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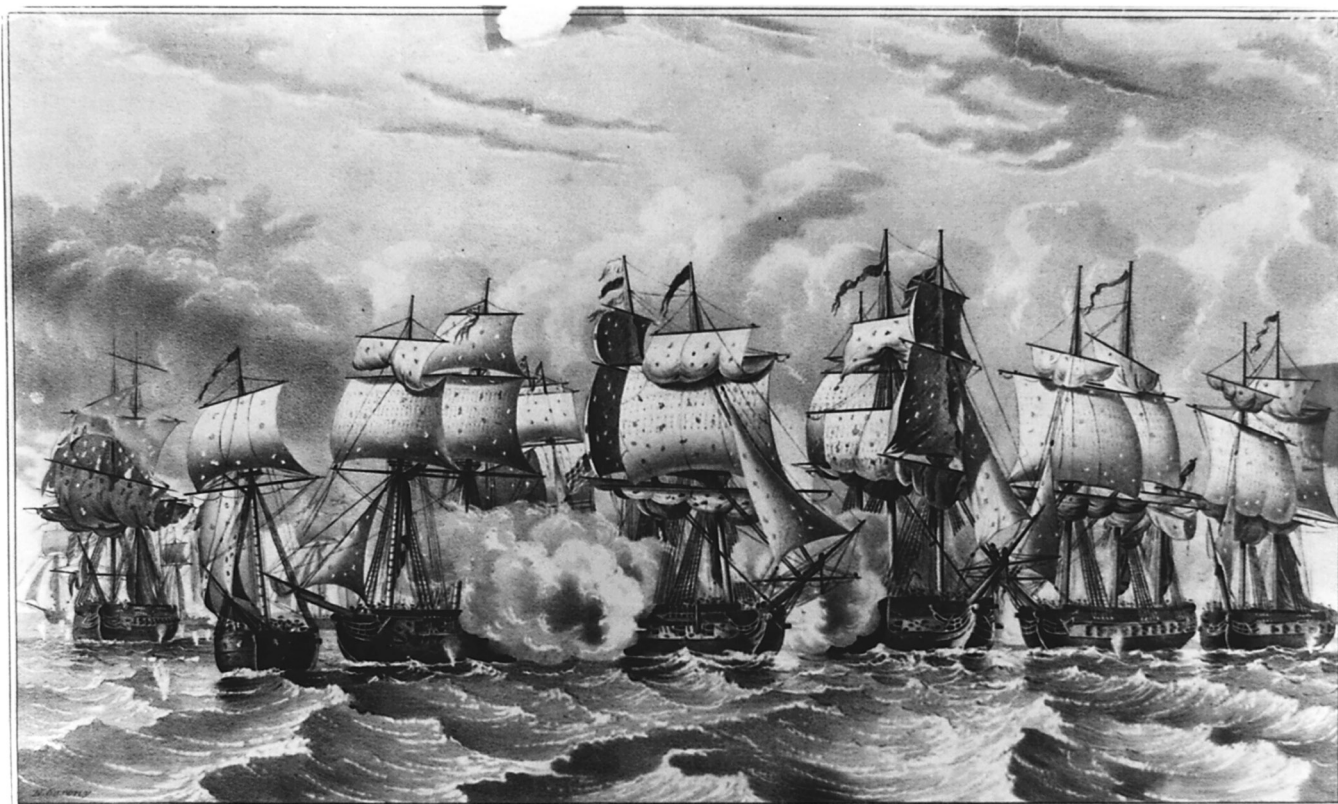
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The War of 1812



LAWRENCE killed & wounded 83.

NIAGARA

PERRY'S VICTORY ON LAKE ERIE.

August 16th 1813.

This plate represents the position of the two fleets at the moment when the NIAGARA is pushing through the enemy's line passing her bow under gun fire from both broadsides and throwing them to seaward or in succession to the American flag. COMMODORE PERRY having a short time before cut the LAWRENCE on a starboard bow amidst a tremendous fire from the British Squadron and sent her flag on board the NIAGARA.

When met the enemy and they
Lith. & Pub. by A.C. ...

Come join us Thursday April 18th at 7:30 PM
Speaker--Scott Longert

Home Made Cookies and Lemonade to follow!!

THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY

The first week of April, the Strategic Planning team will meet with Andy Verhoff from the Ohio Historical Society to begin the process of distilling the information gathered at our session February 16th.

We have been very fortunate to have had the use of the Shute Building for nearly 50 years. The original drawings for the building show it as an auxiliary police building, with a room set aside for the Historical Society(the main room upstairs) and another space (the parlor) for the Historical Society office. The basement was to be used as a public meeting space.

Throughout the past 50 years, the Village has been incredibly generous and accommodating to the Society, and they continue to be so. Our only expense has been a phone bill.

At our meeting in January, Chief Brosius indicated the possible need by the police department to use the basement due to an expansion of the police dispatch center. At the February meeting, Mayor Brick indicated that the situation regarding the police dispatch had changed, but there was an eventual need for the space occupied by the Shute Building by the Fire Department. Council member Janice Evans also spoke to the needs of the Fire Department at the meeting February 16th.

Even if the Village did not eventually require the Shute Building space, it is my belief that we need to find a new home. While there is comfort inside these walls, the space can not accommodate those with mobility issues, we are unable to adequately display our collection, we need to expand our research space and are limited in what new items we can acquire due to space limitations.

It is my hope that through the strategic planning process, we will develop a clear vision and consensus regarding our options.

John Bourisseau

HERITAGE FUND

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their recent gifts to the Heritage Fund: Jo McGinnis, Bryan Schwartz, Betty Stitt, Emily Waters Foundation, Barbara Day in memory of Frances Babinsky and Blanche Nelisse and Family in memory of Louise Johnson. The Heritage Fund welcomes your donations and "In Memory" gifts anytime throughout the year.

Nancy Haag

GREAT TURNOUT FOR COPPERHEAD PROGRAM

In spite of ice and snow, a full house filled the downstairs meeting room to hear Society member Lee Johns talk about the Ohio Copperheads. The peace democrats in Ohio were known as the Copperheads and they supported a negotiated peace with the South that would maintain the status quo. They ran a candidate for Governor, Clement L. Vallandigham, in the 1863 Gubernatorial election who went down to a momentous defeat. It was a fascinating story in every way and Lee is a great speaker and teacher.

The pies, as always, were superb and not a single duplication! We know that our Historical Society produces the best pies in Ohio. Thank you to all the bakers!

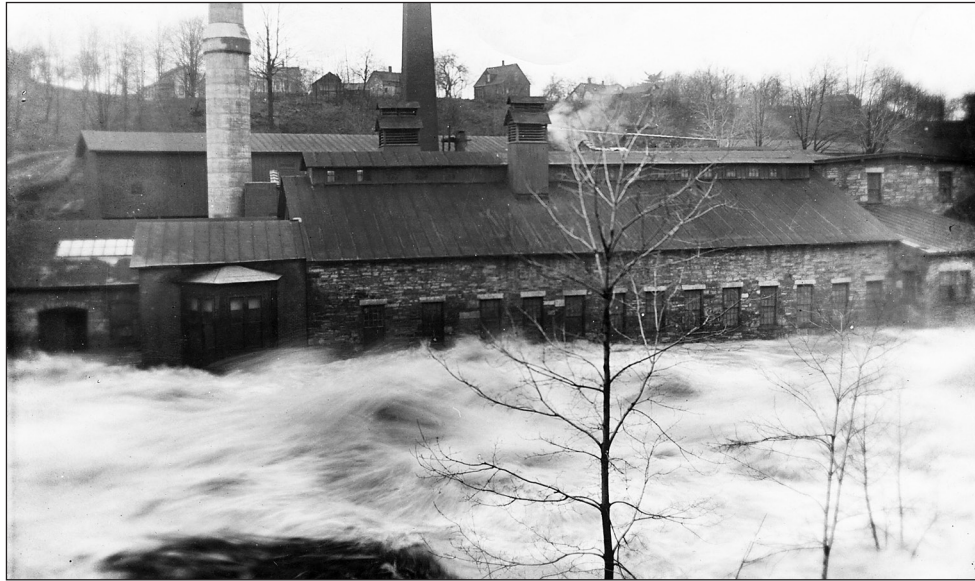
Tim Scott

WAR OF 1812 PROGRAM
APRIL 18, 7:30 P.M.

John Grabowski at the Western Reserve Historical Society recommended Scott Longert to us as a speaker on the War of 1812. Scott is one of the National Park Service rangers stationed at Lawnfield, President Garfield's home in Mentor. Scott is an expert on the war of 1812 and two years ago produced a re-enactment of a War of 1812 skirmish at Shandy Hall. Scott has been to our museum previously and is delighted to come speak to us, as he is passionate about the War of 1812 and its importance in American History. Iced Tea, lemonade and home made Cookies provided.

Tim Scott

**Condolences to
The Families of
Louise Johnson
Rachael Kuivinen,
Herb Lawyer
and
Ron Humphrey
on the loss of
his mother.**



THE EASTER FLOOD OF 1913

March 21st was the 100th anniversary of the great flood of 1913. The storm began on Good Friday morning and in the first 24 hrs., tornadic winds, spawned in Nebraska, were striking Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, Canada. The winds were clocked at 70-80 mph with gusts above 90. These winds lasted uninterrupted for hours. Telegraph, Telephone and light poles splintered and fell. Trees were uprooted and steeples toppled. The temperature dropped from the mid 60's to 23' F that first day. Then Monday, an equally intense storm system formed and followed North Eastward on the same track. Both storms stalled in a long trough across the midwest.

Chagrin Falls received extensive damage from the storm. A 9 inch rainfall was measured March 23-24. Because of melting snow and river bound ice flows, flooding of the Chagrin River began rapidly. The high water, ice and debris took out the dams. The river was the highest ever recorded. The business district of the Village, and a portion of the residential area suffered blocked sewers and flooded basements.

Fenkell Road (now Miles) was completely obstructed by a large mudslide east of Bentleyville Road. The C.Y. & E. Electric Railway lines were buried by the slide.

High waters on the Aurora branch of the Chagrin River prevented trains from running on the W. & L. E. Railroad, isolating Chagrin Falls.

The Adams Bag Co. flooded causing damage and a loss of product. A washout of the mill pond dam at the North end of the Pond caused the water to enter the

mill. A break in the Whitesburg dam upstream from Adams Bag Co. was brought under control by a large work crew before more damage occurred downstream. Adams Bag and the Ober Mfg. plants were compelled to shut down because their engine rooms were under water. No road or rail traffic into or out of the Village was realized until the 27th of March.

Downriver, west of the Falls, fences, lumber, stove wood, haystacks, small buildings, chickens, farming tools of every description, vehicles and many other things were strewn along the flats. Fortunately, there was no loss of life in the area.

The Easter Flood of 1913 still ranks as Ohio's worst weather disaster.

Don Barriball

editors note--for a more detailed description of how this storm effected Ohio and the midwest check our website www.chagrinhistorical.org

ELECTIONS

In this newsletter is a ballot for the election of officers. Our constitution states that an office may not be held for more than 3 consecutive years unless specifically approved by the executive board. The nomination committee felt that, since we are going through strategic planning at this time, it was important to keep key officers in place. The enclosed ballot was approved by the Executive Board noting that many officers will be serving more than 3 consecutive years.

John Bourisseau

Curators Corner

Overview Calendar

April	3	Strategic Planning Session, Shute Bldg, 1-4 p.m.
	9	Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building, 9:30 a.m.
	18	Evening Program: The War of 1812, Speaker, Scott Longert, Shute Building, 7:30 p.m.
	20	Chagrin Valley Consortium of Historical Societies at Mayfield Township Historical Society, 10--Noon

The Publication and Century Plaque Committees are meeting during the month of April. Check with your chairperson for date and time.

Acquisitions: The Historical Society has purchased the following items from a private party: A watercolor painting of the Bandstand area by Chagrin Falls artist Alfred Howell, circa 1950s. A set of souvenir china consisting of a cup, saucer and plate and illustrated with a drawing of the (CF) Union School. These souvenirs were originally sold at Mr. Tenny's store on North Franklin Street, circa 1900s.

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection: A "Rand McNally and Company Pocket Map of Electric Railway Lines, Townships, Lakes, Rivers and Wagon Roads" circa 1900s

(Donor—Gini Fast)

A 1912 Chagrin Falls Postcard photo showing a business district scene looking north from Mr. Tenny's store.

(Donor—John Bourisseau)

A photo of Squaw Rock in what is now called the metro-park. Squaw Rock was originally carved in the wilderness in 1885 by Henry Church, Jr.

(Donor—Jo Roeder)

A C.F. autograph album of Alice Downing. The first autograph was by W.S. Hayden in 1879 and signed "your affectionate teacher" It includes writings by classmates Grace Fairchild, Maggie Kent, Nora Gates, Addie Eggleston, Ella Whitlock and John Stoneman to name a few.

(Donor--Nancy Hart)

Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator