

Events and Projects

The **Tippecanoe Historical Society** plans and/or takes part in many local projects and events, in order to share the rich history of Tipp City, Ohio and the people who have lived here. Below are a couple of our ongoing projects. See our website for a calendar of monthly events.

Veterans Recognition Project The Tippecanoe Historical Society, in conjunction with the Tippecanoe High School Library/Media Center and Archive Club is compiling information about Tipp City veterans with the goal of having a complete database of historic value that will include all Tipp City men and women who have served our country.

Oral History Project In recognition of the Ohio Bicentennial, we gathered oral histories of Tipp City. These stories became the basis of a play entitled “Tippecanoe—Our Story”. Excerpts are available for presentation and are both informational and entertaining. Each excerpt is approximately 25-30 minutes in length. Tapes are available for viewing at the Museum.

“If Tombstones Could Talk” This popular annual event is held in June at Maple Hill Cemetary. Each year, several Tipp City citizens—from days gone by—are chosen and brought to life by volunteers who pose as—and relate their life stories.

Tippecanoe Historical Society & Museum

20 N 3rd Street | PO Box 42
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Museum Hours

Saturdays | 10:00am–2:00pm
(Open as weather permits)

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Our Mission

The Tippecanoe Historical Society identifies, collects and accessions archives and artifacts pertaining to Tipp City and Monroe Township in Ohio. Preserving these items, many of which are family heirlooms, to make them available to the general public for research and education which includes, but it not limited to, genealogy, home property background research and history for building restoration.



the past is a present
to the future

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Tippecanoe Historical Society— The Beginning

In 1979, the Community Minded Women organization initiated a project to establish a historical society for Tipp City, Ohio culminating in the formation of the Tippecanoe Historical Society.

The purpose of the Tippecanoe Historical Society was—and continues to be—the collection, display, preservation and interpretation of historical materials, properties and/or articles—and to encourage historical interest and inquiry.

The Society purchased a building at the corner of N 3rd and Walnut Streets in December 1985. This building housed the Tipp City Post Office in the early 1930s. With support from local organizations, fundraisers and major contributions from the Tipp Foundation—the Tippecanoe Historical Society Museum was opened on April 29, 1991.

Since its formation, the Tippecanoe Historical Society has hosted informational meetings and guest speakers, sponsored field trips, participated in local celebrations and conducted tours of Tipp City's historic district. In addition, the Society works with youth and adult groups, collects materials for the Museum and hosts social events for its members.

The continued generosity of community members and organizations allow us to be custodians of the area's rich historical legacy. We always welcome new members and volunteers.

Tipp City— The Beginning

At the center of what is now Tipp City—was once a 140-acre farm purchased by Robert Evans in 1828. Evans worked for eleven years clearing the heavily wooded tract in order to build a home, only to trade the land to his brother-in-law, John Clark in 1839. Clark had moved to the area in 1810, with his mother and several other families and settled in Cowlesville. In 1820, Clark constructed a flat boat at the mouth of Honey Creek—where the John Clark Memorial Bridge now stands. He used the flat boat to haul hides, flour and pork to markets in Cincinnati.

Clark envisioned the potential success for a town located in a pivotal position—the intersection of the Miami-Erie Canal (completed in approximately 1937) and the road that ran between Greenville and Springfield, established around 1813 and designated as a state route in 1817 (current State Route 571). Clark acted upon his vision and had the land surveyed as the site for a town.

The first plat was recorded in 1840 and contained 17 lots. This same year, William Henry Harrison was campaigning for the presidency of the United States, using the rallying slogan of “Tippecanoe and Tyler, too.” Clark, who was an admirer of Harrison, adopted the name “Tippecanoe” and recorded it with the plat. In approximately 1850, citizens officially added the word “City” and the village became known as Tippecanoe City.

—From the files of Grace L. Kinney

We appreciate your support

Your support enables us to preserve and maintain a vital link to the rich history of Tipp City and the surrounding area and we **thank you** in advance. Detach and complete the form below if you would like to become a new or continuing member of the Tippecanoe Historical Society. (Memberships and/or donations are tax-deductible.)

Please make checks payable to: Tippecanoe Historical Society and mail to PO Box 42, Tipp City, Ohio 45371.

Memberships

I would like to support the Tippecanoe Historical Society by **becoming** or **renewing** membership at the following level. (Membership year runs from January 1–December 31.)

- Individual Membership—**\$15.00**
- Family Membership—**\$25.00**
- Lifetime Membership—**\$250.00**
- I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.
- I would like to make an additional donation in the following amount.

Enter amount here ⇨ \$ _____

Business Members

We would like to support the Tippecanoe Historical Society by **becoming** or **renewing** membership at the following level. (Membership year runs from January 1–December 31.)

- One-Year Membership—**\$50.00**
- We would like to make an additional donation in the following amount.

Enter amount here ⇨ \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Opportunities

Interested in volunteering? There are multiple opportunities for involvement including:

- ❖ board member
- ❖ volunteer at museum
- ❖ acquisition of historical articles
- ❖ computer assistant for museum records

- ❖ filing of clippings, etc.
- ❖ obituary records
- ❖ guide for historic downtown tours
- ❖ “If Tombstones Could Talk” presenter
- ❖ museum maintenance and cleaning

Call **937.667.4092** for more information.

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