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This month's Newsletter Dedication : Harold & Gertrude Walton

This month's dedication is from Carolyn Walton Rosse in memory of her parents Harold and Gertrude Walton. They were among the first to help organize the Twinsburg Historical Society. The hard work and dedication of the early founding members of the Twinsburg Historical Society have made this organization something to be proud of.

The Third Annual Black History Event was held on Saturday, February 27. Our theme was: "Celebrating Our Heritage". The program was directed by Trustee Dr. Constance Longmire with the assistance of President Bonnie Williams, Secretary Audrey Kancler, Trustees Marti Franks and Keith Harris. Henry Ford and Twinsburg School Board Vice President Mark Curtis also helped. Music was provided by Mrs. Samia Zellner who sang the "Negro National Anthem", instrumentalist Larnie Zellner, who played "People Get Ready" and "Amazing Grace" accompanied by his wife and daughter. The Twinsburg High School Show Choir under the direction of Brian Detweiler performed "Stand By Me". Assistant Pastor Ronnie Stevens of Dexter Pentecostal Church and RBC graduate sang "Isn't He Wonderful?" Speakers included Twinsburg City Mayor Ted Yates, Twinsburg City Schools Superintendent Kathi Powers, Tania Johnson, Fiscal Officer of Twinsburg Township and Laura Leonard, Director of the Twinsburg Library. Jada Pelly recited an original poem "I, Too" and Annikka Banerjee presented Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" with the last minute help of Ms. Johnson. Mark Curtis introduced the Guest Speaker, Carla Lyndale Bishop, Twinsburg native and director of the award winning film, "Voices From the Hill." And the Reverend Dania King Jenkins closed the afternoon with "Unity Prayer". It was an inspirational and entertaining afternoon. We look forward to hosting this again next February.

Next month we hope to have more information about our tentative upcoming plans and possible programs for the remainder of 2021.

Sights to See in Twinsburg:

Twinsburg Historical Society Museum

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The structure, built in 1865 by the Reverend Samuel Bissell, largely with his own hands, was originally two stories. The second story was removed when the building started to settle and became unsafe due to the weight of the stones. The Twinsburg Institute, established and run by Rev. Bissell until his death in 1896, was housed in this building. In the course of his teaching more than 6000 students received an education, whether or not they were able to pay. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Freeman Carriage Barn

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This carriage barn was built around 1870 by Dr. Seth Freeman. The Freeman horses were the fastest in town. On busy nights the doctor could be found sleeping in his carriage in the barn, dressed and ready for his next house call. The foundation is constructed of sandstone quarried in Twinsburg. The 40 by 60 foot barn has three stories, hand hewn pegs and rafters, an elaborate cherry staircase and individual stalls for six horses.

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Mark Your Calendar

March 28, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum.

April 7, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

April 25, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum

May 5, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

May 30, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum.

June 2, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

June 27, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the

July 7, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

July 25, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open-house at the Museum.

August 4, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

August 6, 2021, 12PM-4PM, Special TwinsDay Open House

August 29, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum

September 1, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

September 11, 2021, 10AM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre at the Museum

September 12, 2021, 12PM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre at the Museum.

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Sights to See in Twinsburg Continued

Civil War Monument

Town Square

Being the geographic center of Twinsburg, the park has been the focus of village life down through the years. The base of the monument is solid sandstone quarried in Twinsburg. The marble upper portion is inscribed with the names of the 120 volunteers from Twinsburg who served in the Civil War. The top is surmounted by a large spread eagle.

First Congregational Church

9050 Church Street

The church building was dedicated in November 1848. It is the classic New England style architecture with its tall white spire and simple lines. Its design is attributed to master builder Simeon Porter. The edifice is notable for being a Classic Revival translation of the standard meeting house. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ohio Historical Marker here states:

First Congregational Church

Organized August 23, 1822. Twinsburg pioneers, many from Killingworth, Connecticut, worshiped in various locations for 31 years until this church was built in 1848. Its design is attributed to master builder Simeon Porter. The spire is an 1857 replacement. The edifice is notable for being a Classic Revival translation of the standard meeting house of the preceding Federal period.

Locust Grove Cemetery

Southwest on Route 82

Many of the original settlers of Twinsburg are buried here, including the Wilcox twins, Ethan Alling, and the Rev. Samuel Bissell. The cemetery is planted with locust trees and surrounded by a fence of stone quarried in Twinsburg.

Ohio Historical Marker here states:

Cemetery vaults were used to store bodies in winter when the Locust Grove Cemetery Vault-ground was too frozen to break manually. Locust Grove's vault was constructed of locally quarried sandstone in 1872. The interior showcases the mason's skills: the walls are smooth and the ceiling is arched. Tools, markers, and cemetery supplies replaced bodies after it became possible to break frozen ground with mechanical excavating equipment. In 1997, the 138-ton vault was moved approximately twenty-five feet northwest from its original location to make way for land development. Ethan Alling established Locust Grove Cemetery in 1846.

New Feature Monthly Newsletter Dedications

Have you ever looked for another way to honor or congratulate someone or to celebrate a special occasion?? The Historical Society offers a new opportunity to dedicate a Newsletter! For \$50 you can say "Happy Birthday", "Congratulations on Graduating or Retiring" or "Thank You". Checks and the information you want printed should be mailed to the Twinsburg Historical Society, 8996 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg 44087. Please include your own contact info in case the Editor has a question.

The museum is still open the last Sunday of every month so you can stop by March 28th and April 25. Check the FaceBook page to see if the Riley House will be open too.

New Members:

Livia Lane's Salaon

Livia Lanes Salon is located just off the Square at 9753 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, Ohio. Phone: 330-486-0664 Owner, Jessica Conway has been doing hair for 22 years and opened her full service salon in April 2010. We do everything from waxing, hair color, pedicures and haircuts for men, women and children. Jessica along with her two amazing Stylists, Lesley Layer & Dawn Haney say that they have been loving meeting their clients every day since. We make a great crew.

Their hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10-7.

Meet Jessica on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Livia-Lanes-Salon-127603947291497/>

Renewing Members:

Meredith Aistroke

Forest City Erectors Inc.

Frank Carr

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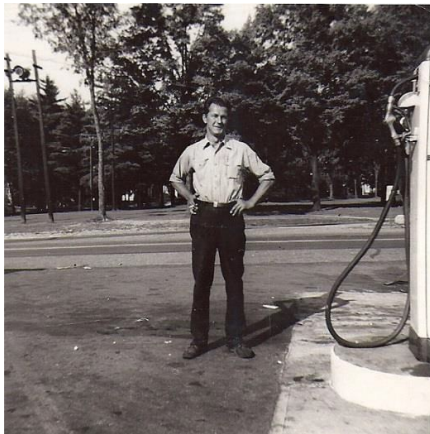
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At the time of the aerial photo of Twinsburg Square was taken on page 73 there were only a handful of Gas Stations in town. On the northeast corner of the Square was Stan Jewell's Station and across the street from Jewell's was Ray Diersing's Station.



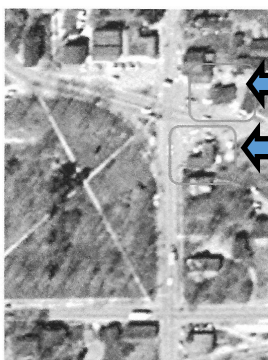
Sunoco Gas Station with Wilbur Roseberry and son-in-law Stan Jewell. In 1949 Wilbur opened Roseberry's department store next to the Bank. The Sunoco later became a Gulf station and was better known simply as Jewell's.



A car used as a travelling WWII display that was passing through Twinsburg and stopped for gas. Ray asked

him to stay and it was used in the parade that day.

Sohio Gas Station of Ray Diersing. The Station included an attached store front where "E. M. Diersing Dairy" sold Lawson dairy products. Evelyn Diersing's sister Margaret and her husband Sheridan Morgan expanded the store to include groceries and a meat counter. In 1956/57 Sheridan Morgan built an IGA Market on the southeast corner of the Square, see page 20. The store front then became the "Twinsburg Dry Cleaners" run by Toots Price.



Jewel's Gas Station

Diersing's Gas Station

The Twinsburg Historical Society is a non-profit organization that has been in existence for over 57 years. Our Society has been extremely fortunate in having the following local business members support our mission to preserve the rich & unique history of our City. We would like to take this time to encourage our members & non-members alike to show their appreciation by patronizing these fine businesses & saying Thank You for your support.

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Livia Lane's Salon

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