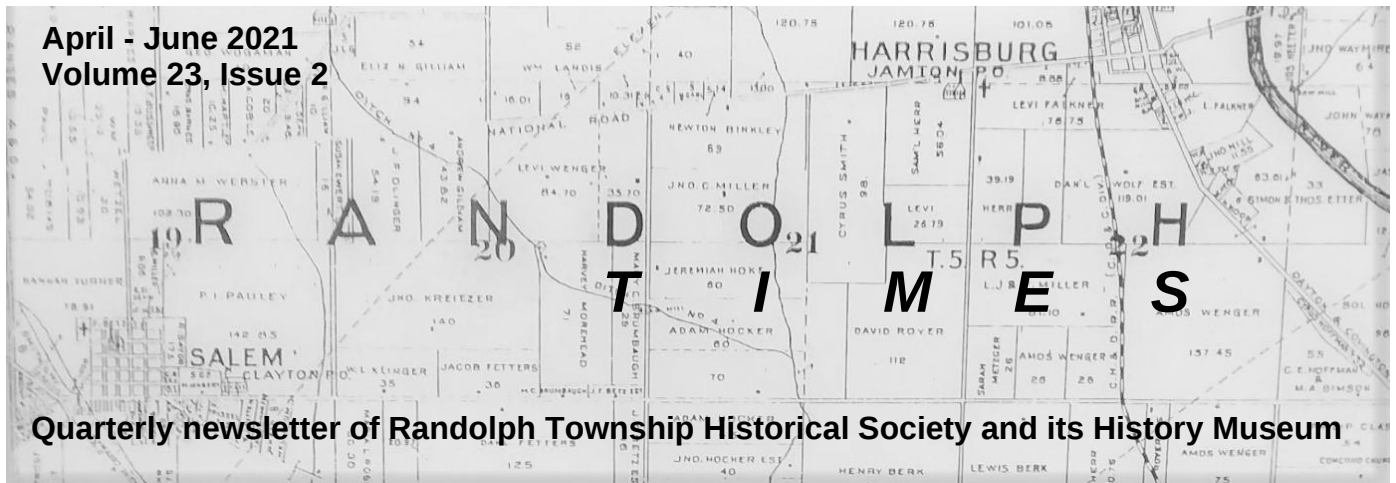


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Director's Report by Misti Spillman

Spring has sprung and I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the warm weather. As of April 1, the new exhibits area is finally finished in the great hall. I am excited for everyone to see the new layout and artifacts on display. I am currently working on the storage space in the basement and organizing the collections. Since joining the Northmont Chamber of Commerce, I have met so many wonderful people and am getting the word out about the Society and History Center. It has been extremely rewarding to engage in the community and network with businesses and individuals.

We have several new membership and renewals continue to be received. Thank you for your support. Over the winter months, numerous research requests on township history, genealogy and historic photographs were received. Personally, I have learned an abundance of information about Englewood, Clayton, and Union. Keep your requests coming! I hope in the new future that we can resume our open houses, meetings, and other events. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

A Note from the President...

I too look forward to the day that we can open the doors of the History Center and invite you in to see the changes that have been made. I know all will be surprised yet pleased with the new layout and design and will enjoy the display of our artifacts and collections.

You can get a daily dose of township history by looking on our Facebook page. Maybe your ancestor is mentioned in the news of the day.

Please take care everyone and I hope you will support your family, friends and neighbors and get the Covid vaccine. Together we can make the change so desperately needed to resume social gatherings.

~ Angie



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HISTORY CENTER HAPPENINGS

Great Hall Transformation

The photos on top are from our last newsletter and below are photos of the great hall that has been transformed to a more open and inviting display area. We will let you know when the History Center will open for public gatherings.



(left) A snapshot of a couple of the displays that will be repackaged and will resurface in time within a themed display. (right) Clearing of the great hall to make room for more comprehensive historical displays.



(left) The new display of the businesses in Randolph Township and school history can be seen in the background. (right) The exhibit area in the great hall. The first artifact people will see is the stenciled wagon-seat on display from D.S. Younce and Son (Union, circa 1880). The seat was a salesman's sample (or patent model). The cast iron horse head hitching post is from Northmont Florist.

2021 Monthly Meeting Schedule

January 13	May 12
February 10	June 9
March 10	July 14
April 14	August 11

September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

Meeting times:
7 PM Apr to Oct
1 PM Nov to Mar

Due to current Covid restrictions and based on guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health, the History Center is closed until further notice.

Acquisitions

From Emily Eisenlohr:

Randolph High School Letter Sweater and Book of Memories, RHS Class of 1950.

From Mary Ruth Haworth:

Diplomas of Mary Ruth and Stephen Haworth. 1958-59 League and County Champs Pamphlet. Chenille Letters from Northmont High School. Roll of Recognition for Stephen Haworth (Plaque) Alumnus Inducted 1997.

From Greg Long:

Northmont High School Jacket with Band and Academic Letters.

From Glynn Marsh:

Forty-one glass negatives from the estate sale of Leona Furnace Jackson.

From Judy Wagoner via Quentin Wagoner:

Randolph High School Chenille Academic Letter.

Membership Report

New Individual Members:

John DeMoss, Shane Conley, Gary Nicholson, Ann Clemmons Riddle

New Lifetime Member:

Cpt. Brian Warner

Renewals for 2021:

Jime, Carolyn and Carla Can Dyne, Barbara Eller, Karen Soddors, Nancie Katowik, Carol Hoke, Raymond and Judith Wollenhaupt, David and Terry Nicholson, Susanne Wertz, Sarah Grentz, Dennis Mann, Ronald Papp, Judy Hodges, Stephen and Judith Wick, Inge Pierce, William Gothard and Marilyn Ekberg.

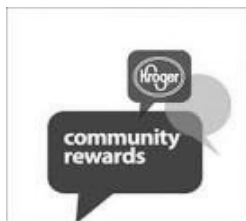
In Memoriam:



Arthur Glenn Brumbaugh April 25, 1931 – February 26, 2021
Art was born in Clayton, Ohio, on April 25, 1931, to Harvey and Martha (Warner) Brumbaugh. He was a 1948 graduate of Randolph High School where he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track, and was later inducted into the Northmont High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. While in high school he met Betty Ann Swartz and the two were married in 1951. Art began working for Dayton Power and Light shortly after graduating from high school as an apprentice lineman and worked for the next 38 years in various positions. He served in the US Naval Reserve for six years from 1948 to 1954. An avid gardener, Art provided family and friends with fruits and vegetables all year round. He was a master of many trades and built the family's first home in Englewood, Ohio. Art was a long-time member of the Historical Society.

The society extends its most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



The Kroger Community Rewards program is an easy way to support the Society when you do your everyday shopping. To enroll in this program, register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. It is always a good idea to check in on their website to make sure you are still enrolled in the program and that your donations are slated for Randolph Township Historical Society. Our organization number is **DC576**.

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Postcard of Clayton, dated October 22, 1910. The Church of the Brethren is on the left-hand side.

The Hoover Family and “Blind Brothers” of Randolph Township

The Dayton Herald newspaper gives us an account of the Hoover family in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is obvious that the Hoover family maintained its status and prominence in the community and were much loved and respected.

April 16, 1895

At the residence of the blind Hoover brothers, it was estimated that 150 to 200 people attended the marriage of Charles Hoover to Mary C. Curtis. They were married by Rev. Isaac Waymire on the porch of the home.



The Hoover brothers from left to right:
Eli, James, Charles and William

August 24, 1895

A dinner was held at the home of James Folker. In attendance were four Hoover brothers. After dinner, time was spent surrounding the brothers as they entertained the guests with vocal and instrumental music. Charles Hoover provided excellent violin music emitting sweet and charming strains as only Charley could deliver.

July 1, 1896

On June 27, 1896, Charley Hoover and his brothers were in a “close call accident” in Union. The boys were in a carriage driven by Albert Purcell on route to New Carlisle where they were to give a concert. A traction car engine scared the horse causing it to rear up and plunge forward. It fell and broke its neck as it hit the ground causing the carriage to turn over. Charley Hoover fell out and his leg became caught in the wheel while the others all escaped without serious injury.

November 2, 1898

Prof. Charles Hoover and his wife headed to Indiana to provide “musical entertainments.” It was also reported that John Fry and his wife moved in with the “blind Hoover brothers.”

July 14, 1899

The “blind Hoover brothers” provided good music for the crowds at a lawn party in Union.

November 22, 1900

A social party was held at the home of I. F. Eidemiller in the evening. Among the many guests were Eli, William and Charley Hoover. The “blind Hoover brothers” provided good musical entertainment while they and others in attendance sang songs of the day.

January 9, 1903

Prof. Charles Hoover and his wife travelled to Kentucky to give a concert while Prof. Moravey moved into the residence of the “blind Hoover brothers.”

December 25, 1905

Two couples and Mr. Ira S. Owens were guests at the home of the “blind Hoover brothers” in the evening. Musical entertainment was served as well as taffy, cake and popcorn.

May 6, 1906

The “blind Hoover brothers” entertained friends in their home.

January 29, 1907

A party of seven members including family and friends visited with the “blind Hoover brothers” where they listened to music on the phonograph.

March 18, 1911

The Dayton Herald newspaper gives an extensive report on the death of two of the blind Hoover brothers. The headline reads ‘Death of blind brothers recalls history of remarkable family.’

There were eleven children in the Daniel and Susan Hoover family with five of them born blind from birth: James, Hannah, Charles, William and Eli. The other children were: Lavina, Andrew, Henry, Abraham, Sarah Ann, and Eliza. William and Eli were the oldest living of the blind siblings and died within three days of each other from what was commonly called the grip, also known as influenza. William died on a Tuesday and was buried on Thursday. On Friday, Eli died and was buried on Sunday.

The Hoover family was one of the most noted pioneer families in Montgomery County and especially in Randolph Township. Daniel Hoover was the first white child born in the township in 1803, the same year that Ohio attained its statehood. In 1822, he married Susan Byrnett. Their home was built on the ground where 800 Indians camped just before the battle of Tippecanoe. Their home was also the scene of many religious and social gatherings as well as the mecca of music lovers.

The children who were blind were sent to Columbus where they were educated at the Ohio Institution for the Blind. There they developed their remarkable aptitude for music, both vocal and instrumental, and much time was devoted to these studies. When all were graduated from school, the siblings began touring the country, giving concerts, and providing entertainment to thousands. They stopped touring when their brother James died in 1872. Charley died in 1905.

Eli learned the trades of broom making and carpet weaving and worked in these occupations for over 60 years. William continued his studies in music and for several years became a professor of music at the institution from which he graduated.

The Hoover family lost another family member later in 1911 when Andrew Hoover died on November 18, 1911 at the age of 83. He was born in Union on August 9, 1828 and married Charlotte Gable on July 21, 1850. She died in 1905.

Many of the children born to Daniel and Susan Hoover are resting peacefully at the Minnich Cemetery on Phillipsburg-Union Road in Union: Abraham, Andrew, Charles, Eli, Hannah, James and William. Eli and William, having died just days apart share a headstone which indicates them as “Blind Brothers.”

