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Greene County Records Center & Archives

Beyond
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calendar of events >>>

September 6th, 1:30 p.m. in the Media Room (541 Ledbetter Rd)
Greene County Chapter Ohio
Genealogical Society Meeting

October 1st, 4:30 p.m. at the Greene County Courthouse
AM250-Ohio Heritage Tree
Dedication

October 4th, 1:30 p.m. in the Media Room (541 Ledbetter Rd)
Greene County Chapter Ohio
Genealogical Society Meeting

November 1st, 1:30 p.m. in the Media Room (541 Ledbetter Rd)
Greene County Chapter Ohio
Genealogical Society Meeting

November 11th, 2025
Archives closed for Veterans Day

November 27th and 28th, 2025
Archives closed for Thanksgiving
and Day After Thanksgiving

Heritage Tree Dedication Oct. 1

*Greene County To Plant Heritage Tree in Honor of
America's Semiquincentennial*

As part of the Heritage Trees: Planting History program under America 250-Ohio, Greene County will be holding a tree dedication ceremony on October 1st at 4:30 p.m. at the Greene County Courthouse.

Throughout 2025 and 2026, Heritage Trees will be planted in all 88 of Ohio's counties. The Heritage Trees program aims to commemorate America's 250th anniversary by planting native-to-Ohio white oak trees across the state. The trees will be a living commemoration of our nation's 250th anniversary.

We hope you will join us to celebrate planting this piece of Ohio heritage in honor of America 250! The ceremony will also be recorded for those unable to attend in person.

Greene County Heritage Tree Dedication

October 1st, 2025
4:30 p.m.
Greene County Courthouse





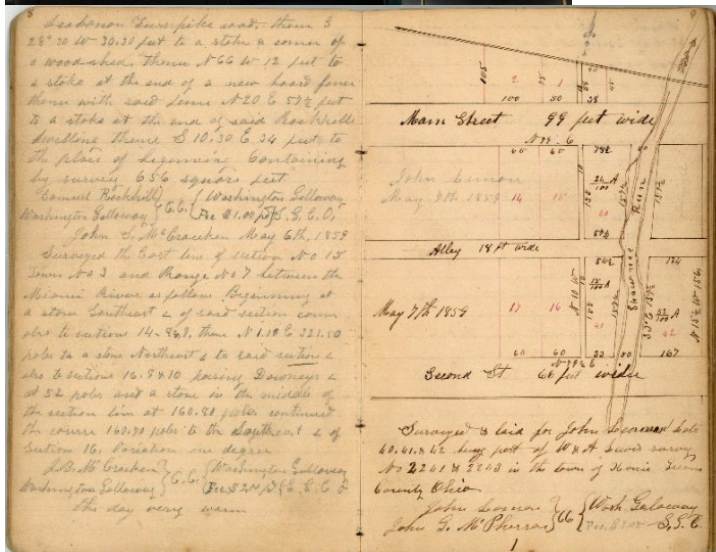
Volunteer Features >>>

Summer is coming to an end, so we are saying goodbye to our summer interns. While we will certainly miss their presence here at the Archives, the work they have done has made an impact that will last far longer than one summer. These projects have enhanced the access and preservation of several important record types here at the Archives.

In particular, Megan has been working on digitizing Washington Galloway's surveyor field books. As surveyor for Greene County from 1848 to 1887, these field books preserve a large amount of Greene County property history. Since many of the books were written in pencil that is fading, this digitization project is essential to preserving the information in these books.

Thank you, Madison and Megan for spending your summer here with us!

*Above: Interns Madison and Megan work on digitization projects
Left: Washington Galloway Field Book 8, digitized by Megan.*



Obituary Scanning Project Update >>>

10,000 Obituaries online now!

Thanks to our fantastic team of obituary scanning and metadata volunteers, we have reached the milestone of 10,000 obituaries online!

These 10,000 obituaries contain surnames Aaron through Blain. We estimate that this means our obituary scanning is approximately 6% complete. More obituaries will be continuously added to the digital collection as they are scanned, so keep checking back for updates!

3-year Volunteer Project Completed >>>

We have been talking recently about several long-term and ongoing projects for our volunteers, such as the Civil War pension application transcription project and the obituary digitization project.

One long-term project that has flown under the radar so far has recently been completed thanks to the efforts of our wonderful volunteer Lauren! Lauren has spent three years working on adding metadata to historic engineer maps. This metadata is essential to ensuring that the digitized maps are usable in an online environment. Rather than having to visually scan through dozens of maps to find the correct names, users can simply search for the property owner they are looking for to find the maps on which that name appears! Thank you, Lauren!



Director Finishes NAGARA Term

Jen Haney Conover Attended the NAGARA Conference in Oklahoma City to Pass The Baton

This summer marked the end of my final year on the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) Board after eight consecutive years of service: four years as Local Director and, most recently, four years on the Presidential Track. Since 2013, this organization has been my 'professional home'. It has created invaluable opportunities to network with colleagues and confidants, and introduced me to some of my closest friends. It was an absolute privilege to represent the leading professional development organization for public archival and information managers, and I'm honored to be a part of this work.

This year's conference was in Oklahoma City and was especially special as we hit a record number of attendees. I had never been to OKC, so having the opportunity to check out the First American's Museum for our opening day reception was humbling and inspiring at the same time. We were even fortunate enough to have their Executive Director, Dr. Kelli Mostelle as one of our Keynote Speakers. I highly recommend the trip if you are ever that way. I am already looking forward to NAGARA 2026 in the city of Brotherly Love: Philadelphia for AM250.



Below: Ohio members of NAGARA at the 2025 NAGARA Conference.



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Celebrating Bellbrook's Museum >>>



Director Jen Haney Conover

The Bellbrook Cabin Museum celebrated a remarkable milestone this year: 200 years!

We were thrilled to join the celebration and spend the morning talking with the crowd about Bellbrook's history. A true highlight of the day was having the opportunity to meet Steven Haller, the pioneer director of the Montgomery County Records Center and Archives.

Congratulations to the Bellbrook Cabin Museum, and thank you for allowing us to celebrate with you!

Become a Volunteer!

Do you enjoy local history? Are you interested in learning more about how an archives/records center functions? Do you want to work with a wonderful group of people? We have a number of great projects for our volunteers, both in-person and virtual! If interested, please call the office at (937) 562-6487 or contact [Mary](#) for more details or to obtain an application.

A Letter from the Director >>> *In Memoriam*

We are saddened and heartbroken to learn of the unexpected death of former Director Robin Heise. Robin was an instrumental part of growing the archives into what it is today, one of the best programs in the state. She worked at Greene County for 14 years, beginning as an intern in 2011 and working her way up to director when Gillian Hill retired in 2015.

I personally have known Robin for just as long, as the records and archive circle in the state is small, but mighty. I was fortunate to work with her on several different initiatives over the years through our time together in CARMA, MVAR, and NAGARA. It was an incredible honor to work with her and Pari Swift in 2018 when she chaired the CARMA committee that would change the law for opening previously closed permanent records after 75 years. Her influence will leave an effect on those around her and in the archival community for years to come. We extend our condolences to Robin's family, especially her husband, Mark, and daughter, Morgan.

Jen Haney Conover
Director



*Gillian Hill and Robin Heise,
April 10th, 2013.*



*Jen Haney Conover, Pari Swift, Rick Perales, and Robin
Heise at the Ohio Statehouse, February 14th, 2018.*



*Robin Heise and Joan Donovan
opening the 1969 Greene County
Jail Time Capsule, June 21, 2019.*



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