

# TRACKER

*Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future*



## Visit us

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Annual Members Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our Annual Members Meeting.

**Location:** Terrace Park Community Building

**Date:** Sunday, January 29, 2023

**Time :** 4pm

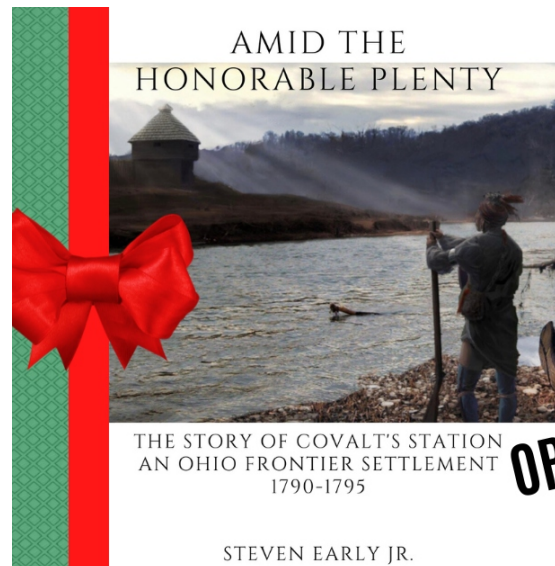
We will be providing an update on our activities for the year, and holding elections for our officers. Our president, Laurie Baird, also plans to speak on the history of this iconic Terrace Park building. You don't need to be a member to attend.

Hope to see you there!



Community Building

## AMID THE HONORABLE PLENTY



Over 200 years ago, white settlers and Native Americans fought a bloody, guerilla war on the banks of the Little Miami River.

This is the true story of the creation, destruction, violence and bloodshed that occurred when one world began and another began to disappear.

**ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!**  
at [BarnesAndNoble.com](https://www.BarnesAndNoble.com)  
*makes a great gift!*

Steve Early, Jr., long time Terrace Park resident, former TP Historical Society president, Village Views editor and author, has recently published a new book: 'Amid the Honorable Plenty' - the true story of Covalt's Station, a fortified pioneer outpost that was located in present day Terrace Park, Ohio, during the 1790's. It was built as an outpost for Columbia, Cincinnati's original settlement. But the Miami and Shawnee already had claims to this land and they were not going to let it go without a fight. This is the forgotten, true story of Cincinnati's earliest days and life on the Little Miami during the Ohio Indian Wars.

The book is available online at Barnes and Noble.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Holidays in Terrace Park!

Living in Terrace Park, one would sometimes say – every day is a holiday! The chill in the air, the decorations on many homes, the Village Tree Lighting and pictures and rides with Santa make this village so incredibly special. The Historical Society is proud to keep track of these historical events in the lives of our residents.

This Tracker edition is full of beautiful remembrances from days gone by. Enjoy this winter message and know that during these cold winter days, if you would like to warm up in our Museum, feel free to come see us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Other times are available by contacting the Historical Society).

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season from the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Laurie Baird, President  
Terrace Park Historical Society

## ROBINSON FAMILY MAUSOLEUM



For all our circus fans out there who would like to delve deeper into the background of the famous Robinson Family, you may want to visit the Robinson Family Mausoleum at Spring Grove Cemetery.

"John Robinson built this mausoleum in 1874 for \$35,000. Although the basic form of the mausoleum is a Gothic Revival cruciform, the heavily rusticated blue limestone walls reflect a Romanesque influence. To contrast with the rough surface of the blue limestone, the architect chose marble for the smooth surfaces of the mausoleum. Statues of Faith, Hope, and Charity frame the entry while the Archangel Gabriel, surmounting the dome, has his horn at the ready, to signal the heavens of the impending arrival of another Robinson."

(From 'mausoleums.com')

To learn more about circus history in relation to Spring Grove Cemetery, a private docent-lead tour is available - the 'The Big Top Tour'. Contact Spring Grove Cemetery for more information.

## ANCIENT STONE TOOL

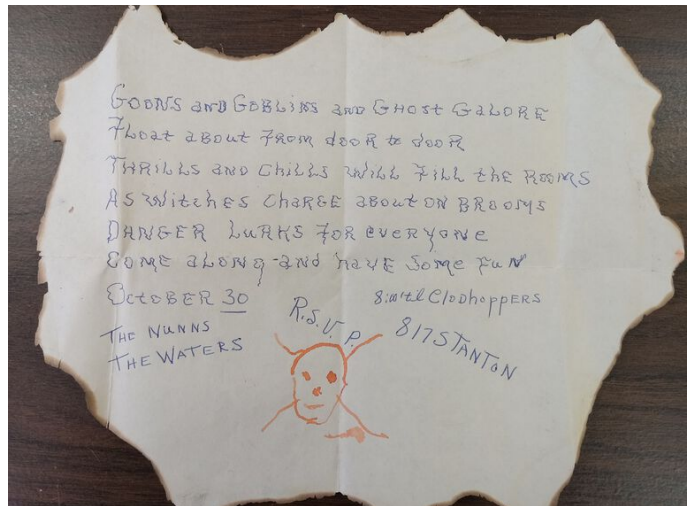


It appears that Terrace Park was a pretty exciting place 7000 years ago. We recently received a donation of a mysterious large stone object from Barbara and Jack Smith. It was found when the foundation was being dug for their new house at 609 Elm Avenue. We originally assumed it was a few hundred years old.

However, in the opinion of archeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink, the true age was between 6000 and 7000 years ago. (Jeannine is the President and Senior Partner of K & V Cultural Resources Management, LLC and Secretary/Treasurer for the Register of Professional Archaeologists)

Due to its weight and size, the people who used it must have been quite strong.

## CLODHOPPERS



"Clodhoppers was started as a social dance club in the early 1940s. Several couples started the club as a result of war shortages, especially gasoline...The dances were held at the Community House and a juke box was used for music. Dances were held once a month and the different couples took turns acting as host and hostess... The Halloween dance was always something special! The costumes people would create!"

(Liza Brown, 2002)

# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

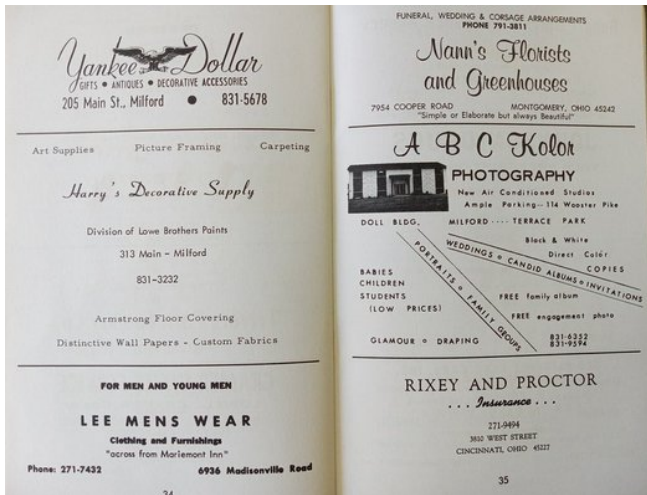


The Village Directory is a time-honored tradition in our village, dating back to 1959. The first edition was created by Terrace Realty, Inc. as a greeting card for the holidays that year. In many ways it resembled the later directories, except that all the phone numbers began with "TE-1" followed by four digits. The Community House and the swimming club were the only other community organizations included. The businesses included two service stations, the Terrace Park Lumber Company, and the Village Market among others.

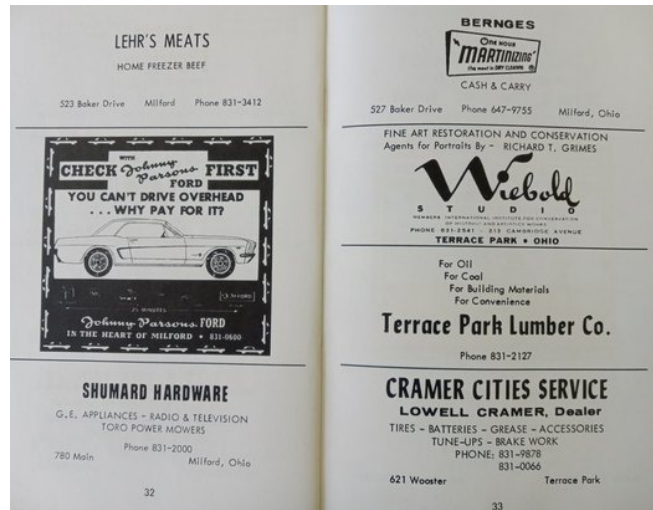
The directory must have been popular, because the following year, a second directory was published by E.J. Garrison of Nationwide Insurance. His daughter, Vivian Kreuger, has maintained the family business and today owns Kreuger Nationwide Insurance on the corner of Elm and Wooster.

In 1962, the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire and EMS Departments took on the task of producing a directory every other year until passing it onto the Terrace Park Historical Society in 2015.

There is a copy of each directory in the Terrace Park Historical Society archives.



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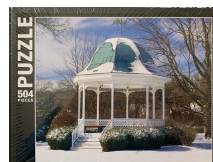
A few of the business are still around: Lehr's Market, Proctor Insurance and Weibold Studios. The dedication on the front inside cover has been faithfully produced every year:

"Every effort has been made to make this directory as complete and accurate as possible. However, if there have been any omissions or errors, please accept our apologies. They were completely unintentional."

Current directories are available in the Village Office. We will be producing a new directory in the spring and all Terrace Park residents will receive a reminder to update their information.

## TERRACE PARK PUZZLES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Check out our collection of Terrace Park themed puzzles. They are available for sale at our office in the lower level of St. Thomas Church (Thursdays from 1-4pm).



## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Cash Register from school lunchroom



Left to Right: Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Klettner.

Cafeteria staff from the 1952 yearbook

The Terrace Park lunchroom was at the pinnacle of technology from its earliest days, employing a National Cash Register machine that was state of the art in the 1920s. We do not know how many years this one was in operation, but judging from the condition of the keys and marble base, it was probably a long time.

Does anyone remember paying for their lunch and seeing this vintage machine? We would love to know more - let us know if you do. The cash register is currently on display in our Museum. If there are any stories about it, we will add them to the description.

## EARLIER DAYS



Picture of fire truck taking people for a ride in 1950 during Fire Prevention Week. The rides were provided by the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department.



View of Oxford Ave, date unknown

Our archives contain many fascinating images from Terrace Park's past which need to be digitized so that they are available for generations to come. If you are interested helping us preserve, catalog and organize this growing collection, you are welcome to become a volunteer. You would be surprised at the many treasures hidden away in the archives.

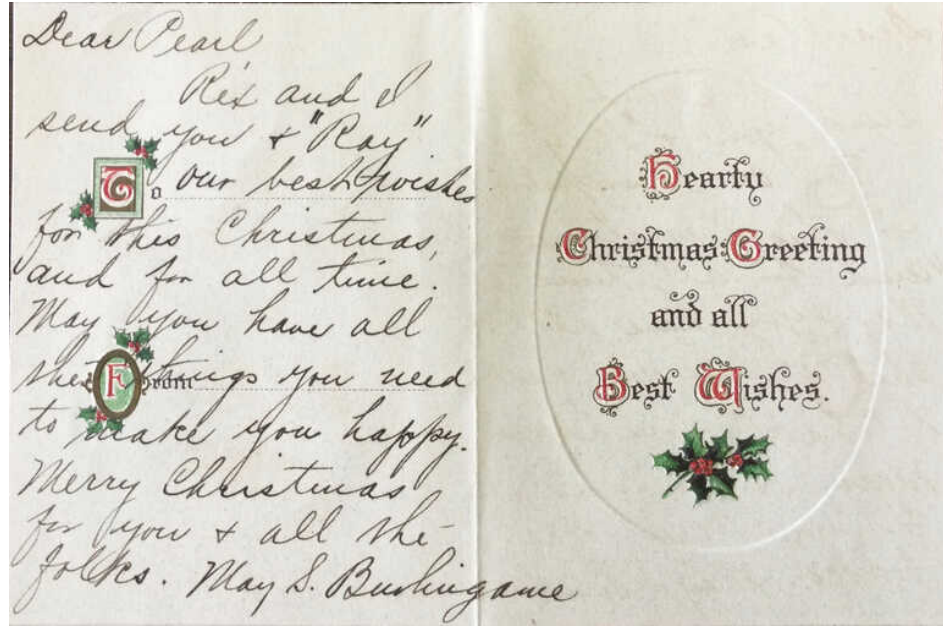
## CHRISTMAS IN TERRACE PARK

The Christmas of 1988 was a special one for Terrace Park. Two of our most popular village traditions had their origins that year and have continued to the present day. It all started with two young mothers, Grace Holmes and Tina Hesser, who wanted to create a memorable holiday event for their children and for the village.

Having learned that long ago, there was a Christmas tree lighting on the Village Green, Grace was inspired to bring the tradition back. Tina admired the lighting of luminarias in Mt. Lookout, and as Kindervelt president, decided to bring the custom to Terrace Park.

A few years later, when the gazebo was built on the Village Green, another tradition was added – a visit from Santa Claus, arriving in a fire truck. The Brownie troop sold hot chocolate, and there was always Christmas music to set the scene. Residents have come to look forward to this event as a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

## CARDS FROM LONG AGO



Merry Christmas from 1911! These are just a sample of the numerous cards in our collections dating from long ago. The images are not too different from what we would see today, but the script handwriting is becoming more of a historic artifact.



Little Miami River, 1908



Postcard from 1912

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## MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support.

To our Lifetime members - Thank you for your very generous contributions - you have already donated substantially to our organization.

To our non-Lifetime members - We hope that you will continue to find our work worthwhile. You can use the following form or renew online at [tphistoricalsociety.org/membership](http://tphistoricalsociety.org/membership).

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### Membership Renewal Form

Yes! We want to continue to support the Terrace Park Historical Society by extending our membership through 2023. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:

Corporate(\$100)  Heritage(\$50)  Family(\$25)  Individual (\$15)  Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years)  Donation

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (As you would like it to appear in our records)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ (We send very few, and only important email notices)

Thank you - we appreciate your help!

The Terrace Park Historical Society is recognized as a nonprofit organization by the IRS, IRS Code: Section 501(c)(3), Tax Identification Number: 51093908