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# Linworth Preserves Its Roots

In 2002 Linworth United Methodist Church celebrated its 115th year as an organized church. During that year of celebration a book entitled, Remembering Our Roots, was compiled. The term book is used loosely because Remembering Our Roots is really an album of remembrances. Little did the writers and compilers of this album realize the impact of their efforts. People were intrigued by the stories of the early who settled pioneers between the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers. The stories of Indians, forgotten burial sites, and the astounding faith of those early settlers grabbed the attention of readers. Suddenly people came forth with pictures and their own

remembrances. Neighbors of the Linworth area were equally intrigued and wanted to share their stories and facts. A Linworth Historical Society was beginning to emerge.

At the same time there was a realization that some of those who had the most information were approaching their eighties and nineties. If their stories were to be captured and put into writing, the venture must begin at once. There developed a desire to "pass the presence" by gathering

facts, putting them into writing, and thereby preserving the rich heritage of our pioneer roots.

Special thanks is due Jim Thompson

who grew up in the Linworth community. His long hours of research and his passion to honor the memory of our forebears have brought us to the founding of the Linworth Historical Society.

Watch this newsletter for information about the latest updates to Remembering Our Roots. Invite your friends to join the Linworth Historical Society. You will be challenged to put the faith of yesteryears into 21st century action.



Play: Remembering Our Roots

## West Ohio United Methodist Conference Honors Linworth's Historical Society

The Historian of the Year Award was presented to Linworth's Historical Society in June 2003 at the West Ohio Annual Conference. The United Methodist Conference noted the work that had been done to honor the early founders of Christianity and Methodism in Ohio. They were equally impressed with the research that had been done to remember and honor the Native Americans in our early history.

Much credit for this award goes to our neighboring historical societies. Jim Richards, trustee of Dublin's Historical Society, remembered, as a child, playing among the tomb stones at the Ferris Cemetery more than sixty years ago. Jim and a group from Linworth made their way through the brush to discover pieces of tomb stones. Jane Trucksis, curator of Worthington's Historical Society, assisted Linworth in locating old records in their library. She was patient and helpful as we eagerly read about the Native Americans of the area.

Linworth gratefully acknowledges the help of our sister societies. Thank you for encouraging us to record the events between the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers in the land of Elmwood.

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Find a picture in Remembering Our Roots of this person when she was a young girl. She and her husband are active members of the

Historical Society. See the next Newsletter for her name.

## Historical Musings by Jim . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jim Thompson

Built in the early 1800's, this brick house



served as an ndian trading post. The location southwest of corner Wilson

Bridge Road and Olentangy River Road. On a bluff overlooking the Olentangy River, located on the north-south Indian trail, this store traded with the Mingo and Wyandot Indians until the mid 1800's. The owners in 1927, Rev. and Mrs. A.K. McCall, had verification of its unique history from Bill Moose. Bill, at ninety years of age, visited the McCalls and told them about coming there with his mother in the 1840's to trade.

Local folklore had Johnny Appleseed

stopping at the trading post when he traveled through Worthington. While there, he is said to have planted some apple tree seedlings in the orchard behind the store.

If you have historical musings you would like to share, please send your story to Jim Thompson, 770 Mulberry Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1234. jthomp2886@aol.com

COMING SOON—THE STORY OF CHIEF LEATHERLIPS—HIS TRIAL AND EXECUTION

After countless weeks of research, hours of writing, rewriting, and printing by Jim Thompson, David Martin, and Jeff Brown of Metro Gallery, the story of Chief Leatherlips is almost complete.

When the six pages become available in November, Historical Society members

members except regularly who Linworth attend UMC. Those



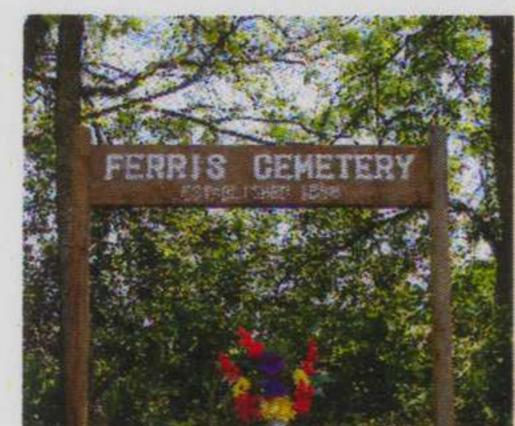
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members will be notified by phone. They will be able to pick up their copies in the Heritage Room after church service.



## Pioneers Remembered with Signs at their Burial Sites

Worthington



neighborhood newspapers have carried the stories and Pioneer Burial Sites that the Linworth Historical

Society has identified. Signs have been placed at these two sites. The sign work was beautifully done by Ed Pollock, a charter member of the Historical Society. His craftsmanship is greatly appreciated.

The remains of these pioneers have been

moved to other sites, but there is a sacredness to the dust where they were pictures of two of the first laid to rest. The Linworth Historical Society is continuing research to locate and memorialize the burial sites of other early settlers. the Ferris Cemetery on Riverside Drive

and by the Wilcox Cemetery on Godown Road. As you drive by these sites, the Historical Society encourages you to take a moment and recall the hard work, faith, and endurance of the settlers between the

Olentangy and Scioto Rivers.

-"and departing, leave behind

us, footprints on the sands of

time. " Longfellow

## If you have not seen the signs, drive by

## Bits and Pieces

Do you have an email address? Send it to Ed Pollock jpolloc4@columbus.rr.com. Ed will be in touch with you. With email you will be among the first to receive the latest information from the Linworth Historical Society.

#### Christmas Cookie Sale



Linworth Women's Christmas cookies Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 10:00 to 1:00 at

the church. Proceeds go to mission projects. Did you know that Linworth has a "Centenarian" who has wonderful recipes and those cookies will be on sale?

If you have a special cookie recipe and you would like to donate some cookies to a worthy cause, contact Jean Davidson, 614.785.1618. You may also come and purchase cookies on December 6.

Christmas Memories of Elmwood (Linworth) will be included in the morning worship services at Linworth UMC on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2003.