



# Kelleys Island Historical Association

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## The doors officially open June 26

Sharon Brunell McIntire

The new museum and gift shop officially opened on June 26, 2010. Our hours of operation were from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. And we were, once again, able to run by an all-volunteer staff. Volunteers were recruited by **Fran Minshall** and worked the entire summer. The volunteers included: **Pat Seeholzer, Leslie Korenko, Ed Frindt, Charlotte Halliwill, Knut Lahrs, Mary Ann Pileski, Carol Dodson, Shirley Crabill, Elsie Homegardner, Anne Eddowes, Fran Minshall, and Sharon McIntire**; along with substitute **Lori Arnold**.

A huge thank you goes to all of these dedicated volunteers who made it possible for us to be open for the hundreds of interested islanders and island visitors to see our beautiful new museum, while learning about Kelleys Island's rich history.

Please consider helping us out next year for three hours once a week to allow the public to view our museum. We can only be open if we have volunteers.

The number of visitors, the states, and countries they represented, and money brought in to the gift shop,

## KIHA Board news

At the June KIHA Board meeting, the board voted unanimously to award **Mike Feyedelem** a lifetime membership for all of his hard work and efforts over the years, working to complete the new museum. He resigned from the board earlier this year, after many years of service—most recently as president. He is missed by one and all, although he continues to



Interior of the new museum's gift shop looking toward the displays. Newly paved parking lot below. Photos by Roger Williams.



along with the cash donation jar are still being tabulated, as our gift shop and museum are still open on weekends through the end of October. The very first visitor to the new museum was member **Ted Blatt**.

serve on the advisory board and helps on other matters.

Two new Board members Fred Walcott and Chuck Herndon have been appointed to fill vacancies. Roger Williams will take over the President position for one year with other Board members to continue in their current positions.

## William S. Webb family donates Civil War correspondence—

### An ongoing series of the KIHA Newsletter

*Through the generosity of family members of William S. Webb, we were given transcripts of letters that Mr. Webb wrote to his family during his 100 days service in The Civil War. Since the Kelleys Island men left as a company from the island, they, initially at least, stayed together and thus Mr. Webb's letters sometimes include mention of other islanders who were also fighting. It is not often that a person has the opportunity to relive history.*

*William S. Webb was married to Elizabeth Kelley and three children—Sarah, Isabelle and Charles. In 1860, William S. Webb is listed on the Census as a stone mason earning \$8,000 a year.*

*William S. Webb went to war in 1864 and he wrote letters home to his family on Kelleys Island. Captain Webb's daughter Sarah copied his letters into a notebook. William D. Webb is the great-grandson of this Kelleys Island Civil War soldier and his grand-daughter, Katia Duey, transcribed the letters from the notebook. Katia Duey is currently attending Temple University. We sincerely thank the William D. Webb family for their interest in their own family history and that of Kelleys Island—and for the opportunity they have given the Kelleys Island Historical Association to share this wonderful story.*

*William S. Webb was first stationed at Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay, along with other Kelleys Island soldiers.*

**No. 21 In Camp Point of Rocks, Va. Saturday July 9th, 1864—6 o'C P.M. (second letter of same day)**

**My Dear Wife,**

George Waite came down from Hospital and reports the Dr. at the Post Hospital says that [Jackson] Eldred's attack was a violent one of Intermittent Fever, and he feared would run into Typhoid but that no Typhoid symptoms had as yet developed themselves. I detailed George [Waite] to stay with him tonight and wrote a note to Miss [Clara] Barton asking her good offices in his behalf. I cannot leave camp myself this evening. Eldred is more or less out of his head but they are using applications of ice water to his head. He is very weak. Mr. [Martin K.] Holbrook will communicate the substance of it if I am called away before he gets down. Should Mrs. Eldred think of coming I will say that it is no ways probable she could get here, a man might. I hope there will be no necessity of any one attempting to come.

His disease is one I believe slow of development usually. While I do not wish to alarm unnecessarily I do not wish to appear indifferent. I do feel quite anxious about him, the more so perhaps from Charlie Mitchell's death, but the result may be fatal, still I can hope that my fears are groundless. I should not perhaps say that there is anything like a fully developed fear of the result, still I am very anxious. I wish you to use your usual good judgment should Mrs. Eldred come to see you about her husband.

Mr. Holbrook has read his letter to me. He states the case just as it is without expression of opinion. It is so dark I can't see to write more, will write more in the morning if I can. What a position to be placed in, with the health and lives of 50 of my lifelong acquaintances and friends thus measurably committed to my keeping. I feel myself unequal to the task, I would about as soon lead them into battle as to be so constantly anxious for their health and well being otherwise.

**Sunday morning 6 o'C [A.M.]**

George Waite has not yet made his appearance to report the mail closes at 6 1/2 or rather leaves here. Think Eldred must be better. Boys not yet in from picket.

**Yours as ever,  
Wm. S. Webb**

**No. 22 In Camp Pt. of Rocks, Va. Sunday noon July 10th, 1864**

**My Dear Wife & Children Sarah, Belle & Charlie,**

The mail has just arrived bringing our *Sandusky Register* of the 6th of July but not a letter from the Island very much to the disappointment of the boys generally and to myself in particular as I confidently expected letters. The *Register* of the 6th contains an editorial notice of the death of Charlie Mitchell but gives the date of his death as the 3rd when it occurred on the 2nd at a quarter before 6 in the afternoon. My dispatch to Alfred [Kelley] was dated the 2nd and stated that he "died today." The dispatch was not sent until the next day and the date might have been altered by the operator. However our letters if rec'd give the correct date.

Our latest dates from the Island are of the second and I cannot see why we should not have dates later when the *Register* of the 6th has arrived. The entire mail from the Island must have miscarried, as there certainly must have been letters written between the 2nd and 6th. Well all we can do is to await the arrival of tomorrow's mail, in hopes of receiving our missing letters. I presume the Remains of Mitchell had not arrived of course as they did not leave here (or Bermuda) until the morning of Monday the 4th. Our *Registers* are very irregular. Erastus [Huntington] has returned from the Hospital, reports Eldred about the same. Miss Barton had visited him in compliance with my written request and George Waite says did all she could for him. Erastus learned that he will be sent to **Fortress Monroe** if well enough by the first boat. I have not been up to the Depot Hospital as it is very hot and have felt since yesterday afternoon somewhat weak and must keep out of the sun. I feel perfectly well but last night and today rather like lying still in the shade than tramping in the sun.

The Boys have just returned from picket, have had a "great time" trading with the Rebs. Mike Hughes traded hats. Dan [Chapin? or Huntington?] his comb for tobacco (which he gave me) much better than anything we can get here. Will [Kelley?, Becker?, or Miley?], obtained a Richmond paper and other various articles. The principal difficulty was lack of capital on our side. Dan returned to Camp this morning for papers to exchange but was too late as our boys were relieved before he got back. We had last night a splendid exhibition of fireworks. About 11 O'C the report of a 10 lb gun about 60 rods from our camp aroused every one from sleep going to the Breastworks just in our rear we found this gun was throwing "signal rockets, but what the signals were of course we were ignorant. However the display was splendid.. The Rockets differed from each other in colors and combination of colors each doubtless having their meaning. They were thrown in line with the rear of our camp and all fell to the ground but a short distance from the Gun, none over a quarter of a mile from the Gun. Some 10

## Kelley Island Cake Recipe

This recipe was sent in from **Jenny Sherrill** of Fishers, Indiana. She and her husband visited our new museum while they were staying at **Lakeside** this summer. She had seen the recipe in the "**Buckeye Cookery**," a cookbook from 1877 that her group uses at the museum she works at—the **Conner Prairie Museum** in Fishers. **Fran Minshall** liked the story, loved the recipe author's name—**Miss Greeley Grubbs**—and decided to try to make it to sell at the Butterfly Festival Bake Sale. The person who bought the cake came back to tell Fran that her family had "loved" the cake. The recipe is shown here modified slightly from the 1877 cookbook style for ease of reading.. Fran's adjustments are in parentheses. Thanks to **Ila Dick** for sending it to us!

## Webb letters continued...

or 12 were thrown, the last about 12 o'C. I enclose you a **Richmond Enquirer** which **Serg't [Hamilton] Hayes** gave me, he having obtained it of one of the Reb. Pickets. He had a long conversation with the Reb seated on a log between the lines. He belonged to the **14th of Georgia Sharpshooters**, did not think they could be whipped but wished the war at an end and they back in the union under the constitution "as it was." All the Rebs told our boys that "they should not fire on them unless ordered to by their officers and then they would fire over them, and give them time to get to their Rifle pits." So you see quite an amicable state of warfare exists between the opposing pickets here. I also enclose the scrap Sarah sent me, having forgotten to do so as requested in your last.

If **Mrs. Eldred** calls upon you to ask about **Miss Barton** I wish you to read her my letter in which I described her and gave her address. Yesterday was one of most uncomfortable days I have experienced in camp. It blew hard and the clouds of fine dust filled the air all day. It is so fine that it penetrates clothing, bedding, trunks and carpetbags and filled the air all day. By the way we now look we bid fair to be if not as well drilled at least as rusty looking as Veterans when we get back. It is now getting difficult to distinguish a veteran from a 100 day Reg't, except that the latter march in the best order and carry more luggage.

**My best respects to all and my love to my dear Wife & Children. Excuse this hasty note from your Affectionately,**

**Wm. S. Webb**

Slippery Elm poultice rec'd. Send stamps. I wrote you yesterday 9th.

**No. 23 In Camp Point of Rocks Va, Monday afternoon July 11th, 1864**

**My Dear Wife & Children Sarah, Belle & Charlie,**

Your welcome letter of the 4th postmarked 5th inst. came to hand with quite a large mail from the Island while I was up to the Hospital to see **[Jackson] Eldred**. I learned this morning that he was considered well enough to send to **Fortress Monroe** and went over to see about it. I should have gone out to picket as the Company are out in place of **Lt. [George P.] Bristol** but could not bear to leave camp for 24 or 48 hours while his fate was undecided therefore let Bristol go with the company. I thought when I sent that hasty note this morning there would be no difficulty in sending **George Waite** with him and had obtained the Colonel's

## Kelley Island Cake

1 cup of butter	4 eggs
2 cups of sugar	1/2 cup of milk
3 cups of flour	3 tsps. baking powder

Bake in jelly tins (Fran used a 9x13 pan, greased. She baked it for about 35 min. at 350, "or whatever the cookbook's say to bake a white cake at.")

## Icing

Beat one egg, add zest of one whole lemon, grate a large apple (Fran did skin and fruit of a red-toned apple which she said added a nice color), add a cup of sugar—boil this mixture for 4 minutes and then pour it over the top of the cake after it is baked and cooled. Fran says a medium-sized, juicy apple would be best, as only liquid is the egg.

consent to do so, but when asking the Head Surgeon found that it could not be done without an order from **Gen. Butler**, and that this could not be obtained and that if I sent him by order of the Col. It would involve the latter in trouble as he had no authority to grant such leave. The Dr. informed me that he (Eldred) would be sent away just as soon as there was a boat and he thought they would send him on today, certainly by tomorrow. I was up there with **Mr. [Hamilton] Holbrook** some 3 hours. Eldred knew me though unable to articulate distinctly his tongue being thick. He was better this morning than yesterday and said to be better when I left than when we got there. While standing by Eldred holding his hand in mine (which he would press every few moments in recognition of what I said to him) the "Angle of Mercy" **Miss Clara Barton** came to his cot with a clean cotton shirt, clean sheets and [compress?] for the use of Jackson. She appeared very glad to see me, and after a few cordial words of sympathy and of encouragement to Jackson, she remarked she had brought some clean clothing for my man and that we had better have his clothing changed. Mr. Holbrook and the two nurses at her departure washed Jackson, all over, changed his clothing made up his bed on another cot with fresh mattress and changed him to the new bed. As I before remarked, he was said to be better when I left a little before 12 o'C P.M. (It is now 2 o'C P.M.)

He may be sent to Fortress Monroe or only to **City Point** that depending upon the judgment of the medical director. Should he be sent I will learn where, at the earliest moment and let you know. I dreaded the reception at the Island of the news of **Charlie Mitchell's** death, and now feel it more acutely than ever as I find that so much of the burden came upon you my dear Wife. I fear the effects upon your health of your being so harassed with everybody's troubles, and in future hope it can be in a measure avoided. One thing I will say that it is your duty, your imperative duty not to sacrifice your health not even to imperil it be taking upon your already worn and anxious mind so much of others troubles. You must not do it. It is enough that your husband should by the requirement of his duty have upon him the care of the Mental & Physical health of those under him (by very far the most onerous of his duties) without your wearing yourself out in the vain endeavor to minister to the mental disquietude of those whose friends are like your own husband separated from them, and away beyond reach of the appliances of happiness and comfort. **...(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE)...**

## KIHA Butterfly festival 2010

Sharon Brunell McIntire

Once again this year's Butterfly Festival was a busy day. The Sept. 11 weather was nice for most of the day and the butterflies were plentiful this year.

Volunteer work began on Friday with set-up of tables and items for KIHA's participation in the KI Chamber of Commerce's Treasure Island Days Yard Sale. Workers who donated their time were **Chris Carrig, Karen Terry, Sonia Taylor, Anne Eddowes, Roger Williams, and Jim McIntire**. Several boxes of new merchandise were donated to the sale by **Don and Sandy Alexander, Mike and Vi Feyedelem,**



*Byron Crabill proudly exhibits his tagged and adopted Monarch butterfly. Butterflies are tagged and then released. Photo Pat Hayes.*

and **Rick and Cindy Holmes**. Other islanders also contributed items. A big thank you goes to these donors for making our Yard Sale the best on the island.

Volunteer workers on Saturday were **Chris Carrig, Karen Terry, Joan Sprandel, Roger Williams, Anne Eddowes, John Gutia, and Shari Herman**. Yard Sale items brought in **\$1,160.55**

this year.

**Bake Sale** items at the Butterfly Festival/Treasure Island Day event, brought in **\$92.85**. Special thanks goes to **Mary Wilke** for running the baked goods table, **Laura Jean Pohorence** for making phone calls to round up bakers, and island bakers **Anne Sen-nish, Geraldine Betzenheimer, Jane Wick, Mary Lou Gilles, Madeleine Wil-**

**liams, Shirley Crabill, Barb Behlen, Pat Seeholzer, Dee Mack, Laura Jean Pohorence, Phyllis Humphrey, Charlotte Halliwill, Bernie Koshla, Fran Minshall, and Dottie Simonds.**

Hot food was taken care of by **Jan and Bob Ransom** once again. A huge thank you goes to them for all their hard work and to the food item donors—the **Village Pump, Island Market, and KI Landowners Association**. **Erie County Health Department** passed us with flying colors for our service permit for the day. We earned \$290.40 minus the cost of \$50.00 for our food permit for a total of \$240.40.

The Butterfly Program and tagging, offered by the KI Audubon Club, was well attended. Once again it was presented by **Pat and Lori Hayes**. Thanks go to them and to the 4H Camp for the lending of their benches.

This year's **Sunflower Quilt** made by **Teri Betzenheimer** was won by **Debbie Reinhart** of **Martin Lane** on **Kelleys Island**. Quilt ticket sales for the entire year was \$1,604.00. Thank you to **Teri Betzenheimer** for this year's quilt. A



*Reagan and Cooper Monnett show the tagged butterfly they adopted. Tagged butterflies, if found elsewhere along their route to Mexico, or in Mexico, are reported back to the site where tagged. Reagan and Cooper are the children of KI State Park Ranger Mike Monnett. Photo by Pat Hayes.*

big thank you also goes to **Fran Minshall** who sold tickets all year and at every island event. Workers on that day included **Fran Minshall, Barb Zettler, and Judy Gutia**.

**Byron Crabill's** donated wood-carving of a hummingbird was won by **Barbara Gedeon** from **Wadsworth, Ohio**. Ticket sales for that drawing earned \$455.00 this year. Thank you to **Byron Crabill** for your work of art. He sold tickets all day and at every island summer event. **Shirley Crabill** helped throughout the day wherever needed.

Thanks also to **Knut Lahrs** and **Leslie Korenko** who worked in the museum. The Old Stone Church was open to the public for viewing that day (see related story on putting the church back together on Page 5).

In addition, the **Chamber of Commerce, KI Audubon Club, Joe Corso, Annalee** who helped organize the day, and **Carol Geschke** had tables set-up.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all these volunteers and anyone I may have missed that worked so hard to make this a truly great day and a great Kelleys Island Historical Association event!

## Old Stone Church restored

Jacquie Kranyak Photo by Carole Frindt.

On Aug. 6th and 8th **Ed Frindt** gathered a number of island volunteers to clean and put the Old Stone Church back to its original



state, after dutifully serving as the museum for the Kelleys Island Historical Association for over 25 years. After completing the new museum and gift shop, it was time to bring the lovingly stored pews, piano and other church artifacts back into their home.

On Aug. 6th the church was cleaned until it shined. Everything was vacuumed and the floors and benches were washed with Murphy's Oil Soap. It looks—and smells—wonderful. The workers that day were: **Ed Frindt, Chuck Hacker, Fred Walcott, Roger Williams, and Frank Yako**

On Aug. 8th the following volunteers moved the furniture back into the Old Stone Church, cleaning it as it arrived. That date's helpers were: **Tim Richardson, Josh Cross, Jon Lundwall**, and his baby daughter **Abigail**, who are all from **Camp Patmos**. They worked alongside: **Carol and Ed Frindt, Gary Kowell, Sharon and Jim McIntire, Scott Stevenson** (brought his flatbed) **Elsie and George Homegardner, Pat Hayes** (supervised moving the piano, which had been in the **Kelley House**), and **Teri Betzenheimer**. Another Flatbed Trailer was lent by **Jean and John Kuyoth**. **Mike Feyedelem** supplied the vacuum.

This marks a true milestone for KIHA. With no paid workers, except for the construction crew, the association has gathered all the monies, built the new museum, arranged it, filled it, opened a new gift shop and made tremendous progress toward restoring the Old Stone Church.

The KIHA Board voted to pay for professional painters to scrape, paint and caulk all the outside windows and church doors. In addition, seven of the church's chairs were professionally refurbished. Landscaping mulch was paid for in the front of the new museum and leveling and planting of grass seed was completed behind the new building. Blacktopping of the parking lot was completed in September.

Throughout the years dozens have worked and donated many hours, time and money. Thanks to all of them, all who helped out with the Old Stone Church renewal and thanks to all of our volunteers! There is still work to be done inside the Old Stone Church, and in the museum gift shop next summer, so please consider volunteering and becoming a part of Kelleys Island history!

## Memorials, Donations and Gifts

### Quilted Throw

The quilted throw donated last fall by **Darlene Freund** (**Chicago's** mother) raised \$176.00 from ticket sales and was won by **Polona Carson** of Findlay, Ohio on July 9, 2010. Thank you Darlene.

### Cash Donations

**Marvin and Brenda Rettig**

Donation in honor of **Ann Brown's** birthday by **Micki Riedy Wiles**

### Memorials

For **William Shollenberger, Clark Schneider, Florence Ehrbar** from **Anne Sennish**

### Donated Artifacts

Dynamite box—**Frank Yako**

Reidy photos—**Tom Michel**

Grape basket—**Judy DuShane**

Shay's model, Civil War quilt and other items—

**Barbara and Kip Ohlemacher**

Framed original of **Irak Kelley's** Pension Application, dated 1872—**Anne Sennish**

### Other Donations

Glass case—**Phil and Jan Snyder**

35 copies of her *Naked Truth's* book—**Carol Vogler Bright**

Telephones—**Richard Myers**

Portable quilt stand, key box, gas can, and bracket for Shay's track—**Jim McIntire**

Trimming around the property—**George Homegardner**

Help with hanging masts—**Jim Erne**

Maritime magazines—**Judy DuShane**

## 50/50 Raffle Winners

May - **Alyce Beck** of S.E. Paris, OH \$70.00

June- **Lois Brown** of Sandusky, OH \$85.00

July- **Dan Ahner** of KI, OH \$95.00

August- **Mary Ann Glowacz** of Chicago, IL \$95.00

September- **Danielle Fresch** of Cleveland, OH \$107.50

Dan Ahner donated his \$95.00 winnings back to the museum. Total KIHA profit on 50/50 this year was \$547.50

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**See KIHA's new museum story on the internet!**

You can view a short two-minute video on **Ohio News Network** on the internet about the new museum. Go to: [www.onntv.com](http://www.onntv.com) and type *Kelleys Island Full of History* into the search box.

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**Membership Application—Membership runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31**

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