



NEWSLETTER

Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

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SEPTEMBER 20TH, A SIGNIFICANT DAY!

After five years of dedicated hard work, the deed for the German Reformed Church property will be passed into the hands of the Kelleys Island Historical Association.

It was in 1981 that the Kelleys Island Historical Association drew up an agreement with the United Church of Christ that, after a period of five years, during which time the Association would prove its ability to maintain and improve the "Old Stone Church," such property would be transferred to the Historical Association.

These stipulations having been met, the Rev. Mr. Roger D. Perl, representing the United Church of Christ, will pass the deed to Historical Association President, Lydia Bechtel, at noon on September 20th.

In celebration of this accomplishment, members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to witness the deed transfer and to enjoy a luncheon at the Zion United Methodist Church, which will follow.

(Reservations are required for the luncheon. Remit \$4.00 each to Florence McKillips on or before Sept. 15, 1986.)

ANNUAL BUTTERFLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH:

Once more this year, the Kelleys Island Historical Association will sponsor the annual Butterfly Day.

Mrs. Miriam Smead, a noted naturalist, will be the speaker. Other events will be an auction, bake sale, and drawing of the winning raffle ticket for the Grandfather Clock, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Don Haas.

Butterfly Day marks the natural phenomenon of the annual migration of Monarch Butterflies from Kelleys Island to Central America. Each year volunteers catch and mark the Monarchs so that their migration can be verified.

Butterfly Day activities will be centered at the Old Stone Church.

NEWSLETTER:

This is the first of a regular series of newsletters which will be sent periodically to members and friends of the Association. Included will be information concerning the Association's current activities and future plans. Contributions to the Newsletter are encouraged. They should be sent to: Kelleys Island Historical Association, Box 328, Kelleys Island, Ohio, 43438.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR, 1986-1987:

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THE "OLD STONE CHURCH":

Built and occupied by members of the German Reformed Church in 1867, the "Old Stone Church" was the center for religious activities of the Island's German communicants for nearly four decades. From the early part of this century until title was passed to the Northwest Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ in 1977, it was used only periodically, the last time for the funeral service of Mr. William Burger in 1942. During these years, the property was maintained through the efforts of the German Reformed Church Ladies Aid Society.

However, over the years, the building fell into disrepair. Then, through the cooperation of the Kelleys Island Historical Association, and the United Church of Christ, the old church has undergone a complete renovation. A new roof, both interior and exterior painting and plaster-

ing, a thorough cleaning, complete re-pointing of the stone work, a new attached shed, landscaping, and the installation of electric power have enhanced its value as the centerpiece for the Island's rich history.

Exhibits have been installed, the original church furniture is in place, and the bell in the tower rings! Eventually plans call for increased exhibit and storage space by the reconstruction of the horse and carriage shelter which once stood on the southeast corner of the grounds.

WOULD YOU HELP BY:

Becoming an Association member:
 Yearly dues, \$5.00 per person
 Patron, \$100.00
 Life, \$500.00

Purchasing:

History of Kelleys Island, Ohio,
\$8.00
 Commemorative Plate, \$15.00
 Cookbook, \$6.00

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