



The 1811 Historic Shupe Homestead
Drawing courtesy of Neal Jenne

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...to Prepare and Build for the Future...

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**Col. Nahorn continues to
 present programs and talks to
 area groups.**
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 information - click on "News"
 for upcoming events & such.

Front Page News

Stream-lined Newsletter for this Fall Season, But Much to Report

This newsletter is designed to be stream-lined and briefer than our past publications. Over the past few weeks, we have been extremely busy with a number of projects about which we will not go into detail here. We still want to produce an informative publication and document recent updates from the Museum and Homestead.

Recent acquisitions to the Museum were made, including several paintings done by Col. Vietzen and artifacts from Vietzen's Indian Ridge Museum. An unfinished slate bannerstone from Ohio and another important Elk Lick Cache flint blade were acquired. We now preserve 8 of the 70 blue-grey nodular blades from the historic Elk Lick Cache from Logan County, Kentucky, which Col. Vietzen uncovered in May 1964.

Other artifacts we've acquired include a frame of flint projectile points and tools from a prehistoric site on Indian Hollow Road in Grafton, Ohio. Any local pieces like these are important acquisitions that we can now preserve locally and study, learning more about those who lived in this area, thousands of years ago. These are just a few highlights.

We also acquired a c. 1900-1915 Dean Electric Company, Elyria-Made telephone from a local auction. We hooked up the apparatus, and it works just fine. The Dean Electric Company made telephones and other electronics in the early 20th century.

Thank you also to Mr. Richard Cherney for the donation of a large chunk of Ohio Flint Ridge material from Col. Vietzen's outdoor garden collection. It was donated on Cherney's recent Museum tour.

Below left: "Lorain County's Great White Oak" tree, located near the Swift Hollow historic region, near the Vermilion River and Swift Prehistoric Site. This giant white oak tree, estimated to be 500 years old, is the topic of a new research report soon to be published by the Museum as one of our research documents. A second document is also in the works, highlighting the history of the Historic Burrell Homestead in Sheffield.

Below: Kevin Rathwell and KJ stand beside the metal sign they made for the Historic Old Spring Site, in the center of downtown Amherst.

This very generous and thoughtful donation by Kevin Rathwell and KJ was designed and made to continue our efforts to maintain and restore the Historic Old Spring site downtown. On August 1, 2017, they installed a metal sign they had designed and made, in the spirit of August Nabakowski's sign which was originally made for this site. The "green and gold" color scheme fits Amherst perfectly. See below for more updates on the Old Spring restoration efforts.



Local Updates

Amherst's Old Spring Maintenance Continues

The Old Spring in downtown Amherst continues to flow, and maintenance projects continue to proceed. Below we see a "before" and "after" view of the old Milan



Avenue cobblestone walkway which we regularly maintain as an outreach project to preserve early local history. This maintenance is required throughout the year and is multi-faceted. Currently, we are preparing for the Fall cleanup season with leaf removal and drain clearing.



Earlier this year, we acquired a large section of a local silver maple tree. This we milled and created two benches to replace those that had long been forgotten on the walkway down to the Old Spring. Now visitors may enjoy this area again.

Updates from the Shupe Homestead

One of our most recent projects was to create a stone outdoor table made with a local sandstone well-



cover. We thank the Henceroth family for donating this local sandstone well-cover, found on their

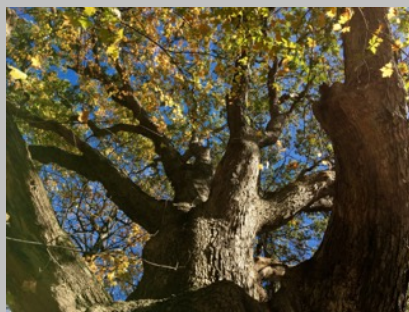


Park Avenue property.

The new sycamore flooring is now installed and looks great in the addition to the Shupe Homestead. We milled the wood from a mature sycamore tree which grew in the original front yard of the Historic Onstine-Warner-Miller Homestead, now home to a Dollar store.

Lorain County's Great White Oak

A new report is forthcoming, highlighting an impressive white oak tree near Swift's Hollow, estimated to be about 500 years old. (See below)



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