

# Monroe County Historical Society

## Clark-Wiseman House Repairs



The log cabin known as the Clark-Wiseman house is a 205 year-old treasure. Furnished with historical items, it gives a visitor an idea of what early Union was like. The first owner, about 1815, was James Clark, son of Samuel Clark, a soldier in the American Revolution. A few years later, South Street became part of the Salt Sulphur - Sweet Springs Turnpike, and a blacksmith named John R. Wiseman bought the house. He was also a silversmith and a gunsmith. With John Honaker, he made rifles for the Virginia Militia.

This year we are raising money to replace a few of the logs which are showing signs of insect and water damage on the northwest corner of the cabin. We want to recognize the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation for

the \$10,000 grant they have made toward this repair work. The grant is made in the memory of Clara Anna Walker, who passed away in 2015 at the age of 96. A resident of Hillsdale, she was married to Clarence R. Walker, and was employed at the Greenbrier Manor in Fairlea for 24 years.

In 2018, the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation awarded a grant to pay for a new shingle roof on the Clark-Wiseman house. Their support is deeply appreciated.



Just a glimpse of the collection in the Clark-Wiseman House.

## 2020 Fundraiser

The 2020 SAFER AT HOME Fall Fundraising Campaign was a huge success, far surpassing all our expectations. The Fundraising Committee, and the Board as a whole, is humbled and gratified by the overwhelming response we received from faithful friends and supporters. These much-needed funds will ensure that our ongoing operational expenses will be covered in the coming year.

## Thank you, Volunteers!

We would like to thank our many volunteers who have continued to work through this pandemic. Our volunteers have put in over 200 hours this past season. In addition to helping our visitors, our volunteers have helped with landscaping, preserving artifacts, and organizing our files. A special thanks to John Allen who put in many hours at home indexing some of our publications, Haskell Shumate's many scrapbooks, and our newspaper clipping collection. We are hoping to have many more volunteers for next season. Contact the Historical Society if you would like to volunteer.

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