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BWAHS Officers Elected

At a brief members' meeting on December 4, President Mindy Pyle held the annual election of officers for the society. Secretary Porter Welch and Treasurer William Kavage were each re-elected for a two year term.

Alice Lacher and Ashley Hornbacher were elected to a three year term as Trustees. Roger Roberts was elected to a one year term.



Christmas on the Square 2021

Myers Inn Museum featured Civil War Santa Claus in Bill Comisford's sleigh for photos which were printed while children added decorations. Families toured the museum, met author John Cleland, and enjoyed mulled cider.

Thanks

Thanks to all who have donated funds to the year-end drive. Will have the total to report next month.

Nichols Explores a Civil War Family

The Fighting McCooks

Roy Nichols will present the January program to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 18 via Zoom.



Roy Nichols

His program will feature an Ohio family who achieved prominence in the Union Army during the American Civil War and became known as "The Fighting McCooks."

Two brothers, Daniel and John McCook, and thirteen of their sons were involved in the army, making the family one of the most prolific in American military history. Six of the McCooks reached the rank of brigadier general or higher. Several family members were killed in action or died from their wounds. Following the war, several others reached high political offices, including governors and diplomatic posts.

Nichols will give details of the service of each of the McCooks. The "Tribe of John" McCook was from Steubenville; the "Tribe of Dan" McCook was from Carrollton. Dan McCook, Sr. was killed in action in the Battle of Buffington Island - the only Civil war battle fought on Ohio soil.

Roy is a frequent speaker at our historical society. He graduated from Gordon College north of Boston then Cleveland-Marshall Law School. He also studied at Oberlin College and the Free University of Amsterdam. He taught History and Government before becoming an attorney with the state of Ohio for 10+ years. Then Roy practiced law for 24 years.

In retirement he became a storyteller, plays Santa and
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The Other Hopkins House

Look carefully at this photo of a postcard which says Jo Hopkins Sunbury O on the address side. It may not look familiar but if you study it carefully you will see the part with 3 upper windows over a door and 2 windows on the left which is the house at 63 South Columbus Street. The high roof line is about where the north part of the building was removed.

In 1910. Joseph (45) and wife Mary kept a hotel in this photo. Hosea (39) and Roberta (29) ran a livery from the Hopkins House (now the Myers Inn) across the street. Samuel Hopkins was the father of the men. He rented from Hosea.

Jeff White sent a copy of the postcard to me.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

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Calendar of Events

January 11 at 6:00 BWAHS Board Meeting live and on Zoom

January 18 at 7:00 Program: "The Fighting McCooks." presented by Roy Nichols via zoom

**MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN
 12-3 ON SATURDAYS
 Special Tours maybe arranged on another day
 by calling 740-965-3582**

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gives historical presentations, and performs in Vaudvillities shows.

Roy finds time to be a member of various historical societies a round table study groups.

Zoom link will be emailed a week before program to all who receive this newsletter via email. If you use Zoom but get the newsletter another way, send an email to info@BigWalnutHistory.org and the Zoom link will be emailed to you.

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