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British car rally on Kelleys at KIHA

Sharon Brunell McIntire

Kelleys Island participated in a world-wide event on Sat., Oct. 16th. That date marked the 80th anniversary of the very first British Car Rally. In celebration of the event, British Car Rallies were held in Australia, China, Germany, England, and throughout the United States to commemorate that day.

The three car clubs that came to Kelleys Island were the Emerald Necklace MG Register, the Central Ohio MG Owners, and the Northeast



Photos by Roger Williams

Ohio Austin Healey Club. They ran a thirteen mile course exploring the island on their 2010 Fall Colors **Cont. Page 3**

From the KIHA president

After 30 years, the Kelleys Island Historical Association has achieved one of our primary objectives, i.e., building and opening our museum building. This success was realized through the efforts and donations of our many volunteers, as well as financial grants from a number of charitable organizations. All of you who have helped to make this event occur should be very gratified with the results of your efforts.

Cleaning and refurbishing of the Old Stone Church, both interior and exterior, is also nearly complete, and we expect that we will use the church for weddings, and other meetings beginning in 2011.

Work on the Parsonage exterior will begin in the Spring, so that we may preserve this old house which is a part of KIHA's property.

Display of artifacts within the Museum is now, and is expected to continue to be, an evolutionary process. We have many artifacts not yet displayed, and expect to receive additional items now that we can assure the donors that there

is space for their preservation and display.

Preservation and display of artifacts is, of course, the reason for the existence of any historical museum, and that activity is now our principle focus.

To support the museum, church, and parsonage, KIHA needs a continuing source of income to pay for utilities and supplies. One major source of income is our Gift Shop, which is staffed and managed entirely by volunteers. We are always looking for volunteer help in the Gift Shop. Please let us know if you'd like to take one 3-hour shift a week.

With many volunteers, the workload on each person can be light, so we need your help!

Other fund raising activities include the Butterfly Festival with Bake sale and Yard sale, the Art Show, raffles for the quilt and woodcarving, our 50/50 lottery, and sale of Memory Walk bricks.

Your continuing support of KIHA is appreciated! Best wishes for a successful and historic 2011!

Roger Williams

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 this up close and personally.

William S. Webb was married to Elizabeth Kelley and had 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. 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, but has been serving in Point of Rocks, Va. For several weeks.

No. 23 In Camp Point of Rocks Va, Monday afternoon July 11th, 1864 (cont. from last issue— and written to his wife and children, William Webb is warning his wife of the dangers of not taking proper care of herself):

Do not feel too much troubled for the welfare of others. Remember that you have those of your own family who must look to you for every happiness they now enjoy during any absence, and do not injure your health mental or physical, by over exertion above the strength of either. The fear of this give[s] me more disquiet than any danger to myself, and I repeat it not only as a request but as a demand which is my right to make that you be careful of your health—avoid all undue excitement. A certain degree of sympathy you cannot but feel, it is your nature, and I love and honor you for it, but your health must not be endangered even by your exertions for those to whom the benefit could be but very small compared to the cost of it to you and yours.

My health continues good, and I feel I may say better than I usually do at home during the hot months. We almost always have a good breeze stirring and this so modifies the heat that it is quite bearable in the shade (barring the flies which are the most intolerable nuisance I ever encountered). They perfectly swarm about here and it is the actual fact that you cannot pass a spoonful of anything from your plate to your mouth without getting from 2 to 4 flies in it. Let a dish of tea stand five minutes to cool, and a dozen flies will be floating in it spite of your endeavors to brush them away. But one blessed thing, they are quite good at night and we have no mosquitoes in camp.

While down to Hospital this morning after getting Jackson [Eldred] comfortable, [Hamilton] Holbrook and myself visited the "Point of Rocks" from which this locality is named.

The Geological formation is very singular and would interest "Grand Pa" very much. It is truly a "Point of Rocks," extending into the Appomattox River just at the point where it bends away towards Petersburg. The formation is Granitic, filled with boulders of flint very much like "Plums" in a "Plum Pudding." The chief matter of interest is the tree under which Powhatten came so near taking the life of John Smith. There are two of them, each claimed to be the tree. The one nearest the extreme point we concluded we would adopt as the orthodox one and by dint of some hard labor with a dull axe succeeded in cutting off a piece to be worked into "something" to take home as mementos of the place.

We (Holbrook and myself) ascertained today that there are some men possessed of feelings of humanity in their locality. Those are the Agents of the Christian Commission, an organization entirely distinct from the Sanitary Commission. The Sanitary Commission will deliver articles in their possession to any one having a requisition from the proper authority, upon certain certificates and, etc. The whole apparently tied up in a superfluous amount of red tape, and delivered in an unsympathetic manner something after the manner of a vendor of tickets at a theater or circus or at a railroad station, the employees all disclaiming any authority to act other than as purely business agents, we have as yet been entirely unable to ascertain the "modus operandi" of obtaining an article from their stores.

On the contrary a visit (accidental) to the Christian Commission (or rather for the purpose of obtaining the address of an individual) disclosed the fact that what was conducted on a plan entirely different. Mr. Holbrook without remark drew my attention to a box containing sealed bottles of blackberry jam, grape jelly, etc., etc.. I remarked that was just what some of our boys needed and asked if any could be obtained by purchase. "No we have none to sell" was the reply "but will give you a little." Thereupon the Rev. Mr. Pease of Connecticut handed us a bottle of blackberry jam, and upon remarking that our boys were troubled with diarrhea his assistant said quickly "I can give you something for that," and straightaway fixed up a bottle of Syrup of Blackberry, and something else and handed it over.

Mr. Pease asked "have you a cup or bottle?" We replied in the negative but said we would hunt one up, and finding one among a lot of empty cans got a darkey to wash it and went to the tent again. The assistant set upon his shelf a large can nearly full (a half gallon can) and was on the point of filling it. "Give him all of it" says Mr. Pease, and accordingly it was handed over. Mr. Holbrook had expressed a wish for some kind of strengthening bitters but as they had been so liberal [I] did not feel like asking for anything more there. But after handing us the can Mr. Pease asked if there was "anything more we wanted." I replied that my friend wished to find some kind of bitters, something good for weak lungs and debility, and had been unable to find anything. The reply was "I do not know of anything we have for that" but after a moment's thought at the suggestion of the Assistant, handed us a bottle of Genuine London Porter, saying "that was good for debility." So thanking the Rev Mr. Pease and from the

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Museum guests and more...

Sharon McIntire

Although the new museum building didn't open until June 26th of 2010, the number of visitors through Oct. 30th that stopped to sign our guest book was 1,682.

Visitors came from 31 states, including: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

We even had visitors from seven foreign countries: Argentina, Czechoslovakia, France, Honduras, Japan, Peru, and Vietnam.

In addition, we had a number of groups this year which included Girl Scout Troop 1640 from Brooklyn, Ohio; Lotts of Nature Environmental Club; Lucas Board of Developmental Disabilities; Hawken Middle School from Lyndhurst, Ohio; and the Murder Mystery guests from the KI Venture Resort.

On October 15th three board members from the Lakeside Heritage Museum visited and met with two of our board members to discuss and answer questions about how we were able to complete the new building. Finally, on October 16th we had the British Car Rally, a group of thirty different cars, along with their drivers and guests.

Results from sales in the gift shop for 2010 were \$12,189.08. Museum admissions totaled \$3,106.00, and cash donations deposited into the donation jar were \$401.45.

British car rally, from pg. 1



Tour. The parade of thirty cars started at the ferry dock at 11:30 a.m. and was led by **Jim McIntire** in his 1929 Model A to the Kelleys Island Historical Association's new parking lot for a driver's meeting.

The thirty cars included many MGs, Austin-Healeys, BMWs, a Mazda Miata, and a Volkswagen. About an hour later they dispersed to run their course and could be seen throughout the island that day. They finished up their day by turning in their rally results with dinner and awards before returning to the mainland.

More photos of the British Car Rally Fall colors can be seen on line at ohiobritishcarburgess.shutterfly.com

A look inside the museum



A glass case with model narrow gauge railway and boards describe the quarrying industry of Kelleys Island above. The gift shop is shown to the left.

2011 KIHA Dates to Remember

ART SHOW - Sat., Aug. 6

Please come display your items. Artists and crafters welcome.



ANNUAL MEETING - Sat., Aug. 13



Y FESTIVAL - Sat., Sept. 10



Thank You to 2010's

Kelleys Island Historical Association Members

The Kelleys Island Historical Association wishes to extend our warmest and most sincere thanks and appreciation to our 2010 members!

You are truly a part of Kelleys Island history. Don't forget to rejoin this year and to tell your friends and family about us. There has never been a more exciting time to join. Our new museum is open, and for the first time ever, so many of our truly treasured artifacts are on display for all to see.

Dan Ahner	Sandra Dickens	Knut Lahrs	Lynne & Roger Renwick
Lee & Nick Alexakos	Frank & Carol Dodson	Catherine (Nan) Laird	Dee Dee & Greg Ritchie
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Lois Bachman	Elizabeth Eddowes	Gretchen Larson	June & Chuck Schodowski
Ruth Bandeen	Ron & Eddie Ehrbar	Carol & Gary Lasser/Kornblith	Pat Seeholzer
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Alyce & Richard Beck	Jeff Evers	Virginia Leidheiser	Anne Sennish
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Robert & Martha Bissell	Tony Godfrey	Susan Mattlin	Shelly & Donald Stein
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Ila Dick	Carole Krzynowek	Kathy Reddinger	Barbara & Jim Zeller
Matt Dick	Ed & Fran Kuchar		Doug & Janet Zubricky

depths of our hearts blessing the "Christian Commission," we took our leave well loaded for a long tramp on a hot day. Proceeding to the office of the Ward Master of the hospital to deposit our acquisitions until our return to camp, we had hardly arrived at the door, and handed in our articles when the Ward Master came to us with a cup full of most delicious hot green tea saying "have you been walking far?" [and] handed it to me. Taking a good draft I passed it to Mr. H [Hamilton Holbrook]. We were then invited to step in and sit down which we did. As we seated ourselves our friend handed out a slice of good soft sweet bread and stepped out.

We sat there enjoying our tea and bread taking alternate "drinks" for a few moments when our friend returned with another full cup of tea better, if possible, than the first with more of that same delicious bread and deposited them on the table before us with the remark, "I never see a Soldier tired and hungry without doing all I can to relieve him." Holbrook had eaten hardly any breakfast, the writer but little and that such bread and tea we have not tasted since leaving home. H [Holbrook] and myself voted unanimously that hereafter all our contributions and all we can influence for Soldiers Aid Society shall be dispensed through the Christian Commission if possible. The organization is poor compared to the Sanitary Commission but I am satisfied is far better calculated to reach the poor needy soldier himself with their comforts and necessities than is the latter, and that as organized and conducted here is doing more good with a dime than the sanitary Commission with a dollar. To be sure I only speak of this point, but what I relate is from actual observation and personal experience. I wish this could be impressed upon all who are interested in the supplying of the poor suffering soldiers with what few little articles of comfort he can obtain when far away from home and kindred.

I had intended to have given something of a history of our Ward Master friend and Miss Clara Barton but find Mr. H is writing something in relation to both, and will therefore defer any further notice of both until another time. I wish this read to the Aid Society and all others interested (and who is not?) on the island.

Well I have arrived at the end of my paper if not of my letter. I fear you think I write very long letters, but that is my failing, and I know you will excuse it. In getting some washing done I lost of my woolen shirt collars. Lieut. [Henry] Lang proposed I should cut off a portion from one end of my shirt and that with the pieces he would make me a collar or two, but upon holding a survey and finding my shirt would be too short if thus curtailed I declined the proposition thus kindly made. However a tailor in the Co. next to ours found a pair of worn out drawers (flannel) and from them made me two collars. So I am all right again on that question. My checked flannel shirt is getting rather the worse for wear, as also the taps of my boots but think they will stand the balance of the 100 days out. My blouse and pants hold out very well consider-



Memorials, Donations and Gifts

Memorials

Mary Ann & Mack McCann in memory of Tim Ahner and Aunt Janice (Bertsch).

Ann Brown memorials were received from John & Barb Ohlemacher, Fran & Walt Johnson, Ron & Terri Mervo, Robert Schnittker, Jacquie Kranyak, Marie, Wiles, and Ila Dick.

Fran & Walt Johnson also sent a memorial in memory of Nick Bianchi.

Cash donations

Judy Brown

Zion Church Ladies Group.

Other donations

Anne Eddowes — brass plaques and office supplies

Frank Yako — a rolling mop bucket for cleaning

George & Elsie Homegardner bought new lace curtains to replace the old lace curtains in the church (will be up in the Spring)

Jim McIntire refurbished an old glass display case, which had been donated

Roger Williams purchased a new walnut glass display case

Mike & Vi Feyedelem completed paperwork for a property tax refund on the parsonage which we received

David Glick donated postcards to our gift shop

The Lakeside Heritage Museum sent us photos of the *Lakesider III*

The KIHA extends our warmest and most sincere thanks to one and all.

ing I have no change, and never take off my pants at night and not often my blouse. You may expect to see a "Rusty" set when we get home, perhaps some of us a little ragged.

George Waite has just come down from his report I fear that [Jackson] Eldred is much worse. Erastus [Huntington] gone up to the hospital. The Dr. now pronounces his disease as Congestive Fever. I await with anxiety the result. The money I telegraphed to Alfred [Kelley] for has not yet come to hand, and I have no means of obtaining any here to meet any very heavy or extraordinary expenses. The change in Eldred must have been sudden, as at noon the Dr. intended to send him to Fortress Monroe, thinking him enough better to warrant his doing so. Titus Hamilton had a chill this afternoon followed by some fever, James Titus also. Lester Carpenter is quite weak yet, but getting along. Holbrook has still not heard from Eldred this morning, but think he can hardly survive from Erastus account of him last night. Will have to close this as the mail leaves in a few moments. Am going up to Hospital as soon as I mail this.

In haste Affly, Yours

Wm. S. Webb

(Have not rec'd that money yet)

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