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Did You Know?

A fearsome, unprecedented wind and rain storm – not a tornado or cyclone - struck the Greater Cincinnati area at 9:25 P.M. on July 7, 1915, lasting about five minutes. It left death and destruction in its path.

Most serious damage in Terrace Park made the Cincinnati Enquirer headlines: GREAT STORM WRECKS TRAIN; THREE ARE DEAD. FAST EXPRESS IS BLOWN BY GALE INTO DITCH NEAR MILFORD. Although accounts differ in a number of details, the basic story remains the same.

A special Pennsylvania Railroad express train carrying a shipment of race horses with jockeys and “race horse men” from Cincinnati to the Aqueduct Racetrack (or Saratoga) in New York was wrecked near Robinson’s in Terrace Park. Two (or more) carloads went over a ten-foot embankment. Seventeen men were hospitalized. Three men and twelve horses were killed, including those horses too seriously injured, which had to be shot. Horses not likely to die were taken nearby to the Robinson’s for care.

The results of the coroner’s inquest into the deaths of the three men found the wind, not defects in the railway cars, caused the derailment. Horse owners had hoped otherwise in which case liability would rest with the railroad.

How Terrace Park people responded to the accident has not yet come to light. But Terrace Park Council held a special meeting five days later and passed a resolution requesting property owners to remove debris caused by the storm and to trim damaged trees at the front of their property. This was to be done at the owner’s expense because Council did not have available funds to do it. If something was said about the wreck at that meeting, it was not part of the public record.

Phase 2 of Terrace Park’s Revised Zoning Code has begun. Margo Warminski, Preservation Director of the Cincinnati Preservation Association, spoke recently to a small group of interested citizens about some of the options available for protecting historic properties in our community. Please watch for more meetings on the subject.

The Terrace Park Historical Society is in the process of initiating a plaque program for some of our buildings. Certainly we want to identify our very oldest homes. We still have ten that were built before 1870 and three more built before 1880, which is still thirteen years before the incorporation of Terrace Park. We plan to recognize many more as well. Perhaps you live in one of these houses. Please look for more information in the December Village Views.

2008 Membership Solicitation

The 2008 Membership Solicitation has begun. You should have received your letter in the mail. Please renew ASAP. If you wish, you can help us continue improving and increasing our efforts by upgrading your membership.

Also, keep us informed of prospective members in and out of the village. NOTE: 25% of our members are no longer living in Terrace Park, but still want to keep in touch with this very special place.

REFLECTIONS OF TERRACE PARK

By Susan Abernethy Frank, President

I was born in Terrace Park in 1942, Susan Jane Heil. I now live in the historic district of Newport, Ky. 2007. I am just finishing my 3-year term as President of Terrace Park Historical Society.

Many life shaping experiences, and some not so life shaping, occurred during all those years in Terrace Park — I lived in 6 different houses: 3 growing up and 3 after returning married and soon, children.

- ▶ I played in the big fields which had no homes — now Wrenwood, Robinwood, Kris and Kent Circles, etc. and Princeton, Franklin and Poplar.
- ▶ I walked to kindergarten at the Community House. I also took ballroom dancing and ballet there. I thought it was the largest place in the world but when I returned in 1969 I could not believe how it had “shrunk”.
- ▶ I rode my bike no-handed down the end of Miami Ave. hill to Edgewater.
- ▶ I swam behind the church in the creek and slid down the log cabin chimney.
- ▶ I sneaked down to Miami Grove and I climbed trees. My friends and I had the tree houses; available only by climbing up 2x4's nailed into the trees.
- ▶ Vacant lots were numerous.
- ▶ Every one raked their leaves and then burned them.
- ▶ St. Thomas had over 55 kids in the junior choir.
- ▶ We had to pick up our mail.
- ▶ We always went to the “market” for treats.
- ▶ Labor Day was the biggest day of the year starting with the morning pet parade and ending with a covered dish dinner... everyone pitched in.
- ▶ Summer recreation at the log cabin provided lots of fun. In fact, as a kid in TP everything seemed fun!



Susan with Lassie
Labor Day 1952



I would say that my two, now adult, children (Scott Abernethy and Molly Abernethy Smyth) would feel the same about growing up in TP. It is a truly fantastic place for children and for adults of all ages. Sometimes when I drive in through the tunnel, I am still amazed at the beauty, the serenity, the pleasures of this village, nestled between Indian Hill and the Little Miami River.

In 1990 I produced a video scrapbook Terrace Park, With Love. I had always wanted to make a movie of TP so this was my best shot. I had a chance to embrace the history, the wonderful variety of homes, historic and new, the activities, the school, the children, the natural beauty. I was overwhelmed at the response. Once an article ran in the Enquirer, I had orders from all over the country...Seattle, Miami Beach, Denver, Portland, New York, and Boston. The residents not only wanted it but the former residents did too. I realized that Terrace Park is forever in the minds and hearts of many. So when I was “invited” to be president of the Historical Society, even though I lived in Newport, I accepted.

I am so very grateful for the terrific response to this organization. Our membership has grown tremendously and we have the support of so many: young and old. Twenty-five percent of our memberships are out of the village. We are on the map with our programs and are very advanced with our web sites and our archives and research. I have had the privilege of getting to know so many that I really did not know when I lived in TP. I love the dedication and admire the hard work of the Board and other volunteers.

We are up to 29 lifetime memberships and we are only 6 years old!

As I plan to turn over the presidency at the end of this year, I will remain on the Board and continue to work hard to keep the momentum going.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following donations have been made to the Society in memory of:

Jane Diehl

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster
Julie Northrop
Carol and Lee Cole
Jerry Kirkland
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Susan Abernethy Frank

If you wish to honor or memorialize someone by making a tax-deductible gift to TPHS, simply make your check payable to TPHS and send to Terrace Park Historical Society, P. O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174.



Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, December 6, 7-10 PM

Holiday Open House
Annual Meeting and Election of Trustees
Home of John & Linda Rockaway
720 Elm

Sunday, February 24, 2008, 4:00 P.M

Terrace Park Community Building
“Lewis and Clark”
Presented by Jim Cimaroski

People Corner

Esther H. M. Power

By Carol C. Cole



Perhaps Esther Power is best known in Terrace Park because she was the volunteer archivist for the Village for seven years from October 1990 to 1997. During that time she organized all the records that had been in disarray for some time in the cellar of the Community House. She also was a great help to all those who worked on the Terrace Park Centennial in 1993 and mounted a special exhibition for that occasion. Now she works with the Terrace Park Historical Society both by helping to reorganize some of the records she already organized once and also by writing thoroughly researched articles.

Esther came by her interest in local history quite naturally. She was born into a Chester County, Pennsylvania, family with roots there going back to the late 1600s and early 1700s. Thus she was surrounded by Colonial and Revolutionary War history from the beginning. After graduating from Swarthmore College, she lived in several different states where she continued her interest in the local history of wherever she was living. She has spent many summers in Vermont, another area with a lot of early history. In a May 1993 *Eastern Hills Journal* article, Esther is quoted as saying, "I've always had an interest in local history – the land, who owns it, how it came to be. I think it's rewarding to be able to retain a sense of history." That very clearly remains one of her main concerns today!

She came to the Cincinnati area in 1961 when her husband, Paul, joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati. They lived first in Hyde Park but moved to 619 Amherst Avenue in Terrace Park in 1986. She is a faithful contributing member of the Natural History Museum and has worked with them over 20 years in their Archaeology Department and has taken part in several digs. She has had several pieces published on antiques and collectibles in *The Antique Trader* and other publications. Esther was an indispensable research assistant to Ellis Rawnsley in writing his book *A Place Called Terrace Park*.

As a member of the Terrace Park Woman's Club she worked on the Building Survey, which is now on the Internet (www.tpsurvey.org) and helped with several exhibitions in connection with that survey. Hoping that there might one day be a Terrace Park Historical Society, she collected a great deal of material pertaining to Terrace Park, some of which is already on the Internet and is soon to be published in book form – *Terrace Park from Unsettled Lands to Incorporation 1789-1893*. Esther is continually doing thoroughly documented research on topics of interest, especially concerning Terrace Park.

Holiday Gift Ideas From TPHS

Make ideal gifts for anyone who loves Terrace Park

Orders in Terrace Park can be delivered or picked-up at Holiday Open House on December 6, 7-10 PM, 720 Elm (Gravelotte). Shipping and handling is \$4.00 for orders outside Terrace Park.

Books/Booklets

	Qty.	Each
<u>Terrace Park — From Unsettled Lands To Incorporation (1789 –1893)</u> <i>By Carol C. Cole and Esther H. M. Power</i>		
Soft Cover	_____	\$15.00
Simulated Leather Bound	_____	\$30.00
This abundantly illustrated history provides detailed information about the previously little known period of Terrace Park history before incorporation.		
Cincinnati Milford & Loveland Traction Company	Soft Cover	_____ \$25.00
Terrace Park Coloring Book		
A collection of Terrace Park scenes by sixth grade students (class of 2006-2007).	_____	\$ 4.00
<u>This is Terrace Park</u>		_____ \$ 7.00
Information needed about Terrace Park community for those who reside in the Park.		

DVD

<u>Terrace Park with Love</u> A video scrapbook of the Village. Filmed in 1990.	_____	\$10.00
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Notecards

Black and White pen and ink sketches of historic Terrace Park buildings. <i>By Kenneth Norvell.</i>	Posters	_____	\$ 5.00
	10 Notecards	_____	\$ 6.00
Watercolor Scenes of Terrace Park, <i>By Amy Evans</i>	6 Notecards	_____	\$15.00
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**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 720 Elm, Terrace Park, Ohio, on Thursday, December 6, at 7 P.M., for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following:



To elect 5 Trustees listed below for the term set forth opposite their respective names.

Stan Brown	3 years, expiring November 2010
Susan Frank	3 years, expiring November 2010
Lorrie Hill	3 years, expiring November 2010
Betsy Holloway	3 years, expiring November 2010
Susan Porter	3 years, expiring November 2010

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

TPHS Wish List

The TPHS office is in need of two copiers and an electric typewriter, gently used or new. If you would like to donate (or would like to make a cash donation), please contact Kay or Leslie at 248-1777.

SAVE THIS DATE...

**Thursday, December 6, 2007
7:00 —10:00 P.M.**

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Home of John and Linda Rockaway
(Gravelotte)
720 Elm**

Brief Business Meeting and Election of Trustees

*Stop for a few minutes or hours
Lots of holiday treats and drinks*

