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Annual Picnic Replaces Regular Meeting in August



Big Walnut Area Historical Society
Old Fashioned
PICNIC
6:00 Tuesday, August 13
in the Shelter House
behind Sunbury Methodist Church
at 100 W. Cherry St
**Bring a dish to share, your table service,
your beverage AND a Friend!**

BWAHS Volunteers Read Stories at Community Library

Interested in reading to children? August 17's story will honor National Farmers' Month. Community Library staff selects the theme for the month and makes the crafts to go with the theme.

The programs are held at 10:30 on the third Saturday morning of the month. Anyone wishing to help with the program should call Brian Moore, 614-581-4304.

Successful Archive Crawl

People of all ages participated in the Delaware County Records Center 2019 Archives Crawl in July. Under the leadership of Chris Shaw, Passports showing each of the archive holders in Delaware County, were made and distributed. Participants traveled to the destinations, and got a stamp on their passports. Several days I got to the Myers Inn Museum and found people waiting on the porch for us to open. Most people wanted a brief tour. Some asked to see displays they remembered from previous years.



Road Trip to Portsmouth August 14

Following two video programs at the historical society, members expressed interest in going to Portsmouth to see the murals on the Ohio River Flood Wall. Damon Bower and Alice Chapan have organized this road trip to see how the once devastated industrial community of Portsmouth was pulled together by history and art.

Artist Robert Dafford of Louisiana was hired to do the first mural. The plan was to paint 3 to 4 murals a year for 10 years. Each mural features a significant event in the local history. The original project was completed in 2002 with 2,200 feet of art along the Ohio River. Since then even more murals have been added.

The 20 foot high flood wall which is 2090 feet long still serves to prevent flooding, but now displays a mural that brings pride and hope to the local residents and inspiration to numerous visitors marveling at this beautiful work of functional art.

We will leave the Myers Inn at 9 a.m. August 14th and arrive in Portsmouth 2.5 hours later. A guided tour has been arranged and lunch is scheduled in a local restaurant. This tour will be take a full day, since driving alone is 2 1/2 hours each way.

If you intend to go, please notify Alice Chapan at 740-965-1942 or Damon Bower at 614-745-4375, so the "caravan" doesn't leave without you. Members are free to share rides but drivers must use their own vehicle liability insurance.

THANKS

Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave a few hours of their July 4th to entertain guests in the Myers Inn Museum, While it was very slow before the parade, there was a steady flow of guests after from the parade until about 3 when vendors on the square closed. When guests were asked if they learned anything on their tour, most replied, "Oh, Yes!" or "Every time!"

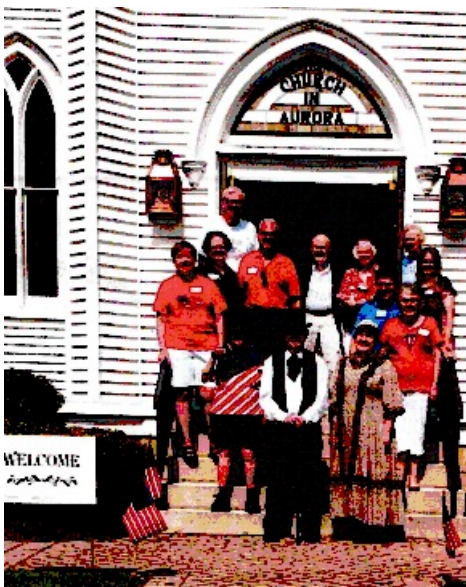
“Good Afternoon”

“My name is Eunice Eggleston and I am here to tell the story of my husband, General Chauncey Eggleston, one of the first settlers of Aurora.

“Chauncey was born in Massachusetts in 1786. His father decided to move 600 miles west to New Connecticut when Chauncey was 21 years old. He made the harnesses, shod the horses and oxen for the journey. They left in June 1807, stopped in Pittsburg to rest. From Ohio to Aurora there were almost no roads through the forest so it took 42 days to reach Aurora.

They lived in a log home a day’s ride from the nearest grist mill, and 30 miles of gloomy wilderness with only 4-5 houses on the route to the nearest store. In 1808, Egglestons made 800 pounds of sugar from 260 maple trees. The same year they built a barn followed by a frame house in 1809. The General fashioned a door handle in his blacksmith shop with their name and 1811 on it.

In 1810, 30 men formed a military
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*Bob and Charlotte Emrick as
“The Egglestons”*

Membership Update

Please Welcome our New Member

Michael Irwin
a Genoa Township Resident

Calendar of Events

No BWAHS Board Meeting in August

13 August 6:00 - ANNUAL (since 1995)

OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

in Sunbury United Methodist Church
Shelter House at 100 W. Cherry St.

14 August 9:00 a.m. Day Trip to Portsmouth.

Meet at Myers Inn

17 August 10:30 Stories at Community Library

2 September LABOR DAY OPEN HOUSE at
Myers Inn Museum

All Events Are in Myers Inn Museum

Joining BWAHS is Easy Circle One:

*Individual \$20, Family \$35,
Business 10 or fewer employees \$50,
Business 11-99 employees \$75,
Business 100 or more employees \$100,
Patron \$100, Other ?*

Name _____

Address or P. O. Box _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Send with check for dues to BWAHS, PO Box 362, Sunbury OH 43074

South Columbus Street Houses Were moved for Nestlé's Expansion

Holiday events on Sunbury Square bring visitors to the Myers Inn Museum. Some want to cool off but many have questions about the community. One which frequently is asked is about the houses Nestlé's moved.



Sunbury Creamery

Before Nestlé's came here, there was Sunbury Creamery on the left, then the Sunbury Co-Operative Creamery (1892-1918), on the right. The old building was eventually moved behind when the new building was finished.



Building Sunbury Co-Operative Creamery - Old Creamery to right



Sunbury Co-Operative Creamery with old Sunbury Creamery behind it.

The new plant supplied butter for the first butter cow at the third Ohio State Fair which resulted in Sunbury Famous Butter being shipped all over the United States via railroad. Four fancy wagons were not useful on muddy roads but this photo of a dray shows Sunbury Co-Op Creamery with a two story frame house marked with a red arrow just south of the Creamery.



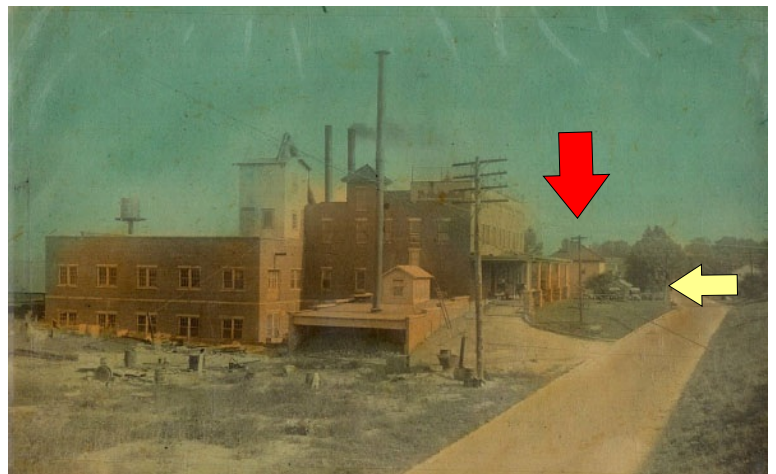
Dray Wagon to Deliver Butter. Note House at left



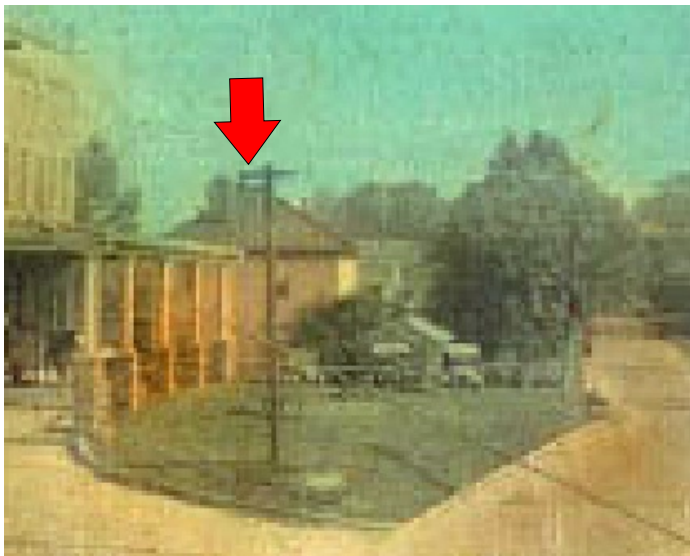
Every Day Brand Evaporated Milk - Wilde Appears to be an addition to the building on back so original creamery is gone.

Wilde's Evaporated Milk Company (1918-1919) bought the Creamery in 1918 and then merged with the Swiss Nestlé Alimentania, S.A. in 1919 to make baby food.

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Early Nestlé's looking north. Yellow arrow points to Lee House. Red arrow is the other house to be moved.



Pillars at left on front of Nestlés, cars facing Nestlés are south of Lee house which is south of the house to be moved. Columbus St. is along the right.

Usually people ask about one of the houses being moved and do not realize there is a second one. The house north of Nestlés was moved to 126 South Columbus St.



126 S. Columbus St.

In Dorothy Burrer's local history book titled "Flashback," she says Samuel Shriver Gammill (known as Shrive) built this house and the neighbor at 136 S. Columbus Street, houses at 30 and 46 North Columbus Street, 60 and 74 N. Vernon Street and many others around town. He also built the carriage barn on North Street behind 60 N. Vernon Street. He died in 1909.



136 S. Columbus St.

The house in the photo with the dray wagon (on previous page) was moved to 142 Hill Street after the railroad trestle was put on S.R. 37. It faces away from 37.



142 Hill Street

Those houses built before the trestle, face S.R. 37 and were built level with the street.



**121 S. Columbus Street
Lee House**

James and Bessie Lee lived in 121 and raised John, Ed and 2 girls in the house. In 1930 census, Bessie, John and Ed working in a grocery store after James's death. In 1940 Ed was a clerk in a grocery and married

Violet Condit in 1941. Ed inherited the house from Bessie. When he died in 1987, it passed to his wife Violet who sold it to Nestlés in 1988. It became the guest house for Nestlés. It transferred to Platinum Industries in December 1995. In 2007 it became Research and Development Limited owned by Richard and Daniel Cashman. Today Daniel lives in this house.

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company in Aurora. In 1812, the President declared war. We had only been married 2 years when my husband was notified one Saturday night to meet early Sunday morning to march to Cleveland to meet 2,000 Indians and 600 British. After bidding their families farewell, they learned the army they were to meet was our own and Hull had surrendered.

"The family cleared the land while the General made tools in his blacksmith's shop. In his memoirs he noted 23 reapers with sickles could harvest and bind wheat from 32 acres in 3 days.

"They were members of the Congregational Church where Chauncey led the singing and played the Base Viol. All 10 children were baptized by Rev. Seward. In 1817 they built a brick church but it was wet and the bricks did not cure so they tore it down and built a frame church. In 1872 it was replaced by the present new updated church shown in photo on page 2.

"In 1829-31 we built one of the first brick houses in Aurora with Chauncey doing the joiner and carpenter work. He made the bricks. Our son drove oxen around in a 12x30 foot bed filled with sand, ash and clay. The material was slapped into molds to form bricks. The kitchen walls were made of stone quarried at the rear of the house. Kitchen beams were hand hewn."

Article condensed from speech made by Charlotte Emrick. The Emricks are members of BWAHS who live in Eggleston's house. Thanks, Charlotte!