



The Brown County Historical Society Newsletter

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November 2023



The Gathering was held in the Brown County Historical Society Pioneer Village on Saturday September 14th. Sponsored by the BCHS, *The Gathering* is an annual event reminiscent of pioneer gatherings. Several members of the History Center donned pioneer clothing and hosted various activities throughout the village.



Local guests and tourists from far and wide were invited to enjoy ham and beans with cornbread around an open fire and to try their hands at free artisan crafts (spinning, weaving, candle making, rope making, corncob doll making), music, games and tests of skill. Approximately 100 people of all ages joined the fun and went away with fun memories.

Volunteers included: Terry Smith, Barb Livesay, Sara Noggle, Richard Frenzel, Pete Bullard, Ginnvor Bullard, Kathy Shields, Cathy Kazimier, Mike Kazimier, Becky Patton and Hannah Wooton.

-- Becky Patton

Resources & Affiliations

- Brown County Museum and Old Log Jail
- Society's Archives and Genealogical Records
- Pioneer Women

Member

- Association of Indiana Museums
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana Historical Society
- Society of Indiana Archivists

Meetings

- General Pitch-in dinner 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Grand Hall, History Center
- Board of Directors 3rd Monday each month at 9:30 a.m. in Hughes Room, History Center

The mission of the Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and exhibit the history of Brown County, Indiana, for the education of students, members and the general public.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to the Historical Society for the support you have given me during my Presidency. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the board of directors and the individuals who, on a daily basis, keep the History Center and Pioneer Village available to the public. Also, thanks to the Pioneer Women for their ongoing support of the Historical Society.

I hope to see the membership at the Tree Lighting the Friday after Thanksgiving (we need 50 dozen cookies, please help) and at the December 4th Dinner. See Alice for tickets.

The Society came through the covid pandemic and has seen new members join the society. We also must remember the members who we have lost, they contributed a great deal to the Society.

Pete Bullard, President



ARCHIVES



10/2/23 Gloria Berryman, Nancy Coulter & Dan Waldhier helping our archivists flatten and file criminal court records for digitizing.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



LIAR'S BENCH? Nope. Building and Grounds. 10/10/2023 Building and grounds crew after completing work on the Pioneer Museum fence. The old rails were connected to the new and the old rails trimmed and made leveled (mostly).

L-R are Rob Coulter, Mark Shields, Pete Bullard, Michael Kummerer and John Main. Not shown is Jim Watkins. --Rob Coulter



7th Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, November 24 from 5 to 7 pm

Tree Lighting is at 6 pm

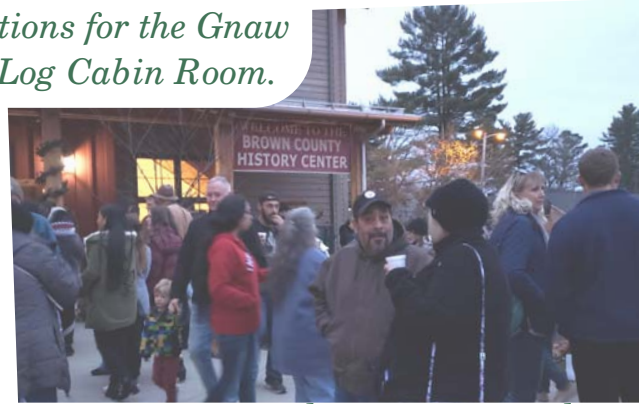
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Come and enjoy the music, homemade cookies, hot chocolate and tea, and be sure to receive your 2023 wooden nickel. Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in the Gnaw Bone Log Cabin Room. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also host visitors at the History Center from noon to 4 pm, on four Saturdays: November 25 and December 2, 9 and 16.

Festivities sponsored by *The Christmas Committee*, a Town of Nashville and Historical Society collaboration which commenced in 2015.

Peaceful Valley

Heritage donates a live tree with primitive decorations for the Gnaw Bone Log Cabin Room.



500 merry makers are expected.

-- Dorothy Babcock



The Christmas Tree was planted so the community could watch it grow.

Old Settlers Day

Brown County's first Old Settler Day was observed in 1877, in Georgetown, today's Bean Blossom. The next three annual celebrations - 1878, 1879, 1880 - were held in Nashville. In 1881 Old Settlers moved their event to Goshen, and not long after it moved again to Clupper Grove, just north of Bean Blossom, on land that the Clupper Family owned. The annual festivities continued there for many years.

-- Cathy Kazimier



This 2023, Old Settlers Day was a weekend exhibit at the Brown County Fair Grounds, and in partnership with the Brown County Antique Truck and Machinery Show.

MEMBER NEWS

Dear Fellow BCHS Members,

Beginning January 1st, you will have a new membership chairperson, Kathy Shields. You may greet her with your usual cheery faces as she welcomes you to each monthly dinner meeting. I have enjoyed the opportunity of getting acquainted with many of you; your passion for history is inspiring. Let's keep working together in our mission to promote history for the betterment of tomorrow. -- Ginnvor

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Phil and Beverly Ford

Mary Goss

Paula Hartz

Travis & Tommi Huber

Bruce & Susan Wohlfeld

John & Karen Elliott

Dick and Cindy Peck



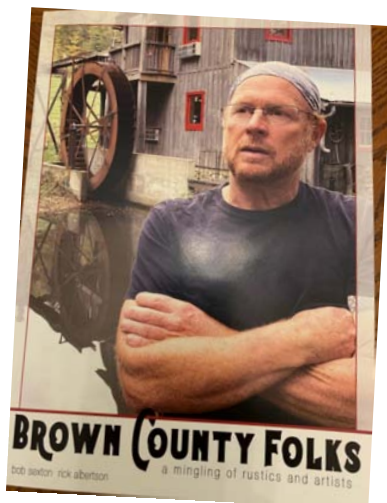
Rick Kelley and Jim Kelp

The Kelp family gathered with members of the Historical Society board to dedicate a paw paw grove on July 28 on the lawn of The Brown County History Center. The copse is in recognition of Jim and Beverly (Robertson) Kelp's lives and dedication to Brown County.

Rick Kelley spoke briefly about the source of the trees, Pawpaw Farms, the Kelp family and their long history in Brown County.

In attendance were Jim Kelp, Ken and Judy (Kelp) Schroeder, Betsy Galloway, Barb Kelp, Rick Kelley, Alice Lorenz and Rob Coulter. -- Rob Coulter

Recent publications contributed to by Society members: Rhonda Dunn and Bob Sexton. (More information on page 7.)



PIONEER WOMEN'S CLUB



The BC Visitor Center welcomed Pioneer Women to display and sell their crafted pumpkins and quilt chances.

For BC genealogy inquiries contact info.bcgenealogy@gmail.com.

Brown County's Newest Historical Marker



September 1st, a crowd gathered on the lawn of the Abe Martin Lodge to honor the memory, contributions and birthday of Frank McKinney Hubbard, who was born 1868 in Bellefontaine, Ohio and who lived his working years in Indianapolis until his death in 1930. The celebration featured 9 speakers who together told the story behind Brown County's newest historical marker: the **Kin Hubbard and Abe Martin** marker.

Michele Jones, Hubbard's great-great granddaughter sat front and center. All Hoosiers present shared her pride when Justin Clark of the Indiana State Library recounted highlights of Hubbard's Abe Martin creation - a cartoon which was published almost daily for 26 years and eventually in over 300 newspapers.

The 'Philosopher of Brown County' was 'born' in 1904, 'moved' to Brown County back country in 1905 and continues to 'speak' to us today with humor and wit that may sometimes seem dated but is always charming.

Abe Martin Sez:

"A Screen door spring is about th'only thing that works too good."

"No self-made man ever did such a good job that some woman didn't want t' make a few alterations."

"Ever'thing comes t' him who waits but a loaned book."



Doug Baird, Property Manager of the Brown County State Park, expressed hope that the new marker would clarify for guests that the lodge was NOT named for Abe Lincoln nor for Abe Martian. When recounting a surprise excavation of electrical lines while digging the hole for the historical marker, Baird confessed a longing for Abe Martin wisdom rather than the cuss words that sounded out in the moment.

Peaceful Valley Heritage, which spearheaded the marker acquisition, closed the ceremony with gratitude to the many contributors and partners along the way, and first on the list was Ruth Reichmann who initiated the group's inception.

Indiana's Historical Marker Program helps us to recall and honor our past, and it also suggests activity. In this case, to find the bronze marker on the lawn of the Abe Martin Lodge -- which stands on Kin Hubbard Ridge -- and to ponder its raised words.



Michelle Jones, Jim Schultz of PVH, and Casey Pfeiffer of the State Historical Marker Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There will be a Memorial Gathering for **John L Kipp** on Saturday November 25, 2023, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Brown County History Center. All are welcome.*

DONATIONS

General Donations

Board of Directors for the Endowment

Donations
August, September,
October

*In memory of Jay Carter
Carole Page*

*In memory of Paul Harden
Rick and Brenda Kelley*

*In memory of Helen Moore
Alice Lorenz*

*In memory of Anne Olsen
Pete and Ginnvor Bullard*

*In Honor of Ivan Lancaster
Alice Lorenz*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Long time member of the Cottonwood Church and of the Brown County Historical Society.

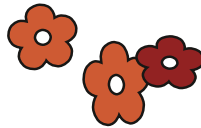
Helen Marie (Moore) Brown

Aged 98 years, 10 months and 17 days passed away on September 1, 2023.

Helen was the daughter of Ralph and Nellie (Artis) Moore. Helen grew up outside Nashville,

attended local schools and graduated from Nashville High School. She married Winford Ernest Brown. Helen is survived by her daughters; Sharon Kay Shipley, of Columbus and Dr. Becky Jane Cox Hollow Rock, Tennessee; grandchildren, great grand children and great great grand children. Helen was preceded in death by; her parents; her husband Win, her eldest daughter Beverly Jackson, and her son Winfield Ernest Moore II. A gathering of family and friends was held September 7, 2023, afterwards Helen was laid to rest in Duncan Cemetery.

Graham Thomas "Teed" Howard passed away at our home on August 1, 2023. Many kind words have been spoken about Teed and as his wife I might add, he was truly a gentleman and kind hearted soul. His WWII experience of liberating Buchenwald concentration camp had a profound effect on the remainder of his life. His main focus in life was instilling courage, trustworthiness and faithfulness in young men and women through scouting. Bittersweet memories sorting through photos of his remarkable life experiences. He cherished all he came in contact with and saw the good in everyone. I had the privilege of being married to a remarkable human being for 26 years. October 12th was the day he was buried. His friend and fellow Scottish dancing partner & piper, Polly Tilford, played Flowers of Scotland and Amazing Grace, as we placed his ashes in his final resting place. God Speed Teed. Know that you are well loved.



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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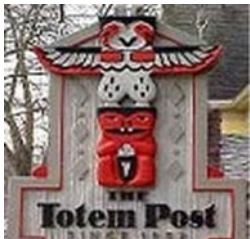


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THIS IS OUR BROWN COUNTY

By: *Helen C. Ayers and Rhonda A. Dunn*

Longtime Brown County resident, newspaper woman, and author Helen C Ayers has created a new book focused on local history, and she joined forces with Rhonda A Dunn, Historical Society archivist. Rhonda provides a history of the Old Log Jail, the Pioneer Village, and the Historical Society building, as well as describing the Society's work and the volunteer opportunities it offers.

Helen took history on a trip through Indiana's formative years, through Brown and its residents, and through the imagination. Part history, part personal experience, and part inventiveness, this story imagines the route taken by pioneers as they relocated the Capitol city of Indiana. As we journey this creative route, we discover the hardships and simple joys that defined the pioneer way of life.

A book for all ages, THIS IS OUR BROWN COUNTY serves its intention: to make history fun again. --- Becky Patton



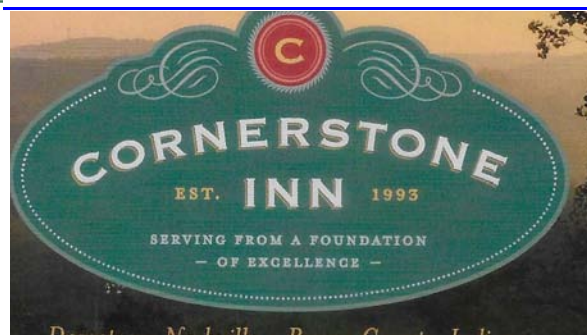
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Membership Application or Renewal

Benefits of Membership

- Informative and educational meetings throughout the year.
- Quarterly Society newsletter
- 10% off any gift shop purchase
- Association with others interested in historic preservation

Categories of Membership (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Student (under 18) -----	\$ 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Women -----	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual -----	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family -----	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Business (business card size ad in newsletter & website) -----	100
<input type="checkbox"/> Life -----	1000

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Dues are payable January 1 of each year. Dues paid in the 4th quarter of the year will apply to the remainder of the current year and the next calendar year. Make check payable to Brown County Historical Society. Mail to: P. O. Box 668, Nashville, IN 47448