

## Art Display Draws Family's Memories of the Friends' Home



Cousins of Jane Hartsock McCulloch visited the Museum at the Friends Home in June to view their relative's artwork on display. They came from Jamestown, Harveysburg and Dayton in Ohio and from Lakeland and Arcadia in Florida. As they reminisced about Waynesville, Sarah recalled her connection with the Friends Boarding Home. Her grandmother Lena Hartsock worked as a resident assistant in the early 1930s; Sarah was a teenager then and sometimes volunteered to help her grandmother work with the residents. All members of the group enjoyed viewing the artwork accomplished by their relative and were very pleased with the work of the Museum's volunteers to preserve local history and culture.

Pictured are (from left to right): Jean Stingley Hartsock, Jane Hartsock Clements, Karen James Johnson, Sarah Hartsock Ames, Helen Hartsock Ellison, and Louise Hartsock Master. Ross Hartsock (father of Jane Hartsock McCulloch) and Alan Hartsock (father of Sarah, Helen and Louise) were bothers, making these ladies first cousins.

**BULLETIN!** *Our Main Street and Quaker Hill ghostly history tours are enjoying tremendous popularity. Besides our traditional October offerings, we've succeeded with our new 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Summer offerings and are attracting more coach tours from outside the area each year. **But we need more storytellers!** It doesn't matter if you're an introvert or an extravert, whether you're afraid of or relish public speaking, whether you believe in ghosts or not; our current storytellers fall into all these categories. The bottom line is that we can train you to do this and it's a lot of fun. Make Program Chair Linda Morgan's day and call at 513-897-1607.*

2013 Calendar of Events

*Autumn*

**Main Street & Quaker Hill Ghost Tour Schedule:**

- Wednesday, October 16
- Friday, October 18
- Saturday, October 19
- Wednesday, October 23
- Friday, October 25
- Saturday, October 26
- Wednesday, October 30
- Friday, November 1

Tours begin at 7:30 p.m. Main Street tours start at the Main Street gazebo across from the Hammel House and Quaker Hill tours start in front of the Museum of the Friends Home at 4<sup>th</sup> and Miami Streets. The Museum is open to visitors after the tours.

Museum docents also conduct Main Street tours in conjunction with the **Hammel House's Ghost and Goblet Dinner**. See <http://thehammelhouseinn.com>.

*Winter*

**Christmas Tour of Homes**

Saturday, December 7 from noon until 5 p.m.

***Museum Tours***.....

Museum trustee Linda Morgan led an *Ohio River History and Hauntings* overnight bus tour in August. Encouraged by the success of this tour and the *Quaker – Shaker* tour in April, Linda is presently planning another, possibly to *The Wilds* or Underground Railroad sites in southeast Ohio. Whatever the destination, check the Museum's website for details. Here are some photos of our Ohio River tour from the *Valley Gem* sternwheeler, Marietta's "Castle", Blennerhasset Island, the LaFayette Hotel, and the "history and hauntings" tour.



**Curator's Corner**

*~ by Dolly McKeehan*

**WOW!!!** As we near the close of this year, it is amazing to look back on the 13 years the museum has been open to all. In those brief years, our exhibit rooms went from 4 to 25; our school outreach program, which began with Waynesville Elementary 3rd grade classes, now includes 6th grade classes, plus 7th grade students from the Miami Valley School in Dayton. The museum is now a frequent stop for motor coach group tours from states east of the Mississippi River as well as group tours from the tri-state area. Through collaboration with the Mary L. Cook Library and other local interested citizens, Waynesville is now being considered as a member of the Network to Freedom, a nationally recognized listing of Underground Railroad sites through the National Park Service in Washington, DC. With the financial support of friends and members, the building's 77 windows have been repaired, the porch has been re-attached to the front of the building, central air/heat has been added to maintain adequate temperature for the artifacts, and a new wood door and side panels will be installed this month per Waynesville's historic preservation guidelines. The museum offers history and ghost tours along with our overnight motor coach trips as fun-filled fundraisers, while drawing attention to the history of our village through new visitors. Affiliations with organizations like the Ohio Historical Society, the Ohio Local History Alliance, the Heritage Advisory Council and the Ohio River National Freedom Corridor help to bring professional attention to our museum. *I hope you forgive me for tooting the horn of our museum and the wonderful and hardworking volunteers who keep it fresh and exciting.* Next year can only get better.

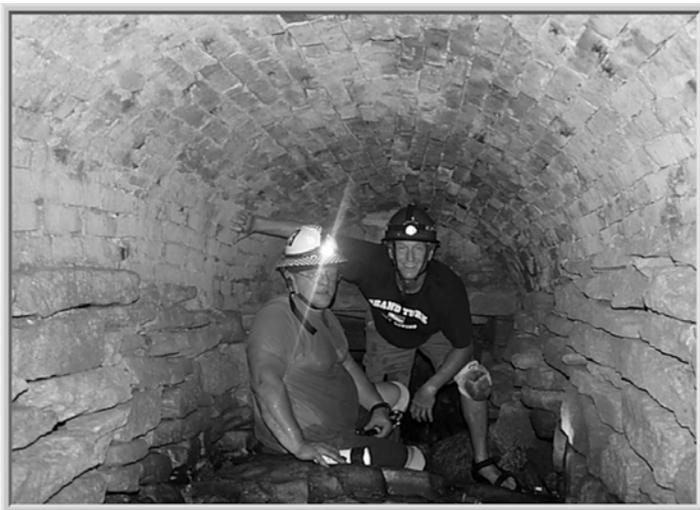
**Chuck Feicht's Front Porch View**



**THANKS** to Carol and Ed Vacca and the merchants of the Waynesville Merchants Association (WMA) for their support of the Museum. During WMA's Craft Party in June, Etsy crafters donated hand-crafted items for a special auction supporting a local charity, which the merchants chose to be the Museum at the Friends Home. The items are on display at the Mary L. Cook Library (see Silent Auction notice on last page). WMA also invited the Museum to participate in a planning event to address methods of attracting visitors to Waynesville. While WMA's focus is on Main Street merchants, they recognize that organizations such as the Museum attract visitors who are potential Main Street visitors. The Museum's success in attracting coach tours is an example, since these visitors usually visit shops and restaurants.

## **Local Investigations of Underground Railroad Ties Intensify**

“Underground” has both figurative and literal meaning to residents investigating Waynesville’s Underground Railroad ties. Assistance to freedom-seeking slaves was accomplished in surreptitious manner, hence the figurative term “underground.” But as the pictures below illustrate, current research is literally being done underground, investigating tunnels and storm drains dating back to pre-Civil War times which may have served as hiding places and “invisible” pathways north. The tunnel shown in the left picture is depicted in the right picture by the line drawn diagonally in the lower right. More pictures and narratives can be viewed at <http://undergroundrailroadstormdraintunnels.blogspot.com>, which is updated periodically by Rod Richards.



Members of the Waynesville Underground Railroad Committee (WURC) are working to make Waynesville the first Warren County site to have the honor of being a member of the National Park Service's "Network to Freedom" program. This designation will put Waynesville on a national listing along with sites such as the Rankin House in Ripley, Ohio and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. WURC representatives will attend an application workshop in Cincinnati before submitting the application in January 2014.

The Dayton Daily News provided coverage of these efforts on August 21, 2011. The article can be viewed at: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/local/tunnels-may-have-helped-slaves/nZQ78/>.

Updates of the WURC’s activities can be viewed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FreedomCorridor>, which provides information of activities and sites along the Ohio River. The organization’s September meeting was held at the Museum of the Friends Home. Carl Westmoreland, a senior advisor to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, will visit Waynesville and the Museum in the near future. Museum curator Dolly McKeehan serves as the Freedom Corridor’s board secretary.

## Museum Artifacts

- The Quaker Bush River reunion was held in Waynesville during September 19-22. The reunion commemorates Quaker families who emigrated north from South Carolina's Bush River area in the late 1790's and early 1800's. Waynesville was one of the primary destinations. Museum docents provided ghostly history tours of Quaker Hill and Main Street, a presentation of current Underground Railroad investigations, and a tour of the Museum.
- On October 22, 2013 Cleveland's Fox TV Channel 8 will feature Waynesville and the Museum at the Friends Home during their "One Tank Trips" highlight show.
- The Museum recently replaced its sprinkler system heads to ensure the facility and its historic artifacts and records are protected from fire. The \$1,100 expense was made possible by member and visitor donations and by proceeds from fund-raising activities such as ghost and overnight bus tours.
- Waynesville's 109 third graders will tour the Museum during mid-October and have lunch at the Friends' Red Brick meeting house.

## Breaking News from the Archives

Remembrance of a Waynesville citizen, who emigrated from Virginia to Waynesville, from the Miami Gazette, circa 1875.

*"Sudden Death – We are pained to have to record, this week, the death of our well-known citizen, Mr. Charles T. Cadwallader, which occurred on Monday evening, about 9 o'clock, from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Cadwallader had been doing some business at Mr. Farr's and Mr. Printz's, and had been to the barber shop and got shaved, and was returning home, when reaching the corner of Mr. O.J. Wright's fence and the alley, he fell on his face, where he was found by Mr. D.R. Anderson, who was just coming out of his mother's gateway. Mr. Anderson at once procured assistance, and conveyed Mr. Cadwallader to his home, where he soon breathed his last.*

*Dr. Sellers was summoned as quickly as possible, but life was extinct before he arrived. It is supposed that apoplexy was the immediate cause of Mr. Cadwallader's death, although he had been in the habit of taking chloral for an affection of the heart with which he was troubled, and it is said he had administered to himself a heavy dose of that drug on Monday evening.*

*Mr. Cadawallader was born in Lynchburg, Va., April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1830, and was, consequently, something over forty five years of age at the time of his death."*

Wouldn't English teachers today have a fit with the length of these sentences?

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Museum at the Friends Home

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## ATTENTION CRAFTERS!!

*Local Etsy artists donated hand-crafted gifts to the Museum at the Friends Home. Our "sister" organization, the Mary L. Cook Library, is holding a Silent Auction of these items to benefit the Museum.*

*Bidding is open until 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Winners will be announced on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*Drop in at the Library to view these crafts and place your bid!*

## *Christmas Tour of Homes in Historic Waynesville*

**Tour Historic Homes,  
A Quaker Meeting House  
and a Museum**



*All decorated for the holidays!*

Saturday, December 7, 2013, Noon - 5pm