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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual membership drive is underway. You will be receiving a letter in the mail in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please call Ogle Annett at 703-4858.

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Log Cabin Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday get together will be at The Log Cabin this year. Come join us on **Sunday, December 10th from 4 to 6 PM.** Light refreshments will be served.



Don't forget to bring a new toy for the Boy Scouts to wrap for their Christmas Toy Drive.



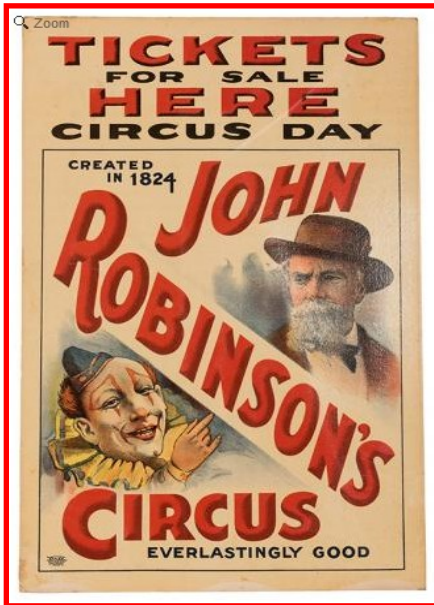
See You There!

(For a history of the Log Cabin, please turn to page 3)

Upcoming Event: Annual Membership Meeting January 14, 4:00 to 5:30



NEW ACQUISITIONS

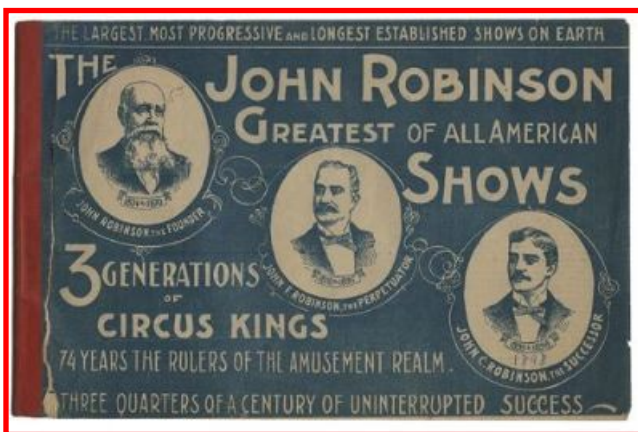


Poster circa 1920

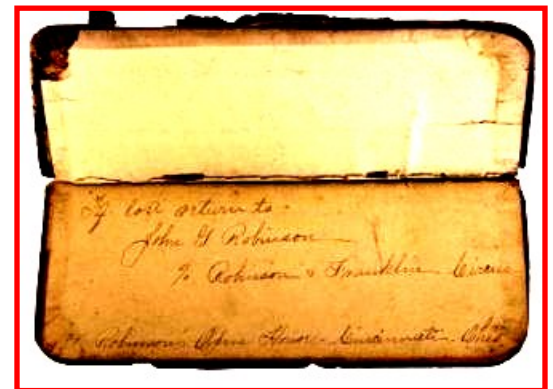
TPHS Board member Marcia Moyer recently became aware of an auction of circus memorabilia being held at Potter & Potter Auctions in Chicago. Although dominated by items from the more well-known circuses, there were several Robinson Circus items. Bidding by phone, we were pleased to purchase three lots - a poster from circa 1920, an 1896 circus ledger book and a selection of couriers and broadsides. Also of significant interest was a large photograph depicting the Robinson Circus clowns in Schenectady, NY in 1928. Unfortunately, it was apparently of great interest to others with deeper pockets since the item sold for \$1,680. Ah, the triumphs and disappointments of bidding in an auction. After another board member's daughter picks these items up for us in Chicago, they will be on display in our office and we will share more information about them.

We believe this is the first time the TPHS has participated in an auction and we wish to thank our loyal members and supporters who have helped us raise the funds to be able to make these fun acquisitions.

Submitted by Marcia Moyer



Broadside



1896 Circus Ledger



Robinson Circus clowns in Schenectady, NY in 1928



TERRACE PARK JIGSAW PUZZLE



Celebrating a local artist and the Log Cabin, the Terrace Park Historical Society is pleased to present our first "Terrace Park Jigsaw Puzzle." The image of the Log Cabin is from an original watercolor painting by long-time Harvard Avenue resident, Rosella Shundich. Shundich painted portraits of many Terrace Park homes. A print of her, painting featuring a scene from a 1906 postcard of the Terrace Park Trolley in front of the Market, is given to all Terrace Park Historical Society Lifetime members.

We would like to thank the owners of the painting, Lon and Sylvia Stirsman, and the members of the Shundich family for making this iconic image available. Special thanks to photographer Gregg Smith for providing the high resolution image needed to produce the puzzle. (Please look at the ad on page seven.)

Our hope is to offer a new puzzle each year. If you have an idea or an image you would like to suggest, please let us know: tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com or leave a message at 513-248-1777. On Sunday, December 10, the TPHS invites all to the Log Cabin for a holiday event. There will be a brief discussion of the history of the cabin as well as light refreshments. We ask those attending to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Boy Scouts holiday toy drive. Log cabin puzzles will be available for purchase. More details will be on tplist and our website tphistoricalsociety.org.



A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE LOG CABIN



As the Great Depression gripped the United States, President FD Roosevelt created the New Deal to help return the country to economic stability. One of the programs he initiated was the Works Progress Administration, or WPA. Designed to provide meaningful work to millions of unemployed persons, many public works projects were undertaken. National parks were improved. Major roads, bridges, coliseums, libraries, and schools were built all across America.

Even little Terrace Park was the beneficiary of some WPA projects. According to a 1977 letter to the Village Views from Albert Allison, in 1936 Terrace Park was receiving help cleaning up the gravel pit which had been the garbage dump. Crews were trimming and removing trees when an idea to build a log cabin for the Scouts to was discussed. Since the project could not be exclusively for the Scouts, the application was for "a Village recreation facility." The project was approved and quoting from Allison's letter:

Walt Splain (council member and also a WPA engineer) was able to get a good axman assigned to the project so all we needed was logs for the walls, lumber

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for the roof, door and window frames and stone for the fireplace and chimney. At that time John, "Hans" Gehrig worked for Cincinnati Gas and Electric so I asked him if he could get us some old power line poles. Hans said, "How many and how long?"

With the logs provided, WPA workers trimming trees in the village saved logs to be made into lumber for the project. Again quoting Allison's letter:

The axman was very good but had never built a log cabin and did not know how to notch the logs at the corners. You can see where the first course or two of logs are poorly notched but after I showed him what it should look like the upper courses are much neater.

For many years the Scout Cabin, as it came to be called, was not only the Boy Scout home but also the center of recreational activities for TP children of all ages. There was no pool, tennis courts, or Drackett Field so summer programs were held at the cabin morning, afternoon and evening for various ages. There was basketball, shuffleboard, ping pong and arts and crafts. The TP Players also used the cabin for storage and staged several events there including the "1776, By George" extravaganza in 1976 which had a cast of over 200.

In 1983, an anonymous gift of \$10,000 paid for a large addition to the rear of the cabin, more than doubling the space. It was dedicated that May as TP's Boy Scout Troop 286 celebrated its 50th Anniversary. In 1997, the Village authorized \$4000 for repairs to the front of the cabin and to add a storage shed to the rear. Most recently, the bathroom received a much-needed update. The Log Cabin remains the unique home of Troop 286 and is used for the Recreation Commission's annual Labor Day Garage Sale. Other groups may use the cabin with permission from the Village.

(Submitted by Marcia Moyer)





TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This is the first of a series of brief articles about the formation of the Terrace Park Historical Society.

How We Began

There was a series of events that led to the establishment of the Terrace Park Historical Society. In 1993, at the time of the centennial of the incorporation of the Village of Terrace Park, Ellis Rawnsley, with the help of Esther Power, John Diehl, Lynn Nelson, Bob Halley and Alan McAlister, wrote *A Place Called Terrace Park*. The following year the June Village Views headline claimed, "Centennial Sows Seeds for Historical Society." It was at that time that two councilmen also suggested creating a Terrace Park historical society. The mayor, Randy Casteel, commented that "such a step would have to be a volunteer rather than an official effort, and would be a tremendous undertaking." In many ways Esther Power had a great deal to do with furthering the idea: she was the volunteer village records coordinator and, in that capacity as well as as a Terrace Park Woman's Club member, spearheaded many historical displays in the Community House.

At the April 1995 meeting of the Terrace Park Woman's Club, the suggestion was made that we start a project collecting pictures of Terrace Park homes and recording their history. There were so many changes taking place that we should probably in some way record them. From the beginning we were interested not only in the homes themselves, but also in the people who lived in them. A committee was formed, and the work began. But what to do with all the information collected? A book would be out of date almost before it was printed, and it would be too bad not to be able to add to the information over the coming years as the face of Terrace Park continues to change. After much discussion, it was finally decided that the best thing to do would be to put the information on the Internet. Lee Cole, with the help of Herb Anderson and Gregg MacMillan, designed the original database and formatted it in order to put it on the Internet. Thus, the Terrace Park Building Survey was born as www.tpsurvey.org. To a great degree the Terrace Park Historical Society grew out of this Building Survey. By 2000, the Village of Terrace Park was anxious to get rid of some of their non-governmental archives kept in the cellar of the Community House and we saw our opportunity. In the spring of 2001, a meeting was held to find out if there was interest in forming a Historical Society and, one might say, the rest is history. We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with well over 200 members: individuals, families, Heritage, Corporate and Life Members. We publish a newsletter "the Tracker" four times a year.

Submitted by Carol Cole

From *Tracking our past and present for the Future* by Carol Cole and Esther Power

New! Terrace Park Historical Society Puzzle

Created from an original watercolor painting of The Log Cabin
by Rosella Shundich



504 Pieces: \$20 each

Available Thursdays from 1-4 at The Terrace Park Historical
Society office or by contacting Sylvia Stirman (513) 658-8751
or Marcia Moyer (513) 831-4322.

Free delivery within Terrace Park.



A Message From Our President



Welcome to Wintertime in Terrace Park!

Our community history is full of wonderful wintertime memories. From our Village Green Events to snow falling on quiet tree lined streets, we all have that special remembrance. At the Terrace Park Historical Society, we consistently work to preserve as many of these memories as we can. If you would like to help us in any way – please feel free to contact our office and we will put you to work! Enjoy this special time in Terrace Park!

Laurie Baird



Visit our website: tphistoricalsociety.org and find us on **Facebook**

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