

Historical Society of Mt Pleasant, Ohio inc

Preservation of Historic Ledgers and Daybooks

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With the help of OHRAB's grant we carefully cleaned over 175 volumes and placed them in archival, acid-free storage boxes, and created a finding aid to facilitate access and cut down on retrieval time.

The volumes were primarily ledgers and daybooks from the village government, businesses and farms in and around Mt Pleasant. Included in these were criminal dockets spanning 100 years, from 1880 to 1979, town council meeting minutes from 1853-1954,



and early resolutions and ordinance books. From business that were located in Mt Pleasant we have daybooks from Dr J T Updegraff 1846-1853 and Dr Isaac Parker 1811-1832, Woolen Mill Account Book 1864-1871, Ezra Cattell Account books 1839-1864 and daybooks from farms some of which include the varieties of fruits and vegetables planted. (See attached finding aid for more.)

After removing the books from the cabinets and boxes in which they were stored, we carefully cleaned the volumes and placed them in archival, acid-free storage boxes. These boxes were shelved and a shelf list and finding aid created.

With improved storage and a finding aid, these records will go from otherwise being unused to an active, integral part of our archives and research collections. This hidden and otherwise unused collection will open new avenues of research relating to this vital village in Ohio's history.



In addition to the obvious benefits to the collection.

We have the added benefit of

having “hands on” these ledgers, making us more familiar with the volumes we have.

This has been an exciting and very interesting project for our volunteers as more of our history has come to light.



Photos: pg 1 and top of pg 2 previous storage conditions

Pg 2 bottom, ledgers sorted and ready for cleaning.

Pg 3 cleaning and learning and
bottom the finished results



Expenses

Shelving		\$289.51
less a donation from Sam's Club for		(\$20.)
Archival boxes	(Hollinger)	\$520.56
	(Gaylord)	<u>\$63.21</u>
		\$853.27

Cost Match

Cleaning supplies which we provided, including a roll of acid free tissue for interleaving and wrapping, Absorene, Groom Stick, Magic Rub Erasers, cleaning pads and dry cleaning sponges

\$80.00

We had a total of 5 volunteers to clean and prepare the ledgers for storage.

3 volunteers 2 hours to moved the ledgers from their old storage area to new home 6 hours

3 volunteers to sort the ledgers 12 hours

5 volunteers to clean, wrap and record 45 hours

Finding aid and labels 3 hours

66 hours at the ISR value of volunteered time of \$24.14 per hour
\$1593.

Mt Pleasant Village Government

Criminal Dockets / Mayor's Court

Box 1

1880-1916
1909-1911

Box 2

1908-1925
1957-1966

Box 3

1957 - vol 2
Misc Vol 55

Box 4

1967-1971

Box 5

1974-1982

Box 6

1905-1910 appropriation Account
1962-1977
1972-1979

Mayors Cash Book

Box 1

1924-1961
1962-1972
1972-1979

Clerk's Fund

Box 1

1905-1925
1926-1933
1946-1967
1967-1971

Box 2

Treasurers Fund, misc vol 83, 1929
Clerk's Account Book 1964

Council

Box 1

Council Minutes 1853-1880, misc vol 40
Council Minutes 1880-1895, misc vol 41
Council Minutes 1895-1906
Council Minutes 1908-1923
Council Minutes 1938-1940

Box 2

Council Minutes 1924-1937, misc vol 81
Council Minutes 1940-1954, misc vol 60
Poll books, Mt Pleasant, Emerson and Hanna
Trustees Min. 1837-1883, indentures and strays, misc vol 58

Box 3

Ordinance Book 1 / Resolutions
Ordinance Book 2
Bonds and Oaths

Board of Public Affairs (Water)

Box 1

BoPA misc vol 70, 1939-1975 bonds
BoPA misc vol 71, 1940-1944 bonds
BoPA misc vol 72, 1940-1942 waterworks cash book
BoPA misc vol 73, 1945-1949 bonds
BoPA misc vol 74, 1950-1959 bonds
BoPA 1957-1962

Box 2

BoPA misc vol 75, 1950-1957
BoPA misc vol 76, 1963-1972 waterworks cash Book
BoPA misc vol 77, 1939-1975 bonds

Mt Pleasant Businesses and Organizations Ledgers, Daybooks, Registers

Business and Store Ledgers and Daybooks

Box 1

Jones, Amos bank Book
Rankin, Wm Account Book
Thomas, Account Book of General Store, misc vol 43
Thomas, Isaac Account Book, misc vol 44 (Possibly Short Creek,
Harrison Co.) has Account for Plank Rd

Box 2

Harris Daybook

Box 3

Jones, Lemuel Store Ledger 1844-1850, misc vol 15
Cattell, Ezra Account books 1839-1864 & 1842-1853
Gill, James H Mill Book 1848-1852, re: flour, corn meal sent to the river

Box 4

Martinsville Plank Road Account Book 1850-1864
Mt Pleasant / Belmont Co Line Free Turnpike Minutes 1870-1876

Box 5

Lone Tree Hardware Store Ledgers 1930-1944 & 1945-1947

Hussey Family Businesses

Box 1

N W Woolen Mill Account Book 1864-1871
Hussey, A H Account Book 1864-1884
Hussey Wool Account Book

McConahey, T M - Series

Box 1

Account Book 1879-1884

Box 2

Small Leather Book 1863

Box 3

Oak Farm Daybook 1894

Box 4

Farm Accounts buyer sales 1887-1891

Burriss Family Businesses

Box 1

Burriss, E B Undertaker
Burriss Store Order Book

Box 2 Formerly Burriss Store Collection Series 1 Box 1

Order Book 1897-1898

1901

1903

1929-1933 butcher

1929-1931

1931-1932

1939-1940

mines unknown

bought / sold, June 1925

Misc Volumes

Box 1

Jefferson Co Militia Registry (Civil War)
Bainbridge Coal Stock Certificates

Box 2

Johnson's World Atlas 1867
Ohio Farmer 1859

Box 3

Jefferson Co Census 1850 & 1860

Box 4 misc ledgers - local not Mt P Twp

Crew's Store - Richmond 1826-1828 misc vol 4
Crew's Store - Richmond 1867-1868 misc vol 5
Bridgeport Store Ledger 1831-1832
Bridgeport Store Ledger 1833-1843
Barnes, John Account Book - Belmont co 1850 (Barnes Rd on Scotch Ridge)

Community

Box 1

Oak Grove Literary Society Minutes
Temperance Union Minutes
Pocahontas Club (Czech) journal
Good Samaritans Minutes
Coronet Band Minutes
Civic Improvement Minutes
Chautauqua Minutes
A H and Shakespeare Club Minutes
Y-Teens (YWCA in school program) 1947-1948
Beta Club Minutes 1952-1959
Beta Club Treasurers Report 1952-1959

School and Learning

Box 1

Shorthand Book of Ezekiel Dew bookkeeping, astronomy and geography 1831, misc vol 11
Shorthand Book of Ezekiel Dew 1826 and Account of the year 1827, misc vol 12

Box 2

Taylor, poetry of Margaret 1832, 2 vol
Henchman, poetry of Anna
Henchman, poetry of Eliza
Updegraff, poetry of Ann T 2 vol.
Griffith-Patterson, Writings of Ester P, 1851, misc vol 99

Box 3

Blank Book purchased by Anna T Updegraff from E Harris Jr printer 1846, misc vol 17
Friends Boarding School Autograph Album 1837-1843, misc vol 46
Kirk, Autograph Album of Susan S, purchased at E Harris printer, misc vol 10
Cope, Autograph Album of Allen from Friends Boarding School 1868-1870, misc vol 20
Elizabeth, Autograph Album of

Box 4

Eleanor, Language Workbook 1911-1912, age 9
Griffith / Righter Notebook of Algebra, Richard Griffith and Hannah Righter 1830, misc vol 16

Box 5

Friends Boarding School Minutes 1837-1850, misc vol 1
Friends Boarding School Minutes 1850-1856, misc vol 2

Box 6

MPHS alumni meetings 1911-1951 & 1908-1957
Board of Education Treasurers Record Book 1887-1896
Board of Education Treasurers Record Book 1897-1904

Box 7

Board of Education Minutes 1923-1931
Board of Education Minutes 1898-1919
Board of Athletics 1930-1937
Class Records Ramsey 4th Grade 1927-1928
Class Records Ramsey 5th & 6th Grade 1929-1930

Doctors**Box 1**

Updegraff, Jonathan T physician's daybook 1846-1853
Parker, Isaac Ledger 1811-1832 patients, treatments, pork Account
Mercer, Daybook 1900-1902, misc vol 67
Scott, dentist, misc vol 62

Box 2

Mercer, Daybook 1902-1907
Mercer, Daybook 1907-1925

Friends Church**Box 1**

Records 1903 - 1930s
Guest Book 1931-1965
Membership 1936
Christian Endeavor Minutes 1892-1920
Women's Foreign Ministry Minutes 2 vol
Sunday School Roster of Teachers - Scholars
Quarterly Minutes 1882-1883

Elisha Bates

Box 1

Law of Nations M D Vattel 1805 bought by E Bates, July 1832 and also owned by Benj. Russell

Proceedings and Principles of the Society of Friends Called Quakers by E Bates 1837 owned by Amos Jones

Box 2

Miscellaneous Repository Vol III by E Bates, 1829, owned by Thomas Thomasson Jr.

E Bates Store Ledger 1803

Emerson / New Trenton

Box 1

Recipe Book-handwritten
Constitution of New Trenton Farmer's Club
Trenton School Dist 3 Teacher's Register 1871-188?, misc vol 19 S

Box 2

Registers of births and deaths 1896, 1897, 1899, 1903, 1905

Box 3 Evans Family

Evans, Mary Allen scrapbook over Amity (NJ?) and Philadelphia Ledger
1797 misc vol 103
Evans, George W Account Ledger 1865-1976, misc vol 104
Evans, E G Account Ledger 1831-1888, misc vol 105
Griffith, Eliza Ann Autograph Book 1834-1837, misc vol 106
unknown Emerson Store Ledger
Emerson School 1882-1883 S W Ong teacher

Box 4

Trenton School Teachers Register and records 1871-1979

Box 5

Emerson Store Ledger 1907-1908
Evans, George journal 1845
A tailor's Ledger with meeting Minutes in back
Evans daybook 1886-1888

Scrapbooks

Box 1

George Porter, articles on floods particularly in Wheeling
Octavia Powell, obits news, misc vol 28
Presbyterian church, newsletters, pamphlets, news

Box 2

JW Harrison, misc vol 22
unknown, misc vol 27
unknown, misc vol 90, obits and news
Adelaide Bainbridge, news articles on Lincoln's death

Box 3

Misc Historical Society scrapbooks

Books

1771 Life of William Penn

Thompson, Cornelia Cattell illustrated by Nash Caulfield

The Country Doctor has a Wife ca 1940s

Christmas Story Alphabet ca 1930

Baby Robin, Five Little Ducks

Why? Puzzled Penguin's 13th Chicken, Nothing to See

Pettifers Verses 1767 Mercy Baldwin handwritten