

THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER - NEWSLETTER - *History Matters*

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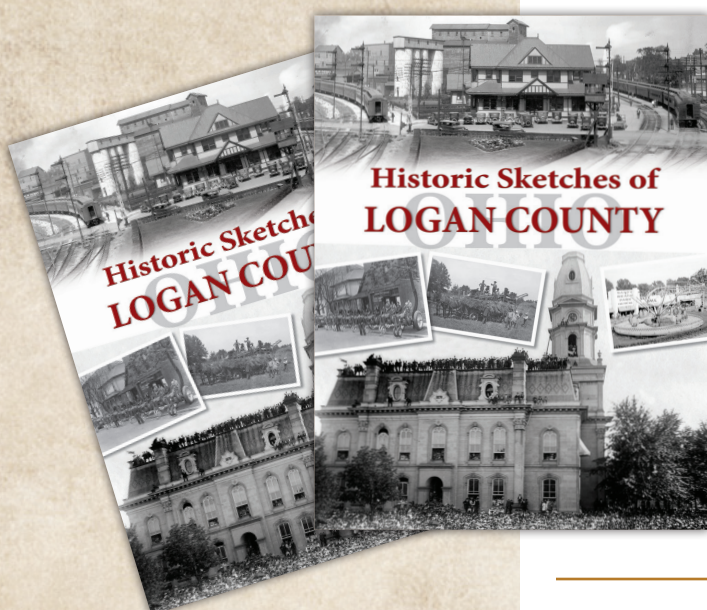
HISTORIC SKETCHES OF *Logan County, Ohio*

The Logan County Historical Society and M.T. Publishing Company, Inc. have joined forces to create a new photographic history book, *Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio*. As a nonprofit organization, our purpose in publishing a pictorial history of Logan County, Ohio is to preserve historical records for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

This coffee-table size edition will be beautifully bound in a hard cover with a color dust jacket specially designed for this one-of-a-kind publication and will contain many photographs and historical highlights of our county — past and present. High-gloss, double-coated paper will be used for superior photo reproduction.

Only a limited number of books will be printed, therefore it is necessary to take all orders in advance. Order *Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio* at the discounted pre-publication price of \$42.50 for the deluxe standard edition and \$74.95 for the deluxe bonded leather edition. A downloadable digital edition is available for \$9.95 in conjunction with the purchase of a hard cover edition.

You can choose to have your book shipped directly to you for \$9.50 (\$5.00 for each additional book) or local pick-up will be available to save on shipping at the Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. Complete the order form on page six and remit with payment no later than August 31, 2025. You may also order with a credit card online at www.mtpublishing.com or by calling toll-free at 888-263-4702. Please help make this a publication that Logan County will be proud of for years to come!



PRE-ORDER PRICE \$42.50

- 8.5" x 11" Coffee Table Book
- Approximately 300 Pages
- Deluxe Hardbound Covers with Dust Jacket
- 70 lb. Acid-Free Glossy Paper
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- Quality Printing & Binding
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www.loganhistory.org
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History Center Hours
Wednesday–Sunday
1:00–4:00PM



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The Logan County Historical Society would like to thank the voters of Logan County for passing our 5-year 0.25 mill replacement operating levy on May 6th. The money from the levy will be used for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the History Center facility, which includes the 1906 Orr Mansion, the Logan County Museum (old Latham Nursing Home, which was built in the 1960s) and the Transportation Museum (opened in 2014). The passage of the levy will allow the Historical Society and the Logan County History Center to continue

our mission of collecting, preserving and promoting the rich history of Logan County through the efforts of our dedicated professional staff with the help of our many devoted volunteers. Your support also allows the History Center to continue to be open year-round with the History Center being open for tours Wednesday-Sunday 1:00-4:00PM and office hours Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your continued support. You have helped make the Logan County History Center into one of the best and most respected county museums in the state and beyond. We hope you will come visit us and see how the levy money is being used. We will have most of our Salute to Veterans exhibits up throughout the rest of 2025.

Thank you,

Todd McCormick
Curator/Director



MACKACHACK TOWN HISTORICAL MARKER

A special thank you to Mark Butler, Career Awareness Coordinator at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, and the students that helped restore the Mackachack Town Historical Marker!

Photo names: Left to right, Todd McCormick, Nate Dunn, Cameron Kelsey, Cameron Hensley, and James Carr

A SALUTE TO LOGAN COUNTY VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and donated or loaned military uniforms and items for our "A Salute to Logan County Veterans" open house. We're especially grateful to the staff and volunteers who dedicated many hours preparing for this meaningful day.

Special thanks to the Logan County Genealogical Society for sponsoring an exhibit in the Transportation Museum, which included military guns, uniforms, photos, and stories of local veterans. Contributors included Matt and Shawndel Wilson, Erica Wilson, Ashley Meeker, Travis and Julie Dague, Tim Knepshield, T.J. Weikert, David and Pam Wilson, D.C. Foulk, Russ Strayer, Dave and Deb Allison, John Given, and the Gerald Houchin family.

Archeologist Greg Shipley shared Civil War items from his collection, including Abram Piatt's coat and campaign trunk. Karl Kennedy displayed his Korean War-era jeep, and Robert Walker and the 664th Air Force/NADRM Museum contributed Doyle Grassmeyer's Air Force uniform.

The Veteran Monument Project (David Lamb, Fred Brackney, and Tim and Mandy Shaw) shared plans for a new memorial in Rutan Park. Cookie donations came from Sara Bratka, Melinda Ridgway, Karen Tracey, Erin Rudat, the Wackermans, Kit Wehe, and the Charles Collins Post 381 American Legion Auxiliary.

Many of the Salute to Veterans exhibits will be available through the end of the year.

We're thankful for all our members, volunteers, and supporters. Visit us at the Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00-4:00 PM.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING

March

Ray Kramer

April

Leslie Warne

May

Jeanne Jenkins

YEARLY
\$100 WINNER
Bob Mitchell

2025

Calendar OF Events

JULY

4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

CLOSED for Holiday

6-12TH LOGAN COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

12:00-9:00PM Merchants Building

14TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

AUGUST

9TH PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP

8:00AM Transportation
Museum Honda Atrium

11TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

SEPTEMBER

1ST LABOR DAY

CLOSED for Holiday

8TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

11TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

DAR MEETING TBD

AcuSport Room

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

March 2025

Sharon Kinney
Kit Wehe
Therese Ridenbaugh

April 2025

Philip Church

[www.loganhistory.org/
membership-information](http://www.loganhistory.org/membership-information)

Logan County Fair

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!

The Logan County Agricultural Society was founded in 1850, and the first fair was held in downtown Bellefontaine. In 1860, land was purchased at the present fairgrounds site. Exhibitors and fair goers continue to enjoy the Logan County Fair each year.



Logan Co. Fairgrounds Midway ca 1936



Junior Fair poultry judging ca 1950



Swine Show winner ca 1952



Visiting the Rabbit Barn ca 1943



Crowd at Fairground Race Track



Race won by Harvest Ladd, Sep 27, 1922
Logan County Fair, driver McMillen



King's Daughters Concession Stand



Fruits, Vegetables and Canned Goods ca 1953



Steer Show ca 1950



Three Star 4-H Club projects in the Jr. Fair Booth



Former Governor Frank Lausche visiting the Fair, 1948



Gov Thomas J Herbert at the fair on Governor's Day 1948

MARCH 13–MAY 23, 2025 ARTIFACT DONATIONS

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Thank You!
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Don & Susan Corwin

School textbooks from Logansville, Olive Chapel School report card, Lloyd Corwin's Proofreader's rulers from his time working at the World Bank

Parrie Veo

Letters from East Liberty ca 1930s

Scott Robinson

Coca-Cola bottle Bellefontaine Coca-Cola Bottling Works

Pat Ortl

World map compliments Security Federal Savings & Loan Association

Pat Herring

Belle Center High School
"HI-CHEERS" newspapers

JD Harshfield

NYCS Railroad lantern, wall hanging made from Pickrell UGGR home by Isabel Smucker, Logan County photo/postcard album

Yvonne Smith

DeGraff town band uniform,
US Army uniform of Max Smith

Marjorie MacGillivray

US Army uniforms of Doug MacGillivray and other items from time the couple was stationed in Germany during the Cold War

Vic Whitney

Book - "At All Hazards" written by the author about the 121st OVI during the Civil War

Mary Cartwright Delfs

BHS pennant, BHS band & orchestra pins

Jennifer L. Nicol

2024 Total Eclipse t-shirt
and protective glasses

Steve & Robin Godwin

Hobart/PMI cast iron banks collection

Karen Tracey

Benjamin Logan Schools village/township school buildings murals

Chris Spooner

Early 1900s valentines

Paul Benedetti

Oversized BHS Senior Class Composite
Photos, 1973-1976

Jo Hudson

Bridge plaque from Bellefontaine Bridge & Steel Co., BHS Class of 1953 graduation and reunion programs/photos, yearbooks, Logan County WWII Absentee Voters ledger

Lois Stoll

Handmade quilted Donald Duck pillow sham

Randy Schmidt

BHS football jacket

Judy Oldiges

BHS Class of 1956 graduation and reunion booklets/photos/yearbooks

Bob Mattfeld

Kuwait American Embassy playing cards with Most-Wanted Iraqi government and military officials (War on Terror)

Phil Moots

"Mac-A-Cheek Press" 11/3/1865 newspaper,
"The Mad-River Blade" 1/6/1876 newspaper,
"History of Zanesfield" booklet, souvenir tomahawk pipe

Dwight Hansen

Apple crates from local orchards

MAC-A-CHEEK FOUNDATION

The Mac-A-Cheek Foundation for the Humanities (MFH) at Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek is expanding its volunteer opportunities of behind-the-scenes projects to also include interacting with visitors. Shifts are flexible and training is offered. For more information, contact: Margaret@piattCastle.org or either 937-465-2821 (office) or 937-844-3902 (cell).

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visiting our website at:

www.loganhistory.org

Your donation is tax deductible.

All donations of \$100.00 or more
includes a yearly membership.

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(Make checks payable to **Logan County History Center**,
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