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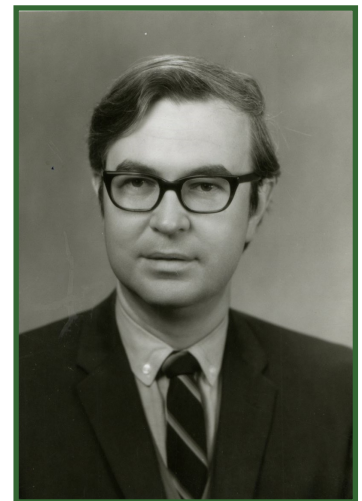
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BALL-SHOLTY AWARD

The 2021 Ball-Sholty Award was posthumously given to the William Baugh. William Baugh was a teacher of history at Rossville and a recognized figure in the Lafayette community. He was a long time advocate for TCHA. He served for a time as the first executive director of TCHA and was widely regarded as the primary mover behind the annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon, which is TCHA's biggest fundraiser. He was also one of the founders of the Tippecanoe Ancient Fife and Drum corps.

The Evelyn Ball & William Sholty Award recipient is selected each year the by TCHA Board of Governors in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation of Tippecanoe County history.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



The 2021 Volunteer of the Year award was presented to James Hiter for the construction of the Eagle exhibit case at the Tippecanoe Battlefield. Jim, a woodworker, took over the construction project and contributed some of his own resources in order to complete the new home for the nearly 150-year-old statue.

The Volunteer of the Year award is selected each year by the staff of TCHA.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 2022 TCHA Board of Governors.

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COMMITTEE HELP WANTED!

TCHA is looking for volunteers from the membership to serve on vital committees that help oversee several functions of the Association's operations. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees or would like more information, please contact the Board President or Operations Manager.

Development & Membership Committee

Function: To maintain and recruit membership for TCHA and to help seek out, apply for and procure external funding for TCHA from sponsorships, grants and donations.

Responsible for the annual appeal and cultivation of potential donors.

Meets monthly or more frequently as needed.

Historic Markers Committee

Function: To oversee and manage the historic markers in the county.

Meets as needed.

Facilities Committee

Function: To oversee maintenance, major improvements or construction of the properties and grounds owned by TCHA, including the Blockhouse, Arganbright Center, History Center and Battlefield Museum.

Meets monthly or more frequently as needed.

Programs Advisory Committee

Function: To advise the Program Chair on topics, presentations, or activities relative to the community service and engagement aspect of the TCHA mission.

Meets monthly or more frequently as needed.

Publications Committee

Function: To plan and review publications regarding local history and review previous publications that TCHA has produced in order to update and consider republish them.

Meets as needed.

OPERATIONS REPORT

By Leslie Martin Conwell, Operations Manager

TCHA is blessed to have many dedicated volunteers who help the Association meet our mission and our responsibility to the community as Tippecanoe County's history keeper. If you go out to the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum & History Store on the weekend, you're liable to meet Caitlyn Pettet! Caitlyn is a student at William Henry Harrison High School and has been volunteering at the battlefield every weekend for several years. She greets visitors, answers questions, and assists in the store. Caitlyn is inspiring in her dedication to TCHA and her outstanding hospitality to visitors. Because of her great work, Caitlyn received a special "Junior Volunteer of the Year" award from TCHA at the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations, Caitlyn!



FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

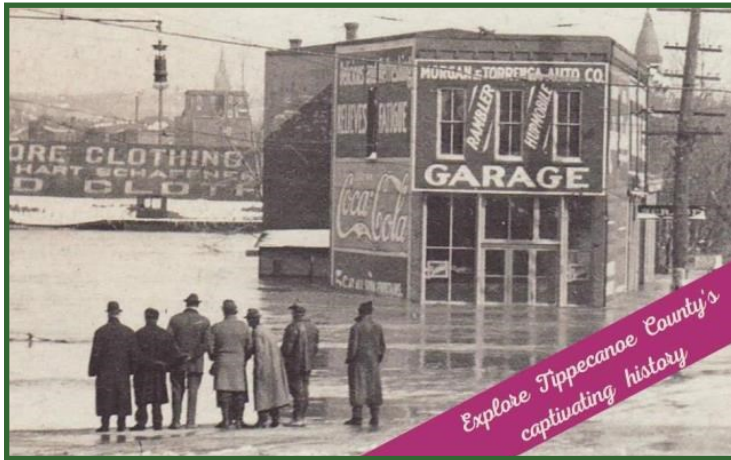
By Leslie Martin Conwell, Feast Event Manager

Everybody LOVES Feast of the Hunters' Moon food! All of the Feast food booths are run by area non-profits. Are you a member of a local non-profit who might be looking to do a fundraiser? Have you always wanted to get involved in the Feast with your group? Come to an informational meeting to find out how your group can have a food booth to raise funds for your non-profit, help the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, and support the community! This is a hybrid meeting- in person at the History Center, 522 Columbia Street, Lafayette, and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted the day before on www.tippecanoehistory.org's calendar of events.



PROGRAMS

By Leslie Martin Conwell, Program Director



TCHA is gearing up for an exciting year of programming! View the list of programs at <https://tippecanoehistory.org/wp-content/uploads/Program-and-Events-Guide-2022.Final-1.pdf>

TCHA is interested in what you'd like to see in the way of programming. If you have some suggestions, please contact Program Director Leslie Martin Conwell, programs@tippecanoehistory.org, 765.426.2128. We look forward to hearing from you!

March Programs

"Ouiatenon Maple Sugaring"

Presented by French Living History Reenactors, Saturday, March 5, 10 AM – 4 PM, Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park. Learn about Native American and French 18th century culture at Ouiatenon, and how they produced maple sugar. Sponsored by La Compagnie des Beaux Eaux.

"To Keep Truth Marching On: Songs and Stories of Heroism from the Women's Suffrage Movement"

Presented by Of Thee I Sing: American Heritage Through Song, Sunday, March 6, 3:00 PM, at the History Center. This musical program focuses on the qualities of the American hero and the ways in which our suffragist ancestors—both women and men—can teach us about being American heroes today. The program will include historical songs, images, and costumes with lively audience participation, featuring vocalist Audrey Johnson, pianist James Dekle and student performers from the Lynn Treece Boys & Girls Club. This program is made possible in part by the Arts Federation and the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Show & Tell: Tippecanoe County and the 1913 Flood"

Presented by Pete Bill, Tuesday, March 22, 11:30 AM, the History Center. Tippecanoe County's flood stories have been captured in a recently published book. One of the book's authors will tell about the unique tales that occurred during this momentous natural disaster. Sponsored by the National Group.

"Tippecanoe County Collectors Show"

Saturday, March 26, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This event is an opportunity for collectors of local memorabilia to display and sell their Tippecanoe collectibles, and an opportunity for local history buffs to come see lots of Tippecanoe County memorabilia displayed by these collectors! The event is free to the public; exhibitor fee is \$25 per 8' table. Multiple tables may be purchased. Interested in being a vendor? Contact Leslie Conwell at director@tippecanoehistory.org, 765.426.2128. Lunch will be available onsite.

TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD NEWS

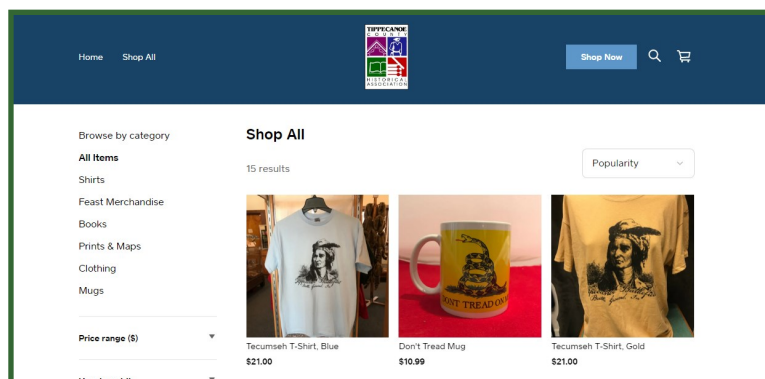
By Trey Gorden, Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum Manager

The transition to a new year reminds us that time keeps moving. As of this writing, some 210 years have passed since the event we know today as the Battle of Tippecanoe. So much has changed since that damp November morning in 1811. There's a huge monument at one end of the battlefield, for one thing, and an iron fence that would have made quite a difference if it had been there in 1811. A road and train tracks now stand between Prophetstown and the place where William Henry Harrison's troops camped.

And those are just the changes to the site of the battle itself. William Digby platted Lafayette fourteen years later, in 1825. By the time the Wabash and Erie Canal came along in the 1840s and boosted the town's fortunes, William Henry Harrison had enjoyed a varied and distinguished career, moved to Ohio, become president of the United States, and died. The nearby town of Harrisonville had sprouted up by the 1830s, and would be consolidated with the new town of Battle Ground in 1867. Just ten years earlier, the Battle Ground Institute had been established on the location where the museum now stands, to be followed throughout most of the 20th century by a tabernacle, a resort hotel, and a church camp.

The museum was established in 1971 on the site of the hotel and has been here ever since, though it looks much different now than it did then. Even the way we interpret and understand the Battle of Tippecanoe has changed over the years.

For a place that people have worked for over two hundred years to preserve, the Tippecanoe Battlefield has undergone a lot of changes. As historians and people fascinated by history, our members are probably more conscious of change than most. The study of history is really the study of change, after all.



The latest exciting change at the museum is the addition of our new online store! Go to <https://www.tippecanoehistorystore.org/s/shop> to find mugs, shirts, collectible George Winter prints, and TCHA publications. We'll be adding merchandise from time to time, so keep checking back. It's a great way to shop for educational gifts and support the Tippecanoe County Historical Association in our mission to enrich the lives of Tippecanoe County residents and visitors by collecting, preserving, and interpreting our unique and diverse history.

FROM THE VAULT

By Kelly Lippie, Curator of Collections

Help us to create the Tippecanoe County COVID-19 Archive!

Many state and county organizations are now working to preserve and remember the events of the last few years so future generations will understand what happened during the COVID-19 emergency. At TCHA, we are already at work documenting the events in Tippecanoe County and we need your help to collect the artifacts, photographs, and stories that will capture the experience of COVID-19 in our community.

At Right: A hand-made mask sewn by a group, Great Lafayette Sewing Masks, created in response to the early need for masks. These masks were sewn and given out to community members. Along with the mask, this group also donated all of the thank-you letters they received from mask recipients.



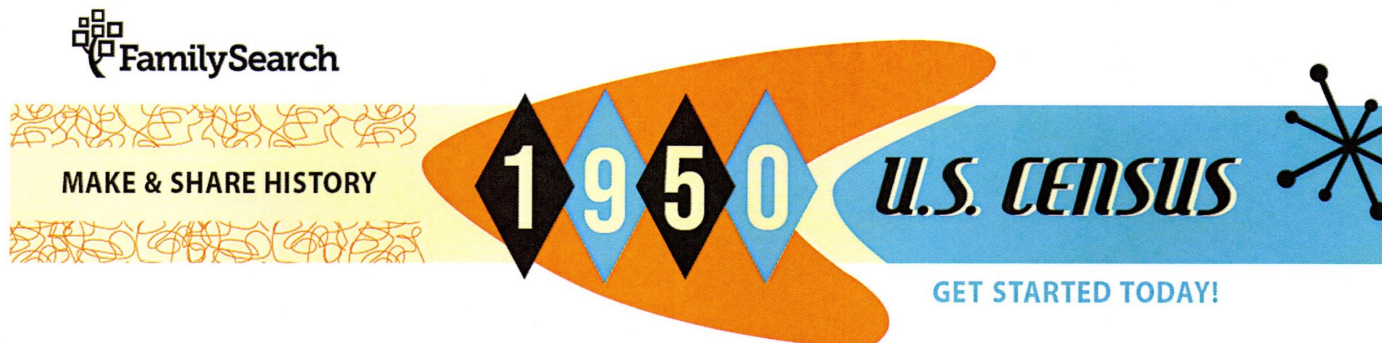
What kind of materials are we looking for?

- ◇ Photographs of signs, social-distancing markers, mask-wearing individuals or other events or objects that you think represent the experience in Tippecanoe County.
- ◇ Objects from the pandemic such as masks, signs, personal protection equipment used by residents in Tippecanoe County.
- ◇ Examples of products made locally that were created specifically in response to the pandemic. For example, some companies switched from distilling alcohol to producing hand sanitizer. We want to know about it and have examples for the collection.
- ◇ Stories about your experience during the COVID-19 emergency which could be in the form of a hand written or typed narrative or an audio or video recording.
- ◇ Notices or procedures that local companies put into effect during the pandemic, which may include employee guidelines or official policy statements.
- ◇ Something else? We are open to your ideas about what we should archive to preserve this event for future generations. Remember to ask yourself, "What do we want people 100 years from now to know about what happened here in Tippecanoe County during COVID-19?"

If you have questions or would like to make a donation to our TCHA COVID-19 archive, contact the curator of Collections at 765-476-8411 extension 3 or curator@tippecanoehistory.org

ALAMEDA MCCOLLOUGH RESEARCH LIBRARY

By Amy Harbor, Research Library Coordinator



Alameda McCollough Research Library Joins the 1950 US Census Community Project

TCHA's research library has joined forces with genealogy societies and organizations around the country as part of the 1950 US Census Project.

The initiative will publish a free, online, searchable name index of the 1950 US census after images of the census are released to the public in April 2022. This online index will offer family history researchers a rich genealogical data set for their ongoing use.

FamilySearch and Ancestry launched the initiative in the fall of 2021, and the project is already engaging thousands of volunteers to help provide this invaluable resource to family historians around the world.

The index created by the project will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view images of the original census pages where individuals are listed. The highly anticipated 1950 US census will be the most popular US record collection released to date.

"The 1950 census is attractive to both new and experienced researchers because most people in the United States can remember a relative that was living in 1950. It will do more to connect living memory and historical records and families than any other collection previously made available," said David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.

The 1950 US Census Community Project is also receiving support from leading societal organizations like the National Genealogical Society and other societies around the United States.

Go to FamilySearch.org/1950census and register to participate

1922

100 Years ago this year...

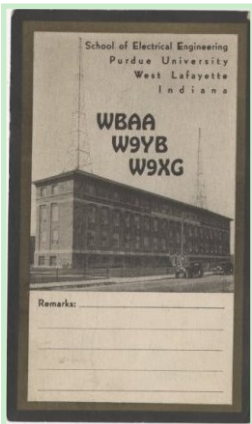
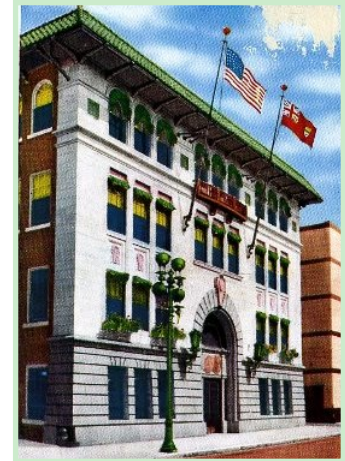
2022

The 1920s were a time a growth for Tippecanoe County. After the “Great War”, many people were ready to live large and celebrate life and community. Here are a few of the headlines from 1922, as found in the local newspapers by late historian, Robert Kriebel.

Jan. 25, 1922 – About 4,000 attended open house for the new Painters & Decorators international union headquarters building on North Sixth between Main and Ferry streets.

February, 1922 – Construction began northwest of State and Grant Streets in West Lafayette for the Purdue Memorial Union.

March, 1922 – Per federal court order, Julius Berlovitz and Charles Murdock bought the Lafayette Street Railway Company’s barn, tracks and poles.



April 9, 1922 – Parishioners placed the cornerstone on their St. Lawrence Church near 19th and Meharry streets.

April, 1922 – Indiana’s first licensed radio station, WBAA, went on the air in the Electrical Engineering building basement at Purdue University. The station operated at first with 20 watts’ power at 920 on the AM radio frequency.

May 16, 1922 – Purdue trustees chose Edward C. Elliott to take over as the sixth president of the university, effective Sept. 1, 1922.

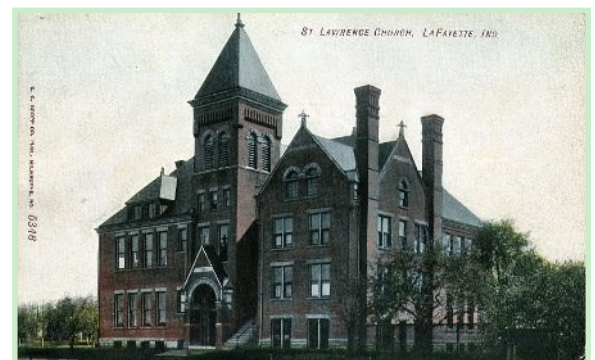
During 1922 – Drs. Arett C. Arnett and Franklin S. Crockett founded the Arnett-Crockett Medical Clinic in fourth-floor space in the Schultz Building, northwest corner of Fourth and Main streets

During 1922 – William M. Loudon succeeded Daniel B. Kehler as commandant at the Indiana Soldiers Home.

Aug. 14, 1922 – St. Elizabeth Hospital dedicated a 100-room addition.

During 1922 – Battle Ground High School opened, replacing School No. 8 and a 14-year-old building in Americus.

Sept. 6, 1922 – Purdue University alumni George Ade (Class of 1887) and David E. Ross (1893) announced their gift of the 65-acre Tilt dairy farm north of the West Lafayette campus for an athletic stadium. The announcement came at an alumni banquet at Indianapolis honoring the new Purdue president, Edward C. Elliott.



Sept. 17, 1922 – Roscoe Sarles, 31-year-old race car driver from Lafayette, rising in fame, was killed in a 300-mile event in Kansas City when a steering knuckle broke in his Durant racer.

Nov. 7, 1922 – Republicans swept local elections, and Cora Davis became the first county woman to win an election to public office. She defeated Democrat Charles Benjamin for auditor 10,009 to 7,622. Harry G. Leslie won the joint state representative seat, and Sen. Ray Southworth, West Lafayette, gained re-election.

Nov. 25, 1922 – Purdue University officials placed the cornerstone during a ceremony at the Memorial Union Building construction site.

During 1922 – A Purdue Women’s Club was organized.

Dec. 19, 1922 – Lafayette native Henry Boonstra, a former World War I airplane pilot now in the U.S. Mail Service, was found safe in Utah after his plane crashed in a blizzard in the mountains and he was missing for about four days.



Henry Boonstra

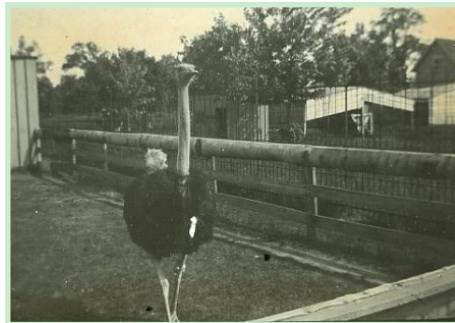
Want more local history stories? Check out our Blog on the TCHA website:

<https://tippecanoehistory.org/blog/>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Membership Perks for 2022

Don't forget to use your perks for free admission to all TCHA sites and discounts on store merchandise and special events.



TCHA members now get free admission to the Columbian Park zoo for 2 adults and dependent children. Must show TCHA membership card at entry gate.

Check out the zoo website for details on visiting.

www.columbianparkzoo.org

Photo: Ostrich at Columbian Park ca. 1930

TCHA members now receive 10% off remote research requests through the Alameda McCollough Research Library and Richard B. Wetherill Archives. For information about making a research request, visit our website.



Attention Lifetime Members!

Lifetime TCHA members will now receive 2 free Feast of the Hunters' Moon tickets. Look for your Feast tickets in the mail in early September.

Note: Lifetime memberships are no longer available for purchase.

SUPPORT TCHA

Leave a lasting mark on Lafayette by ordering a Legacy Brick to be placed at the TCHA History Center on Columbia Street. Your brick will appear for everyone to see right on the patio of the building, across the street from City Hall.

To order your Legacy Brick, download the order form and return it the address included.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD ORDER FORM](#)



Shop Amazon and select TCHA as your charity on Amazon Smile. It's easy to set up, especially if you already have an Amazon account.

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Check out TCHA's Amazon wish list to help out by buying supplies to help with maintenance and artifact preservation:

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Advertise in the Next Newsletter!

The TCHA Membership newsletter is now entirely digital. This e-newsletter reaches an average of 300 people, 4 times per year.

Advertisements and announcements should be family friendly. TCHA reserves the right to decline ad or announcement designs due to content. Ads can include a color photograph or graphic and text and should be submitted in a JPEG or Word document.

\$50.00 for a ½ page in one newsletter appearance.

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TCHA ICONS: ALAMEDA MCCOLLOUGH

Alameda McCollough was a long time TCHA curator (1939-1971) and county historian. Her ancestors were early residents of Tippecanoe County. Alameda was passionate about genealogy and was instrumental in establishing the first genealogical record collections and indexes housed at TCHA. Today, the Alameda McCollough Research Library helps over 100 researchers every year to discover their own local history.

In her role as TCHA curator, Alameda performed programs for children and adults, began the first member newsletter and wrote historical columns for the newspaper. She was a co-planner for an early version of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon in 1957.

In an oral history interview in 1982, Alameda reflected, "as a teacher one does not remain inaccessible always and that [my] own conception of at least a great part of my duties involved the spreading of information which was practically a teaching process". Luckily for TCHA, Alameda embraced the role of curator in her own way and went on to educate an untold number of Tippecanoe County children, adults and visitors for many years.



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