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The Kelleys Island Historical Association is proud to announce our new landscaping in front of the Old Stone Church and the installation of a brick “Memory Walk” in front of our new



KIHA Memory Walk. Photo by Roger Williams

building. The Board met with **Thompson Landscaping** in May to plan and design a brick memory walkway, and choose

shrubs, trees and plants for our new landscaping. Unfortunately, the old lilacs in front of the Old

Stone Church were in such bad shape that they could not be saved, so they were replaced with two pink flowering dwarf dogwood trees that are appropriate for the island.

A permanent location for the stone bench in memory of **Betsy Walcott Mad Hatters** which was given to us by the **Mad Hatters** was included in the design plan.

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Butterfly Festival & Island Trash to Treasure Sale 2009

Sharon Brunell McIntire

Once again the KIHA is hosting the **KI Butterfly Festival**, which will be held this year on Sat., Sept. 12th—from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This fun-filled day will feature our biggest annual bake sale, along with our entries in the Island-Wide **Treasure Island Day**. Our Treasure Island Day items are donated home items that are no longer wanted by their owners, but end up being the treasure of their new owner's.



We request all types of donations for our the Treasure Island Day and we need all kinds of baked goods for our bake sale.

If possible, please bring all items on Friday, Sept. 11th to the museum before 5 p.m., so pricing of all items can be

done before the rush on Sat. morning. In addition, KIHA always has the best refreshments and sandwiches for sale.

Please consider donating or baking for us so we can have the best Treasure Island Day Yard Sale and Bake Sale ever. All money helps us with our new building.

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. 18 In Camp, Point of Rocks, Va.

July 4th, 1864 Monday one o'C P.M.

My Dear Wife & Children, Sarah, Belle & Charlie

...I this morning wrote to **Mrs. [Marcella] Mitchell** in relation to her husband's death. Poor woman! How my heart bleeds for her and I much fear the effects of the news upon her. I had in my previous letter ... given the circumstances of his sickness up to the moment when **Oscar Titus** came down and informed me that he was worse, and my immediately sending **Mr. Worden** and **W.D. Kelley** up to take care of him. Mr. Worden returned within one hour and announced the sad and unlooked for intelligence of his death. I requested **Mr. Holbrook** to go immediately up to the Post Hospital, learn what he could ... in order to have the body embalmed and sent home for burial, while I could look up the Colonel, and get the necessary papers enabling to go to such places as I might find necessary for the purpose. Having obtained these I started with Mr. Worden for the Hospital, met Mr. Holbrook returning with all information necessary, sent Mr. Worden back with a line to the Col. Asking a loan of some funds in case I should be short and proceeded to the Hospital. After three or four hours delay we finally succeeded in getting an Ambulance and I detailed Holbrook and W.D. Kelley to proceed to Bermuda (Landing), get the body embalmed and forwarded by express, giving them my pass... They left the Hospital about 9 o'C P.M., were successful in the objects of their mission and the express charges \$50 making \$80, the telegraph dispatch was sent unpaid.

You can obtain full particulars other than I have given from Wm.'s letter to Marcella, which will precede this several days. The loss of **Charley** was a terrible blow to myself and all the Co. I could see nothing but the image of his poor wife and little orphan child, my feelings were uncontrollable...

My expenses having been heavy I telegraphed **Alfred [Kelley]** to send me by express \$150. I borrowed \$30 off the Col.,

which I wish to repay immediately. No one here has any currency, all being out. I am not out but do not want to be. I suppose Alfred will have sent the money before this reaches you.

My dispatch was sent clear through the lines, (Telegraph) being continuous and connected from here Via City Point Fortress Monroe and Washington to Sandusky. Was told by the operator that a dispatch would be sent from here (Bermuda Hundred) to Sandusky in two hours. Mr. Holbrook wrote Mrs. Mitchell a full and, of course, accurate description of everything relating to Charlie's sickness and death. You will perhaps see it: Wm. Also wrote Marcella.

Today (being 4th July) an order was issued for national salute by all guns in the Army of the Potomac. Our Batteries here have blazed away their part of the programme and all is again quiet.

Last night while on duty at the Breastworks we could distinctly hear singing within the Rebel lines. We ascertained from our outer pickets that the Rebel singing came up as distinctly to us on the Breastworks as we have often heard it at our house from the **Town Hall** on a still evening. The Colonel and myself listened to them (seated on a pile of sandbags on the works) for a good half hour or more...

The identical tree is here (or said to be the one) under which **John Smith** was laid for execution by **Powhattan** at the time **Pocahontas** saved his life. It is a large oak, though it is going fast as all the Boys are getting pieces of it as relics. Whether the identical tree or not, it is the spot where that occurrence is said to have taken place, and is rendered historical by that story: It is about half a mile from our camp. I have not been there but have a piece of the wood from the tree given me by **Charley Kelley**.

I have written you today ... because I have the time and to keep up the "line of communication" whenever I have an opportunity. ...

You do not mention my letters to **Sarah, Belle & Charlie**, and I think the one last rec'd from me must have been about the 17th or 18th of June. I can imagine Charlie's supreme happiness in the possession of his boat and am very glad to learn that you complied with his request. But Oh! How my sympathies were excited by your mention of **Carrie Mitchell** at the moment I was reading your remarks about her, the remains of her Father were lying at Bermuda awaiting conveyance to his once happy home.

It is quite singular that my health remains so good. I have not been sick an hour (save from my eyes) and during all the term of heat we have passed here have as yet had no headache. I attribute both to my diet, the plain course fare on which we live. The only things I miss are vegetables. This morning I was the only commissioned Officer of my Co. reported fit for duty. **Lange** being sick and **Bristol** not having done a week's duty altogether since leaving **Johnson's Island**. Of my Serg'ts only **Erastus [Huntington]** was on hand, none very sick, only just enough out of sorts, not to want to do anything.

Lange was quite unwell for a week or more [and] is much better now but I shall keep him off duty a day or two yet.

...And now dear ones, write regularly...our Boys are all well...comparatively...No shells flying. Nobody in danger, except from overeating perhaps... and finally no news.

I am as ever your Aff. Father & Husband
Wm. S. Webb

Memory Walk, cont. from Pg. 1

Landscape work was done when weather permitted on July 7th through the 10th with eight men carefully hand carrying the thousand pound granite bench to its new permanent location.

Now that the brick walkway is complete, the Kelleys Island Historical Association is selling engraved bricks to replace the blank bricks in the "Memory Walk."

You can purchase a blank brick— two different sizes are available for purchase, and we will have it engraved for you with your name, boat, or a loved one to leave as a permanent mark on the island.

An order blank form is available on page 4, at the

museum gift shop, or in the August issue of *Kelleys Life*.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a permanent part of Kelleys Island history!



2009 Guest Book update

Sharon Brunell McIntire

The museum opened this year on April 24th and through June 30th we have already had over 840 guests sign our guest book.

Visitors have come from all over Ohio, but also the states of Alaska, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

Several guests have traveled even further, hailing from the countries of Canada, China, France, Leverkusen, Germany; and Stuttgart, Germany.

Lost in translation?

A young Mennonite girl wanted to know if the island had a subway. Volunteer **Karen Terry** explained all about the island's rocky underlayment which prevented any type of underground subway transportation system.

After a lengthy explanation, the young Mennonite girl responded that she wanted to know if there was a fast food place called "Subway" on the island which she wanted to try for the first time. Karen responded with no, but then told her she could get a nice submarine sandwich at the Caddy Shack.

June 16 museum visitors

The KIHA museum hosted instructor **Prudy Hock** from the **Lake Erie Nature & Science Center** in Bay Village. Prudy hosted 30 students from the ages ten to twelve at our museum. They learned all about Kelleys Island history before touring the island.

Parlez-vous Francais?

Sharon Brunell McIntire

On Monday June 8th, our Gift Shop volunteers started our weekday hours.

Pat Seeholzer, who has worked the first 3 hour shift on Mondays for many years, opened up and I met her to go over a few new items and our new credit card machine.

Shortly after opening two ladies arrived and were full of questions about Kelleys Island. Pat easily answered all of their questions. Needless to say the ladies wanted to know what she and other fulltime islanders did during the winter. Pat explained about senior lunches, the library, and pot luck dinners at the VFW. She then enthusiastically told them about the bowling league that was formed using the Wii at the VFW.

The ladies heard bowling and immediately asked the location of the bowling alley on the island. Pat told them, "No, we Wii."

The two ladies looked at each other and started looking at the island map.

Pat responded again with "We Wii."

The two ladies responded with "WE don't understand. Where is the bowling alley?"

Pat responded again with "We Wii. You know the Wii game on a TV monitor."

At this point the two ladies finally understood, but I was trying so hard to keep from laughing while listening to this conversation that I had to go outside.

I know Pat didn't realize how funny the whole conversation was and how she kept saying what sounded like "wee- wee" over and over again to the two island visitors.

It just goes to show once again how very helpful, knowledgeable, and patient our wonderful KIHA volunteers are.

Kelleys Island Historical Association

Memory Walk



Buy a brick with your name, boat, or loved one. Own a piece of Kelleys Island and leave your permanent mark.

Price for a small brick (4" x 8") \$100.00

Please engrave with (13 spaces, 2 lines)

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Complete lines above and send with check for \$100.00 to KIHA.

OR

Price for a medium brick (8" x 8") \$135.00

Please engrave with (13 spaces per line, 4 lines)

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Complete and send with check for \$135.00 to KIHA.

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Welcome **KIHA Business Members**—

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| From KI Ferry \$45 | Briggs & Stratton -Tecumseh |
| From your KI home \$75 | Kohler - Honda |
| Two or more share cost | MTD -Murray – Sears |

Sandusky 2 bedroom home available December-May

Gordon Food Service Rebate Program

Have you tried to use our rebate program with **Gordons Food Service** only to be told that we are not in their system?

After members have told us this, we believe we have fixed the problem.

When you shop at Gordon Food Service locations, the cashier must spell it correctly as **“Kelleys - NO apostrophe- Island Hist. Association.”** It must be entered exactly for our rebate account to come up correctly.

Thanks to members and GFS for helping to solve this problem.



June 50/50 Raffle Winner

Dee & John Spirk of Gates Mills —\$90.00
They then gave it back to the KIHA as a donation!
Thank You!!!

2009 KIHA Calendar

Butterfly Festival
Saturday, Sept. 12

KIHA Home Tour kept safe from rain

Carolee Frindt

The morning storm scared some away, but the weather held up for the 2009 Kelleys Island Historical Home Tour. One hundred and twelve tickets were sold or a total of \$1,810.50. Co-chairwoman **Annalee** had a party at her home after the tour for the workers and homeowners, who had so graciously donated their homes for the tour.

One couple showed up and said they were going to attempt to walk the whole tour, which we knew was impossible. **Cindy Merkel** volunteered to take the couple with her as she toured. The couple gave \$10 to Cindy, which she donated back to the tour.

The threat of rain scared the tour committee for awhile and most likely scared some participants away, but overall the event was a great success. **Ed Frindt** said a lot of prayers said by the group kept the rain at bay for the event itself.

We'd like to extend our most sincere thanks to all those who made this 2009 Home Tour such a success!:

Volunteers--**Annalee, Kelli Bias, Ruth and Garland Bradshaw, June Campbell, Chris Carrig, Barbara Coleman, Peggy Cooney, Shirley Crabill, Anne Eddowes, Jasmine Frindt, Ed and Carolee Frindt, Jacqueline Guhde, Pat and Lori Hayes, Phyllis and Stuart Humphrey, Gary and Wendy Kohl, Leslie Korenko, Guy and Norm Landis, Pete and Sam Legere, Elaine Lickfelt, Bernie and Kathy McCafferty, Cindy Merkel, Holly Miller, Diane Nasonti, Bob and Jan Ransom, Stacy and Jim Rebraca, Pat Seeholzer, Barb Shadle, Bill Sinkhorn, Sonia Taylor, Mary and Dick Wilke, Peggy and Lawson Wideman, Madeleine and Roger Williams, Christine and Frank Yako.**

Bakers--**Claudia Brown, Mary Lou Gillis, Lori Hayes, Elaine Lickfelt, Mary A. Pileski, Laura Jean Pohorence, Pat Seeholzer, Ann Sennish, Dottie Simonds, Madeleine Williams.**

Quilt tickets sold by **Ila Dick and Fran Minshall**
Museum gift shop operated by **Sharon McIntire**

Home owners who graciously let us show there homes **Laura and Bill VonBenken, Ed and Caroline Jorski, Jim and Barb Zeller, Mike and Yolanda Maschek, and Teri Betzenheimer**

Program and Flyer Graphics and Design--**Jan Ransom**
Assembling booklets--**Amy Krajnak**
Publicity-- **Jacque Kranyak**

Memorials/Donations

Island Singers in memory of **Betty Rettig**
Kathy Hoffman in memory of **Betty Rettig**
JoAnn and Bud Spore in memory of **Mary Kay (Trieschman) Weinau**
Ruth Bandeen in memory of **William Lange**
Katy P. Reutener in memory of **Robert Erne**
Elizabeth Anne Eddowes donated cash to pay for transportation or display cases KIHA received from a grant

You too can have your business advertised in the KIHA newsletter. See back page to join.

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Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

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

Name: _____

Summer address: (from / / to / /)

P.O. Box _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ - _____

Winter address: P. O. Box _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ - _____

Membership Categories

All fees are annual except Life membership
() Individual Membership \$15
() also check here for 2 or more Individual memberships but just one newsletter sent to one address

() Family Membership \$25
() Business Membership \$30—includes business card size ad in one issue of newsletter
() Patron Membership \$100
() Life Membership \$500—once

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