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HISTORIC SKETCHES OF Logan County, Ohio

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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!

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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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MONTHLY ^{\$}20 GIFT CERTIFICATE DRAWING

March

Ray Kramer





YEARLY **\$100 WINNER** Bob Mitchell

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JULY

4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSED for Holiday

6–12[™] LOGAN COUNTY FAIR BOOTH 12:00–9:00PM Merchants Building

14[™] PIECEMAKERS MEETING 7:00PM Presidents' Room

AUGUST

9[™] **PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP** 8:00AM Transportation Museum Honda Atrium

11™ PIECEMAKERS MEETING 7:00PM Presidents' Room

SEPTEMBER

1ST LABOR DAY CLOSED for Holiday

8[™] **PIECEMAKERS MEETING** 7:00PM Presidents' Room

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March 2025 Sharon Kinney Kit Wehe Therese Ridenbaugh

> April 2025 Philip Church

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.









Visiting the Rabbit Barn ca 1943















BOOK PATRONS Wanted To Help Support This Project

Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio, will contain a PATRON section of Logan County businesses, churches, schools, and organizations as recorded in 2025 for future generations to read.

All Logan County businesses, churches, schools, clubs, organizations are invited to submit their written histories for prominent display in the professionally designed history book. Imagine the prestige that will be rendered to your business, church, school, organization by including it in this PERMANENT RECORD of Logan County, Ohio. You should include your history and interesting stories written in the third person (he, she, they). Include any information you feel pertinent: the date your business, church, school or organization was started, location(s), who was the founder, growth, etc. and a historic and current photo of your business, church, school or organization (if possible). If you do not have photos or information, please feel free to contact the History Center Archives.

For a full page, you will want to submit approximately 800 words with two photos. For a half page history, please submit approximately 300 words with one photo. Patron pages are being sold for \$240.00 for a full black and white page, and \$195.00 for a half

If you have questions regarding the patron section of the book or questions about the book project, please feel free to contact Mary Mortimer, Administrative Assistant, at historycenter@loganhistory.org or 937-593-7557. black and white page. Color pages are being sold for \$500.00 for a full color page, and \$400.00 for a half color page. A full black and white or full color page purchase includes a complimentary copy of the book. **Patron pages must be submitted by AUGUST 31, 2025.**

Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio will be available in mid-2026 as we celebrate the Nation's 250th anniversary.



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Scott Robinson Coca-Cola bottle Bellefontaine Coca-Cola Bottling Works

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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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