



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Busy Times at THS

August is a busy month for us and September is busier still so grab you calendars to jot down some important information. We start the month with a special Open House on Friday August 4, in honor of Twins Days and all who might attend and even those who don't. We have invited some of the out of town Wilcox's too. We will have light refreshments and of course all of the great new exhibits for those who did not make the grand reopening on Founders Day, aka the Bicentennial.

New book and Presentation

Local resident and co producer of "Tales of Locust Grove", Veronica Hughes is writing a book on Twinsburg Veterans of the Civil. Veronica has researched about and communed with the soldiers who served in that war and has written an account that is fascinating and entertaining. She will be giving us a preview on the August 27th Open House. Be the first on your block to see this book. Enjoy the stories she will tell, and of course, sip a little lemonade. The museum will open at 2:00 and the program will start at 3:00.

Olde Thyme Fayre

September will be here before you know it and that means the banner for the Olde Thyme Fayre will be flying over Twinsburg. The Fayre runs Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10AM to 5PM, and Sunday, the 10th, from noon until 5PM. As always this is your chance to show off your handmade items, knitted, crocheted, sewn, quilted, painted, embroidered, carved, woven, you get the idea. Bring them to the Museum on Friday, Sept. 8, from 5PM to 7PM. Produce and flowers may be brought to the Barn from 5-7 on Friday and 9-10 Saturday morning, Sept. 9. This year ribbons will be given for outstanding sunflowers. A ribbon for the tallest and also a ribbon for the one with the biggest 'head'. This year's baking challenge is coffee cakes. Entries should be brought to the Barn on Sunday between Noon and 2PM. A new contest this year is a word challenge: Make as many words as you can from the letters in Olde Thyme Fayre. No proper nouns or foreign words.

Not too early to get involved with " Tales Locust Grove" On October 6 and 7

August 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

July 30, 2-5PM. Open House, Museum and Riley House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

August 4, Noon-4PM, Special Open House for Twins Days

August 5 & 6, Twins Day

August 27, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

September 9 & 10, Olde Thyme Fayre, Museum & Barn

September 24, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

October 6 & 7, Tales of Locust Grove

October 26, Halloween Story Telling

October 29, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

November 25, City of Twinsburg Luminosity

November 26, 2-5PM, Open House, Clock Show

December 2, City of Twinsburg Winter Wonderland

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Membership

We are clearly getting busier and busier. We need more of two things. Members are critical to our success. The museum is now open three days a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to noon. We need volunteers to help us on those mornings. This is a great way to get to know the museum and a better way to serve your community. We need volunteers to be on hand and help with the many projects we do to keep our buildings ready for prime time.

We need members. We don't just need your dues, though we do, we need your active involvement as we make the decisions to carry us through the 21st century and beyond.

If you are getting this Newsletter then you are already a member. Maybe it is time to renew. Have you considered Perpetual Membership? Never have to worry about renewing and your dues dollars make us stronger than ever. Got some ideas for the society? Ask about becoming a trustee.

Check out the website, come to the Open Houses, renew your membership and write our coming events on your calendar. You will not be sorry.

Geauga County Historical Society

The Geauga County Historical Society announces the publication of its newest local history, Sketch of Fullertown and Its Early Settlers, by John Curtis. Originally published as a series of articles in a Geauga County newspaper in 1882, the book captures the recollections of Mr. Curtis regarding the pioneer days of the Fullertown settlement in Newbury Township, Ohio. Newbury is currently celebrating its 200th anniversary.

A limited number of first printing copies are available at the Society's Crossroads Store at Century Village Museum in Burton, Ohio.

The Peninsula Foundation's 2017 Civil War Lecture Series

Held on the fourth Thursday of each month from March to October at the G.A.R. Hall (1785 Main St, which is Rt. 303) in Peninsula. Lectures begin at 7:00pm and are free to the public.

Dates still remaining in the series:

8/24: USCT Regiments at the Crater and New Market Heights, presented by Ron Gorman

9/28: Remembering the Civil War: Reenacting and Battlefield Preservation, presented by Bradley Keefer

10/26: A Talk with Clara Barton, presented by Carol Starre-Kmiecik

Looking for Stuff!!

The Historical Society is looking for Stuff!!! Pictures and information on the following:

1. 9092 Depot Street, the Apartments behind Salsgiver's house next to the Railroad Tracks, circa 1902.
We think it was an old grain/feed store at one time.
2. Old City Hall, Side view.
3. Luman Lane's old house on Rt. 91 across from Corbett's farm.

If you have any pictures or information on these items please contact the Historical Society. They would love to make copies of the pictures and any documents or info you have.

Next Trustee Meeting, August 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Museum

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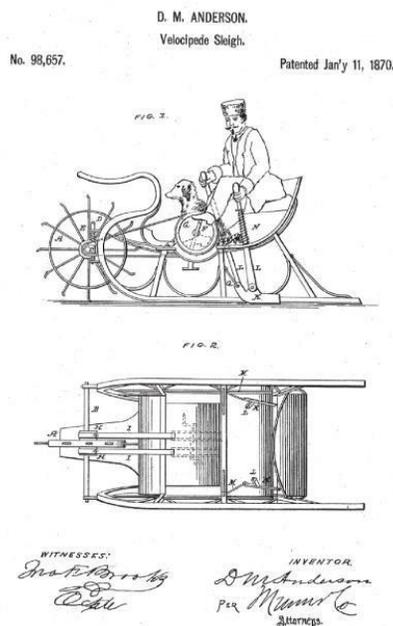


Rev. Edward Morley

1868, Rev. Edward Morley becomes minister of the First Congregational Church. While in Twinsburg Rev. Morley realized he loved teaching more than preaching. In 1869, Western Reserve College in Hudson offers Rev. Morley the dual position of Chemistry Professor and College Chaplain, Rev. Morley accepted. In 1882, Reserve College moves to University Circle in Cleveland and becomes Adelbert College of Western Reserve University. There Edward Morley teams up with Albert Michelson, professor of physics. In 1887 Morley and Michelson devised an experiment to detect the relative motion of light through the luminiferous aether. The luminiferous aether was the 19th century explanation of how light waves travelled through the vacuum of space. Physicists at the time believed the speed of light varied with the speed of the light source and direction of the luminiferous aether. Their experiment used a beam of light split in different directions to see the effects of the aether and the speed of the light source (Earth travelling at 66,600 mph). Their famous “null” result was used years later to justify Albert Einstein’s 1905 theory of special relativity which stated that the speed of light is constant regardless of the direction or velocity of one's motion.

1870 – A memorial service was held in the Square followed by a parade to Locust Grove Cemetery. It was called Decoration Day at the time but later became known as “Memorial Day”. This was the beginning of Twinsburg’s 145 year tradition of celebrating Memorial Day.

January 11, D. M. Anderson was issued a U.S. Patent for his arm powered “Velocipede Sleigh”. Mr. Anderson is believed to be the first patent holder in Twinsburg.



United States Patent Office.

D. M. ANDERSON, OF TWINSBURG, OHIO.

Letters Patent No. 98,657, dated January 11, 1870.

IMPROVEMENT IN VELOCIPED-SLEIGHS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D. M. ANDERSON, of Twinsburg, in the county of Summit, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Velocipede-Sleigh; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in means for propelling and guiding sleighs by the rider, and consists in the application of a spike-wheel, foot-crank shaft, driving-wheels and belts for propelling, and guiding-anges, under an improved arrangement, whereby the rider may propel the spike-wheel with his foot, and thereby draw the sleigh along on the ice or snow, and guide it at the same time with his hands.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved sleigh, and Figure 2 is a plan of the bottom of the same. Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a spike-wheel, mounted on a shaft, B, journaled in boxes C, supported on vertical posts D, fixed to the front of the sleigh, so that the boxes may rise and fall on the posts, which have spiral springs E, above and below the boxes, to aid them in changing position, so that the wheel may always bear on the surface of the snow or ice, although it may be irregular.

F is a double-cranked driving-shaft, arranged in front of the rider, near the bottom of the box, and provided with one or more belt-drums or pulleys, G. H are corresponding pulleys on the shaft B, preferably one on each side of the wheel; and I represents belts working from the drums G, over the pulleys H. The crank-shaft and driving-pulleys are so arranged

relatively to the seat, that the operator may, while sitting thereon, turn the cranks with his feet, to propel the sleigh, which will be drawn along by the spike-wheel engaging the ice while being revolved.

For steering this sleigh, I have provided two small runners, K, and suspending-rods L, to which they are joined, and passing down through the box from near the seat, one on each side, to be taken in the hands, to direct the said runners, (which are arranged obliquely to the runners of the sleigh,) by pressing them down on the ice.

The said runners are connected, by links M, to the beams or levers of the sleigh to be drawn by it, when pressed down upon the ice.

The rods L are provided with springs N, for raising them and the sleigh off the ground, when required.

The left shoe, when pressed down upon the ground, will turn the sleigh to the right, and the other will turn it to the left.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A velocipede-sleigh, whose driving spike-wheel is arranged on spring-bearings in front thereof, and operated by a belt from a crank-shaft, near the seat of the driver, in the manner described.

2. A sleigh, constructed with a seat for the driver at the back, a spring guiding-device on each side, a foot-crank, near the seat, and a spike driving-wheel in front, actuated by a belt from the crank-shaft, all said devices being arranged, with respect to each other, in the manner set forth.

D. M. ANDERSON.

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