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ON THE COVER:

On the Cover: The historic Midland Theatre in downtown Newark. Opened in 1928, you'll have the chance to see this gem up close during the 2024 Heritage Ohio Annual Conference on October 15-17, 2024, including during the annual awards and film festival. Find out more about what is happening at the conference on page 6, or visit heritageohioconference.com.

Executive Director Note

In 2023, Heritage Ohio received a transformative, two-year allocation from the Ohio General Assembly, which allowed us to step back and take a broad audit of how the organization has provided services to our Ohio Main Street Programs (OMSP), how we've engaged our preservation partners, and how we've supported other communities across the state with which we might not work on a regular basis. Over the past twelve months, we have made some significant changes both internally and externally, and we're thrilled to begin to see the results of this investment.

Revitalization through the Main Street program is something that you know when you see it, but it's often hard to quantify the results of special events, downtown beautification, and small business support. Each affiliate OMSP community is required to complete monthly statistics for their district, tracking job creation, housing development, public/private investments, volunteer hours donated, event attendance, and several other items. Heritage Ohio developed a template for OMSP communities to show the value of their work, and the results are impressive! With twenty-one communities reporting statistics for 2023, cumulatively, they achieved \$14,949,197 in economic impact through 607 special events, saw 77 new businesses open that created 273 net full-time jobs and 248 net part-time jobs. Exterior improvements were made on over 130 facades, and nearly 2,000 downtown housing units were created. Over 40,000 hours of volunteer time was tracked, with a value of over \$3 million in donated time. There was over \$10m in private rehabilitation investment, and nearly \$33.5m in public rehabilitation investment made. These are impressive numbers, and we look forward to reporting back to the State on some of these outcomes.

The allocation also allowed us to restructure the OMSP fees, offering incentives for timely payment, receiving accreditation, and for being part of the program. Currently, we have 20 Affiliate Main Streets, 21 Aspiring Main Streets, and 5 Community Members that participate. As part of the outcomes for the funding, we will be adding another ten program communities over the next two years. Through a competitive process to receive a reduced rate on the Downtown Assessment Revitalization Team (DART) visit, Canton, Niles, Urbana, and Waverly will begin the process of becoming part of the OMSP family.

One of the most exciting changes at Heritage Ohio has been the addition of Lorna Swisher to the team as our Assistant Director of Revitalization. Swisher, a nearly 30-year Main Street veteran in Piqua, will focus on services and training provided to existing communities, allowing Frances Hamilton, Director of Revitalization, to focus on supporting new programs through the DART visits.

As we travel around the state discussing preservation, we usually get a lot of questions on proper building maintenance, preventative care for structures, and best practices for rehabilitation. To better assist communities with preservation education, we've created the Preservation Assessment Workshop, featuring Dave Mertz, Director Emeritus, Belmont College. These 1.5 day workshops feature an evening presentation on general historic structure maintenance and best practices, as a full day assessment of 4-6 historic downtown buildings.

Heritage Ohio is excited to return to beautiful Newark, Ohio, for our annual conference, and to highlight some of its incredible architecture, including the Home Building Association Bank. Designed by renowned architect, Louis Sullivan, the bank opened in 1915, and was one of eight jewel box banks he designed across the Midwest. "The Old Home", as it is known locally, features a stunning exterior of glazed terra cotta block and glass mosaic ornamentation, but the real showstoppers are the original Sullivan stencils on the interior. The bank is currently being restored by the Licking County Foundation, and will be featured as one of our hard-hat tours during the conference.

Would you like your preservation project featured in Revitalize Ohio? Send a 500-750 word article and a few great images to mwiederhold@heritageohio.org for consideration.



Matt Wiederhold,
Executive Director of Heritage Ohio



Heritage Ohio Annual Conference

Join us in beautiful downtown Newark on October 15-17, 2024 for "World Heritage Throughout the Heartland". The 33rd Annual Heritage Ohio Historic Preservation and Downtown Revitalization conference is presented by Sandvick Architects and Coon Restoration, in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio History Connection, with major support from the Ohio Department of Development, GBX Group, Park National Bank, and Robertson Construction. Held over three days, the conference will feature over 40 educational sessions, numerous tours, our Annual Awards and Film Festival, and our signature Legacy Circle Reception.

The 2024 conference will give attendees an outstanding opportunity to broaden the traditional definition of historic preservation by visiting and studying the Newark Earthworks. Recently inscribed as the newest UNESCO World Heritage Site in the United States, the Earthworks include several sites built by the Hopewell culture between 100-500 AD, including the Great Circle Earthworks and the Octagon Earthworks. The site is the largest surviving Hopewell earthwork complex in North America.

The conference begins on Tuesday, October 15th, with a full-day workshop focused on Ohio's building code, starting with an introduction to the code, followed by a deep dive discussion focused on the recent updates to Chapter 34, sometimes known as the Alternative Building Code. Tuesday will also feature a downtown design charrette workshop, Main Street 101, and sessions focused on workforce housing and development. That evening, we officially kick off the festivities with our annual Awards Ceremony and Film Festival at the historic Midland Theatre as we celebrate

the great work being done around the state. The Film Fest features short films featuring some of the exceptional preservation and revitalization work that is taking place around the state.

Chief Billy Friend, of the Wyandotte Nation, will deliver the opening plenary session on Wednesday morning, followed by a full day of educational sessions and tours. Several sessions will focus on the UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with back-to-back sessions with SHPO on the National Register of Historic Places, and important tools for Main Street communities. Following sessions and tours, join us in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel for our Vendor Reception, where you can make connections, network, and get the information you need to support your projects. The Legacy Circle Reception, hosted by GBX Group, on Wednesday evening will feature a sneak peek at the incredible Newark Arcade project, along with delicious snacks and drinks. Featured sessions on Thursday will discuss preservation financing tools, preservation advocacy, downtown development in small communities, and much more.

In addition to the UNESCO site, Newark features several "newer" architectural gems, such as the 1909 Newark Arcade, the 1915 Home Building Association Bank designed by celebrated architect Louis Sullivan, the 1928 Midland Theatre, and the 1929 Dawes Arboretum. Many of these sites are featured as tours during the conference.

For more information and to register, please visit heritageohioconference.com.

2024 Appalachia Heritage Luncheon

Nominations being accepted for Success Stories from the region

For over ten years, Ohio's Hill Country Heritage Area, in partnership with Heritage Ohio, and sponsored by AEP, has hosted an annual Appalachian Heritage Luncheon, which celebrates Appalachian heritage, culture, traditions, and natural resources of the 32-county region. The event is held in the atrium of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus and is scheduled for December 17th, 2024. For tickets and more information, please visit our website, heritageohio.org.

Nominations are still being accepted for awards of recognition. To learn more about past honorees, please visit Ohio's Hill Country Heritage Area's webpage. To submit a nomination, please go to <https://shorturl.at/lecnP>. Nominations are due September 30th, 2024.

Upcoming Events

REVITALIZATION SERIES WORKSHOP

Organizational Capacity Building for Boards & Staff
September 17
Tipp City

HERITAGE OHIO ANNUAL PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE

October 15 – 17
Newark

WEBINAR

Ephemera, Artifacts & Photographs, Oh My! Tackling Conservation & Preservation Quandaries
November 6

APPALACHIA HERITAGE LUNCHEON

December 17
Columbus

Meet Chief Billy Friend

The Chief of the Wyandotte Nation will be Our Keynote Speaker at the Heritage Ohio Conference in October



Billy Friend began working for the Wyandotte Nation in 1998 as fitness center manager. Since that time, he was promoted to human resource director, director of health services, casino manager, and Chief of Staff.

In 2006, he was elected to the position of Second Chief. In this role, he served under Chief Leaford Bearskin, whom he considered his mentor and friend. In 2011, Chief Bearskin stepped down and Billy began his first term. Chief Friend was elected in 2013.

In his first term, Chief Friend established goals of economic development and self-sufficiency for the Wyandotte Nation and its people. In addition to his role as Chief, Mr. Friend serves on the board of directors for the Ohio History Connection, serves as vice chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association and is a delegate for the National Indian Gaming Association.

Under Chief Friend's leadership, the Wyandotte Nation economically has grown to over 800 employees, with gross

revenues of tribal enterprises producing over \$100 million dollars, which helps fund and subsidize all of the tribal social service programs.

Many new programs have emerged for the Wyandotte people during Chief Friend's tenure began. Assisting up to 30 youth each summer, ages 16 – 22, the intern program is one that Chief Friend is most proud of. This opportunity allows for Wyandotte Tribal Citizens to come to work and see firsthand how the organization operates and prides itself in improving the quality of lives of those served and also to the community at large.

Furthermore, Chief Friend established the first ever tribal town hall meetings as a way of reaching out to the over 4,000 Wyandotte tribal citizens who live outside the state of Oklahoma. This effort was made to help reconnect them to their tribal heritage.

Billy Friend and his wife, Kelly, have 4 sons, Caleb, Cade, Brant, Bryson and 1 daughter, Chloe. Caleb and his wife Kayla have twin boys, Cohen and Emrys.

This article's content courtesy of the Wyandotte Nation.

What Not to Miss in Downtown Newark

Stroll through downtown Newark on a sunny afternoon and whether you're toting a proverbial microscope or a wide-angle lens, you're bound to find something that will give you pause — in the best possible way.

Here, you can "zoom in" on the historic Sullivan Building, anchoring the west side of Newark's Courthouse Square with a display of finesse and craftsmanship. From the painstakingly placed mosaic tiles that form the words on the building's second level to the intricate stonework

that adorns its facade, these unique flourishes offer a new point of interest at each examination. The building, located at One North Third Street, is one of eight "jewel box" banks in the country designed by American architect Louis Sullivan. Constructed in 1914, it has seen customers come and go in its iterations as a meat market, jewelry store and ice cream shop, among others; now, the structure is undergoing

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2024 HERITAGE OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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TUESDAY, 10/15								
8:30AM - 3:00PM 9:00AM - 12:00PM 1:00 -3:30 PM 3:45 - 4:45 PM 4 - 5:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Registration							
				Intro to Building Code <i>Melinda Shah</i>				
		Planning for the Future: The Licking County Framework	Downtown Design Charrette <i>Craig Gossman & Danielle Steinhauser</i>	Advanced Building Code <i>Arne Goldman</i>				
		Historic Properties & Affordable Housing in Ohio's Appalachia Region <i>Brent Lane</i>	Main Street 101	Advanced Building Code <i>Arne Goldman</i>				
	Heritage Ohio Board Meeting							
	Heritage Ohio Awards & Film Festival Midland Theatre							
WEDNESDAY, 10/16								
Tours Depart from Lobby								
7:30 AM - 1:30 PM 8:30 - 9:30 AM 9:45 - 10:45 AM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration							
	Opening and Welcome: Chief Billy Friend - Midland Theatre							
	1st Morning Session	Returning the Wyandot Mission Church <i>Betsy Bowen & Chief Billy Friend</i>	Story Maps for Historical & Architectural References <i>Todd Peetz</i>	The National Register of Historic Places: Stating Significance & Assessing Historic Integrity <i>Barb Powers & Mary Rody</i>	Apocalypse No: Main Street Retailing - Now More than Ever <i>Kathleen Norris</i>	Youth Retention	Downtown Newark Infrastructure Tour Aaron Domini <i>Ticket Required</i>	Newark Arcade Tour - General Audience <i>Ticket Required</i>
		2nd Morning Session	The Path to UNESCO <i>Jen Aultman & Chief Billy Friend</i>	Financing Revitalization Projects <i>Kristi Tanner</i>	The National Register of Historic Places: Creating & Amending National Register Historic Districts <i>Barb Powers & Mary Rody</i>	Urality Presentation <i>Matt Wiederhold & Justin Copenhaver</i>		OTR Infill Guidelines <i>Graham Kalbli & Frank Russell</i>

1:30 - 3:00 PM	1st Afternoon Session	Getting the Right People at the Table for Downtown Revitalization	Fire Protection & Life Safety for Historic Buildings <i>Scott Voelkerding</i>	Ohio & Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits <i>Mariangela Pfister & Lisa Brownell</i>	Advocacy Updates with the Chair of ACHP <i>Sara Bronin</i>	Explore Licking County <i>Dan Moder</i>	Newark Earthworks Bus Tour <i>Brad Lepper & Jen Aultman</i>		
3:15 - 4:45 PM	2nd Afternoon Session	Debunking the Parking MYTH with Facts <i>Ben Levenger</i>	Fundraising	Financial Tools for Successful Rehabilitation Projects <i>Gordon Goldie, Nathan Ware, & Marie Hickie</i>	Expanding the Downtown <i>Jeff Hall</i>	Low-Cost High-Impact Events <i>Frances Jo Hamilton</i>		<i>Ticket Required</i>	3:30 PM Home Building Association Bank Tour
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Exhibitor Reception								
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Legacy Circle Reception - Hosted by GBX Group <i>Sponsored by Marous Brothers Construction</i>								
7:30 - 9:30 PM	Ohio Main Street & Young Ohio Preservationists Networking <i>Sponsored by OHM Advisors</i>								
THURSDAY, 10/17									
Tours									
7:30 - 10:30 AM	Registration								
8:30 - 9:30 AM	1st Morning Session	Nature as Living History <i>Leslie Wagner & Greg Payton</i>	The Single Family Tax Credit Program <i>Carrie Manno</i>	African-American Resources & The National Register <i>Diamond Crowder</i>	Non-Profit Utilization of Tax Credits for Projects <i>Chad Arfons</i>	Outdoor Recreation & Experiential Tourism <i>Melinda Huntley</i>	Newark Arcade - Industry Professionals Tour <i>Fred Ernest</i>	<i>Ticket Required</i>	
9:45 - 10:45 AM	2nd Morning Session	Symbolism in Cemeteries <i>Krista Horrocks</i>	Corporate Site Selection & Quality of Place <i>David Robinson</i>	Workshop: Surveying Homes & Workplaces <i>Petra Knapp & Carrie Simmons</i>	Revitalizing Your Community When No Developer is on the Way <i>Amy Sealts</i>	Preservation Assessments for Downtown Commercial Blocks <i>Dave Mertz & Frank Quinn</i>	10:30 am - 12:30 pm Dawes Arboretum Tour	Downtown Newark Tour Nathalie Wright & Jeff Gill	
11:00 - 12:00 PM	3rd Morning Session	Substitute Materials <i>Sanyog Rathod</i>	Pick Your Plan <i>Craig Gossman & Danielle Steinhauser</i>	Workshop: Surveying Homes & Workplaces <i>Petra Knapp & Carrie Simmons</i>	The Shifting Landscape of Advocacy in Ohio <i>Gene Krebs & Sean Logan</i>	Getting from "Eww" to "Ooo": Changing Community Perceptions of the Downtown <i>Jeff Hall</i>		<i>Ticket Required</i>	<i>Ticket Required</i>

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meticulous preservation efforts in its preparation to house Explore Licking County.

Not far to the north, the sunlight-drenched Arcade is undergoing its own restoration in preparation for a future that aims to be as bright as the days it left behind. Once a vibrant stretch of commerce and activity — from shops to dining spots to rumored speakeasies — the century-old Arcade that formerly saw droves of shoppers, performers and entrepreneurs was purchased in 2019 by the Newark Development Partners. The organization hopes to make the glass-roofed Arcade once again a hub of activity, designating space for retail, dining and apartments.

On the northeast corner of Courthouse Square, the historic Midland Theatre rises as a testament to the resilience and ability of the arts to transform a community. Built in 1928, the 1,800-seat theatre spent half a century entertaining and enlightening local audiences until its closure in 1978 after falling into disrepair. Purchased in 1992 by Dave Longaberger, the theater underwent eight years of reparations to reopen in 2000; it has remained a fixture in downtown Newark ever since, thrilling audiences young and old with performances by names such as Garrison Keillor, “Weird Al” Yankovich, Pat Benatar, LeAnn Rimes, Travis Tritt and others. The venue also showcases local talent, including The Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra and an annual performance of The Nutcracker by the Central Ohio Youth Ballet.

With your lens “zoomed out,” be sure to take a moment to stroll down the sidewalk and appreciate the small touches that make this walkable downtown a gem: The picturesque Licking County Courthouse, with its impressive architecture and shaded lawn; the wide sidewalks adorned with seasonal flora; and plenty of places to duck in for a cup of coffee or meal while enjoying the view.

On the square alone, dining options range from the casual — the salads and sandwiches at Chickie’s General Store (2 N. Park Pl.) are as fresh as they come, and taco lovers are certain to find a new favorite, along with a fun, relaxed vibe at MNCHS Kitchen (56 W. Main St.) — to the leisurely: A dinner at 1922 on the Square (10 N. Park Pl.), whose signature cocktails and one-of-a-kind dishes aim to delight the senses, or the new Mariposa Mexican restaurant (5 N. Third St.) is certainly a time to be savored.

Looking for “just a little something to tide you over”? For a sweet treat (and excellent photo op), try Drip Dreams Ice Cream (17 W. Main St.); coffee connoisseurs should cruise toward the north side of the Square just down the street from the Midland, where River Road Coffeehouse (26 N. Park Pl.) serves up all the perk you need to make it through a grueling afternoon (or—who are we kidding?—any afternoon). Or wind down with a glass of wine at Buckeye Winery (25 N. Third St.), whose vast selection of locally bottled wine offers something to suit everyone’s taste buds.

If the day leaves you with a few minutes to spare, stop into Kicks Mix Bookstore and browse the vast selection of new and used tomes, spread out between two floors. (Bonus if you spy one of the cats!) On Fridays and Tuesdays from June through September (check the website for hours), the Canal Market offers fresh produce and goods from its open-air location at 36 E. Canal St., just south of Courthouse Square.

If you have time for a drive, be sure to take the short trip to the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, recently designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site — the location at 455 Hebron Road (Ohio 79, between Newark and Heath) is one of eight in the state.

Whether you’re admiring an ancient mound, a historic building or sampling a fantastic dish, a day in Newark promises to be one to remember — and return to, again and again.

Article courtesy of Explore Licking County



Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks



Longaberger basket building

PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS

Heritage Ohio is pleased to announce our newest program initiative, Preservation Assessment Workshops (PAW), funded in part with an allocation from the Ohio General Assembly. Communities may sign up to host a PAW at a significantly reduced rate of \$500, which consists of an evening lecture (free and open to the public) where a preservation specialist will discuss building problems and general maintenance common to many older and historic buildings, followed the next day with one-on-one building assessments.

Heritage Ohio has engaged the expertise of Prof. Emeritus, David R. Mertz, to administer this new program. Mertz served as the director of the Building Preservation/Restoration Program at Belmont College in St. Clairsville, OH, since the program's inception in 1989 until his retirement in 2023. The Belmont Program is seen as a national model for trades-based technical education in historic preservation and has been copied across the country. Mertz has also served as President and Vice-President of the Preservation Trades Network and was

awarded their 2014 Askins Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the Preservation Trades. During the workshop visit, Mertz will meet with building owners, tour the properties, and discuss potential problem areas with the building owners, and provide suggestions for addressing these maintenance issues.

The cost to host a PAW is \$3,000. For a limited time, Heritage Ohio is able to subsidize up to eight community workshops at \$2,500 each, meaning communities only need to raise \$500 to bring this valuable program to their downtown. In addition to the workshop fee, communities need to secure commitments from 4-6 property owners with downtown historic buildings interested in having a basic building assessment conducted at their property. Priority will be given to historic commercial buildings located in central business districts.

If you think the PAW might be helpful for your community, please contact Frank Quinn at Heritage Ohio, fquinn@heritageohio.org, for more information.

Saved, Threatened, Demolished

Saved - Morristown

The long-term preservation of Morristown's historic Black Horse Inn has been secured thanks to the recent announcement of a \$3.9 million grant by Governor Mike DeWine. The grant will prepare the building to house the Underground Railroad Museum, currently located in Flushing. Property stakeholders hope to secure additional funding to renovate the second floor, allowing the building to once again welcome overnight guests in historic lodging.



The Black Horse Inn began welcoming weary travelers over 200 years ago and will soon welcome museum goers interested in learning about the history of the Underground Railroad

History abounds locally as the oldest section of the inn likely dates to 1807, and the Village of Morristown features many intact 1800s buildings reflecting its heritage as a "pike town" located on the National Road.

Threatened - Toledo Churches

As congregations continue to dwindle and maintenance costs of buildings continue to rise, many historic churches are in the crosshairs of religious leaders looking to downsize. The City of Toledo, however, has adopted an innovative approach to stemming the irreplaceable loss of its religious building fabric: the city recently issued a one-year moratorium on approving demolition permits for community buildings like historic churches. Local preservation stakeholders hope the temporary reprieve provides an opportunity to strategize preservation plans acceptable to everyone involved, saving these community beacons from the landfill.

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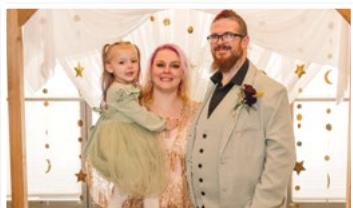
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Finalists Named for the 2024 Heritage Ohio Annual Awards

Next month, Heritage Ohio will honor the best of Ohio's historic preservation and community revitalization movement at the 2024 Heritage Ohio Annual Awards in Newark on Tuesday, October 15th. This year, we will be honoring people, projects, and places in 10 award categories.

Join us in congratulating the finalists. We hope you can join us at the Midland Theatre at 6:00 pm to see who wins each category on October 15th.

BEST MAIN STREET COMMITTEE PROJECT AWARD



Elope at the Eclipse
Downtown Tiffin



The Buoy Tree
Main Street Vermilion



Kent Total Eclipse 2024
Main Street Kent

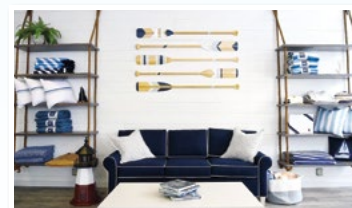
MAIN STREET BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD



Barclay's Men's-Women's Clothier
Piqua



Bell Tower Brewing
Kent



Erie & Anchor
Vermilion

BEST DOWNTOWN PLACEMAKING AWARD



Lock 9 Park
Piqua



The Downtown Mayfield-Green District
South Euclid



The Ottawa EndZone
Ottawa

BEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION – LARGE COMMUNITY AWARD



The Overmyer Building
Toledo



Longfellow Senior Living
Cleveland



Barber-Farris Produce Warehouse
Toledo

BEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION – SMALL COMMUNITY AWARD



3 & 5 South Winter Street
Delaware



Rainbow Row
Bellefontaine



The Sanford Building
Kent

BEST RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION AWARD



The Robb & Shellie Mack Home
Tiffin



The Moore-Knight House
Cincinnati

BEST HISTORIC THEATER RESTORATION AWARD



The Mayflower Theater
Troy



The Drexel Theatre
Bexley



**The Ariel-Ann Carson Dater
Performing Arts Centre**
Gallipolis

YOUNG OHIO PRESERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD



Skylar Mettert (Pictured Left)
Kit Thiell (Pictured Right)
Tiffin



Jack Newton (Standing)
Cleveland

SPIRIT OF MAIN STREET AWARD



Nicole Fowles
Delaware



Shelly Kazmierczak
Wellington



The Reineke Reinbolt Family
Tiffin

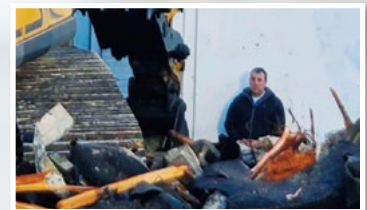
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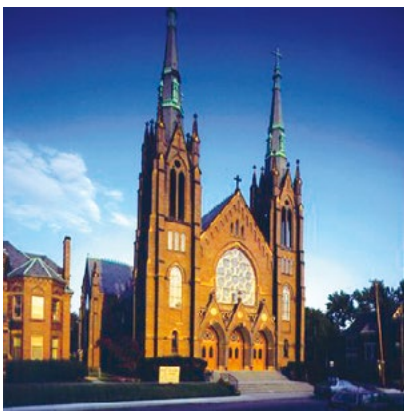
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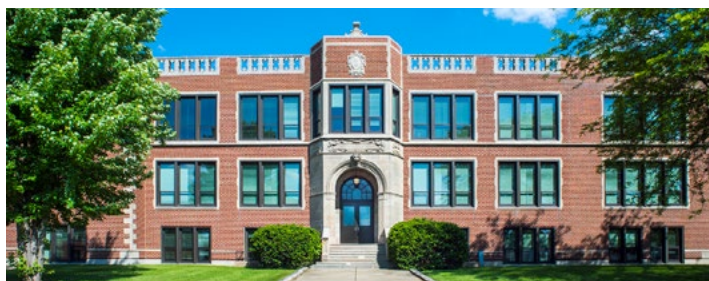
Columbus



On a recent bus tour, Columbus Landmarks highlighted five properties on its annual Most Endangered Properties list. Rebecca Kemper, CEO of Columbus Landmarks, narrated the history and local significance of each property visited. The five buildings include: the round Ohio State Hospital East, which was designed by prominent African American architect Leon Ransom, Jr., who practiced in Columbus in the 1960s. Very few examples of his work remain standing. The Mifflin #5 School House, which is an early 20th century school house that has



had numerous uses. Most recently, it has been home to the Vedic Welfare Society, but it may be sold to a developer who plans to build a 264-unit affordable apartment complex on the property. The 1898 Holy Rosary & St. John Catholic Church, which will be closed in the next year by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. The former Spaghetti Warehouse in Franklinton, which will be demolished and the site redeveloped into a mixed-use development. The Sugar Shack, a 1920's mixed-use structure that housed a notable jazz club, but has sat vacant for decades. Columbus Landmarks is very concerned about the loss of such notable structures within the greater Columbus region.



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Cincinnati

Cincinnati Preservation plans to use a combined \$65,000 in grant funding to conduct a yearlong study focused on identifying and protecting historically significant Black sites. The organization received \$50,000 from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, a program from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as another \$15,000 from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation. Beth Johnson, executive director of Cincinnati Preservation, called the report a potentially "huge step toward" ensuring numerous sites of Black history are not only saved from demolition but also receive recognition for "their cultural significance and rich heritage." (credit: Movers and Makers Cincinnati)

Cleveland

The Cleveland Restoration Society has been at the forefront of preserving important sites on the Cleveland Civil Rights Trail, and in preserving important African-American history. Their latest success was the unveiling of the marker to recognize the Hough Uprising.

By the late 1960s, Hough's population was comprised mostly of Black Americans. Hough's problems were directly related to White flight, mortgage redlining by banks, poor housing, deed restrictions, and threats of violence to Black families who dared to move into White neighborhoods. The



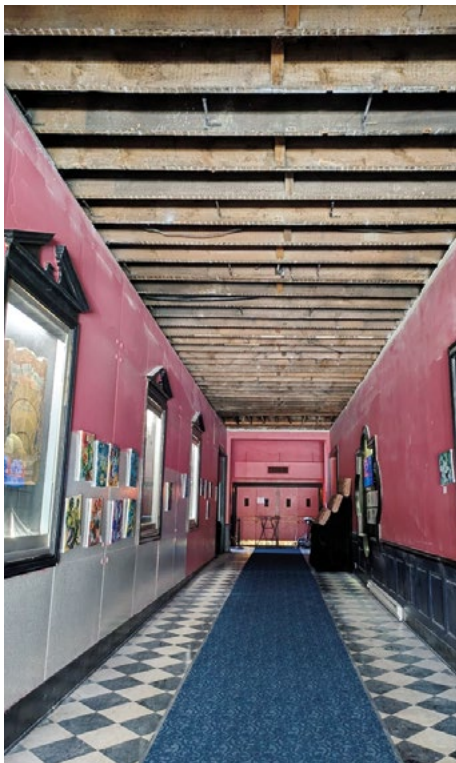
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obstacles Blacks faced attempting to relocate into White neighborhoods due to these restrictions did not help to mitigate their already oppressed living conditions. Sanitation suffered, buildings became dilapidated, schools were inferior and congested, and businesses in the areas continued to be run by White owners who charged predatory prices for goods to a population trapped by poverty and lack of transportation.

In June 1966, tension flared between Whites and Blacks in the Sowinski and Hough neighborhoods. In June, 1966, over five days, the Hough Riots would result in four people dead, over 50 injured, and 275 arrested. (credit: Cleveland Civil Rights Trail)

Middletown



The 1891 Sorg Opera house lobby is undergoing a lobby restoration, which will remove the drop ceiling that was installed in 1947 to modernize the space, and will help restore the entrance back to a more original configuration. During this process, insulation and vapor barriers will be installed, and some period light fixtures will be restored. The restoration is being led by the Sorg Opera Revitalization Group (SORG), a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

News from the State Historic Preservation Office

By Mariangela Pfister

In Round 32, Ohio Historic Preservation Tax credits were awarded to projects all across Ohio. The Ohio Department of Development reviews the financial aspects of applications and makes final award decisions, while the State Historic Preservation Office makes recommendations as to whether buildings are historic and whether the proposed work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Some of the projects awarded this round include the Kroger Bakery Complex in Columbus; the Columbus Carriage Manufacturing Co. Building also in Columbus; the Home Building Association Bank in Newark; 1220 Old River Road in Cleveland; the Electric Building, also in Cleveland; the Mahoning National Bank in Youngstown; the Peoples Savings Bank in Akron; the YWCA also in Akron; the YMCA in Warren; the Spicer Manufacturing Building in Toledo; the Toledo Railways and Lighting Company Building, also in Toledo; the Baker Brother's Wholesale Grocery in Zanesville; 1914 Vine Street in Cincinnati; the Reid Flats also in Cincinnati; the Commodore Apartments in Dayton; and the Municipal Building in Hamilton to name just a few.

The State Historic Preservation Office looks forward to continuing to work with these applicants towards the sensitive and successful completion of their historic rehabilitation projects and the revitalization of these historic buildings.



Commodore Apartments in Dayton



Home Building Association Bank in Newark



Electric Building in Cleveland



Baker Brother's Wholesale Grocery in Zanesville



Structure Column

Form Meets Function in Historic Buildings

By Donald Gillie

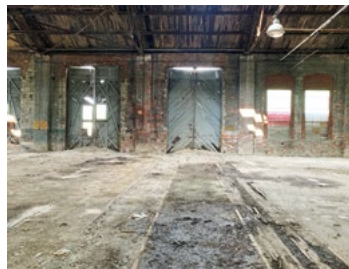
Many structures were constructed to support a specific need or function. These buildings often have unique floor plans that make adapting the structure to a conventional use challenging. The Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad (DT&I) constructed many of these unique buildings in Jackson, Ohio, to service and repair railcars.

This railcar repair shop was constructed with wide open spaces to facilitate maneuvering the cars around the building. Tall wood double leaf doors provide space for the railcars to enter the building. Large overhead bridge cranes rolled back and forth across the building to lift and move heavy components. The building has several wings that enclosed specific functions, and large openings in the roof and walls provided light throughout the structure.

The roof framing primarily consists of riveted steel trusses that support wood plank decking. This framing sits on

pilasters built into the multi-wythe brick masonry walls or were supported by built up steel columns. Frequently spaced along the length of the building, large columns were used to support the roof framing and rails for the bridge crane. Additions were framed with conventional steel framing.

The style and condition of the building make it difficult to be brought back into service. Like many structures of this era, the old soft mortar has eroded and many areas require tuck pointing and brick repairs. The roof decking has been exposed to water from deteriorated roofing, which has caused it to rot and steel roof trusses may require reinforcement to meet modern building codes. Although the structure can be repaired, perhaps the most challenging problem is finding a use for such a large open building in a rural area.



What's Up with Young Ohio Preservationists

By Abby Marshall, Young Ohio Preservationist Representative

This year has been a busy one for the statewide group dedicated to connecting young professionals in the historic preservation field. Housed under Heritage Ohio, Young Ohio Preservationists (YOP) is dedicated to providing opportunities for young professionals to network across the state through events that highlight preservation work in Ohio communities. Partnering with non-profit organizations, architecture firms and developers, and local businesses, YOP has opened opportunities for young professionals in the field to explore rehabilitation projects and trades in the preservation field.

Where We've Been

Cory United Methodist Church in Cleveland, Peter's Cartridge Factory outside of Cincinnati, and the Ford Motor Company Branch Assembly Plant in Columbus are among some of the rehabilitation projects that the group visited to learn about how the rehabilitation tax credit program is being applied to historic buildings across the state. All National Register of Historic Places properties, these examples of historically significant buildings that have been adaptively reused or rehabilitated provide education to how

preservation work can be used as an economic tool and how following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation allows for historically sensitive rehabilitation to these structures.

Additionally, YOP members have been gaining experience and education in the field through conference attendance such as the National Preservation Easements Conference in Cleveland, the Columbus Landmarks Conference in Columbus, and the National Council of Public History Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The ability to network with young professionals across the country at these conferences provides a chance for members to gain an insight into preservation work in other states and grow their network within the preservation field. Members plan to attend the Annual Heritage Ohio Statewide Conference in October where they will have the opportunity to network with professionals across the state of Ohio.

Learning preservation trades is also among the goals that Young Ohio Preservationists have set. In June, the group visited BeauVerre Riordan Studios in Middletown, Ohio. Known as the oldest continuously operating stained-glass

ACHP Announces Draft Program Comment on Accessible, Climate Resilient, Connected Communities

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announced they are developing a Program Comment on Accessible, Climate Resilient, Connected Communities. The draft program comment builds on two policy statements adopted by the ACHP in 2023, the Housing and Historic Preservation Policy Statement and the Climate Change and Historic Preservation Policy Statement. The proposal aims to accelerate historic preservation reviews by providing an alternative path for federal agencies to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) on a broad range of federal projects including housing, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions in buildings, and climate friendly transportation projects.

Section 106 of the NHPA requires that federal agencies consider how proposed actions affect historic resources and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects, but does not dictate an outcome. A program comment is one of five types of program alternatives available in Section 106 regulations that allows the ACHP

to comment on certain categories of federal undertakings instead of commenting on a case by case basis.



The program comment would apply to all agencies proposing to carry out, permit, license, fund, assist, or approve covered federal undertakings and would have a far larger reach and apply more broadly than any program-specific or agency-specific program alternatives developed in the past.

If finalized, this proposal would exempt several activities from further Section 106 review and could have a major impact on how historic preservation reviews are applied to a large range of federal projects and undertakings. The ACHP is accepting questions and written feedback from the public through Oct. 9th and will be holding two consultation meetings in September.

To learn more, please visit https://www.achp.gov/program_alternatives/program_comment/PCs_2024

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studio in the United States, members gained an insight into the history and operation of the studio. Additionally, members were taught how the glass is prepared and were given the opportunity for hands on work – cutting glass themselves. Learning how different trades operate in the preservation field is among the goals of the organization. Plans for window restoration, cemetery preservation, and stained-glass workshops are among those that members can expect to see in the upcoming months.

To stay up to date on events hosted by Young Ohio Preservationists, follow them on Instagram at @youngohiopreservationists. While events and workshops encourage young professionals in the preservation field to attend, all ages are welcome. Any young professionals in the preservation field that are interested in being more involved can contact YOP representative Abby Marshall at amarshall@ohiohistory.org.

The New Ohio Main Street Program

New Tiers & Services Offered to Communities



The Ohio Main Street Program has a new look in 2024, along with new tiers and services to better meet the needs of our member communities.

WHAT IS THE OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The Ohio Main Street Program, administered by Heritage Ohio, works with communities across the state to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas. Based in historic preservation, the Main Street approach was developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to save historic downtown districts, and has become a powerful economic driver. Currently, we have four levels of Main Street programs, Accredited, Affiliate, Aspiring, & Community Member. At all levels, the local community is working diligently to improve their hometown.

The Main Street program is designed to improve all aspects of the downtown or central business district, producing both tangible and intangible benefits. Improving economic management, strengthening public participation, honoring historic preservation and beautification, and making downtown a fun place to visit are critical to recruiting new businesses and residents. Building on downtown's inherent assets — rich architecture, personal service, and traditional

values and most of all, a sense of place — the Main Street approach has rekindled entrepreneurship, downtown cooperation and civic concern. It has earned national recognition as a practical strategy appropriately scaled to a community's local resources and conditions. Because it is a locally driven program, all initiative stems from local issues and concerns.

NEW TIERED PROGRAM

Affiliate Main Streets

The Affiliate Main Street Program is the top level of the Ohio Main Street Program. Member communities operate fully on the principles of the Main Street Approach™.

Accredited Main Streets

For programs passing their annual Progress Visit, they are eligible to be elevated to an Accredited Main Street Program. Accredited programs receive an additional discount of \$1,000 off their annual fee as an Affiliate Main Street Program. In addition, they receive priority funding on all grants provided through the Ohio Main Street Program.

Aspiring Main Streets

The Aspiring Main Street Program, formerly named the Downtown Affiliate Program, is the starting point for any new Ohio Main Street community in the Ohio Main Street Program.

Community Members

This newly created program serves communities that are building capacity toward becoming an Aspiring Main Street Community.

HOW TO GET STARTED

There are two paths to becoming an Ohio Main Street Community.

Sign Up for a DART

The first is to request and complete a Downtown Area Resource Team Visit (DART). This comprehensive analysis of your downtown is completed by our professional staff. Once completed, your community is automatically enrolled as an Aspiring Main Street Community for one year.

Become an Aspiring Main Street

The second is to sign up as a Community Member or Aspiring Main Street Community. We still encourage DART Visits for all communities joining, particularly those with the ambition to become an Affiliate Main Street community.

To learn more about becoming Ohio's next Main Street community, contact Frances Jo Hamilton at fhamilton@heritageohio.org.



	Community Member	Aspiring Main Street	Affiliate Main Street	Accredited Main Street
BENEFITS				
Revitalize Ohio Magazine	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly Webinar Series	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on Workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free Workshop Registration	✗	1 per workshop	Unlimited	Unlimited
Heritage Ohio Annual Conference Registration Discount	1 free basic registration (excludes late registration), all additional at member rate	1 free basic registration (excludes late registration), all additional at member rate	2 free basic registrations (excludes late registration), all additional at member rate	2 free basic registrations (excludes late registration), all additional at member rate
Early-Bird Registration to Main Street Now Conference	✗	1 Registration at 50% Rebate on Early Bird Price	1 Registration at 100% Rebate of Early Bird Price	1 Registration at 100% of Early Bird Price
Access to Heritage Ohio Resource Library	✗	✓	✓	✓
Email, Phone, or Virtual Consultation	2 hrs/mo.	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Free 3 hr. In-Person Service/Training from Our Technical Service Menu	✗	1 per year	1 per year	1 per year
Technical Service Menu Discount	25%	50%	50%	50%
Executive Director Orientation	✗	✓	✓	✓
Access to Executive Director Networking Events	✗	Yes, 2 per year	Yes, 7 per year	Yes, 7 per year
Organizational Usage of Main Street America Trademark	✗	✓	✓	✓
Annual Progress Visit	✗	✗	✓	✓
Access to Executive Director Social Media Group	✗	✗	✓	✓
Access to Executive Director ListServ	✗	✗	✓	✓
Priority for Main Street Grants	✗	✗	✗	✓
FEES				
Annual Fee	\$1,000	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$4,500
Full-Payment Discount Payment by Jan. 1	✗	\$250	\$500	\$500
2024 & 2025 Main Street Grant Eligibility from State of Ohio (\$1,000)	✗	✗	✓	✓
Accreditation Rebate (\$1,000)	✗	✗	✗	✓
REQUIREMENTS				
Monthly Reporting	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required	Required
Downtown Organization with Board	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required	Required
Full-Time Paid Staff	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required	Required
Executive Director Orientation	✗	Encouraged	Required	Required
Attendance at Quarterly Revitalization Series Workshops	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required	Required
Attendance at Quarterly Networking Events	✗	✗	Required	Required
Executed Annual Memorandum of Agreement	✗	✗	Required	Required
Member in Good Standing with Main Street America	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required	Required

Heritage Ohio Selects Four Communities for Downtown Assessment Initiative

Over the next few months, Heritage Ohio will be working with four historic Ohio communities on the potential path to becoming an Ohio Main Street Program as they participate in the Downtown Assessment Resource Team (DART) Program. The communities that will go through the DART process are Canton, Niles, Urbana, and Waverly, which were chosen through a competitive process. A DART is a two-day, deep dive workshop in a community, when Heritage Ohio staff conducts site visits, community visioning and input modeling, walking tours, and interviews with key community stakeholders to determine if there is capacity and local support for a full Main Street program.

The Main Street approach, created in the late 1980s as a model for downtown revitalization, preservation, and economic development, is a nationally respected framework that is followed by over 2,000 communities that value their history and local economy. In Ohio, 46 historic communities are currently part of the Main Street program. Heritage Ohio is the State Coordinating Agency for the Main Street Approach under the direction of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and has administered the Ohio Main Street Program since 1998.

Communities benefit from the Ohio Main Street Program and Main Street America by receiving ongoing technical assistance and training for staff and volunteers such as preservation planning, strategic planning and board development, special event and fundraising planning, small business support, and more. OMSP communities also have the opportunity to participate in the Heritage Ohio Annual Conference, the national Main Street conference, special funding opportunities, ongoing support from Heritage Ohio staff, and much more.

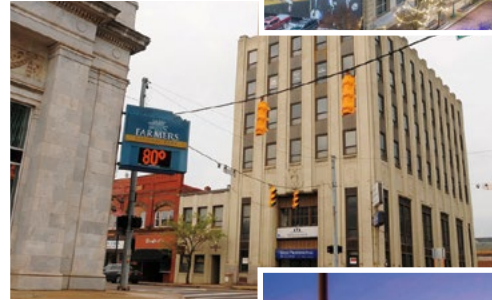
“Downtown Canton believes our prime location, arts, cultural, and historic assets set us up for success. We believe that being a part of the Main Street Program would continue to prove that the City of Canton is committed to honoring the historic preservation and beautification of Downtown Canton and prioritizing the revitalization of our downtown commercial area,” stated Todd Herberghs with the Downtown Canton Partnership.

“Reactivating and having places downtown to draw existing and potential residents to shop, play and socialize are some of our goals. We believe the Main Street program can help the City of Niles, create synched branding, messaging, and marketing materials for Main Street/Niles Downtown area,” wrote Bianca Rozenblad, City of Niles.

Sara Neer, Champaign County Chamber of Commerce shared that some of their goals for Urbana would be “A unified strategic plan, getting all groups on the same page and working towards the same goals, and organizational structure.”



Downtown Canton



Downtown Niles



Downtown Urbana



Downtown Waverly

“The downtown revitalization plan will provide a catalyst for growth in the rest of our community, and by extension, in Pike County as a whole and surrounding communities. Tourism, in particular, will benefit as Waverly and other communities throughout Southern Ohio provide more and more amenities to encourage travelers to come to the region and stay awhile,” offered Shelly Anderson with the Village of Waverly.

The first round of DART visits will take place this fall.

To learn more about Main Street America, please visit <https://mainstreet.org/>.

To learn more about the Ohio Main Street Program, please visit <https://www.heritageohio.org/ohio-main-street-program/>.

To learn more about the DART visit, please visit <https://www.heritageohio.org/services/downtown-assessment/>.

Meet a Main Street Director



Kate Repola
Main Street Vermilion

Hometown: Vermilion, Ohio

What do you love most about your downtown?

I love the pride that Vermilion residents take in their hometown. It is demonstrated

by the numerous organizations and volunteers that work hard to make Vermilion the incredibly special place that it is. Every day we hear about the impact that the residents have. Visitors remark on our quaint downtown, flowers, holiday décor and more. I am always proud to remark that it's all the work of volunteers!

What's your favorite Main Street event?

My favorite Main Street Vermilion event is our Historic Walking Tour. Vermilion has a history worth sharing and we take it seriously here! The tours are filled with engaging stories, history, trivia folklore and fun facts about our 200-year-old harbor town community. Vermilion natives lead the tours, and they always have personal stories to add, some more colorful than others.

Do you have a favorite building in your downtown?

Does our lighthouse count? We are lucky to have Main Street Beach & Park in our historic downtown. It is rare and we know it. Our historic lighthouse is a beacon for boaters on Lake Erie as well as land lovers. Main Street Vermilion was instrumental in the refurbishing of the structure as well as the purchase of a new lens. We continue to promote, educate, and preserve this gem within our historic preservation committee.

Where is your favorite place to vacation or your dream vacation?

I love to travel abroad. The world is big and filled with interesting people and places. Europe holds a special place in my heart as I have been fortunate to travel there with my friends and family, securing memories for a lifetime. Next summer we are headed on a European River Cruise! I can't wait.

Anything else you want to share?

Working in and for my hometown is a privilege and an honor I never saw coming. I am the fifth generation of my family to reside in Vermilion, now raising the 6th. My roots are strong here – but that doesn't hold me back from moving forward. Vermilion is a vibrant community that honors its past – with an eye on the future.



George Sam
Main Street Medina

Hometown: West Newton, PA

What do you love most about your downtown?

Our gem is Medina's Public Square with the Victorian-style Gazebo in the center. Just the

open lawn with shade trees scattered around ... a quiet respite from the street traffic. Then there's all the Victorian-style buildings surrounding the Square!

What's your favorite Main Street event?

My favorite event is Candlelight Walk. It's the kickoff to the holiday shopping season with all the decorations, activities, and music!

Do you have a favorite building in your downtown?

I'm a fan of the Farmer's Exchange building at 302 S. Court Street. It's a 1940s-style feed store with an industrial flair. It certainly celebrates our rural farming heritage ... and it's a historic tax credit project! The shops inside are reminiscent of an original market, with a meat shop, market, café, restaurants and a brewery inside.

Where's your favorite place to vacation or your dream vacation?

Italy is my favorite vacation spot. I've been there several times, but still haven't seen a lot of the regions and old villages.

Anything else you want to share?

I love the Main Street Approach. I'm so glad we have a working model to use as a guide. It keeps us focused and balanced ... especially when we're expected to do and be everything!



"A Summary of My Service with AmeriCorps and the ODNR."

By Alex Cervelli

Mr. Cervelli is an employee of AmeriCorps, as well as the Ohio History Connection and the Ohio History Service Corps, who is working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to survey, document, and assess the condition of various historic properties in Ohio's State Parks. He was contracted to complete 100 Ohio Historic Inventory Forms (OHIs), and 10 National Register Questionnaires (NRQs).

The original scope of my project was to survey historic properties that were constructed during the New Deal Era by agencies like the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and the National Youth Administration (NYA). However, this was later expanded to include properties that were built after the ODNR's founding in 1949 and during the Jame A. Rhodes governorship (1963-71, 1975-83) when it was determined that there were not enough New Deal-era properties for Alex and his coworker to complete their contracts. Later surveyed properties included those used by Ohio's honor camps – work outside of prison for prisoners who were on good behavior; several dams and lakes that later became state parks, and two state park lodges. Various properties in forty-two Ohio state parks were surveyed and added to Ohio's historic inventory, ranging from Harrison Lake State Park (Fulton Co.), Mosquito Lake (Trumbull Co.), and Barkcamp (Guernsey Co.), to Hueston Woods in Butler Co., and to Stonelick State Park down in Warren County.

Going to these state parks, as well as several in between, not only gave me a better appreciation for the state parks as a whole, but also for the state of Ohio with getting to see all corners of the state; an appreciation for the state parks not only because they are freely accessible to the public but also because of the amount of work that went into each of them, and an appreciation for Ohio after getting to see the breadth of its natural beauty.

It was fascinating to see the extent that the New Deal agencies went to, not only to cooperate with one-another but also the lengths at which they went to develop these areas into the parks they are today. Including the contributions made by the ODNR and the developments of the lakes and dams by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Ohio, it provides even greater context and clarity as to how these parks developed. The most astounding fact I found while researching all this was how much work the men of the CCC were able to accomplish while stationed at the various work camps in Ohio. These camps operated on a six-month enrollment period and only had around 200 men in them, not including the Army officers that oversaw the camps. Camps were disbanded or abandoned and companies were changed as needed, and despite this, they were still able to landscape and reforest large portions of land. A prominent example that still exists today is the network of trails, stone bridges, and shelter houses that can

be found throughout Hocking Hills State Park. For the WPA, their work in the state parks is most evident in Blue Rock, Tar Hollow, and Zaleski State Parks, which were all developed under their Land Utilization Project.

During this survey term, there were a few structures that I surveyed that stood out to me. One in particular was a shelter house in the Cantwell Cliffs area of Hocking Hills State Park. It was listed on the map that at the visitor's center, but it wasn't listed on the trail maps at Cantwell Cliffs. I was able to find it by following the gorge trail, and the shelter house is still standing. It is a log beam structure with chinking between them, an asphalt shingle room, and a stone chimney. However, it is in very rough condition with some of the log beams rotting, graffiti all along the interior of the structure, and several stones missing from the chimney and fireplace. I was able to find evidence that had been in use during the 1940s, but has since fallen into obvious neglect. Cantwell Cliffs has another interesting property, and that's the bridge located at the end of a maintenance trail. What is remarkable about this structure is that despite it not being located on any listed trail, it is in incredibly good condition. Aside from some moss growth, there is little to no deterioration on the structure itself, despite being almost 100 years old.

Overall, I very much enjoyed my time with AmeriCorps and helping the ODNR with this project. It has given me a deeper appreciation not only for Ohio's state parks, but also for the state itself. I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to get involved with state and local history.



The Famulener Farmstead

By Mark Sheldon Carroll, Heritage Ohio Intern & Cultural Heritage Management Graduate Student at Johns Hopkins University

Three miles east of the Village of Kingston, not far from the southeast corner of Pickaway County, stand six surviving structures of a 7th generation family farm which began with two successive Federal land grants issued by Presidents Jefferson and Madison in 1806 and 1809.

Four of the present buildings; a chicken coop, a garage, an outhouse, plus a toolshed, are the farmstead's humble, smaller structures. However, one particular structure always catches the eye of those passing by. It's the 2-1/2 story, green metal roofed, red brick Federal style farmhouse, built in 1839 for Jonathan & Anna (Long) Famulener of the settler family's 2nd generation.

The red brick home's frontage faces west with five symmetrical windows evenly spaced across the second floor which are aligned directly above the four windows and front door of the first floor. The doors and the four-pane, single-hung windows feature cut sandstone lintels and sills. In keeping with its Federal style architecture the home has twin first floor parlors and fireplaces on all three ends of the L-shaped structure. Typical of homes in this era, the kitchen comprises the one-story east side L-room, an original component of 1839 brick home. Another unique construction feature are the curved five-course brick cornices under the front and rear eaves.

With help from the staff at the Pickaway County Historical Society in Circleville the original Pickaway County 1840 Land Record Ledger (aka tax roll) was checked for properties

owned by Famuleners. It was confirmed by lines 5 and 6 of page 31 that Johnathan Famulener owned 320 acres in Section 36 of Pickaway Township and paid taxes on the brick house valued at \$750.

The sixth building on the Famulener Farmstead could be described as the "disguised surprise."

FAMULENER

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It may or may not catch the eye of someone passing by. It's a modest looking barn with four integrated side sheds, situated on the south side of the farmstead just inside Pickaway County, only a few feet north of Ross County. It should be noted when the farm began, around 1806, it was located within Ross County. However, the farm, along with the rest of Pickaway Township, later became part of Pickaway County, established by the Ohio Legislature in March of 1810.

Beneath the barn's faded vertical siding planks stands a historic but hidden infrastructure. The barn's interior frame is a double pen, hand-hewn log cabin. Both of the pens are about 24 feet-8 inches long, 14 feet-2 inches wide, and 17 feet-2 inches tall. The two log pens are separated by a center breezeway that's 18 feet-3 inches wide. There are two single piece hand-hewn logs, top notched for roof rafters, which at 46 feet-8 inches span the entire length of the inner framing. The pens walls are constructed of 11 logs on the east and west sides and 12 logs on the north and south sides. The pens lower logs average 22 inches in height, the

middle logs 16 inches, and the top logs 12 inches. Plus, there are several cut-outs for doors, feeding troughs, and two haylofts. The 'connecting technology' for the hand-hewn log beams corners is the uncomplicated half dovetail notch. And it works quite well—all logs have remained in place for more than 200 years.

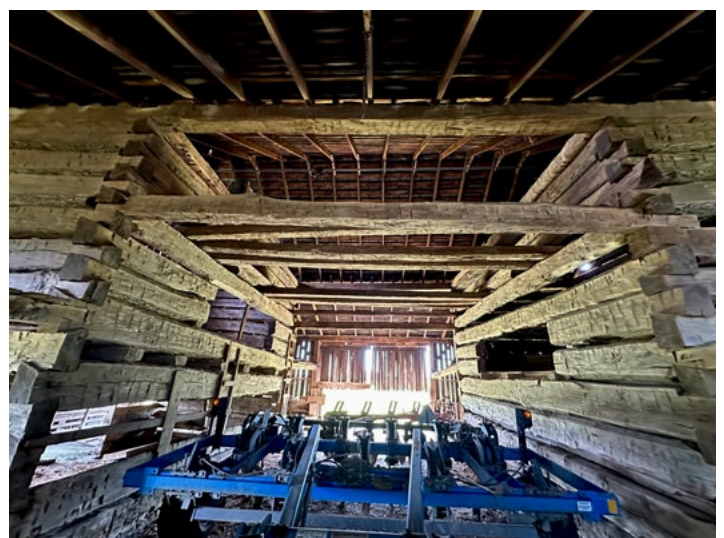
Surprisingly, most of the barn's hand-hewn logs are in good condition with minimal damage and some of the logs have retained portions of their original bark. This bark on the beam factor will be helpful when extracting core samples of select logs for tree ring growth patterns. The sample cores will be analyzed by the Tree Ring Lab in the Department of Earth Sciences at the College of Wooster. The lab's experts can establish the exact year the barn was built. (See Wiles, 2018).

As the recipients of the land grants, and being early settlers, it's likely that Jacob and Catherine (Gifford) Famulener actively participated with other nearby settlers in the construction of their double pen log barn. And it's probable that during the first few years onsite the settlers resided in one log pen while their farm animals resided in the other, until a separate house could be built.

A brief overview of the farm's history begins with the first and second-generation settlers who transformed a wide swath of the wilderness prairie, and some smaller dense forested areas, into a highly productive farm. In 1831, just four years before the birth of the family's 3rd generation heir—Nelson, the newly completed Ohio & Erie Canal came within a mere 10 miles of the farm.

The canal could be reached easily by horse and wagon traveling west along the county line road. The 1830's Famulener farm, along with many others in eastern and southern Ohio, prospered by proximity to the new canal. The canal's low-cost, long-distance "fast" transportation enabled area farmers to expand their markets nationally and thereby receive much higher prices for their crops. When Nelson passed the burgeoning Famulener agri-estate onto his son Samuel (of the 4th generation) the enterprise had evolved to include a well-established cattle ranch on the premises.

Historically most American farms have been passed down



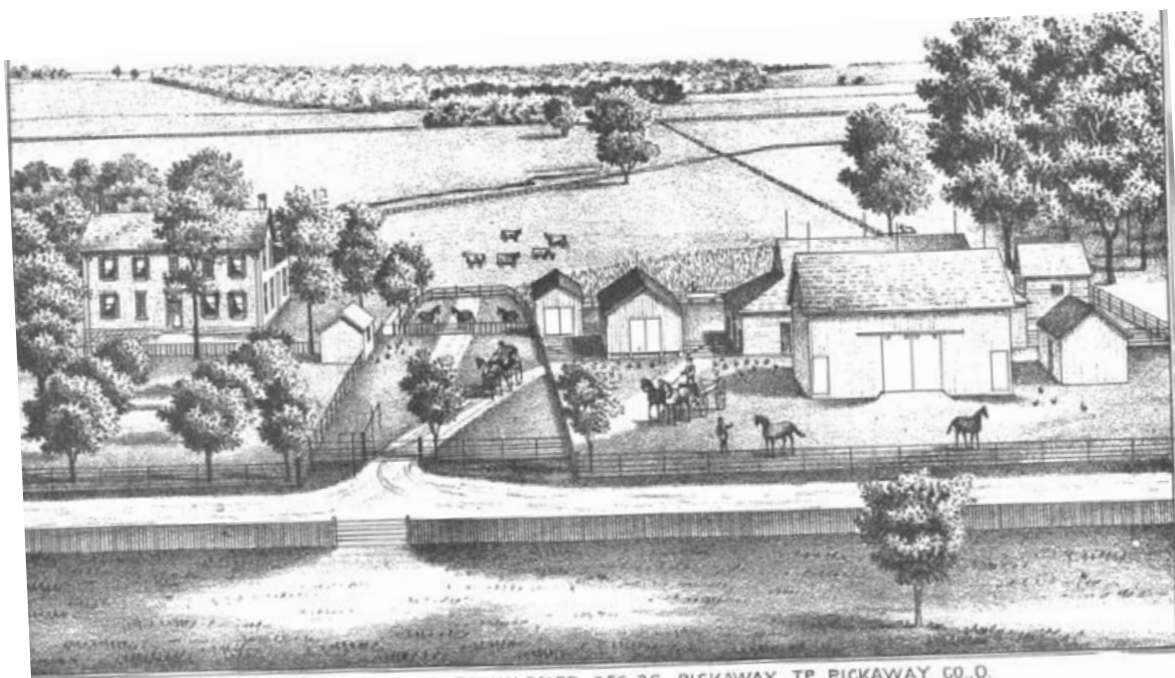
to the oldest son. This practice resulted in the emigration of many younger male children to 'new' lands becoming available in the west. And this was the case for many Famulener's who migrated to Missouri and Kansas. Fortunately, some of the family ties were kept intact. A serendipitous bit of family history is that the late Bob (aka James) and Joann Famuliner (their kin – yet different spelling) of Jackson County, Missouri published a family history in 1995 and revised it in 2003. Their work is a complete study, going back to Ohio's 1st generation 1806 Famulener Farm. Recently Mr. Rich Famuliner, the son of Bob and Joann, graciously made an electronic copy of his parent's 116-page Famuliner Family Tree book available for onsite use at the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library.

Heritage Ohio has been working with the present owner of the Famulener Farmstead to assist her in preparing a nomination for listing the property on the National Register of

Historic Places. She is a 7th generation direct descendant of the original settlers and was raised close by in Kingston.

The farmstead's preliminary nomination, is based upon the established criteria, "events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history." (NPS, 1997, p.2). The preliminary nomination has been submitted by Heritage Ohio to the Ohio History Connection, the official State Historic Preservation Office designated by the U.S. National Park Service.

For those with further interest in the farmstead a 5-page article, "The Famulener Home Place," was written by the late historian Mrs. Johnda Tootle Davis of Circleville, and published in the July, 1963 edition of the Pickaway Quarterly. It's available for onsite review at the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library, 210 North Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113.



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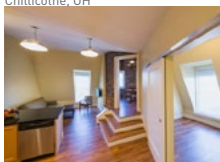
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