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## The Historical Society of North College Hill Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY

Enjoy the newsletter. Mark your calendar. Our Open House is **November 26 (12-3)**. Lots to see.

KICKOFF FOR THE 100<sup>TH</sup> PARADE, was MAY 28. The parade was phenomenal. Hilltoppers classic cars, The Drum Line from Buddy Rogers and NCH Bakery Float were a hit. The horses brought up the rear. It was quite a parade. Many new entries also this year. Here are a few pictures.



PROCLAMATIONS were given after the parade in the new gym in the school for resident's families who have lived in North College Hill for 50 years and business for 25 years. 104 were given out.

Also free hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks were favorites at the commons.

**CLOVERNOOK SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF REPAIR. THIS BUILDING HOUSES MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

On June 11, The 50's, 60's Show Band, Belairs were scheduled to start at 7:00. The crowd started bringing their lawn chairs and coolers of food and drinks into the grassy area in the football field around 6:30, checking out good field positions for a great view of the band. You could also purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, pretzels from Auntie Ann's and other items. The band would play favorite rock and roll throughout the evening. A little before 7:00, the band opened with an old song "Lollipop", and people started to rock and roll. The evening air was pleasant and warm but with a slight breeze. At the end of the concert, about 100 people came forward who graduated from North College Hill to be recognized.

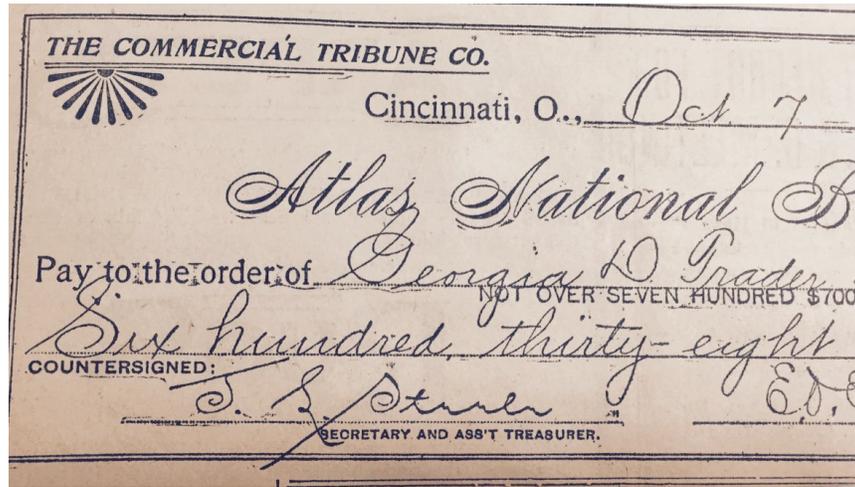


What a great night to spend with friends and listen to good oldies music. Chances are you ran into an old friend or two. "Oh What a Night"

The Bel Airs, not only, played oldies, they also threw in a country song. "All The Gold in California", by the Gatlin Brothers Band. The band played for almost three hours ending the evening with the patriotic tune, "God Bless the USA."

**MARK YOU CALENDERS FOR OUR ANNUAL "OPEN HOUSE"  
NOVEMBER 26 (12-3:00). LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED.**

On July 6, the Historical Society, shared our room and information with the staff of the Cary House. The history finders from the Cary House brought items, such as a check written in 1903, by Georgia Trader in the amount of \$638.00 for the purchase of the Cary House. This group of people have been going through a ton of stuff. There is a treasure of old documents.



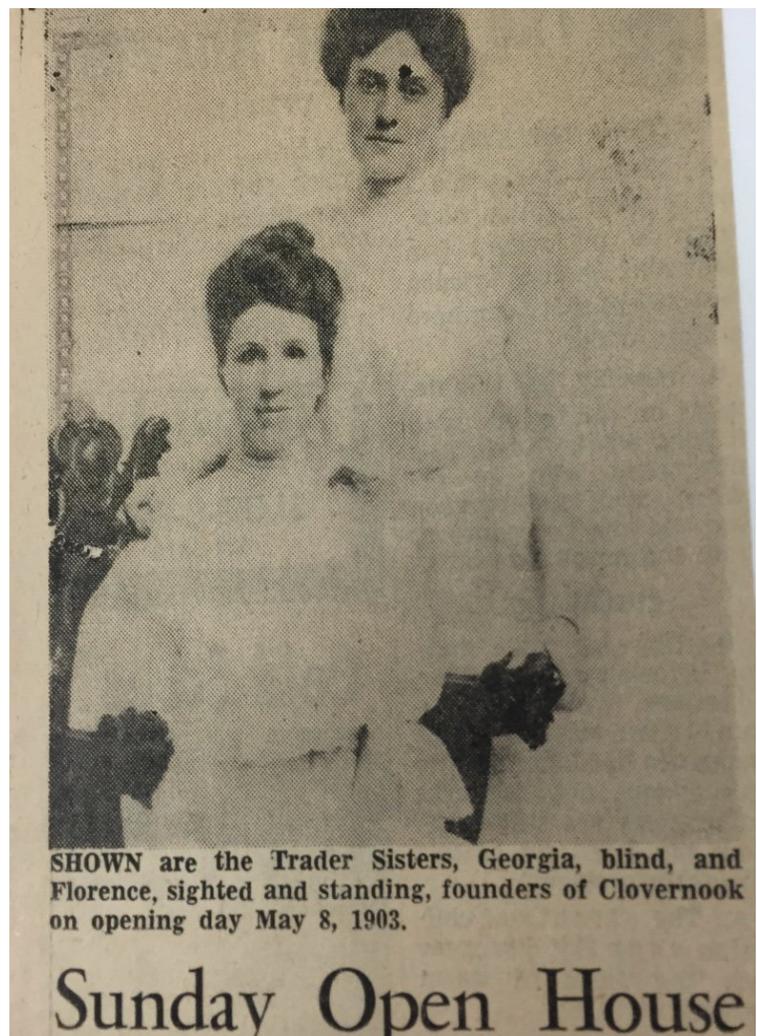
Miss Florence Trader and her blind sister, Georgia called at the office of William Proctor to tell him of an idea that they had since working with blind people. They asked for financial help in purchasing a house in the country. They wanted to establish a home for blind women.

Mr. Proctor's said to his secretary, "There are two angles in my office, Go and and give them anything they want."

What they wanted for their endeavor was to purchase the Cary House, that was once the home of poets Alice and Phoebe Cary.

The owner of the Cary House at the time was M. Louise Thomas, a wealthy woman from New York, who was friends with the Cary sisters and also her son married the niece of Alice and Phoebe. She purchased the house years earlier after the last surviving member died.

In 1903, this became The Home for the Blind.



July 30, 2016 (Cary Cottage open for tours) 10:00 to 2:00)

July 30 (Laboyteaux-Cary personal cemetery tour) (12:00 to 2:00)  
Open House at the Historical Society 12:00-2:00



This is the Cary Sisters. Poets Alice and Phoebe Cary

Christopher Cary emigrated to Ohio to claim a land grant in 1802. Christopher's family including eldest son Robert remained in the Fort Washington area before making the purchase eight miles north of the settlement on Hamilton Road.

After serving in the war of 1812 Robert Cary married Elizabeth Jessup. Alice and Phoebe Cary are two of their nine children.

The Cary sister's place of birth was a modest frame house built in 1814 on a portion of their grandfather's purchase. The Cary Cottage was built in 1832 south of the homestead and within sight of it was where two young poets began writing prose and poetry, Alice and Phoebe Cary. They were born in 1820 and 1824.

Having heard of two young literary phenomenons, Horace Greeley came to visit them and published their work. He would later encourage them to leave their home. And in 1850, they left for New York City. There they would gain international recognition. On Sundays, the two would have afternoon tea with several well known people such as Edgar Allen Poe, and P.T. Barnam to name a few. Neither sister married and both died in 1871 within months of each other and are buried in Buffalo, New York.



The Cary Cottage is a historical landmark. There is documentation of family history including ghost stories, contemporary memorials and the personal literary legacy of the poets. The cottage was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. Nearly all the books known to have been in the Cary Library have been acquired.

Here is a Little gem from Phoebe Cary:

“And that deep old well, oh that deep old well! I remember now the plashing sound of the bucket as it fell...”

Restoration was begun soon after it was placed on the National Register of the Historic Places in 1973. Original floors, a narrow winding stairway, stoned terrace and deep well in working order are but a few remnants of the early craftsmanship carefully retained. The 10' kitchen fireplace with bake oven and original hand-wrought cane is built of brick burned on the place,. On the south side of the house three pillars of rare rounded brick have recently been reconstructed . (info. From Cary Cottage Tour Guide)



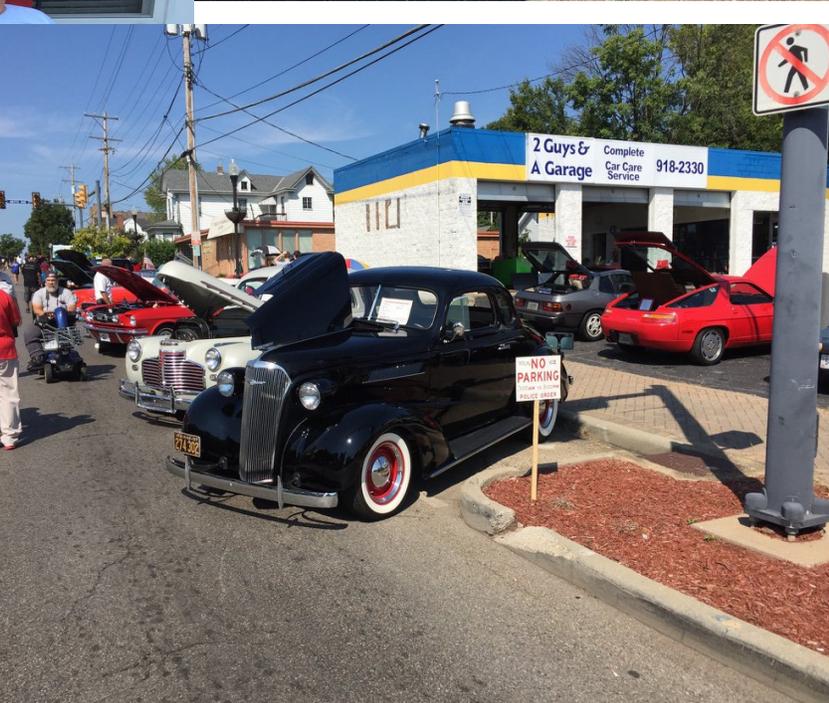
Picture of 10' kitchen fireplace with bake oven

## The Trader Room

The small room to the right of the parlor is dedicated to Florence and her blind sister Georgia who founded Clovernook Home and School for the Blind at Cary Cottage in 1903, It was the first home for blind women in Ohio. Within a few years, expansion was necessary and Trader House built next door became the permanent residence for the blind in May, 1913.

The Trader room is the only room furnished in the period post-dating 1850. Displayed are Trader mementos which tell the story of their relationships to the early Colrwin Duckworth families of the Lebano-Xenia area of Ohio. Items of interest are samplers, coats-of-arms, pictures of the family and of William A. Proctor, friend and benefactor, old photographs of the original Clovernook and personal items which once belonged to the Trader sisters. (info. From Cary Cottage Tour Guide Pamphlet)

On September 5, the Car Show was in NCH for another trip down memory lane. Here are a few of the cars that were rolled out.



## DID YOU KNOW

\*\*\* We have a new room at Clovernook. It is located just inside the front door. 2nd door on right. We have lots of new stuff to see and look through. **You will be amazed!!!**

\*\*\* You can buy a lifetime membership for only \$150.00. Open house after every meeting the last Saturday of the month. (12-200)

\*\*\* Membership is due in January.

\*\*\* The Laboyteaux-Cary Cemetery is the oldest landmark in North College Hill.

\*\*\* After the beginning of WWII, The name Bundt was changed to Steuben Hall. It was located where Becker School was previously located.

\*\*\* Price of bread in 1974 \$.28  
gas .53

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### ANNUAL/MEMBERSHIP ONE-TIME DUES PER ANNUM

- 1. Individual.....\$10.00
- 2. Student.....Complimentary
- 3. Business.....\$25.00
- 4. Family..... \$20.00

### CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION

- 5. Life (family) .....\$150.00
- 6. Patron..... 150.00

Annual memberships run from January 1 to December 31. Membership fees are deductible for income tax purposes. Membership cards will be mailed.

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