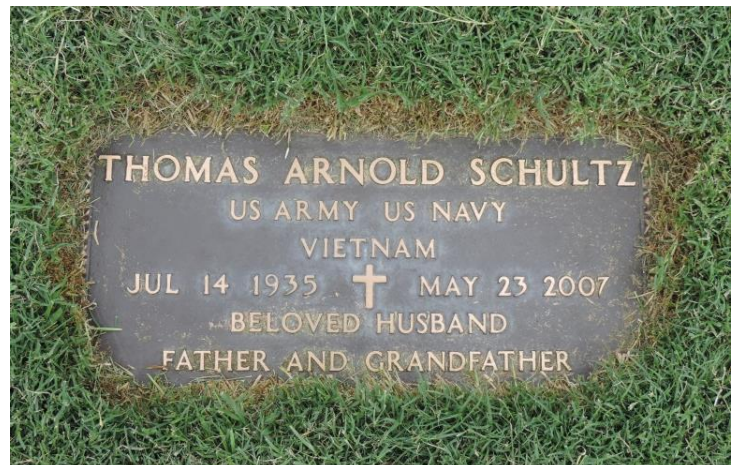
Dr. Schultz served twenty years in the U.S. Navy as a Chaplain-Commander on the USS Camden, with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, Seabee Units, and Naval Air Units.

After retirement from his naval duty in 1988, Tom served the City of Cypress, California, as the Police Chaplain.

During Tom's retirement, he was a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and AFTRA from 1997 to 2000 appearing in commercials and feature movies and television as a background actor.

He appeared on *Hart to Hart*, *Silk Stalkings*, *The Love Boat*, and was on *Password* with Betty White. He was also in the movie, *The General's Daughter*.

Dr. Thomas Schultz passed away with cancer on May 23, 2007. He was 71. He is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Cypress, California.



The C. H. & D. Railroad

The **Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railway** (CH&D) was a railroad based in the U.S. State of Ohio that existed between its incorporation on March 2, 1846, and its acquisition by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in December 1917.

The branch that went through Pleasant Hill entered Newton Township on the east side of State Route 48. It continued north crossing the Stillwater River near Joyland. The railroad went behind Joyland and made its way to the village limits of Pleasant Hill.

The railroad tracks were located between the lumber yard and Rudy's Elevator. They then went beside the Farmer's Exchange on High Street.

Leaving Pleasant Hill, the tracks continued to the Sugar Grove Station. They then crossed State Route 48 and continued to Newberry Township and ultimately Delphos, Ohio.



CH&D
CINCINNATI, HAMILTON & DAYTON R.R.

Time Table.

Delphos Division.
Trains pass Pleasant Hill as follows.

NORTH-BOUND.

No. 302, Mail and Express.....	8:10 a. m.
356, Express.....	6:46 p. m.
386, Local Freight.....	10:27 a. m.

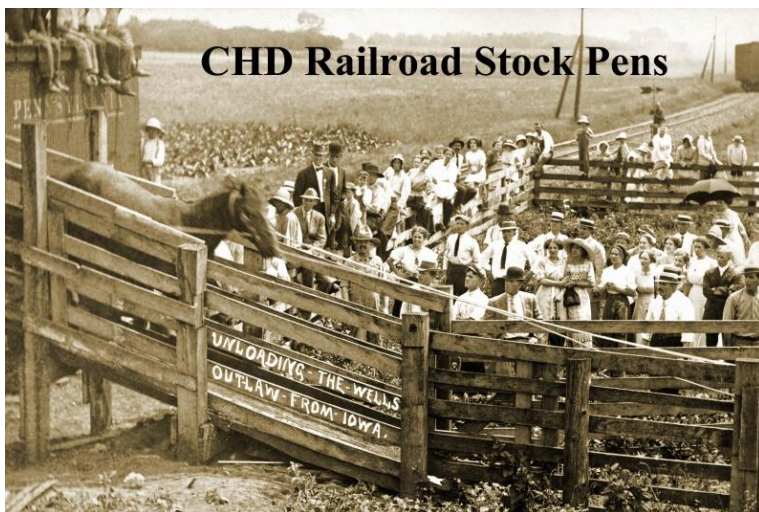
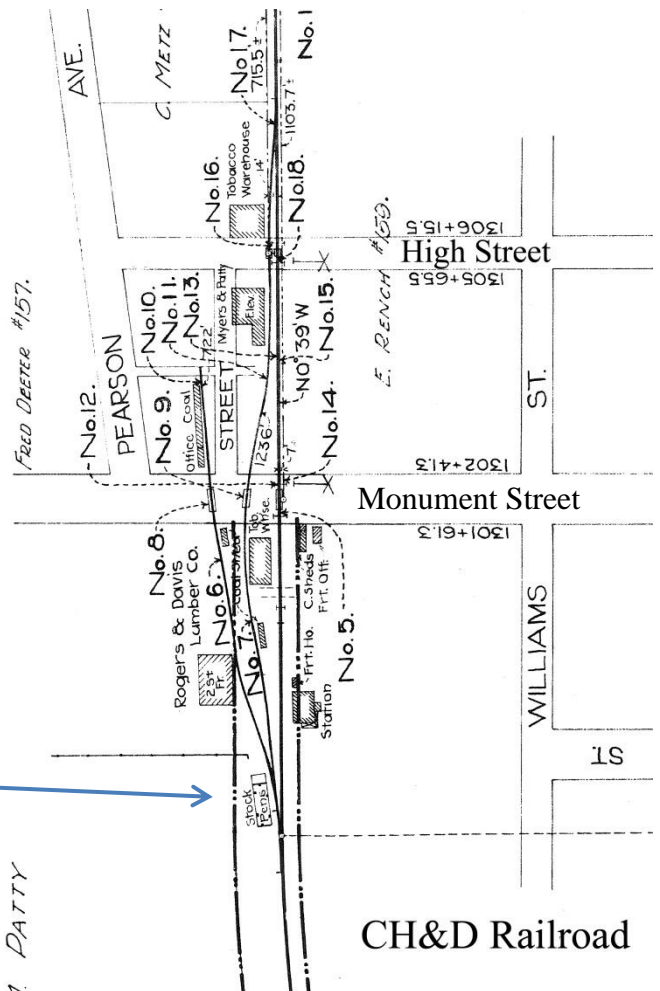
SOUTH-BOUND.

No. 355, Express.....	8:54 a. m.
357, Mail and Express.....	4:17 p. m.
387, Local Freight.....	1:50 p. m.

Makes all C. H. & D. connections at Dayton
For tickets, rates and full information call on or address D. W. EMBREE, Agent, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.
D. G. EDWARDS, Passenger Traffic Manager, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The rail cars ran through Pleasant Hill six times a day, three times going north and three times going south. The Time Table, to the left, shows those times.

Stock pens were located beside the tracks to ship livestock. The picture below shows a horse being delivered for Jesse Beery's Exhibition in 1911.



CHD Railroad Stock Pens

C. H. & D. Railroad



During the 1913 flood, the C. H. & D. Railroad bridge near Joyland was completely demolished along with the covered bridge and trolley bridge. The bridge was rebuilt and service was restored.

John Ringling, of the Ringling Brothers Circus, purchased the railroad on January 4, 1918.

In 1923 the railroad ceased to exist. The rails were removed and the right-of-way was purchased by the electric company. Today, large electric poles show the railroad route.

Many of our Pleasant Hill ancestors used this railroad for their transportation for many years. The popularity of the automobile led to its demise.



These pictures show the CH&D railroad near Joyland. State Route 48 is shown in the picture on the left. The Stillwater River can be seen in the picture on the right.



This CH&D baggage tag (above) and lantern are on display at the History Center.



This picture shows the Manning Coal Yard. The business was located near the current Lock-n-Stor. A tattered Ringling Brothers poster can be seen on the building.

That Old Run

Early most mornings I go for a run,
I drive into town for some safe little fun.
I begin my run in front of my brother's.
I picture his family asleep in their covers.
Heading south I turn left, and hear birds singing.
In just two short hours the schoolhouse bells will be ringing.

I take a left at the first 4-way stop.
One of only two that this old town's got.
My breathing is labored during my first mile.
I turn to head west for just a short while.
There up ahead stands the old statue, the funeral parlor,
and a pizza shop too.

After heading south for three short blocks, I run in front of the
Village Sunoco stop.
And yes, the only one this old town's got.
A little more than a mile and my knee's not aching.
There's my sister's house, pretty soon those walls will be
shaking.

Much faster now I'm cruising downhill.
Flying now, past the old grain mill.
I enter the dark quiet cemetery
Remembering Grandpa - I begin to tarry.
"He couldn't run at all," my Mother often told.
I picture him Tall, Running The Streets of Gold.
With a knot in my throat I come to the gate.
A glance at my watch tells me I shouldn't be late.

So now at a slower pace I head east.
For this old hill has surely, turned into a beast.
A short right and quick left will bring me this far.
To a place where we'd get a Snicker bar
And, a long neck cold pop, that my Dad often bought.
Yes - It's the old farm elevator.
A hopper, My brother Tab - A story to write later.

Over there on the corner towards the end of my run,
Stands my childhood church called First Brethren.
With some pep to my step I think of my best day ever,
When I married the man that I'll love forever.

As I turn the last corner and back to my brother's,
I think of my own children all snug in their covers.
And while most days I'd run it twice,
Just for today the shorter seems nice.

Many would say that old run is too dull.
They simply don't see, that run's got it all.
No, I love this old run.
Yeah....I love that old run.

- Tiff Jackson McBride

