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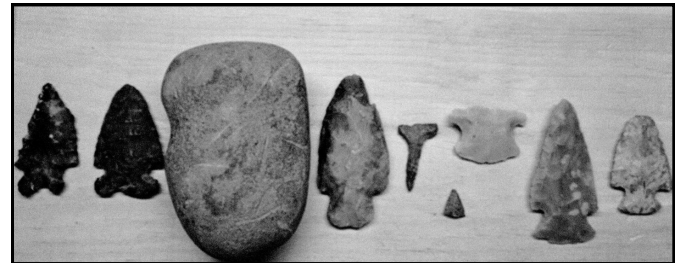
Anna Area Artifacts: Ohio Native Americans

Written by Dennis Raberding

If you are from anywhere in the West-Central Ohio area, and if you come from a family of farmers, you probably have a few these tucked away somewhere. Perhaps from you dad. Or your grandpa. Or his dad. Plucked from the ground as he followed a plow horse. Ours were in an old cigar box.

These are the artifacts like arrowheads and stone tools produced by the Native Americans who populated the greater Anna area before the first Europeans meaningfully came to Ohio in the late 1700's. The oldest artifacts could be 14,000 years old - lost or discarded by hunter-gatherers as they crossed our area after the last continental ice sheet receded, leaving our region habitable for human beings. The youngest were crafted in the 1600's, possibly by the Miami, Wyandot, Delaware, Ottawa, or Shawnee Indians living in native dense woodlands and following creeks like the Loramie to the Miami River south, and the Pusheta feeding the Auglaize River to the north. Trade with Europeans for items made of metal ultimately replaced stone as the core material for making utensils.

Indians (I am using the word "Indians," "Native Americans," and "Indigenous Peoples" interchangeably) were still to be found in our area into the 1800's with the last of them being forcibly removed to a Shawnee Reservation near Wapakoneta in 1817 and ultimately relocated in 1832 to Indian Territory in Kansas. The last



The relics above were all found in the Anna area. From left to right:

- 1) Early Archaic period, 7000 years old
- 2) Early Archaic period side notch, 5000 years old
- 3) Three quarter groove hammer, Middle Archaic period, 5000 years old
- 4) Early Woodland period, Adena culture, 2000 years old
- 5) Drill, Woodland period, 1700 years old
- 6) Bone arrowhead, Late Woodland period, Mississippi culture, 1000 years old
- 7) Hafted (it once had a handle) scraper, Middle Woodland period, Hopewell culture
- 8) Hopewell culture, 1700 years old
- 9) Middle Woodland period, Hopewell culture, 1500 years old

Indigenous People of Ohio were removed in 1843.

According to local historian and lifetime Native American relic collector, Dave Mielke, the Anna area is a rich and fertile territory for artifacts, and items from the cultures of all previous Indigenous Peoples can still be found. Get landowner permission, and look along creek beds, hilltops, and in any freshly plowed fields.

Crafted primarily from chert and flint more common in ridges of central Ohio but also found in local stream beds, these relics are tangible evidence that we are only the more recent in a long line of people who call the Anna area home.

If you have some of these relics and don't know what to do with them, the Anna District Historical Society will be glad to document, preserve, and display your contribution to this long and proud history of our community.

New Lifetime Memberships...

Denny and Deb Raberding

Randy and Carol Wentz

New Yearly Memberships...

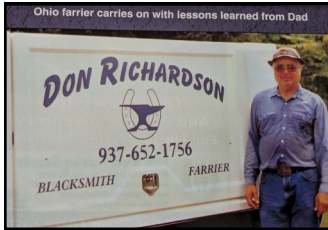
Dorothy Knoch

Nate and Heather Barborst

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New Archival Acquisition On Display at the Packer Historical Center

skills. He continued working with these horses long after his retirement from police work.



Former Anna Resident

The family of former Anna resident, Don Richardson, has gifted a number of items from Don's work as a farrier and blacksmith following his passing in 2024.



Don at work with the horses

Don grew up in Anna, graduating in 1961 from Anna High School. He went on to live in Urbana and worked first as a member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and then as a member of Urbana's police department. However, Don was best known for his work with horses as a farrier and blacksmith in his spare time. He began this work at age 14 as his father's apprentice. While Don's father, Ed Richardson, worked full-time at his craft at many Michigan racetracks, Don preferred to work in barns with only several horses that needed his farrier



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Mail to: ANNA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 133, Anna, OH 45302

Contact Susan Bertsch at 937.394.3072 for more information on leveled giving.

Duplicate Anna High School Yearbooks Available

The Anna District Historical Society has a number of duplicate yearbooks that we are offering to any interested Anna District residents. Years and the amounts of extra copies are as follows:

1 - 1935	7 - 1948
1 - 1936	7 - 1949
4 - 1938	5 - 1950
5 - 1939	4 - 1951
3 - 1940	3 - 1952
3 - 1940-41	3 - 1953
2 - 1941-42	2 - 1954
4 - 1942-43	3 - 1955
8 - 1943-44	6 - 1956
5 - 1944-45	4 - 1957
4 - 1946	3 - 1958
9 - 1947	

We also have 3 copies of Shelby County History from 1968 available. If interested in any of the above copies, please contact Carol Carity at 937-726-8571 or Linda Glessner at 937-394-2320 to make pick-up arrangements.

Santa's Workshop Coming in December

The first graders from the Anna Elementary will once again have the opportunity to shop for their parents and step-parents at the Packer Historical Center. This event is being sponsored as a community service event by the Anna District Historical Society. Items will be grouped together to make gifts that are suitable for either dads or moms and then bagged and tagged with the help of their teachers and other adult volunteers. The children will only be charged a nominal fee for each gift.

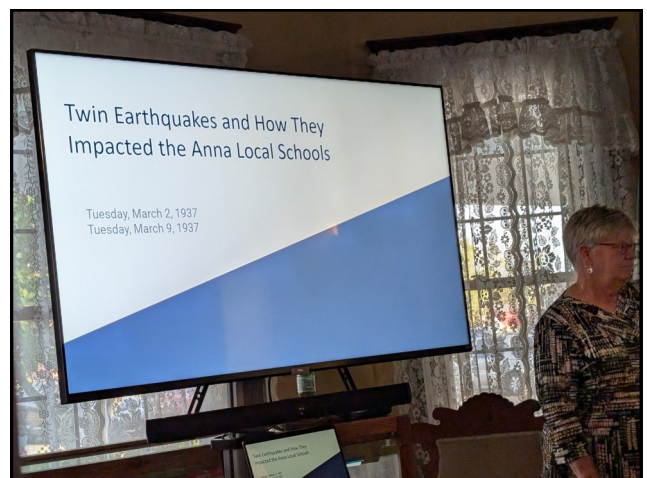
A number of volunteers will be needed to give the ADHS members a hand with this project. A date sometime in mid-December is being chosen by the elementary teachers and principal. Watch for more information to come home from school with your first-grader. If you would be available to help at the Packer Historical Center on that day, please give your name to either Denise Johnson, Anna Elementary Principal, or to ADHS member and workshop organizer, Linda Glessner, (937-394-2320).



Elves busy at work outside Santa's Workshop

Anna Earthquake/Wine and Cheese Evening

Thirty people attended the second Wine and Cheese historical event at the Packer Historical Center on a beautiful evening this past September. This year's topic centered around the Anna Earthquakes of 1937 and how they affected the Anna Local Schools. Afterwards refreshments and visiting were enjoyed by the attendees on the porch at the Packer Historical Center. We are hoping to make this an annual event with different speakers covering other historical topics unique to our school district.



Information and 1937 Earthquake photos shared by Carol Wentz

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Students leaving Anna St. Jacob Church after class,
March 1937



Anna's old school bell mounted on the CCC barracks for the
start of the 1937 school year

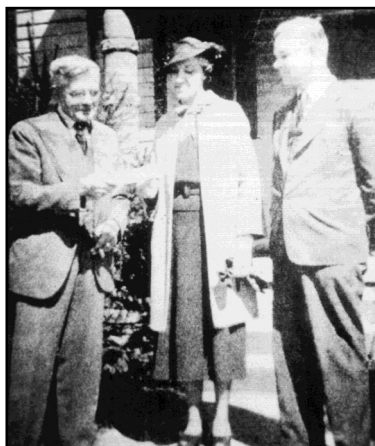
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only. Call 937.646.0011 to schedule
a private tour.**



Dr. Millette receiving the earthquake
insurance check from Ruth A. Fogt



A.P. Wilt at Wilt's Store in Anna
following the earthquakes