

Special Holiday Edition

Orange Peelings

Orange County Historical Society

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From the Desk of your President:

Hoping this finds everyone enjoying a beautiful fall and looking forward to the up coming holiday season. Where has 2018 gone? It's been another very busy and active year for the OCHS. Looking forward to celebrating our many accomplishments at this year's Annual Dinner set for December 3rd. Details on the event will reach you soon. Be sure and make plans to



attend the "Holiday Open House" at the Museum on the afternoon of November 18th and check out our new temporary Exhibit on World War 1. And join us for an "Old Fashioned Christmas at the Lindley House" on "December 2nd. Just a reminder that 2019 Membership Renewals are due by year's end.

Wishing everyone a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Robert F. Henderson, President

Holiday Open House at the Museum November 18



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The Orange County Historical Society is finalizing plans for the upcoming Holiday Open House at the Museum set for Sunday, November 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is being held in conjunction with the annual Paoli Merchants Christmas Open House. There will be no admission charged however donations will be accepted to go towards continued renovation efforts at the Museum. We will once again have our Holiday Market set up that day in the downstairs "Family Room" with gift giving ideas for the history buff on your Christmas list this year.

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Autumn Homecoming Well Attended



What a beautiful late September afternoon we had this day for our 1st Annual Autumn Homecoming at the historic Thomas Elwood Lindley House. The old farmhouse was fairly bustling with activity. Our sincere thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the afternoon with us. We hope to make this an annual tradition.

Visitors enjoyed a variety of heritage activities including cider making, bee keeping, Civil War camp display, guided house tours, old time music, pioneer toys and a close up look at some of our heritage animal friends as well.



Hoosier National Forest was on hand to share the story of historic Lick Creek. Chris Jones offered his beautiful prints of our beloved O.C. Courthouse, attendees got a glimpse of the huge Lindley Log Trough with our friends with S.H.O.C. A huge thank you to all of our partners including Saving Historic Orange County (SHOC), Hoosier National Forest, IDNR Patoka Lake, Phil Mininger, Pat Hall, Chris Jones, Brian Dorsett, Kimmel Bees, and the Left Field String Band. Thanks are in order, too, for our wonderful volunteers who helped with the various activities. At the close of the event, we also dedicated a Forest Pansy Red Bud tree and small marker on the west side of the house in memory of our friend and benefactor Mildred "Mid" Hoke (1915-2006).



Renovation Work Underway At Farmhouse



The upstairs portion of the historic Lindley House is temporarily CLOSED to visitors at this time as we prepare for renovation work in both the commonly known Bledsoe and Lindley bedrooms. Antique furnishings and artifacts are being carefully removed and stored out of harm's way. For the first time in decades both Memorial Rooms will soon be receiving new period like wallpapers and window treatments to freshen them up for visitors, and to help us better interpret the 1850s to mid-1860s time frame when the house served as a farm home.



Fall Cleaning at Lindley House



Fall Cleaning was recently completed at the Lindley House. Antique furnishings and priceless artifacts were carefully moved and cleaned and dusted and put back in place. Walls and ceilings were wiped down thoroughly and light fixtures were cleaned throughout. Rooms were aired and freshened. Windows washed in preparation for new period like window treatments. A huge thanks to our community partners at O.C. First Chance for their labors to help keep the house in good shape for our many visitor friends.

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Lindley Marriage Certificate



The Lindley Bible

Old Fashioned Christmas



An old fashioned Christmas is something many of us have yearned for, having heard echoes of a time when the most celebrated holiday of the year was simpler—and perhaps more heartfelt than in today's busy and commercialized world. The Christmases of our ancestors were a time for family, homemade decorations and lovingly crafted gifts. Or maybe no decorations at all, but simply the gathering of loved ones to create a warmth that chased away the bitterness of winter's chill.

Whatever the choices those people made long ago to observe Christmas, the Orange County Historical Society (OCHS) is this year once again offering the chance to revisit what might have been in those pioneer days. Through a special holiday celebration at the historic Lindley House—former home of early Orange County settler Thomas Elwood Lindley—visitors will relive a sense of what

Christmas may have been like in the 19th century, experiencing a taste of what Christmas was like long before shopping malls and convenience stores, before gifts were purchased online and everyone felt the need to have the "latest thing".

The OCHS will host the Old-Fashioned holiday event at the historic Lindley Farm House on Sunday, December 2nd from 2 to 4 pm.

The 165 year old historic farm home will be decorated in part downstairs to reflect a simple 1860s Christmas past and will be open for informal touring. OCHS volunteers will be on site to share historic tidbits relating to the home site and serving up hot cider and cookies as well.

OCHS President Robert F. Henderson said, "And while we are aware that traditionally the Lindley family who were Quakers would have very likely avoided any efforts of the period to commercialize Christmas, the event simply gives us an occasion just to open up the old farm house to our visitor friends one last time at season's end and share some of the simple holiday traditions of the time period of the home."

This will be the last opportunity to visit Lindley House for the season as the site will be shuttered afterwards for the winter months until next spring.

Lindley Mills Still Grinding Grain

Did you know there was a Lindley's Mill before there was a United States of America?

The Mill was first established in 1755 by Thomas Lindley at Cane Creek in Graham, North Carolina. The Mill was the site the famous Battle of Lindley's Mill, during the Revolutionary War. The Governor of NC, his cabinet and some 1,000 men were involved. Earlier, British General Lord Cornwallis, visited the Mill to "purchase" flour for his army.

The Mill has been fully restored and today the descendants of Thomas Lindley continue to produce excellent flour and other grain products at the site.



Wish List

Though the OCHS, Museum and Historic Lindley House is always appreciative of your financial support, there are some items that are needed that individuals or businesses might be able to donate.

Below is our wish list, a partial list of items, their descriptions, and why we need them. This list will be updated as need arise. If you have any of the following items and would be willing to donate or purchase them for the museum, please contact OCHS President Robert Henderson and/or any board member.

Mannequins: We are proud to have a fair amount of historical clothing items. However, since we only have a very few complete mannequins (and many of them are in disrepair), we would like to be able to have additional clothing from our collection on display. Both full body and torso mannequins would be helpful for display.

Historic Lindley House Needs: We are in need of some additional Mid-19th Century household type items that would help us better interpret the late 1850s-1860s Farm Home. Some items include a butter churn, coffee grinder, cookware, flatware, wooden bucket (s), pie safe, and period type china pieces. There is also a need for some period quilts or reproduction heirloom type quilts in patterns or designs for the time period of the house for the three bedrooms. The present original bed coverings have been on permanent display and are fast becoming fragile and badly need to be rotated and/or removed from display along with other bed type linens. Other wish items for the farmhouse museum include a period of 1860s reproduction light fixture that would be suitable in an entranceway and/or stairwell area.

Display Cases: Medium to small display cases are presently need to display many rare and fragile items in the upstairs Church Room at the Museum.



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Attention!!

It's OCHS Membership Renewal Time

We don't want to lose you!

Membership Dues are now payable January 1st

on a calendar basis. Individual dues are still \$20 and includes a personalized membership card, invites to our monthly meetings, workshops, OCHS E-News, Annual Dinner and the Society's newsletter. "Orange Peelings." Lifetime Memberships are still available for individual and/or a couple for \$200 and includes special permanent recognition and a plaque displayed at the Museum. Please find enclosed membership renewal form. Hoping you will take a few minutes to complete the attached form and return it with your dues for the new year. Please return via mail to the address at the bottom of the form as we cannot accept any type of online payment. Checks should be made payable to Orange County Historical Society. Hoping to hear from you soon. Thanking you in advance.

Robert F. Henderson- President Carolyn Clements –Treasurer

Orange County Historical Society Membership

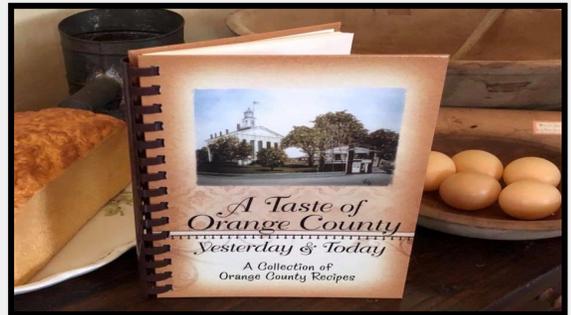
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A Taste of Orange County Yesterday & Today A Collection of Orange County Recipes. These are fast becoming collectibles. Only \$10 while supplies last. Lots of great recipes past and present & lots of fun tidbits of OC history. Makes a great gift idea. The Cookbooks are available from the Museum, Roslyn's Corner Gifts, Orleans Antiques and Orleans Town Offices.

New items

\$11



OC HS T shirts



OC
C'House
Keychain
\$5

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Meeting Dates

Nov 27th

Dec. 3 Annual Christmas Dinner
6 p.m. @ Sprigler's Gathering Place
Downtown Orleans \$12 per person
RSVP to Robert by NO LATER than
Nov. 26th.

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