



# Chagrin Falls Exponent

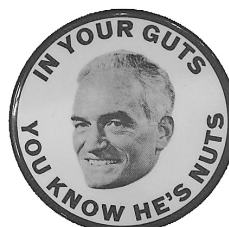
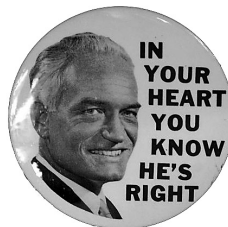
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## Jack Dixey Political Memorabilia



Shute Building  
Thursday November 21  
7:30 p.m.

Bring something from your political  
memorabilia collection to share!



It's cupcake night!

### POLITICAL MEMORABILIA

Our November program will feature Jack Dixey speaking on "Political Memorabilia." Jack has been collecting political material for forty years. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Political Item Collectors organization and works for two auction houses authenticating objects for sale.

New Member  
Elizabeth H.  
Ganocy



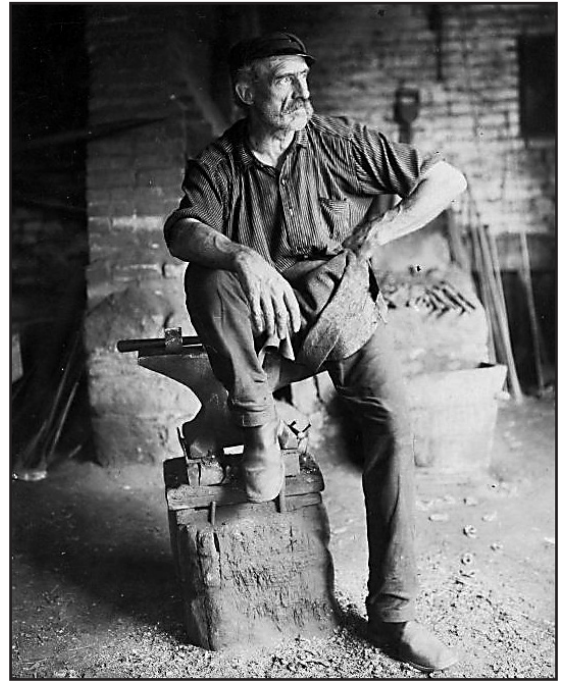
More than just buttons and ribbons, Jack's collection includes century old tin trays, china, canes, bandannas, license plate attachments and various novelty items both for and against particular candidates. He will bring several items to display, share anecdotes about campaigns, and tell personal stories about the pursuit of some of his pieces. Attendees are invited to bring pieces from their own collections.

This interesting and delightful program will be held in the Shute Building and, as always, delicious refreshments will be served.

*Anne Burr*

### CHURCHES, BLISSES AND BURNETTS

The rich collection of photographs held by the Chagrin Falls Historical Society has recently been enlarged due to a donation by the family of Rachael Maria Church Kuivinen. Photographs and other genealogical treasures held by the family for generations will eventually be donated to the Western Reserve Historical Society but Mrs. Kuivinen's daughter, Marta Kuivinen Brown, has offered us the chance to catalog and scan the photographs before they are given to WRHS. We will provide a copy of the



*Royal Church*

digital images and the identifying information to Kuivinen family members and the WRHS. The collection includes over 300 images of the Church, Bliss and Burnett families as well as photographs of homes and streets in Chagrin Falls. All of the people in the photos have been identified and dated by Mrs. Kuivinen and her daughter. Marta Brown and I have been working together this month to prepare and digitize this collection. Rachael Church Kuivinen was the great granddaughter of Henry Church, Sr., one of Chagrin's founders. Henry's son Austin A. Church, had a son named John. John Church married Amy Annette Burnett. John and Amy both graduated from Chagrin Falls High School in 1893. That makes Amy Annette Burnett Church Marta Brown's grandmother. Amy's mother was the daughter of Harry Haven Burnett and Julia Bliss. I hope you can follow all of this. I'm still struggling to sort out the Church-Burnett-Bliss family tree after having processed 100 photographs of them and I hope I have not made any mistakes. This project will continue over this winter. We are grateful to the Kuivinen family for allowing us the opportunity to add these photographs to our collection. This wonderful photograph

of Royal Church was taken in his blacksmith shop on River Street in Chagrin Falls. The photo was taken by Austin H. Church who was Henry Church, Jr.'s son. Royal was Henry Church, Jr.'s brother.

*Zo Sykora*

## CLARA WOLCOTT DRISCOLL AND THE TIFFANY STUDIOS

It was a damp and cool, fall evening on the 17th of October but that didn't stop people from coming to the Historical Society to listen to Linda Alexander speak about her 4th cousin, Clara Wolcott Driscoll and the Tiffany Studios. Linda spoke about Clara's spunk and that she traveled from Tallmadge, Ohio to New York City to study Art at the Metropolitan School of Design. She was hired by Tiffany in 1888 and became supervisor of the Women's Glass Cutting Department when it was established in 1892. Clara was in a man's world and learned to handle herself with skill and grace. Linda discovered that Clara had designed many of Tiffany's iconic lamps, including the award winning "Dragonfly and Water" shade.

Linda allowed us to meet and understand her cousin, Clara in a personal, anecdotal manner. She enthusiastically and passionately shared stories with us of Clara that she learned from over 1,100 letters discovered in upstate New York. She brought the book, *Noon at Tiffany's* by Echo Heron which was described as a historical and biographical novel. She sold out. Linda would like to see a movie or a one person, three act play be made about Clara. Several questions followed her presentation of Clara Wolcott Driscoll and the Tiffany Studios.

Fresh, warm donuts and cider were provided by Chagrin Falls Giant Eagle. Thank you to them. Thank you also to Anne Burr, Carol Haslett, Jo Roeder, Pat Zalba, John Bourisseau, Frank Kanzinger and Bruce Adler for their help with set up and serving.

Note: The Hospitality Committee is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Anne Burr at 440-241-2678 if you'd like to join this fun group.

*Gretchen Hamann*

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following for their donations to the various funds of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society.

Heritage Fund Phyllis Ekelman Patton, Gretchen & Bill Hamann, Carrie & Carl Gluf, Jo McGinnis

Scrap Zalba Scholarship Fund: Gretchen & Bill Hamann, Louise Foster (GE matching)

## AASLH ONLINE CONFERENCE.

September 19th and 20th were the dates for the American Association for State and Local History annual conference which was held in Birmingham, Alabama. The AASLH offered members the opportunity to subscribe and receive a variety of sessions online. The topics included: The Continuum of Excellence and How Your Museum Can Be Part Of It; Recruiting, Orienting, and Engaging Board Members; Small Museums, Big Impact!, -Managing Change: The Keys to Successful Transitions within Historic Organizations, -Volunteers: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Change, and -Working with Community to Address Things that Matter Locally.

Zo Sykora, John Bourisseau, Lucy Beattie, Gretchen and Bill Hamann and Carolyn Sihler all attended one or more sessions.

We set ourselves up in the basement utilizing a computer and projector to put the images up on a screen. The presenters used power point presentations to illustrate the points that they were discussing.

There was an interactive component that allowed participants to post questions and comments--the process was pretty interesting. While many of the presentations were related to much larger organizations--the concepts and ideas presented were usefull and thought provoking.

One of the nice features of this option, is that all of the presentations are available for members to view at their own convenience by going to the AASLH website and signing in with our Username and Password. If you have any interest, please contact John Bourisseau at [jbouisseau@gmail.com](mailto:jbouisseau@gmail.com) for information.

*John Bourisseau*

## Curator's Corner

### Overview Calendar

<b>November</b>	11	Publication Committee Meeting, Shute Building, 12-1:30
	12	Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building 9:30 am
	21	Evening Program, Speaker: Jack Dixey, "Political Memorabilia", Shute Building, 7:30. (Cupcake Night!)
<b>Looking ahead to December</b>	2	Decking the Halls and hanging the greens for the Holidays. Please save this date to come to help for an hour or so. We'll "spruce" up the museum! 10 am to 4 pm
	14	Christmas Past open house at the Historical Society. 2-4 pm



### Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection:

A memoir, by Father Jack Kinkoff, from childhood to Priesthood. "*ONE MAN'S JOURNEY*", copyright 1990. Father Kinkopf was a Senior Associate at St. Joan of Arc, Chagrin Falls at the time of writing his book.

(Donor-Pat Urquhart)

We received a book, *POSEIDON and the P.C.-The letters of Lt. Paul W. Neidhardt* It was written by his son Gary W. Neidhardt in 2013. The book is based on letters Paul Neidhardt wrote to his wife Phyllis from September 1943 through November 1945 while he served in the Navy during W.W.II.

(Donor-Gary W. Neidhardt)

We also received *The Ohio Handbook of the Civil War* by Robert S. Harper, published by the Ohio Historical Society for the Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission, 1961.

(Donor-Roger Fuhrmeyer)

10 photographs (originals and copies) of the Rowe and Collar families, circa 1870's were received.

(Donor Elarka Hakanson Yuen)

An original print of the 1883 "Panoramic View of Chagrin Falls" map was given "In Memory of Margaret Goodwin Bishop" The map is marked Beck and Pauh, Lithographers, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Donor--Deborah Pritchard)

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



**Pat E. Zalba**  
**Volunteer Curator**