

A LOOK BACK: THE HISTORY OF WRHS

- 1867:** The Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) was founded and located on the third floor of the Society for Savings building on Monumental Square (now Public Square).
- 1898:** WRHS moved to the corner of Euclid Avenue and Stokes Blvd (East 107th St) and joined the growing cultural and educational center in what would eventually be called University Circle.
- 1936:** The Garfield family donated the former home, and its contents, of James A. Garfield in Mentor to be maintained as a memorial to the late President and Mrs. Garfield.
- 1938:** WRHS purchased the Price McKinney residence (the Hay-McKinney Mansion) on East Boulevard in University Circle to house the WRHS collections and museum.
- 1940:** WRHS exchanged its building on Euclid Avenue for the residence (the Bingham-Hanna Mansion) of Mrs. Leonard C. Hanna on East Boulevard, adjacent to the Hay-McKinney House, to house its Library.
- 1948:** The David Z. Norton Family donated Shandy Hall, the pioneer home of Colonel Robert Harper located near Unionville to WRHS.
- 1957:** The Jonathan Hale Homestead (now Hale Farm & Village) in Bath Township, given to WRHS through the bequest of Clara Belle Ritchie, opened to the public in September 1958.
- 1959:** The Norton Central Addition, which connected the Hay-McKinney House to the Bingham-Hanna House along East Boulevard, was completed and opened.
- 1961:** The first residence, the Jagger House, was moved to the site of the Western Reserve Village at Hale Farm & Village.
- 1965:** The Frederick C. Crawford Auto Aviation wing of WRHS opened to the public.
- 1973:** The Mary Ann Sears Swetland Memorial Meetinghouse, a fine example of Greek Revival architecture, moved from Streetsboro to the Hale Farm & Village, was dedicated.
- 1978:** Josephine Kyle donates Loghurst, the oldest log house in Ohio, ca. 1803, located in Canfield, to WRHS.
- 1984:** The new Library Building, originally free-standing behind the Crawford Auto Aviation wing, on Magnolia Drive, opened.
- 1986:** A section of the Norton Central Addition was converted into storage and exhibition space for the costume collection and was named the Chisholm Halle Costume Wing.
- 1993:** The Reinberger Entrance and Gallery, connecting the Library to the Crawford Museum, opened as well as the Thomas J. Lester Wing of the Crawford Museum.
- 2010:** Ground breaks for the construction of the Carousel Pavilion at the History Center.
- 2013:** The WRHS History Center opens its newly-renovated Crawford Auto Aviation Museum galleries.
- 2014:** The Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel opens in the Carousel Pavilion at the History Center. The Pavilion was built in 2012 for the sole purpose of housing the Carousel upon its complete reconstruction