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BAINBRIDGE MONUMENTS A LINK TO OUR HISTORY

Historians have many ways of studying the history of our country. One of the first things historians do is visit local cemeteries to locate names, dates and other family history for a given area. The following is a "little bit" of history about the cemeteries in Bainbridge Township. Some of them are in locations that are easily accessible to the public. A walk through an old cemetery is a walk back in time.

Chamberlain Burial Plot - There is a very small burial plot on the east side of Snyder Road between Bell Road and U.S. 422. There are a few stones there including Henry G. Chamberlain who died August 1851 and Bemis Chamberlain who died in March of 1846.

Vincent Burial Ground - The Vincent Burial ground was originally on the southwest corner of Chagrin and Cats Den Roads. These stones were apparently moved to Restland Cemetery in 1925. The Vincent family, including Shadrack and his sons Chauncey and Jonathon moved to Bainbridge in May of 1833. Shadrack died in October 1833.

McConoughey Private Burial Ground - There was a private burial ground at the northeast corner of Snyder Road and U.S. 422 which was on property owned by Porter D. McConoughey. In 1926, these stones were moved to Evergreen Cemetery in Chagrin Falls. Several of David McConoughey's children were buried there along with David who died in 1849 at the age of 82 and David's wife, Mary, who died in 1864 at the age of 93.



FOWLER BURIAL PLOT - Haskins Road



RESTLAND CEMETERY - Behind Bainbridge Community Church

Pictured on Page 2 is the Mausoleum at Restland Cemetery.

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Henry Burial Ground - The small Henry Burial plot is located on the east side of Brewster Road. The present owner of the property has done much work locating stones and doing some restoration of the fence around the plot. There are several members of the Henry, Linton and McClintock families buried there. The last burial there was in 1888.

The McFarland Burial Ground - This burial ground is located on the east side of S.R. 306 approximately 1/2 mile south of the intersection of S.R. 306 and U.S. 422. The cemetery is well maintained with the last burial being that of A. J. Phillips in 1904. There are many members of the McFarland, Burnett, Phillips and Pierce families buried there.

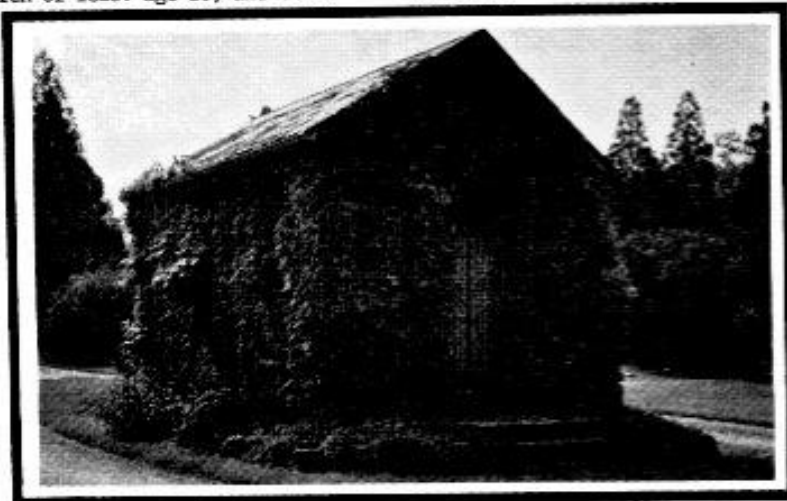
The Fowler Burial Ground - This burial ground is located on the East side of Haskins Road approximately 3/4 of a mile south of Taylor-May Road. There are no records except a map and the 1925 reading. Cemaliel Kent who died in April 1831 at the age of 65 is buried there, along with his son Elihu who died in 1827 at the age of 34. Many other Kent family members are buried in this plot. The Kent family was one of the early families which settled in Bainbridge Twp. It appears that the earliest burials were those of Nancy Bissell wife of Justus in March of 1823, age 20, and their

son who died in February 1823 at 2 months. There are many early Bainbridge families buried at this site, including the Hurd, Smith, Fowler, Bissell, Pettibone, Mayhew and Goodman families.

Restland Cemetery - Restland Cemetery is the only cemetery in Bainbridge Twp. which continues to accept burials. It is located on S.R. 306 near the intersection of Bainbridge-Solon Road behind the Bainbridge Community Church. Restland is the largest of the cemeteries and has much available space. The earliest burial appears to be that of Angeline Minor in September of 1819, although the stone is nearly illegible and the year may be 1849. More than likely the date is 1849, since Enos Kingsley was buried in 1836 and there are no other burials before that year other than possibly Angeline Minor. Of course, with this being the largest cemetery, many early settlers are buried there, including the Haskins, Howard, Hurd, Miner, Pettibone, Post, Camberlain and Root Families.

As you can see, studying cemeteries and burial plots can be interesting and helpful in learning more about the history of Bainbridge Township.

SOURCE: A Monumental Work Inscriptions and Interments In Geauga County, Ohio through 1983 by Violet Warren and Jeannette Grovenor.



Bainbridge Park To Be Dedicated

Mark September 10, 1989 on your calendar! Dedication of the Bainbridge Township Park, which will be known as Settler's Park, will take place on that date, along with an old fashioned good time.

Scheduled to appear is the Kenston Marching Band plus U.S., State and local officials. The Bainbridge Men's and Women's Civic Clubs are organizing a picnic with hot dogs and all the trimmings. Spaces will be made available for any Bainbridge Township non-profit organization to set up tables with information about their groups. Call the townhall by September 1, 1989 if you wish to reserve a spot. The organization must bring their own tables and chairs. If anyone wishes to contribute food or services for this event, call the townhall and a member of the park committee will contact you.

The park committee will also be selling paving bricks upon which family or corporation names may be engraved. These will be used as a floor for one of the shelters in the park. The money from the sale of these bricks will be used to finance this shelter. More information, samples and forms will be available at the September 10th dedication.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 1:00 ~~PM~~ and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The park is located south of Bainbridge Road off Haskins Road, behind the Bainbridge Township Road Garage. Watch your local papers for more details and reminders as the time draws closer.

Library Summer Hours

As a service to the residents we would like to remind you of the Bainbridge Library's summer hours;
Monday thru Friday 9AM to 9PM
Friday and Saturday 9AM to 5PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL.

"CLEAN UP YOUR ACT" TODAY - FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

On June 19, 1989 the Trustees took the following action: Dr. Schlutzer made a motion that it is the policy of Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to encourage recycling of trash and garbage as a means of protecting the health and safety of the residents of Bainbridge Township. Mr. Repke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

In April the world celebrated "Earth Week". The purpose of "Earth Week" was to remind us of how precious our earth is. The trees, animals, water, air and everything around us play an important part in the total environmental picture and the future of the planet. One subject that was discussed over and over is the serious problem of trash and garbage. We humans generate tons and tons of trash each year, much of which is non-biodegradable. This non-biodegradable trash is beginning to cause serious environmental problems. Styro-foam, for example, will not break down for hundreds and hundreds of years. With all of this in mind, this editor embarked on an experiment. For one week in May, the garbage in our household was separated. There was a bag for plastic (non-biodegradable), aluminum, glass, paper and tin (each recyclable) and finally garbage. The true garbage, such as vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, eggshells, etc., could be saved and made into an excellent compost pile for gardening purposes. With much amazement, after one week there was one garbage bag approximately half full, instead of the usual 4 to 5 bags which normally are left for the garbage truck. The other items were saved and when enough is gathered for a worthwhile trip, they will be taken to a recycling center (see information below).

The experiment was very eye opening. The amount of reusable trash which is simply wasted is unbelievable. Recently House Bill 592 was passed, which will require municipalities to reduce their solid waste (trash) by 25 percent within 5 years; toughens landfill standards; raises fees at landfills and forces counties to form districts to plan for waste disposal for at least a decade. The fact is that the number of landfills in Ohio has dropped from 358 in 1971 to 172 last year and will probably be down to 129 by 1991. After all, everyone makes garbage but no one wants a landfill in their backyard. By recycling, we could reuse the paper and save a tree (and trees produce the oxygen we breathe) and the tin, aluminum and glass can make more of the same.

This editor would ask that the residents of Bainbridge Township try the experiment and do your part to help decrease the amount of trash and garbage produced. It may be somewhat inconvenient (it takes approximately 30 seconds to take a label off of a tin can and flatten it), and you will have a few extra bags or garbage cans in your garage (decorator garbage cans are available), but our air, water and earth are precious. — let's work together — somebody has to.

If you are interested in recycling, the Chagrin Falls Recycling Center is located on Solon Road next to the Pet and Garden Center. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m., and a portion of the money collected from your recyclables is donated to Kenston School System. They accept paper, tin, aluminum, glass and old motor oil. Also, the Bainbridge Township Fire Department collects aluminum cans for Burn Victims. Receptacles are located behind the fire station.

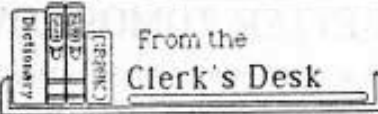
If there are any questions, ideas, or if you try the experiment and are joining the increasing number who are "cleaning up their act", please let us know.

(Source: Plain Dealer, Sunday, May 28, 1989, Garbage Crunch.)

RELOCATED 422 UPDATE

The second section of relocated U.S. 422 has begun. This construction will cause some inconvenience due to road closings. Snyder Road will be closed for approximately 3 weeks for the installation of a box culvert and pipe. This closing may occur before this newsletter has gone to print. When the work on Snyder Road has been completed, Haskins Road in Bainbridge Township and Murr Road in Auburn Township will be closed within a week of each other and will remain closed through December. These two roads will be closed to ALL traffic for bridge construction. Be aware of these road closings and plan accordingly.

According to officials from the Ohio Department of Transportation, section one (to S.R. 306) of relocated U.S. 422 is scheduled for opening October 9th, 1989. However, this date is subject to change. Presently contractors are replacing fill in the area of the bridge over the railroad tracks in Solon. Also, it is reported that the problem with the McFarland Creek bridge has been corrected and work on that bridge has begun. This work includes installation of the bridge deck. In addition, the bridge and drainage crews have begun work on the second section of the highway, which will extend to S.R. 44 in Auburn Township. This section is tentatively scheduled to open on June 30th of 1991.



From the Clerk's Desk

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) does not currently contain a general township competitive bidding statute on contracts. However, township law does require specific situations where bidding is required, and they are the following:

1. Fire fighting equipment and buildings (ORC 505.37 to 505.44) if the contract is over \$10,000;
2. Purchase of road machinery, materials, supplies and buildings (ORC 5549.21) if the contract is over \$10,000;
3. Repair of township roads by contract if the contract is over \$1,000 or if the estimate of the cost of repairs exceeds \$5,000 per mile (ORC 5575.01);
4. Memorial buildings or monuments (ORC 511.12);
5. Sale or trade-in of property and equipment with certain exceptions (ORC 505.10 and 505.101);
6. Lighting in incorporated areas (ORC 515.01 and 515.08);
7. Public buildings, such as township hall, which require separate bids for work and materials (ORC 153.50 and 153.52).

It should be noted that generally when the ORC requires competitive bidding the following basic rules apply:

- A. A set of specifications must be furnished to all bidders;
- B. The bids must be in writing;
- C. The bids must be sealed;
- D. The bids must be opened at a stated time;
- E. The contract must be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.

The purpose of competitive bidding is to ensure for the taxpayer the best possible materials and services for the best possible price. By inviting competition, it is possible to guard against fraud, corruption, favoritism and extravagance, thereby protecting the taxpayer. It is, therefore, advisable to bid contracts and projects if at all possible.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Patrolman Jason Barnett was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He came to the Cleveland area to attend John Carroll University where he majored in psychology. While at John Carroll he was a three time All American Wrestler. Jason came to the Bainbridge Police Department in August of 1987 and was certified after attending the Ohio State Patrol Academy. Jason is single, lives in Streetsboro and enjoys all sports, music and dancing. He has become active with the Kenston Wrestling program and has served as an Assistant Coach.



Benjamin Wilson is a lifelong resident of Bainbridge Township and has worked for the Bainbridge Township Road Department approximately 8 years. Presently he is a Skilled Road Maintenance/Heavy Equipment Operator and also is an assistant to the Maintenance Supervisor. Ben and his wife Deadra live in the Chagrin Falls Park with their three "active" sons: Benjamin Lane, age 5; Marcus Allen, age 4; and Christopher James, age 2. He is also looking forward to building a new home near where he is presently living. Ben served six years in the U.S. Army and traveled to Korea, Japan as well as many bases in the United States. Ben also is President of the "Brothers of the Hammer", a gentlemen's motorcycle club.



"NEW" Staffer Arrives



On Monday May 15th, 1989, Newsletter Staff member Christina Stellato and husband Carl, became the proud parents of a baby girl. Stephanie Marie Stellato weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. The Township Trustees and the rest of the Newsletter Staff offer congratulations and best wishes to the Stellato family.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

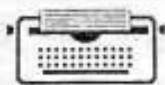
Congratulations to the following Bainbridge Township employees on their recent promotions:

- 5/20 - Ptl. Gerbic - Grade C
 Ptl. Weber - Grade B
 Ptl. Kelley - Prob. Grade T
 Ptl. Shepard - Prob. Grade T
 Ptl. Byrne - Prob. Grade D

6/3 - Ptl. Barnett - Grade C

Welcome to Daniel Szucs,
 hired as part-time Patrolman
 May 20, 1989.

EDITOR'S NOTES



Due to circumstances beyond the Township's control, the paper trailer which was parked in the Town Hall Parking Lot will no longer be available. Please see editorial for paper disposal location.

The newsletter staff hopes you all have a happy and fun filled summer, an enjoyable Labor Day and we'll see you in October!!

ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

The following are excerpts from the Bainbridge Township Zoning Department for the months of April, May and June.

New residence permits issued:

April	5
May	11
June	4
YEAR TO DATE	25

There were five Convenience Business permits issued. There were four issued on E. Washington St. and 1 in Knowles Industrial Parkway.

Assistant Zoning Inspector's Report;

Inspections/Reinspections	96
Complaints and follow-ups	64
Visits and Inquiries	68

The Assistant Zoning Inspector continued working with the Geauga County Health Department, collecting off-site drainage effluent samples and sending lab sample results to homeowners. As of 6/30/89-19 samples taken.



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

—James B. Upham and F. M. Bellamy, Pledge to the Flag (1892)

POLICE & FIRE MONTHLY REPORTS

The following are excerpts from the Fire Department and Police Department Monthly Reports. Of course we are unable to reproduce the complete reports, therefore, we have chosen statistics which we feel are generally of interest to the majority of residents. The complete reports are available for review at the Town Hall offices.

Police Department Calls/Complaints for April and May 1989:

Alarm Drops	107
Assist Other Dept.	70
Auto Thefts	1
Burglary/Residence	1
Disturbances/Domestics	31
DWUI	7
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	43
Thefts	39
Traffic Accidents	58
Traffic Complaints	199
Trespassing	9
Vandalism	37

Total Number of Calls/Complaints was 942.

Total number of miles driven by Police Officers through May, 1989 was 92,295.

Fire Department Rescue Report for April, May and June 1989:

Sudden Illness	58
Highway Accidents	14
Accidental Injuries	26
Assaults	1
Mutual Aid	1
No Transportation	18
(Squad Responded)	

Two rescue squads were used on 3 occasions. Total number of rescue calls was 105.

Fire Department Fire Report:

Structure Fires	9
Rubbish/Brush Fires	17
Smell of Smoke	3
Vehicle Fires	4
Mutual Aid	4

Total number of fire calls was 46.

HISTORY QUIZ



Locate and Identify the above building which originally was the Temperance Hall.

Answer: This is now the rear portion of the Town Hall, it was moved from it's original location to the front lawn of the Kenston School on Rt. 306.