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## Greene County Records Center & Archives

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*Mark your calendars!  
April 2025*

In 2025, you will have even more fantastic opportunities to explore Greene County's history: introducing April 2025 as Greene County History Month!

Watch our social media for more information on the great events in store from our partners including the Greene County Public Library and the Greene County Historical Society!

**Other dates of note >>>**

**December 25-26, 2024**

Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

**January 1, 2025**

Closed for New Year's Day

**January 20, 2025**

Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**February 17, 2025**

Closed for Presidents Day

## *Exhibit Installed!*

It is finished! Our exhibit at the 541 Ledbetter Road entrance has been installed and had its grand opening. Thank you to all who came out to our open houses.

We would especially like to thank the National Weather Service Wilmington for their collaboration on the exhibit and the America 250-Ohio Commission for funding the exhibit with a Trillium Local Activity Grant.

If you have business at the Ledbetter Road building, make sure to stop by and look through the exhibit for yourself!





*note from the archivist >>>*

## *A Few Words from the County Archivist*

*Robin Heise, Records Manager/Archivist for the Greene  
County Records Center & Archives*

Part of the mission of the Archives is to protect, preserve, and provide access to public records that document the history of Greene County. We do this in a variety of ways. We work with county departments and agencies to ensure that those records that need to be preserved long-term are being properly stored and preserved; We provide citizens with copies of public records upon request; and We use our records in our outreach program which allows the public to fully understand the historical value of local government records. Most of these duties are mandated by the Ohio Revised Code, but the outreach component, while not mandated, is essential in telling the story of Greene County residents who came before us, and also provides the public with a sense of continuity, shared identity, and cultural heritage.

Today is the first snowfall of the season which means it's that time of year to begin reflecting on this year and making goals for the new year. This year has flown by incredibly fast and the Archives has accomplished so much and I only have limited space in this newsletter to show my thanks. I'll take this opportunity to briefly thank *some* of the people who made this an incredible year.

First and foremost, I want to thank all of the individuals who granted us the privilege of videotaping their stories for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 tornado. Your remarkable recollections of that terrible day will live on and future generations will understand the importance of this piece of our local history.

Secondly, I want to thank the America 250-Ohio Commission for awarding us a \$3,500 Trillium Local Activity Grant Award. Most of these grant funds were used to install an exhibit, highlighting the scientific and disaster preparedness improvements that came out of the 1974 tornado. The exhibit is located in the entryway outside of the Greene County Media Room on Ledbetter Road. If you haven't already taken the opportunity to check out the new exhibit, please do (and be sure to scan the QR code!). Grant funds will also be used to create an educational outreach program based on the exhibit.

And last, but certainly not least, I have to thank my amazing team! I have the pleasure of working with the most dedicated individuals that I have ever known. Every team member here at the Archives has a deep passion for the work that they do and that is certainly reflected in the work that they produce! I hope it's obvious to you, our customers, that the Archives team works diligently to get you the records that you request; preserve records of historical value; and tell you the stories of Greene County's rich and diverse history. We all have different roles, but together we're here to ensure that Greene County records will be preserved for future generations!

Stay tuned for another amazing year in 2025. The Archives will begin the build-up to the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. We have a lot of exciting projects that will be coming your way! In the meantime, enjoy the holidays!

We are currently processing record requests through the window in our entry way during our normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM). Please note, *Archives' staff are UNABLE to provide genealogical, property, and/or other extensive research, but we will gladly provide you with the tools that you need in order to complete your research.*

Until next time,  
Robin Heise  
Greene County Records Manager & Archivist



# Archives Answers: Points of Pride

*Archives staff answer: What is the thing you have accomplished this year that you are most proud of?*

**“Ingesting over 2,724,000 files (673 GB) into Preservica.”**  
Elise Kelly, Multimedia Archivist

These files are a combination of digital backups of physical files from the Archives and records created digitally by County offices. Our digital preservation system allows us to preserve public records and provide access to those that are open to the public. The Archives won a merit award from the Society of Ohio Archivists for our work in digital preservation, so Elise is justifiably proud of all she has done this year to promote the preservation of and access to Greene County’s records and history!

**“Assisting 763 customers in accessing our records.”**  
Lori Harris, Administrative Assistant

From marriage records less than 15 years old for federal ID requirements to will records more than 200 years old for genealogy research, Lori can (and does) find it all for our Archives customers!

**“Sharing Greene County history with 1,000+ students.”**  
Mary McKinley, Public Outreach Coordinator

Through the Archives' educational outreach program, students have the opportunity to examine their local history through primary sources, enhancing both their social studies education and their feeling of community and engagement with the history of the landscape around them. It’s a wonderful experience for the students and for Mary, too!

## Social Media Feature: Sept. 20, 2000 Tornado



September marked the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a tornado that took one life and destroyed or damaged many buildings in Xenia.



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*Be sure to follow us on social media for all the latest updates and events happening here at the Archives! You can link to our accounts using the below icons.*



## Features Feature >>>

Did you know you can search for elected officials, past and present, in our online catalog?

Find the direct link to the elected officials search through our website, or visit the catalog and search for “Elected Official” in the “Subject” field.

# Saying Farewell to 2024

What a year for the Archives! It may not be over yet, but we are reflecting on a fantastic year with all of you. The highlights?

- Being awarded a Merit Award by the Society of Ohio Archivists
- Participating in the community remembrance of the 1974 Tornado
- Opening the 1915 Jefferson Township Centralized School time capsule to kick off Greene County History Week
- Receiving a Trillium Local Activity Grant from the America 250-Ohio Commission to install an exhibit in the entryway at 541 Ledbetter Road



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