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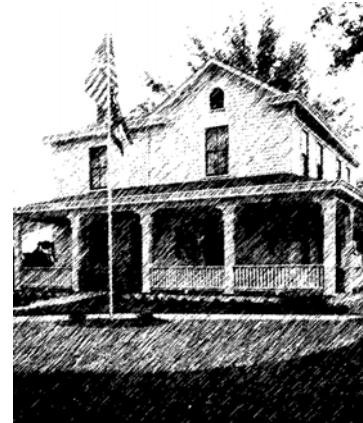
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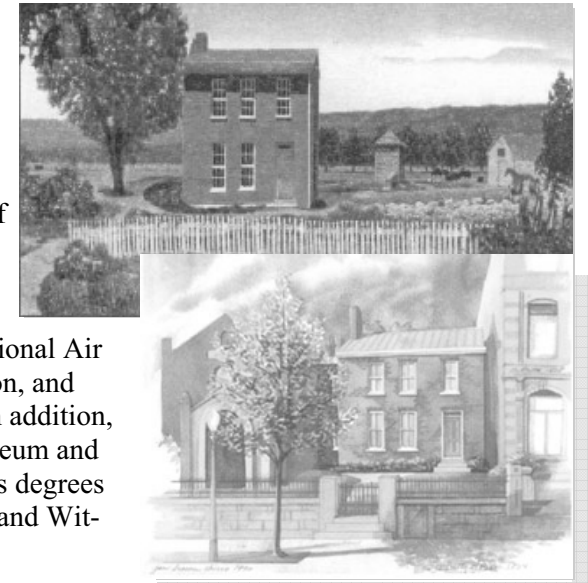
Have things really changed?

Progress: 19th century lessons for 21st century life

Julie Carpenter, executive director of the Betts House in Cincinnati's West End, will give us an entertaining and sometimes thoughtful look at daily life in the 1800s. The presentation talks about daily life in the early 19th century Cincinnati (the reality of it and our perceptions and misperceptions) – using the Betts family/house/neighborhood as an example. She looks at the notion of “progress” and how we often seek solutions to modern lifestyle problems in the past. The program is Monday, June 13, 7 pm at the Delhi Park Lodge, 5125 Foley Road.

Julie serves on the board of trustees of the Over the Rhine Foundation and the Downtown Residents Council. She is also the chair of Museums & Historic Sites of Greater Cincinnati and an adjunct professor in the Public History program at Northern Kentucky University. A native of Ada, Ohio, Julie spent over a decade in Washington D.C. where she worked in museum education, public relations, and marketing at institutions including the National Air and Space Museum, The Phillips Collection, and Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens. In addition, Ms. Carpenter worked for the Lyman Museum and Mission House in Hilo, Hawaii. Julie holds degrees in history from George Mason University and Wittenberg University.

Bring a snack to share.



The Betts House in 1804 and how it looks today.

Upcoming Dates

- **June 13 — Progress: 19th Century Lessons for 21st Century Life, 7 pm Delhi Park Lodge.**
- **All Summer - Delhi and The Civil War at the Delhi Historical Society, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, noon-3 pm**

Coming Soon!

News about Summer and Fall events, including bus tours, near and far.

Look for your “Best of Delhi” Raffle Tickets in the mail!

Farmhouse News

Our Gardens Are in Full Bloom

Stop by the Delhi Historical Society to view our beautiful gardens. The Western Hills Garden club once again is maintaining our front perennial garden around the bricks and flagpole.

Ben Schmidt and volunteer Katie Corns will be maintaining Sparky's Garden in front of the Greenhouse (in memory of longtime greenhouse operator Sparky Wolfer), as well as the two Zeiser Gardens, in honor of Al Zeiser, and in memory of longtime president Doris Zeiser.

We can always use donations to help maintain the gardens. Donations should be made payable to the Delhi Historical Society, 468 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238 just mark “gardens” in the memo section of your check.

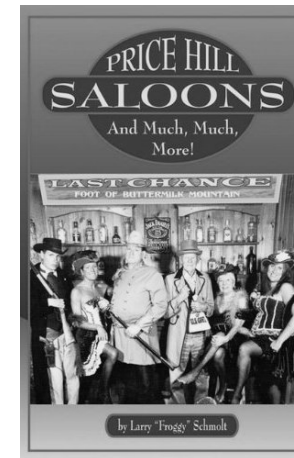
Need Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers. You need only commit to three hours a month — on either a Tuesday or Thursday. It's an enjoyable time and we've got plenty of things to keep you busy. Please consider joining us. Email delhi.history@fuse.net or call the Farmhouse, 513-451-4313.

The date on your mailing label tells you when your membership expires. Don't miss the opportunity for all the historical society offers. Renew your membership! (If no date appears then you are a life member.)

Farmhouse Volunteer Schedule

Week	Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1	Peg Schmidt	Need volunteer	Need volunteer
Week 2	Peg Schmidt	Need volunteer	Lee & Betty Baker
Week 3	Pat Burden	Fred DiPilla	Katie Corns
Week 4	Mary Finn	Need volunteer	Pam Hubert
Week 5	Peg Schmidt	Peg Schmidt	Pam Hubert



The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum opens March 1. Hours are noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday.

Suggested donation is \$1.

New Book Highlights Price Hill Saloons

Price Hill Saloons and Much, Much, More! by Larry Scholt is the newest joint publishing project from the Price Hill Historical Society and Edgecliff Press, is now available! This 160-page book is a look back at the watering holes (with photographs, cartoons, and lots of old ads) across Price Hill's history, right up to the present day, plus a lot of good stories from the author, who is also the current coordinator of the Price Hill Historical Society. Order your copy for just \$14.95 plus \$3 shipping. Copies will soon be available at the Delhi Historical Society, order online at www.pricehill.org/bookstore.html, or at the Price Hill Historical Society, 3640 Warsaw Avenue.

From the Archives

Last of a three part series on the role of southwestern Hamilton County in the Civil War. Part I covered the role of Sisters of Charity nurses, Part II talked about Morgan's Raid through Hamilton County. Part III deals with the soldiers who fought and their families on the home front.



On the Home front — Delhi During the War

Delhi played an important part in the Civil War in several ways: the abolitionists who supported bringing slaves over the river to safe haven in Cheviot and beyond; the Sister of Charity nurses who tended to the wounded on the battlefield and in hospitals; the dozens of soldiers who fought for the cause; and those women and children and men who kept the farms and business running on the home front.

More than 6.3 million men and women served in the Civil War, a half-million of those soldiers and sailors were from Ohio. So chances are everyone in Delhi knew someone who served in the War Between the States, and likely knew someone who had been killed. 380 men from Delhi registered for the draft as required by law in May of 1863. All of these men were eligible to be called into service. Many of them either enlisted before being drafted or waited to be called. Frederick Brandhorst, according to family tradition, lured by the offer of \$300 from a recruiter, joined at the end of an evening at a downtown beer garden. The next morning he realized he was \$300 richer but off to fight a war.

Some of those who enlisted or were called into action had previous military experience, such as Captain James Foley, for whom Foley Road is named. Two of those who fought were John Fischesser and Henry Schwartz, whose children later married. Schwartz enlisted in the Ohio 108th volunteers on August 14, 1862, around the time of the Cincinnati siege. He served until the end of the war and was mustered out June 1, 1865.

Meanwhile, back at home, Delhi faced occasional fear that Confederate troops would storm Cincinnati. As mentioned in the last newsletter, General John Hunt Morgan brought 2,000 men on a raid through northern Hamilton County in July of 1863. But the big scare happened in the fall of 1862. Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith captured Lexington and headed north on the 3 L highway toward Cincinnati. Seven cannon "batteries" or defenses were dug into the hills of Northern Kentucky and troops hastily built a pontoon bridge over the Ohio. More than 15,000 men volunteered to defend the city, one of the units was headed by Delhi resident Major Peter Zinn of the Ohio 85th.

The Confederate troops were repelled 7 1/2 miles south of Covington near Ft. Mitchell/Ft. Wright and retreated back toward Lexington on September 13.



Major Peter Zinn of Delhi

Delhi Historical Society Brick Pavers

Become a part of Delhi township history. Purchase a brick paver engraved with your name or the name of a relative or friend (living or deceased) which will be added to the flag landscape at the Delhi Historical Society. Or order a paver for someone who served in the Armed Forces for the 5-Point memorial.

Each brick is 4" by 8" and engraved with a maximum of three lines of 14 letters each, including spaces. All letters will be upper case. Cost per brick is \$35.

Name on Brick (3 lines of 14 letters each)

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Please place my brick at Delhi Historical Society _____ or Five Points (Armed Forces only) _____

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Member News

Group Enjoys Memorable Queen City Underground Tour

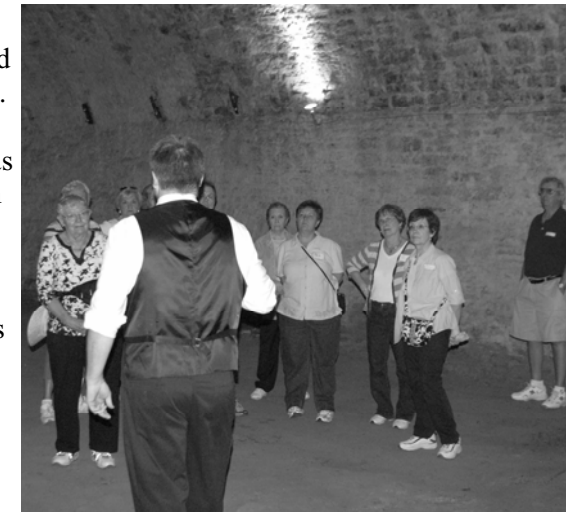
Members and friends of the Delhi Historical Society spent a beautiful May afternoon touring the hidden history of Vine Street in Over-The-Rhine on the Queen City Underground Tour. We started with lunch at the historic Washington Platform (at right), then it was off to meet our guides and learn about bosses, brews and burials.

By far the most popular site was the sub-basement tunnels under Kaufman Brewery (below), but the now abandoned Cosmopolitan Beer Hall, built in 1854, also brought oohs and ahhs. We saw Weilerts Café where Boss Cox ran city government in the 1880s, and the Opera House at 14th and Vine where Buffalo Bill Cody hired a local girl named Annie Oakley for his Wild West show.

Our final stop was St. Francis Seraph Church at Vine and Liberty where we toured this beautiful structure and its underground crypt.

Over-the-Rhine's 45,000 population was 75 percent German in the late 1800s — a place where religion, entertainment, shopping and beer gardens lived in harmony.

Photos by member Ray Grothaus



Membership Form

Name: _____

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City: _____ State _____ zip _____

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Membership Levels

Senior Citizen or Student (\$10) _____

Regular Annual (\$20) _____

Regular Family (\$35) _____

Sustaining Individual/Family (\$50) _____

Patron Individual/Family (\$100) _____

Business (\$100) _____

Benefactor (\$500) _____

Founder (\$1,000) _____