



# Kelleys Island Historical Association

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## Butterfly festival 2007

### Sharon McIntire

KIHA once again hosted the Butterfly Festival at the Old Stone Church. Many thanks to all of the numerous volunteers who worked hard throughout the day to make it a success! A special big THANKS go to the following individuals & businesses:

First, the set-up of the tents was done by **Annalee** and her many volunteers on Friday morning for the local artists, the **KI Audubon Club**, and bake sale areas.

Second, the bake sales were taken care of by **Ila Dick** and **E. Anne Edowes**. A big thanks to all

who baked for us resulting in a profit of \$183.75.



Third, the hot food sales were taken care of by **Bob** and **Jan Ransom**. This included getting the temporary food permit from Erie County Health department, passing the health inspection on the day of the event,

purchasing, cooking, and preparing all the food, setup, serving all day, and tear down at the end of the day.

**Moe's Country Store** and the **Island Market** donated various food items such as snacks. Profit from the yummy shredded chicken sandwiches, sloppy joes, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks, and snacks netted the KIHA \$302.

Fourth, the Yard Sale was taken care of by new event chairman **Sandy Kilko**. She encouraged local businesses to donate new items as a tax ex-

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## The Islander II 1937-38

### Frances Williams Toepfer

My Grandfather, **Norman Hills**, told me about a "read aloud" chronicle that flourished on Kelleys Island during the long, isolated, winter months of the late 19th century. The chronicle was named "The Islander."

About 60 years later, in 1937, when I was fifteen, a friend and I were sailing with **Dick Kelley** in his small sailboat when we capsized. We were somewhere between **Koster's** and the **Store Dock** (Casino dock), and were quickly rescued by nearby boaters. Dick rowed the boat back to his south shore dock, while my girl friend and I were deposited safely ashore, unharmed, but greatly impressed by our adventure.

When my dad, **Roger Williams, Sr.** heard my tale of woe, (especially woeful because it was unrecorded), he suggested that I might publish a little summer newspaper with a staff of young people from the island.

Recruiting reporters was easy, as many would-be journalists joined the project. It must have taken no more than a week to get going on a new adventure that most of us knew little about. We named our paper the "Islander II."

Dad agreed to take our typed copy and make-up sheets to a friend in Toledo who operated a small printing business. Dad brought completed issues back to

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## William S. Webb family donates Civil War correspondence—

### An ongoing series of the KIHA Newsletter

*Through the generosity of family members of William S. Webb, we were given transcripts of letters that Mr. Webb wrote to his family during his 100 days service in The Civil War. Since the Kelleys Island men left as a company from the island, they, initially at least, stayed together and thus Mr. Webb's letters sometimes include mention of other islanders who were also fighting. It is not often that a person has the opportunity to relive history.*

*William S. Webb was married to Elizabeth Kelley and three children—Sarah, Isabelle and Charles. In 1860, William S. Webb is listed on the Census as a stone mason earning \$8,000 a year.*

*William S. Webb went to war in 1864 and he wrote letters home to his family on Kelleys Island. Captain Webb's daughter Sarah copied his letters into a notebook. William D. Webb is the great-grandson of this Kelleys Island Civil War soldier and his grand-daughter, Katia Duey, transcribed the letters from the notebook. Katia Duey is currently attending Temple University. We sincerely thank the William D. Webb family for their interest in their own family history and that of Kelleys Island—and for the opportunity they have given the Kelleys Island Historical Association to share this wonderful story.*

*William S. Webb was first stationed at Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay, along with other Kelleys Island soldiers. (Added information will appear in [ ] .)*

*We left Mr. Webb's letters at June 16, 1864 (his birthday). We continue with the his second letter of that day:*

**Within Entrenchments, Point of Rocks, VA  
June 16 11 o'C A.M.**

**Sarg't Hays** has just "reported" from the Breastworks. He says, "Big Gunboat has just made three beautiful shots, plumped them right into the Reb Fort." We somewhat anticipated an attack upon the right of our entrenchments but we were all prepared for anything that might have been attempted. Six different attacks have been made but all unsuccessful of course at the last attack the Rebs lost over 2000 killed and wounded.

We have a fort in the centre of our line mounted with heavy guns and other forts at any point in our front. I believe I forgot to say that our fortifications are 5 miles in extent, running from the James to the Appomattox. I believe I have given you a general idea of the situation here. I will say that though "at the Front" in every sense of the word (as **Lee** and **Beauregard** with their armies are but a short distance from our front) we feel no particular uneasiness...are safer far than guarding lines of railroad. Our pickets exchange tobacco for Rebel papers, etc.... With the Rebel pickets, at our end of the line and do not fire upon each other. There is a spring at the foot of the hill directly in front of my company's position at which both parties get water, or have done so. But not since we came here.

I can throw a stone from our Breastworks to the spring. My Company are all in first rate good spirits and "enjoy the situation" amazingly so far. There were some tremulous ones the first night we arrived here when I called at the tents "To

## Islander II, Cont. from pg. I

the Island when he came for the weekend. We sold them for 5 cents a copy. We published five weekly issues in 1937. That Fall, I signed up for a journalism course at my high school (**DeVilbiss**) in Toledo.

In 1938, we published another five issues, with almost the same staff as in 1937. Staff members were: **Delbert Ehrbar, Kay Haas, Jean Himmelein, Ted Himmelein, Ward Huber, Roberta Hummel, Dick Kelley, Bill Pape, Josephine Pohorence, Eddie Ryan, and Frances Williams.**

We made enough money to stay afloat for two summers, due largely to our generous Island merchants, such as **Martins Grille and Confectionary, Trieshman's Market, Lange and Brown's Store, Martins Lake Shore Garage, Sam's Auto Shop, The Casino, Hamiltons Market, and Camp Kellile.**

The *Islander II* encouraged articles from any writers who wanted to submit, including my Grandfather, **Norman Hills**, who wrote erudite historical accounts about the island. I think the paper encouraged several of our young journalists to keep writing. And they did! Perhaps you have read their work in various other places.

But the boat capsizing never made the news. It was stale stuff before our first edition!

## Securities donation to KIHA can benefit the giver

### Roger Williams

Are you aware that you can donate securities directly to KIHA? If the securities have appreciated in value since you acquired them, your charitable gift tax deduction is based upon the appreciated value, and you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation. A great way to help KIHA and avoid some taxes!

For details on how to make such a transaction, please contact **KIHA Treasurer Greg Ritchie** via email at [gregritchie@alltel.net](mailto:gregritchie@alltel.net) or **Roger Williams** at [Rwill@cros.net](mailto:Rwill@cros.net), or contact KIHA by mail at P.O. Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

fall in immediately with knapsacks packed and slung for a march," but that was the first experience we had of being "at the front."

We are all well. My eyes have troubled me some, the heat of the sun on that march at Washington burning my face severely.

**Saturday, June 18th 1864, 7 o'C A.M.**

My letter was cut short by an order to "fall in." We fell in, stacked our arms in line to be ready and found the cause was an apprehended attack on our entrenchments. It was thought that the Rebels pressed on all sides by our forces

## William S. Webb Civil War Letters (cont.)

would attempt to break through our entrenchments. The results of the Battles of Petersburg were, so far as we have learned, that our troops have all the outer forts and could take the town when they want to.

A detachment of troops the 67th Ohio Veterans supported by the 132nd O.N.G. [Ohio Nat'l Guard?] in reserve went out on our right day before yesterday towards the Petersburg & Richmond R.R.—had quite a fight. All night of Thursday there was a tremendous cannonade by the gunboats up the James River, the heaviest reports I ever heard. Fighting going on all around us all day.

Last night there was a constant string of Artillery, Infantry & Cavalry passing over the Pontoon Bridge on our left towards Petersburg. It was a steady war and rattle. There has also been a steady stream passing through our camp to the right towards P&R R.R. Yesterday morning we received orders to "strike tents" and be ready to march. We did so at 9 o'C A.M. and lay in a broiling sun without shelter until nearly 12 o'C when we rec'd orders to "fall in," did so, marched to a dusty sandy plain, the sun pouring down with intense heat, stuck up our shelter tents and fairly roasted and boiled for the rest of the afternoon. At three o'C P.M. the 143rd, 163rd and some other regiments left and we proceeded to take possession of the camp of the 143rd. It is situated in a grove of pine trees but a dusty sandy spot without a particle of vegetation. We are now in camp here.

Yesterday we rec'd from headquarters an order for a detail of 20 men each from every company of our reg't for Picket duty. **Holbrook** was detailed as the Corporal of our detail, they went out at 5 o'C P.M. yesterday. We had just commenced moving our tents last evening to our new campground when an officer from headquarters rode into our company street and inquired for our Col., as his tent was not yet pitched he could not be found immediately. The officer said to me tell your Captains to fall their companies in, in your streets. I immediately called "Co. K," all hurriedly fell in, were marched to the Breastworks and placed at the Forts, after loading their pieces, the cause of this we found to be the report of the Rebs were driving

## Gift shop volunteers make 2007 success story

### Sharon McIntire

**Shirley Crabill, E. Anne Ed-dowes, Ed Frindt, Carol Jorski, Sandy Kilko, Nadine Mack, Sharon McIntire, Fran Minshall, Kristen Pasco, Mary Ann Pileski, Pat Seeholzer and Madeleine Williams.**

In addition substitutes were **Lori Arnold, Marliana Mielke, and Fred Walcott.** Due to your efforts we have been able to keep the gift shop open daily 11 am to 5 pm.

The June 50/50 raffle was won by Frannie Minshall and the July 50/50 winner was **Mary Chamberlain** of Sandusky, who bought her ticket downtown during Islandfest from our table. The August 50/50

was won by **Jim McIntire.**

Raffle tickets for "**The Seagull**" painting donated by artist/member **Lydia Bechtel** were sold out on July 21st. The winner of the painting was **B. J. Alexander** of Rocky River, who will be hanging the picture in the **West End Club** here on the island.

The gift shop now has a new painting by **Joe Corso** called the "**Zion Methodist Church & Parsonage on a Winter's Night,**" for which we are currently selling tickets. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10. each.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough. Their hard work and dedication made our shop a wonderful success this year!

our men and an attack was apprehended. A few moments after we took our positions a pretty heavy picket firing commenced directly in our front in the woods. This continued at intervals until after 12 o'C, this morning we anxiously peering over our Breastworks expecting to see our Pickets coming. They did not however come in and at one o'C this morning we returned to quarters, stacked our arms in our streets ready for instant use and went to bed. During all this time there was a heavy fight going on somewhere near Petersburg, we could hear the reports and see the flash of the guns. I think it was a musketry fight by the repots. The Picket firing last night have been our "outer pickets" Cavalry. If so our boys were not engaged, we shall know by tonight at 9 o'C when our Pickets are relieved.

We are having rather hard fare, hardtack and coffee being about all we have been able to get for the last two or three days, it will be better now I think as we are Brigaded, we are now in Pond's Brigade (the number I can't learn) 10h Army Corps. My eyes have troubled me badly but as today is a dark day they feel better. I hope they won't trouble me an more. I write with pencil as it is much more rapid than with a pen. My letters may be disconnected as I am interrupted every moment by some application from the men or an order from headquarters.

The 122nd N.Y., 82nd P'ann (Pennsylvanian) & c passed here yesterday. How many troops we have it is impossible to say. Grant's whole army is in this vicinity. Heavy firing is again going on towards Petersburg. During the fight the other day at Petersburg the wind brought the smoke down through our camp reminding me by the perfume of one of **John's** "big blasts" in the quarry. We are in a constant cloud of smoke as firing is going on all the time in some quarter or other in our vicinity. Our great trouble here is want of water for washing cooking & c. The mail will soon leave and I must close. We have rec'd our letters since we left Washington. I think the best way to direct now will be Co. K. 130th Reg't O.N.G. Near Bermuda Hundred Via Fortress Monroe. Write the "Co" (or the letter I mean the Reg't very plain, you had better have **Alfred** direct your letters to me. I shall write in the form of a connected journal as nearly as I can. Things of interest which I omit others may supply and you must read each other's letters. **William** I think writes nearly every day. Write as often as you can. Kiss the children for me, tell **Belle & Charley** their letters are not forgotten. They must consider their answers in my letters to you.

**I remain Dear Lizzie, Your Aff. Husband Wm S. Webb**

*We will continue this incredible series of letters in our next newsletter.*

## Heartfelt thanks to our 2007 donors

List is complete through Sept. 18

In memory of **Russ Matso** from **Mary Ellen** and **Jack Thinnies**, **Charles** and **Cynthia Herndon**, **Robert Luckay**, **Bill Koenigseker**.

In memory of **Lucille Matthews** from **Charles** and **Cynthia Herndon**.

In memory of **Anne Stueber** from **Charles** and **Cynthia Herndon**.

In memory of **Donald Staas** from **John** and **Judy Kobs**.

In memory of **Betsy Walcott** from **Robert Luckay**.

In memory of **Edward Frank** from **Mrs. Edward Frank**

In memory of **Richard Rettig** from **Sandy Kilko**, **Cathy Lange**, **Dan Ahner**, **Carolyn** and **Gary Spayd**, **Elizabeth Jones Rettig**, **Pamela Stevens** and **Gary Niehaus**, and **William** and **Ellen Schibley**.

In memory of **Michael Seeholzer** from **Lyle** and **Gerry Bickley**

**Roger Williams** donated 100 shares of Amgen stock for building fund

**Ila Dick** for building fund

**Annalee** for building fund

**Terri** and **Bill Stephenson**, honoring **Ohlemachers 50th Anniversary**

**Frances Toepfer** for building fund  
**Chuck Schodowski** "Big Chuck & Little John Tour KI" Videos

**Lydia Bechtel**, painting of "Seagull" for raffle

**Byron Crabill**, wood carving for raffle

**Teri Betzenheimer**, quilt for raffle

**Joe Corso**, painting for raffle

**Sharon McIntire**, Sink and faucet for museum

**LEIHS** donation, visit, gift shop purchases

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**Patti Johnson**, donation of tour books worth \$48

**George Homegardner**, donation of old photos for display and later sale

**June Schodowski**, antique ironing board

**Carol Vogler Bright** 15 "Naked Truths" and 6 "Making Waves in the Gene Pool" books authored by her

**Joe Young**, architect, building design—visit, estimates for building completion.

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emption. As a result, **Cynthia Holmes** from **The General Store** and **Vi Feyedelem** of **Vi's Island Treasures** responded with boxes and boxes of new items.

Fifth, the KI Audubon once again hosted a monarch butterfly tagging event, along with an educational talk from their club president **Pat Hayes**. The club adopted out several of the tagged butterflies.

If the tagged butterflies are netted again on their several thousand-mile journey to Mexico, the KI Audubon is alerted as to the location, thereby tracking the progress of the tagged monarch. The KI Audubon, likewise, will notify the "parents" of the adopted butterflies of their progress. KI tagged butterflies have been noted in Texas, Mexico, and other locations.

A special big thank you also goes to **June Schodowski**, **Sandy Alexander**, **Vera Baka**, **Roger Williams**, and many others for all the donated items. As a result the Yard sale was a huge success turning a profit of a whopping \$709.70. Way to go Sandy!

Finally a big thank you goes to **Big Chuck Schodowski** for attending and signing autographs and the **Big Chuck & Li'l John KI DVDs** during the afternoon, which helped our gift shop sales.

The total profit from the entire Butterfly Festival this year was \$1,235.45.

**Thanks to everyone for volunteering, attending, and purchasing!**

### Quilt Results

Once again the quilt raffle provided us with additional revenue.

**Terri Betzenheimer** always outdoes herself with providing us a beautiful handmade quilt each year. Combined with **Frances Minshall's** selling power, the quilt raised \$2,196 this year. The winning ticket was pulled by young **Jonathan Schodowski** around 3:30pm. This year's winner was **Rich Helm** of Novi, Michigan.

### Cardinal wood carving

**Byron Crabill's** beautiful hand carved cardinal was a joy to view. Raffle tickets this year were only \$5.00 a chance and resulted in a profit of \$615. The winning ticket was pulled by young **Jonathan** around 3:45 pm but he couldn't read the name this time. Byron read the winner's name to be clearly **Ila Dick**. The Cardinal will not have far to fly as it will live here on Kelleys Island!

## 2007 Members of Kelleys Island Historical Association

The Kelleys Island Historical Association Board would like to personally thank the following people who became members in 2007. It is only through your continued support as members, and your patronage in our gift shop, that we can continue to preserve the history of Kelleys Island and work towards the completion of our new museum—thereby assuring our history is secure for the future.

Dan Ahner  
Sandy Alexander  
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Kathy Reddinger  
Richard & Betty Rettig  
Greg & DeeDee Ritchie  
Jeanne Sabol

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Chuck Schodowski  
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Jeri Yoest



Do you shop at Gordons Food Service? If so, when they ask you at the check out if you belong to any organization, please say yes—"The Kelleys Island Historical Association."

We are now part of their rebate program and a portion of what you spend will go towards our organization. Please spread the word to all your friends to do likewise, even if they are not members.

This is an easy way for you to help us raise money for our great organization! Thank you GFS!

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**Membership Application—Membership runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31**

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**P.O. Box** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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