

# HISTORY MATTERS

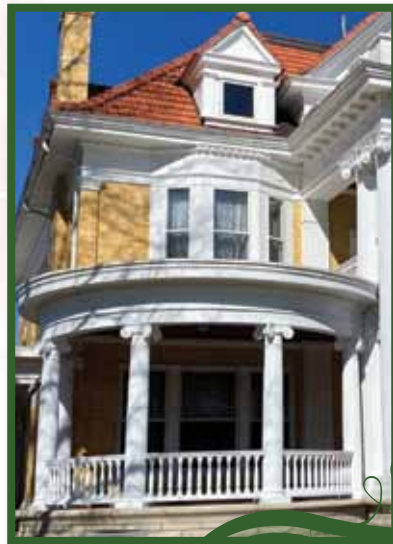
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Making *History* Come Alive!

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## BRINGING THE ORR MANSION BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL GRANDEUR

We would like to give you an update on the Logan County Historical Society's multi-year restoration/repair plan for the exterior of the 114-year-old Orr Mansion. As you know in the last several years, we have installed a

new tile roof and had the railings and balusters replaced on the front porch. This past fall Jason Kuba of Urban Renovation & Development in Bellefontaine installed new columns on the front porch and repaired and rebuilt the 3rd-floor ballroom dormers. If you haven't seen these recent repairs, you are in for treat. They look great! Jason will continue working on the mansion's exterior this year. This work will include replacing the columns and other repairs on the portico on the mansion's west side. More work will follow over the next couple of years on the 2nd and 3rd floor porches.

While the pandemic delayed some of our fundraising plans to help pay for this work, we are now ready to officially kickoff our *Pillars of History Campaign*. Soon we will be reaching out to local businesses, organizations and individuals asking them to become a "Pillar of History" by sponsoring the work described above, and other exterior work that needs to be done. We would like to thank our first Pillars of History!

If you'd like more information on the project or how to be an early sponsor/donor, please contact us at 937-593-7557 or email Todd at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).



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- \*Todd & Amy McCormick (\$500)

*\*Donation was made as part of the Winter 2020/2021 appeal letter. Other donations from the appeal letter will be recognized in our annual appeal Thank You list.*

# LCHC

## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

### Logan County History Center Includes:

- The Orr Mansion
- The Logan County Museum
- The Transportation Museum
- Logan County Historical Society
- AcuSport Meeting Room
- Presidents' Meeting Room

### HISTORY CENTER HOURS

Wednesday through Sunday  
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#### K. Todd McCormick

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## CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

Since I'm sure we are feeling couped up at home with the pandemic and the winter weather, I thought it would help for us to have some fun and think of warmer weather and Indian Lake! Unscramble the four words/phrases in the top part. The letters in the circles (○) will be used to complete the answer to the riddle. All the words in the top part have a connection to Indian Lake's history.

### INDIAN LAKE WORD SCRAMBLE

#### 1. HBLEDUAK

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#### 2. VROSRIER

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#### 3. RNPKMSTUMAAEE

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#### 4. CMBISANUIBGD

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It would have been a nightmare for anyone who wanted to go from one island to another by car at Indian Lake if this structure was never built.

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Answers on page 7

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



### Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

December 2020 Winner: George Wackerman

January 2021 Winner: Bruce Norris

February 2021 Winner: Ray Swisher

# The Adventures of Simon CATTIN

Hi there! It's Simon again – Simon CATTIN, permanent resident at the Logan County History Center. Remember me? We met in the last newsletter. Today I am visiting the room which represents native Logan County flora, fauna, and humans, including my namesake Simon Kenton. This room in the museum houses mastodon bones, Native American tools, and history items such as the Signal Tree.

My favorite exhibit here is the map – yep – the one on the floor where I am perched! This map shows all the Indian Villages, council house and block houses in Logan County back before the Greenville Treaty. Of course, you can see that Kenton's burial location is of particular interest to me. So come on in and check us out and decide what is your favorite room.

Hope to see you soon! (PS, your age doesn't matter – open to all!)

Simon 



Watch for more adventures of Simon CATTIN on Facebook!

## MEETING NOTICE

### LCHS/LCHC PROGRAMS & MEETINGS STILL ON HOLD (FOR NOW)

Fortunately, we are moving in the right direction regarding the COVID-19 pandemic with vaccinations and fewer cases. However, at the time this newsletter is going to the printer we still do not know when we will be able to lift the restrictions on holding meetings, programs, and special events. We hope to be able to start some of these important functions later in 2021. Please check the website, [www.loganhistory.org](http://www.loganhistory.org) and our Facebook page, or call the office at 937-593-7557 for updates.

## Leave Your Legacy

It is never too early to plan ahead and to consider your gift to the Logan County History Center. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

If you would like to preserve part of your life forever by sharing with the entire community, please consider donating.

If you have any questions please contact  
Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).

# BROWN P A R K

Brown Park is located in the east-central part of Bellefontaine off of East Sandusky Avenue. In 1881, the 2.5-acre park was a gift to the City of Bellefontaine from Mrs. Rebecca Shaw Brown. The park was formally dedicated in 1883 by Mrs. Brown in honor of her late husband, Dr. Benjamin Stanton Brown.

Dr. Benjamin Brown was born in 1800 and died in 1873. Dr. Brown was one of the early physicians in Bellefontaine and was the first Logan County surveyor. He was commonly referred to as “director of the town”. He opened Bellefontaine’s the first drug store in 1844, was a County Recorder, and the county’s weatherman. He was also one of founders of the Logan County Fair in 1849.

Brown Park features a life size marble statue of Dr. Brown that was sculptured in Italy. The statue is mounted on bara granite from Vermont and weighs 1,870 pounds. Total cost of the statue being sculpted and set in place was \$2,200.

U.S. Representative and Bellefontaine native, General. Robert P. Kennedy, gave the opening address: “He who gives to the world the example of true manhood, and leaves behind him upon leaving it, the memory of a life well spent, has given it the richest legacy it is possible for him to have left, and made it better because he was a part of it”.

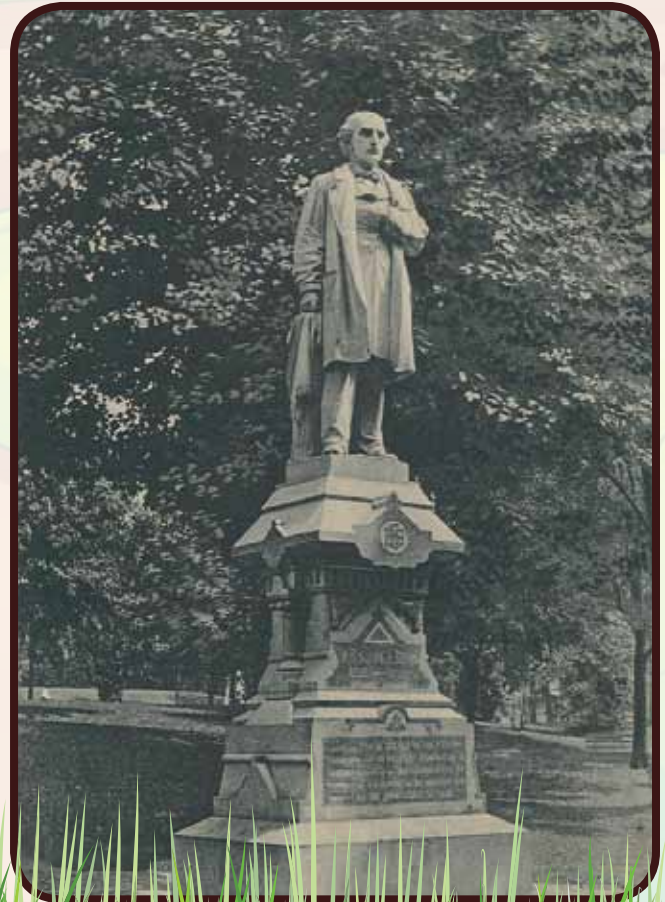
The original park featured a greenhouse and numerous flower gardens and benches. A year after the park was established a second greenhouse had to be built to raise all the flowers needed for the gardens. It is not known when the greenhouses were removed, however, in a newspaper article in 1917 it was noted that “the greenhouse in Brown Park needed repair and a new boiler”.

When Mrs. Brown died in 1870, she bequeathed her home to the Methodist Church to be used as their parsonage. Her will also contained plans to build a “Museum of Natural Curiosities” in Brown Park that would feature her husband’s collection of shells and their cabinets and her many bookcases filled with books. After her death the money for the project came up missing, the shells were lost, and the museum was never built.

In 1894, a goldfish pond and fountain were erected in the center of the park encircled by a protective fence. The fountain was built from rough rock and designed to represent a crag with water trickling out from between the rocks. Benches were placed around the fountain area for visitors to sit and enjoy the goldfish and the beauty of the park.

In 1946, the Ministerial Association had a concrete platform constructed around Dr. Brown’s statue. For many years Brown Park has been a cultural arts center for concerts, outdoor theater, and religious services. The park provides a peaceful place to relax amid the hustle and bustle of the city.





***We would like to thank Jerry Pennell  
for suggesting we do a story  
on Brown Park.***

**December 8, 2020**



**February 26, 2021**

**Nikki Smith**

Charm bracelet, Satan's Angels' hats, photographs, and newspaper articles that belonged to her parents

**Shawndel Wilson**

Plat maps for Russells Point from 1980

**John & Toni McPherson**

2009 Samsung smart phone

**Dolores Kemper Rose/Julia Rose-Weston**

Paintings by Maude James of the Spencer Homestead and the Bickham Covered Bridge

**Mark Barlow**

Examiner newspapers

**Nancy Dillon**

McBeth School 1919-1957 commemorative plate

**Pat Ortli**

Coffee mug from Bellefontaine Staples store

**Danielle Sallee**

Military and sports uniforms of John David Hostetler of West Liberty

**Betsy Ann Forsythe Shoffstall**

Antique sunglasses, photograph/card of Belle Center teacher Miss Freda Frances Trumbull

**Karen Zahller**

Ohio Magazines with articles on Logan County people and places

**Beth & John Marshall**

Heatmaster electric waffle iron

**Ray Stamm**

Newspaper article & plaque concerning the Kobe Injection Molding Machine used at the Honda Motorcycle plant.

**G. Bruce & Louise Norris**

Cookbooks from local organizations

**Don & Susan Corwin**

Honorary Membership Certificate for the Indian Lake Chapter No. 554 of the Eastern Star presented to Susan Fawcett

**Mark Wood and Ralph & Ann Wood**

Parlor set belonging to Zanesfield native Winfield Scott (founder of Scott's Santal Pepsin Co., in Bellefontaine) and later belonging to the Augustus Kaylor family. Parlor set had previously been on loan to LCHC.

**Ralph Wood**

Revolver carried by Logan County Deputy Sheriff Ralph M. Wood

**Martin A. Hicks**

Book Historical Review of Logan County, Ohio (1903) by Gen. Robert P. Kennedy

**Barabara Hartman-Sasak**

Letters and postcards from the Butler family

**Archives Library OHC**

Civil War letters from Logan Countians

**Carol Detrick Kerr**

Minutes & program booklets from Cynosure Club of Quincy

**Dixie D. Jackson**

Booklet *The Story of Zanesfield*, photographs of the Stamats-Rule-Marmon families

# Welcome to our New Members!

**December 2020**

Ben Stahler  
James & Maranell Wilson  
Richard Moore



**January 2021**

Kathy Madden  
Logan Acres Senior Community  
George & Karen Feltham  
John Scheu  
Levan's Excavating Inc  
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Kathy Williams  
Claude & Joy Leroux Jr  
Frank Chismar  
Peter Desomma  
Melvin & Evelyn Allison  
Sean & Jennifer Purton  
Earl & Nancy Levan

**February 2021**

Andrea J McIntyre  
Harold Kerr Post 173  
Ben Willoby  
Comstor Outdoor  
Doug & Kristen Elton  
Gregory & Peggy Fogt  
Karen Cordova  
Honda Transmission Mfg  
Mary E Hall

**We inadvertently left several donors off our 2019/2020 Winter Appeal Letter Thank You List in the Winter newsletter.**

**Isaac Zane Level** (\$100-\$499)  
Ms. Gloria Daines

**Other Donors**  
Bruce & April DeBolt  
(John & Nell West Family Memorial)

Jeannette J. Kaelin  
(Barbara Stoll Memorial)

**THANK YOU!**

We truly appreciate your generosity and support of the Logan County Historical Society and the History Center. We sincerely apologize for overlooking your names on our previous list.

Answers to the Indian Lake Word Scramble on page 2

1. Bulkhead
2. Reservoir
3. Amusement Park
4. Big Band Music  
Dream Bridge



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**ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!** *All dues paid after October 1st will be applied to 2022's dues.*

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- Open House** docent/volunteer
- Halloween KidFest**
- Christmas decorating** of museum
- Christmas Open House** docent/volunteer
- Building** Committee volunteer
- Programs** Committee volunteer
- Docent** Committee volunteer
- Photography** volunteer
- Other**, explain \_\_\_\_\_



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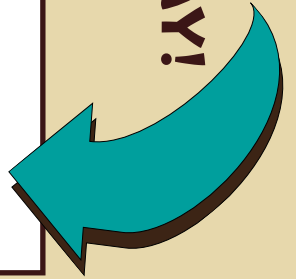
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