

## Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter August, 2021

**3:00 Sunday, August 29. Author, Frank Kuron – Museum Community Room  
*“Clash of Cultures! Discover the Relationships of Tecumseh; the Prophet; and the Future President, William Henry Harrison”***

Frank’s presentation will explore the clash of two cultures in what was formerly known as the Northwest Territory. After the Revolution, the Native Americans and the New Americans were in conflict over the lands that would become the Midwest of today’s United States. Tensions remained high between them through the War of 1812. The famous Shawnee leader, Tecumseh, along with his brother, The Prophet, fought for the Indian concerns, while the future US president, William Harrison, represented the American settlers.

The presentation will explore the strategies employed by each to secure the lands for their respective people; and how Shawnee spirituality played a role in the events of that day. Details of these three leaders’ tense meetings will be explored and will reveal how they tried to avoid war and why they were pivotal players in our history.

Frank is a lifelong resident of Toledo, Ohio. He recently retired, but continues to follow his passion of studying and writing about early-American history. In 2011, Frank was made an "Honorary Kentucky Colonel" in recognition of his first book, *“Thus Fell Tecumseh.”* For several years he wrote guest history columns for the former Toledo Free Press newspaper.

His second book, *“Sketches of Intriguing People, and the Curious Events They Suffered While Living in the Wilderness of the Northwest Territory,”* features adventure stories of intriguing frontier personalities that have long been forgotten. Frank is a board member of the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission. He offers presentations across the region on various early American topics and has been seen on C-Span’s BookTV.

Kuron’s books, *Thus Fell Tecumseh* and *Intriguing People . . .* will be available for purchase and signing that day.

### **Reflection of Joe Beatty July Presentation**

There was a good attendance for Joe Beatty’s thought-provoking presentation in July. What an interesting analogy he concluded with when he drew the comparisons of the feudal system of the Middle centuries and the developing structure of our government today. If you didn’t catch that you missed a great opportunity, and at the same time you probably did not lose any sleep over it as some of us might have! 😊 Regardless, there were so many positive comments shared later. A number said, bring him back again and just let him talk. (Some want to know more about Joe’s time and connections in Russia.) Amazing how this passion for history and thirst for knowledge and zealous patriotism have passed down so many generations of the Beatty’s. Fascinating history.

### **Thank You Church of the Nazarene**

What wonderful accommodations the Nazarene Family Center of Fort Recovery provided for our July speaker. We are so appreciative of Pastor Brad Ratliff and his wife, Kate who opened/unlocked and locked/closed the facility for our use. Thank you to them and all who made it possible.

### **Want to Walk the Battle Field with the Ultimate Expert, John Winkler?**

In response to those who have asked when there is going to be another Battlefield Walk with John Winkler, the answer is **October 24!** Email the museum or call me, Nancy Knapke, Site Manager, at 419-375-4384. There is no charge for patrons; \$10 for non-patrons. This date is actually near the

original battle date of November 4. Planners are hoping for nice fall weather. We have done it in excruciating heat and nose-nipping cold. Maybe we will be lucky with this time. Headsets will be supplied for all.

### **How About Traveling with Fellow History Buffs to Cape Girardeau and St. Louis**

The Fort Loramie Historical Society is hosting a bus trip to the aforementioned places from October 8 -11. Those who know the story of British Indian Agent, Peter Loramie (Pierre-Louis de Lorimier) will recognize Cape Girardeau as the destination for Peter after he left his Loramie trading post. The planned trip will also cover significant spots in the Lewis and Clark story. Prices for this quite inclusive trip are \$746 for a single, down to \$334 for a quad. Contact Larry Deloye, 937-658-0864 for more details. Deadline is August 31.

(BTW we are now carrying the new book by Robert Kuck II, ***Blood and Honor***, The Life and Times of Fur Trader Pierre Lorimier (Peter Loramie) - \$19.)

### **CELEBRATE! COME ON!**

That is the theme of this year's One-Of-a-Kind Auction which will be held at the Elementary/Middle School Auditoria on Sunday, October 17! What do we have to celebrate? At least two major events. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Fort Recovery Historical Society AND it is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the One-of-a-Kind Auction. Now those are two significant reasons to celebrate. Watch for more news to come each month, and in the meantime, if you have any special item you would like to donate for this auction, just let the committee know through this email or through the Museum/Historical Society Facebook Page. In the meantime, get your "celebra-on" shoes on!

### **Diggin' the History of Fort Recovery Business Settlements**

Helen LeFevre has been leading a group of interested folks in investigating the history/founding of businesses buildings in Fort Recovery. She is ably assisted by Jill Kaup who can expertly delve into the architecture and building structures and features, and also by Nancy Abels who is an expert at genealogy and pursues that angle especially in cases where the founders/owners/operators are no longer available.

We have had excellent turn-outs of audiences who also contribute and help keep discussions funny and lively. (Just ask Mary Granger and Pat Mays the funny stories of her former bosses at Clover Farm Stores – Jim and Jerry Zehringer!) Watch the museum Facebook page for the next building to be discussed. Hats off to Helen for showing how fun and interesting history can be!

### **Patrons!**

Thank You One and All. We couldn't survive without you!

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The Museum is still open 7 days a week, from noon to five during the month of August!.