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Our Attic Window

High on the west side of the Myers Inn is a small window which gave light to the attic. When we first saw the window there was an inkwell sitting on the ledge, Rachel Edwards imagined a young girl sitting there writing in her journal. These windows were common in houses built when this addition was in 1894 - it was a safe way to light the area.

The original pull-down stairs to the attic were over the present stairway to the second floor. Unfortunately one had to remember to duck when going up or downstairs, Even with red ribbons tied to the ledge, we would forget to duck and end up seeing stars. The state building inspector required we add a covered fire escape and then enlarge the opening over the stairway BEFORE we could begin work inside the building.

The pulldown steps were installed in the office, the opening on the stairs enlarged and the inkwell put on the desk in the 1816 room.

Through the years a crack in the corner of the attic window became a hole. Rain from the west leaked into the attic but getting to the window to replace it was not a simple with the ramp below it.



This summer water marks appeared on the ceiling in the Ladies Stagecoach Inn room. Last week, Brad Orndorf rented a lift and replaced the attic window on the top right.

The chimney vented the stoves in the meeting room and the 2nd floor display

room. Window on left is over the Crowl Store on the 2nd floor. Thanks, Brad!

Coming Tuesday, September 10 . . .

Delaware County's Pioneer Naval Aviator

David Simmons of Galena will present the monthly program to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society beginning at 7:30 in the Myers Inn Meeting Room.



The Dyer Family plot in the Galena Cemetery includes a marker for Jay Norton Dyer who died in 1919 at the young age of 21. His name is followed with this *David Simmons*

inscription: "Chief Q. M.

U.S.N. R.F." What can these official-looking abbreviations mean? The answer involves the tale of innovative turn-of-the-century Galena-area farmers, the Galena school, agricultural schools in Mississippi, Ohio State University programming—including football, the far-ranging impact of World War I, and the early years of US naval aviation.

Simmons was named editor emeritus by the Ohio History Connection in 2019 after retiring from three-decades in the publications department and ten years with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, where he directed the process for listing properties on the National Register of Historic Places. The Darke County native received several writing awards from the Society for Industrial Archeology and serves as an officer with the Ohio Historic Bridge Association.

Holding undergraduate and graduate degrees from Miami University, his first professional job was executive director of the Preble Co. Historical Society.

From Red Edwards . . .

Donald Edwards was a collector of sports and local memorabilia. Our many volunteers helped me move things he left to the BWAHS to my basement for further scrutiny.

He sorted clippings into scrapbooks for Military, School News, Basketball, Football, and lots of interesting clippings from "Sunbury News" and surrounding area newspapers.

I plan to bring articles to you under the heading. *From Red Edwards . . .* Enjoy!

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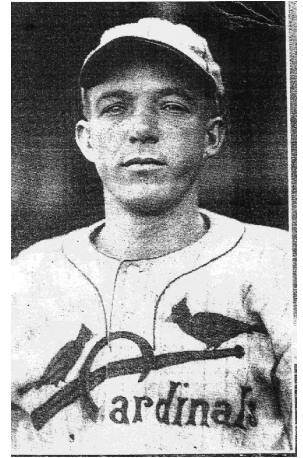
Southworth Memorial Park

There had been a dispute about the origin of the Big Walnut Conservation land for many years. Some said Billy donated it and others said he did not.

From Red Edwards. . .

Southworth Gives Sunbury Hunter's Club Farm

Red's clipping from the Sunbury News, 11-4-48 was saved with this photo of Billy.



Billy Southworth presented the Big Walnut Conservation Club, Inc. with a 42-acre farm on Big Walnut Creek just east of town at a meeting of the sportsmen's club Tuesday evening,

Southworth is a member of the club. "Sunbury has done a lot for me and I want to show my appreciation," he told the club.

The club had sold stock to purchase the land and this money will be used to improve the land. I board of seven trustees were named to direct the farm that will be known as Southworth Memorial Park.

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