

# Delhi History

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# HISTORY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Exhibit Opens Sept. 4:

## From one-room to Oak Hills Local School District

As Delhi Township began to take shape after incorporation in 1816, residents realized the necessity of established schools and providing regular teachers. The one-room schoolhouse was popular in Delhi from about 1825-1920. These little buildings were situated about a mile or two apart in order to make it convenient for the children to walk to class.

Some of the earliest schoolhouses built in Delhi through the efforts of township residents were located at Mt. Alverno and Jupiter (1830), Myer School at Neeb and Delhi (1833), Lee School at Rapid Run and Hillside (1833) Runck School at Rapid Run and Ebenezer (1850), Allen District School on Rapid Run near Anderson Ferry (1851) and Warsaw School Rapid Run at Pedretti (1828).

Most one-room school houses were phased out in the 1890s. All students in public schools in Delhi were moved to one of three two-room District schools: Northwest on Cleves Warsaw near Ebenezer, Myer School at Delhi and Foley, and Williams Special District School at Delhi and Plum Street. These three district schools were merged in 1926 to form the Delhi Township Rural School District. A new school building was erected on the corner of Anderson Ferry and Foley roads. The original building is now incorporated into Delhi Middle School.

In the late 1950s, Cincinnati Public Schools decided to no longer accept township students to their high schools. So Delhi and Green township school administrators got together to form the Oak Hills Local School District (OHLSD).

To learn more about the the Oak Hills Local School District visit our new exhibit "The Schools of Delhi."



Delhi Township School (now Delhi Middle School) 1924.

## Society Presents Monthly Programs On Facebook Live

Monday, September 14

### CINCINNATI GOETTA

Dann Woellert, food etymologist, explores goetta's history in the city that made it regionally famous. Tracing goetta from its Germanic origins and its first stop in Greater Cincinnati to its largest commercial producers, Queen City sausage and Gliers, Dann will share with us goetta stories.

Dann has been in the product marketing world for more than a decade. He has traveled the country in search of "goetta cousins" and has a mission to make knowledge of goetta so prevalent that food writers describe scrapple as "goetta with cornmeal." He writes the blog Dann Woellert the Food Etymologist, which discusses the origins of local and regional foods. He is affiliated with the Cincinnati Preservation Association, the German American Citizens League, the Brewery District and several local historical societies. He is a five-time recipient of the Ohioana Award for Literary and Artistic Achievement.

Dann's book is offered for sale through Arcadia Publishing ([www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com)) or Amazon.com.



Monday, October 12

### THE LICKRUN GREENWAY IN SOUTH FAIRMOUNT

Presented by Deb Leonard, communications Manager for the MSD.

In 2014 the Delhi Historical Society hosted Deb Leonard who told us about the "Lick Run Watershed project". Now in 2020, this huge project is finishing and is in its "beautifying stages".

Deb returns to share the practical and aesthetic goals and accomplishments of this giant civic endeavor.

For those of us who frequently navigated this ever changing passage for 6 years give a big cheer! The roads are open. For planners and workers, a job well done.

To view these two programs, just go to the Delhi Historical Website at [www.delhihistoricalsociety.org](http://www.delhihistoricalsociety.org) and click on the "Watch Program" link. The link will be available at 6:45 p.m. on both dates. You can also join us on Facebook that evening.

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# Grant to Improve Collections Preservation and Sharing

The mission of the Delhi Historical Society is to discover, preserve, and share the history of Delhi Township and its surrounding areas. One of the chief ways we do that is by collecting items, photographs, and documents. We then store the collections to protect them from damage and make them accessible to people who wish to study them.

Some of our most interesting items are large documents, maps, and photographs.

Due to their size, these can't be stored in a box on a shelf or in a regular file cabinet. These items are best stored in what is called a *flat file*. These file cabinets are 48" wide and 36" deep. Their large drawers allow storage of maps and other large documents without folding or rolling them, which can damage the and make them difficult to use.



The old wooden flat file above left and the new proper archival file above right.

The Delhi Historical Society has had two flat file cabinets for many years. One was old, falling apart, and created potential hazards to the documents it was designed to protect. In 2019, the DHS created a project to replace the old flat file with a new proper archival flat file cabinet. The project had many elements, including storing the unique and valuable items in individual protective folders or sleeves. Another element was to photograph the unique and rare items and add the photos to our online collections catalog, Past Perfect Online, so the images would be accessible to our website visitors. The project was supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historic Records Advisory Board (OHRAB), through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration.

The amount of volunteer time to complete the project was estimated at 100 hours. The process of transferring the documents from one flat file to another was not simple.

First, each document was removed from the old wooden flat file and its information confirmed and updated in our

Visit [www.DelhiHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.DelhiHistoricalSociety.org) and browse our collections database by clicking on SEARCH ARCHIVES. Among the treasures you will discover there are entries and images of maps and other important documents which are now stored in the Society's latest addition, an archival sound flat file.

collections database; photographs were taken of the most interesting and unique items then added to the database; a special area was set aside in the DHS Research Center to temporarily hold these treasures as they were removed from their old home.

After emptying the five drawers of the old flat file, the drawers were removed to make the cabinet easier to move out of the way. Discovered inside the old flat file were two different maps tucked behind the drawers, having lost their way over the years. One was a folded 1937 map of Delhi Township and surrounding area made by the Hamilton County Auditor. The other map was smaller folded map, which was at one time an insert to the 1875 book, *Illustrated Cincinnati*, by Daniel Kenny. Both maps are now in their own individual sleeves, cataloged and safely stored in the new flat file.

As of this printing, the project is about 60% complete. Some large photographs in the DHS collections which have been stored in different cabinets will be transferred to the new flat file to protect them from damage and to improve access to them.

**Remember to mail in or drop off your BEST OF DELHI TICKETS!! Great prizes including \$500 in cash. Your support helps keep the Farmhouse running during the summer. Drawing Sept. 14**

## It's Carved in Stone

You've heard the expression "it's not carved in stone," referring to an idea or plan that's not permanent or is subject to change. Now your support of the Delhi Historical Society can be "carved in stone," with a personalized engraved brick. You can personalize your brick with your name or that of someone you wish to honor. Some bricks are used to memorialize a special event, such as a retirement or wedding anniversary. However you word it, your support of the Delhi Historical Society will be "carved in stone," when you use the form below to order your engraved brick today.



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