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From the Editor Julie A. Musick

It is with great sadness that I announce the retirement of our president, Becky **Sears Monroe**. Her leadership will be missed. Becky will, however, sit on the board as an advisor so we won't lose her entirely. And, soon after she announced her retirement, Becky fell and had to undergo rehabilitation in Pendleton. She came home last week.

I asked Becky to give a little background on our group.

Becky and a small group of people began meeting in 2004 with the purpose of discussing Yorktown history. The original group consisted of Su-san **Bowers Clevenger**, Peg **Townsend Flanagan**, Heidi **Monroe**, Mary **Spears Fitzgerald**, and Becky **Sears Monroe**.

After a few meetings, more people asked if they could join the group. A house became too small, and the Town Judge offered the use of the courtroom. People began to bring items to share and some to donate. It became crowded.

**Newsletter Delay**

*The newsletter was late for good reasons. I got married on Monday, October 3rd to my friend, Larry **McCutchan**. We tried to run away but my brothers, Brad and Chris **Musick**, insisted that they be present at the exchange of vows in our backyard. It was a beautiful, happy day!*

*I also turned 65 the day before my marriage—I'm Medicare eligible now!*

*I was working hard on an ongoing research project while Becky was recuperating. I added all of the names listed in the Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph and Delaware Counties (1894) for Mt. Pleasant township in my ever-growing family tree of Mt. Pleasant Families on Ancestry.com. I then added additional research and updates to their families. It was/is time consuming but, you know me, I love research. Anyway, happy autumn and Thanksgiving to all!*

~ Julie A. **Musick**, Editor

It was about this time period that a room became available at the old fire station. allowing the fledging group an area for display and meetings. They moved.

Eventually, the old fire station building was sold to the school corporation and the group found itself facing a homeless situation. The group learned that a store front space was becoming available downtown in the I.O.O.F. building.

"Due to the generosity of the Odd Fellows, we were able to make the space our home," adds Becky.

The Odd Fellows continue to be good to our organization. The loss of Becky as the president and her injury caused the Museum to temporarily close. But the Odd Fellows jumped in to save the day once again. They will assume the management of the Museum. Their involvement will double the membership in the YHA and lead to a long-term solution to our operation problems.

Becky will remain on the YHA board as an advisor. We will be meeting soon to discuss future operations.

"Thank everyone for their support of the Alliance. Also thank them for their kind wishes and prayers during my recovery," Becky added.

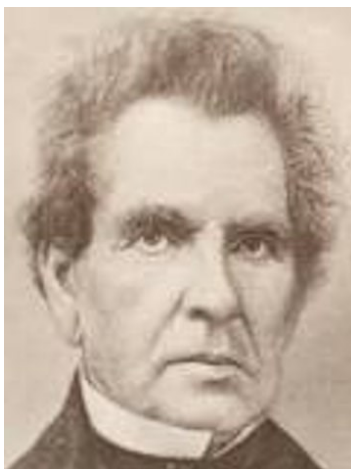


# Beyond the Smith Name

## Who was Yorktown's Founder, Oliver Hampton Smith?

You've all seen his name...the main street through the town is called "Smith Street" after **Oliver Hampton Smith**, the founder of our town. I tried to combine all of the relevant information I could find about Mr. **Smith** into this one article.

Born on Smith's Island, near Trenton, New Jersey on the 24th of October 1794, **Oliver Hampton Smith** was the son of **Thomas and Letitia Smith** and the grandson of **William Smith**, all Quakers.



Oliver Hampton Smith (1794-1859)

His grandfather, **William Smith** settled in Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1684. He built a log cabin in 1686 and a field stone addition to the cabin in 1690. It is one of the oldest standing homes in the United States. Oliver and his father, Thomas, were born and raised in this house. The house is on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).

Oliver's father died in 1813 when he was 19 years old. The family property was sold, and the money was divided among 9 children. Oliver moved west, seeking his fortune, eventually settling in Lawrenceburg, Indiana (along the Ohio River) in 1818, just two years after Indiana became a state. He had attended the common (public) school in Indiana and

**Smith** was admitted to the bar in 1820, setting up his law practice in Connersville, Indiana.

In 1822, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives serving two years. During his tenure, he served as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee ending his time in the House of Repre-

sentatives with an appointment by the governor as the prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district in Indiana. He rode his horse around the 3rd judicial district from 1824-1825 going from trial to trial.

Of note: **Smith** was the prosecuting attorney against four men who massacred nine native Americans—two men, three women, two boys, and two girls in nearby Madison County. The native Americans had been peacefully trading with the frontier people in the area. They were known to be friendly. According to Wikipedia, "It [the trial] was the first documented case in which

white Americans were convicted, sentenced to capital punishment, and executed for the murder of Native Americans under U.S. law." Of course, the precedent didn't last.

**Smith** later wrote and published a book about his experiences on the court circuit in *Early Indiana Trials and Sketches* published in 1858. You can read more about the massacre of Fall Creek [HERE](#). A book was also written about the massacre titled, *The Massacre at Fall Creek* (1975) by Jessamyn **West**.

An earlier book was also written by **Smith** *Recollections of a Congressional Life* in 1834.

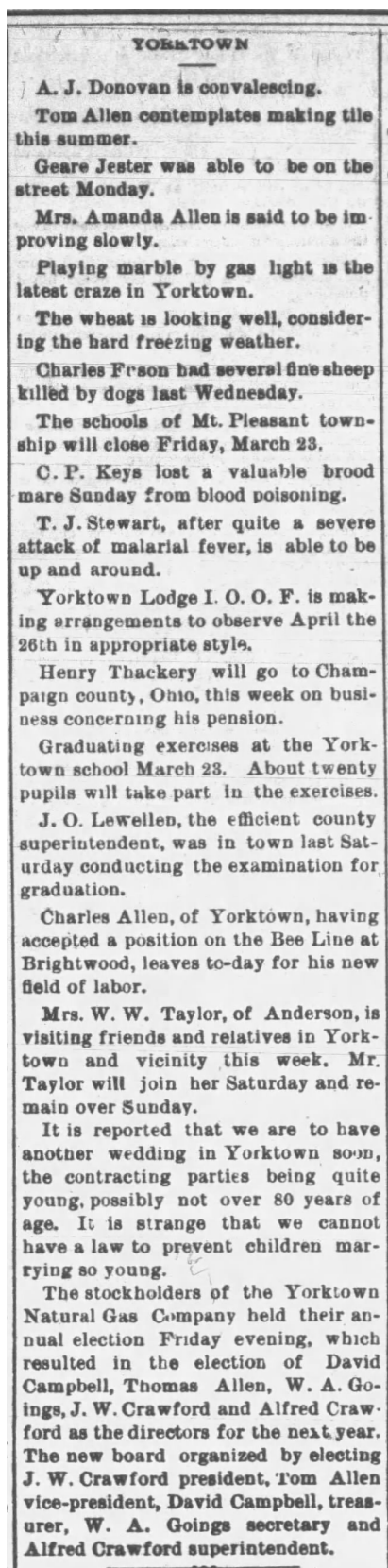
**Smith** served in the United States House of Representatives from 1827 to 1829, riding his horse to Washington, DC to sit for the 20th Congress. He was a member of the Committee of Indian Affairs and vigorously, pleaded for an Indian policy "marked with justice, humanity, and magnanimity of purpose that will atone, as far as possible, for the great injustice we have done to them". As a Whig, **Smith** was elected to one term in the United States Senate, serving from 1837-1843.

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Early Indiana Trials and Sketches  
Oliver Hampton Smith

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!



### Social Media 1888 Edition!

*Muncie Evening Press, 14 Mar 1888*

Health reports, marble playing by gas light, weather reports, school closings, graduation, meetings...“Read all about it” in the local newspaper. Yorktown had its own local section in the Muncie papers.

When I was growing up my grandmother reported each party and visit to the newspaper—even small things, much to the chagrin of her family.

“How else will people know what you’re doing?” she explained.

I’ve noticed in reading many of these columns that trips we would think nothing of today, like a trip to Muncie or Anderson were routinely reported. A wealth of historical information can be found in each column.

~Julie A. Musick

**Article Names:** A. J. **Donavan**, Thomas and Amanda (**Bishop**) **Allen**, Geare **Jester**, Charles **Freson**, C[raven] P[ayton] **Keys**, T. J. **Stewart**, I.O.O.F, Henry **Thackery**, J.O. **Lewellen**, Charles **Allen**, Mrs. W[illiam] W[esley] **Taylor**—[maiden name: Harriet **Reynolds**], David **Campbell**, W[illiam] A[mos] **Goings**, J[acob] W[illiam] **Crawford** and father, Alfred **Crawford**.

### Thomas Allen

Thomas **Allen** (right) was one of the oldest residents of Mt. Pleasant Township when he passed away in 1917. He was mentioned in the newspaper clipping to the left in 1888. He was born in Ohio about 1833 to Fielding and Elizabeth **Elliott Allen**. Fielding and Elizabeth purchased land in Yorktown in 1840, moving their family, including Thomas to the town.

According to his obituary, Thomas was a highly respected man in Yorktown. He was an active member of the Spiritualists’ organization and took an active part in the Spiritualist camp at Chesterfield. He is buried at the Yorktown Cemetery.



Thomas Allen (1833-1917)

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**Smith** served on the Committee on [Engrossed Bills](#) (Twenty-sixth Congress) and the Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-seventh Congress). An unsuccessful candidate for reelection, he moved to Indianapolis and resumed the practice of law.

Beginning in 1836, **Smith** began to purchase land. In 1837 alone, he purchased thousands of acres in Mt. Pleasant Township. Most of the property was part of the “first public sale” of lands purchased from Native Americans covering the central third of the new state of Indiana.

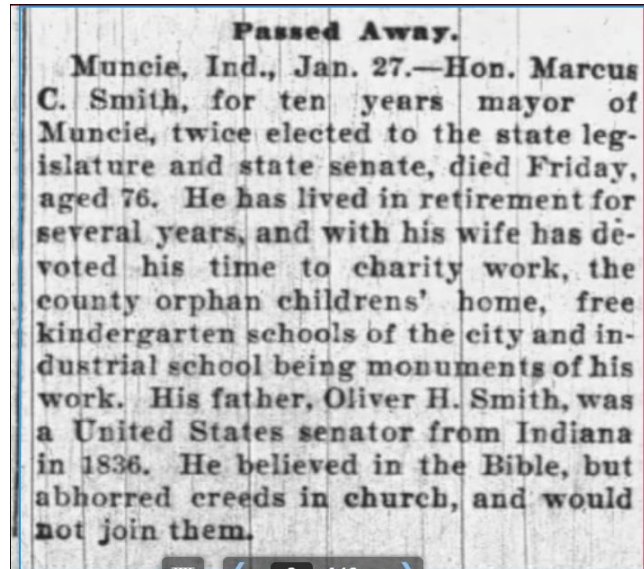
But **Smith** wanted one choice piece of property that set at the confluence of the White River and Buck Creek in north half of section 22. That land, however, was a reserve for **Samuel Cassman**, a Native American who may have lived on the land before 1818 when the Treaties at St. Marys (Ohio) were signed and land was set aside for Cassman.

*According to **Ellis**, [Our History](#): This was rich and desirable land. It is described as having the “White river crossing the northwest part and Buck creek the center, in a northwesterly course, furnishing excellent water power for mill sites, which were in later years was utilized*

Goldsmith **Gilbert**, a founder of nearby Munceytown, had tried to purchase that same 320 acres since 1830. The disagreement over the land “sale” was not resolved until 27 July 1836 when Gilbert paid Cassman \$1200 for the land. **Oliver Hampton Smith** was able to purchase the **Cassman** Reserve months later for \$1500 on 29 Oct 1836.

**Smith** platted “York Town” in the northwest quarter of section 22 of Mt. Pleasant Township, Delaware County in 1837. Smith named the town “York Town” for the Native Americans who were living along the White River. They had been pushed west from New York to settle here sometime between 1795-1799.

In the last decade and a half of his life, **Smith** lived in



Obituary of son, Marcus C. Smith

Indianapolis. There he was interested in railroads, especially the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine Railroad and the construction of the first Union Station. He became president of the Bellefontaine Railroad, known as the “Bee Line” and later the CCC & I. He worked tirelessly to ensure that major rail lines passed through Mt. Pleasant Township to Indianapolis and Cincinnati to add value to his investments. The trains arrived in the 1850’s much to the benefit of the area.

Of Smith’s family: Smith married **Mary Brumfield** on 8 Nov 1821 and had three children, of whom one, **Marcus Camillus Smith**, (b. 11 Apr 1825) was a state representative and later mayor of Muncie, Indiana for 10 years. He was a Muncie native and is buried in Beech Grove Cemetery.

**Letitia Smith**, the oldest daughter, (b. 30 Sep 1822). She married **Thomas L. Sullivan**. The youngest child, **Mary Francenia Smith** (b. 28 Feb 1829). She married **John Love**. **Oliver Hampton Smith** died in Indianapolis on 19 March 1859 and was interred at Crown Hill Cemetery. ~Julie A. Musick

[Sources for this article are listed on our website.](#)

## RESEARCH: Early Biographies of Some Mt. Pleasant Township Citizens

By Julie A Musick

As I research the history Mt. Pleasant Township, many of you know that I also save information to Ancestry.com to unravel and make sense of the relationships between early pioneers. It's messy, time consuming work. Over the years, I have made the tree public so that you may check my work and help correct it. View our tree on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) by looking for "Yorktown Family Trees." Again, living people are marked "private."

One early compilation that helps me research our pioneer families in Mt. Pleasant is the book, [\*The Portrait and Biographical Record of Delaware and Randolph Counties, Ind.\*](#) published in 1894. My own library contains an original, 126-year-old copy. The book is very fragile. Thankfully, there are electronic versions online—one copy can be found on our website for your reference.

The book's title further describes its contents as "containing biographical sketches of many of the Prominent and Representative Citizens". The book contains a handful of citizens—52 of the about 2,000—who were living in Mt. Pleasant Township at that time. Today, people pay for insertion in similar books. It was a practice to do so at that time as well. The book isn't necessarily representative of all citizens but it does help us paint a picture in time and a beginning for further research.

For a time reference: Indiana became a state in 1816. Delaware County was formed in 1820 and organized in 1827. Yorktown was platted as a town in 1837—many of those people listed below were born before Yorktown's founding.

If the name is underlined>, more information about that person is a click away on our website. I am still in the process of building biography pages and hope to complete information for each person listed below. If you are reading a paper newsletter, instructions to read more are listed below. I've completed more of their ancestry research on Ancestry.com using source documents. In some cases, I have included a PDF file of the current Ancestry.com information. Keep in mind that all biography information is subject to change especially when I get more information from YOU. Listed in Mount Pleasant Township in the book are the following biographies:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Nancy Antrim Hancock</b> (p656) b. 1820 d/o Robert &amp; Justena</li> <li>2) <b><u>J.W. (John William) Black</u></b> (p641) b. 1860 s/o Washington &amp; Sarah</li> <li>3) <b><u>J. L. (James "Lonzo") Black</u></b> (p641) b. 1862 s/o Washington &amp; Sarah</li> <li>4) <b><u>G Brindel</u></b> (Malachi Greer) (p642) b. 1838 s/o Malachi Jacob &amp; Catherine</li> <li>5) <b><u>Charles Brown</u></b> (p643) b. 1829 s/o Samuel and Susanna</li> <li>6) <b><u>John Burk</u></b> (John "Fremont") (p643) b. 1856 s/o Jesse &amp; "Thurza"</li> <li>7) <b><u>David Campbell</u></b> (p644) b. 1827 s/o Adam &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>8) <b><u>Jacob William Crawford</u></b> (p645) b. 1858 s/o Alfred and Frances</li> <li>9) <b><u>Rhoda Catharine Dick Curtis</u></b> (p646) b. 1828 d/o Hieronymous Dick</li> <li>10) <b><u>Hiram Darter</u></b> (p647) b. 1828 s/o Samuel &amp; Letitia</li> <li>11) <b><u>Jonathan R Downing, MD</u></b> (p648) b. 1844 s/o Israel &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>12) <b><u>B S Dragoo</u></b> (Beltashazar) (p649) b. 1833 s/o Ephraim &amp; Catherine</li> <li>13) <b><u>David Whitmer Flowers</u></b> (p649) b. 1846 s/o Amos &amp; Phebe</li> <li>14) <b><u>Julia Gilbert</u></b> (p650) b. 1833 d/o Othniel &amp; Seraph</li> <li>15) <b><u>Thomas H Gilbert</u></b> (p651) b. 1835 s/o John &amp; Mahala</li> <li>16) <b><u>John Griesheimer</u></b> (p652) b. 1807 s/o Peter &amp; Mary</li> <li>17) <b><u>Albert Gwinn</u></b> (p653) b. 1855 s/o Albert &amp; Mary Frances</li> <li>18) <b><u>John W(esley) Harman</u></b> (p653) b. 1829 s/o John &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>19) <b><u>John Harman, Jr.</u></b> (p655) b. 1862 s/o John &amp; Lavina</li> <li>20) <b><u>Anton "Toney" C. Hefel</u></b> (p655) b. 1844 s/o Anton &amp; Barbara</li> <li>21) <b><u>James W(esley) Hensley</u></b> (p657) b. 1829 s/o William &amp; Sarah</li> <li>22) <b><u>William W(esley) Hensley, Jr.</u></b> (p658) b. 1835 s/o William &amp; Sarah</li> <li>23) <b><u>Daniel P. Howell</u></b> (p659) b. 1820 s/o John &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>24) <b><u>Lewis Johnson</u></b> (p660) b. 1845 s/o John &amp; Charlotta</li> <li>25) <b><u>Alfred Jones</u></b> (p661) b. 1843 s/o John &amp; Lucinda</li> <li>26) <b><u>Matilda (Kooztz, widow of L(orenzo) D(ow) Kooztz</u></b> (p661) b. 1835 d/o William &amp; Elizabeth Green</li> <li>27) <b><u>John (Jack) Losh</u></b> (p662) b. 1832 s/o Adam &amp; Elizabeth</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28) <b><u>Lucinda Mahoney</u></b> (p664) b. 1833 d/o unknown Robertson</li> <li>29) <b><u>James A. Martin</u></b> (p664) b. 1864 s/o Andrew W &amp; Emily</li> <li>30) <b><u>Robert McKinley</u></b> (p663) b. 1834 s/o Samuel &amp; Sarah</li> <li>31) <b><u>Alexander Miller</u></b> (p665) b. 1838 s/o Peter &amp; Mary</li> <li>32) <b><u>Richard Miller</u></b> (p666) b. 1845 s/o Peter &amp; Mary</li> <li>33) <b><u>John Jacob Oerther (Erther)</u></b> (p666) b. 1834 s/o Johannes &amp; Margaret</li> <li>34) <b><u>(Joseph) Henry Overmire</u></b> (p667) b. 1837 s/o Henry &amp; Elizabeth (Espells)</li> <li>35) <b><u>Lewis (Douglas) Overmire</u></b> (p668) b. 1861 s/o Joseph Henry &amp; Elizabeth (Sharp)</li> <li>36) <b><u>George (Wellington) Parkison</u></b> (p669) b. 1826 s/o Samuel, Sr. &amp; Eleanor</li> <li>37) <b><u>Samuel (Mentor) Parkison, Jr.</u></b> (p670) b. 1831 s/o Samuel, Sr. &amp; Eleanor</li> <li>38) <b><u>William Pittser</u></b> (p671) b. 1823 s/o Matthias &amp; Sarah Jane</li> <li>39) <b><u>Joseph H Rice</u></b> (p671) b. 1858 s/o Joseph &amp; Martha</li> <li>40) <b><u>David M Shively, MD</u></b> (p 672) b. 1840 s/o Michael &amp; Keziah</li> <li>41) <b><u>Robert (McClung) Snodgrass</u></b> (p678) b. 1838 s/o Samuel &amp; Mary</li> <li>42) <b><u>Timothy (Crisswell) Stewart</u></b> (p674) b. 1830 s/o Timothy, Sr. &amp; Catherine</li> <li>43) <b><u>Jesse (James) Swift</u></b> (p675) b. 1816 s/o John &amp; Louisa</li> <li>44) <b><u>Ethalinda (Daugherty) Tuttle</u></b>, (p676) b. 1831 d/o William &amp; Tamer (Thornburg)</li> <li>45) <b><u>John Walker</u></b> (p677) b. 1848 s/o Hugh &amp; Mary</li> <li>46) <b><u>Matthew Walker</u></b> (p678) b. 1844 s/o Hugh &amp; Mary</li> <li>47) <b><u>Jonas Warfel</u></b> (p678) b. 1819 s/o Daniel &amp; Frances</li> <li>48) <b><u>James Watson</u></b> (p679) b. 1860 s/o Strawder &amp; Emeline</li> <li>49) <b><u>Rev. John Wellington</u></b> (p680) b. 1840 s/o William &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>50) <b><u>John (D.) Wiggerly</u></b> (p680) b. 1848 s/o Adam &amp; Gertrude</li> <li>51) <b><u>Isaac Wright</u></b> (p681) b. 1841 s/o Jesse &amp; Elizabeth</li> <li>52) <b><u>Rebecca Harpers Yingling</u></b> (p682) b. 1820 d/o Hamilton &amp; Catherine</li> </ol> |
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For those of you who have a paper newsletter, you may open the book on our website: <https://yorktownhistory.online/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/1894-Portrait-and-Biographical-Record-of-Delaware-and-Randolph-Counties.pdf>. The page number for your ancestor is listed after their names.

## Today's News is Tomorrow's History



### Historical Alliance Meetings

All YHA meetings will be at the Alliance Museum at 7:00 pm. 9132 W. Smith St., Yorktown. We meet the **2nd to the last Tuesday**. There are no meetings during the winter. **These meetings are currently suspended until the transfer of I.O.O.F meets with the YHA board.**

### Delaware County Historical Society



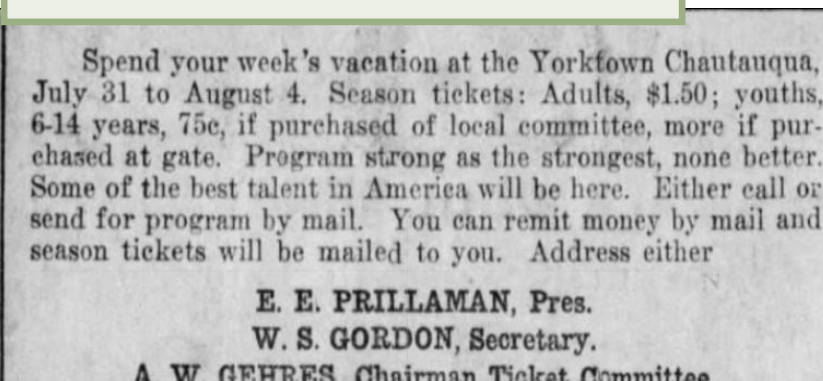
Delaware County Historical Society has reopened the doors of the Research Center on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. 120 East Washington Street, Muncie, Indiana.

Read about [Notable Women of Delaware County, Indiana](#) on their [website](#).

**Pioneer Cemetery Preservation Committee** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Historical Society on 120 East Washington St., Muncie. Workdays are usually on Saturday mornings. The committee does great work cleaning and preserving old, neglected pioneer cemeteries in Delaware County. All are invited to help. Contact: [dchspcpc@gmail.com](mailto:dchspcpc@gmail.com) for information.

#### Below: The Chautauqua Movement—Event 1917

An advertisement for a Chautauqua in Yorktown in 1917 appeared in *The Muncie Star Press*. Chautauquas were popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as an adult education and social movement. The four pillars of the movement were: Arts, Education, Religion, and Recreation. The tent or circuit Chautauquas, like the Yorktown [Chautauqua](#), had speakers, teachers, musicians, showmen, preachers, and specialists of the day according to Wik-



1200 Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47303

**October 15: Calling all Yorktown Artists! Deadline for the submission of art for **Minnetrista's 33rd Annual Juried Art Show**. The actual event will run **January 27-April 16, 2023**. The show is open to all Indiana Artists. Interested in submitting a piece? The prospectus can be found here:**

[https://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=event\\_info&event\\_id=1945](https://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=event_info&event_id=1945)



**October 19: [Tea and Talk: Giving Voice—Ball's African American Work Force 3-4:30PM](#)**

While Ball Brothers Company is frequently noted for its iconic product – the Ball jar – what do we know about the people who toiled inside the factory walls?

**Farmers Market at Minnetrista**, 8-12, Saturdays through October 29th. The market then moves indoors on November 19th.

**December 2 and December 3—[Enchanted Luminaria Walk 5-9 PM](#)** Kick off the holiday season with family and friends!

**December 11—[Family Workshop--Gingerbread House Decorating 2-4 PM \\$25](#)**

### Indiana State Historical Society



Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Want to get closer to history and see documents that shaped America? More than 1550 items are on loan in the [Documents That Shaped America](#) until **January 14**. 10-5PM at the Eugene and Marily Glick Indiana History Center. Adult \$13; Seniors \$12; Children \$5

[From Indiana with Love: Photos and Stories from Cold War Indiana](#) now through **November 1**, 10AM-5PM. The exhibit showcases photos and documents that portray Indiana's role in the Cold War. (\$ As above.)

The Yorktown Farmers Market and the Concerts on the Green are **closed** for the season.

### Want to take a road trip?

How about a visit to one of the [Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites](#), some within easy driving distance of Delaware county. Or is a hike in the woods is more in order? Take a look at trails on the [Red-Tail Land Conservancy](#). They protect 2,800 acres in east-central Indiana, look for a trail map on their website.

## Membership

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS 2022

Single	\$20.00
Family	\$25.00
Contributing	\$50.00 to \$199.00
Sponsorship:	\$200 or more



### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The YHA will feature an article about each person or business donating \$200 or more in our newsletter and on our website.

There may also be some opportunity for sponsorships in which work done or the donation of special items can take the place of a monetary donation.

## Donate Now

Now more than ever your generous support of the Yorktown/Mt. Pleasant Historical Alliance and Museum makes a significant impact to preserve our local history. Through your gifts, the Museum can remain an important partner in the teaching of our local students, our neighbors, and visitors. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so donations are 100% tax deductible. Please consider a gift or a membership today. We thank you for your support!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**The Museum is temporarily closed.**

We will need volunteers again, once the Museum reopens. We'll keep you posted as our way forward is more settled with the I.O.O.F.



Julie A. Musick

Julie A. **Musick** is a product of **YHS Class of 1976**. A BSU graduate with a major in art, later, human resources. She is foremost a curious learner. An artist. A generalist. An amateur historian. A burgeoning writer. A volunteer. A teacher. A business woman, she was the owner of Green's Travel Center for 24 years with late husband, Rob Hillgrove. Today, she is the owner of The Bottled Artist, leading

occasional painting workshops in Yorktown. She takes refuge in her art studio on breaks from researching.

She has worked with Becky **Sears Monroe** and the YHA for many years behind the scenes as the provider of the [website](#), database, and lately the newsletter. She researches whatever interests her or what Becky tells her to research. Julie lives in Goshen, Indiana with her new husband, Larry, and her adorable, little dog, Kona.

Do you have ideas for an article? An interesting memory about our community? Please send them to: [JHillgrove@gmail.com](mailto:JHillgrove@gmail.com). We can turn ideas and comments into articles. If you want to see more recollections and less research, PLEASE contribute.

## From the Web Master

There are hundreds of people in our database. For a few years, I have been uploading items and attaching metadata tags so data is searchable. Many pictures, newsletters, historical items will display in a regular website search with only a last name or a subject. This is the power of properly **tagging items**.

There are hundreds of items that need to be identified and tagged. The Museum has untold numbers of **photos** that need to be tagged before we lose all people who can help with identification. I would mark this project urgent.

As I am writing or researching our Mt. Pleasant pioneers, I must often establish their relationships. I'm a genealogist so I never complain too much when I must unravel puzzles. This process of finding relationships and facts has led us to have **5,963 Yorktown ancestors with 15,753 records and 2,283 photos in Ancestry.com** (Sep 2022). I built a tree for Yorktown families for my own research. The tree grows daily. (Don't worry, the information of living people is blocked.) If you want to add your tree to the research tree or correct something, email me at:

[JHillgrove@gmail.com](mailto:JHillgrove@gmail.com).

~Julie A. Musick

**NOTE: Yorktown was ranked the 16th [best place to raise a family in Indiana in 2022](#).**

Yorktown is searching for a new town manager after the resignation of Pete Olsen. [Go here to apply](#). Deadline is October 21, 2022.

## 2022 Board Members

### YHA Meetings

We meet the **2nd to the last Tuesday** of specific months at 7:00PM at the Museum in April-June and August-October. There are no meetings in the winter.

We meet at the Yorktown Historical Alliance Museum, 9132 W. Smith St., Yorktown, below the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

- ◆ **Becky Sears Monroe** — President
- ◆ **Judy Flick St. John** — Vice President
- ◆ **Vicki Lueck Craig** — Secretary
- ◆ **Chris Monroe** — Treasurer
- ◆ **Kay Ross Miller**
- ◆ **Jim Butler**
- ◆ **Susan Bowers Clevenger**
- ◆ **Bob Ellis**
- ◆ **Terri Thrash Nelson**
- ◆ **Barbara Swander Miller**
- ◆ **Julie Musick Hillgrove**—Website and Newsletter

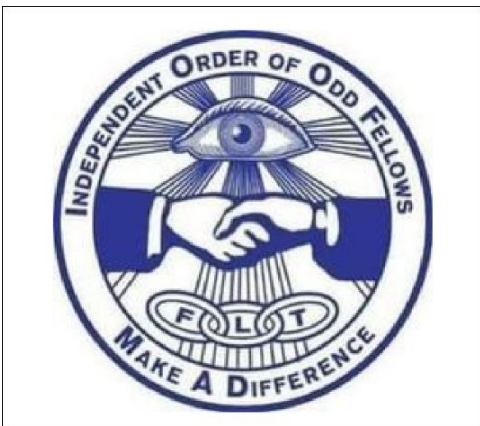
Our newsletter is interactive. If you received a printed copy of the newsletter, go to our web page to look at or download the interactive version: <https://yorktownhistory.online/once-upon-a-time/>

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