Experience. History is made every day. Share exhibits that explore our regional heritage and its impact on the American history with WRHS’ 150th Anniversary signature events, festivities, and Ohio. Please join WRHS as we celebrate 150 years of Northeast Ohio those now envisioning an even brighter future for the people of Northeast regional heritage, and equally proud to be among WRHS is the trusted steward of our rich history. Our founders little dreamed that WRHS has one of the nation’s finest collections relating to the American experience. Our mission... to inspire people to discover the American experience by exploring the tangible history of Northeast Ohio.

Our Core Values... integrity, stewardship, connectivity, excellence and innovation.

Western Reserve Historical Society owns and operates six sites in four counties of Northeast Ohio.

Including:
- Cleveland History Center
- Hale Farm & Village
- Holsey Gates Residence
- Loghurst
- Preservation & Restoration Center
- Shandy Hall

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Ohio.gov
City of Cleveland

Cleveland History Center
1470 East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Phone: 216.682.5722
Admission:
- WRHS Members and Active Military - Free
- Adults - $10.00 | Seniors - $9.00 | Veterans - $7.00
- Children (ages 3-12) - $5.00
- Children 2 & under - Free

Museum Hours:
- Tuesdays-Saturdays: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sundays: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Parking:
- Located behind the Cleveland History Center, off Magnolia Drive

Research Library at the Cleveland History Center
Hours:
- Thursdays - Saturdays: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sundays: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Public Parking Hours:
- Tuesdays-Saturdays: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sundays: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Parking:
- Flat Rate - $10

Hale Farm & Village
Address: 2686 Oak Hill Rd.
Bath, Ohio 44210
Phone: 330.666.3711

Admission:
- Adults - $10.00 | Children (ages 3-12) - $5.00
- Seniors - $9.00 | Veterans - $7.00
- Children 2 & under - Free

Museum Hours:
- Fall Season (September and October): Open daily
- Winter Season (November to April): Open Thursday - Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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May 28, 1867  
A few steps from Cleveland’s gas lighted Public Square, twenty-one Clevelanders met in the director’s room of the Cleveland Library Association on Tuesday evening, May 28, 1867, to found the Western Reserve Historical Society as a department of the Cleveland Library Association. The Society’s first headquarters was the third floor of the Society for Savings Building located on tree-filled Public Square.

The historical society was initially dedicated to collecting historical articles and artifacts and to publishing historical papers. With time our focus sharpened to collecting items with strong regional significance. In addition to our collections of local interest, we have important specialized collections of national interest. We are particularly proud of our antique and classic automobiles and automotive literature, Shaker collection of manuscripts, genealogy collections, Civil War manuscripts, costumes, early American newspapers, and significant architectural structures.

Thus, WRHS has become one of the largest and most diversified historical societies in America.

Explore  
WRHS brings history to life. Stories of the men and women who built the Western Reserve are shared through interactive exhibits, including collections of their portraits, costumes, tools, furniture and treasures. Signature events and exhibits invite you to discover the American experience by exploring your own tangible history.

Celebrate  
WRHS historic structures, scenic landscapes and gardens are the backdrop for major life events – weddings, anniversaries, reunions, parties and corporate events. These events along with WRHS-hosted community outreach and networking events create opportunities for you to learn, share, create and celebrate our lives.

Experience  
WRHS serves over 35,000 school children annually through education programs. Educational experiences include field trips, professional development for teachers, scout retreats, university internships, service learning, youth camps and outreach. These place-based education programs include primary source documents, artifacts, historic structures, farm animals and extensive activities that align with Ohio’s learning standards.

Preserve  
WRHS is committed to the custody, care and honoring of Northeast Ohio history through rural and urban land use and planning. WRHS preserves countless artifacts and over 40 historic structures that once defined the rural landscape and architecture of early Western Reserve communities, as well as structures that reflect the era of industrial and post-industrial Cleveland. These structures provide not only the context for regional history education opportunities but also a beacon for the future entrepreneurial spirit of our region.

"A hundred and fifty years is just a spectacular achievement for the Western Reserve Historical Society. We have so much to be proud of here in Cleveland! The city of Cleveland has such a rich history! Kids in generations to come should be reminded of that rich history, so that they can be proud of their community."  
Randy McShepard, Community Leader and Executive at RPM Inc.
Cleveland All Stars Homecoming Car Show
In University Circle
Cleveland History Center | June 2017
Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum
A continued tradition celebrating Cleveland made vehicles, the 2017 event will take place in University Circle, Cleveland's premier cultural neighborhood, and feature programming throughout the weekend. Cleveland-made automobile owners from around the world will showcase their vehicles on Saturday, June 24th.

Civil War Reenactment
Hale Farm & Village | August 2017
Experience the largest Civil War Reenactment in the state of Ohio. Relive one of the most significant events in our nation's history through a reenacted battle, speeches by "President Lincoln," cavalry mounted drills, artillery demonstrations, Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corps performances, and shopping on Sutler's Row, alongside a thousand Civil War soldiers and civilians.

Made in Ohio Arts and Crafts Festival
Hale Farm & Village | September 2017
Live music echoes in the valley throughout this weekend as visitors shop from 140 vendors selling Ohio-made products including jewelry, pottery, glass, soap, quilts and a variety of unique fine arts. This weekend also features Handcrafted at Hale historic items and historic craft and trade demonstrations.

Cleveland Starts Here Grand Opening
Presented by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation
Cleveland History Center | November 2017
A new and dynamic Cleveland history experience - Cleveland Starts Here explores the history of Greater Cleveland and how this region shaped and continues to influence the American experience. This permanent exhibit features WRHS' vast collection of stories through extensive multi-media and interactive experiences that establish a sense of place, culture and identity in Cleveland's evolving story.
January 28
**Somewhere In Time: Guess Who's Turning 150!**
Celebrate the WRHS’ 150th birthday at our annual history-rich themed event. Costumes encouraged!

February 7, April 13, October 12, December 14
**History On Tap**
Tap into history and enjoy happy hour libations, featuring unique themes inspired by Cleveland's past.

March 4
**National History Day Ohio Region 3 Competition**
Founded in Cleveland in 1974, this national competition fosters historians of tomorrow through students' historical research and original presentations.

Opens April 28
**WOW Factor: 150 Years of Bold Clothes**
This exhibit and opening event in the Chisholm Halle Costume Wing will highlight the ways that Clevelanders use fashion to stand out in a crowd with extraordinary items from WRHS' nationally ranked Costume and Textile Collection.

June 23-25
**Cleveland All Stars Homecoming Show in University Circle**
Celebrate the impact that Northeast Ohio has had on the automobile industry with Cleveland-made automobiles at the bi-annual car show.

July 22
**Euclid Beach Park Day**
Relive the nostalgia of the beloved Euclid Beach Park and celebrate the iconic Grand Carousel.

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2017
**100 Year Club**
Celebrate the success of century-old businesses and organizations, newer companies and startups that embody the entrepreneurial spirit of Northeast Ohio, with proceeds benefiting WRHS' Youth Entrepreneurship Education programs.

March 11, 12, 18 & 19
**Maple Sugar Festival and Pancake Breakfast**
Enjoy a pancake breakfast and learn about the process of creating maple syrup, celebrating a 200-year-old Hale family tradition.

May 6
**Barn Party**
Good old, down-home fun! Experience Hale Farm & Village again for the first time!

June 10 & 11
**Sow & Grow Farm Festival**
Experience the past and present farming lifestyle including draft horse demonstrations, oxen talks, wheel plowing and beekeeping.

July 8 & 9
**Music in the Valley Folk & Wine Festival**
Presented in partnership with Folknet and TheWineBuzz magazine, enjoy local musicians and Ohio wineries.

August 12 & 13
**Civil War Reenactment**
Immerse yourself in our nation's history at Ohio's largest annual reenactment.

September 2 & 3
**Made in Ohio Arts & Crafts Festival**
Experience and shop over 140 local artisans and Hale craft and trade demonstrations.

October 7, 8 & 14 & 15
**Hale Harvest Festival & 5K Run**
Celebrate the fall bounty amid the sights, smells and tastes of the Cuyahoga Valley.

November 18
**Thanksgiving Dinner with Abraham Lincoln**
Enjoy a classic Thanksgiving feast with family and friends as you dine with President Lincoln.

December 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 19-23
**Holiday Lantern Tours**
Take a lantern-lit tour of the historic village and experience the sights, sounds and flavors of the holiday season as celebrated in the 19th century.
Speaking of Cleveland
Speaker Series

Take a front row seat as the Cleveland History Center presents significant stories that capture the Cleveland spirit. Speaking of Cleveland features the intriguing, curious and oft forgotten tales from Cleveland's past. Pulled directly from the nationally-ranked collections at WRHS, these stories capture the innovation, the grit and pride that characterizes Cleveland's past, present and future. Reserve a speaker for your next event.

InHale Workshops

Hale Farm & Village is committed to preserving the cultural landscape and sustained social impact through a hand-crafted way of life. Participants partner with talented artisans to build skills and learn the history of each craft or trade through hands-on experiences.

Classes are available in glassblowing, pottery, broom making, spinning, dyeing, weaving and wood stove cooking.

Weddings, Corporate Events & Celebrations

From lush gardens to vintage barns, historic opulence to rustic charm, one of the Western Reserve Historical Society's multiple venues is the perfect setting for your event. With properties conveniently located in University Circle and the Cuyahoga Valley, WRHS offers picturesque settings for your wedding, reception or event.

- Premier wedding and reception venues
- Corporate and community engagements
- Award winning special events and programs

On September 13, 2014 my husband and I were married in the Hanna Garden. This year on September 13, 2016, our 2 year wedding anniversary, we celebrated our marriage by recreating some of the same photos taken on our wedding day. But we included someone else very special, our daughter.

(2016) Brittany Sigmund Krzynowek

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Cleveland History Center

History on the Move - Pre-K to K
• Explore, observe, and compare modes of transportation from long ago and today.
• Maneuver through a road course while obeying traffic signs and build model vehicles.

In the Backyard of History - Pre-K - 2
• Discover through play in our hands-on Kidzbits Gallery.
• Explore what life was like for children growing up in the past.

STEAM Carousel Adventures - Grades Pre-K – 8
• Learn the history of carousels and choose from a variety of carousel-related activities.
• Geometry or physics, creative writing, artistic expression and more!

Into the Woods - Grades K-4
• Explore the history of NE Ohio and the many obstacles faced by early settlers of the Western Reserve.
• Pull-on white gloves and get hands-on to study NE Ohio history.

Moses Cleveland Team-Building Challenge - Grades 3 and up
• Overcome puzzles and challenges inspired by the many obstacles faced by early settlers of the Western Reserve.
• Get hands-on to learn about how pioneer groups planned, traveled, and built in the past.

Setting the World in Motion
STEM - Grades 1-3
• Design a car and learn about force, motion, and graphing.
• Test your design in the Western Reserve Model Grand Prix.

Entrepreneurship - Grades 3-5
• Using examples of Cleveland’s most innovative minds, identify the characteristics of an entrepreneur.
• Roleplay as a family. Dress up and present family stories.

In the Time and Place Space - Grades 1-3
• Discover how Ohioans have changed how they dressed, cooked, traveled and built over the past 200 years.
• Create a giant map of the Western Reserve and a visitor map of NE Ohio.

From There to Here - Grades 3-8
• Unfold the story of a migrant or immigrant’s family journey to Northeast Ohio using primary source documents.
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Kids in Communities from Long Ago - Grades K-6
• Discover how families lived, played, and worked in the Western Reserve and the roles children played in family and community life.

Roots of Entrepreneurship - Grades 3+
• Explore the historical foundations and fundamental concepts of economics and community growth.
• Engage students to determine the resources necessary to meet basic needs, produce items for sale, provide services, and participate in the marketplace for profit.

Revolution - Grades 5-8
• Experience the role of fugitive slaves struggling to reach freedom in the North.
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Maple Sugar Festival - Grades Pre-K-12
• Travel into the Sugar Bush where three generations of the Hale Family collected sap for maple sugar.
• Compare and contrast Sugar Camps of American Indians and early pioneers of Ohio while exploring the role of sugaring in the local community.

Summer Self-Guided Tour of Hale Farm & Village - Grades Pre-K-12
• Provides an overview of life in Ohio during the 1800s.
• Visit four thematic units: Pioneer Life; Early American Crafts & Trades; Village Life; and The Farmyard.

Holiday Lantern Tours - K+
• Celebrate the holiday season in the 19th century.
• Interact with the village residents as they celebrate the holidays and share their seasonal traditions.

Harvest Festival - Grades Pre-K-12
• Discover harvest traditions of communities long ago.
• Interactive lessons include: food preservation, visiting the orchard, pumpkin patch and corn field; winter warmth from wool.

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Hale Farm & Village’s mission is to preserve and share the story of the Western Reserve through an experiential learning community that creates a lifetime of social value. Hale Farm & Village captures the story of the Hale family and their 200 year old family farm nestled in the Cuyahoga Valley – a home, a retreat, and since 1958 an outdoor living history museum.

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Cleveland History Center

From its beginnings on the top floor of a savings and loan in 1867, WRHS expanded quickly as noted by the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1889. They reported that the society was in a “flourishing condition with visitors from abroad and teachers [who] often take their classes there.” The article further described that in 1867 “a room 10 x 12 would have accommodated the museum. Now, [in 1889] to give the collection anything like a proper display would require [a space] four times as large… So it was that WRHS continued to expand its space and change locations to accommodate its growing collection for the next several decades.

The story of today's Cleveland History Center begins in 1936 when the widow of Price McKinney sold her house – now known as the Hay-McKinney Mansion – to WRHS to house museum collections. In fact, in the 1940 census, the residence is listed as a museum with a guard, his wife and son all in residence. That same year, WRHS acquired the Bingham-Hanna Mansion in exchange for its property on Euclid and 107th. In just over a decade, these two mansions were knit together with beautiful exhibition galleries.

Then, in 1965, following the donation of Fredrick Crawford’s Thompson Auto Album, the museum continued to grow when it opened the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum. Twenty years later an additional expansion was completed for the Research Library. In 1984, a library housing all of the WRHS archives, manuscripts, books, and photograph collections was opened and the former library space was converted to showcase the costume and textile collection in the Chisholm Hall Costume Wing. By 1993, the Research Library was connected to the rest of the museum with the construction of the stately Reinberger Gallery, home to the upcoming exhibit Cleveland Starts Here.

Most recently, the East Boulevard location saw a major renovation of the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum in 2013 and the opening of the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel Pavilion in 2014. This unique combination of mansions, galleries and a library forms the Cleveland History Center and is the headquarters for the WRHS.

Cleveland a to Z

NEW WRHS 150th Anniversary Publication!

Cleveland's landmarks, local quirks, historical persona, and unique landscape make it a city that is global and parochial at the same time. It is a community that played a significant, but often unrecognized role in the growth of the nation. Launched in the WRHS 150th Anniversary Year, Cleveland A-Z is a city guide that focuses on the people, places, and events over time which hint at the deeper themes that define the city.

Arranged alphabetically, articles are accompanied by beautiful illustrations of Cleveland then and now - using WRHS's vast archival collections and original photography from one of Cleveland's leading photographers to create this fresh, fun guide.

Hale Farm & Village

Clara Belle Ritchie, Jonathan Hale's great granddaughter, gave WRHS the Hale Family Farm when she passed away in 1956. WRHS opened the farm to the public as a living history museum in 1958. Starting as a family farm with the 1825 Hale House and 6 original outbuildings, it has grown to include a 19th century Western Reserve Village. The site now encompasses 100 acres with 32 historic structures and an array of modern guest facilities all in the heart of the Cuyahoga Valley.

Today, Hale Farm & Village's core mission is education. It is a place where the past is brought to life through a combination of living history experiences, historic architecture, domestic craft and trade demonstrations, as well as farming and heritage gardens. Using these experiences, Hale Farm and Village preserves and tells the story of our region's history; a story of innovation, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship and legacy.

In 2018, Hale Farm & Village celebrates another anniversary – 60 years as a living history museum. It remains a one-of-a-kind experience in Northern Ohio – a key fieldtrip destination for school children, a recognized venue for community events and signature experiences that draw tens of thousands of visitors annually.

In addition to the Cleveland History Center and Hale Farm & Village, WRHS owns and operates Shandy Hall, an 1815 farmstead located on Johnny Cake Ridge Road in Geneva. The property was given to WRHS in 1948 by Laurence and Robert Norton and their sister, Mrs. Fred R. White. In 1978 Josephine Kyle gave WRHS Loghurst, a historic house museum located on Rt. 224 in Canfield. Today, WRHS retains ownership of the property and enjoys a partnership with the Canfield Heritage Foundation, a private, non-profit organization that operates the site. In 1976, the Handside family arranged for WRHS, to carry out their hope of having the Holsey Gates residence preserved for the enrichment of people in the Western Reserve area. The home is a large Victorian built in 1892/1893 by Holsey Gates of Gates Mills.

WRHS 150th Anniversary Loan Program

WRHS will increase access to its collections through an Anniversary Loan Program. This program will increase awareness of the number of venues where WRHS collections can be found and to increase the number of items on loan throughout the country. Current collection loan partnerships will be highlighted, including the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, The Union Club, The James A. Garfield National Historic Site, the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, American Greetings, and more. Additional loans will become a part of the Stokes 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2017.

“Our mission is to ensure that the Garfield collection on display here at James A. Garfield National Historic Site. This allows us to display one of the most complete original collections of presidential artifacts in the entire National Park System. These original items are critical to helping us interpret the Garfield life and legacy for over 35,000 visitors each and every year.”

Todd Arrington
Site Manager, James A. Garfield National Historic Site
As Northeast Ohio undergoes a stunning transformation, WRHS is here to capture the innovation, inspire pride and forge a sense of community to catapult the stories of our region to national and global audiences. On the occasion of our 150th anniversary, WRHS is giving the gift of history to the community with the grand opening of *Cleveland Starts Here*, presented by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation. *Cleveland Starts Here* is an all new Cleveland history experience that explores the stories of Greater Cleveland and how this city on the lake helped shape the American experience. It is a starting point for school children, local communities, new immigrants, and guests to the area to discover the heritage of Cleveland and write their own chapter in a story that is ever evolving. *Cleveland Starts Here* is the vital next phase of the continuing transformation of the experience at the WRHS Cleveland History Center. It is the starting point for the exploration of the social, creative, economic, political, and cultural history of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

At Hale Farm & Village, InHale is a new strategic brand that invites guests to craft the entrepreneurial spirit, and share in our commitment to preserving the cultural landscape and sustaining social and financial impact through a handcrafted way of life. The signature events and educational programs that will be offered are built around core interpretive themes: farm and horticulture, historic preservation, early American crafts and trades, and local and American history. Hale Farm & Village encourages everyone to utilize the historic and natural resources at the property through all of the InHale offerings.

"The future of the Western Reserve Historical Society is bright. There are great stories to tell about the history of Cleveland the area of the Western Reserve, and WRHS can tell those in compelling ways!"

Doug Barr, Former WRHS Board Member and President

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**Share Your Story**

As the stewards of our community stories, help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary by sharing your experience with WRHS.

Visit the Hale Farm & Village or Cleveland History Center Facebook Page to post your 5-star review and favorite memory. Be sure to include #WRHS150 within your comments. Not on Facebook? Submit your story by completing the form at www.wrhs.org. Feel free to add an image post to any of our social media channels. Just don’t forget to add #WRHS150!

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Great Lakes Brewing Company (GLBC) is Ohio's original craft brewery, founded in 1988 by brothers Patrick and Daniel Conway. In 2008 we established Pint Size Farm in collaboration with Hale Farm & Village. Part of our ongoing sustainability efforts, Pint Size Farm's half-acre plot produces fresh organic produce used in our brewpub. GLBC is also a proud sponsor of WRHS's History on Tap program. In that same spirit of collaboration, we are thrilled to craft a commemorative brew celebrating Western Reserve Historical Society's 150th anniversary.

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.
—Winston Churchill

With appreciation for the keepers of Cleveland’s stories.
Groundbreaking Crawford Auto and Aviation Museum 1964.