

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022

July 1 , 2021 – June 30, 2022

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kelly Falcone-Hall, President & CEO, WRHS The Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) has been serving as Northeast Ohio's trusted cultural and historical storyteller since 1867. History happens every day, and WRHS is proud to have continued to document the rich stories of Northeast Ohio throughout fiscal year 2021 - 2022. Although FY22 was a challenging one as we and the rest of the world continued to grapple with the impacts of Covid-19, WRHS continued to create opportunities for audiences of all ages to explore, celebrate, experience and preserve the history of our region.

In fiscal year 2021-2022, many experiences highlighted the exciting diversity of our region and collections including:

- > The reopening of the WRHS Library to the public on October 7th, thanks to generous support from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation.
- ➤ Educational programming continuing in person and online to thousands of students.
- The continuing celebration of the 50th anniversary of the African American Archives and their auxiliary with yearlong programming.
- The Year of The Motorcycle series, presented by Progressive and Dan T. Moore, in the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum.
- The return of the popular Made in Ohio Art & Craft Festival, which featured over 150 vendors and attracted 10,500 visitors to Hale Farm & Village over Labor Day weekend.
- The inaugural Native American Cultural Weekend at Hale Farm & Village, an all-new celebration of the rich histories and cultures of Native peoples from our region and the state of Ohio, past and present.
- Joining Ohio as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment granting suffrage to women at The Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.
- The donation to WRHS of the Karl A. Staley House Collection, the architectural collection for the house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in North Madison, Ohio.

WRHS's strides during FY22 and our ongoing work to assess and apply best practices to the stewardship of WRHS's buildings, property, and collections could not have been accomplished without our dedicated team of staff, Board, stakeholders, partners, and community.

Thank you!

Cover Image:

Amanda Wicker attending a student fashion show for her Clarke School of Dressmaking, 1970s. Image from the Clarke School of Dressmaking Picture Group, WRHS Library, WRHS Collections.

MISSION		To inspire people to discover the American experience by exploring the tangible history of Northeast Ohio.	
VISION		To be the first stop for the exploration of Cleveland and American history in Northeast Ohio.	
VALUES	STEWARDSHIP	We are committed to the custody, care, and honoring of the history	
	INTEGRITY	of Northeast Ohio. We are honest, accurate, and transparent in every aspect of our operation.	
	DEAI	Our commitment to Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion (DEAI) is unwavering and central to our mission.	
	INNOVATION	We empower and support an entrepreneurial mindset.	
	EXCELLENCE	Underscores all that we do.	
© ORGANIZATION	CLEVELAND HISTORY CENTER	Cleveland, University Circle (Cuyahoga County)	
	HALE FARM & VILLAGE	Bath, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Summit County)	
	EDWARD CRANZ FARM	Bath, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Summit County)	
	SHANDY HALL	Geneva (Ashtabula County)	

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WRHS owns and operates 7
sites across a 4-county area of Northeast Ohio

RESTORATION & STORAGE FACILITY

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OUR PROMISE

WRHS prioritizes and elevates People, Place and Purpose. For our People – the WRHS community, our partners, and the communities we serve - WRHS strives for a culture of excellence, diversity, equity, access and inclusion (DEAI). We apply best practices to the stewardship of our many Places, collections, land, and digital resources. It is our Purpose to empower an entrepreneurial spirit to create, promote and sustain a relevant, experience driven organization for the benefit and enrichment of our communities and future generations. We approach our work through an equity lens to ensure that our collections, experiences, and People reflect the rich diversity of Northeast Ohio.

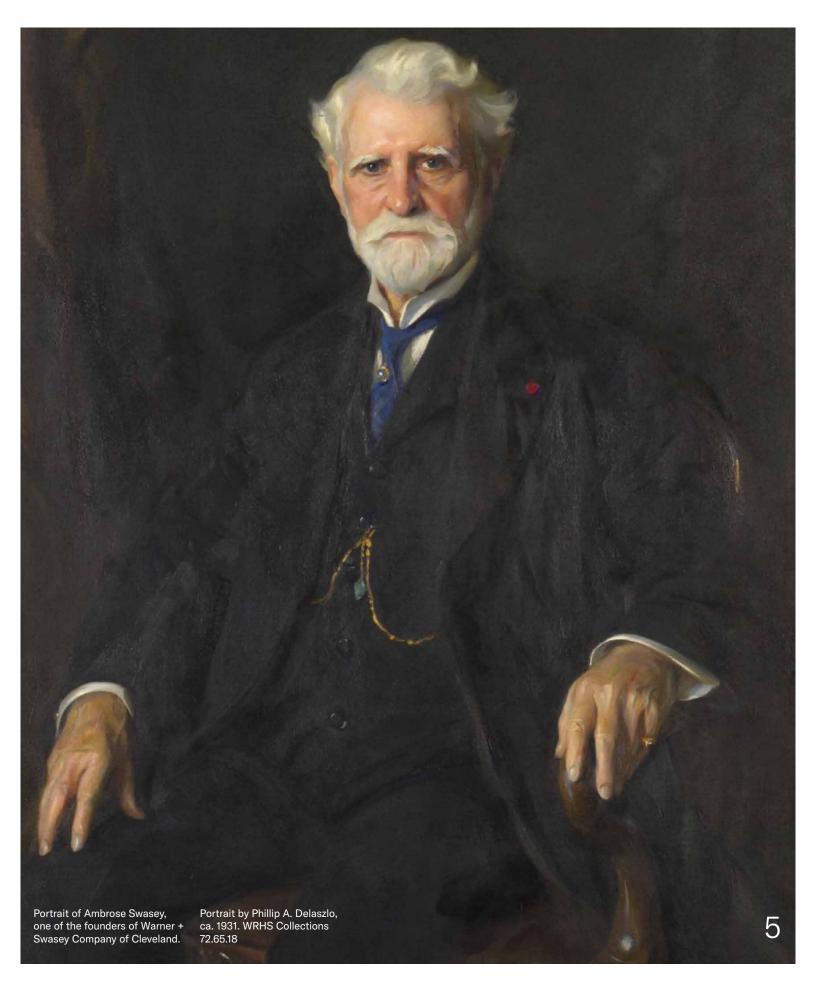
CODE OF CONDUCT

Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is dedicated to making all staff and guests feel welcome, safe and engaged. At WRHS, we prioritize people – the WRHS community and the communities we serve. WRHS strives for a culture of excellence, diversity, equity, access and inclusion. We apply best practices to the stewardship of our places, collections and digital resources. It is our purpose to empower an entrepreneurial spirit to create, promote, and sustain a relevant, experience driven organization. We approach our work through an equity lens to ensure that collections, experiences, staff and board reflect the rich diversity of Northeast Ohio.

WRHS is dedicated to providing a safe and harassment-free experience for everyone, including ALL guests, vendors and independent contractors, volunteers, interns, stakeholders, community partners and employees. Accordingly, WRHS prohibits harassment or discrimination based on race, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy, ability, veteran or military status, or other dimensions of Harassment and/or offensive behavior (which may include slurs, epithets, sexual advances, discrimination, demeaning comments, exclusion from participation, comments on appearance or ability, threats, etc.) is not tolerated. If you find yourself in a situation where you feel your safety is at risk, or if you bear witness to behavior that you feel is unacceptable, please immediately visit one of the admissions desks or reach out to a WRHS staff member. WRHS will investigate all reported incidents with discretion, and urgency. As a consequence, WRHS reserves the right to revoke, without refund, access to the museum sites and/or WRHS membership.

Since 1867, WRHS is committed to preserving and providing access to the history, culture and development of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. We pledge to provide a safe, welcoming, accessible and enriching experience to all, with integrity and adhering to the highest level of standards for personal and professional conduct.





38,012

Visitors experienced the Cleveland History Center

18,585

Riders on the historic Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel

10 exhibits on display, showcasing WRHS's extensive collections, including:

- 1. Amanda Wicker | Black Fashion Design in Cleveland
- 2. A Century of the American Motorcycle presented by Progressive and Dan T. Moore
- 3. The NAACP | A Legacy of Justice and Hope
- 4. The Golden Age of Cleveland Art
- 5. Open Road | The Lure of Motorcycling in Ohio presented by Progressive and Dan T. Moore
- 6. Dressed for the Job | Clevelanders in Uniform
- 7. Carl and Louis Stokes Making History
- 8. Cleveland Starts Here® sponsored by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation
- 9. Women and Politics | Empowered to Vote, Empowered to Lead presented by PNC
- 10. Open Storage | Art from the WRHS Collection

EVENTS

14,740 guests attending **99** rental events

39 programs attended by over **4,225** attendees

90 Speaking of Cleveland presentations

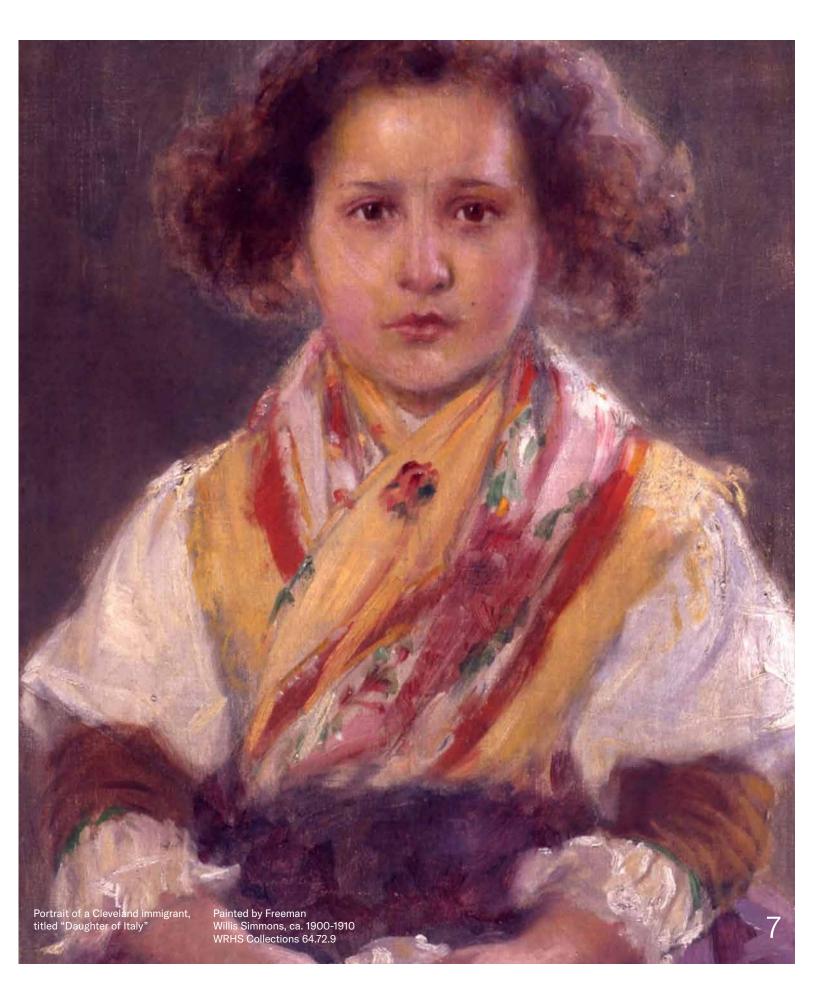
EDUCATION

19 program options offered. 3,668 combined schools and youth served. In Person: 3,446 Virtual: 222

3,668 Students from 81 schools served through School & Youth programming, including: 1,086 CMSD students 1,345 Students participating in our YEE continuum 195 classes, including 67 classes from CMSD 425 students from 17 schools registered 278 projects at Region 3 Ohio History Day 2022 on the theme of "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences"

22 projects from our Region 3 contest competed in National History Day, held virtually.









756

Researchers used the WRHS collection onsite at the Library

10,000+

Remote requests for access to WRHS collections, including phone calls and email responses

Approximately 25,000 photos, video, documents, and more accessed by about 1,500 users per month online on Digital Cleveland Starts Here®

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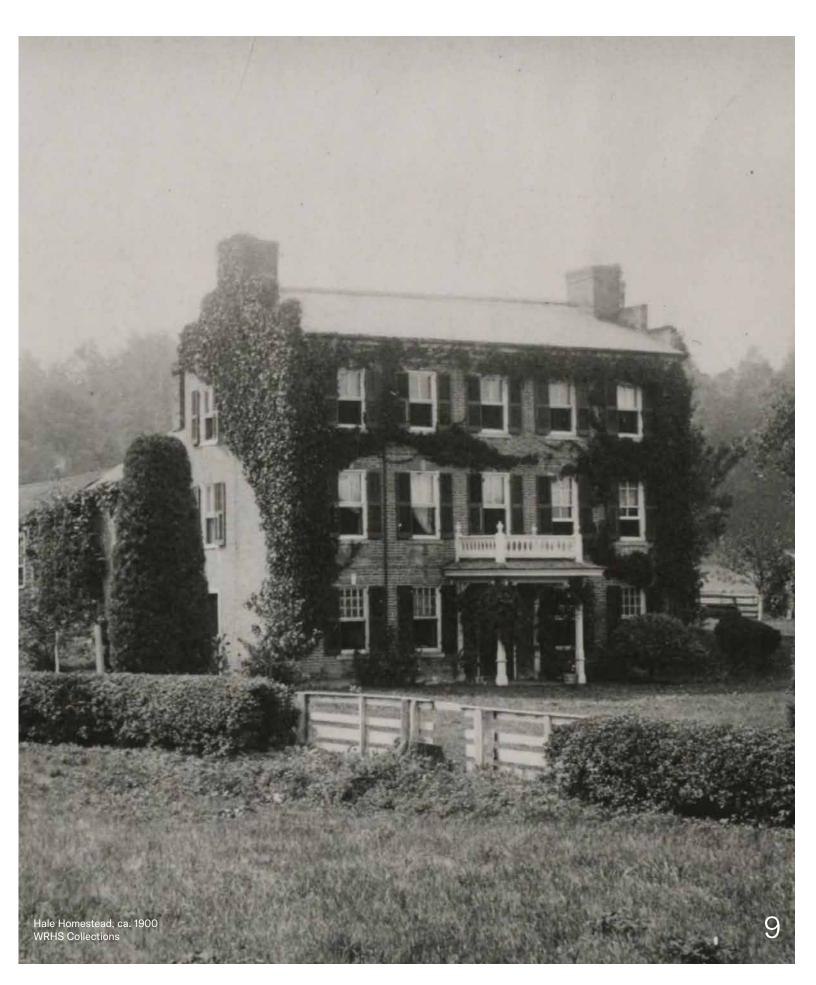
17 collections fully processed and made accessible for public research, including Jewish Bakers Union and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress Research Collection, and approximately 14 other collections, totaling over 1000 linear feet of archival material, actively being processed during FY22, including the Daniel Jeremy Silver Papers, Abba Hillel Silver Papers, League of Women Voters Records, George Gund Foundation Records, and Louis Stokes Congressional Papers

69 objects from the WRHS collection on loan to 16 entities, including our 1932 Cadillac to The Frick Pittsburgh for their exhibit Cast in Chrome, 1972 Olympian David Berger's Israeli Team parade uniform to the US Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs, and paintings on loan to the Union Club of Cleveland.

Onsite Library visitors requested access to **2,499** closed stack collections, including books, newspapers, and photograph and manuscript archival collections including automotive marque literature files.

97 collections accessioned into WRHS's museum and library collections, totaling 135 objects and 309 linear feet of material.





21,923

General admission visitors experienced Hale Farm & Village

34

Historic Structures

EDUCATION



9,069 Experienced history through Hale Farm & Village School and Youth programming.

100+ guests participating in hands on history programming for adults including our Hale Farm After Dark series and Craft & Trade workshops.

9 Signature events over the course of 21 days including:

- 1. Music in the Valley Folk & Wine Festival
- 2. Made in Ohio Art & Craft Festival
- 3. Harvest Festival
- 4. All Hales Eve
- 5. Holiday Lantern Tours
- 6. Black History Celebration New in FY22
- 7. Maple Sugar Days & Pancake Breakfast
- 8. Native American Cultural Weekend New in FY22
- 9. Sow and Grow Pollinator Festival & Plant Sale

RENTALS & AGRICULTURE



3 Heritage breeds including:

Tunis Sheep, Milking Short Horn Cattle, Heritage Chicken Breeds





BY THE NUMBERS

\$4,950,000

Annual operating budget

\$1,975,000

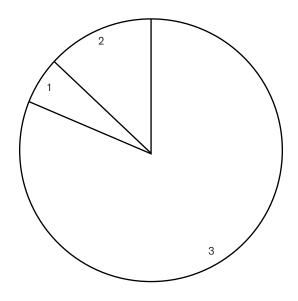
Capital Projects including Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum Renovation, Hale Farm & Village Gatehouse Renovations, Hale Farm & Village Meeting House Renovations, and Library Renovations.

\$6,727,520

Operating Expenses

for FYE June 30, 2022

- 1 **\$380,118** Fundraising Expenses (6%)
- 2 \$884,482 Management & General Expenses (13%)
- 3 **\$5,462,920** Program Service Expenses (81%)

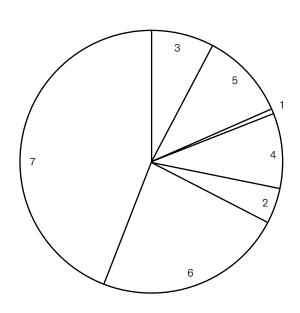


\$8,432,014

Operating Revenues

for FYE June 30, 2022

- 1 **\$16,580** Other Income (<1%)
- 2 \$364,620 Support from Perpetual Trusts (4%)
- 3 **\$640,420** Admissions (8%)
- 4 **\$820,740** Endowment Support (10%)
- 5 **\$904,754** Earned Income (11%)
- 6 **\$1,975,000** Capital Grants (23%)
- 7 **\$3,709,900** Gifts, Grants and Project Support (44%)



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