

Harrison County
WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL TOUR

The 1975 Harrison County Historical Society Tour will be a visit to historic sites in Marietta, Ohio, followed by dinner in the Riverview Room of the Lafayette Motor Hotel in Marietta.

Members and guests of members will leave by bus from in front of the Amy Roberts Vance House in Clarksburg at 12:01 p.m. on Sunday, September 21. The itinerary of the tour:

- 1:45 Arrive in Marietta. Visit Muskingum Park to view the "Start Westward Memorial" on the spot where General St. Clair inaugurated the Northwest Territorial Government.
- 2:00 View the exterior of the R. J. Meigs, Jr., House, 326 Front Street.
- 2:30 Arrive at Campus Martius and Ohio River Museum. Artifacts of interest to Clarksburg-Marietta history:
Display of surveying instruments.
Meigs Mementoes.
Original Rufus Putnam House.
Original Ohio Company Land Office (On Ohio Historical Society ground behind Campus Martius Museum).
Crafts of early settlers being performed for members of the Harrison County Historical Society by the staff of Campus Martius Museum as a special event of September 21.
- 4:00 Depart for cemetery to view grave markers of Sophia and R. J. Meigs, Jr., and other Ohio Company settlers.
- 4:20 Visit "Temple Square", a Moundbuilders' earthworks which consists of walls and mound of earth in direct lines and in square and circular forms on an elevated plain above the Muskingum River.
- 5:00 Dinner at Lafayette Hotel.
- 6:45 Depart from Marietta.
- 8:30 Arrive in Clarksburg.

In order to keep the cost of the tour as low as possible, the individual fee has been calculated on the cost of a bus with all the 39 seats occupied. Please send reservations early since space in buses will be filled in the order of the receipt of checks for reservations. All reservations must be mailed with checks by Saturday, September 6.

The total cost of the tour is \$16.00. This includes bus fare to and from Marietta, admission ticket to Campus Martius and River Museum, dinner in the Riverview Room of the Lafayette Motor Hotel, and all tips and tax.

Harrison County Historical Society
Tour of Historic Sites in Marietta, Ohio, and Dinner at the Lafayette Hotel,
Marietta, Ohio
Sunday, September 21, 1975

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS: Saturday, September 6, 1975

Make check payable to Harrison County Historical Society
Mail this slip and check to: Harrison County Historical Society
Post Office Box 2074
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Number of reservations for _____
Bus @ \$5.60 _____
Tour @ \$1.40 _____
Dinner @ \$9.00 _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Signature

1975 CONVENTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The state convention of the West Virginia Historical Society will be held at the Sheraton Inn in Clarksburg on October 25, 1975. On Friday evening, October 24, the Vance House will be open from 7:00-9:00 o'clock, when the Harrison County Historical Society will receive early arrivals at the convention. On Saturday morning a coffee hour will be held from 9:00-10:00 o'clock at the Vance House. The convention will be a continuous session---including luncheon---which opens at 10:00 o'clock in the morning of October 25 and closes at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of October 25. Members of the Harrison County Historical Society are invited to all events---reception and coffee hour at the Vance House, sessions and luncheon at the Sheraton Inn. No reservations need be made for the events at the Vance House. Reservations can be made and fee paid for the luncheon at the Sheraton Inn before the start of the session on October 25.

At the time this Newsletter was printed the local society had not been notified as to the program for the convention. Watch the local newspaper for the names of the speakers.

THE COLLECTION

Accessions

Photograph of Mrs. Eleanor Rider Williams, of Buckhannon and now deceased, and the Union flag made by the ladies of Sycamore Dale at the beginning of the American Civil War. Mrs. Williams displayed the flag during an illustrated talk at a meeting of the Harrison County Historical Society, May 15, 1968. The color print enlargement, from a color slide taken by him at the meeting, was presented to the Society by James H. Coleman, Jr., of Buckhannon.

Books from the collection of Clinton Israel presented by his brother, Rex R. Israel, Damascus, Ohio.

Photograph of the title of Elizabeth Cummins Jackson (great grandmother of Stonewall Jackson) to the land on which Buckhannon, West Virginia, now stands. The original is in the Campus Martius Museum, Marietta, Ohio. Gift of McClain Printing Company, Parsons, West Virginia.

Books from the estate of Dr. H. E. Sloan given by his heirs.

Morris Chair given to Mr. J. W. Carpenter of Salem, by T. Moore Jackson. Early twentieth century. Gift of Virginia Carpenter, daughter of J. W. Carpenter.

Eighteen titles, many of them children's books, published in the late nineteenth century, which belonged to members of the Haymond family. Presented by Mrs. Frank Atterholt (Emma Findley).

Silk and velvet crazy quilt made by Lillie Jarvis Maxwell (Mrs. W. Brent Maxwell) from pieces of favorite dresses and ties contributed by her friends. Embroidered with initials, dates (1882, the year of Lillie Jarvis' graduation from Broadus Collega; 1888, the date of the dedication of the fourth Harrison County Courthouse; two unidentified dates---1883 and 1887), symbols (cross, anchor, lily, owl). Mrs. Maxwell called her work "A Memory Quilt." Presented "In loving memory of Lillie Jarvis Maxwell" by her daughter, Ruth Maxwell Johnson (Mrs. Louis Johnson). The quilt is on exhibit in a case in the downstairs east room of the Amy Roberts Vance House.

VANCE HOUSE PERSONNEL

Hostesses

Aileen Lucas, chairman of hostesses for the Vance House, has staffed the house each afternoon Monday through Saturday during the summer months with one or more of the following volunteer workers: Jack Anderson, Glyde Bailey, Florence Berisford, Bertha Stout Brown, Frances Custer, Pearl Custer, Louise Dennison, Margaret Early, Oma Hall, Frances Hanlan, Margaret Hayman, Louise Hornor, Virginia Husk, Frances Johnson, Aileen Lucas, Grace Martin, Gladys Merryman, Margaret Reed, Martha Ridenour, Virginia Shetter, Elizabeth Sloan, Hattie Smith, Neva Switzer, Elizabeth Upton, Helen Upton, Lucile Walls, Frances Watson. Substitute Hostesses have been Jean Byard, Dorothy Davis, Garnet Fittro, Helen Kramer, Mary McAndrew, Madge McDaniel, Mary McDonald, Betty McWhorter, Anna Virginia Murphy, and Frances Sellers.

Genealogical Assistants

Mrs. O. D. Linder, chairman of the Genealogical Department, has been assisted during the summer by Mary Allen, Catherine Goff, Marjorie Marstiller, Anna Miller, Gladys Norris, Verna Shingleton, Gladys Smith, Frances Stout, and Lucille Stryker.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

The total membership of the Society on July 15, 1975, was 264. The total amount in the treasury on July 15, 1975, was \$1721.38.

Soon after the fence was installed on the east and south sides of the property owned by the Society, a windstorm uprooted a tree which then fell onto a portion of the fence. The board authorized Jack Anderson, president, to have the tree removed, the vines removed from the outside of the house, excess shrubbery removed from the grounds, and the fence repaired. The board has authorized Willis Tetrick, chairman of the grounds, to install metal grilles over some of the windows of the house.