

# History at a Glance

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## Gravestones for Novices, 2.0: June 14, at Shinbone

### *WHAT IS IT?*

A workshop about the best practices for preserving Ohio's historic cemeteries

### *WHEN IS IT?*

Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### *WHERE IS IT?*

Shinbone, Ohio,  
east of New Knoxville on SR 219

### *WHO SHOULD ATTEND?*

Township Trustees  
Cemetery Caretakers and Boards  
Church Leaders  
Genealogists, Historians, *and*  
All Persons Who Respect the Past and Wish  
to Preserve the Memories of Our Ancestors

### *WHAT IS THE COST?*

\$28 for historical society members;  
\$36 for non-members,  
Which includes continental breakfast, lunch,  
and workshop materials



### **About the workshop**

Gravestones for Novices will empower participants, providing them with the tools they need to document, preserve, and restore tombstones.

John Walters, professional cemetery restorer, Connersville, Indiana, will teach the basics of gravestone preservation. His remarks and demonstration will include such topics as: properly cleaning tombstones, leveling stones, building new bases for stones, and repairing broken stones. Under the supervision of Walters and his staff, participants will have the opportunity to work on actual tombstones throughout the day. You'll be learning from the best!

*The registration deadline is June 2!*

*Contact the Historical Society today, 738-9328,  
or [auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net](mailto:auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net)*

The Auglaize County Historical Society seeks volunteers to assist in the reorganization of its Wapakoneta museum. Our Wright State University graduate students, Andrea Green and Daniel Schlegel, have nearly completed the tedious process of re-inventorying our collections. Now we're ready to take the next step: documenting the collections in the state-of-the-art Past Perfect software system. If you can volunteer even a few hours a month, we'd welcome your help. We'll host a training session in Handling and Management of artifacts on Friday, June 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Wapakoneta museum. Please call 738-9328, to volunteer. When Wapakoneta is completed, the Historical Society will move on to the Mooney museum, St. Marys.



**Cincinnati:**

**May 1 and 6, 2008**

You are invited to visit [springgrove.org](http://springgrove.org)

To do research, click on cemeteries in the menu bar, then education, then genealogy.

## Oh, the Places We Saw! The Things We Did!



Opposite page—Top left, Cary Wood, National Park Service, leads a tour through the Taft House, top right. Visitors admire art and architecture at the Taft House, middle left, and the former St. Paul Church, now home to the Verdin Company, middle right and bottom. This page—ACHS trustee Gen Conradi and husband Dennis Dicke await their treats at Graeter's, top left. Top right, our Spring Grove guide explains another of the cemetery's many mausoleums. Bottom left, Jim Verdin reveals the Auglaize County connection to his company, while LaRose Roediger and our step-on tour guide Mary Ann Olding enjoy traditional cuisine at Lenhardt's. Ninety members and friends of the Auglaize County Historical Society participated in the spring bus trips. Thank you!

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*There's never been a better time  
to be part of the Auglaize  
County Historical Society!*

The Auglaize County Historical Society was founded in 1963. Its mission is the "discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Auglaize County and the State of Ohio."

*We thank TSC for assisting us in securing high speed internet service.*

## Historical Society Presents June 5 Lecture: *Medical Advancements of the Civil War*

As the first modern war, the Civil War resulted in the highest number of U.S. casualties per capita of any of our wars as approximately 620,000 men perished, including 360,000 in the North and 260,000 in the South; 25% of those involved died.

These casualties exceeded those of all other U.S. wars and affected nearly every family in the North and South. What is not often understood or appreciated now are

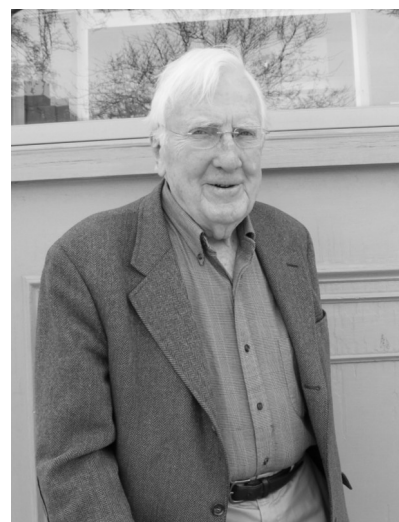
the rapid advancements made in American medicine that were stimulated by this conflict.

The Historical Society will host a lecture entitled *Medical Advancements of the Civil War* on Thursday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the former Olive Branch Church, Shinbone (SR 219 east of New Knoxville).

Peter D'Onofrio will explain how the Civil War changed the understanding and practice of medicine in the

United States. Dr. D'Onofrio is President of the Society of Civil War Surgeons and editor of its quarterly publication, *The Journal of Civil War Medicine*. He has been active in many reenactments and published and presented numerous articles on his subject.

The June 5 lecture is free and open to the public. It is made possible through the support of the Ohio Humanities Council.



**Brush with Greatness:** Our May 1 tripgoers encountered this famous Ohioan at Lenhardt's. Do you recognize him? The answer is below.

This man is John Gilligan, governor of Ohio from 1971 to 1975. Governor Gilligan is the father of current Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius, making them the first father-daughter governors in United States history.