



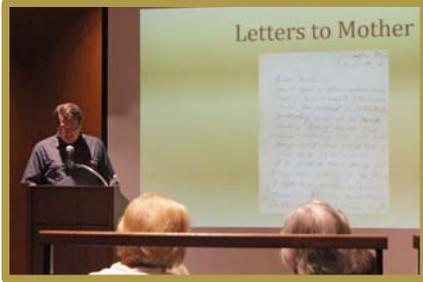
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The CHRONICLE

SUMMER 2016

Society's Annual Meeting Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Camp Willis

Attendees of this year's Annual Meeting on July 15th got a glimpse of life in Upper Arlington 100 years ago when Camp Willis - a temporary camp established to train the National Guard for border duty - was "just a new camp, but they (were) fixing it up fine." David Sweet shared this quote and many others from letters written by his grandfather, Frank Clyde Sweet, in 1916 when he was stationed here in Upper Arlington.



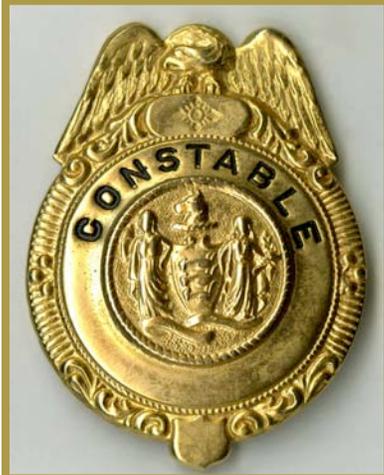
Thousands of Ohio National Guardsmen spent three months in 1916 between Lane and 5th Avenues, after then Ohio Governor, Frank B. Willis, seized this desirable land to hastily build a camp. David's presentation set the context for this historical event, showing how the deeds of the notorious Mexican bandit, "Pancho" Villa, had pushed the U.S. to military action.

The original letters are available for viewing at www.uaarchives.org under Letters and Memoirs and Frank Clyde Sweet. Heartfelt thanks to David Sweet for his research and to Board member, Sara Klein, for coordinating.

President Charlie Groezinger kicked off the evening with a recap of the Society's recent accomplishments, and Treasurer Ed Seidel reviewed finances. Executive Director, Melanie Circle Brown, led the vote on next year's Board Members. We appreciate those who attended and look forward to seeing more members at future events.



From the UA Archives...



Two scanning days were recently held at the Main Library: one on March 31st with seven different collections brought in by participants including the City of UA, and one on May 4th with six different collections received from individual participants and local organizations. One of the most fascinating items received for digitization came from Betty Atkinson, whose husband, Herschel Atkinson, Jr., was a former Upper Arlington mayor. In addition to his mayoral badge, she brought in the badge from when he was a constable in the Village of UA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline for UA History Book Photo Submissions

July 10th (*see article below for details*)

Interested in supporting the fundraising effort for the book? See uahistory.org for information.

Walking Tour - UA's Historic District

Fall 2016

Watch for details shortly

NEW Fall Trolley Tours

Date TBA

"The Spirit of Community" tour focusing on family life in UA over the past 100 years

PHOTO CONTEST

We're looking for color images for UA's upcoming Centennial history book, including select photos of iconic UA scenes such as streetscapes, 4th of July, the Mallway, shopping centers, schools, historic locations, and government buildings. The registration form is available at www.uahistory.org, along with additional contest details.

* You will receive printed credit for any images chosen for publication, and all photos must be original and taken within the past two years.

* Submissions, along with the registration form, should be sent to the Upper Arlington Historical Society by Sunday, July 10, 2016.



Historical Photo Scanning - If you have older images that show our community as it once was, we'd love to scan them for possible inclusion in the UA history book and the UA Archives. Please bring your historical photos to the Main Library's Reference Desk for further information.

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Thanks to the Crane Group,
 First Community Village /
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 and all the businesses who
 supported our 2015-2016
 "History 101" Trolley Tour.



Watch for the Trolley in
 UA's 4th of July parade,
 featuring our 2016 -

2017 tour Presenting Sponsor, The
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 Know of a business interested in
 being a sponsor? Contact us at
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**Wall of Honor Celebration
 in partnership with
 the City of UA and
 The Ohio State University
 Wexner Medical Center
 May 22, 2016**



Stop in the Ohio Room (Tremont Library
 lower level) to see the new cabinet displays.
 The collection includes items from the James
 T. Miller farm. Thank you to Melaine
 Mahaffey of Mary Catherine's Antiques and
 Collectibles for sharing many historical items
 with us from the estate of James T. Miller's
 granddaughter, Esther Miller. Pictured (l. to
 r.) in the Ohio Room are members of our
 archives team: Laura Redmond, Sharon
 Hershey, and Laura Bruce. Thank you, Laura
 Redmond, for chairing this past year, and
 welcome Sharon as our new archivist!

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