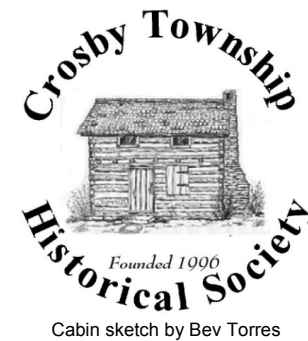




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CTHS BECOMES A 501[3]c NONPROFIT

—Tony Torres

It all started in April 2013, during our regular meeting. I proposed to the membership that we become a nonprofit organization with the IRS because of the many benefits that this designation could bring to our Historical Society, including the ability to apply for Grants. These Grants can then be used to restore the old Township Hall so that it can serve as a Historical repository for our society to preserve artifacts, documents and photos that tell the history of our township. A motion was approved. Volunteers to pursue this project were hesitant, so understanding the great importance, I volunteered to carry out this project. Keep in mind I have or never had any experience applying for Nonprofit Status, what was I thinking!!

Step #1. We became incorporated in the State of Ohio and were recognize by the State as a Nonprofit.

Step #2. Our Constitution had to meet the requirements of the IRS, so changes and amendments were necessary. This took several months for changes to be approved by the membership and trustees.

Step #3. Apply for EIN [federal Identification number] from the IRS.

Step #4. Get signed and notarized affidavits statement of existence.

Step #5. Get 4 years of financial statements to prove money received and spent was used to carry out our mission and purpose.

Step #6. File our application, together with a \$400 fee.

This was a long and brain draining process with many documents to gather [they were scattered thru out many locations [this caused lengthy delays] and many forms to file before I could even fill out the final application. In the end it was very gratifying we were recognized by the IRS as a certify 501[3] c Nonprofit Organization in the fall of 2014. Thanks to all those who directly or indirectly helped make this dream of ours come true.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Send to Treasurer, Chuck Heis
Crosby Township Historical Society, Inc.
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IN REMEMBRANCE PAUL FRITCH

Crosby Township Historical Society lost a wonderful member and friend on November 22, 2014, when Paul Fritch passed away at 77 years of age. Paul and his wife Judy, residents of Cleves, attended our monthly meetings regularly, and opened their home, and museum to our organization on numerous occasions.



PAUL FRITCH—Avid Collector and Historian

Paul was an avid collector, and he and Judy added a two-story addition to their home in the early 1990s to house and display the many antiques and artifacts. Judy shared that Paul had dabbled in coin collecting with mild interest, but in the 1960s he became acquainted with individuals who hunted Indian arrowheads, and he became enamored with this pursuit. Through self-education, he forged ahead in his own discoveries, and searched, not only in southwest Hamilton County and southeast Indiana, but on digs around Rome, Ohio, and beyond. Paul and Judy attended Indian Relic Conventions from Ohio to New Orleans. His collections also include flint and ancient Indian corn grinders that he discovered himself.

Paul also collected antique clocks, cast iron banks in shapes from buildings to animals, and attended Cast Iron Bank Conventions. He collected pieces of china, glass art and pottery from Cresus, Delaware, to Carnival glass to Rookwood. He had a vast collection of tools in his “Blacksmith Shop” including a rare three-clawed hammer. Paul owned several antique rifles and a large collection of GAR (Grand Old Army of the Republic) medals

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2015 OFFICERS

The installation of three Trustees will take place at the March 2015 meeting. They are Maury and Margie Hornbach and Bob Woods.

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that were beautifully displayed. A very interesting collection that became a hobby for individuals beginning in the 1880s are tin tobacco tags which were used from the late 1800s until 1920s. The tags identified the manufacturers of tobacco slabs and twists for the buyer. Paul and Judy's

home and their hospitality has been a wonderful treat through the years to so many people interested in viewing his collections and listening to his detailed explanations of his beloved items that gave him so much enjoyment. Paul will be sorely missed!

CLOCKS—a shelf holds a display of antique clocks.



ARROW-HEADS—Pictured is a framed display of artistically arranged Indian arrowheads.



TOOLS—Paul Fritch set up a blacksmith shop display showcasing some of his vast collection of antique and unusual tools.



GUNS—Paul and Judy Fritch displayed their collection of antique firearms.

—Photos-Karen Klaene

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS



There are no meetings in January and February due to risk of bad weather.

Thursday, March 19th—Media Heritage's Mike Martini from the American Radio and TV *Voice of America* Museum, who gave a program in 2014 on the Cincinnati icon, Ruth Lyons, will return to present a program on the history of Radio broadcasting.

In Case You Missed it . . .

In October. . . members again enjoyed their “Show and Tell” evening by sharing their family heirlooms and old and unusual items trying to challenge the audience for identification,.

In November. . . CTHS member Rich Spence who is active with Friends of the White Water Shaker Village, Inc., presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and future plans for development of the Shaker property in Crosby Township.

In December. . . members brought wonderful food and drink, and we were entertained by members of the Western Shaker Singers who sang Shaker Christmas songs. Some songs were composed at the Whitewater Shaker Village in Crosby Township. These singers also shared bits of Shaker history of the settlement here and how they celebrated Christmas.

SALES CORNER

STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page **CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at kklaene@fuse.net. They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping. **STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION**, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

LOG CABIN SKETCHES...art work and note cards by Bev Torres, depicting our cabin in New Haven. Proceeds are shared with C.T.H.S. Call Bev at (513) 738-0373 for prices and availability.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS...reflective white numbers on green background. Recommended by our Fire and EMT Services. Custom-made for \$10.00 each. Call Earl Corson, (513) 367-9371. Free local delivery.

BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER may be obtained for 50 cents each, to cover printing and postage, by contacting the editor (below).

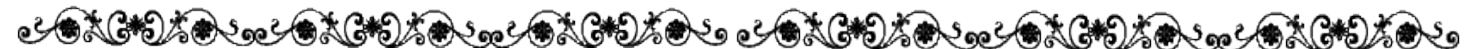
MEMBERSHIP DUES (*due annually by March):

Regular member:	\$5.00*
Contributing Member:	\$10.00*
Family (3 or more, same household):	\$12.00*
Life Member:	\$100.00 (one time)

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis
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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440