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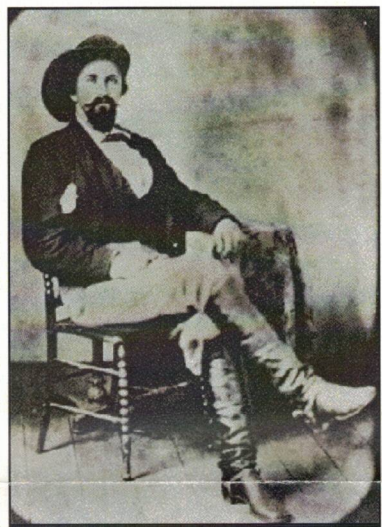
They're Back!

Morgan's Raiders Return in Historian's Retelling for TPHS

The Terrace Park Historical Society will offer insight into Morgan's Ohio Raid on Sunday, March 8, with a presentation by James A. Ramage, an award-winning history professor from Northern Kentucky University.

It's been 145 years since John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate Cavalry camped within sight of the Union Army's Camp Dennison and terrorized local residents by burning bridges, ripping up railroad tracks, looting retail stores and demanding food at private homes. In just 46 days during 1863, Morgan and his 1,700 Confederate raiders covered 1,000 miles from Tennessee to Northern Ohio, farther north than any other Southern forces advanced during the course of the Civil War. Damages totaled \$500,000 in Ohio and the governor called out the militia to stop the burning, killing and destruction.

Prof. Ramage will describe the raid with emphasis on the civilian reaction and attention to how nearby Camp Dennison was involved. He'll also autograph copies of his book "Rebel Raider: The Life of General John Hunt Morgan," which has won the Douglas Southall Freeman Award and the Kentucky Governor's Award.



Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan was killed the year following his infamous raid that passed through Southwest Ohio.

About the Presenter

In 2004 Prof. Ramage received a University -Community Partnership Grant through NKU's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement to open a Civil War site in Fort Wright, Ky., to the public. Today the James A Ramage Civil War Museum, named for him, is a popular destination for students and tourists who want to know more about the era.



Prof. Ramage is the author of several books about the Civil War.

SAVE THIS DATE

Sunday, March 8
Terrace Park Community Center
3:30 P.M. Refreshments
4:00 P.M. Program

Morgan's Ohio Raid

Presented by
Professor James A. Ramage

Program is Free and
Open to the Public

If you would like to assist with refreshments, please contact Betsy at 831-9515

Membership News

Renewal for 2009

If you have not yet renewed your membership and would like to do so, provide the following information and mail your check, payable to the Terrace Park Historical Society, to TPHS, P. O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174.

- ▶ Name, Address, Phone Number, and E-mail (if applicable)
- ▶ Level of Membership (Individual, \$15; Family, \$25; Heritage, \$50; Corporate/Patron, \$100; Lifetime, \$1000)

New 2009 Lifetime Members

Welcome to the following new Lifetime Members:

- ▶ Bette and Alan Griffith
- ▶ Childress Rodgers
- ▶ Keven and Sandy Wittman Shell

Lifetime memberships are \$1000 **and can be paid over a 3 year period**. Stocks can be used as payment. Names of Lifetime Members are engraved on the plaque in the TPHS office and they receive a top quality copy of an exclusive Terrace Park historic scene painted by local artist Rosell Shundich.

To join at this level contact the TPHS office at 513- 248-1777 or Carol Frank at 513-607-3066 or safrank@fuse.net

New Leadership

The Terrace Park Historical Society has a new president and a new board member.

Lorrie Hill, left, who led the organization's historic homes plaque program, has been elected president; and Meghan Mills, whose home was on the historical society's first-ever house tour last September, has been elected to the board of directors. Meghan will be overseeing the sale of TPHS merchandise, succeeding Carol B. Cole.



Memorials

A memorial has been made in memory of Edie Critchell from Susan A. Frank.

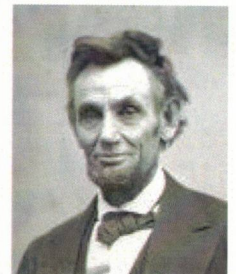
If you are interested in making a donation in memory or honor of someone, please send information and your check, made payable to the Terrace Park Historical Society, to TPHS, P. O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174.



Lincoln Connection

February 12, 2009 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. He had many Ohio connections, at least one of which was with Milford and Terrace Park.

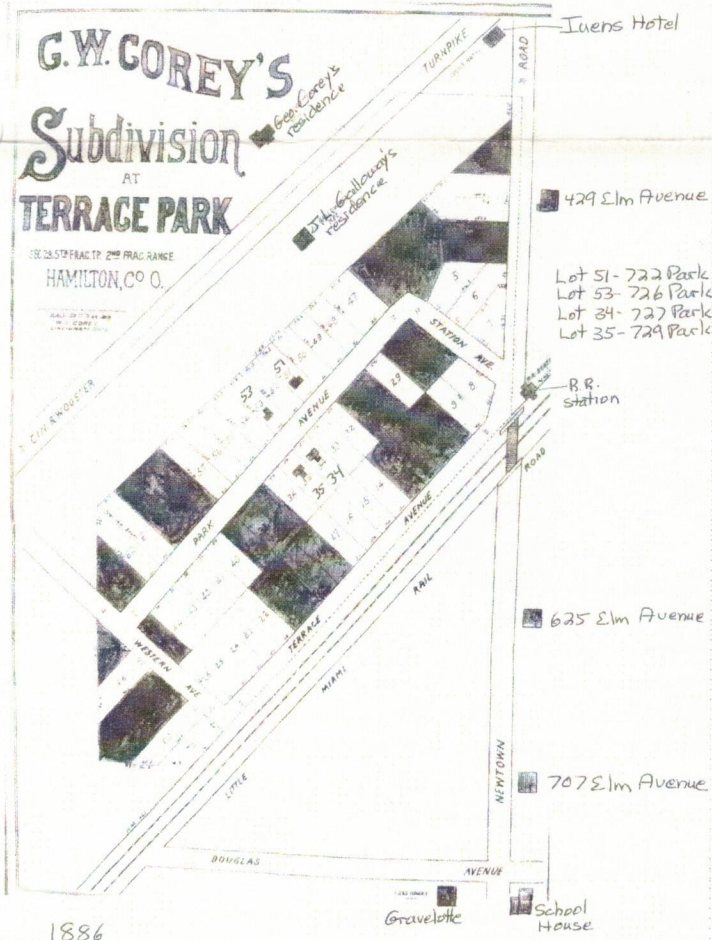
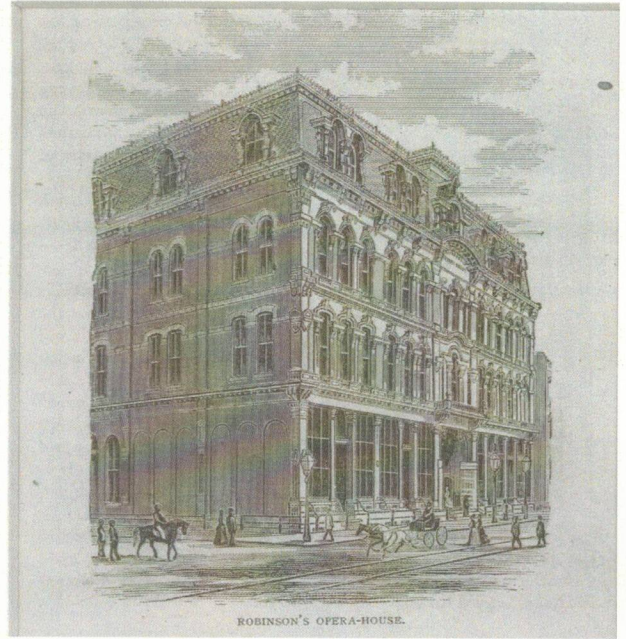
After his 1860 election to the presidency, he took the train from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington D. C. early in 1861. Among the stops in southern Ohio were Milford, Loveland, Miamiville and Morrow. These stops were on the Little Miami Railroad which ran straight through what later became Terrace Park.



Did You Know

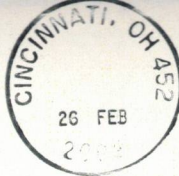
That not all the Robinson Circus animals were wintered in Terrace Park? Some of them were housed in the cellar of Robinson's downtown Cincinnati Opera House on the corner of Ninth and Plum Streets. Under this picture it says, "John Robinson, the celebrated Circus Manager. The house is finely located in a beautiful part of the city, and within nine squares of the Post-office. The auditorium is on the ground-floor. An extensive cellarage, expressly fitted up for wintering the animals of the circus, extends under the whole building. The house is divided into Parquet, Circle, Balcony, and Gallery. The entertainments consist mainly of German opera and the drama, varied by an occasional concert." This image comes from Kenny's Illustrated Cincinnati, 1875.

This magnificent picture of Robinson's Opera House has been given to the Terrace Park Historical Society by Ken Blake. Ken, who grew-up in the Miami Grove community, currently lives at 748 Wooster Pike. We welcome Ken's gift of this picture and hope that many more people will find pictures and other Terrace Park memorabilia amongst their possessions that they would like to donate to the Terrace Park Historical Society. Remember if you have such a treasure and still want to keep it we can make copies and return the original to you.



This map is of George Washington Corey's 1886 subdivision at Terrace Park when it was first planned. (The area was already being called Terrace Park although the Village was not officially incorporated until 1893.) It shows many things of interest and you'll have to look at the map to make sense of it all. Iuen's Hotel was at the corner of the Cincinnati and Wooster Turnpike and Newtown Road, later renamed Elm Avenue. That building stood just about 100 years until 1970. George Corey and his second wife, Rachel, lived at 722 Wooster Pike (now 723 Indian Hill Road). He had already built four houses on Park Avenue: 722 circa 1880 for his son Willard; 726 circa 1875 for his son Charles; and two across the street—729 circa 1875 and 727 sometime before 1886. Only the original 727 Park is no longer standing. He hadn't yet built the manse at 715 Park Avenue for the 1890 Baptist Church—now the Community House—across the street from 429 Elm Avenue where the Lewis family now lives. J. H. Galloway had his nursery at 725 Wooster Pike. Station Avenue ran from Park to Newtown Road (now Elm) with the Railroad Station just on the other side, next to the tracks of the Little Miami Railroad. There was a bridge over the tracks. Chauncey R. Stuntz and his large family lived at 625 Newtown Road and it was probably the large family of Russell Errett who lived at 707 Newtown Road. That house was a twin to "Gravelotte" but is unfortunately no longer standing. One notices that there are no roads coming off Newtown Road to the east before Douglas Avenue. Douglas was never built crossing Newtown Road nor does it run all the way in

the other direction to the railroad. Camden City was platted east of Newtown Road in 1857 but very little was built there until subdivisions were developed. Just south of Douglas Avenue lived Charles and Jane Howe at "Gravelotte" with a School House directly across the street. That's how it was in 1886!



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Coles Receive Recognition

On November 9, in recognition of their outstanding service to the TPHS, Carol and Lee Cole were recently presented with a "Thanks for the Memories Award"—a framed copy of Stan Thomson's watercolor of the Tunnel in Snow, done in the Winter of 1983.



- Highlighting a few of their many contributions:
- ▶ With a group of seven other people, started the TPHS in 2001, served on the original board, and Carol served as the Society's first president;
 - ▶ Retrieved archives that were going to be disposed of by the Village;
 - ▶ Moved archives and operated Society from their residence during construction of the addition at St. Thomas Church;
 - ▶ Continually update and add information, including census data, to our two websites (www.tpsurvey.org and www.tphistoricalsociety.org);
 - ▶ Researched and verified building dates for houses eligible for the Society's historical house plaques;
 - ▶ Lee set-up and offers technical support of Society's office equipment;
 - ▶ Lee works at the Recorder's Office to add an index of Terrace Park deeds for the house survey;
 - ▶ Carol co-authored with Esther Power a book about the land that became Terrace Park, which includes many pictures and maps;
 - ▶ Carol researched and provided information for display boards, including before and after pictures of Terrace Park homes, for the Society's Historic House Tour;
 - ▶ Carol has been responsible for writing articles for Village Views since the beginning of the TPHS and, for the last three years, for the Tracker;
 - ▶ Carol works at the TPHS archives, researching, organizing and adding information.

Thank you for your many hours of volunteer service and dedication to TPHS.