

Donors of Historical Items to the Van Wert County Historical Society 2012 – 2013 as of August 2013. A big thank you to all donors!

Ron Myers, Van Wert (2012June1)

- 1) History of the Cincinnati Northern Railroad – book and CD, by Dr. Jim Brown. Bought at auction from Ray & Donna Rumble. Obtained the CD directly from the author. Copyright 2003.
- 2) Coal shovel owned by Albert C. Myers, his grandfather.

Helen Etzler, Convoy (Spring2012)

Ridge High School mascot – two ceramic tigers. From her sisters, Zola Young and Christle Boyd. Owned by the sisters in 1934 as mascots for Ridge High School.

Bill Miller, Springfield, OH (2013Apr11)

Donation of 110 qty. "Model Railroader" & "Trains" magazine, 2002-2012. The magazines may be given away to youngsters to encourage interest in model railroading.

Nellie Mae (Balyeat) Hoghe, Van Wert (2013Apr21)

A home-made wooden cane carried by Clement Hoghe in the Civil War. Her husband was Clement's grandson. The cane is on display in the Civil War case in the Annex Building.

Ann (Frederick) Marshall, Van Wert (2013Apr28)

Donated in the name of her parents, Darwin (dec.) & Kathleen Frederick.

- 1) Purdy Motor Sales, Inc. - promotional jig-saw puzzle. From General Motors, Chevrolet Division, advertising the 1950 Chevrolet. Purdy Motor Sales was located at 209-19 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, where Wild Willy's is located today. Darwin Frederick was the owner of Frederick Dodge, W. Main & Shaffer Streets, Van Wert.
- 2) Van Wert Peony Festival license plate bracket mounted on wooden display stand. Owned by Darwin Frederick.

Dean Williamson, Van Wert (2013May12)

Donation of the book The Lincoln Highway – The Great American Road Trip by Michael S. Williamson & Michael Wallis, copyright 2007, 1st Edition. ISBN 978-0-393-05938-0. Pages 89, 101-103 cover Van Wert County. 2013 is the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Highway.

(2013May19)

Anonymous donor of a cast iron train and old toy train engine. From Van Wert County, circa early 1930s.

Larry & Diane Webb, Van Wert (2013May22) & (2013July11)

- 1) Class picture of 1933 Union High School, Van Wert County
- 2) 1960 class ring Convoy Union High School, the last year the school existed before consolidation
- 3) 1962 class ring Crestview High School, donated by Diane (Bagley) Webb.

Kenny Miller, Schumm (2013June)

Railroad mile marker from the Pennsylvania RR, indicating the mileage from Pittsburgh to Middle Point. From the late 1800s. This is now installed by the red caboose at the Museum Campus.

Patricia Dunifon, Van Wert (2013May19)

Ladies bonnet, muslin, 125 years old. Originally owned by Mrs. Myers, grandmother in-law. Item submitted by Kay Johns, daughter.

Tom Mantie, Van Wert (2013June19)

- 1) Spike puller bar to pull railroad spikes from ties
- 2) Rail alignment bar to align rails when replaced. Owned by Jack Goings who worked for a railroad.

Phil Giessler, Worthington, OH (2013June30)

1) 1962 Van Wert High School yearbook 2) Advertising fans from Vorse & Knoll Funeral Home, 2 qty. 3) 1958 Times Bulletin newspaper with Van Wert County Fair news 4) Van Wert County Fair hat 5) 78 RPM record of Van Wert High School Choir.

Donn Putt, Van Wert (2013June30)

1) Two Oriental Garden postcards for Peony Festival file 2) 4 qty 3 cent stamps

Layne Crull, Lima, OH (2013June30)

1) Civil War currency, Alabama 2) Civil War, North Carolina, requisition for supplies 3) Copy of antique firearms item
4) Civil War style pistol (Navy), by Savage Co., 1860-1861 5) Civil War carbine, breech loader, Hall North Manufacturing, 1844-1853. Used by an unknown Union soldier in the Civil War.

Roger Brewer, Jacksonville, FL (2013June30)

Letter from Mathias Brewer, family historical document. 1866 letter to family describing an early farm.

Nancy Bowersock, Van Wert (2013June 28)

Donated in memory of her father, Charles Williman. Van Wert newspapers bound into large books. Dates in 1865, 1867, 1883, and 1884,

Richard Dippery, Jr., Van Wert (2013July10)

Rocket Express toy wagon, excellent condition, circa 1940 used by Richard. Donated by Richard and his sister Jeanne (Dippery) Phillips in memory of their parents, Richard, Sr. and Carolyn.

Wayne Egley, Ohio City (2013Aug1)

1) Dump hay-rack, International Harvester. Used to rake hay with team of horses 2) Push corn planter for planting seed corn.

Don Farmer (City of Van Wert), Van Wert (2013Aug1)

1835 Plat of Van Wert Lot 55, the first lot platted in the City of Van Wert. Includes mortgage records. Location of the Clark Shoe Store.