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*Tracking our Past and Present for the Future*

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## **Dates to Remember**

**November 5, 3:30 P.M.**  
**St. Thomas Church**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Annual Meeting/Program**  
**"Anti-slavery Movement in**  
**Clermont County"**

**TPHS Annual Holiday**  
**Open House**  
**Rockaway's Gravelotte**  
**December 6, 7-10 PM**

## **Did You Know?**

**F**or many years, Terrace Park had its own Lumber Company where Denison Lane is today. That land was originally part of George Washington Corey's 1886 subdivision and was to have become Terrace Lane and was to run parallel to Park Lane, which Corey developed. In 1914, Corey sold land along the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks to George H. Eveland to establish a lumber company. The next year Miles, George's son, took over and ran the company until he retired in 1947. George's other son, Harry, joined Miles when he returned home from World War I. Besides lumber and other building supplies, the company carried coal. Harry's sons,



The lumber company in early days, with the founder at far left.



George D. and Clarence or "Red", joined the company in the late 1940s. When people began using oil instead of coal for heat, the two brothers started selling fuel oil. They had a 29-year contract with Mobile Oil running from 1956-1985 but later changed to Marathon Oil. In the 1970s, when railway service to Terrace Park ended, only oil was sold since lumber and coal were difficult to deliver to the Park.

In 1986, just 100 years after G. W. Corey platted his subdivision, the remaining office building of the Terrace Park Lumber Company was burned by the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department to make way for Denison Lane. Plans for this subdivision were laid out by Rick Koehler and were to include 12 houses with underground utilities, which is what we see today.

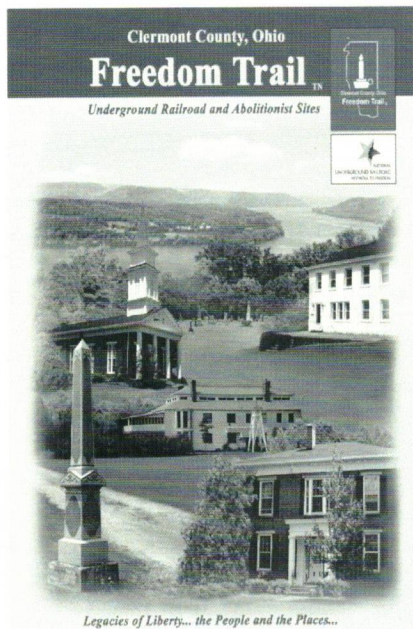
In the early days, coal coming in by train was delivered to Terrace Park homes by lumber company wagons, pulled by a horse (as shown in the above picture) or a team of horses. Horses were turned loose to graze after work. Robinson Circus elephants returned to the area by train and detrained at the lumber company siding. From there it was an easy walk "tail to trunk" back to Robinson land. The lumber company wagons also did hauling for the circus.





# ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT IN CLERMONT COUNTY

## Emphasis on the Clermont County Freedom Trail and Underground Railroad



**G**ary L. Knepp, local author and historian, will present the Anti-Slavery Movement in Clermont County on November 5. Knepp's most recent book Freedom's Struggle: A Response to Slavery from the Ohio Borderlands will be the basis for his presentation. He will discuss the community's history of the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad, as well as the Clermont County Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail has abolitionist sites throughout Clermont County, including the towns of New Richmond, Moscow, Felicity, Bethel, Williamsburg and Batavia. There are many interesting tales how southwest Ohioans helped in the anti-slavery movement.

Knepp is currently the Assistant Public Defender for Clermont County and is a sole practitioner in the areas of criminal, family, landlord/tenant and general civil law. He is and has been involved in civic affairs, has presented many papers on local history ("A History of Camp Dennison, Ohio" and "Robert E. Fee and the Clermont Outrage" are just a few), delivered many speeches to historical societies and written several books on local history with emphasis on the Civil War. He has had numerous articles published in newsletters, magazines, and brochures. He was also Director of the Historical Office for the Clermont County Convention and Visitor's Bureau from 1998-2004.

Gary's presentation will walk us through familiar parts as he helps us to visualize the anti-slavery efforts made by many of our ancestors. Brochures with information on the Clermont County Freedom Trail will also be available and certainly of interest to anyone wanting to plan a historic "road trip".



Dr. John Rogers was the first president of the Clermont County Anti-Slavery Society in 1836, a Liberty Party candidate for public office and a member of the "Chieftains of Liberty" vigilance committee. He also helped draft a strong anti-slavery memorial for the New Richmond Presbyterian Church and submitted the statement to the Cincinnati Presbytery.

Arthur Fee kept fugitives in his fruit cellar before he secured their transportation further into Bethel.



U.S. Senator Thomas Morris was the only U. S. Senator to speak out against slavery from 1836-1839. He also represented defendants in a number of slavery related issues. He ran for vice-president on the Liberty Party ticket in 1844.

Information and Pictures on this page courtesy of the Clermont County, Ohio CVB

### SAVE THIS DATE...

**Sunday, November 5**

**3:30 PM Social/Refreshments**

**4:00 PM Program**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
**Parish Hall**

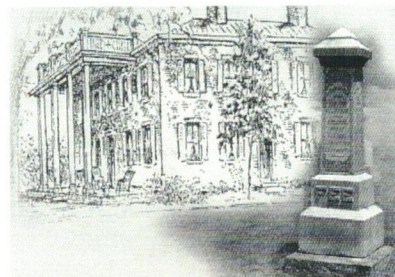
*Enter the Church, 100 Miami Avenue, by the Parish Hall door at the top of the steps or the "up handicap" ramp*

Anti-Slavery Movement in Clermont County  
*Emphasis on the Clermont County Freedom Trail and  
Underground Railroad*

*Featured Speaker*

*Gary L. Knepp*

*Local Author and Historian*



*Robert E. Fee Home site, Moscow, Ohio*



## Author's Corner

### Louise (Leezie) Borden

By Carol C. Cole from Society Archives

For 25 years the Borden family (Pete, Leezie, Catie, Ayres and Ted) have lived across the street. Now there is a "For Sale" sign in the front yard and they will be moving, but not far away. Not only have they been wonderful neighbors, but also Leezie has become a well-known children's author.

She grew up in the Cincinnati area, attended Lotspeich and Hillsdale Schools (now Seven Hills) and received a Bachelor of History degree from Denison University in 1971. After that she taught first grade in Massachusetts where she wrote books for her beginning readers. As a child, Leezie loved to read so, when you put that together with a love of history and writing, you get what Leezie is probably best known for now. She brings history alive for young readers who need a very special presentation for the story to come alive.

In 1987 Leezie signed a contract with Scholastic, Inc. in New York for her first real book for children entitled "Caps, Hats, Sock and Mittens — A Book About the Four Seasons" was published in 1989. Leezie's early books took much of their material from her growing and extended family and friends. Later she chose subjects that needed considerable research which often took her on trips across the United States and around the world.

In addition to writing, Leezie has visited innumerable schools, libraries and bookstores, talking about her writing and research techniques as well as signing books for buyers. She even does daylong workshops about the writing process. Her advice to young writers is that they should write from the heart and about what they know and find of interest. Although Leezie has won many prizes and has become very well known, it's the writing and what she gives to the children that is most important to her. Leezie writes, "Long before I was a writer of books for children, I was a reader. And because reading has brought me so much pleasure — has given me most of what I have inside my head and inside my heart — it is a real thrill today to realize that maybe one of my books will hook a child into the same wonderfully rich world that I was drawn to at an early age."

Learn more about Leezie Borden and her work at [www.louiseborden.com](http://www.louiseborden.com).



## Membership Solicitation

### Drive

It is time to renew your Terrace Park Historical Society memberships for 2007. Laurie Baird, Board member, is chairperson for this drive. The solicitation letters will be mailed on October 23 and will highlight the achievements of TPHP from late 2005 to present. Many of these achievements were due to the large increase in membership for 2006 at all levels. Look for your letter and the enclosed contribution envelope. We need your support to continue moving forward and we appreciate your support in the past.

Contributions can also be made in memory of or in honor of a person or an occasion.

## Lifetime Membership

### Update

Barbara G. Self is the newest Lifetime member, which brings the total to 21. Lifetime members receive a copy of Rosell Schundich's exclusive historic Terrace Park painting (the copies are plottings on Hahnemuhle paper, the very highest quality paper used for watercolors). Lifetime members will have their name engraved on our Lifetime Membership plaque. Lifetime Memberships are \$1000 and can be paid over a three year period and/or can be paid with stocks. Call 513-607-3066 for more

## TPHS Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 6

Once again John and Linda Rockaway are hosting our Holiday Open House at their lovely historic home, Gravelotte, 720 Elm Avenue. Save the date of Wednesday, December 6, 7 PM-10 PM. Wine, coffee, and an array of fabulous desserts plus a few fun "historic" games will be part of the evening festivities.

Feel free to park in their driveway in front on Elm or the side on Douglas.

If you are willing to bring a dessert, please call Linda at 965-8660 or e-mail at [jrockaway@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jrockaway@cinci.rr.com).

## Terrace Park Historical Society Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

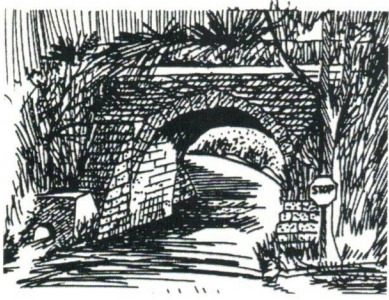
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit Ohio corporation, will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Terrace Place, Terrace Park, Ohio, on Sunday, November 5, at 3:30 P.M. for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following:

To elect 3 Trustees listed below for the term set forth opposite their respective names.

John Rockaway	3 years, expiring November 2009
Carol B. Cole	3 years, expiring November 2009
Mike Ferguson	3 years, expiring November 2009

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.





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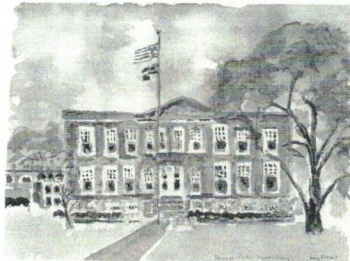
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### **Artistic Watercolor Terrace Park Note Cards Now Available**

**L**ocal artist, **Amy Evans**, has created paintings of 6 Terrace Park historic scenes and landmarks for note cards to be sold by the Terrace Park Historical Society. The paintings are exclusive to us and they include: TP School, Post Office, the Log Cabin (all shown here), the Tunnel, Smith-Lindell Farm, and the Village Green (bench area). The packets are \$15 and can be purchased at any of our programs or functions or by calling 248-1777 with your order.

Amy Evans has lived in Terrace Park for 10 years with her husband Bill and 3 children (who are now in college). They also have an AFS student from Germany living with them. Amy loves to do Cincinnati scenes, focusing mainly on watercolors. Her style is impressionistic or interpretive and her themes include local architecture, landscapes with people, animals and landmarks of Cincinnati, Terrace Park, and surrounding neighborhoods. Many eastside Cincinnati gift shops and museums sell her individual cards. Her webpage is [amyjevans.com](http://amyjevans.com).

*Note card packets make wonderful gifts for friends, neighbors and those who love Terrace Park*



### **Review of Conservation Meeting**

**O**n the evening of September 20, Margo Warminski from the Cincinnati Preservation Association gave a very informative talk to an interested audience of over 60 people. Her presentation provided an overview of what is happening concerning building throughout the United States and what both individuals and groups can do to preserve the character of the communities in which they live. After her talk, there was a lengthy question and answer session.

How to proceed is not certain at this time, however, the entire topic will be addressed further under Phase II of the Zoning Code.

The program was recorded and will be available for public viewing.