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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

The History of Beer in Cincinnati

Cincinnati has a long and storied history of beer brewing, and few people know more about that history than Michael Morgan. A “reformed lawyer,”

Morgan has dedicated much of his energy to the physical and cultural restoration of Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine. Among a wide range of interests, Morgan identifies most personally with the role of writer. In addition to generating all of the content for Cincinnati’s Brewing Heritage Trail, Morgan is the author of *Cincinnati Beer* (The History Press, 2019) and *Over-the-Rhine, When Beer was King* (The History Press, 2010).



Morgan and his work have been featured in a number of publications and roadcasts, including *Cincinnati Magazine*, *Ohio magazine*, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, WCPO.com, and Soapbox Media. He has made numerous broadcast appearances on radio and television, and was declared one of Cincinnati’s “13 Most Interesting People” by Cincy Magazine.

This program will include a **CASH BAR** featuring several local brews from West Side Brewing and the new Gilligan’s on the Green Restaurant.

**PROGRAMS ARE
7 PM
Wyoming Civic Center**

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....

Yes, dues time! We appreciate your membership and hope that we can count on you to continue our quest to find and preserve Wyoming's history. Your dues and donations are one way you can help us in our mission. We appreciate it.

Please consider paying next year's dues from this newsletter. That will save us time, energy and the postage needed to send a separate dues notice!!!! Thank you.

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January 2024 - December 2024

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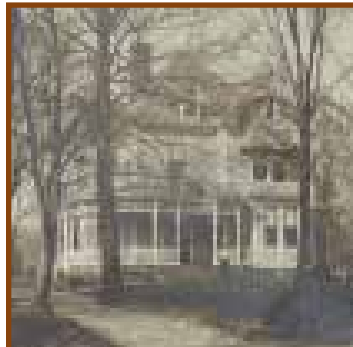
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We are an approved 501-c-3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

WHAT DO THESE HOUSES HAVE IN COMMON??????



200 Worthington



212 Worthington



218 Worthington

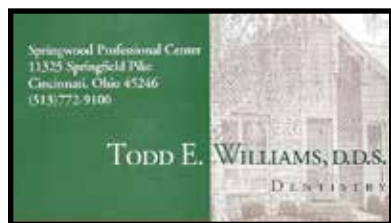
See the article on page 7 to find out.

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A Wyoming resident, Dr. Williams' goal is to deliver the highest quality dental care possible. His experience in dentistry is coupled with a genuine concern for his patients. They have a dedicated team of trained professionals who will provide you with the honest and individualized attention you deserve. We strive to treat you promptly and with the highest possible comfort.

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Jane Messingschlager & Elizabeth Gilger

-- MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- PROGRAMS FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR

February 8
Cincinnati's Underground Railroad - Dr Eric Jackson

April 11
Artists of the Queen City - Dr. Julie Aronson

June 13
Cincinnati Curiosities - Greg Hand

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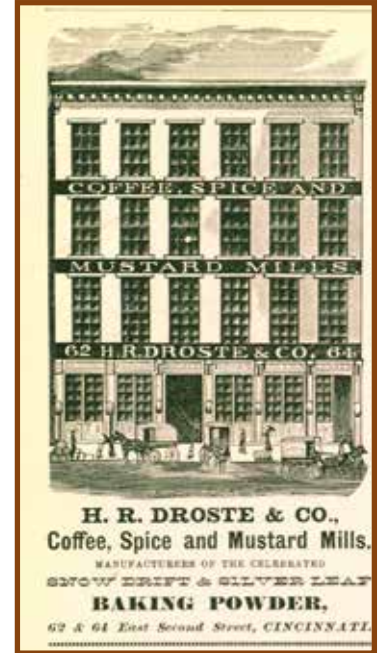
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MUSTARD, OHIO, AND CINCINNATI...Kevin Grace

We tend to slather it on hot dogs and hamburgers, stir it into potato salad, and for hundreds of years even made it into poultices to ease our aches and pains. That's mustard. There are more than 3,000 varieties of mustard throughout the world but only three of them have commercial importance. Canada grows most of the world's mustard, with India, Nepal, the United States, Russia, Germany, and Ukraine trailing far behind. For centuries, people around the globe have used the plant in herbal remedies and for the maintenance of good health. And, there is evidence from cooking pots that Stone Agers used mustard in their food. Healers in ancient Egypt used it as a medicine, as did practitioners from China to North Africa. The Romans regarded mustard as both a condiment and a healing ointment. Other world cultures used it to ease arthritis or to treat cardiovascular illnesses, and over the past four thousand years herbalists have strongly recognized its home medicine importance (our grandparents may remember the heat of those flu-season mustard plasters before Vicks VapoRub came along!). But, we mostly love that bright yellow American mustard on those hot dogs.

But is there a Cincinnati and Ohio heritage to mustard? Two hundred years ago, mustard was cultivated by farmers in the state's eastern and northern counties. Once the seed was harvested, it came overland by



Mustard Continued

wagon or down the Miami-Erie Canal to the east side Cincinnati spice mills along Walnut Street like the Harrison & Eaton Company and the Deierlein mill, the George Dixon's spice business a few streets over on Sycamore Street, or H.R. Droste & Company on Second Street. However, by the end of the Civil War Ohio farmers gave up on the crop and instead concentrated on wheat, corn, and beans for their fields. Today, the mustard in Ohio – garlic, tower, hedge mustards – grows wild and is considered an invasive plant.



But mustard continued to be important to Cincinnatians in various ways. In 1907 for example, Albert Mihalovitch founded the American Products Company that directly marketed to the home, just like Avon or Fuller Brush would do later. One of Albert's products was Zanol Mustard Magic, a gel used for muscle pains and congestion. Mustard Magic sold fairly well until his company dissolved in 1948. And one mustard developed in Cincinnati continues to be an American favorite, Mister Mustard created by Cincinnati Jacob Frank for his Frank Tea & Spice Company. Frank founded his company in 1896 and with his brothers, Charles and Emil, the Franks manufactured and distributed a wide variety of household spices over the decades. As this mustard legend goes, Jacob was always disappointed that he could never find a mustard to his liking whenever he dined in local establishments. So, he concocted his own spicy version with the wonderful natural heat of mustard and brought it in a handy little pot to restaurants. As he walked through the doors, the waiters would say to each other, "Here comes Mister Mustard" and the product was born. Today, Mister Mustard is still manufactured by the Woeber family mustard company in Springfield, Ohio. And mustard is still a

condiment of choice in the Buckeye State: in addition to a large company like Woeber's, currently there are more than a dozen craft "mustardiers" in Ohio, creating flavor profiles with heat and panache, and covering our hot dogs and sandwiches.



THIRD GRADE TOURS.....

Once again Wyoming's third graders have taken the tour which includes stops at the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Water Works, Council Chambers, Historical Society, Reily House, and a bus tour of various historic spots in and near Wyoming. A big thanks to all the volunteers that help to make this special and informative.

WYOMING'S WORLD WAR VETERANS...

Dr. William Arthur Cocrel was one of the first African American doctors to serve the communities of Wyoming and Lockland. He established his practice sometime around 1930 at 200 North Wayne Avenue in Lockland while he and his wife, Nellie Mae, were living in an apartment at 635 Oak Avenue in Wyoming. In 1931, William and Nellie Mae purchased a piece of land a few blocks north of their apartment on Oak Avenue. By the middle of 1936, they were living in a newly built home at 809 Oak Avenue. They owned this house, which was appraised at \$4,500 in 1940.

In 1943, William graduated from the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Maryland, in preparation for his service in World War II. He served as a Captain in the Medical Corps from September 1943 to March 1946.

He passed away in 1965 due to cancer. He is interred at Greenlawn Cemetery in Milford, Ohio next to Nellie, who passed away in 1979.



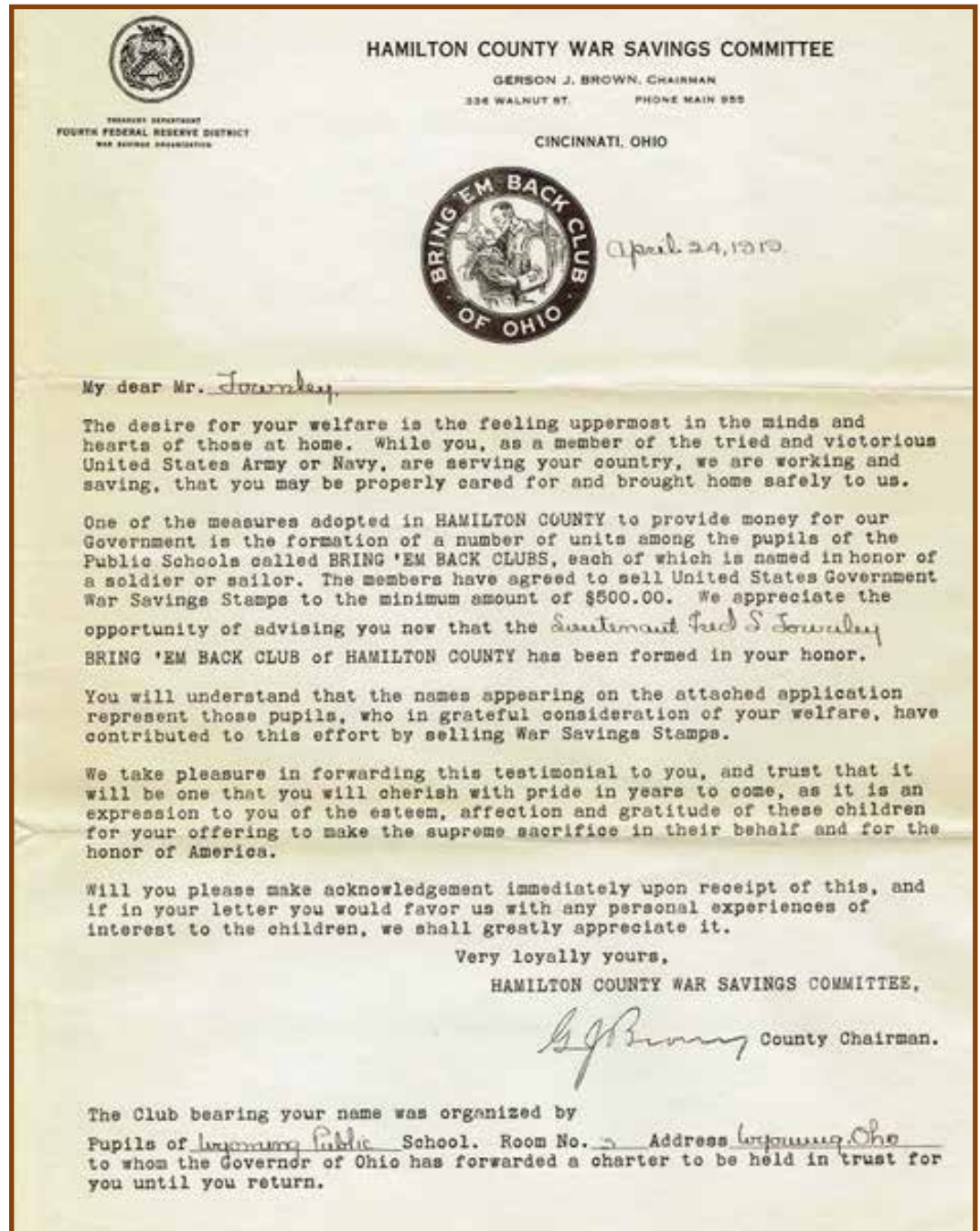
Centennial Yearbook, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, class of 1921, p. 165, Pre-Medic Club

TOWNLEY TIME.....

Wyoming had a large number of residents who served in World War I. Among those were the names Liddle, Brooks, Pendery, Ritchie and Jewett, whose family names grace some of our streets. There were many other families with names not so well known that were long time residents of Wyoming and also served in WWI. Among them was the Townley Family.

Edward Earl Townley (1838-1901) built 212 Worthington in 1888. Prior to that he and family lived on Dayton Street in Cincinnati and on Vermont Avenue. Edward was Secretary of the Security Insurance Company and President of the Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Cincinnati. In 1866 he became the first

Treasurer of the Cincinnati Baseball Club which became the Cincinnati Red Stockings and then the Cincinnati Reds. Prior to 1910, Edward's son and WWI Veteran Frederick "Fred" Lawrence Townley Sr., also in the insurance business, and his wife Eugenia Taylor Townley, moved to 218 Worthington having begun married life living with their in-laws at 212. Here is where Frederick Lawrence Townley Jr. was born in 1910. Sometime after 1920, Fred and Eugenia and their son moved to 200 Worthington. Fred Jr married Emily Curd in 1935 and after a short stay in Pennsylvania they raised their two sons at 200 Worthington then back to 218. Emily remained in Wyoming until 1966.



Remember the Taylor Tot Stroller from the early and mid-1900's? Well, Eugenia Taylor Townley's brother Frank Taylor invented the Taylor Tot. They were the children of Dr. James I. Taylor, a dentist, who lived on what is now West Hill Lane. Both Eugenia and her brother were Wyoming High School grads.

Our Veteran, Fred Sr. was a First Lieutenant in the US Army. During WWI, one of the ways that young citizens could participate in the war was by sponsoring a "Bring' em Back Club" honoring someone serving overseas. The students were required to sell \$500 worth of US Government War Savings Stamps. The classmates of Fred Jr. at Wyoming Public School did just that and a letter was sent to Fred Sr. notifying him of their success. What a treasure for the family to have this letter and Application for Charter.

Fred Sr. also has a brick that was part of the local "Road of Remembrance" project. The bricks and trees lined Springfield Pike in the 1920's and forward. Those bricks that survived have been placed around the flag pole at Centennial Park.

Note: Edward E. Townley had another son, Lewis. Lewis and his wife Susan lived at 323 Beech for many years.

ORIGINAL

IMPORTANT!

This application for charter must be returned to Hamilton County War Savings Committee, 326 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, when orders for a total of \$500 or more are obtained so that a charter can be issued in name of your club. This will be delivered to you and is to be presented to soldier upon his return.

PUBLIC SCHOOL
Application for Charter
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

In Honor of Lt. Fred L. Townley
Whose Home Address is 218 Worthington Ave., Wyoming, Ohio
Now located at C. D. 209 Pioneer Infantry, Amer. Expeditionary Force, Mantes, France
Who served the United States of America in the cause of Liberty and Humanity. A. P. C. 767
Deeply appreciating his service rendered to the country, and being deeply desirous of bringing him back to home and loved ones, we wish to form the

Frederick L. Townley
Bring' Em Back Club

We, the undersigned, therefore in manifestation of our good will, hereby acknowledge to the Secretary of the United States Treasury that we have sold for the United States Government, War Savings Stamps, to the minimum amount of

Five Hundred Dollars

Thus, we become his sponsors and show him that we are doing our part in helping to provide and care for him by seeing that he is brought safely home to us. It is understood that a copy of this application when completed will be forwarded to the soldier or sailor in whose honor this club is formed.

E. R. Little Teacher Room No. 3 Wyoming Public School Wyoming, Ohio School Address

NAMES OF PUPILS	NAMES OF PUPILS	NAMES OF PUPILS	NAMES OF PUPILS
<u>Fred Townley</u>	<u>Martha Dwight</u>	<u>Napoleon</u>	
<u>Harold Hill</u>	<u>Florence Richards</u>		
<u>Helen Harvey</u>	<u>Robert Rogers</u>		
<u>Robert Baker</u>	<u>Allen Stone</u>		
<u>Clark Stearns</u>	<u>Ferd Wagner</u>		
<u>Edward Astor</u>	<u>Nakoleman</u>		
<u>Mary McMill</u>	<u>David Jones</u>		
<u>Shirley Brooks</u>	<u>William Crawford</u>		
<u>Adora Wagner</u>	<u>Harry Eason</u>		
<u>Elizabeth Hines</u>	<u>Edwin E. Sanders</u>		
<u>John A. D. ...</u>	<u>Rachel & Matilda</u>		
<u>Burvell Fox</u>	<u>Elizabeth ...</u>		



Above: Bricks around the flag pole at Centennial Park

Below: The Townley brick.



Special thanks to Fred Sr's grandsons, Larry & Greg, for their help on this article.

COMPTON ROAD'S BEGINNINGS.....Amy Pursley

With all the work that has taken place on Compton Road in the past few months, it only makes sense to understand where the name Compton comes from.

Jacob Rufus Compton was born in New Jersey in 1760. He served in the Revolutionary War as a private and married Orriminah Hyde in 1780. In 1796, Jacob and his wife and nine children traveled first to Kentucky, then to land in Colerain Township, Ohio. Sadly, family lore claims that four of the children were lost to scarlet fever during this journey west. Jacob Compton purchased the land in Colerain Township from John Cleves Symmes. Because this land was part of "The Symmes Purchase", there is a high likelihood that Jacob Compton and his family were the first white settlers to live on this land. Since John Cleves Symmes was also originally from New Jersey, it is not clear if Compton knew about this land opportunity before coming to this area. Jacob and Orriminah (sometimes recorded as Ermina), would have four more children. Reuben was the youngest, born in 1804.

Before becoming a farmer in Ohio, Jacob Compton worked as a cooper making barrels and casks. Apparently, he passed his knowledge and skill along to his youngest son, Reuben. According to a publication from the Mt. Healthy Historical Society, titled "One Square Mile: 1817-1992", Reuben "was a leader in this line and stories of merit contend that the route over which Compton transported his barrels upon a large wheeled platform became an established trail snaking over the more level ridges through the little settlement of Mt. Pleasant; this way was later destined to bear the Compton name." (p. 34) Reuben lived just west of the town of Mt. Pleasant, which is now known as Mt. Healthy.

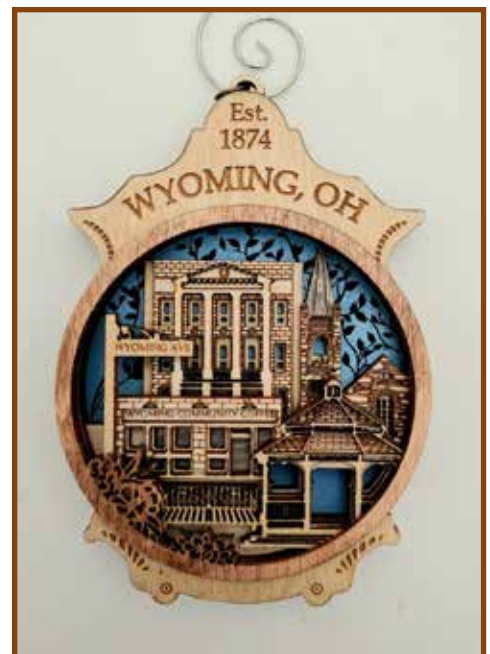
Reference: Ford, Henry A. & Kate B., "History of Hamilton County, Ohio: With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches", 1881, pg. 367

NEVER TOO SOON TO START SHOPPING.....

Looking for something special for your friends or neighbors for the holidays? How about this special Wyoming Tribute Ornament? The artist, Kristin Kutz, who exhibits in the Wyoming Art Show, makes these clever 3D multilayered wooden ornaments. She is offering the Wyoming Historical Society 5% of sales from her etsy site.

Kristin, a Terrace Park resident, is the proud mom of 2 boys on the autism spectrum and is building her business so they will have a place in the future. She produces 3D multilayer wood sculptures and ornaments. Each layer of wood is cut, painted or stained and glued. Her pieces range from wall hangings to ornaments, figurines, and jewelry.

This link will get you to her etsy site or just Google the title and it comes up. The cost is \$45. Wyoming OH 3D Multilayer Wooden Tribute Ornament 4.25 X 3 - Etsy. We thank Kristin very much.



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Look forward to seeing you at our next
program on NOVEMBER 9th.

FALL FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP

Great weather and oh-so many people. We made new friends and saw old ones. And, we sold Wyoming-Oploym games, Wyoming history books and other items. Great fun!

COME VISIT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Please consider stopping by on a Tuesday to visit our headquarters and museum. We love to show off!

NOVEMBER 9TH PROGRAM

This is our Annual Meeting and election of board members. If you are a member, please come and vote. If you are not a member, please consider becoming one.

SUSQUECENTENNIAL

Wyoming celebrates 150 years in 2024.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER...Jim Walton

Immediate past president Mary Killen's words from November of 2018 continue to ring true today.



"It's time once again to renew your annual membership. Your dues and/or additional donations support our many activities... educational programs for adults and students, our preservation efforts, the museum, and help to give your Historical Society a presence in the community. It is our mission to celebrate and to promote Wyoming's rich heritage. Due to your on-going interest and generosity, you will enable the Society to continue those efforts."