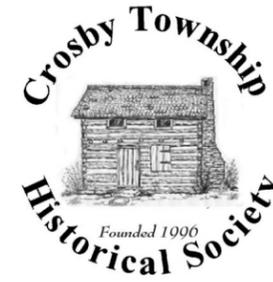




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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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CROSBY TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL

DUES INCREASE

A motion for an annual dues increase was made and approved at the November meeting. It is the first increase since the society was created twenty years ago! As of 2018, dues will be \$10 per member and \$15 per family. There is no change in Life membership.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND
 YOUR
 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

Send to treasurer:
 Chuck Heis
 c/o Crosby Township Historical Society,
 Inc.
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NEW OFFICERS

New CTHS Officers will be elected for the 2018-2019 Term. Nominations were presented at the November and December meetings. Those nominations will again be offered for the third and final time at the March 2018 meeting, immediately followed by a vote. Those nominated are:

For Secretary: **Shirlee Morgan**

For Treasurer: **Chuck Heis**

For Vice President: **Tony Torres**

For President: **Melba Guard**



CORRECTION TO ISSUE NINETY

The October-December 2017 newsletter was in error concerning the donation from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. That donation will be dispensed, not for the Historical Marker, but for the renovation of the Town Hall. Again, we are exceedingly grateful to them for their interest in preserving local history and aiding our historical society in preserving the Crosby Township Town Hall.

CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION

There was a \$75 donation made to the Miami White-water United Methodist Church food pantry, and \$75 to the Kris Kringle Chest for local needy families in December 2017.

GIFT FROM KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Knights of Pythias that was located in New Baltimore disbanded in 2017. As it was a non-profit organization it must donate any funds to another non-profit organization. The remaining members voted to donate the money left in their treasury amounting to \$3,324.96 to Crosby Township Historical Society, specifically for the Town Hall restoration. We are very appreciative that they chose us as the recipient of this gift.

TOWN HALL RESTORATION

The past few months work on the town hall mostly consisted of nailing drywall over the bottom half of walls. The top part is waiting for insulation to be blown in between the drywall and outer walls. Work halted during the holidays. Finding a good insulation company is next on the list.

In addition to the Knights of Pythias gift cited above, the board has been seeking donations from community businesses asking them to consider our organization in their charitable giving plans. So far, we have received \$50 from Heyob Farms, \$50 from Alvis Materials, Inc., and \$200 from Welch Sand and Gravel. We sincerely thank these businesses, organizations, and others for their faith in our project.

WITHIN THOSE WALLS

The Crosby Township Historical Society treasures our log cabin gifted to us at our formation. Its deconstruction, and restoration was a labor of love for our early members. The cabin was given the moniker "Passmore Cabin" because the Elias Passmore family lived in the structure for over fifty years. Basic information on Elias' parents, birth, death and family were fairly easy to attain. However, the joys and sorrows that took place in that home were uncovered by D. Warmuth, historian of the First Presbyterian Church in Harrison. Notes were shared from church records on an event called the "Trial of Common Fame" taking place between May and September, 1855. Elias Passmore accused a tenant, D.H. Walker of having an affair with his wife Lucinda. From those notes:

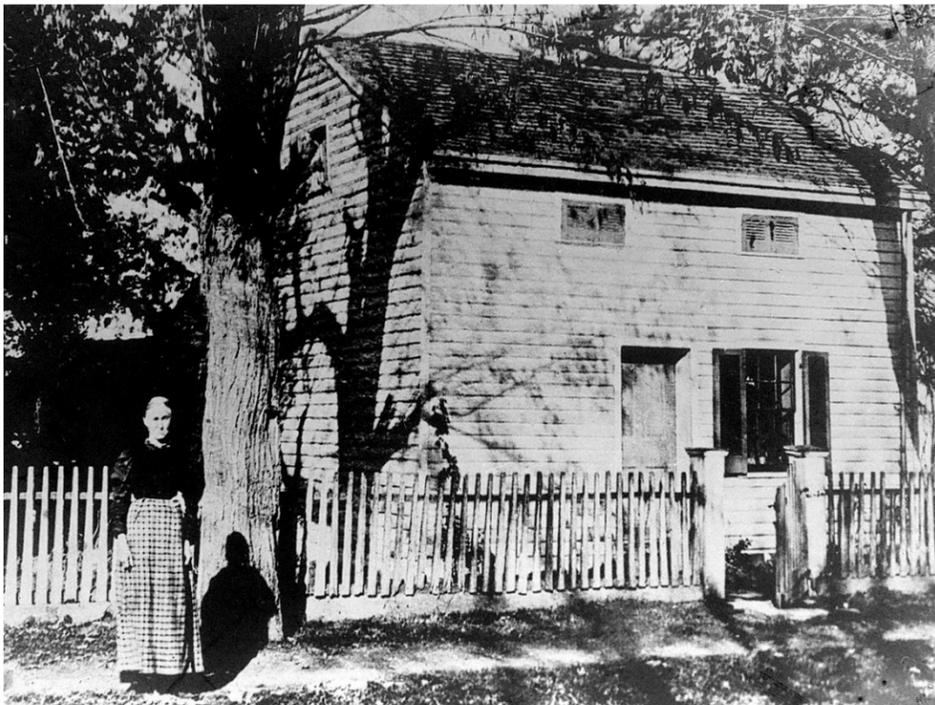
Elias Passmore and Lucinda Lambert were married on 09 April 1848. They received part of the Passmore farm as a marriage gift. Parents, Henry and Elizabeth Stonebraker Passmore still lived on adjoining land. Lucinda's family was from Whitewater Township. Elias Passmore, age 25, and his wife Lucinda (Lambert) age 22, had a one year old daughter Clarenna (from 1850 census) born 25 October 1849.

Elias and Lucinda Passmore lived on lot 29 in New Haven (the original spot of the cabin.) He also owned lots 30 and 44 as shown in his final will and testament proven 26 Sept. 1904. In 1850 Henry D. Walker, better known as DH Walker, age 45, lived in Crosby Township with his wife, Mary, age 33, and their two children William H. Walker, age 3 and James Walker, age 1.

Several times during the trial it was mentioned that Lucinda had been visiting in Indiana. Her brother, during the year of 1855, lived in Indiana and had a daughter Helen, who was one year older than Clarenna. Lucinda Lambert Passmore disappeared after that 1850 census that shows the family. Divorce records are not available for this time due to the courthouse fire.

Daughter, Clarenna AKA Clara married Michael Kane and lived at 856 Lexington Ave. in Cincinnati. Clarenna died on 24 August 1924 and is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery (her burial record give her parents name as Passmore)..... She was not named in her father's 1904 will.

Elias Passmore married Ann Goshorn Denning 03 Feb 1859. She was born in 1821 in South Carolina. Together they had two children. Elias adopted Ann's four children left fatherless several years before. Elias and Ann lived on the Passmore property until their deaths in 1904 and 1911. He left his property and belongings to his wife Ann and heirs. Son, A.J. Passmore and his wife Isabella took over the family farm. In 1870 the real estate value was \$2,300. This tripled by 1900.



Anne Goshorn Denning Passmore pictured in front of the Passmore House (now restored as original log cabin).

Henry D. Walker and his wife Mary had five known children after 1850. Mr. Walker was excommunicated from the First Presbyterian Church for failure to repent. Mary would have been allowed to continue to attend; her name never appeared as a member.

The Passmores were never members of the First Presbyterian. The church was used as a court house-which was common on the frontier. The trial took place eight months from beginning to end.....The Passmores and the Walkers are buried in New Haven Cemetery. There names are still visible on the old gravestones.



Historical Society

Programs

There are no meetings held in January or February due to the risk of inclement weather. There will be a meeting in March 2018.

Thursday, March 15th-- After our usual meeting, this month's program will be a yearly favorite of our members: Show and Tell! We are invited to bring old objects that could stump the members as to its original purpose, or bring an item that is a family heirloom that may have an interesting story attached to it. Refreshments will, of course, be served following the program.

In Case You Missed it . . .

October's meeting gave us Thomas Stander who presented a program entitled "Eight Months in 1917 that forever changed Butler County and Surrounding Area." Tom covered the anti-German hysteria that grew up in our local areas during this time in World War I that created hardships for those of German decent. The government agencies that developed like the American Protective League that was supposed to aid in detecting German sympathizers brought about the arrest of individuals based on accusation with little support.

In November, CTHS member David Roessler gave a lecture and power-point program on his own personal experience of "Hiking the Pacific West Trail." David's 2015 solo hike along the Pacific Crest took two years of planning and preparation. His track from the Mexican border to British Columbia consisted of some 2,650 miles through national parks, forests, and wilderness areas bearing the desert heat and cold mountain temperatures. It took five and a half months, and forty-five pounds of weight loss to complete his goal.

On December 21st, members and guests enjoyed our Christmas meeting and party with wonderful food specialties contributed by many of our members. Guessing games were provided and everyone enjoyed this holiday event.

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).

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES (*due annually by March):

Regular member: \$10.00*
Family (3 or more, same household): \$15.00*
Life Member: \$100.00 (one time)

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis

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CTHS Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month; the regular meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, March through December at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. All members are welcome.