



# Dublin Historical Society

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The Dublin Historical Society is not only surviving the Covid-19 Pandemic but it is thriving. Please enjoy all the exciting updates and information we have for you.

A Special Thank You to our board members for providing content, Marlen Mathias for drafting the text, Emma Pace for developing the template, and Amy Kramb for formatting the content for our first E-Newsletter.

## A Note From Our President

Tom was extremely busy. Besides working on the Historic Collections documents and procedures with Melinda, he has been keeping an eye on the Coffman House and its collections and has been the contact person with the city for repairs and maintenance.

There are to be new screen doors installed this spring and hopefully a bid submitted for a new roof on the large barn. And in his "spare time", Tom spent time with Vida Fulton Williams, a descendant of Jefferson and Minnie Fulton, one of the early black families in Dublin. They lived and worked for Charles Fuller on his farm on Sawmill Road where Home Depot is currently located. The Fulton children attended Dublin schools and at least one Fulton is buried in the Davis Cemetery on Riverside Drive.

On a walk in the Dublin Cemetery with David Hartmann, a Dublin Historian living in Atlanta, they came upon an obscure marker at the W. T. Vault for Marc O. Case. In an effort to explain why it is important to pursue information about an obscure marker, Tom discovered in the archives at the Justice Center Records Room a good explanation in a flyer by Carolene Tuller circa 1960. The piece titled "Them Was The Days On Ashbaugh Rd" was written about her friends and neighbors growing up in what is now the Muirfield area. "The sole purpose for wanting to write this story is: These good people, who once neighbored, labored and prayed together, have, too soon, been forgotten--nothing left, but the stones that bear their name." Good enough explanation.

## Coffman Homestead Open Houses

May 2, 2021  
 June 13, 2021  
 July 11, 2021  
 August 8, 2021  
 September 12, 2021

All open houses are from 1:00-3:00 pm

# Re-Opening the Coffman Homestead

We have developed a plan for reopening that will work within CDC COVID guidelines. We will keep each group small, three is best, and have them stay in one spot in each room while the docent talks from the opposite side of the room. We have theater-style cordons to define limits. Only two groups in the house at one time, keeping them well separated: kitchen and parlor for example. Guests will see just the first floor, entering at the kitchen and exiting the front door. We would not be able to keep the banister clean enough to view the second floor. We will wipe down door moldings after every group. Masks are required for all as defined by CDC guidelines and we will have hand sanitizer available. Visitors waiting can see the barn or schoolroom if open or wait in the yard in the shade at a safe distance from one another while a docent tells the background story of the Coffman Homestead. We will put a rope barrier in the barn allowing the guide to walk among the farm implements and the back wall and talk. But visitors will not be able to get close and touch items as they have been before.



## A Note from Our Out-Going Treasurer

Like every other organization, the Dublin Historical Society was affected by the Covid-19 virus. In addition to not being able to offer programs to our members, we also had to forego our annual Christmas Open House at the Coffman Homestead. We started the Christmas Open House in 2017 and we were quite proud of the event and the opportunity it allowed the public to see the beautifully decorated Homestead. The sponsorships from our local business community had become our main source of income in those years. In November, the board of directors made the decision to forego invoicing our membership for the annual dues. Instead, we sent out a letter to the members announcing an opportunity to make a year-end donation, and be recognized at newly established giving levels that we had created of Shamrock, Emerald, and Diamond. These giving levels will continue into 2021, and any donations are welcome.

## A Note From Our Vice President

It was a surprisingly busy summer and fall, cleaning out the barn, coordinating meetings, keeping meeting minutes, etc.. We luckily had a volunteer intern work with the Society to update electronically many of our functions and procedures. Our intern produced a video tour of the Coffman House, and also a video for the one room school replica at the Coffman homestead. Thank you Emma Pace for all your hard work. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a volunteer internship for this summer, please contact us!

## An Update From Dublin City Schools

During its regular meeting Nov. 23, the Dublin City Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to name middle school five in Jerome Village, Eversole Run Middle School. Eversole Run is a creek that flows east toward the Scioto River ending in a body of water known as Twin Lakes Reservoir in Delaware County. Eversole is also a local family name with a long running history in our community. Eversole family members in our area date back to the early 1800s and Eversole Cemetery is located on Concord Road. Eversole Run Middle School will be open for students at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. It will be physically connected to Abraham Depp Elementary and the two facilities will share a kitchen, saving significant taxpayer dollars. Construction of the building remains on time and within budget.

## Easy Fundraising idea

The Dublin Historical Society recently became a registered nonprofit organization on Amazon Smile, so now if you shop on Amazon, you can log into your same account at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Search for Dublin Historical Society among registered charities, and then select us to be your charity of choice. Then the Dublin Historical Society will receive .05% of the cost of all eligible purchases you make. An easy way to support our mission!

## New Purchase from Grant Approval

The Historical Society has purchased equipment that will make walking tours easier and safer. Called a "listening system", up to 20 people on a tour will wear a headset, properly sanitized, and the tour guide will talk to them using a wireless microphone. This will allow everyone to maintain a safe physical distance and still hear the tour guide tell the story of Dublin's history while walking through the Historic District. The sets will be useful even in the post-COVID time because sometimes the noise level in parts of the tour make it hard for people to hear the guides.

## Historic Material Collection Information

Throughout the summer, Dublin Historical Society president, Tom Holton, and board member, Melinda Hardman, worked to develop documents and procedures that will elevate management of the Society's collection to a new level. Specifically, Tom and Melinda drafted a Collections Management Policy, a Deed of Gift, and a Loan Agreement for Incoming Items that are donated to the Society. The Collections Management Policy addresses all phases of an item in the Society's collection, including acquisition, deaccessioning, and possible loaning of the item to another institution. This new policy calls for the establishment of a 3-member Collections Committee to make recommendations to the board about items proposed to be accepted or removed from the collection or items taken into the collection on a temporary basis. The ultimate decision about any item to be acquired or removed will be made by the board. The Deed of Gift form ensures that the Society receives all rights to a donated item, including title, copyright, trademark, electronic rights, and other interests. The Loan Agreement establishes an agreed-upon period of time for an item to be loaned to the Society. It also addresses other important elements about a loaned item, such as who will maintain insurance on the item, the standard of care for the item, and who is the legal owner of the item. The new documents were presented to the board for their input and were approved in October. The documents will place the Society's collection management efforts on par with other leading historical societies around the state. The new collection management committee members are Melinda Hardman, Nick Vesha and Jane Fox.



Who can identify this object?

## Dublin Historic Task Force

Dublin City Council authorized the creation of the Dublin Historic District Task Force (HDTF) in October, 2019. The HDTF was appointed to provide an update to the Historic District Area Plan that was previously adopted in 2007 and was incorporated in the Bridge Street District in 2013. Council wanted to reevaluate whether this significant portion of our community should be embodied in its own area plan and what other recommendations the Task Force would have for the future of this area. The HDTF met ten times during 2020 and authorized the final report to Dublin City Council at their November meeting. Clay Rose represented the Dublin Historical Society on the 15-member task force. The HDTF was charged with preparing a report to Dublin City Council. Included in that report are recommendations to City Council with respect to District Gateways, Streetscape (including wider sidewalks, streetlights, benches), Parking, Open Space and Parks, minimizing any development near Indian Run, South High Street vitality, historic building preservation, proper scale of any new building construction in the district, connecting the district, wayfinding, and working with the Historical Society and the Dublin Arts Council. On January 4, 2021, the Dublin Historic District Task Force presented its findings and recommendation to Dublin City Council. The report was presented by Kim Way, chair of the task force. The recommendations included an emphasis on preserving the character of the historic district and the following: Preserving certain buildings and monitoring the condition of other buildings; strengthening South High Street vitality; preserving the Indian Run Corridor; improving wayfinding and connecting the Historic District; and, creating an entity to manage and oversee future development in the area. The report was welcomed by all members of Council and is to be referred to committee in order to establish priorities on each of the recommendations. The full report is available on the City of Dublin website. (Search Historic District Task Force. You may also view the presentation on Youtube.)

### Other News

The City plans to reconstruct a two story log cabin that was formerly located at 8007 Riverside Drive. It was disassembled and stored in a barn on Summit View Rd. The city has been awarded a grant of \$400,000 to reconstruct the cabin. Presently, the City is considering reconstruction of the cabin at either Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park and Ferris-Wright Park.

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We still need a Secretary and we have one vacant Trustee position. Please contact us if you, or anyone you know, wishes to apply.  
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