



# Historical Society News

*Knowing where you've been, helps you see where you're going*

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# THANK YOU

... to those who have renewed  
their membership!

Your membership allows us to continue to preserve the history of North Baltimore for future generations. Members receive quarterly newsletters containing updates on Center activities and historical articles.

Please check the date on your address label to determine your membership status. If your membership is not current, we would love to have you re-join the team! A membership form appears at the end of this newsletter.

## HISTORICAL CENTER HOURS

The North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Center is open on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon – April through December. Closed January, February, and March.

To schedule a group tour call (419) 257-2266 or e-mail [nbahs.org](mailto:nbahs.org).

Recent out-of-town visitors to the Center have included descendants of the Tarr family (from Richmond, Virginia) and the descendants of the Biehler family (from Berkeley, California).



## FALL BAZAAR

The annual Fall Bazaar was held at the Center on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Eight vendors displayed and sold various items which included baked goods and food items, stained glass, jewelry, garden decorations, and other craft items. The Society realized a profit of \$80 in display space rent from the vendors.

## NORTH BALTIMORE RESIDENT GEORGE D. CHASE COMMEMORATED AT WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LIVING HISTORY DAY Part I



**George D. Chase, his wife Mary Caskey Chase, and their youngest son Clyde posed for this photograph in 1898.**

On August 24, 2014 the Wood County Historical Society presented its 11th Annual Living History Day at Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green, Ohio. Among the eight 19th- and 20th-century Wood County residents commemorated was George David Chase (1842-1926).

At this year's commemoration, George was portrayed by his great-great grandson, Jim Myers of Medina, Ohio. The following is the script of Jim Myers's presentation which was written by Tom Boltz, a great grandson of George Chase. Photos have been added to illustrate the text.

### **George D. Chase**

*I am George David Chase of North Baltimore, Ohio. During my lifetime, I was a Union Army soldier, farmer, founder of the hamlet of Denver Ohio, and businessman. I was also a husband, father, and one of the town's leading citizens in the 1890s.*

*My life began in 1842 in Hancock County as the second of the ten children of Justus and Mary Jones Chase. My father was a farmer and large landowner in Hancock County. The work was hard, but my father prospered and provided well for his family.*

*I spent my early years working on my father's home farm. While I received no formal education beyond that given in the local one room school, I did acquire a lifelong love of reading. My parents also gave me a strong religious upbringing. This motivated me to read the Bible twenty-three times over the course of my life.*

*By 1861, the slavery issue and other regional differences were ripping apart the country. My father and I were early supporters of Abraham Lincoln and when the President called for volunteers to join the Union Army to suppress the Confederacy, I was among the first volunteers to enlist in the 21st Ohio Infantry Regiment. In November 1862, while on campaign in Tennessee, I became seriously ill. Not expecting me to live, the army doctors gave me a medical discharge and sent me home to die.*



**The 21st Ohio's regimental battle flag is preserved at the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus, Ohio.**

**George Chase was proud of his service in this unit.**

*However, I proved them wrong as I recovered my health under my mother's care. In January 1864 I re-enlisted in the 21st Ohio Infantry. The regiment served under General Sherman and took part in the campaign to capture Atlanta. On September 1, 1864, I was wounded in the head by a spent cannon ball fragment during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. After a short hospitalization near Atlanta, I recovered enough to return to duty; however, I lost some hearing in my left ear for the remainder of my life.*

*After my recovery, I continued in General Sherman's March to the Sea and fought under him until the war ended. Throughout my life, I was proud of my military service in helping keep our country united. I was discharged in July 1865 and returned home to Hancock County, Ohio.*

*I helped my father on his farm, but I eventually decided to take up farming on my own. During the war, I had sent most of my army pay home and I decided to use these savings to purchase Black Swamp forest land in Henry Township, Wood County. In 1866, I constructed a log cabin on land located near the northwest corner of what is now Liberty Hi Road and State Route 18. After a lot of hard work, I was able to clear enough timber to plant some crops.*



**George Chase's log cabin was likely similar to this Henry Township structure which was located within ¼ mile of the Chase homestead.**

*It was about this time that I met my future wife, Mary Caskey at a local barn dance. I considered her the most beautiful girl in the neighborhood. My parents were a bit unhappy when I told them that I was going to wed Mary as they had wanted me to marry my father's best friend's daughter. But they finally accepted my decision and Mary and I were married in 1867. Mary and I were to have five children: John, Thomas, Edith, Martha, and Clyde.*

Part II will appear in the January 2015 Newsletter.

## BICYCLE RIDING ORDINANCE

[Originally printed in the *Weekly Beacon*, June 22, 1894]

An ordinance to prevent the riding of Bicycles, Tricycles and Velocipedes, upon any of the sidewalks within the incorporated village of North Baltimore Ohio and providing for the punishment of persons violating the same.

**Section 1.** Be it ordered by the Council of the incorporated village of North Baltimore, Ohio by (two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring) that it shall be unlawful for any person to ride a Bicycle, Tricycle or a Velocipede, across or upon any sidewalk within the limits of the incorporated village of North Baltimore, in Wood County, Ohio.

**Section 2.** Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$20.00 and the costs of prosecution, and shall stand committed to the jail of said village until such fine and costs are fully paid, at the discretion of the mayor of said village.

**Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the marshal and the night police of said village, upon view or information, and without a warrant, to arrest and detail all persons violating the provisions of this ordinance, either by imprisonment or otherwise, until such time as a warrant can be procured for his or her arrest.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.



## MARY ANN COOKIES

One quart of Orleans molasses, two cups sugar, one pint of strong cold coffee, one heaping pint of lard, two tablespoons of soda, one tablespoon salt, two of ginger, two of cinnamon, three eggs, flour enough to roll out. Spread with boiled icing. Keep in stone jar. Improves with age.

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## 2015 Membership Application

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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