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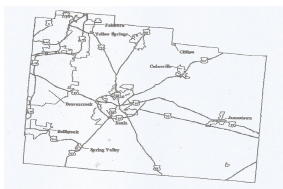
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Greene County Ohio
Historical Society
74 West Church Street
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Hours: 12 noon to 4 PM
Tuesday-Friday
12 to 3:30 PM Saturday
Closed Sunday & Monday

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Current board members:

President Sheryl Baker,
Andrew Brody, Vice President
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Jane Langan, Jim Langan,
Secretary Nick Shank, Debbie
Swigart, Ben Thompson, and
Member-at-Large Ann Wolf.

October is dues month, as many of you know. Pay on the website, call the office, or send a check in the mail (how historical). Your “paid through” date appears on your mailing label. A form is in this issue if any of your info has changed.



Next meeting will feature Beaver Creek Historical Society [tentative], on Sept. 8, 2025 at 7 PM. On October 13, 2025, we will have a program on the John Allen house, East Second St. All GCHS meetings are open to the public, and occur on the 2nd Monday of each month except January & February.

Excerpts from the Past

Xenia Daily Gazette, 18 Oct 1901: The Little Miami Traction Co. Changes Its Name To Springfield & Xenia.

The dispatches from Columbus yesterday contain the information that the incorporation papers for the Little Miami Traction Co. have been amended so that the road will hereafter be known as the Springfield and Xenia Traction Co.

The change in the name has made some little comment about the city, and there was considerable curiosity as to what the change might signify. A Gazette man called on Mr John P. Martin this morning and requested some light on the subject, and was told that the matter had no special significance and that the change was made from the fact that it was more appropriate to that end of the line.

He was asked as to the probability of the line from Xenia to Cincinnati being built, and stated most positively that it would be constructed, the arrangements having been completed for it. He stated further that it was now the plan to build the road from Columbus to Cincinnati via Xenia.

Mr Martin thinks that in time Xenia will become the centre of a net work of electric lines and the prospects for the city in that direction are particularly bright at this time. With the two lines from Dayton, the one now building from Springfield, a line that is sure to be built from Wilmington and several other projects in view, Xenia will be well kept in touch with all surrounding territory.

Xenia Daily Gazette, 17 Apr 1909: Pioneer Rope Maker Dies Friday Evening.

John Schonling, who came to this country from Germany when a young man and who is accredited with stating the first rope factory in Xenia, died Friday at 4:30 p.m. o'clock at the age of 79 years. His death occurred at the home of Mrs Rockafield, of Scott street, who had cared for him for some time. ... Mr Schonling is said to have started and operated a little ropewalk, which he later sold to the Hooven Allison Company. His little factory was converted into a large rope making establishment and it is now one of the biggest in the country.

There are no relatives with the exception of an adopted son, Jacob Schonling, who resides on Center street. His wife died a number of years ago and there were no children. The funeral will take place at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the services will be conducted by Rev Amos Cook.

Thank You For Donating

In response to a request from the fundraising committee, the newsletter will now contain a list of people who have recently donated. If you wish your donation to remain completely anonymous, please notify the office.

Business

Jamie's Tire & Service
Nick's Restaurant

Individuals

Florence C.
Bill C.

Musings from the Executive Director

You may notice the newsletter is a tad late. I apologize, but my husband Nick and I were on vacation. Two glorious weeks! I really needed the time away; loving history is one thing, waking up at 2 AM thinking about building repairs is too much. We went on a cruise on the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers, witnessing beautiful scenery and interesting history. Of course, we visited some historic sites and museums – the one museum I particularly wanted to get into was the Dackelmuseum in Regensburg. It has thousands of dachshund related items: paintings, figurines, plush toys, &c. To see the first Olympic games official mascot, a dachshund called Waldi, go to the website

<https://www.olympics.com/en/olympic-games/munich-1972/mascot>

or visit the Dackelmuseum, which has an entire display dedicated to this colorful little figure.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Marilyn Hanlin, wife of Harold, who died in June. Welcome to new members Bret Boggs of Jamestown, and Kay Reimers of Yellow Springs.

Until next time, Catherine Wilson

Ghost Walk Dates Coming Soon!

Check our website at www.gchsxo.org for the dates of our 2025 ghost walks. There will be 3 options this year - one will be in the Trebein-Flynn house only, and 2 routes on North King & Galloway Streets.

Message from the President

It's hard to believe we are looking ahead to 2026. We will have a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The position is a 3 year term beginning on 1 January. Duties are:

1. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall conduct all of the business of the Society.
2. The Board of Directors may reserve for itself certain business affairs of the Society. These reserved affairs shall be approved by action of the Board of Directors, and communicated to the Executive Committee and membership.
3. The Board of Directors shall establish an operating policy handbook, to be reviewed annually.
4. None of the acts of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee shall be in conflict with the action taken by the membership, nor in conflict with the stated purpose of the Society.
5. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will follow guidelines of the Corporation's mission statement to
 - Ensure that the members of the Board annually disclose interests that could be actual or potential conflicts of interest.
 - Ensure the Corporation regularly and consistently monitors and enforces compliance with a Conflict of Interest statement.

The Board of Directors shall meet in January for the election of officers and member-at-large, and at least three other times during the year, once each quarter (January, April, September, and December), to transact such business as may come before it.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, contact the office for the application.

Regards, Sheryl Baker

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GCHS Calendar
September-October 2025

Office hours all month: Tuesday-Friday noon to 4 PM; Saturday noon to 3:30 PM

- Monday, 8 Sep: Full board, 5:45 PM
- Monday, 8 Sep: Beaver Creek Historical Society, 7 PM
- Sunday, 14 Sep: private group, 2-5 PM
- Sunday, 21 Sep: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM
- Monday, 13 Oct: Executive committee, 5:45 PM
- Monday, 13 Oct: John Allen house, 7 PM
- Sunday, 19 Oct: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM

Carriage House Quilters meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.
Railroad Display Committee is on hiatus for now.

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