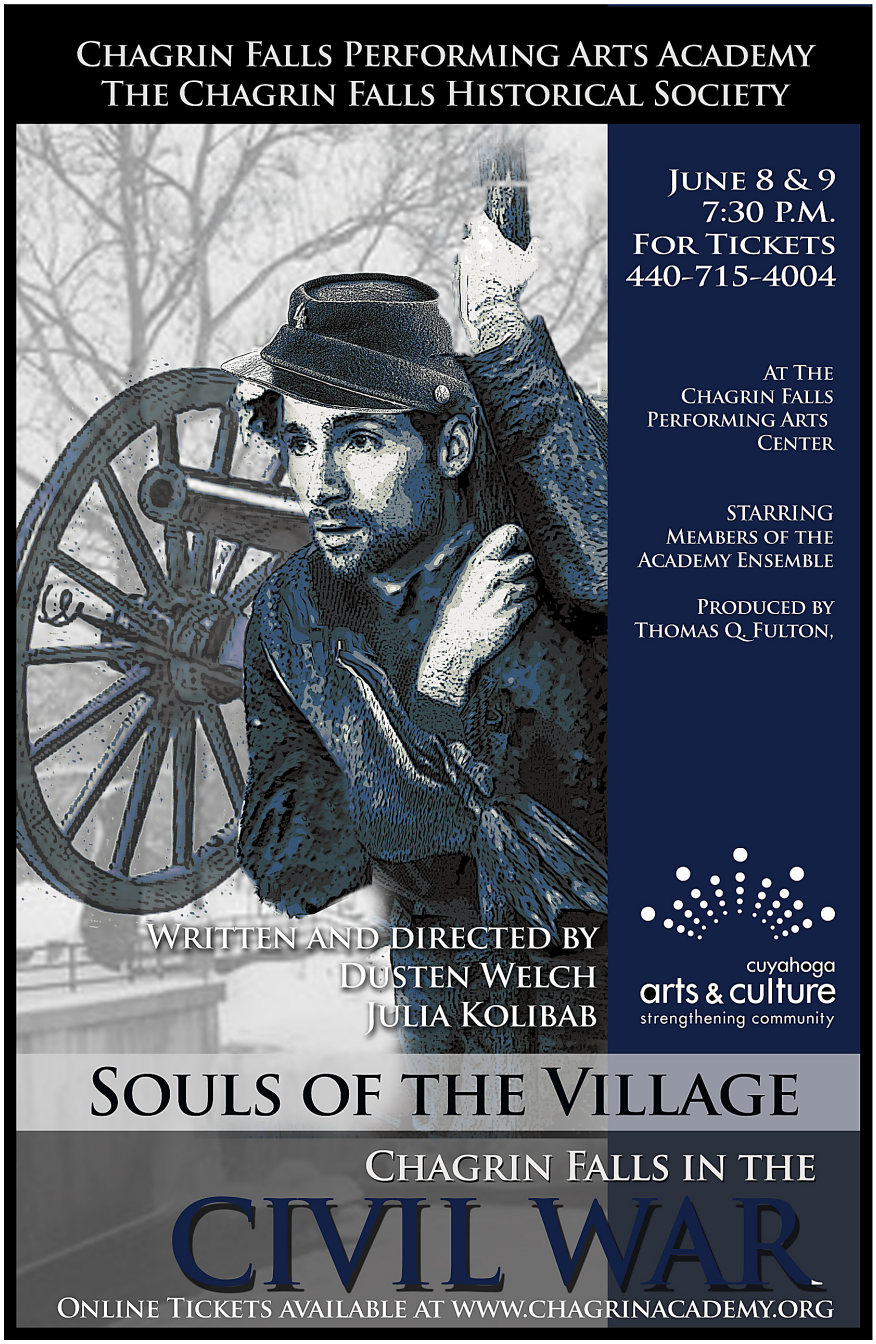
Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building
Web Site: www.chagrinhistorical.org

May, 2012 Ron Humphrey, Graphics Editor



This is a can't miss—don't miss event. Chagrin Falls, like many other small villages, was significantly impacted by the call to arms. Tickets are available on line, or can be purchased at the Historical Society beginning May 7th.

Deceased
Charlotte Ann Monck Weber

SOULS OF THE VILLAGE:CHAGRIN FALLS IN THE CIVIL WAR

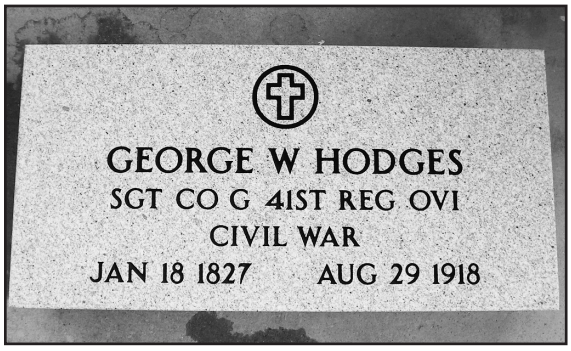
The cast has auditioned, been selected and rehearsals have begun! The performances June 8th & 9th will tell the compelling story of Chagrin Falls men and women during the turbulent period of the Civil War. Our community, like many other small villages was deeply impacted. Men went off to save the Union, and the women formed Societies to produce bandages, clothing and foodstuffs to provide them with comfort and support.

All of the storys, and most of the dialogue in the performance, will come from the letters and diaries of the principle characters, Jane & Austin Church, George & Marana Hodges, AE Smith and Westel Hunt.

This performance will be a real celebration of the character of the individuals involved, as well as, the character of the community that we live in.

John Bourisseau

SHEFFIELD MONUMENTS COMES THROUGH AGAIN



While researching for the Civil War flag holders last year, I found that at least 2 veterans did not have stones marking their graves. We decided to work with Darlene at Sheffield Monuments to petition the Veterans Association for stones. The VA will supply, free of charge, stones for graves of veterans who are broken or missing.

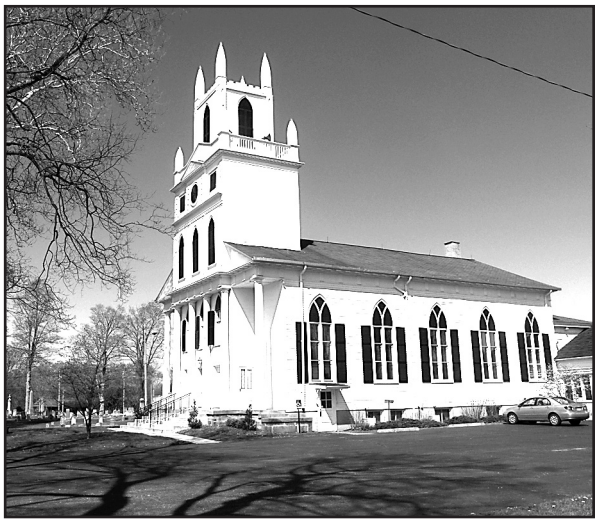
Darlene filled out the forms and sent them off to the VA. Much to our frustration, the response that we received was going to tie us up for years with red tape. Rather than go through all the frustration, Darlene said "we'll take care of it" A big thank you to Darlene and Rick Tichy for creating stones for these veterans.

The stories of Alfred E. Smith and George W. Hodges will be featured in our production *Souls of the Village: Chagrin Falls in the Civil War* June 8 & 9 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.



KINSMAN TRIP—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

30 members and guests boarded a brand new white and red Precious Cargo bus to take a trip to Kinsman, Ohio, birthplace of Clarence Darrow. (we saw his octagon house)



Photography by Terry Taggart

Kinsman Presbyterian Church 1832

Dick and Susan Webb, our antique dealer hosts, met us at the large and beautiful 1832 Kinsman Presbyterian Church to tell us the history of the town and its famous builder Willis Smith. After a short visit to Kinsman's wonderful Carnegie

library with a small historical museum, we proceeded to the famous and exquisitely beautiful 1821 Peter Allen house presently undergoing restoration. From there to the tiny but famous Times Square Restaurant (formerly run by the owner of the Peter Allen House) where 18 homemade pies awaited us. (Carol Simpson, the owner, had gotten up at 3:00 a.m. to bake for us!) On the menu were delicious homemade soups and sandwiches. Our next stop was the beautifully restored and appointed house of our tour guides--again built by Willis Smith. The Webb's have filled the house with early Ohio antiques.



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Home of Dick and Linda Webb circa 1832

Our only disappointment was not having enough time to see the Gustavus, Ohio church and museum as we had planned.

Many thanks to Dick and Susan Webb, our bus driver Dean, and Precious Cargo for a wonderful trip!

Tim Scott

CHAGRIN VALLEY CONSORTIUM MEETING

We hosted the spring gathering of the Chagrin Valley Consortium on April 21st. Representatives from Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Solon, Bainbridge, Mayfield Township, Gates Mills, Russell, and Chesterland were in attendance. A great breakfast spread was provided by our board. Thanks to Jo Roeder, Pat Zalba, Arline Moore, Zo Sykora, Lucy Beattie, Carolyn Sihler, Gretchen Hamann, and to John Bourisseau for setting up and chairing the meeting.

Attendees reported on the programs being offered by their societies, discussed new projects, shared concerns over funding and sponsorship, and bragged a little about their successes. Following the meeting folks toured our museum and lingered to share ideas and plans for the future. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet other historical society volunteers and to swap information. Solon shared some photographs with us and Pat Zalba handed off some artifacts which were more appropriately held by other societies. Moreland Hills Historical Society will host the group in Sept 22, 2012.

Zo Sykora

NEOIMC MEETING

Carolyn Sihler and I attended the April Northeastern Ohio Inter- Museum Council meeting hosted by Concord Township Old Stone School House. We toured the School House and were amazed that a family of 5 had lived in the building after it ceased serving as a school in 1924. This school house was in deplorable condition prior to the restoration done by their historical society. Wine and cheese and johnnycakes were served. A very nice supper was served at the Concord Community Center. Following dinner, a representative of each facility presented a snapshot of their group's activities. Carolyn I sat with folks from the Black River Historical Society and learned that they dedicate part of their website to students of Lorain County. Bonnie Walker of the Concord Township Old Stone School House forwarded scans of some old letters to us which we will likely share with Bainbridge Historical Society. Civil War events are very popular this year, of course, including one community which has widened the scope of their observance to include the entire community. The opportunity to meet folks from other museums and historical societies afforded by membership in groups like the NEOIMC is valuable and I encourage our members to attend such gatherings when possible.

Zo Sykora

HERITAGE FUND

Thank you to Charles and Carol Haslett for their recent gift to the Heritage Fund and to Jane Griffiths for her donation in memory of David Griffiths. Gifts were sent in memory of Russell Anderson by Jan and Howard Tan, Laurie Miki and James Tan, the Ito Family, Ron and Martha Siebel, Connie Love and Donna Grandy. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Nancy Haag
Heritage Fund Chair

Curators Corner

Overview Calendar

May	8	Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting Shute Building, 9:30 a.m.
	14	"Souls of the Village" committee meeting at the PAC, 10:30 a.m.
	24	Blossom Time Begins!!
	26	Alumni Chorus program John Bourisseau & Laura Gorretta participating. Performing Arts Center 400 E. Washington St. 1-4 p.m.
	31	Last day to get your Historical Society Ballots in
Looking Ahead to June	1&2	Your Home Town--Home Tour
	7&8	"Souls of the Village": Chagrin Falls during the Civil War. Performing Arts Center 7:30 p.m.

Consortium Meeting:
Thank you to all who helped with hosting our guests at the Chagrin Valley Consortium on April 21st. We had a good representation from all of the Historical Societies in the group. We always get a new perspective on how to get things done. We support each other in keeping our Societies interesting and functioning with "all volunteer staffing." (See article elsewhere in newsletter)

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls connection:
We have received many Chagrin Falls photographs to scan or to keep, from the following donors: (Shirley Scott Atkins, Maryann Fast-Corothers, Susan Jotte and Jo Roeder.

We have received the research papers from Stuart Root for his background work on his book *"The Chagrin of Chagrin-How a Fairy Tale Trumps a Legend"* The book can be purchased at Fireside.

A C.F. Advertising Stem: Cardboard illustrated with two Dutch housewives carrying a bucket made of tin (match holders) stating "Compliments of J.W. Stoneman-Hardware Implements, BuildingBlocks, Tiles, Lime, Cement and Coal".

(Donor-Jane Jackson Parker)

Have a wonderful Blossom Time!!

Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator