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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DELHI BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

This fall brings many activities marking Delhi's 200th birthday.

Aug. 27 - Dog Days/Pioneer Days. For all ages as we celebrate the end of our Bicentennial Summer - fishing tournament, hot dog eating contest, dog events, old fashioned baseball game, historic exhibits and antique vehicles, Elder drums, Oak Hills band, and evening concert. Go to www.delhibusiness.org for details.

Sept. 10 - Delhi Antiques Roadshow - see page one for more information.

Sept. 23 - Delhi Bicentennial 5K run - go to <http://www.msj.edu/student-life/family-week-end/msj-5k/> to register

Sept. 25 - Delhi Pike's Peek - visit the three Sisters of Charity sponsored institutions: Bayley Place, Motherhouse, and Mount St. Joseph University...music, food and tours.

Oct. 18 - Delhi Day at the Senior Center. 10 am to 4 pm, line dancing, cards, and socializing.

Oct. 22 - Delhi Cemetery Tour visit 4 local cemeteries to learn their history and the people who are buried there.

Nov. 6 - Delhi Veteran's Day Celebration



Bicentennial Gala

Save the Date - Dec. 3

Make sure to mark your calendar now for Saturday, Dec. 3. The Delhi Historical Society is sponsoring the culminating event for Delhi's 200th birthday. It will be held at The Farm on Anderson Ferry Road beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening will feature dinner, dancing to Pete Wagner Band, silent and live auction. Local 12/WKRC's Bob Herzog is our emcee for the evening. Look for your invitation in early November!

DELHI ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Join us on Sept 10, 2016, for the Delhi Antiques Roadshow! DHS invited nationally renown Frank Farmer Loomis to appraise antiques for our community!

Loomis is esteemed throughout the USA for his trustworthy appraisals of antiques and collectibles. He is a newspaper and magazine columnist, appraiser for the Antiques Roadshow, and writer and host of numerous local antiques programs on television and radio. We are lucky to have him!

Loomis will appraise anything BUT guns, jewelry, and coins. Admission with an appraisal is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. General admission without an appraisal is \$7. To reserve your spot, visit our website or send a check to:

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The roadshow will take place at the Glen Carder Lodge from 1pm-3pm.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Don Jasper for the death of his wife Pat

Mary Williams for the death of her husband John

Bill Seitz for the death of his mother LaVerne

Ed Valeska for the death of his wife Bonnie



Frank Farmer Loomis

BRICCA MURDERS PROGRAM

Join us on Monday, Sept. 12, to learn about Cincinnati's Most Notorious Cold Case, The Bricca Murders. True Crime historian, JT Townsend will present new unpublished materials on the case and will sell copies his book, *Queen City Notorious* at the end of the program.

The Best of Delhi Raffle winners will also be announced at the meeting.

The program will be held at the Glen Carder Lodge of Delhi Park at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pioneer Day (Dog Days of Delhi)

August 27

Glen Carder Lodge

Delhi Antiques Roadshow

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

September 10, 1pm-3pm

Glen Carder Lodge

Bricca Murders Program

September 12, 7pm

Glen Carder Lodge

Family History Scanning Station

September 13, 9am - 12pm

Bayley Wellness and Fitness Center

Family History Scanning Station

September 14, 9am - 12pm

Delhi Senior Center

Finding your Home's Ancestors

October 10, 7pm

Glen Carder Lodge

Delhi Cemetery Tour

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

October 22

Meet at the DHS Farmhouse

Bicentennial Gala

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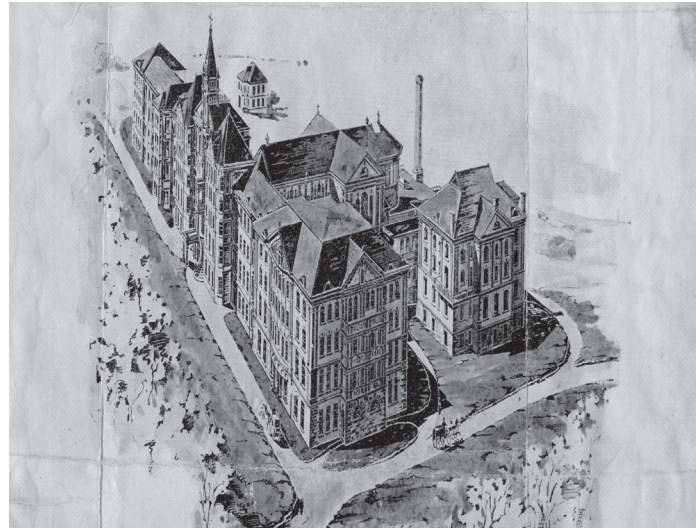
December 3

The Farm

VISIT US!

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open March - October from 12:30 - 3pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Please call to arrange an appointment off season.

The Evolution of Delhi Pike's Peak



Mother House c. 1900 (fka St Aloysius Academy)

On Sept. 25, three Sisters of Charity supported institutions will open their doors for an open house as part of Delhi's Bicentennial Celebration. This article is edited from the Delhi Historical Society archives.

As one of the largest landowners and the largest employer in the township, the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse and its ancillary institutions have had great impact on the community.

The Sisters of Charity arrived in Cincinnati in 1829 at the invitation of Bishop Fenwick and almost immediately established an orphanage, parochial school, and academy opposite the old Cathedral on Sycamore Street. In 1850 the sisters received permission to open a Motherhouse in Cincinnati.

For a period of 12 years the Motherhouse was located at Cedar Grove on Delhi's eastern border, but in 1869 it was moved to the Biggs homestead in the western part of Delhi. Sr. Anthony O'Connell was acquainted with the family and she convinced the others that the site in remote Delhi Hills was "a charming place for the Motherhouse, novitiate and academy."

The Biggs home was renamed St. Joseph Hall and the extensive acreage atop the Ohio River bluffs was christened Mount St. Joseph. The first new building was a limestone convent completed in 1883. On July 16, 1885, fire ravaged the stone structure. Since no organized fire department existed and no fire-fighting equipment available, the sisters and their neighbors formed a bucket brigade from the hilltop to the Ohio River below. Their valiant efforts were in vain for only

the central tower with its high clock survived the blaze.

Faced with the task of rebuilding, Mother Mary Blanche Davis engaged Chicago architect Adam Druiding to draw up plans for a complex which was to include a convent, infirmary, laundry, academy, library, and a magnificent chapel. By 1901, there were 600 sisters in residence at the Mount.

To allow for future expansion, the sisters purchased lands adjacent to the Biggs farm. In 1881, 31 acres belonging to Mrs. Ann E. Betz, and located to the West of the sisters' land was exchanged for comparable acreage south of Delhi Pike. In 1927, the order purchased the acreage they had traded away from the Betz family. In 1962, it was to become the site of the new College campus of Mount St. Joseph, which had been established as one of the first women's private colleges in Ohio in 1920.

For the first half of the 20th century, Mount St. Joseph was a virtually self-sustaining community. The Sisters hired farm hands to help them tend to gardening the surrounding property, care for the cattle and sheep in the pasture land, harvest fruit from the apple and peach orchards, and raise chickens for eggs and food. The Mount had its own power plant and water supply to sustain the needs of both the college and the sisters. It was truly a peaceful rural life, matching that of the surrounding community, where farmers set their work day routine by the morning, noon and evening Angelus ringing from the Mount's bell tower.

By the early 1960s there were more than 1,500 Sisters of Charity. But as the Delhi community changed after the Second World War, so did the Mount St. Joseph. From the 20 freshmen women enrolled in 1920, the College of Mount St. Joseph grew to nearly 1,000 by the mid-60s..

Then after the expansion of Bender Road to the Ohio River dissected the Mount St. Joseph property even more, the Sisters of Charity executive board planned a new ministry for an increasingly aging westside population. Ground was broken on former pastureland in 1991 for Bayley Place.

Today the sisters own more than 300 acres, operate Motherhouse/retreat center, Bayley Place retirement community, College of Mount St. Joseph, Eldermount Adult Day Care, the Cottages of Bayley Place and Earth Connections..

News from the Farmhouse

SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you enjoy viewing pages like "Old Photos of Cincinnati" on Facebook? Then be sure to follow the DHS page! Over the last 3 months we reached over 7,000 people through posting old photos of Delhi. On Tuesdays, look for our posts that relate events going on at the Historical Society or the community. On Thursdays we post a "#TBT" (Throwback Thursday) that includes a historical photo and educational caption. A lot of these photos were collected through our Family History Scanning Station, and we are very excited by attention they received. Recently, we posted a local couple's 1915 wedding photo and several of the grandchildren commented that they had never seen a picture of their grandparents that young. Other posts included historic photos of buildings around Delhi which sparked discussions about how the architecture changed over time, or memories associated with them. That is the goal of both the new social media project and the Family History Scanning Station. We want to share these stories, and preserve this history for our future generations. We want YOU to join us in this mission and "Like" our page on Facebook, share your stories in the comments, and like/share our posts to help spread our history!

VICTORIAN HERB GARDEN



Have you ever wondered how plants were used during the Victorian Era? Here at DHS we thought about it a lot after creating our Victorian Language of Flowers exhibit, and the Western Hills Garden Club was generous enough to donate the herbs that were used! We created a brochure that tells you what they were used for to go with the plants! Come visit us and check it out!

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