



To promote, preserve and protect the heritage of Plain Township Stark County

# Plain Township Historical Society

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## Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Checking     | \$169.82    |
| Money Market | \$12,095.78 |
| Endowment    | \$47,839.55 |

We are a 501c3. Contributions to our organization are tax deductible.

## Current Officers

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## July Meeting

Jul 15<sup>th</sup> – The Demise of the William McKinley Home – Presented by Richard Haldi and Judith Pocock

## *Time to Celebrate!*



Hard to believe that the year is half over. So, while the weather is warm we are going to celebrate. June was a busy month for us as we participated in the 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square. Our theme for this event was, "School Days - From One Room Schools to Present." We brought a wide variety of items from our archives to share. What a great turn out we had. We visited with over 70 people and made several new contacts and reaffirmed several old contacts. We appreciated the people who stopped by just to talk to us. PTHS has come a long way since our early event days.

Next up, was our annual picnic. The hotdogs were grilled to perfection and the potluck food was amazing. Great conversation took place at a new venue this year, Al Leno Park. Even though it was a hot day, we had 25 people show up and the pavilion keep us out of the sun and cooled off. Ok, the fans helped too. We were able to make food care packages for our fire fighters and delivered those packages to them. The firemen were very grateful for the care packages.



We ended June with our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter McDonald's fundraiser where we raised \$278. Every amount helps as we continue to build our nest egg for future projects. With all that no wonder we all needed a nap. The rest of the summer is booked and ready to go with some built in time to relax. Hope to see you soon.

## *A Stark County Scrapbook Vol 2 Watches Book*

Just a reminder to those of you who are interested in acquiring Mr. Haldi's Vol 2 of A Stark County Scrapbook, he will have copies available at the July meeting. The cost is \$20 each and a limited quantity will be available. If you can not make the meeting and are interested in a copy either contact Cindy Guest or drop off \$20 (cash) to the Plain Township Office at 2600 Easton St NE. Please make sure if you are dropping off money to leave your name, phone number and the number of copies you are requesting. We will do our best to fill those requests.

## *Out in the Community*



In July, we will be out in the community at the Hoover Park Festival on Sunday, Jul 14<sup>th</sup> at Hoover Park from 1-5 pm. This is our first year doing this event and we are excited to participate. Stop by and say Hi and enjoy the Canton Community Band, plant sale, train rides, tours of the Hoover Historical Center, food trucks and vintage cars. This is a great time to celebrate The Hoover Company and their employee's impact and legacy on our area.

On Jul 10<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with Denise Evans and the National First Ladies Library and Museum, we will be filming an "Out and About" segment about our one room school display

**Looking for....**

Looking for high school jewelry to add to our collection from clubs, activities, sports, etc.

- Class rings
  - Lavilier
  - Pins
  - Charm bracelets, etc
- This is to allow us to trace the meaning and history of high school related jewelry.

**Yearbook Want List:**

**Middlebranch HS** – 1955

**GlenOak HS** – 1981, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 to present

Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High School yearbooks.

**School Newspapers:**

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Elementary, Junior High, etc.

- Articles for our newsletter can be emailed to: [preservingplaintwp@gmail.com](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com).
- Articles are due the by the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

**Contact info:**

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Canton OH 44721

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Web: [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/)

that will be posted on Facebook. This is a great opportunity to highlight our partnership and share this National Treasure.

**2025 Meeting Topics**

While the 2024 season is just half way through, the Board of Directors has started the process of planning for our 2025 membership meeting speakers. If you have heard or know of someone who does a presentation, please let a Board member know. Also, if you are interested in helping the board plan our membership meetings for 2025 and beyond, we are glad to have you join us. We already have a great new speaker for the 2025 schedule and she will be coming in 2026 as well. Your input is important in this process as we want to bring in speakers/topics that are of interest to you. In addition, if you have any suggestions on ways to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, please let us know.

**Off To The Races**

We are ready for the final leg of our Triple Crown gift bag fundraiser. All our horses (gift bags) have entered the third leg of the Triple Crown. They are in the paddock and are getting ready to saddle up. This triple crown event is sure to be a winner no matter who you bet on; I mean support. Just like these horses who are kept well groomed, these archival supplies do the same for our donations. We continue to work on moving our items to standard, archival quality storage to protect the items for the future. If you are not at a meeting, you can mail in or drop off a check at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE Canton OH 44721

**Rehoming Items**

We are very thankful to the friends we have made over the years. Many of these friends keep their eyes and ears open just in case a person, business, place of worship, or school has items that have interest to PTHS. These unsung heroes discretely redirect items to us so that we may preserve and share the items stories. June was a particularly interesting month for rehoming. We received two items from Taft Junior High School. The first is a 4'x8' tile mosaic with scenes depicting locations around Canton. This hung in the entryway and many people walked past it. We are looking for help to find out the full story behind the mosaic. We have narrowed down that it was made in the 1970s (1974?), but we do not know the exact year, by whom or why. If you can help or point us to someone that can, please let us know.



The other item that came to us from Taft Junior High School is the architect's rendering of what Taft would like when built in 1958. The architects were Lawrence, Dykes and Associates. We do know a little more about this framed drawing and are excited to add it to our archives. This drawing was done during the school building expansion period in the late 1950s to meet the growing educational needs of the Plain Township population. Taft was built around the same time that Glenwood High School was built. We are in the process of digitizing the drawing to preserve and share it with the community.

Our third item that is being rehomed is very different than anything else we have, it is an 1830s Plain Township Civil Case Docket. We have only begun to read through the various cases. Most of the cases deal with individuals owing other individuals money and not paying. It was

### ***Publications available for purchase***

- Historic Ridgewood \$15 for PTHS members; \$20 for non-members
- Educating Plain Township – Middlebranch High School 1927-1957 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two-volume set)
- Educating Plain Township – Glenwood High School 1957-1975 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two-volume set)
- Cruising Thru Plain Township – \$10.00 each
  - Volume 1 NE Qtr
  - Volume 2 SE Qtr
  - Volume 3 SW Qtr
  - Volume 4 NW Qtr
- And the Story Continues – Vol 1 and Vol 2 - \$10.00 ea. **ON SALE for \$10/set**

### ***Publication available for free download from our website or Facebook page***

- Exploring Plain Township – Piecing the Puzzle Together – North Canton Drive-In Theater

### ***Donations***

If you have any items to donate or share, please let Cindy Guest know at [preservingplaintwp@gmail.com](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com) or 330-224-2660. Also, if you know of someone in the community with information that will help us, please let us know. Thank you to all that donated.

very interesting so far to see the simplicity of how cases were handled. This was a time when the Justice of the Peace handled disputes. During this period, Justice of the Peace's were elected and did not have to have a law background. As the title conveys, their job was to keep the peace in the township. We look forward to seeing what is contained in its pages.



### ***Little "Gnome" Facts***

Wow what a heat wave. We Wanderer's are staying in our gnome home to stay cool and ponder all the fun facts and information we are gathering. As we continue to find out about our ancestors and share their stories, we are always amazed by how by just lifting a rock what we can find. Recently, our able-bodied assistant was updating our Ancestry tree (over 510,000 names now) with a piece of information and discovered someone she knows has a connection to the Sell family of Plain township. It is our understanding that the archives do not have very much information on the Sell family. So hopefully soon, we will travel to talk to this person and bring back stories. It is these connections that we find during our truffle hunting that keeps us going back out. Out for now, we will be back next month.

***"Invest in Plain's History" by becoming a member, volunteering, making a monetary donation and donating items related to Plain Township!***

### **PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Board of Directors Meetings are the first Tuesday at 2 p.m.  
General Meetings are the third Monday at 7 p.m.**

General meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton OH unless otherwise noted. These meetings are free and open to the public. We have a brief meeting, followed by refreshments and then a historical topic presentation. Board of Directors meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall. Check our website [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org), Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

**Jul 14<sup>th</sup> – Hoover Park Festival 1-5 pm at Hoover Park**

**Jul 15<sup>th</sup> – Demise of the William McKinley Home – Presenters Richard Haldi and Judith Pockock**

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Scams and How to Avoid Them – Presenter Stark County Sheriff's Department**

**Sep 14<sup>th</sup> – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm**

**Sep 16<sup>th</sup> – Life of R. G. Drage, Educator – Presenter Darlene Drage**

### **Recent Donations**

- Taft Elementary School – Tile Mosaic, Architect rendering of school
- Meers family – Information on the Plain Township Fire Dept
- Mike Rand – 1830s Civil Case Docket ledger

### **Endowment Donations**

- Paul Tolin and McDonald's Fundraiser

### Endowment Giving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to:

Plain Township Historical Society  
C/o Endowment  
2600 Easton St NE  
Canton, OH 44721

Or SCF Online:

[www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical](http://www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical)

In Partnership with ...



PTHS is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

### Dues Form

DUES RUN FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want to join - Check One (Annual):

- |                                     |        |                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student    | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron       | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 10.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | 100.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family     | 20.00  | Life Time Dues:                       |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | 35.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual   | 250.00  |
|                                     |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family       | 500.00  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is open to everyone who wishes to promote our Mission.

Please make check payable to: Plain Township Historical Society

Mail this form and check to:

Plain Township Historical Society  
C/o Membership  
2600 Easton St NE  
Canton, OH 44721

**Preserving History since 2005.**

## Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

Jul 15th, 2024

Demise of the William McKinley Home

The story of how the former home of a president was left to fall into disrepair and be dismantled.

Speaker: Richard Haldi -  
Judith Pocock



Come and Join us for a free meeting.

7-9PM at the Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE

### Plain Township Historical Society Off To The Races

Saddle up and load into the gate, we are off to the races. Make sure you have your fancy hat ready and a mint julep in your hand. Let us make a "Run for the Roses," "Run for the Black Eyed Susans," and "Run for the Carnations." This triple crown event is sure to be a winner no matter who you bet on. I mean support. Pick a horse to support from our lineup of triple crown winners. Each one is representing archival supplies. Let us see who wins. The horse with the most support wins.

Please include your name and the Triple Crown winner. Checks can be dropped off at the Plain Township Offices 2600 Easton St NE, mailed to PTHS 2600 Easton St NE Canton OH 44721, brought to a meeting or given to one of our Board Members. Thank you for helping to fulfill our wish list.

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| <p><b>8.5"x11" Plastic Sleeve Protectors 600 Pack</b></p> <p>Cost \$30 each</p>  <p>Justify 2018 Triple Crown</p>                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Archival Storage Box 3" O-Ring Binder</b></p> <p>Cost \$40 Each</p>  <p>American Pharoah 2015 Triple Crown</p>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Photo Sleeves for 3x5 and 4x6 Photos</b></p> <p>Cost \$10 each</p>  <p>Affirmed 1978 Triple Crown</p>                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Archival Boxes for Quilts and Coverlets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaac Shaefer Coverlet</li> <li>Pocock Family Coverlet</li> <li>Sunflower Applique Quilt</li> <li>1978 Quilt</li> </ul> <p>Cost \$50 each</p>  <p>Seattle Slew 1977 Triple Crown</p> |
| <p><b>Archival Boxes for Textiles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child's Dress from Vicary Family</li> <li>Boy Scout Uniform</li> <li>Fireman Apparel</li> </ul> <p>Cost \$25 each</p>  <p>Gitation 1948 Triple Crown</p> | <p><b>Endowment Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General</li> <li>Scholarship</li> <li>Any Amount</li> </ul>  <p>Secretariat 1973 Triple Crown Winner</p>                                                                                                      |

