



Marion County Historical Society Newsletter Spring 2017

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Spring Schedule of Events- 2017

March 20 –General meeting - President Marla Sutler presented a certificate of authenticity and the flag that was flown over the ship Arizona to commemorate the destruction by Japan on December 7, 1941 to Chuck Walter, a 93 year old P.O.W. from WWII.



You can read more about this W.W.II Vetern's presentation on page 2.

April 17 - General meeting – The Tulip Festival Queen and her court will entertain us in word, song and dance as they welcome us to the Tulip Festival in Pella on May 4,5,and 6.

May 15 - General Meeting – Darlene Miller will speak on the historical aspects of her book, "The Search for Grandma Sparkle."

June 10- Salute to Freedom Reinactment Event 7:00 am to 4:pm.

We were introduced to Chuck's family at the March General Meeting.



Bridget "Walter" Mohler – grand daughter, Kate Walter – wife to Tom Walter and Tom Walter – son of Chuck Walter. In the front row is Ahren Mohler – standing beside his great grandfather – Chuck Walter.

Chuck then told us of the three missions that almost cost his life. 1. He was flying a B-26 as tailgunner when it was hit. The plane landed doing 150 miles per hour. 2. After the Battle of the Bulge, he counted 121 holes in the plane. 3. Below is an actual copy of the photo of the plane in flames, which was taken while being shot down on 2-14-1945. He was then a P.O.W. until 4-29-1945 in Germany.



Marion County Historical Society – Curator’s Report –

November 2016 – March 14, 2017

From Mike Long:

Four Photos of John, Charles, & William Parker & Obituaries of John and Charles Parker

From James & Phyllis Danks:

Quilt /comforter – wool & flannel in brown and neutral colors

From Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center:

Military (Navy) discharge WWII Sheldon J. Marsh

From Angela McVay Marvin:

Biography, military records & flag – Virgil C. McVay

From Pat Kading:

Binder – Knoxville HS Homecoming Queens & KHS Annuals from 1946 & 1961

From Charlotte Shivers:

Autograph books 1879 & 1882 – Farmer’s Pocket notebook 1923 – Bible 1899 – Versailles photo album – 6 photos from Melcher, Iowa – Banking items Citizens Bank 1892 – Postcard of American shortorn Breeders assoc. 1898 – Letter of agreement Red rock coal/Praire view stock farm 1929 – Wedding Book & certificate of Hollowell/ DeWill – Red Cross booklet WWII – Photo album of Hollowell family – Coin purse Mayflower/ goat leather – Knoxville HS commencement program & South Central HS Musical/ declamatory contest 1916 – Catechism book #1 from 1884 Methodist Episopal Church – Book “The Story of the Other Wise Man”1898 – Book Poems of Rudyard Kipling 1899 – Book MCGuffey’s Third Electric Reader 1896 – Photo stamp –

Sheep Banner 1964 – Mule Blinders – Branding tools – Letter 1897 (Dan from D. Mason) – Plate of Eden Church

From Betty Smith: Quit claim deed 1946 Liberty church

From Helen Boertje:

Book/ Knoxville City Directory 1987 – Book/ Knoxville City Directory 1989 –
Book/Knoxville City directory 1991

From Carol Van Klompenburg:

Book/ Delightfully Dutch 1984 by Van Klompenburg – Book/Dutch Proverbs 1996
by Heusinkveld and Osland – Book/Sweet Memories 1992 by Vander Hart – Book/
When the Kids Are Home From School by Van Klompenburg and Ellis – Book/What
To Do When You Can't Do It All by Van Klompenburg

From Gary Spoelstra:

Cream can from Knoxville Coop – Cream can from Beatrice Foods

From Kathleen B. Smith: Binder for 2016 Obituaries

From Bev Jones: Photo of Hiteman Mine and Tipple#5

From Helen Boertje and Anna Humeston:

Binder of "Mother of Six"/columns by Marilyn Martin – Binders of "Something to
Think About vol I to IV columns by Jim Best – Binders of "Short Stories " (2) by Jim
Best – Election pins (10) – Felton family photos & cards

From Kris Krohn: Merchant boxes (3) Knoxville Listers M&W

From Angie McVay Marvin: Genealogies of the McVay, Maddy & Roberts families

We received a request for research on the town of Wheeling from Curt Walor of
Shakopee, MN. Information was sent and we received a Thank You and donation.

We have received photos and an offer of a WWII uniform from the Warren County Historical Society that belonged to Knoxville native, Marci Ward.

Where is the Knoxville HS annual of 1979? We saw it in Sept. 2016 but it is missing.

Thanks for the two boxes of International Cyclopaedia that appeared on the front bench of the museum. Who is the donor?

We have a beautiful new brochure of the Marion County Historical Village & Museum with funds donated by Iowa State Savings Bank! After few minor changes made, Bev had final printing done and passed several out at our General meeting and will be taking extra brochures out to Village. You can pick some up there to distribute as needed. We will also be getting some taken up to the Chamber, given to Steve Edwards to put out in various local campgrounds & parks and many other places suggested. A thank you card has been sent to Dave and ISSB for their generous donation of their time and printing costs. Brochure has also been put on our FB page. Thanks to John Jensen for taking the photos! Thank you also Bev, for all your work in getting this done!!!

Please bring your calanders to the April meeting as we will be signing up members for the weekend work schedule at the Marion County Historical Village and Museum for Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 5 Memorial Day to Labor Day.

A project for 2017 is renovation of the machine shed and work on the contents. Also, the Valley Chapel will be painted by Mid-Iowa Painters. Ruby, Mark and Kathleen have been working on reorganizing of the books/binders in the library with like topics together.

Thanks to all who have helped the MCHS in any way this past year. Your help is always appreciated! We know that 2017 will be a great year!

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