

OHRAB Grant Interim Report
Plain Township Historical Society

Reorganization, standardizing storage and digitation of PTHS archive for selected segments

The Plain Township Historical Society volunteers have embarked on this project. We have encountered a couple of snags that required us to rethink our approach. There was a 3-month delay in getting our UEI from the Federal Government. In order to keep the project on track, the Board of Directors authorized the use of general funds to purchase the items covered by the grant until which time we received our UEI and could be reimbursed. Part of the decision on going ahead, was concern that there could be delays in receiving the items covered in our grant request. As it turns out, this was the case. As of July, we received all of the items covered by the grant request and our UEI.

In May the volunteers started sorting through part one of the grant, reorganizing and scanning our land section storage and abstracts. All 36 sections were reviewed, consolidated, duplicates removed, and labeled according to our naming standards. Also, we were able to scan 27 abstracts, which is over half of what we have. On average each abstract is 30 pages in length. As of August 1st, these abstracts were made available online. <https://preservingplaintwp.org/property-abstracts/> The Gaylord Storage boxes for this part of the grant did not arrive until July. We are planning on completing this part of the grant in September. Since we were able to scan the quantity of abstracts in one session, we have decided to go ahead and scan the rest of the abstracts which is about 15 left to do. When this is completed in September, all of our abstracts in our collection will be available online.

The scanning of the two scrapbooks is scheduled for October. In July, we had to stop and “protect our assets” instead of working on the grant. Our archives were relocated in our storage area and tarped to protect them from a plumbing issue. As we move items back, we are going to take this opportunity to move critical items out the plumbing area. During this process, we will start to use the Gaylord banker’s boxes to consolidate and reorganize areas of our collections that have grown. This process is to start in mid-August.

The budget for this project was \$1,641 which was mainly for a portable scanner and Gaylord supplies. All of these items were received by July 4th. To date, we have 60 volunteer hours towards our match goal of 88. We have used our matching supplies of Gaylord Archival Reinforced Full 1" Tab Legal File Folders to reorganize the land section records (see attached photos.)

Due to the delay in getting our UEI number, we have not fully released information about this grant opportunity. We have included references to this grant in our monthly newsletters starting in March 2022 and these newsletters are available on our website. <https://preservingplaintwp.org/pths-newsletter-archive/> We also have included OHRAB in our collaborative partner list that is on our website and is displayed at our monthly meetings and community events.

Land Section Storage Area



Before Grant Project



After First Work Session



After Second Work Session

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Property Abstracts

A property abstract is a chronological account of the owners of a property. They are not the same as a deed which denotes legal ownership. Abstracts are multi-page documents which historically were legal paperwork for land ownership. They were updated each time the property was sold and were passed to the new owner(s). This legal obligation was terminated in the late 1930s and abstracts are not used legally today.

Property abstracts contain a wealth of information about the property and, often, the families who owned the property through the years. Sometimes they contain genealogical information about the family and may even contain a copy of an existing will.

Each section of Plain Township had, at one time, many abstracts as there were many property owners in each section and an abstract was required for each individual property. When they were no longer legally required many people simply kept the abstract with the legal papers for their home, but they were not updated anymore.

Abstracts today are not kept by any governmental agency so you cannot go to a county office to view them. The documents may still be kept by families or donated to historical groups. If you know the Section and Quarter of the area you want to research and are somewhat lucky, you may find an abstract which has been donated. The McKinley Presidential Library and Museum and the North Canton Heritage Society have some abstracts in their archives.

Here is a list of what we have (* digital copy available):

- [Section 1 Southwest Quarter Abstract – Diamond St NE 3064 1977 *](#)
- [Section 1 Southwest Quarter Abstract – Diamond St NE 3064 Lot 1 1977 *](#)
- [Section 1 Southwest Quarter Abstract – Diamond St NE 3226 1966 *](#)
- Section 3 Northwest Quarter
- [Section 3 Southeast Quarter Abstract – Applegrove NE 1825 1964 *](#)
- [Section 3 West Half Abstract – Law-Chester Allotment No 2 Lot 98 1964 *](#)
- [Section 3 West Half Abstract – Law-Chester Allotment No 2 Lot 99 1964 *](#)
- [Section 3 West Half Abstract – Law-Chester Allotment No 2 Lot 128 1966 *](#)
- [Section 5 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Waltham Woods No 5 Lot 199 – River Run Cir 2810 1985 *](#)
- [Section 5 – Southwest Quarter Abstract – Chatham Hills Allotment No 2 Lot 66 – Sunnyfield NE 366 1970 *](#)
- [Section 7 North Half Abstract – P. Rohrer's Addition Lot 1 762 – Aurora Blvd NW 4569 1977 *](#)
- [Section 7 Southwest Quarter Abstract – Lindy Lane 128 1961 *](#)
- [Section 11 Northeast Quarter Abstract – Middlebranch Ave NE 7375 1930 *](#)
- [Section 11 Southeast Quarter Abstract 1973 *](#)
- [Section 11 Southwest Quarter Abstract and Section 12 Southwest Quarter Abstract 1977 *](#)
- Section 11 Southwest Quarter
- [Section 12 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Winchester Hills Allotment Lot 22 – Highspire St NE 3626 1972 *](#)

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- [Section 12 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Winchester Hills Allotment Lot 23 – Highspire St NE 3626 1950 *](#)
- [Section 12 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Winchester Hills Allotment No 2 Lot 71 – Mehaffie Dr NE 1976 *](#)
- Section 12 Southeast Quarter 1967 *
- Section 14 Northeast Quarter
- Section 15 Northeast Quarter
- Section 16 Northeast Quarter
- Section 17 Southwest Quarter
- [Section 20 Paris Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast Quarters Abstract 1922 *](#)
- Section 20 Northwest Quarter
- Section 20 Southwest Quarter
- Section 21 Northeast Quarter
- [Section 22 Southeast Quarter Abstract 1953 *](#)
- Section 23 Northeast Quarter
- [Section 23 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Dunlos Estates No 1 Lot 33 – Lindford Ave NE 5404 1969 *](#)
- [Section 23 Northwest Quarter Abstract – Norwood Hills Lot 44 Rocky Hill NE 5151 1983 *](#)
- [Section 24 North Half – Southeast Quarter Abstract – 55th St NE 3240 *](#)
- [Section 25 Northeast Quarter Abstract 1986 *](#)
- [Section 26 Northeast Quarter Abstract 1957 *](#)
- Section 27 Northwest Quarter
- Section 27 Southeast Quarter 1956 *
- [Section 27 Southeast Quarter Abstract – Oakwood Park No 5 Lot 172 34th St NE 1615 1981 *](#)
- [Section 27 Southwest Quarter Abstract – Martindale Rd NE 3116-3118 1976 *](#)
- Section 28 Southeast Quarter
- Section 29 Northeast Quarter
- Section 29 Northwest Quarter
- [Section 29 Southeast Quarter 1922 *](#)
- Section 31 Southeast Quarter
- Section 32 Northwest Quarter
- Section 33 Southeast Quarter

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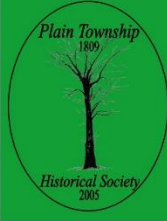


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Meetings are held at Plain Township Offices - 2600 Easton St NE at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted the 3rd Monday of the month. No meeting in December. Check our website for a meeting schedule.