

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S

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In Memorium: Honoring the life of the late Mary Anthrop.

Read more about her life and view her obituary on page 3.



## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

The holidays are coming up, which means TCHA will be closed to the public for our end-of-the-year maintenance and inventories. Refer below to see when you can come in and catch us before we close the doors on 2024!

The Arganbright Genealogy Center and McCollough Research Library: The last day of operations for 2024 will be December 20th. The library will reopen January 9th.

The Tippecanoe Battlefield and History Store: The last day of operations for the Battlefield for 2024 will be December 22nd. The Battlefield will reopen February 1st.

NOTE: While the Museum and History Store are closed, the park site itself remains open from dawn to dusk daily.

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CLOSED

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY CLAIRE EAGLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A FEW UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe another year is almost over. With new programs, another great Feast and preparing for Lafayette's Bicentennial, it has been a busy twelve months for TCHA. It's true what they say though, time flies when you're having fun! I hope you'll join us for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the History Center to hear more about this past year. You'll also be able to enjoy some light snacks and spend some time among TCHA's growing membership.



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# LAFAYETTE BICENTENNIAL

As we look towards 2025, we're asking that the community help as we plan for the year ahead with our 2024 Program Survey. This survey will help us continue to tailor our programs to not only fulfill our mission, but ensure we're providing interesting, educational, and of course fun, opportunities to engage with the history of Tippecanoe County. The survey should only take about 5 minutes and is tailored to how you answer each question. So, you won't have to answer anything that might be irrelevant to your experience. You can access the survey here: [bit.ly/TCHASurvey](https://bit.ly/TCHASurvey). This link is also being shared on our website and social media. You can share it with your friends and family too! The more responses we have, the better.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or just to chat. Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.





# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY CLAIRE EAGLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A FACELIFT FOR THE ARGANBRIGHT!

Only days after the Feast was over, work began on the exterior of the Arganbright. Thanks to a generous grant of \$43,640 from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, TCHA was able to begin repairs to our wood siding, replace a couple of windows and freshen up the building with a new coat of paint.

You can read more about the project [here](#). Work is just about completed and even with the dreary weather we've been having, the Arganbright seems to be shining brighter!



Photos by Kelly Lippie.  
Thank you to Gibson Painting for such great work!

# REMEMBERING MARY ANTHROP

BY KELLY LIPPIE, CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY

In November we were saddened by the news that a good friend and colleague, Mary Anthrop, had passed away. For the last month, many of us at TCHA have been sharing memories and stories of Mary and remembering how much she meant to local history.

Her legacy at TCHA goes back decades. She served as a member of the Board of Governors, archivist, volunteer, researcher and member. Many of her students' oral history interviews and photographs for projects have found their way into the TCHA archives. In 2022 she was awarded the Evelyn Ball & William Sholty Award for preserving local history. She always believed in TCHA's mission and pushed for the organization to do more and to be more. I met her early in my time at TCHA, and I've always been amazed by her memory. She knew the TCHA archives very well and could tell me where something was or where to look for it even years after she last saw it. She was also very helpful to me in compiling a history of the collections department of TCHA, sharing her memories and insights into the development of the collection over the years.

Mary was a life-long educator. Though she retired as a schoolteacher, she never quit teaching. She was especially passionate about the stories that had been overlooked in history. She was our go-to researcher on local African American history, but she also championed the history of women and immigrants. Just because she wrote an article about a topic didn't mean she was done with it. She never stopped researching. She was dogged in her pursuit and inspired many of us with how much she could uncover.

In recent years, she was a regular fixture in the Arganbright research library on Thursday afternoons. We looked forward to chatting with her and hearing about her recent discoveries in local history. Before she passed away, Mary and I talked about her continued legacy at TCHA. She donated her research files to us, which will now become her own collection in the archives she valued so much. She also left TCHA the publishing rights to her African American articles and the funds to have a booklet of these articles published- which we will work on in 2025. She also donated artifacts, books, and exhibit materials from her personal collection. Finally, she donated funds so all her friends in the library and collections could have an end-of-the-year lunch on her.

You can join us in celebrating Mary's legacy by reading her articles on our blog and look for more of her local research next year in the upcoming Lafayette & Tippecanoe County Bicentennial book.

Read Mary's obituary [here](#).



# ALAMEDA MCCOLLOUGH RESEARCH LIBRARY

BY AMY HARBOR, RESEARCH LIBRARY COORDINATOR

## SPOTLIGHT ON DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS: ESTATE FILES

The Arganbright Library has over 15,000 Estate files which contain loose papers of all types relating to the settlement of an estate. These estate files span almost the entire history of Tippecanoe County, from 1826 to 1999. Examples of items found in an estate file include:

- Inventory of personal property
- Description of real estate
- Appraisal of personal property
- Details of estate sale – who bought what and for how much
- List of names, relationships and ages of heirs
- Partition of real estate between heirs – sometimes with hand-drawn maps
- Guardianship of minor heirs
- Claims against the estate for outstanding bills, including:
  - Store accounts
  - Medical bills
  - Coffin and grave digging costs
  - Wages owed to farm hands and employees
  - Promissory notes for amounts owed to the deceased

The pictured file is for William Waterbury, who died in 1863 at the age of 44. This file is over an inch thick and contains most of the examples listed above. Waterbury was a merchant who owned a saloon on the Market Space (5th Street) between Main and Columbia. He left a widow and four children from his two marriages.



*File of William Waterbury*

# FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

BY BROOKE SAUTER, FEAST MANAGER

## 2024: WHAT A SUCCESS!

Wow, what a fantastic year for the Feast. With a high of 81 degrees, it was a tad warm - but it was DRY! (And any seasoned Feaster knows the value in that.) Plus, we had another great year through the gates. With over 41,000 visitors, the Feast continues to prove a favorite festival in our community.

That being said, the Feast would not be possible without the dedicated volunteers, TCHA staff, sponsors, and visitors who make it all possible. From food booths, vendors, set up volunteers, safety staff, and more - it is truly a "community effort". As many may know, the 2024 Feast was my (Brooke Sauter) first in the "driver's seat". I felt it was a great year, and my I am truly grateful for those who make it happen. Have a wonderful holiday season, and see you next year!

Mark your calendar for 2025: October 11-12, 2025

More exciting news: The Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) has been awarded a grant of \$57,084.75 from North Central Health Services (NCHS) for the installation of a weather warning system on the Feast of the Hunters' Moon grounds. Read a part of the press release sharing details below:

*An alert system will allow us to communicate any weather or other warnings with our visitors, better ensuring the safety of 40,000 Feast attendees and the other hundreds of visitors that participate in our other living history programs throughout the year.*

*"We are so thrilled to be able to expand the safety protocols in place to ensure that each Feast is a safe and welcoming environment for our visitors," shares the Feast of the Hunters' Moon Event Coordinator, Brooke Sauter. "Thanks to NCHS this alert system allows us to accomplish that." Installation will begin in spring 2025."*

*This project is made possible through a generous grant from North Central Health Services (NCHS) administered by The Arts Federation.*

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Artwork for the 2024 Feast of the Hunters' Moon



Thank you



# BATTLEFIELD MUSEUM

BY TREY GORDEN, PHD, BATTLEFIELD MANAGER

## END OF YEAR PERSPECTIVE, FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

At the time of this writing, we at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum and History Store are wrapping up our end-of-year membership sale. I've brought my laptop out the front desk and set it up so I can watch the store while I write. I don't mind telling you: It's been fun! I don't want to miss seeing a single familiar face come through that door.

Those of you who have read this column in the past will know that my favorite aspect of the job is talking with visitors. This place is a remarkable "people sorter," because finding us is easy, but it requires just enough effort that only interested people will go to the trouble. And as I keep saying, interested people are interesting people.

This is why I enjoy the membership sale. It turns the people sorter up to its maximum setting. At this time of year more of the people who come in are TCHA members ... you're all so interested in the history and culture of Tippecanoe County that you've organized and joined an association specifically dedicated to "collecting, preserving, researching and sharing our unique and diverse history." People don't get much more interested than that! That's why I enjoy this time of year at the Tippecanoe Battlefield. Y'all never disappoint.

Everyone is getting ready to wind the year down, and here at the museum that means we'll be closing for Christmas and not opening back up until February first. Our last day of 2024 will be Monday, December 22. We'll be using this quiet time to do our annual inventory, clean exhibits, and do the kind of maintenance that's easier when the building is empty.

The trees on the Tippecanoe Battlefield are bare now, so you can clearly see the Farm at Prophetstown from the base of the monument. Robbie Alford's flowerbeds are fallow, and it's been a while since I've heard the grumble of his lawnmower. But when we open again, Winter will be waking up to Spring, and we'll have a front-row seat for the show right here. Come by and join us.

In the meantime, enjoy your Christmas, or whatever holidays you celebrate, and come back to us rested and charged up for 2025. Happy New Year!



# January-March 2025

## TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

### Annual Members Meeting

**Saturday, February 1, 2 PM**

TCHA's History Center

522 Columbia St, Lafayette

Hear about TCHA's achievements and progress in 2024, as well as what 2025 holds in store! Awards for Ball-Sholty and Volunteer of the Year will also be announced. Refreshments will be provided.

### Taste of the Past with Chef Lauren Reed

**Friday, February 14, 6 PM**

TCHA's History Center

522 Columbia St, Lafayette

### **A Special Valentine's Day Dinner!**

*Bring your significant other, gal pal, or treat yourself to a nice dinner! Menu available on our website.*

Tickets go on sale January 8th at 10 AM.

### Maple Sugaring at Post Ouiatenon

**Saturday, March 1st, 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Sunday, March 2nd, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park

Presented by Living History Interpreters

Join us at the Fort Ouiatenon blockhouse for a living history event portraying the French colonial period at Ouiatenon during the early 18th century. Living history reenactors will be on hand to talk about the French fur trade, Native American and French culture of the period, and they will be doing maple sugar production.

### The Purdue University Herbaria: Spinning A

#### "Haymow" into Gold and Black

**Thursday, March 6th, 7 PM**

TCHA's History Center

Join Dr. D. Rabern Simmons, Curator of Fungi, as he shares the stories of the collectors and collections from the Herbaria!

### A Love for Labor: The Life and Legacy of L.P.

#### Lindelof in the Painters' Union

**Tuesday, March 18th, 7 PM**

TCHA's History Center

*Presented by William Radell, M.A.*

Born in Malmo, Sweden, and immigrating to the United States, Lorenz Peter Lindelof worked at many jobs before becoming a painter and eventually settling in Lafayette. During his career, he organized locals and eventually rose up the ranks to become the longest serving general president of his professional association.



# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## MEMBERS: GIVING IS YOUR GREATEST SUPERPOWER!

There are multiple ways of GIVING to help the Success of TCHA continue! Below are listed just a few.

- Volunteering is a great way, with many choices and skill levels.
- Annual or monthly Charitable Giving.
- Tax Smart Charitable Giving: Please discuss with your tax professional.
- Your instinct may be to give cash, but donations of appreciated non-cash assets held more than one year can unlock additional funds for charity in two ways:
  - First, you potentially eliminate the 15% or 20% capital gains tax you would incur if you sold the assets and donated the proceeds, which may increase the amount available to gift by up to 20%.
  - Second, you may claim a fair market value charitable deduction for the tax year in which the gift is made and may choose to pass on that tax savings in the form of more giving.
- If you have a traditional IRA, and are 70 and 1/2 or older, you can consider a special tax benefit available with your account to donate your RMD (Required Minimum Deduction) directly to TCHA.

Again, please discuss with a tax professional.

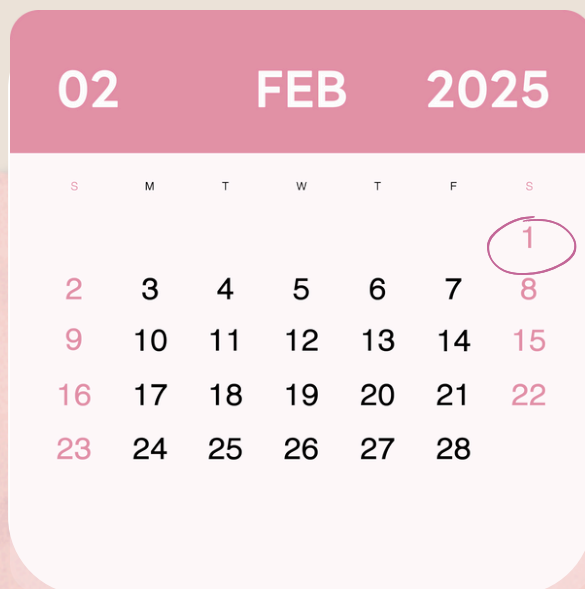
We appreciate you thinking of TCHA!

Ronda Walsh Schwab

*Ronda sits on our Membership & Development committee, and served the Greater Lafayette Community for many years during her professional career as a Financial Advisor. Interested in joining the Membership & Development committee? Email Brooke at [Feast@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:Feast@tippecanoehistory.org).*

## Mark your calendar!

Join your friends and fellow history fans for  
the TCHA Annual Members Meeting,  
February 1st at 2 PM at the History Center.  
More details to follow.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

New and renewing members will now receive a "TCHA Supporter" sticker along with their new membership card so they can show their support on their car bumper, water bottle or wherever!

Andrew Bellisari and Courtney Wittekind- Family

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Lisa Isenbarer- Individual

Misty Jackson and Timothy Lauxmann- Patron

Charles Jenks and Sunny Miller- Senior Couple

Audrey Johnson- Family

Michael Laws- Individual

James Ledman- Senior Individual

Brian Leung- Patron

Jonathon Lipps- Individual

Roy Melton- Individual

Harry and Sylvia Mohler- Senior Couple

Edward Mosher- Individual

Sally Jo Mueller- Individual

John and Marian Oberholtzer- Senior Couple

Susan Puterbaugh and Alissa Morlan- Family

Ken Ridgway- Senior Individual

Beverly Robinson and Lisa Strube- Family

Evelyn Samad- Patron

David and Anita Schamber- Family

Molly Scherrer- Individual

Cecil Shoemaker- Senior Individual

Leslie Skaggs- Individual

James Vaughns- Senior Individual

Andrea Velez Parra- Individual

Sally Mullen Weber and John Webber- Senior Couple

John Weismiller- Senior Individual

David Woodman- Senior Couple

Thanks to our returning members who have renewed their membership since our last newsletter:

Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild- Patron

Gene Terril and Bernadette Aliprantis- Patron

James and Marilyn Anderson- Senior Couple

Mary Anthrop- Senior Individual

Cassie Apuzzo- Individual

Tom and Mary Arth- Senior Couple

Kathy Atwell- Senior Individual

Shirley Babb- Senior Individual

Sharon and Ron Baker- Senior Couple

Pam Barnard- Individual

Angela and Lonnie Barnett- Family

Colby Bartlett- Patron

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Connie Small Davis- Sustaining

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Elizabeth Lawson- Individual

Ken and Kathryn Lewellen- Senior Couple

Tiffany and Grace Lorton- Family

Anne Lucietto and Richard Scheffrahn- Family

Michael and Pamela Luenz- Senior Couple

Craig and Beth Lysinger- Senior Couple

Rob and Callie Marksbarry- Senior Couple

Harry and Charolette Martin- Family

Richard and Rosemary Maryonovich- Senior Couple

John and Prella McBride- Senior Couple

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Carolyn Niemantsverdriet- Sustaining

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Walter Poppinga- Senior Individual

Jeff and Carlene Quirk- Senior Couple

Tara Raber and Cameron Chambers- Family

David and Lynda Raymer- Senior Couple

Chris and Mary Reck- Family

Matt and Ellen Riebsomer- Family

Jim and Mary Jo Risk- Senior Couple

Quentin and Camilla Robinson- Sustaining

Betty Rohler- Senior Individual

James Roller and Amanda Worrell- Family

Larry and Marianne Rose- Patron

James Ross and Marilyn Howland- Senior Couple

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Terry Shanks- Individual  
Pete and Charlene Sherry- Senior Couple  
Van and Lynne Sherry- Sustaining  
Mark Shietze- Individual  
Tim and Kathi Shriner- Patron  
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Pauletta V. Smith- Patron  
Dana and Maggie Smith- Senior Couple  
Linda Sorensen- Senior Individual  
Jeremy and Laura Spann- Family  
Connie and David Spicer- Senior Couple  
Scott and Michelle Stambaugh- Family  
Terry and Kathleen Stevens- Patron  
Elizabeth Stoddart- Senior Individual  
Randy Studt- Individual  
Arnold Sweet- Individual  
David and Melissa Taylor- Patron  
John and Debbie Thieme- Treasure  
David and Rene Thompson- Family  
Janet Timmons- Senior Individual  
Gary and Susan Tishler- Senior Couple  
Harold Tully- Individual  
Jane Turner and Carl Hager- Senior Couple  
Tom and Chris Turpin- Patron  
Thomas and Dianna Velten- Senior Couple  
Diana Vice- Individual  
Justin Welches- Patron  
Terry and Shirley West- Senior Couple  
Jared West- Individual  
Charles and Susan Whittemore- Senior Couple  
Bily Wichmann- Family  
Marilyn and Paul Ziemer- Senior Couple  
Larry and Janine Zwiebel- Senior Couple

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