

**Donors of Historical Items to the Van Wert County Historical Society
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Margaret Faller Keltner, Convoy (2012Oct28)

Two wagon wheels from the wagon used by John Hanley to move his family from Perry County to Ridge Township in the mid 1800s. John Hanley with his sister Sarah moved to Van Wert County to join relatives who had already settled on farms in Ridge Township. John Hanley is a great uncle of Margaret Keltner.

Kathleen Bates & Lynne Vonderwell, Van Wert (2012Oct28)

Photo of school children at the Hurless School, Van Wert County, 1914.

Jarrell & Andrea (Steffan) McAlister, Lakewood, Ohio (2013Feb6)

7 books of 1833 – 1924, belonging to Jarrell's grandmother Jean Penn. Now located on the Bear School desk.

Jim Moody, Ohio City. (2012Oct7)

Old newspapers & periodicals. Found above summer kitchen, they were used as insulation. 10681 Ohio City Venedocia Rd, home originally owned by Maurice Taylor.

Ed Etzler Estate, Van Wert. (2008Nov20)

Wooden windmill tail piece, buggy lap robe (100+ yr. old), Shelby bicycle

Gary Haines via Don Thomas, Van Wert. (2012)

Donated on behalf of Gary's father Leo Haines. Railroad memorabilia obtained through years of RR service.

Myles D. Eley, Indianapolis, IN (2012Oct2)

Owned by his mother, Vera (Thomas) Eley, dates of use: 1910-1960.

Diplomas, marriage certificate (Guy & Vera (Thomas) Eley), 1840 Welsh New Testament, grade cards, Wren High School certificate, 1919 class notes, teacher documentation, Wren 50th anniversary booklet, and misc.

Jeff Collins, Van Wert (2012Sept 15) Excellent condition violin. Placed in music room in Museum.

Russell & Marjorie Poor, Hoagland, IN (2012Aug19)

Railroad schedules owned by Jili & Maude (Sumner) Poor, Celina, OH. Placed in RR display area of Museum.

Doug Jones, Ohio City. (2012Aug2)

Wortman Bros. Co, Allis-Chalmers Dealer, Van Wert. Advertising 4.5" rain gage, less vial.

Delphos Canal Museum via Lou Hohman (2012Aug21) Odd Fellows of Van Wert materials and regalia.

Bob Evans Restaurant, Van Wert (2011Nov18)

Seven framed prints of early Van Wert buildings. Were used as restaurant décor 1999-2011.

Wayne Egley, Ohio City (2011Nov5)

Vintage leather corn husker gloves with metal studs on palm and fingers. Metal hook in the right hand palm.

Ron & Fran Neiswander, Convoy (2011Oct23)

1896 portrait & biographical record of Allen & Van Wert County.

Owned by Ron's parents, Norm & Geneva Neiswander, or grandparents Lon & Eva Bayliss.

Barbara East, Van Wert (2011Sept18)

The Container Co., Continental Can Drum Beat Newsletter.

Wanda Uncapher, Van Wert (2011Oct3)

1960 Flower Show Program, 1941, '55 thru '60 Peony Festival Programs.

Van Wert Propane, Van Wert (2011)

Gas water heater donated for use in Museum Campus rental home.

Jerry Koenig, Venedocia (2011Oct6)

Antique glass cutter used in the Venedocia Hardware, by Everett & Dorothy Koenig.

Don Sidle, Convoy (2011Oct6)

1940 Van Wert airport picture.

Mrs. Eilece Lichtfield, Greenville, OH (2011May16)

Many items belonging to Mary F. Snyder of Convoy. 48 star US flag flown on the Snyder family farm. Many ephemera items including Snyder family school, graduation, and funeral documents. Pictures, and letters, etc.

Donna Porter, Paulding (2011March7)

Three oval pictures. Framed marriage licenses of 1880 & 1898.

David Horine, Van Wert (2010Oct22)

Civil War muster document and two battlefield maps.

Maurice Carlo, Fremont, Ohio (2011Jan6)

Ballot box used at the Hoaglin Township Grange.

Dr. John Perchalski, Van Wert (2010Aug2)

Framed print of Dr. Luke Fildes painting "The Doctor" circa 1887. Was a gift to Dr. Perchalski from his staff.

Mrs. Eilece Litchfield, Greenville, OH (2011Dec15)

Convoy 1914 Class picture. Harry Snyder's 1907 school grade card and book. Lutheran Church Newspapers.

Universal Lettering Company, Van Wert (2010July30)

Two early FFA jackets. Samples. Catalog for Universal Mfg. Uniforms. Framed letter from Walter Tolan of the FFA jacket's history. FFA jackets were developed in 1933 by Fredericktown, OH, FFA club and Univ. Mfg. Co.

Charles Wells, Delphos (2010)

Early 1950s youth bib overalls mfg'd at Van Wert Overall factory. Worn by Charles Wells as a youth.

David Boroff, Goshen, IN (2010Sept25)

Dictionary from Van Wert High School 1944 copyright. Was in the VWHS library, 1944 – 1978.

Dr. John & Jean Perchalski, Van Wert (2010Aug2)

Large mortar and pestle. Vintage, good condition, nasal inhaler.

Marlin F. Gehres, Wren (2010July9)

605-608 US Army medical history, compiled by Marlin. Filed under "Gehres"

Ellen Brumback & Frances Brumback, Orlando, FL (2010April14 & May7)

Saida Brumback Antrim's wedding dress, Reed family 3 pc. dresser set, Ellen Reed's children's costumes from Austria & Ecuador, Ellen Reed & Orville Reed christening gowns & photos, fur muff and feather, 1920-1930s baby clothing, John S. Brumback's clothing 1860s, & Ellen Reed's 21 qty. intl. doll collection. These items donated by J.S. Brumback, Ellen Reed & Orville Reed and Saida Brumback Antrim families. 1860s-1930s, owned and used by Saida Brumback Antrim, Ellen Brumback Reed, Orville Reed, John S. Brumback. Brumback Library history book by Saida Brumback, 6 hats, one white suit worn by sons of John S. Brumback, 3 baby blankets, 4 baby items, Francis T.. Brumback hat & wedding brown-laced dress, & clothing items. These items donated by J.S. Brumback, Francis T. Brumback and Saida Brumback Antrim families. 1860S – 1930s, owned & used by Saida Brumback Antrim, Francis T. Brumback, John S. Brumback's sons.

Becky Matthews, Van Wert (2010May2) Life Magazine, 11-29-1963, J.F. Kennedy. Newspapers, Van Wert Times Bulletin, Nov.22 and Nov. 23, 1963, J.F. Kennedy. Belonged to her father.

Crestview High School, Convoy (2010Feb4) Complete Victor cine' film camera, accessories and case. Used from late 1960s to early 1980s to record the football team's varsity games.

Bob Barnes, Van Wert (2009Nov) Tools to vaccinate chickens of Van Wert Hatchery, owned by Gus Ickes.

Van Wert County Commissioners, Van Wert (2009Oct27)

Coin counter, Brandt Cashier Co., Chicago. Used in the Van Wert County Courthouse.

Steve Howell, Celina (2010Jan29)

Peculiarities of the Presidents, 938, by Don Smith (born 1891) of Van Wert. Wilkinson Printing, Van Wert.

Don Thomas, Van Wert (2009Sept21)

Railroad picture, section gang, Convoy. Postcard of steam engine. Picture, RR wreck, Ed Welch was on this crew. Picture, steam engine in France WWI. 1909 Ohio map, owned by Earl Bartlett, Don's father-in-law.

Telephone box, framed instruction. 1950 Ohio driver's manual, booklet – victory song book, owned by Marjorie Goodwin, wife of Fred Welch. 1911 book of infantry drill regulations, Richard Allingham 1917, step-son of Ed Welch.

Larry Oechsle, Van Wert (2009June12) Oil painting of Ludwig (Lewis) Oechsle who lived in the Museum Campus log house. Grandfather of Larry Oechsle. Hanging in the log house.

David Leffers, Delphos (2009)

Grainery pulley circa 1920-1930, owned by Jake Baldauf. David is a friend of Jake's great nephew. Was located on 2nd floor of Grainery to hoist burlap bags of seed grain to 2nd floor for winter storage.

Kathy Wilson, Paulding (2011May12)

Two pictures of Van Wert High School class of 1942 and 1943. Owner was Mary Brake Smith.

Leveta Gold, Van Wert (2009Dec12) School master's desk, maple and cherry. This desk was found under Eggers Stadium in the 1940s and refinished. Picture of Cal Purmort in Revolutionary War uniform. Cal is Wally Purmort's grandfather.