

### SANDUSKY WALKING TOUR ONLINE EDITION UPDATED

Late last year we finished a total upgrade to our Sandusky Historic Walking tour. We added more pictures, more history and some really interesting stories, links and old advertisements. We love doing the walking tours, which cover many of the most famous buildings, but there are quite a few lesser known buildings along the tour route. We added some, but would love to add a few more. Unfortunately, we cannot find information on them. Here are some of our mystery buildings. They are small and charming and their origins are, apparently, lost in history.

From left to right: Red brick building, two buildings, one of which is the Bittner bldg. (on E. Market St.); and this brick building painted green on W. Market St.



We are working on an architectural tour of Milan thanks to John Blakeman.

### OUR HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

**Berlin Township Historical Marker.** We are moving forward with the marker for Almon Ruggles and the Unknown Sailor of the War of 1812. Completion date 2020.

**Relocation of Fort Firelands Marker** from the little Island – The City has agreed to move the marker for us and will be re-positioned it next to the Village of Venice marker.

**Hinde & Dauch** – We are considering replacing this damaged marker commemorating the Hinde & Dauch Co. and the paper District.



### OUR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting in November, we elected Bill Monaghan to the Board. Jarel Scott (L) walked us through the history of the Sandusky Coal Dock (really remarkable). In fact, this year the Sandusky Maritime Museum has a working scale model of the docks. Doreen Paul (R) of the Sandusky Library (who researched and wrote so many of the Sandusky Blogspot articles about this area's history) was honored. There are loads of photos on our website (click [HERE](#)).



## UPCOMING EVENTS - 2019



**April 7 – Tour the historic E & K (Engels & Krudwig) Winery** - This MEMBERS ONLY event was a huge success. We toured the building and explored the many rooms that have been preserved. We also got to see part of the basement. After the tour we removed to the Bait House Brewery. You can find out more about this tour and the history of Wineries and Breweries [HERE](#).

**June 22 – Join us for “A Walk Through History On Wayne Street”** - Ed Stout, the Site



Manager of the Cooke Dorn House, will lead “A Walk Through History on Wayne St.” at 10:00 am. on Saturday, June 22nd. The tour will depart from the limestone homes that Eleutheros Cooke built in 1827 and 1835 at 410-414 Columbus Avenue across from the Sandusky Library and will conclude at the Follett House at the SE corner of E. Adams and Wayne St. Parking is available on E. Adams St. and along Columbus Avenue. Many of [these houses](#) are on the tour or are located nearby. This is one of Sandusky’s most historic streets and you will be regaled with stories about the history of some of the largest, most extravagant houses in Sandusky.

this is the first time we are offering this tour.



**July 17 – Walking Tour of Underground Railroad sites in Sandusky.** Yes! Back by popular demand – we will meet at 6:00 pm at the popcorn wagon. Can’t attend, you can take most of the tour online [HERE](#).



**September 4 (Wednesday) – Walk in the Water tour of downtown Sandusky’s lake front** industries, buildings, and the people who made it all happen. This year we are doing a sunset cruise on the *Goodtime!* (Thus, the Walk in the Water tour). There will be heavy appetizers, a cash bar and one magnificent sunset. Tickets will be available soon, so check back

here or on our Facebook page for details.



**November 17 – Annual Meeting & Banquet at the Sandusky Yacht Club**

5:00 Social hour and cash bar

5:45 Dinner

6:45 Business meeting

7:00 Guest Speaker – Leslie Korenko will present the history of Kelleys Island. This is a ‘can’t miss’ presentation so watch for links to reserve your set and make your dinner reservation.

## INTERESTING PAGES ON OUR WEBSITE

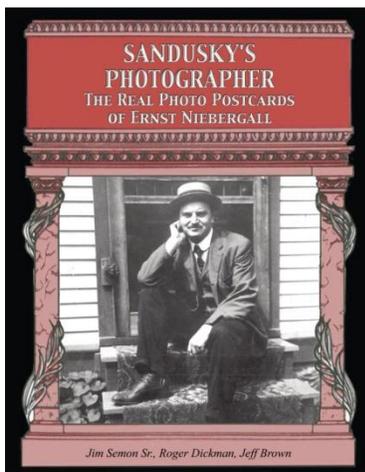
Did you know we have a whole page on our website for [News](#) about Erie County’s historic buildings, people, and things? Recently we posted updates on Cooke building renovations, the new City Hall in the former [Commercial Banking Trust building](#), and the history of many of our 100+ year old churches.

We also have some history about each of the historic markers in Erie County as well as pages devoted to the many history museums and historic sites located in and around our area. This should be your first stop in exploring Erie County’s our wonderful, rich history.

Speaking of our rich history. We often get queries about families, houses, or events, as well as questions on how best to donate items. For example, in the last several months we received queries on a wide variety of issues. We try our best to either answer the questions or direct them to someone who can help them out. They make for some interesting reading.

Donation of items from Breakers Hotel at Cedar Point; request for information about Max Thomas (Master plasterer) who did the work on the Commercial National Bank; a query about a label Firelands Original Furniture. We also received a request for a recommendation for the donation of a book "Bloomingville Blockhouse" inscribed by the author, Marjorie Loomis Cherry. It contains genealogical information on the settlers who sheltered there during the War of 1812. Another inquiry about the family history of William Ferguson Sr. and his wife Elizabeth Lizzie Mary McPherson Ferguson and son George Clinton Ferguson. There were several questions about the Cholera epidemic and cemetery, the Third Ohio Cavalry Co. K and what battles took place in it near Sandusky during the Battle of 1812.

## THE FIRELANDS POSTCARD CLUB MAKES DONATIONS



The members of the Firelands Postcard Club love history. They don't just show it by gazing at old postcards that show scenes of days gone by. The club's 70 members have just donated \$3,400 from the profits of a recently published book to 17 local historical societies and museums. Each group got \$200.

"It had always been our intention to give the profit from the sale of our book 'Sandusky's Photographer, The Real Photo Postcards of Ernst Niebergall' to organizations preserving area history," said Jim Semon Sr., president of the Firelands Postcard Club. "Some of these (17) organizations had made presentations at our club meetings over the past years and created a keen sense of interest with many of our members. In some instances they provided additional postcard images and information for our book," Semon said. "We also knew that many historians had used Niebergall images in the past, but in some cases he had not received the recognition we felt he deserved. By making donations to this group of societies and museums in conjunction with Niebergall's photographic work, his recognition will be maintained for many years to come," he said.



German-born photographer Ernst Niebergall (1876-1954) took many photographs documenting local history. The club's book included 246 of his photos. *The book is available for \$25 post-paid, from Firelands Postcard Club, P.O. Box 351, Huron, OH 44839 or pay \$20 at a meeting of the postcard club, which meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Erie County Senior Center, 620 E. Water Street, Sandusky.*

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK – Erie County Historical Society – the one with the historic marker!

## THOSE ERIE COUNTY WOLVES

*Great Wolf Hunt Sandusky Daily Register, May 2, 1868*

**Two Hundred Sportsmen in the field-Brilliant Success-A Pack of Wolves Discovered-One Killed, Four Captured, and Four Escape-Enormous Size of the Beasts!-Another Grand Hunt To-Day and May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Pursuant to the announcement in Thursday's Register, the able-bodied men, living about Castalia, Erie county, assembled with guns and dogs and enthusiasm, at Castalia, Friday morning at eight o'clock, where they were joined by citizens from various other localities, including Sandusky and Clyde. An organization was promptly effected and the party of over two

hundred huntsmen proceeding to surround the piece of woods lying between Turner's Mills and Castalia, or rather the line formed and scoured the woods from Turner's Mill toward the "Ox Bow" prairie. The excitement was intense and frequently laughable. All sorts of fire arms are present, from a silver-mounted Henry rifle to a flink-lock horse pistol. Veterans of the war of 1861 to get the first shot at the "varmint." Several shotguns were loaded with the powder on top, and one excited young man from Sandusky put four distinct loads in his gun without discharging any of them. Notwithstanding the excitement, the organization was pretty well sustained, and the line was kept intact.

About 10 o'clock in the morning as the hunters approached "Ox-bow Prairie" one grey male wolf of large size broke cover and attempted to cross the open prairie. A line of men were on the other side and awaited his approach. Among us the party were four deaf and dumb brothers named Hunt, who live at Castalia. One of these, James, saw the wolf coming directly toward him and dropped down in a depression of the Prairie to await his arrival within easy range of his shot gun. His wolfship approached at a rapid lope and while passing within three rods of Hunt the latter fired, planting a load of buck-shot in the wolf's body behind the fore leg. He ran a short distance and fell when another shot was fired which dispatched him, altho' the first one would have been fatal.

The cry of "wolf killed!" broke up the organization and all hands rushed to see the dead "monster." He proved to be a grey wolf of the very largest size known to this region measuring five feet from tip to tip and nearly two and a half feet high. His jaws were of immense size and his whole aspect unusually savage.

An attempt was next made to reorganize the force and continue the hunt, but the effort was not very successful. Every body was intent on being the first to shoot the next wolf and the line was not kept up. In the course of the next two hours four other wolves, one grey and three black were seen and fired on but escaped through a gap in the line.

About noon a colored man, who works for Calvin Caswell, while scouring the woods for larger game found, about one mile from Castalia (six miles from Sandusky,) the nest or den of one of the she-wolves containing four sleek cubs evidently about a week old. These were brought in and distributed as trophies among the party. One was brought to this city by Messrs. Center and Latham, who did yeoman's service in the day's campaign.

It now being certain that there is a dangerous pack of wolves in Margaretta township, a second grand hunt will be held on Saturday, (today) to which all are invited. It is believed that with good generalship the entire pack can be killed this time.

There are many speculations as to where these animals came from, some holding that they crossed from Canada on the ice, others that they came from Michigan, others that they came from Williams county, this State. On Thursday, in broad day light, and within half a mile of Castalia, one of these pleasant visitors entered the sheep pasture of Mr. Ransom, and commenced an indiscriminate slaughter, and only desisted and galloped sullenly away, when Mr. R. entered the field in person. Until these wolves were seen the wholesale slaughter of sheep in Margaretta was charged upon the dogs and a general shooting of suspected canines resulted. Many an innocent towser has suffered for the sins of Lupus.

