

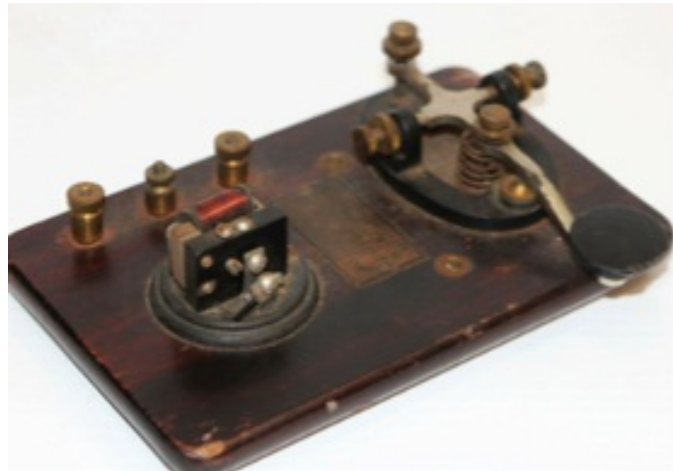


The Historical Society Chronicle

September 2023

Trivia Corner

Can you guess what this is?
Used on the railroad.



Answer at bottom of newsletter.

Village Happenings

September has been a busy month, full of activities. The Village continues to be open for FREE public tours each Saturday and Sunday from 1PM – 5PM.

Walking Tour of Old Hilliard – the September Walking Tour of Old Hilliard was a "sell out". The weather was beautiful and all who attended had a great time. Tim Woodruff did a marvelous job regaling stories about what Hilliard was like years ago.



Meadow Park Church Senior Adult Tour – We had a delightful group of seniors from the Hilliard Meadow Park Church take a tour of the Village.

For the Love of Hilliard – Destination Hilliard put together an event to replace the cancelled Old Hilliardfest. Visitors came to the Historical Village to get their "passport" validated so they could enter a drawing to win prizes. We had an exceptional volume of foot traffic at the Village during the event. It was a very successful activity to showcase the Historical Village.

History Day at the Hilliard Library – In the spring of 2023 the Hilliard Public Library proposed a cooperative event to be done with the Historical Society called History Day. The event took place Saturday, September 23rd. As part of the day's activities, Tim Woodruff, Megan Martin and Bob Eggerichs made two presentations sharing interesting historical facts about Hilliard plus showing artifacts from around the Village. It was well received by both the visitors and the library. There are discussions taking place about making this an annual event.



Heritage Day & Craft Fair – Planned for Saturday, September 30, 2023, 11AM – 4PM. There will be free tours of the buildings, pioneer crafters, homemade ham & bean soup with cornbread, corn husking and shelling, games for kids, and fun for the whole family.



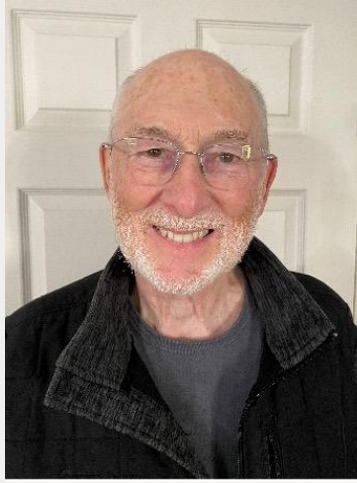
Venue Rental

If a wedding or reception is in your future, please keep our venues in mind. We have the Colwell chapel for weddings, the Norwich pavilion for receptions, graduation parties, reunions and more. Our gazebo at the Village is great for music and we have the SBC pavilion for smaller parties. To learn more, go to our website HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on the menu, then click on Venues.

Archival Library

Do you have a question for our archival library? They are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM to 1:30PM or call 614-876-5880 with your questions. You may also contact them by email at HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

Profiles in Stewardship



Bob Eggerichs

Bob Eggerichs began his second term as president of the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society in October 1st.

His Number One goal is “to keep the place open. We have to be sure we have enough money coming in to pay for utilities and operating expenses,” he said.

“The second goal is to grow the membership – and that is to replace the people that are not able to work the Village anymore due to moving away or they are physically incapable of helping, and to get younger people involved,” he said.

[**Read More about Bob**](#)

Local Business Spotlight



Hilliard Station Baking Company

Hilliard Station Baking Company is almost as rich in history as it is in cupcakes.

Located at 4035 Main St. and owned by husband and wife team David and Tracy Baldrige, the shop is nearly across from where the Historical Village's 1899 train station used to be and a stone's throw from today's Hilliard Station Park.

"We have the best view in Hilliard out of this 100-year-old building. People sit and can look up Main Street and they can look across at the park," said David.

[Read More](#)

Membership Renewal Time

It is membership renewal time again! If you have an annual membership please renew by October 1, 2023. Visit our website at <https://www.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com> and select "Get Involved". The click on "Memberships". Scroll down the page to renew online or to print a membership form to mail your payment. Your support of the Hilliard Historical Society is valued and appreciated.

If you have any questions about your renewal date you can check your membership card or email Stephanie Ledwith at

stephanie.ledwith.hohs@gmail.com and she will check your renewal date."

Thank you for your continued support.

Gift Shop (at the Village)

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is open Saturday's & Sunday's 1PM to 5PM. We have several items related to Hilliard.



Country Store- (on our website)

We have a variety of greeting cards and other printed materials available. Please go to our website at HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on "Visit" in our menu then select "Country Store" to see the selection and prices.



Upcoming Events

During the months of May through October the Historical Village is open every Saturday & Sunday, 1PM to 5PM. You are invited to bring the family and enjoy a FREE tour of all the buildings, especially our museum with hundreds of artifacts.

Oct Haunted Village – Friday, October 20th, 6PM – 9PM & Saturday, October 21st, 6PM – 9PM at the Historical Village in Weaver Park. A family friendly, slight fright event that features a Village full of ghostly attractions! Admission: \$5 per person, Kids 3 and under are FREE.

Dec Santa In The Train Station - Sunday, December 10th, 2 PM - 5 PM, at the Historical Village train station. Children can share their Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, FREE admission (donations welcome).

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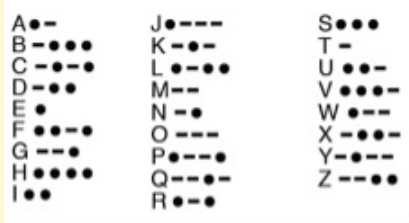


Vintage Telegraph Key

Vintage Telegraph Key – guessing what this was may have only been a challenge to some young people.

Developed in the 1830s and 1840s by Samuel Morse and other inventors, the telegraph revolutionized long-distance communication. It worked by transmitting electrical signals over a wire laid between stations. In addition to helping invent the telegraph, the Morse code assigned a set of dots and dashes to each letter of the English alphabet (see below) and allowed for the simple transmission of complex messages across telegraph lines. In 1844, Morse sent his first telegraph message, from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, Maryland; by 1866, a telegraph line had been laid across the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to Europe. The telegraph had fallen out of widespread use by the 20th century, replaced by the telephone, fax machine and Internet.

Morse Code Chart



Click here to see a vintage telegraph in action
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Lle8-OEFbyk>



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