

**Saalfield Publishing Co. Exhibit- May 15-June 8**

**Vol:** 1 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 1997-06-01

**Subject:** Saalfield Publishing Company

**Annotation:** Saalfield Publishing Company exhibit opened at a preview party May 15 at Munroe Falls Historical Museum. The exhibit consists of a variety of antique books and boxed items, such as paint sets, puzzles, paper dolls, stencil sets, sewing cards.

**Historical Society Features Program on 19th Century Pottery**

**Vol:** 1 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 1997-06-01

**Subject:** 19th Century Stoneware Pottery

**Annotation:** Speaker Robert Treichler will discuss pre-20th century stoneware utilitarian items made locally and in northeast Ohio.

**An Old Mill Undertakes New Work** by Izant, Grace Goulder

**Vol:** 1 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 1997-06-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Paper Mill in 1942

**Annotation:** Discusses the history of the Munroe Falls Paper Mill and its importance during World War II. John Silk bought the mill in 1898 and his sons still ran the operation in 1942. The manufacturing process is explained by F.B. Silk to the author.

**Jim Caccamo to Present "Ohio and the Underground Railroad"**

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 1998-02-01

**Subject:** Ohio and the Underground Railroad

**Annotation:** James F. Caccamo will present a discussion and slide show entitled Ohio and the Underground Railroad. This will be the first of 3 programs. Article contains biographical info on James and Briana Caccamo.

**Old Time Milling** by Dr. Wilcox

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 1998-02-01

**Subject:** William Wetmore and Local Mills

**Annotation:** An article from the Charles Cook Bronson Manuscripts is the text of a March 21, 1872 news article by Dr. Wilcox to C.C. Bronson. It is the story told by Judge William Wetmore about the early days in the Western Reserve, and the process of & difficulties in milling. Includes a letter written by Edwin Wetmore about his parents.

**Biographical Sketches of Early Stow Township Families** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 1998-03-01

**Subject:** Stow Family, Gaylord Family

**Annotation:** Biographical excerpts of early Munroe Falls families extracted from the writings of Frank A. Green whose series of sketches of the pioneers appeared in the Cuyahoga Falls Reporter Feb. 2-May 31, 1940. and in the Falls News Dec. 1949. Joshua, William, and Albert Cheney Stow families are covered. Jonathan Gaylord Jr. and descendants are covered.

**Munroe Falls to Mark 150th Anniversary** by Hilliard, Bonnie

**Vol: 2 Issue: 4**

**Date:** 1998-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls history

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the June 22, 1988 issue of the Record Courier. Two landmarks were dedicated during the celebration of the 150th anniversary: the Munroe Falls Veteran's Memorial and the Munroe Falls Historical Museum. Interview with Maxine Kline. The history of Munroe Falls and 150th anniversary celebration activities are discussed.

### **Munroe Falls Historical Museum Celebrates Its Ten-Year Anniversary**

**Vol: 2 Issue: 4**

**Date:** 1998-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Museum

**Annotation:** On June 22, 1988, the Museum was dedicated to the preservation of local historical data and objects pertaining to the community of Munroe Falls and vicinity.

### **William J. Rattle - Resident of Munroe Falls & Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol: 2 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 1998-05-01

**Subject:** William J. Rattle

**Annotation:** William J. Rattle, a prominent mining engineer in Cleveland maintained a residence on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland and in Munroe Falls. His Munroe Falls home was located at the corner of Main Street and Rattle Road (now called Bermont Rd.). The home was built ca. 1848 by his father, William S. Rattle. Article includes information on Rattle's scientific analysis of iron ore, the Rattle family, and Rattle home's various owners.

### **"The Bulletin' Munroe Falls Village Newspaper 1954-57**

**Vol: 2 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 1998-06-01

**Subject:** Bulletin

**Annotation:** News articles reproduced from the Bulletin. The Bulletin was published for the 1500 Village residents, reporting on births, deaths, personals, and news of Village happenings. Published 1954-1957.

### **Munroe Falls Fire Dept. Commemorates 50 Years of Service to the Community** by Chafin, Lee

**Vol: 2 Issue: 7**

**Date:** 1998-08-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Fire Department History

**Annotation:** The Munroe Falls Firemen's Social Club, Inc. was formed in April 1948. Approximately 50 men volunteered to be part of the organization. Article discusses fund raising, buildings, and the history of the department.

### **The Romantic Past of a Glorious Pond** by Raynor, Jessie

**Vol: 2 Issue: 8**

**Date:** 1998-09-01

**Subject:** Silver Lake Park

**Annotation:** This is an article appearing in the Oct. 14, 1979 issue of "The Beacon", Sunday magazine section of the Akron Beacon Journal. Ralph Hugh Lodge purchased

Silver Lake, then called Wetmore's Pond, in 1873. He moved his family to the area and created Silver Lake Park, the "Coney Island of the West" at the turn of the Century. Article covers the history of Silver Lake Park and information on Ralph Lodge.

**Some Memories of Silver Lake** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 1998-09-01

**Subject:** Silver Lake

**Annotation:** These excerpts about the Lodge family and Silver Lake were extracted from a handwritten document of recollections recorded in 1953 by Frank A. Green of Stow, Ohio. Includes Mr. Lodge's recipe for lemonade.

**The Summit County Home** by Schollenberger, Charles

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 1998-10-01

**Subject:** Summit County Home

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the January 4, 1978 issue of "Stow Citizen". The Summit County Infirmary was the home for Summit County's homeless and elderly. It closed in 1970 and was razed in the 1980s.

**Munroe Falls Park** by Renner, Jack L.

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 10

**Date:** 1998-11-01

**Subject:** John M. Renner, Munroe Falls Park

**Annotation:** Letter written by Jack L. Renner, son of John M. Renner, owner and operator of Munroe Falls Park from the 1930s until 1978. The 213-acre park, located on South River Road was a popular private swim club. Since 1978, Munroe Falls Park has operated under the jurisdiction of the metropolitan park district of Summit County. John Renner was born January 11, 1886. He bought the old Sperry farm in 1931.

**Archival Materials Reveal Hardships of Portage County** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 2 **Issue:** 11

**Date:** 1998-12-01

**Subject:** Nineteenth century preachers

**Annotation:** Research taken from the Hiram College Archives about itinerant preachers in the Western Reserve. The life of a nineteenth century preacher was difficult, with long separations from family, sickness, fatigue, and difficult journeys on foot and horseback. William Hayden, Amasa Clark, and Francis M. Green are the preachers discussed. Francis M. Green is Frank Green, author, historian, and former sexton of Stow Cemetery. Information on Green and churches in Stow.

**Campaign Begins in Village for Memorial** by Marks, Tricia

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 1999-01-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls veteran's memorial

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the October 13, 1986 issue of the Stow Sentry, and discusses the campaign to fund and build a Veteran's memorial in Munroe Falls.

**Veteran's Memorial Dedication** by Bishop, Andy

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 1999-01-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls veteran's memorial

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the June 19, 1988 issue of the Stow Sentry and reports that the dedication of the Munroe Falls Veteran's Memorial will be held the next week, on June 25, 1988. Mayor Gerald Hupp formed a seven-member committee in April of 1986 to look into building the memorial. The article also discusses the meaning of the memorial sculpture, created by Carl Floyd.

**Real Estate Boom in the 1830s Made Munroe Falls Early Manufacturing Center of Summit County** by Shenkel, William T.

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 1999-03-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Early Manufacturing

**Annotation:** Article originally appeared in Akron Times Press, second in a series of human-interest stories written about the history of towns, villages, and cities within the Akron community. Article speaks of the boom and bust concerning the development of Munroe Falls.

**Munroe Falls...as Remembered by Mrs. Margaret Castle Shakespeare** by Shakespeare, V.B.

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 1999-03-01

**Subject:** Margaret Castle Shakespeare

**Annotation:** Recollections of early Munroe Falls are from an undated letter by V. B. Shakespeare to Clayton Epperson. She describes the geography of Munroe Falls as she recalls it from her childhood in the 1880s. A photocopy of this letter is on file at the Munroe Falls Historical Museum archives.

**Selected Excerpts from the Diary of Emily Harter Kepler 1881-1882** by Kepler, Emily Harter

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 1999-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls everyday life in 1880s

**Annotation:** During the 1880s, a young Munroe Falls matron named Emily Harter Kepler kept a diary that recorded her family and neighborhood relationships. This article includes excerpts from the diary and notes of explanation by the editor. Mrs. Kepler laundered, baked, sewed, cleaned, and visited with friends and neighbors. Photocopies of this diary detailing everyday life are on file in the Munroe Falls Historical Society archives.

**Memories of the Old Church that Stood on the Cemetery Property in Stow** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 1999-05-01

**Subject:** Stow cemetery meeting house

**Annotation:** Stow historian, Frank A. Green, wrote this article in 1958. A church was built next to the Stow burial ground (Stow Cemetery) by the Presbyterians under the leadership of deacon Stephen Butler, who came to the area about 1808. The building was torn down in 1878. The article includes a description of the building.

**Zebulum Stow was 7 When Brought West in 1809, Frank Green Writes** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol: 3 Issue: 4**

**Date:** 1999-05-01

**Subject:** Zebulum Stow

**Annotation:** This article was originally published in the Kent Courier Tribune in 1933 by John G. Paxton. Zebulum was the fourth son of William Stow, the first Stow to live in the township. Zebulum and his wife Edith were charter members of the Disciple Church, and they had six children. A photograph of Zebulum Stow is reproduced on the front page of this issue.

**Building Of Perry's Vessels** by Cherry, P.P.

**Vol: 3 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 1999-06-01

**Subject:** Shipbuilding for Commodore Perry

**Annotation:** This article appears in the book, "The Western Reserve and Early Ohio", by P. P. Cherry. In January 1813, the U.S. Navy Dept. awarded a contract for building gunboats to be used on Lake Erie. The contract went to Brimel Robins of Pennsylvania. Robins chose to build the boats at Old Portage on the Cuyahoga. Lumber was supplied by Captains Rice and Stowe. It was sawed at the Kelsey Mill.

**Stow Family** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol: 3 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 1999-06-01

**Subject:** shipbuilding

**Annotation:** William Stow was a sea captain and vessel owner.

**Gaylord Family** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol: 3 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 1999-06-01

**Subject:** shipbuilding

**Annotation:** Stuart Gaylord was a ship carpenter.

**Important Gathering of Disciples at Stow**

**Vol: 3 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 1999-08-01

**Subject:** Disciples of Christ Church

**Annotation:** This is an excerpt from an article in the Sept. 30, 1876 issue of "The Christian Standard." The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Summit County was held at the Stow church.

**Tallmadge Outing Club** by Tallmadge Historical Society

**Vol: 3 Issue: 8**

**Date:** 1999-10-01

**Subject:** Tallmadge Outing Club

**Annotation:** Tallmadge Outing Club was located on South River Road a short distance past the entrance to Munroe Falls Metropolitan Park. This article first appeared in "A History of Tallmadge, Ohio", a Sesquicentennial publication to commemorate Tallmadge's 150th birthday in 1957. The Tallmadge Outing Club was organized on March 9, 1913 by a group of Tallmadge men who liked to hunt and fish.

**Happy 25th...Tallmadge Outing Club Building!** by Lawrence, Frank E.

**Vol: 3 Issue: 8**

**Date:** 1999-10-01

**Subject:** Tallmadge Outing Club

**Annotation:** This article is taken from the October 9, 1974 issue of "The Tallmadge Circle". The 25th anniversary of The Tallmadge Outing Club was celebrated in the clubhouse on North Munroe Road. Widows of former members were honored guests.

**Moving Day at Munroe** by Applebaum, Alan

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 1999-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Village Hall

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the May 19, 1965 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal. It is an interview with Carl Donaldson. Munroe Falls Village Hall was moved from the south-west corner of Rt. 91 and Munroe Falls Avenue to 43 Munroe Falls Avenue. The building was constructed in 1885 as a schoolhouse for elementary grade pupils. It was a schoolhouse until 1915 and was sold to the Munroe Falls Paper Company about 1920.

**Story of Cuyahoga Falls Banks** by Lodge, William R.

**Vol:** 3 **Issue:** 10

**Date:** 1999-12-01

**Subject:** Cuyahoga Falls Banks

**Annotation:** Written by William R. Lodge, grandson of George Lodge, an early settler of Munroe Falls. The article mentions many people associated with Munroe Falls.

**Presidents From Ohio** by Royer, Homer L.

**Vol:** 4 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2000-02-01

**Subject:** Ohio Presidents

**Annotation:** This is an article abstracted from a Social Studies textbook entitled "Buckeye Tales", published in 1945.

**Family Memoirs** by Olson, Mary Marhoffer

**Vol:** 4 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2000-03-01

**Subject:** Marhofer family

**Annotation:** Mary Marhoffer Olson was the daughter of John William Marhoffer, overseer of the Rattle farm in Munroe Falls. She was born January 11, 1902 to John and his wife Leah.

**History of Agricultural Conditions of the Call Farm Beginning in 1802** by Green, Frank A.

**Vol:** 4 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2000-09-01

**Subject:** Call Farm

**Annotation:** This undated story was obtained from a typewritten history "The Starrs and their Descendents in Stow Township," obtained from Frank Green's daughter, Elizabeth Green Cowles. It discusses the agricultural conditions and history of the Charles Call Farm.

**The Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal: Waterway to the West** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 4 **Issue:** 6

**Date:** 2000-08-01

**Subject:** Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal

**Annotation:** This article was written to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the official opening of the P&O Canal. The canal ran from New Castle, PA through Youngstown, Niles, Newton Falls, Ravenna, Franklin Mills (now Kent), Munroe Falls, and Cuyahoga Falls, to downtown Akron.

**Caring For Your Personal Photographic Collection** by Candela, Amy

**Vol:** 4 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2000-10-01

**Subject:** photographic collections

**Annotation:** This article was written by the Special Collections manager at Stan Hywet Hall in Akron. Photographs must be protected from dirt, dust, moisture, light, and heat. They should be handled as infrequently as possible.

**Munroe Falls...** by Spriggel, Keith

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 6

**Date:** 2001-09-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls history

**Annotation:** This article contains memories of 85-year-old Keith Spriggel, who was born in Munroe Falls in 1916. He remembers the Munroe Falls Baseball Team, local businesses, the B&O crossing, and local people.

**Munroe Falls Historical Society was 25 Years Old on September 15**

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2001-10-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls historical society anniversary

**Annotation:** Munroe Falls Historical Society was chartered as a non-profit organization on September 15, 1976.

**Historical Days Event Attracts Record Crowd**

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2001-10-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Event

**Annotation:** Sunday, September 16, 2001 was the Munroe Falls Historical Society's 25th Birthday Bash. The museum porch and side yard were occupied by costumed crafts persons interpreting spinning, bobbin lace, chair caning, and marbling on silk.

**The Reverend Joseph Badget** by Weimer, Gary W.

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2001-11-01

**Subject:** Joseph Badget

**Annotation:** The Reverend Joseph Badget was the first Christian minister to engage in extensive missionary work among the early settlers of the Western Reserve. This article is from the Western Reserve Historical Society News.

**"Olson Farm" Program was a Lesson in Munroe Falls History**

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2001-11-01

**Subject:** Olson Farm

**Annotation:** Ingrid Olson Wilmott presented a program on the Olson Farm for the Munroe Falls Historical Society. Her grandparents, Mary (Marhofer) Olson and Harry Olson, lived on the 100-acre farm at 299 North Main Street, Munroe Falls. Mary Olson operated Olson's Flowers for many years.

**Married 71 Years Ago** by Green, Francis Marion

**Vol:** 5 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2001-12-01

**Subject:** Albert C. Stow and Almira (Barrett) Stow

**Annotation:** This news article was written in 1906. It features the 71st wedding anniversary of Albert and Almira Stow. Albert was the youngest son of William and Peggy Gaylord Stow. He was born in 1819 in a log house in Munroe Falls. The couple died eight days apart at the ages of 97 and 90.

**First Stow Library Founded in 1924** by Hanson, Ruth

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2002-01-01

**Subject:** Stow Library History

**Annotation:** This article was first published in the June 27, 1979 issue of the Stow Sentry. It describes the history of Stow Library from its founding in 1924 until 1979. Stow Library began as a school district library. The library's first home was a room in the old town hall at the corner of Hudson (now Darrow Road) and Kent Road. This building is now the Children's Chapel of the First Christian Church.

**Alexander Manor...Authentic Colonial Dining**

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2002-03-01

**Subject:** William Rattle House

**Annotation:** In 1959 Ken and Ruth Alexander purchased the historic William Rattle house and opened it as a restaurant. This article describes the history of the house and its owners.

**Reminiscences of Growing Up in Munroe Falls** by Wilson, Alice Dixon

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2002-04-01

**Subject:** Alice Dixon Wilson

**Annotation:** During Alice Dixon's childhood, her parents ran the general store and operated the post office in Munroe Falls. This is her account of growing up in Munroe Falls.

**Charlotte Gaylord Banning...Founder of the Stow Self Culture Club**

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2002-05-01

**Subject:** Charlotte Gaylord Banning/Stow Self Culture Club

**Annotation:** This sketch of Charlotte Gaylord Banning was written in 1942. The Stow Self Culture Club was the precursor of Stow Woman's Club. Charlotte was the youngest daughter of Sylvester and Julia North Gaylord, pioneers of the Western Reserve.

**Munroe Falls Guise Park**

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2002-08-01



**Subject:** Munroe Falls Guise Park

**Annotation:** These articles were abstracted from the Munroe Falls Bulletin, a monthly mimeographed newspaper published from 1954 to 1957. In 1952, Newton and Laura Guise donated a little over 5 acres to the village of Munroe Falls for uses as a public park for the Munroe Falls Community.

**The Depression Years in Stow and Munroe Falls**, Editor

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2002-11-01

**Subject:** Depression years in Stow and Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** Ethel Osman, the "Pie Lady" of Stow, presented this program at the August 5 meeting of the Munroe Falls Historical Society. Ethel discusses growing up in Stow and Munroe Falls. She was in high school when the depression hit.

**On the Move...Postal Workers Settle in, Make History** by Wilkins, Dave

**Vol:** 6 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2002-12-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls post office

**Annotation:** This article was printed in the February 2, 1947 issue of Akron Beacon Journal Roto Magazine. Munroe Falls Postmaster Don Wilkinson moved into the new post office and the article compares old to new.

**Excerpts From Father's Memory of Munroe Falls Settlement** by Lodge, William

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2003-03-01

**Subject:** George H. Lodge

**Annotation:** George H. Lodge was an early settler of Munroe Falls. His son, Ralph H. Lodge, started and operated Silver Lake Park. George's grandson, William Lodge wrote a history of Stow Township and Silver Lake. This article was abstracted from William Lodge's history.

**New County of Summit Created**, EDITOR

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2003-04-01

**Subject:** Summit County

**Annotation:** This article was taken from the front page of the June 30, 1975 Sesquicentennial Special Section of the Akron Beacon Journal. It is probable that this article was originally abstracted from The Summit County Beacon, which was founded April 15, 1839, and was the precursor to the Akron Beacon Journal. The article outlines the two-year battle to create the Summit County seat and includes a drawing of the Summit County Courthouse from the 1840s.

**Second Canal Got Town Together** by NICHOLS, KENNETH

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2003-05-01

**Subject:** Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, Akron, Ohio

**Annotation:** This article was taken from the June 30, 1975 Sesquicentennial Special Section of the Akron Beacon Journal. It is probable that this article was originally abstracted from The Summit County Beacon, which was founded April 15, 1839, and was the precursor to the Akron Beacon Journal. The article outlines how news of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal running through Akron unified North Akron and South

Akron. In 1836, the state legislature granted their joint petition for a town charter. There are also several anecdotes about the P. & O. canal listed under the main article.

**"The Falls News" Munroe Falls Baseball** by Wilson, Vanda

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2003-06-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Baseball

**Annotation:** This piece is a compilation of ten abstracted articles on Munroe Falls Little League baseball. All articles were published in the Falls News in 1956. Included along with the article is a photograph of three members of the Munroe Falls Little League, James Rutan, Dannis Marinics, and David Drayer, along with their coach Larry Cummins.

**The Munroe Falls Dam**, Editor

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2003-09-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Dam

**Annotation:** This article focuses on the old stone masonry dam at Munroe Falls. This dam is an icon of the town and provides its name; however, the Ohio EPA Clean Water Act study determined that the eight-mile stretch of river upstream from the Munroe Falls dam forms a stagnant, algae-filled backwater that robs the river of oxygen needed to maintain aquatic life. The article covers both the current situation of the dam, and some historical facts about the dam. Included with the article is a photo of the dam in 1921, and a site plane sketch of Munroe Falls Dam from 1998.

**Old-time Munroe Falls Comes Back to Life** by Hentosz, Jeffrey

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2003-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article originally appeared in the August 30, 1992 issue of the Sentry, and is reprinted with their permission. In 1992, former Munroe Falls resident Francis Thompson invited members of the Munroe Falls Historical Society to view the model train display of Munroe Falls in the 1930s. Akron resident Joe Kachurchak constructed most of the house models from Thompson's designs, which were based on his recollections of growing up in Munroe Falls. Bob Ruggerio of Akron worked on the foliage. A photo of the village is included with the article.

**Ohio Canals Program Presented Last Month**, Editor

**Vol:** 7 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2003-11-01

**Subject:** Ohio Canals, Ohio and Erie Canal, Alfred Kelley

**Annotation:** This article is a summary of a program on Ohio Canals presented by Fred Wahl. The presentation focused on Alfred Kelley and his work to provide legislation to support the Ohio canal system. The article highlights some facts and history about the canals.

**Lake, Housing Promised...Munroe Falls Hearing on 16-acre Gravel Mine**, Editor

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2004-01-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Rezoning

**Annotation:** This article is abstracted from the April 3, 1973 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal. At the time, Munroe Falls Village Council was considering a request to rezone 16 acres of the 100-acre Harry Olson farm from residential to industrial, to allow Damon and Hickey Gravel Company to operate a gravel quarry next to the river. The farm was situated along the west side of North Main Street. A second article on this subject was published later that week. Two photos are included with the article: one of the Harry Olson Farmhouse, and another of Mary Olson's Flower Shop, which operated for many years.

**Munroe Falls Allows 16-Acre Gravel Mine** by Larrick, Bruce

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2004-01-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Rezoning

**Annotation:** This is the second article taken from the Akron Beacon Journal on the subject of rezoning the Harry Olson farm. It recounts the decision to allow the 16 acres of the farm to be rezoned for the purposes of a gravel quarry.

**March is Women's History Month** Editor

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2004-03-01

**Subject:** Women's History, Pioneers, Northeast Ohio

**Annotation:** This article summarizes the "Ohio Bicentennial Exhibit" that was displayed in 2003 at the Munroe Falls Historical Museum. A book titled "Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve" was published in 1896 and included stories about women who lived in Stow Township. Brief sketches about Abiah Gaylord, Sally Darling Kelsey, and Martha Gaylord follow.

**Ice Harvesting on Silver Lake** by Lodge, William R.

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2004-03-01

**Subject:** Silver Lake, Lodge

**Annotation:** This article about harvesting ice from Silver Lake was written in 1936 by William R. Lodge, grandson of George H. Lodge, an early settler of Munroe Falls. William's father, Ralph H. Lodge, purchased the lake in 1874 and later bought 35 acres of surrounding land and opened Silver Lake Park in 1876. (A photograph of Ralph H. Lodge is included on page 1 of this issue.) The article describes the methods and importance of ice fishing.

**Striving, Surviving, Thriving at Munroe Falls** Editor

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2004-05-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Munroe Falls Paper Company

**Annotation:** This article is a history of Munroe Falls Paper Company. In 1960, Sonoco Products purchased and began operating the old paper mill at Munroe Falls, and this article is abstracted from the November 1984 issue of Sonoco News. The article outlines the history of the paper company from its start in 1837 to the time the article was written in 1984. An Editor's note reveals that paper making was discontinued in January 2001. The article contains two photographs, one of workers at the mill, and another of the paper mill wagon.

**The Methodist Church at Munroe Falls** by Olin, Rev. Gary L.

**Vol: 8 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 2004-06-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Methodist Church

**Annotation:** This article is the first of two articles in this issue about the Methodist church in Munroe Falls and was written by the first pastor of Twin Falls Methodist Church, Rev. Gary L. Olin. It details the history of Twin Falls United Methodist Church, which is located on North River Road in Munroe Falls. This church was constructed between August 1969 and June 1970 at a cost of \$258,000. It describes the merger of the congregations of both the Munroe Falls Methodist Church and the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church. Twin Falls Methodist Church was dedicated at a consecration service on November 1, 1970. The article includes a sketch of Twin Falls Methodist Church.

**The Munroe Falls Methodist Church (continued...)** by Williams, Dorothy

**Vol: 8 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 2004-06-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Methodist Church

**Annotation:** This article is the second of two articles in this issue about the Methodist church in Munroe Falls and was written by the President of the Ladies Aid Society at Munroe Falls Methodist Church. This article was abstracted from a handwritten history (probably about 1960.) The article also includes a sketch of Munroe Falls Methodist Church.

**Sylvester Gaylord...an Outstanding Craftsman** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol: 8 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 2004-08-01

**Subject:** Gaylord Family, Stow Meeting House

**Annotation:** This article focuses on Sylvester Gaylord, son of Johnathan Gaylord Jr., the first member of the Gaylord family to settle in Stow. Sylvester learned carpentry in Cleveland and worked with Joseph Butler in Stow Township. He was a member of the Disciples Church at Stow and was a trustee at the time the Stow meeting house was constructed. In addition to building the meeting house in 1875, he is credited with building a number of private dwellings and structures in Summit County, including the Gaylord Inn at Silver Lake Park in 1850. He also crafted a hand-carved black walnut pulpit for the new church. This pulpit is currently displayed in the Stow Christian Church. This article contains a photo of the Stow Disciples Meeting House. The caption explains that the building was moved to its current location on Williamson Road in 1922 and is currently a two-family dwelling.

**"I was Always Walking"** by Gaylord, Raymond

**Vol: 8 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 2004-08-01

**Subject:** Gaylord Family, Stow Christian Church

**Annotation:** This article is written by Raymond Gaylord, the youngest of seven children who grew up in Munroe Falls. He is the great great grandson of Johnathan Gaylord Jr., a shipbuilder who walked from Stow Township to work in the Cleveland shipyards during the War of 1812, and the great grandson of Sylvester Gaylord. The Gaylord family settled in Munroe Falls in 1809 and were among the charter members of the Stow Christian Church. Raymond was ordained in this church in 1944.

**History of Stow** by Fifer, Gay

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2004-09-01

**Subject:** Stow, Wetmore, Stow Bicentennial

**Annotation:** This article commemorates the 200th birthday of the City of Stow and was abstracted from an 11-page history of Stow written in 1973 by Gay Fifer. Fifer compiled it from historical data and notes written by the late Frank Green, sexton of Stow Cemetery. The original manuscript is on file at Munroe Falls Historical Museum. The article discusses many notable figures in Stow's history, including Judge Joshua Stow and William Wetmore. A small reproduction map of Stow Township from the 1874 Summit County Atlas is included.

**An Interview with Gladys and Philip Doane of Munroe Falls** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2004-10-01

**Subject:** Oral History, Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article is a manuscript of one of several interview transcripts on file in the Munroe Falls Historical Society Museum archives. It is an oral history of Munroe Falls residents Gladys and Philip Doane, who have lived in Munroe Falls for the past 51 years. A photo and description of a water storage tank that was constructed in 1951 and torn down in April 2000 is included with this article. There are also photos of the C. P. Dixon General Store and the barber shop and offices that occupy the site today.

**Meandering Through Munroe Falls** by Theis, Jana M.

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2004-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Geistweite House

**Annotation:** This article appeared in the 1982 January/February issue of Western Reserve Magazine. Highlighted in the article is the Geistweite House at 21 North Main Street. It was owned by Maxine and Snowden Kline from 1963 until 2002. The Kline heirs sold the house to an investor, who turned the house into offices; the house was later sold at auction to the Hallrich Corporation. The article includes a hand-drawn map of the Plan for the Village of Munroe Falls from October 16, 1838, and a drawing by Ann Niemann of the Geistweite House, which was built in 1868.

**History of the Munroe Falls Methodist Church**, Editor

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 10

**Date:** 2004-12-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Munroe Falls Methodist Church

**Annotation:** This article is a brief history of the Munroe Falls Methodist Episcopal Church. It is taken from a handwritten church record book in the Munroe Falls Historical Museum archives dated 1908 to 1912. The book also contains listings of members, probationers, baptisms, and marriages. Included with the article is a poem "The Old Methodist Church", written by Munroe Falls resident Keith Spriggel. There is also a photo of Munroe Falls Episcopal Church.

**Twin Falls Methodist Church** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 8 **Issue:** 10

**Date:** 2004-12-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Twin Falls Methodist Church

**Annotation:** This article provides readers with a brief historical sketch of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church. In 1968, Munroe Falls Episcopal Church united with the Zion Evangelical Church in Cuyahoga Falls to form what is today Twin Falls United Methodist Church. The new church, which was dedicated November 1, 1970, today ministers to families in both Munroe Falls and eastern Cuyahoga Falls. The article includes a photo of Twin Falls United Methodist Church

**Museum Patriotic Exhibit Opened February 20th in Conjunction with Presidents Day Observance** Editor

**Vol:** 9 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2005-03-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Museum

**Annotation:** Description of a colorful patriotic display that highlighted the Revolutionary War era, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the 1976 Bicentennial. A number of anecdotes about Stow and Munroe Falls residents being involved in patriotic U.S. events are recounted. Anecdotes about the following individuals are included: Archibald Willard, Rev. Samuel Willard, Roy Heimbaugh, Jacob Spriggel, George North Sr, George Wolf, and Michael Ebel.

**"I Remember",** Editor

**Vol:** 9 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2005-03-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Society, Terry Schneider

**Annotation:** At the October 2004 meeting of the Munroe Falls Historical Society, three presenters reminisced about the Munroe Falls of yesteryear. The presenters were Jack Stevic of Tallmadge, Shirley North Stebbins of Stow, and Terry Schneider of Munroe Falls. This article highlights some memories from Terry Schneider. Not all of his stories could be reprinted in this article; however, a copy of Terry's speech was filed in the Historical Society Museum archives.

**Growing Up on North River Road** by Stebbins, Shirley North

**Vol:** 9 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2005-04-01

**Subject:** Shirley North Stebbins, North River Road Club

**Annotation:** This article highlights some of the memories of Shirley North Stebbins, one of three presenters who participated in the "I Remember" program hosted by the Munroe Falls Historical Society in October 2004. Shirley grew up on a farm on North River Road in Munroe Falls, and this article focuses on stories about her caring neighbors and her participation in the North River Road Club. The North River Road Club started in 1926 when a group of seven young women decided to get together on a regular basis.

**John Graham and His Descendants in Stow Township** by Green, Frank

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2006-03-01

**Subject:** John Graham, Stow Township

**Annotation:** This article about early Stow Township pioneer John Graham was abstracted from the January 1 and January 8, 1937 issues of The Stow Community Church News (Vol. IV). John Graham was born in Paisley, Scotland in 1776. He left for the United States in 1804 and came to Ohio in 1806 or 1808. Graham had been a weaver

by trade, and worked at a Hudson distillery until his marriage to Margaret Stewart in 1814. He is linked with early industry in Munroe Falls. In 1816, he purchased a piece of land along the north side of the Cuyahoga River where he built a log home and, shortly thereafter, a distillery. A sluice on his property provided power to power this operation. Graham Road is named after the Graham family.

**March Society Meeting was Well-Attended**, Editor

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2006-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Society, Railroad

**Annotation:** This article summarizes a railroad program presented by locomotive engineer David H. Mangold. According to Mangold, most railroads in northeast Ohio were up and running much earlier than the Pittsburgh and Western railroad that passed through Munroe Falls. Several facts about the railroad are reported here.

**Music in the Air as Munroe Moves on Bell Tower** by Benson, Mindy

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2006-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls City Hall, Bell Tower

**Annotation:** This article is abstracted from the May 31, 1984 issue of the Kent Record Courier. In 1983, Munroe Falls Historical Society president Briana Caccamo led the society in the task of placing a new bell tower structure on top of Munroe Falls village hall. A dedication ceremony for the bell tower was held on July 4, 1984. A photograph of the installation of the bell tower in 1984 is included with the article.

**Bell Will Ring Again in Munroe Falls** by Chapman, Polly

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2006-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls City Hall, Bell Tower

**Annotation:** This is the second article about the Munroe Falls Village Hall bell tower. It was originally published in the Akron Beacon Journal on July 20, 1984 and includes information about the effort to build the new tower, led by Munroe Falls Historical Society president Briana Caccamo. The article includes two photographs: one of the Munroe Falls township schoolhouse, circa 1900, and one of the Munroe Falls Village Hall in 1984. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1885 on the southwest corner of Route 91 and Munroe Falls Avenue. It later became the City Hall building and, in 1965, it was moved to its present address at 43 Munroe Falls Avenue.

**Letter to the Editor** by Guise, Newton C.

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2006-05-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls City Hall, Bell Tower

**Annotation:** The articles about the Munroe Falls City Hall bell tower prompted Newton Guise, a Munroe Falls Historical Society life member from San Jose, CA, to share his recollections from his childhood about ringing the bell with his friends as a prank. The letter is dated April 12, 2006.

**The Summit County Home** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2006-05-01

**Subject:** Summit County Home

**Annotation:** For nearly 50 years, the Summit County Home was a fixture in the lives of Munroe Falls residents. The Home, located on Route 91 south of South River Road, was an expansive brick building in a classic revival style. From 1919 to 1970, the County Home was known as a hospital, a surgical center for unwed mothers, and a home for many disadvantaged groups: the poor, the senile, the mentally retarded, the developmentally disabled, the transient, and those addicted to alcohol. As a result of a Huron County nursing home fire, legislation enacting a fire code for nursing homes was passed in 1963. In 1970, as a result of failed safety inspections at the facility, the county decided to close the home. The 203 remaining residents were transferred to other area homes. For nearly ten years, the home remained empty; it was vandalized and allowed to deteriorate while county officials debated the fate of the building. It was finally demolished in 1980. Heather Knoll Nursing Home occupies the site today. Included with this article are two photographs: one is an aerial photo of the Summit County Home in Munroe Falls, published in the Akron Beacon Journal in 1964. The second is of the 1988 monument honoring those buried in the Summit County Home cemetery.

**Keepers of the Faith: Early Religion in Stow Township** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2006-06-01

**Subject:** Disciples of Christ, First Christian Church

**Annotation:** Few people know that a meeting house once stood at the west end of Stow Cemetery. This building served as a place of worship for several local religious groups between 1831 and 1876. The building was used by the Disciples of Christ congregation longer than any other group. This congregation is still active in Stow; in fact, 2006 marks the 175th anniversary of First Christian Church at Stow. Several sources were utilized to write this article, including: Stow Christian Church records, writings by Stow sexton Frank A. Green, Disciple histories, and Christian Standard, along with other publications on file in the archives at Hiram College. A 2006 photo of the Stow Cemetery sign is included.

**A Tribute to Robert Arden Van Kirk, Editor**

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2006-06-01

**Subject:** Robert Van Kirk, Munroe Falls Historical Society

**Annotation:** This obituary for Robert Van Kirk, long-time Munroe Falls Historical Society member, was included in the June/July 2006 issue of Olde Heritage. It includes a poem composed by Robert Van Kirk, "Take Time".

**Construction of Munroe Falls Dam Project is Nearly Complete, Editor**

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2006-08-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Dam Project

**Annotation:** Information about progress on the ongoing Munroe Falls Dam Project. A color photo of the nearly completed project is included.

**Munroe Falls Historical Society Turns 30: 1976 To 2006** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2006-08-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Historical Society



**Annotation:** This article provides a history of the Munroe Falls Historical Society.

**George Elbert Burr: Renown Landscape Artist Born in Munroe Falls** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2006-10-01

**Subject:** George Elbert Burr

**Annotation:** George Elbert Burr was born in Munroe Falls on April 15, 1859. He was a watercolorist, but also produced twenty-five thousand etchings. His grandfather, Sylvester Gaylord, came to Ohio in 1809 from Middletown, Connecticut. His family settled along the north side of the Cuyahoga River in southern Stow Township at what is today, Munroe Falls. Burr's etchings are in the collections of major museums and libraries in cities such as London, New York, Boston, Denver and Phoenix. Burr was a nature lover and best known for his landscapes. An India ink drawing of Silver Lake that he drew at age 10 is included.

**An Old-Fashioned Winner . . .** by Reiff, Rick

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2006-11-01

**Subject:** John Renner, Munroe Falls Park

**Annotation:** This article was abstracted from the December 19, 1976 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal. It is a biographical sketch of John M. Renner, a property developer who sold the Village of Munroe Falls a large piece of land in 1978 to create Munroe Falls Park. A portrait of John Renner is included with the article.

**Munroe Falls Park: Popular Swim Park at Munroe Falls Until 1978** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 10 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2006-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Park

**Annotation:** This article recounts the history of Munroe Falls Park, from a farm to a private swimming club to a public park.

**Town Hall Will Showcase Fire Department Memorabilia** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 11 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2007-05-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Fire Department

**Annotation:** This article is reprinted from the October 3, 1993 issue of the Stow Sentry. At the time this newsletter was published, an announcement had been made that the old fire station in Munroe Falls would be demolished the following year. The article recounts the history of the fire station building and also includes a photograph.

**The Old Fire Station: an Alternative to "Tearing It Down"** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 11 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2007-05-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Fire Department

**Annotation:** This is an editorial that argues for the old fire station building to be spared. A 1952 photograph showing the ceremonial burning of the fire station mortgage included.

**Munroe Falls Bulletin: Munroe Falls Village Newspaper 1955**

**Vol: 11 Issue: 5**

**Date:** 2007-07-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This month's feature article is a compilation of articles abstracted from the short-lived Munroe Falls Bulletin, a monthly newspaper published from 1954 to 1957, specifically for residents of Munroe Falls.

**Common Heritage Links Paper Plant, Munroe Falls** by Murray, M. Mitchell

**Vol: 11 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 2007-09-01

**Subject:** Sonoco Product Company, Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article originally appeared in the August 20, 1986 issue of the Kent Record Courier. The article gives a brief history of the Sonoco plant and a description of the types of products that were manufactured there.

**Paper Plant Smoke Again: Without Oil, Sonoco Goes Back to Coal Boiler** by Larrick, Bruce

**Vol: 11 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 2007-09-01

**Subject:** Sonoco Products Company, Munroe Falls Paper Mill

**Annotation:** This article is undated but attributed to the Akron Beacon Journal during the energy crises of the late 1970s. The article discusses how the plant adapted to rises in gas prices. Included in the article is a postcard of the Munroe Falls Paper Mill, circa 1900.

**A Tribute to John Leo Koshar**, Editor

**Vol: 11 Issue: 6**

**Date:** 2007-09-01

**Subject:** John Koshar

**Annotation:** Included in this issue is a personal obituary and tribute for John Leo Koshar, who passed away on May 20, 2007. He was a charter member of the Munroe Falls Historical Society and also served as its first president in 1976. He went on to serve as president a total of four times.

**Gaylord History** by Gaylord Bentel, Hattie

**Vol: 11 Issue: 7**

**Date:** 2008-10-01

**Subject:** Gaylord Family

**Annotation:** This is a history of the Gaylord family written by Hattie Gaylord Bentel, who was born June 27, 1861. At the time she wrote this, she was one of only five grandchildren of Johnathan Gaylord still living. Johnathan Gaylord and his extended family traveled from Middletown, Connecticut to stake a claim and settle along the banks of the Cuyahoga River in what is today, Munroe Falls. Only pages 1 through 3 of a nine-page Gaylord history are included in this article.

**Early Schools Attended by Munroe Falls Students** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol: 11 Issue: 8**

**Date:** 2007-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Schools

**Annotation:** This article attempts to track the history of schools in Stow and Munroe Falls. It represents approximately 30 years of research into the schools. Included with

the article is a hand drawn map showing the location of the first school house in Munroe Falls, dated March 2, 1840. There is also a second map included, an 1852 Summit County Auditor's map of Munroe Falls.

**The Thornton Story, 1840-1959** by Steese, Jay C.

**Vol:** 11 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2007-12-01

**Subject:** Thornton Family, Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article is excerpted from an unpublished 12-page family history written by Jay C. Steese. It primarily traces the Thornton ownership of land. Two homes built by the Thornton family are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Included in the article are color photographs of both homes, the Thornton Stone House and the Cornelius Guise House. Also included are color photos of Vanna (Vianna) Thornton Guise and her husband, Cornelius Guise.

**Bert Szabo Receives Park Award,** Editor

**Vol:** 11 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2007-12-01

**Subject:** Bert Szabo, Summit County Metro Parks

**Annotation:** Munroe Falls resident and Munroe Falls Historical Society member Bert Szabo was inducted into the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Hall of Fame. Bert began his career with the Metro Parks in 1947 and was appointed a full-time naturalist in 1969. He retired in 1991, but has volunteered over 6000 hours since his retirement.

**Joshua Stow Of Middletown, Connecticut** by Adams, Charles Collard

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2008-01-01

**Subject:** Joshua Stow, Stow

**Annotation:** This article was written consists of abstracts from the January 19, 1924 issue of the Middletown Press, Middletown, CT. This biographical sketch includes Stow's epitaph and portrait. Also included are photographs of the Middlefield, Connecticut Church and Cemetery.

**Ohio Historic Markers Tell the History of Communities,** Editor

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 1

**Date:** 2008-01-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, Silver Lake

**Annotation:** The locations of three historical markers are listed in this article. One is located at the Pilgrim Church in Cuyahoga Falls, the oldest church in Summit County to still meet in its original building, erected in 1834. The second marker is next to this river on Rt. 91 in Munroe Falls and commemorates the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal. A third marker is in Silver Lake and notes the historical significance of both the Native American tribes that lived along the lake, and the former Silver Lake Amusement Park.

**Cuyahoga River Sediment Behind the Former Munroe Falls Dam Reveals Centuries of Change,** Editor

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2008-03-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Dam

**Annotation:** At the February 2008 meeting of the Munroe Falls Historical Society, University of Akron Geology professor John Peck presented an overview of the research

he conducted at the site of the former Munroe Falls dam. Core samples of the riverbed and its sediment were taken at all times of the year, both before and after the dam was removed.

**Excerpts From the Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Department Cuyahoga River Trip Manual, Editor**

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 2

**Date:** 2008-03-01

**Subject:** Cuyahoga River,

**Annotation:** According to the Editor's Note, the middle Cuyahoga River that bisects the southern part of Stow Township is accessible to the public by pontoon boat in the summer months. For a small fee, the Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Department offers narrated scenic tours of the river. This is an excerpt of the information provided on the tour. Included is a photo taken from the pontoon boat tour in August 1997 of the view of a triple arch railroad bridge.

**Papa Lauer Loves A Red-Faced Monster: The Munroe Falls Water Tower** by Lilly, Kathy

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2008-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Water Tower

**Annotation:** This news article originally appeared in the September 2, 1969 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal. "Papa Lauer" was chairman of the Munroe Falls Board of Public Affairs, a committee associated with the adoption and growth of public utilities in the Village. The article details the planning and construction of the tower, and includes a photo of the tower taken in 2001.

**Munroe Falls Gossip, Editor**

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2008-04-01

**Subject:** Munro Falls, Water Tower

**Annotation:** Pieces abstracted from the village newspaper "Munroe Falls Gossip" regarding the Water Board and matters involving water service to Munroe Falls.

**Water System Completed, Editor**

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2008-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Water

**Annotation:** Undated news clipping from Munroe Falls Museum archives (probably 1955).

**Munroe Falls Water Rates to Increase, Editor**

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2008-04-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Water

**Annotation:** An article from the Munroe Falls Museum archive, dated December 29, 1976.

**The Purchase of Munroe Falls Park** by Bruce, Robert

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 4

**Date:** 2008-05-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Park,

**Annotation:** This letter, dated May 20, 1978, was written by long-time Munroe Falls resident Robert C. Bruce to Summit County Probate Judge Nathan Koplín following the purchase of Munroe Falls Park by Akron Metro Parks in 1978. A ten-member park study committee, chaired by former Mayor Boggs, met for the first time in August 1977. A consultant was later hired, and a 40-page finalized report went to Village Council in November 1977. After months of delays and negotiations, the Metro Park board voted to purchase Renner's Park for one million dollars on April 28, 1978. Included with this letter is a photo of the park's swimming area, courtesy of Metro Parks Serving Summit County.

**The First Funeral Home in Stow** by Gregory, Rev. Leo

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2008-07-01

**Subject:** Stow, funeral homes

**Annotation:** This article was abstracted from an eight-page booklet entitled "Stow's First Funeral Home" published in 1953 by Rev. Leo Gregory to commemorate the opening of the funeral home at 117 West Kent Road. This booklet was printed to coincide with a public Open House at the funeral home on January 4, 1953. The Dunn-Quigley Funeral Home occupies this site today. The building is historically significant because it was constructed circa 1834 by Titus Wetmore, who settled in Stow Township with his brother William

**Minutes Of 1946/47 Munroe Falls Council Meetings**

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2008-07-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Town Hall

**Annotation:** These minutes are from December 17 and December 21, 1946, and April 1, 1947. Topics discussed at the meetings include: Purchase of the Town Hall from Munroe Falls Paper Company, Possibility of implementing water and sewer in the Village, and Necessity for inspection of fuel oil furnaces and water heaters. A photo of the Munroe Falls Village Town Hall from May 1965 is included with these minutes.

**School Building to Village Hall** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 5

**Date:** 2008-07-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, City Hall Building

**Annotation:** This article details the history of the building that houses Munroe Falls City Hall. It was originally built in 1885 as a schoolhouse at the corner of Route 91 and Munroe Falls Avenue.

**Munroe Falls Fire Station was Razed July 16th**, Editor

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 6

**Date:** 2008-08-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Fire Station

**Annotation:** The old fire station on Rt. 91, built in 1948, was quickly demolished on July 16, 2008. A brief history of the fire station is included.

**Our 158-Year-Old Museum House was Built by Renown Abolitionist Owen Brown**, Editor

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2008-09-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls Museum

**Annotation:** The Museum house, which stands at 83 Munroe Falls Avenue is not only historically significant for the fact that it was built by Owen Brown, father of famous abolitionist John Brown. It is also one of the last remaining examples of the architectural style and construction representative of the mid-19th century in Munroe Falls.

**The Plum Family of Munroe Falls** by Lown, Marilyn

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2008-09-01

**Subject:** Plum Family

**Annotation:** This article was compiled using a number of resources. "Early History of Stow, Silver Lake and Munroe Falls" by William Lodge (1943), "Portrait and Biographical Record of Portage and Summit County", the Lombard, Illinois website (<http://www.villageoflombard.org/>), and the Village of Silver Lake website, created by Dee Topinka, which can be found at: [www.geocities.com/villageofsilverlakeohio](http://www.geocities.com/villageofsilverlakeohio). A photo of Col. William R. Plum, a photo of the Plum Monument at Oakwood Cemetery in Cuyahoga Falls, and a photo of

**Lilacs Bloom in Two States, In Memory of Long Ago Fallsite** by Ewart, Grace K.

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 7

**Date:** 2008-09-01

**Subject:** Plum Family

**Annotation:** This article about the Plum family was abstracted from the April 7, 1960 issue of The Falls News. Lilacia Park is an 8.5-acre park in Lombard, Illinois that was bequeathed to the public following the death of Col. William R. Plum in 1927.

**Elson's Turning 147-year-old House into a Home** by Worley, Luann

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2008-10-01

**Subject:** Elson, Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article originally appeared in the January 19, 1983 edition of the Record Courier. The building, located at 10 North Main Street, is the oldest structure in Munroe Falls. It was reportedly built by Lyman Beckley in 1836. A Summit County auditor's map indicates that this building was a sash factory in 1846. It was one of eleven buildings owned by C. W. Cartwright, a Boston industrialist who bought out the assets of the Munroe Falls Manufacturing Company after the Munroe Brothers industry when out of business after the Panic of 1837. Later, the building was a general store, and another article in this same issue provides information about this part of the building's history. Included with the article is a photo of the General Store at Munroe Falls, which was located at 21 North Main Street.

**This Old House is a History Lesson: Couple Restores 1835 Munroe Falls Building** by Livers, Ancella

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 8

**Date:** 2008-10-01

**Subject:** Elson, Munroe Falls

**Annotation:** This article originally appeared in the February 22, 1983 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal. This building was previously a general store and the article

details the restoration and construction details about the building. Included with the article is a photo of the C. A. Dixon Family. It was reportedly taken in the second floor living area of the Dixon general store building.

**A Milestone for Munroe Falls In 2009**, Editor

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2008-11-01

**Subject:** Munroe Falls, Bicentennial

**Annotation:** This article notes that 2009 commemorates 200 years since the first organized group of Connecticut settlers came to the area that became Munroe Falls. The article briefly recounts the history of this settlement.

**Munroe Falls Stone House is a National Historic Site** by Cholak, Sandra

**Vol:** 12 **Issue:** 9

**Date:** 2008-11-01

**Subject:** Thornton-Guise House

**Annotation:** The first half of this article is reprinted from the July 24, 1975 issue of the Record Courier. The article announced the designation of the Thornton-Guise Stone House at 147 South Main Street on the National Register of Historic Places. The second half is a description of the Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House, copied from the National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, including a Statement of Significance. Included with this article are three photographs. One depicts an 1890s winter scene of the Cornelius Guise Home. The other two are full color pictures of the House and Stone Kitchen, taken in 2008.

**Leave the Porch Light On**

**Vol:** 13 **Issue:** 3

**Date:** 2009-04-01

**Subject:** MUNROE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Annotation:** Former Munroe Falls Police Chief Steve Stahl presented information about the police department from the 1950s to today.