

## Chat Topics:



### Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Normandy Farms

Speaker: Jerry Strange

This presentation chronicles the life of Richard H. Grant Sr. and the 700 acre estate called Normandy Farms he built in the 1920's in Washington Township. Grant was quite a salesman

whose career started in 1904 as a clerk with NCR and ended in 1955 as Chairman of the Board of Reynold's & Reynold's. The estate has long since been divided up, but the mansion on West Alex Bell Road is now home to Normandy United Methodist Church.

### Amazing Ohio Women Who Influenced Our Lives and Changed our World

Speaker: Hylda Strange

From suffragettes to social reformers, this *Chat* will investigate women who were mothers, daughters, sisters and wives and explore how they paved the way for the women of today.

### Medicinal Plants and Folk Remedies

Speaker: Melissa Wagner

This presentation discusses the changes in medical care from Ohio's early years to the end of the 19th century. Plants used by Indigenous Peoples to aid health, common American folk remedies, the practice of Thomsonian holistic treatments, and the allure of traveling medicine shows will be discussed. Dr. John Hole, our first local physician, will be introduced.



### Col. Charles Young: From Slavery to West Point & Beyond

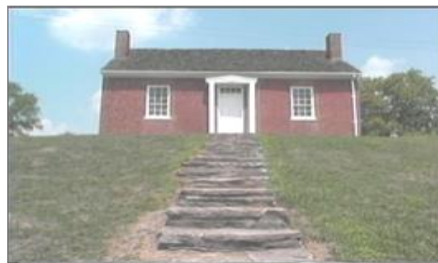
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Col. Charles Young was an African-American born in slavery in Kentucky and raised in Ripley, Ohio. He was the third African-American to graduate from West Point and became the highest ranking black officer in the US military. Charles became an attaché to Haiti and Liberia after his military career and he taught at Wilberforce where his home is a National Historic site.

### 3 Heroes of the Ohio Underground Railroad

Speaker: Hylda Strange

Ohio heroes include Harriot Beecher Stowe, Rev. John Rankin, and John Parker. John Parker was a freed slave who established his own foundry in Ripley and held patents on farm machinery. This *Chat* will give new insight into the Underground Railroad and some of the people involved.



### WWI: A Sense of Local Sacrifice

Speaker: Joellen Ulliman

World War I was particularly brutal. Some of our Washington Township boys played an important part in this "war to end all wars." From the gentle, rolling farms in the Centerville area to the rugged, cruel fighting grounds in Europe, these brave men were willing to sacrifice for world peace. It was an experience that changed their lives forever.

### Journey Back in Time, Historic Places

Speaker: Ed Ross

The 1700's were a time of exploration and the beginning of development in the area we call Centerville-Washington Township. One of CWH's historians, using humor and a little bit of storytelling, will share the significance of several historical sites in Centerville-Washington Township. Why they were important to the development of the local community will be examined during this *Chat*.



### John Hole: The Revolutionary Pioneer Doctor of Montgomery County

Speaker: Joellen Ulliman



Experience the incredible story of Washington Township's first settler and Montgomery County's first medical doctor. After serving in the American Revolution, John Hole ventured into the Northwest Territory with his family in tow. He eventually built a cabin along Silver Creek. Ever enterprising, he constructed two sawmills along the creek. Travel back in time to learn about Dr. Hole's amazing life. and Ohio's Early Days.

### Historical Sugar Creek Cemetery

Speaker: Ed Ross

Known as the "The Old Centerville Cemetery", this walk-thru *Chat* will visit the monuments of city founders and other notables of 19th century Centerville. Aaron Nutt, Benjamin Robbins, and Dr. John Hole are just a few names that will be featured. See this old cemetery come alive with history.

### A Sense of Strength:

#### Incredible Local Ladies from History

Speaker: Joellen Ulliman

Experience approximately 200 years of local history through the eyes of some of the women who shaped our community. Begin with Massee Hole, one of the first settlers in Washington Township in the late 1790's. Travel through the 1930's and 40's with Ida Weller, champion for local farmers. Venture into the 1950's with Pauline Webster Trammel, the first Black graduate of Centerville High School. Explore the expansion of Washington Township through the 1960's and 70's with Ethel Winterhalter, first female township trustee. Relive the 1980's to the millennium with Shirley Heintz, first female mayor of Centerville. Immerse yourself in their lives. Hear the impact they made in our community. Learn the important character traits they shared. Be inspired!

### Crosley's: Two Brothers from Cincinnati

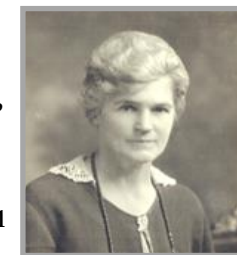
Speaker: Hylda Strange

This *Chat* will explore the story of two brothers whose empire included everything from the Crosley car, radios, broadcasting via WLW & Voice of American, WWII detonator, household appliances, manufacturing, and the Cincinnati Red's ball team.

### Ida Weller: A Woman Ahead of Her Time

Speaker: Ed Ross

Farmer, Educator, Activist, and Artist, Ida Weller was one of the most influential women in 20th century Centerville. This *Chat* will take a look at her life, legacy and will include a digital tour of her estate.



## CENTERVILLE, OHIO

Surveyed in 1796, the Centerville and Washington Township area has spanned the eras of the pioneer, the farmer, the villager and the suburbanite, evolving and growing while preserving pieces of its unique past.



The historic **Walton House Museum**, located at 89 W. Franklin Street, is both museum and headquarters for Centerville-Washington History. The museum features exhibits depicting life in Centerville and Washington Township from the 1800s to the early 1900s. The Walton House was built circa 1838.

**GENERAL OPERATING HOURS:**  
Tues-Fri. 12 - 4 p.m. (or by appointment)

**Walton House Museum**  
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937-433-0123

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26 N. Main St.  
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Centerville, OH 45459  
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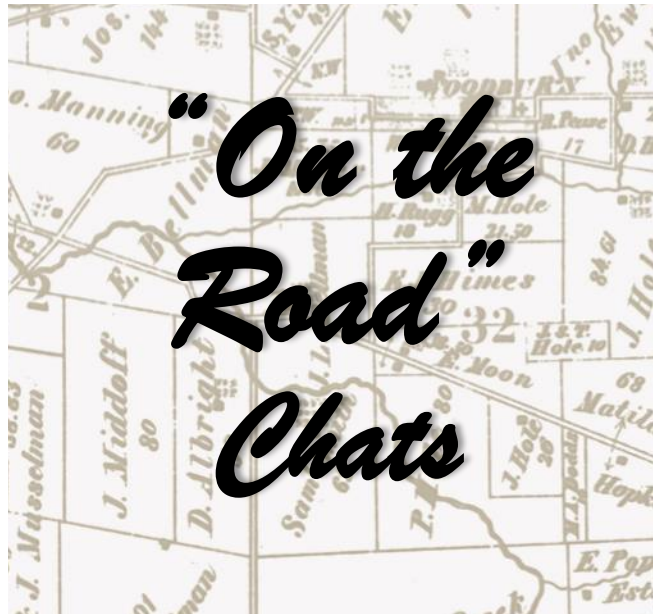
**(Free Admission)**

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*Bringing history out of  
the museum and into  
the community!*



**Through “On The Road” *Chats*, historians share their research and knowledge of local historical events and interests.**

The \$50 requested donation for each “*On the Road*” *Chat* is payable to CWH and supports the mission of Centerville-Washington History to connect the community to its heritage by collecting, preserving, and promoting the history of our local area. *Chats* presented outside of a 10 mile radius from Centerville will require an additional mileage fee of \$1 per mile.

**To reserve a speaker, please contact  
Centerville-Washington History  
937-291-2223 or email [melissacwh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissacwh@sbcglobal.net).**

### *Meet the Centerville-Washington History Speakers*

**Ed Ross** is a retired businessman and is the current president of Centerville-Washington History. He has served as the Chairman of the Centerville Board of Architectural Review and is the current owner of the historic Ida Weller estate.

**Hylida Strange** is a native Daytonian. She was a teacher’s aide in the Centerville Public Schools for 20 years. She volunteers at Normandy Church as a trustee and works with the Holiday Bazaar. She is also involved with the Centerville Women’s Civic Club and Centerville-Washington History. Hylida’s hobbies include reading, flower gardening, and antiques.

**Jerry Strange** was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1935. He taught mathematics at the University of Dayton for 40 years, from which he retired Professor Emeritus in 2000. He is an active member of Centerville-Washington History. Jerry and Hylida restored a historic home in Ripley, OH. They also restored the Aaron Nutt Jr. house in Centerville.

**Joellen Ulliman**, curator for Centerville-Washington History, has a passion for our past and particularly enjoys discovering connections between local history and national/world events. Prior to joining the CWH team, she taught language arts. She enjoys writing, reading, Zumba, hiking, arts and crafts, and spending time with family.

**Melissa Wagner** develops educational programming suitable for all ages for Centerville-Washington History. She enjoys working on historical themed collaborations with local groups and family genealogy.