



ORANGE PEELINGS

FALL/WINTER 2022-23



Celebrating our 50th Year 1972-2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Could the calendar actually read November already? With 2022 quickly coming to a close, it is an excellent time to say THANK YOU for your continual support of the OCHS and its activities. Our 50th anniversary year has proven to be a very busy and active year. Saving the Paoli Historic Newspaper collection has been a huge undertaking for our small group. I am so very grateful to our dedicated members who volunteered countless hours to tackle the daunting task these many past months. The entire collection is now safe and secure in museum storage. We will be moving into our next phase of the project which will involve the digitalizing of the collection. In addition, a number of needed improvements and enhancements have been completed at both the Museum and historic Lindley House in 2022.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating our many accomplishments at our Annual Christmas Dinner on December 1st. Please plan now to attend. We will play host to a special 50th Anniversary "Holiday Open House" at the Museum on Sunday, November 20th from 1 to 4 p.m. This will also mark our last official day

of operations for the 2022 Season. As a "Fun-Raiser" we have again produced a commemorative Christmas ornament celebrating the historic Monon Trestle at Paoli.

Our popular, our "Old Fashioned Christmas at the Farmhouse" event returns on Sunday, December 4th from 2 to 4 p.m. The historic Lindley House will be open that afternoon to visitors and decorated in part to reflect an 1860s Civil War era Christmas. Be sure to stop in and enjoy a bit of "Christmas Past," with us.

Wishing everyone a very Warm and Wonderful Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

Regards,
Robert F. Henderson
President/CEO

HELP US SAVE ORANGE COUNTY'S HISTORY!

Do you know the O.C. Historical Society has two permanent endowments set up through the Orange County Community Foundation? A gift to one of the OCHS Funds is really a gift to the future, as it provides funding for the Society's work each and every year...forever. Recently income from the endowment funds has allowed us to complete a number of enhancements and important preservation projects at both the historic Lindley House and Museum building. The larger our endowment grows, the better equipped the Historical Society is to preserve and maintain the evidence of Orange County's past and to preserve its heritage for generations to come. Can we count on your support?



As we prepare to "shutter" up & close out 2022 we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our members and friends for your continual support.

We hope to see you again in 2023.

May there always be a lighted candle in your window.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Celebrate An Old Fashioned Christmas at the Farmhouse



Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, December 4th from 2 to 4 p.m.

The historic Thomas Elwood Lindley House, located on Willow Creek Rd., Paoli will be open to visitors that afternoon and decorated in part to reflect an 1860s Civil War era holiday.

Reminder

Individual Membership Dues for 2023 are payable January 1st. Dues remain at \$20. Lifetime Memberships still available for individuals and/or couple \$200.



Bonnie Dalton Pinnick of Franklin recently paid a visit to the Lindley House who along with her sister Barbara Dalton Parkinson donated a number of large historic Family portraits such as the one pictured here of A. J. Rhodes. Last year Bonnie also gifted the museum collection with a beautiful set of Haviland China that once belonged to the late Mid Hoke.

Donations

Bonnie Dalton Pinnick and Barbara Dalton Parkinson - Framed portrait of A. J. Rhodes, various Rhodes & Lindley Family portraits

Luke Potter - 1934 Autobiography of Wm. A. Millis of Orange County

Mike Holland - Collection of baseball bats from the Orange County Handle Factory

Donna Dugan - Civil War letters of James S. Prather, Union Soldier from Orleans

Mimi Meadow - Period Mirror

Mica Beauregard - Original flour sack from the Paoli Mill

Janet Brown Powell - Painting of the Mill by her uncle, Rupert "Duke" Ferrell

Cathy Oakley Moore - 4 Dailey Chairs

Monetary Donations

Diane Dillard in memory of Frances Spangler • Curtis Thill & Yolanda Yoder

Nancy Gross in Memory of Sam Crockett • Joe Murphy • Judith Murphy



What little girl would not have wanted to wake up and find this under the tree on Christmas morning? Visitors to the Museum Holiday Open House can enjoy a close up look at this rare miniature English Tudor doll house with furnishings.

The Doll house is presently on display in the downstairs back "Family Room."

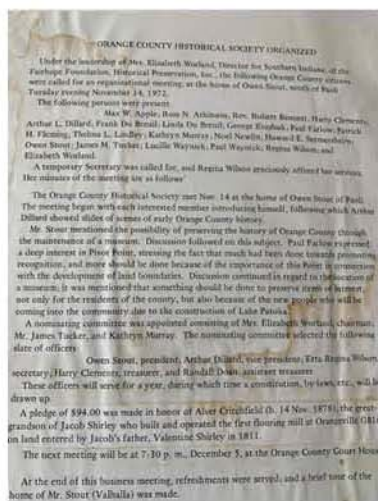
Make plans to stop in and see us on Nov. 20th from 1 to 4 in conjunction with the Paoli Merchants Open House. See the Museum and Pick up a little something up from our Museum Shop. We also have Gift Memberships!

Admission is FREE; however, donations will be accepted to help maintain the museum and our collection.



Improvement projects at the historic Lindley House this fall have included much needed new period like wall coverings for both the dining room and nursery, which have brighten up both areas considerably.

Happy 50th Birthday Orange County Historical Society!



Fifty years ago, this month November 14 1972, a group of historic minded Orange County citizens gathered at the home of Owen Stout, south of Paoli for the purpose of organizing the present-day Orange County Historical Society. The original notes taken by Regina Wilson reflect that the following persons were present: Max W. Apple, Ross Atkinson, Rev. Robert Bennett, Harry Clements, Arthur L. Dillard, Frank and Linda Du Breuil, George Evashuk, Paul Farlow, Patrick Fleming, Thelma Lindley, Kathryn Murray, Noel Newlin, Howard Sermersheim, Owen Stout, James M. Tucker, Lucille Waynick, Paul Waynick, Regina Wilson and Elizabeth Worland.

The need for a museum (in 1978 a museum would be established first at the old Orangeville Methodist Church and later the Paoli Square) to preserve Orange County's historical heritage was discussed. Owen Stout was selected as president of the then new organization. Arthur Dillard was tapped as vice-president, Etta Regina Wilson, secretary, Harry Clements, treasurer, and Randall Doan, assistant treasurer.

Arthur Dillard presented a slide show of early Orange County history.

The influx of tourists to Orange County upon completion of Patoka Lake was cited as another reason for establishing a museum.

A second meeting of the new Society was held the next month on December 5th in the county courtroom with nearly 60 persons in attendance. Membership of the new group was increased to approximately 45. By-laws were formally presented during the meeting. With the boom in membership and interest growing the Orange County Historical Society was really on its way. Fifty years have come and gone and today the OCHS is still going strong to preserve the county's stories and precious artifacts.



OCHS Holiday Wish List

Though the Orange County Historical Society, Museum & Historic Lindley House is always appreciative of your financial support, there are some items that are needed that those 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 arises. 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, 812 653 1212 or via email info@historicorangecounty.org and/or any board member.

Museum Display Items Sought: Monon artifacts linked to Paoli and Orleans to better interpret the rich railroad history of our community. Orange County Mills. Relics from some of the other smaller Orange County Communities of the past i.e., Valeene, Orangeville, Pumpkin Center, Millersburg, Newton Stewart etc. The Museum is also in need of some middle size or smaller display cases to house items linked to historic Orange County Churches.

Historic Lindley House Needs: period like quilts or reproduction heirloom type quilts in patterns/design of the 1860s. In some cases, such as the downstairs Alice Childs Room, the present original bed covering has been on permanent like display for decades and is fast becoming fragile like and badly needs to be rotated and/or removed from display. Other wish items for the Farmhouse Museum include period or circa 19th Century type tables, a wooden farm kitchen type work table, antique pie safe, antique ladies and men's dresser type items, and a Civil War era antique and/or reproduction (Working) light fixture that would be suitable in the upstairs stairwell area.



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2022 Meeting Dates

November 22
 Dec. 1st Annual Christmas Dinner
 6 p.m. @ Lingle Room in Paoli



- All meetings unless otherwise noted are held at the Paoli Public Library meeting room 7 p.m. General Business Meeting begins at 6 p.m. Members are always welcome and urged to attend.

Welcome New Members!

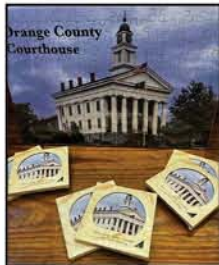
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Fun Gift Ideas for the History Buff

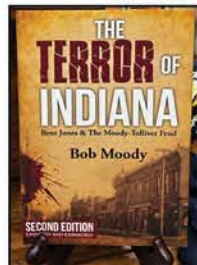
The Museum Gift Shop has lots of great gift giving ideas for the "history buff" on your Christmas Shopping List this year. I.E. We have a variety of books, DVDs, cookbooks, Courthouse keychains, coasters, puzzles, Lindley House magnets, t-shirts, ornaments, coloring books, collectible Courthouse Plates, gift memberships & more. Orders are filled year-round. Proceeds from gift shop sales benefit the general upkeep of the Museum.



"History Mystery Totes" \$10
 (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



Coasters & Puzzles



Terror of Indiana



Lindley House Magnets

Happy Holidays!
Best Wishes for
the New Year!

Just Arrived!

2022 Ornament Celebrates Historic Monon Trestle



This year's OCHS Christmas Ornament, the fifth in a series celebrates the historic Monon Trestle at Paoli. The beautiful maroon and white ornament will be available for purchase during the Holiday Open House at the Museum on November 20th. The cost will be \$12 with proceeds benefiting the upkeep of the Museum and historic collection. We also have a very limited number of the 2021 issue with the historic Orange County Courthouse for only \$5 while supplies last.