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HISTORICAL SITE

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NEWTON B. DRURY,

Director.

Joseph Cole Pioneer Home offered as a County Museum



Cole Home

COLES OFFER HOME FOR MUSEUM SITE

Residence Would Be Moved to New Location In Marlborough Vicinity

A meeting of the Marlborough Historical society was held Sunday afternoon at the Marlborough Primitive Baptist church with the president, Wilbur Main, and the secretary, Mrs. W. S. Cole, in charge.

It is planned to form a county organization, and speakers on this subject were John McClure Snook, formerly associated with the Ohio State University Archaeological Society, now a farmer of west of Delaware, and Judge Fred R. Wickham, Delaware. Others present also spoke on the subject. There are 42 such county organizations in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cole are willing to give their present home to become a museum, thus preserving items of historical value to the community. The plan is to move the home to the new location of the Marlborough cemetery, providing the church building also is moved. Both are now in the Delaware dam basis area.

In order to form a county organization it is desired to have a representation from each of the 14 townships, and it was decided to hold a public meeting in the courtroom in Delaware, Monday night, October 20, at 8 o'clock.

ENROLL FAMILIES

Historical Society Holds Organization Meeting

A group of 50 persons attended the Monday night meeting of the new Delaware County Historical Society, held in the courtroom of the courthouse at Delaware.

The president, Wilbur Main, was in charge, and Mrs. Genevieve Cole, recording secretary, gave a short talk on the history of Marlborough.

Twenty-five family memberships were received. As an act of courtesy, it was voted that the members of the original society act until the first of year, Mrs. Ruby Nichols is treasurer and D. C. Sherwood, vice president.

With the regular meeting night set for the third Monday night in the month, the next one will fall on December 15.

SEEK FEDERAL AID TO SAVE BUILDINGS

Historical Marlborough Church and Cole House May Be Moved to New Site

A move to preserve a historic house in the Olen tangy river dam reservoir and obtain financial assistance from the federal government in moving the Marlborough Primitive Baptist church to a new location has been launched by the newly organized Marlborough Historical Society.

Removal of the cemetery has been assured since the present site lies under the possible flood area and will be made at government expense. The tentative arrangements allow the cemetery association to retain the church building and places responsibility for its disposition upon the cemetery trustees.

Engineers are now studying possible sites for the relocated cemetery and have tentatively selected one at the intersection of the Horseshoe and Leonardsburg roads, approximately two and one-half miles from the present cemetery. The ground under consideration is on the east side of the Horseshoe road.

Cemetery trustees state that contractors' estimates indicate the cost of moving the church to the new location will be prohibitive and that government assistance will be necessary if the structure is to be retained.

Second objective of the society is the preservation of a two-story brick dwelling which stands on lands adjacent to the cemetery.

Now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole, the house was built by Joseph Cole, an early Delaware county settler, shortly after he had obtained an extensive land grant in Marlborough township in 1808.

At the rear of the house is a smaller building which was in use more than 100 years ago as a toll house when the Ashley-Radnor road was built. The main house also contains unusual hand-carved mantlepieces and other evidences of pioneer life. Mill stones and other equipment from an Olen tangy river mill are also on the property which has been offered to the state for museum purposes. The Cole farm is the center of an Indian burial ground and several skeletons have been uncovered there, the last about two months ago.

An effort to induce the federal

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Group Plans Meeting At Marlborough

Anticipated flooding of extensive areas in Marlborough township upon completion of the Olen tangy conservancy dam has revived interest in the history of the community with organization of a county historical society as one probable result.

Initial steps toward the organization will be taken Sunday afternoon when residents of the Marlborough community and others interested in the early history of the county meet at the Marlborough church. The meeting has been called for 2 p. m.

Judge Fred Wickham, Delaware attorney an authority on county history, will present a plan for incorporation and outline procedure which must be followed if appropriations for support of the society are to be obtained through county commissioners. Statutes now authorize county government to appropriate up to \$5,000 annually for such purpose.

Museum Officials Coming

Officials connected with the Ohio State Historical museum will also attend and explain the purpose and value of the proposed organization. The museum recently carried on excavation and exploration work on the site of a prehistoric Indian village on the Walter Cole farm, near the Marlborough church.

Immediate objectives of sponsors of the historical society are preservation of two buildings in the dam reservoir area which are intimately connected with the community's history — the Marlborough Baptist church and the brick farmhouse on the Cole farm. The house is the oldest in Marlborough township having been built about 1808.

Efforts will be made to move both the house and church building to the proposed new site of the Marlborough cemetery on the Horseshoe Rd. The site is on the Presley Main farm.



Marlborough Group Seeks U.S. Aid In Moving Historic Baptist Church

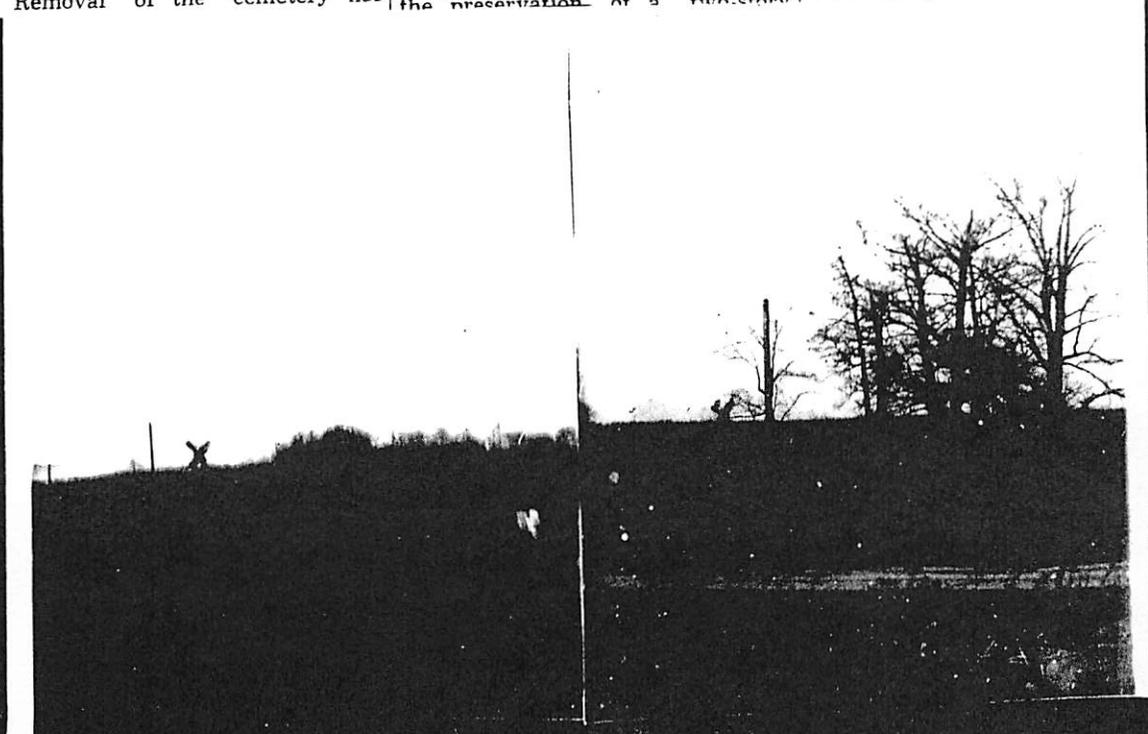
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Historical Society Gets Charter, Set Organization Monday

A charter for the Delaware County Historical society has been issued from the office of the secretary of state at Columbus and formal organization of the society will take place Monday.

Any person interested in the history of Delaware county who wishes to become a charter member of the new organization may do so by attending the initial meeting. It will be held at 8 p. m. in the courtroom at the courthouse.

Election of officers and selection of township representatives on the official board will be made Monday. The program includes a talk on the history of Marlborough township by Mrs. Walter Cole.

The county society is an outgrowth of a similar organization formed in Marlborough township last winter where interest in local history was aroused by the proposed flooding of large areas which lie in the Olentangy conservancy dam reservoir. Immediate objectives of the society will be to obtain government assistance in removing an historic farmhouse and the Marlborough Baptist church to new sites outside the flood area.

Historical Society To Meet Monday

Township representatives recently appointed to assist with organization of the Delaware County Historical society will meet Monday to act upon a charter and by-laws, Mrs. Walter Cole, secretary, announced today. The meeting will be held in the law office of Judge Fred R. Wickham, 78 N. Sandusky St., at 8 p. m.

Interested persons living in townships not represented at the organization meeting held in Delaware last month were asked to attend meeting next week.

800 ASKS GOVERNMENT AID IN MOVING MARLBOROUGH CHURCH & HISTORIC HOUSE

More than 800 persons have signed petitions in which federal government aid in moving the Marlborough Primitive Baptist church to a new location is asked, Wilbur Main, president of the Marlborough Historical society has announced.

Most of the signatures were obtained when Memorial Day services were held at the cemetery and approximately 100 others have been made this month. They will be presented to government officials and Ohio Congressional representatives at Washington for consideration this summer.

Marlborough residents will also

attempt to have the federal government assume the cost of moving a 125-year-old house from the cemetery area. The petitions were prepared after cemetery trustees reported the cost of moving the church building to a new site on the Horse-shoe road exceed funds available for the purpose.

Removal of the church from the Delaware conservation dam reservoir area is expected to be started soon after the new site is purchased. At the present time land acquisition program of the federal government in the area is at a standstill pending congressional allocation of funds for the project.

Indian Graves Discovered On Cole Farm In Marlboro

Excavation of three small mounds located near Marlboro cemetery, will be started early in June by the Ohio State Archeology and Historical society following discovery of an Indian skeleton there this month.

The knolls are located on the Walter Cole farm and the skeleton was unearthed by Mrs. Cole and her two children, Nancy 12, and Joseph, 14, three weeks ago. It was turned over to Dr. Richard Morgan, curator of the Ohio State Archeological museum Monday and arrangements for continuing the excavation work was made then.

The knolls are the last of a large number in that area and are located on a tract from which trees have been recently cleared, Mrs. Cole said. Older residents of the community informed her that a number of skeletons had been uncovered there when land was first placed in cultivation. About thirteen had been found, the last about 47 years ago, and the area about the cemetery is believed to have been an extensive Indian burial ground.

Knolls Vary

The knolls are of natural formation and vary considerably in height and circumference. The practice of using glacial mounds for burial purposes was common among Indians.

Most of the skeletons were found in the Marlboro area when land was first plowed. Mrs. Cole's knowledge that the land on which the four knolls were located had never been cultivated led to her investigation. The tract has been in the Cole family since 1908, she said.

Dr. Morgan said the skeleton was apparently that of a woman and had been buried in the customary Indian manner, lying on its side with the knees drawn toward the head.

Marlboro Historical Group Is Organized

The Marlboro Historical society was organized Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cole, west of Ashley to "preserve historical interest" in the area. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Main, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Cline, Mrs. Frances Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, Mrs. Forest Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cole.

Officers elected were Wilbur Main, president; D. C. Sherwood, vice president; Mrs. W. S. Cole, secretary, and Arlington Cline, custodian of records and relics.

Delaware Farm Yields Relics Of Prehistoric Indian Camp

Ohio Museum Archaeological Field Crew Unearths Unique Material After 6 Weeks

Indian material unique in the region has been uncovered by an archaeological field crew from the Ohio State Museum near the Delaware Dam, officials of the Ohio State Archaeological Society announced yesterday.

Six weeks of digging on the farm of Walter S. Cole at Marlboro, about 5 miles north of Delaware, uncovered a series of food storage pits, filled with refuse from an Indian village or camp.

Society officials theorized the camp existed in prehistoric times.

Found in the pits were charcoal, animal bones, snail and mussel shells, fire-cracked stones, burnt clay, a hammer stone which bore evidence of considerable use, and part of a skeleton of an adult male.

Identity of the Indians who once dwelt at the site and relationship of the relics to other archaeological finds of the period will be determined by studies to be made at the Museum. Later the material will be shown there.

The expedition was under the general direction of Richard G. Morgan, Museum curator of archeology. It was supervised by Raymond S. Baby of the department of anatomy, Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

Museum Studies Early Food Pits

Ohio State Museum officials Thursday planned a study of a series of food storage pits filled with refuse from an Indian village which they theorize existed in prehistoric times.

The pits were discovered during six weeks of digging on the Walter S. Cole farm at Marlborough, five miles north of Delaware.

An archeological field crew of the museum under the general direction of Richard G. Morgan, curator of archeology at the Ohio State Museum, reported discovery of the new type of material Wednesday.

From the pits, charcoal, animal bones, snail and mussel shells, fire-cracked stones, burnt clay and fragments of pottery were removed. Part of an adult male skeleton was also found.

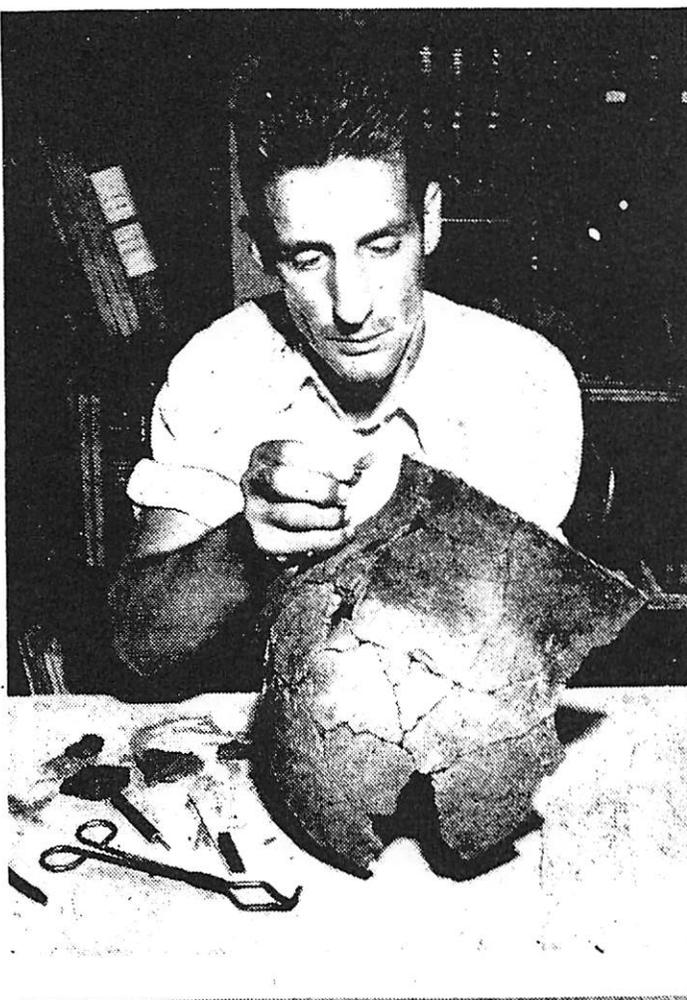
MRS. WALTER COLE of near Ashley reports that she and her son, Joe, 14, and daughter, Nancy, 12, recently dug up an Indian skeleton in a mound on their farm. Officials at the Ohio State University museum say it is one of the most complete they have seen. They plan to dig up several other mounds on the Cole farm this summer in an effort to obtain additional relics.

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JAR FOOD STORAGE pits of prehistoric times were uncovered by Raymond S. Baby, right, in charge of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society excavations on the Walter S. Cole farm at Marlboro in the Delaware Dam region. He is shown piecing together fragments of a jar found along with charcoal, animal bones, snail and mussel shells, fire cracked stones, burnt clay and other fragments of pottery. A hammer stone showing considerable use and part of a skeleton of an adult male also were found.



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This Christmas To Be Last 85 Families in Area of Delaware Dam Will Spend in Their Present Homes



Above is the historic Marlborough cemetery whose 1,700 graves are to be moved to a spot nearly five miles distant out of the new Delaware Dam area.



—Photos by Stewart
Delaware county's oldest home, the Cole Homestead built in 1808, is shown above. Located in the midst of the Delaware Dam area, the county historical society is seeking to have it removed to safety.

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By WILLIAM D. STANBRO

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SKELETON OF INDIAN FOUND NEAR ASHLEY

Bones Uncovered On Cole Farm Are Given to Ohio State University

Mrs. Walter Cole, living on the Radnor-Ashley road, west of Ashley, is a typical American woman, loving the out-of-doors and being fond of making her surroundings attractive with flowers and shrubs, as those who pass her house in summer can testify.

The house, a huge, old-fashioned brick, formerly was a toll house, and the old toll-gate can still be seen nearby.

There is a large knoll on the farm and Mrs. Cole had often longed to explore it but never seemed to find time. One afternoon a few days ago, she was walking near it with her son, Joe 14, and daughter, Nancy, 12, when the idea struck her afresh.

Acting on her "hunch," all three began to dig and in a short time had uncovered a complete Indian skeleton.

On Monday afternoon of this week, Professors Zepp and Morgan, of Ohio State university, examined the find and pronounced it one of the most complete ones they had seen.

Mrs. Cole presented it to them and they took it to the Archaeological Museum on the university campus, telling her that in a month or so, they will return to make further explorations on the farm, as it appears to them to have a number of these mounds.

They also discovered such a mound on an adjoining farm and will be grateful to anyone advising them of others.

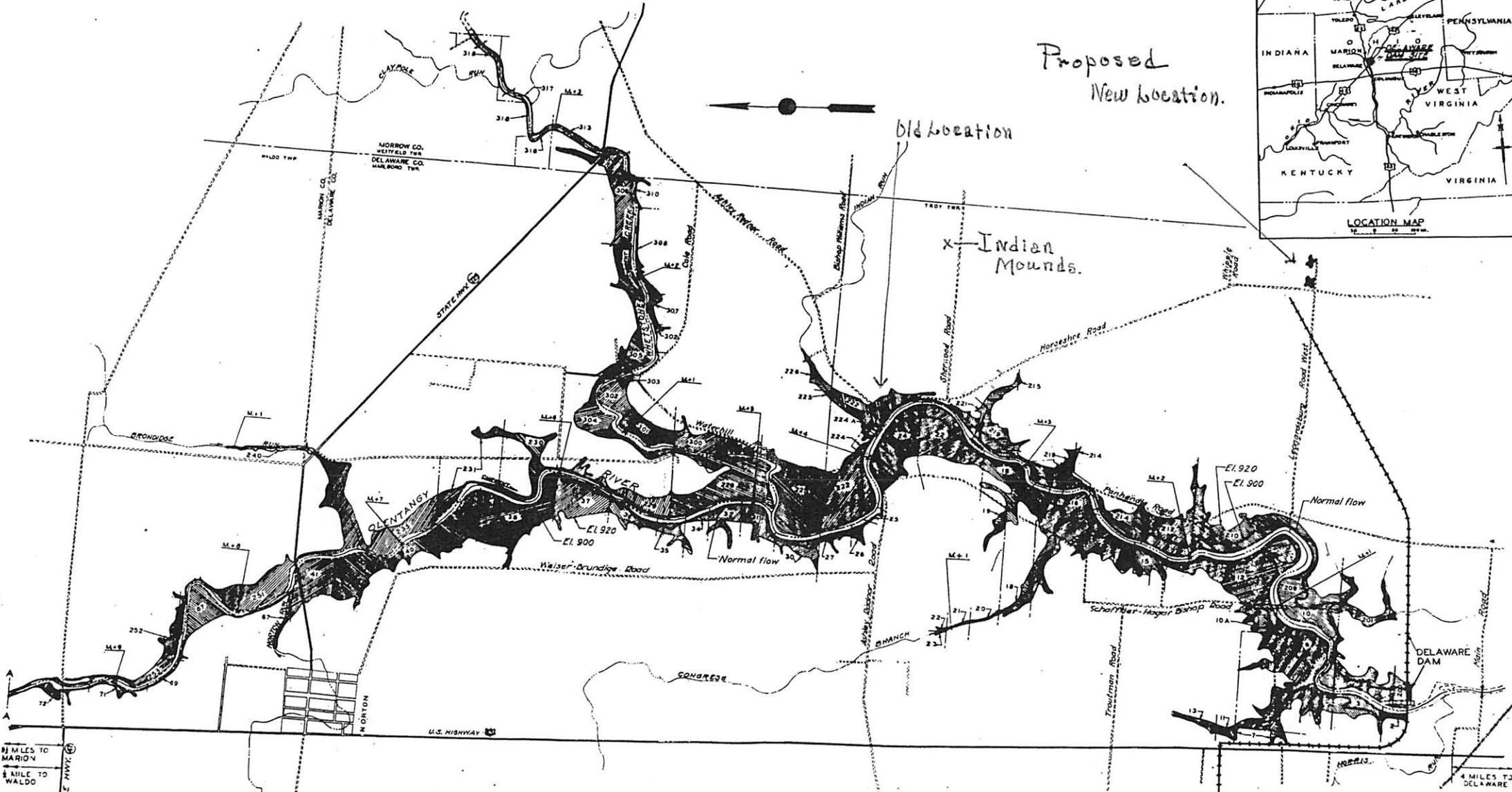


View of Cole farmhouse in Troy township (Gazette Photo)



Old toll house at Cole farm

Danger Of Losing Buildings Spurs Local Historical Group



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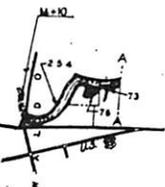
Approximate limits of area to be cleared below El. 900

Tract number

Miles from center line of dam, or miles from mouth of creek.

NOTE

Exact limits of areas to be cleared will be located in the field by the contracting officer.



WAR DEPARTMENT CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER WASHINGTON, D. C.	
DATE BY: H.M.C.	DELAWARE RESERVOIR PROJECT SCIOTO RIVER WATERSHED OLENTANGY RIVER, OHIO CLEARING RESERVOIR AREA
TRACED BY: H.M.C.	
CHECKED BY: J.M.C.	
APPROVED FOR: [Signature]	
DATE: SEPT. 1947	SCALE 7/1600 SHEET NO. 0-P36-403/0

THE HISTORY OF MARLBOROUGH

The history of Marlborough church is so intertwined with the history of Joseph Cole, that it is impossible to tell the story of one without bringing in the other. For, besides hewing a living out of primitive country beset with hostile Indians and wolves, he somehow found time to start a community, help build a church, a school, a grist and saw mill, have a U.S. postoffice in his home and be justice of the peace for twenty one years.

Joseph and Mary Cole, with their small family, settled at Marlborough in December 1808. They bought 640 acres of land and built their cabin on the east bank, just south of the forks of the Olentangy and Whetstone rivers. It was a strategic location as the Old Military Road, known also as Harrison's Trail, was less than a half mile west. A little later, with the help of a few settlers whom he, after repeated trips to Virginia, had inveigled into coming here, Joseph Cole cut a road through to Delhi. This crossed the trail from Delaware to Claridon at the Cole cabin, so a toll house was erected here, which still stands.

These early pioneers felt their religion deeply. The purpose of the Delhi road was so the settlers there might come and worship with those early Baptists at Marlborough.

The Cole house was used as a church from 1810 until 1819. A stockade was put up around it as a protection for the community in case of an Indian uprising.

There were many Indians around --Wingoes, Delawares and Wyandottes. For some reason, they were very fond of the Whetstone, and liked to come to the spring behind the Cole house, (which is still there) and return each year to make maple sugar.

During the war of 1812, the Indians sided with the British and most of the men of the settlement joined Drake's militia.

In 1813, Joseph Cole built his brick house, the first in Troy township, at the front of the toll house, the brick being made from clay on his farm and the mortar with which the bricks were laid being mixed by his fourteen year old daughter Margaret, or Peggy, as she was called. This brick, together with the old tollhouse, is the building proposed as a museum.

A little before this, part of a wagon train going through stopped, as a little girl was too sick with typhoid to be moved. She died and was the first person to be buried in Marlborough cemetery - a cemetery which now holds almost two thousand.

The Coles donated the land and the material for the first church which was built in 1819.

Since the closest mill was in Franklin county, Joseph Cole built a brush dam, and a combination grist and saw mill in 1820.

After this enterprising man had tended to the spirit and the body of the community, he started to improve its mind. Next, he donated

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his sugar camp as a school, with Miss Electa Wilcox as the first teacher

So the settlement grew, with the church and the house beside it as the center of its life through these 130 years. And just as the Indians seemed to feel a special affection for the ground, so do the descendants of those old settlers seem to feel drawn toward this spot. For, every year at Decoration Day, throngs of people come, some hundreds of miles, in a sort of pilgrimage.

Recently, this location has been the center of attention to all interested in the history of our country. The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society has discovered here numerous village sites of the oldest known pre-historic Indians. It was indicated that they had lived here for a long period of time, doing extensive work in making pottery of a type similar to that of the Mound Builders.

A great many of the descendants of the original white settlers still live in Delaware county and unite in hoping that the Cole homestead, which meant so much to the beginnings of Marlborough may be saved as a museum, a memorial to the bravery and integrity of the American pioneer spirit.

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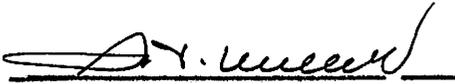
To: The Chief Engineer
Delaware Dam Conservancy Project

Dear Sir:

The Delaware County Historical Society Inc. has made a request of the United States Government to relocate the old Cole farmhouse to a new location outside the flood area of the Delaware Conservancy Dam. Said house to be used as an Historical Museum.

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware, Ohio is heartily in favor of this project and joins with other organizations and individuals in urging the Government to grant the request of the Historical Society.

Very truly yours,





BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

To the Chief Engineer in charge of
the Delaware Conservancy Dam Project.

The Marlborough Primitive Baptist Church at their regular business meeting November first 1947 voted unanimously to petition the United States engineer in charge of the Delaware Conservancy Dam project:

That the Marlborough Primitive Baptist Church house be moved by the United States government and at its expense to a site adjacent to the re-located Marlborough cemetery, re-locating it on a cement block foundation so that the building and its furnishing will be in as good condition as at present.

Signed
Martha Frances Cole Trustee
Burtton Cole Trustee
L. B. Mann, Trustee

Delaware, Ohio
January 7, 1948

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Delaware, Ohio, at its regular meeting on this date voted its approval of the proposal to move at government expense (1) the house of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cole in order to become the property of the Delaware County Historical Society, Inc. and (2) the Marlboro Church building, both to be adjacent to the site proposed for the relocated Marlboro Cemetery.



R. V. Sinnett, President,
Delaware Kiwanis Club

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

January 7, 1948

Chief Engineer
Delaware Dam Conservancy Project

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to a request which is being presented to the Federal Government in connection with the proposed moving of the Marlborough Cemetery to a position outside the area to be flooded by the building of the new dam.

The request is that the Federal Government also move the Marlborough Primitive Baptist Church and the Joseph Cole House, and relocate them in somewhat their original relation to the Cemetery. The request calls further for the preservation of the Cole House as a historical museum under the control of the Delaware County Historical Society, Incorporated.

Permit me to express my hearty approval and support of this project and my hope that you will use your influence in its favor. I feel that the establishment of a local historical museum in connection with the proposed park development will be of very great educational value, and that the age and good preservation of the Cole House adapt it admirably for this purpose.

Respectfully,

Edward L. Rice
Emeritus Professor of Zoology
Ohio Wesleyan University

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*Cole
Pioneer
Farm*

January 7, 1948.

To the Chief Engineer in charge of the Delaware
Conservancy Dam Project.

We wish to express our desire along with many others
as to the changing of the location of property, known
as the "Cole Pioneer Farm House". This property con-
sists of a brick structure about 35 X 55 ft., and a
frame structure approximately 20 X 35 ft.

This Cole Pioneer home to be known as the "Marlborough
Museum", and become the property of the Delaware County
Historical Society Incorporated.

Every township is represented in this Historical Society
and all will benefit from same.

Also, we are asking that Marlborough Baptist Church and
Chapel be moved by the U.S. Government to similar posi-
tion in the re-located cemetery, with the Cole Pioneer
Home to be moved on a plot of land preferably adjoining
the newly located cemetery on the East.

Very truly yours,
Delaware Chamber of Commerce

J. W. Armstrong
J. W. Armstrong, Sec.

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January 12, 1948

To the Chief Engineers of the
Delaware Dam Conservation Project

Gentlemen:

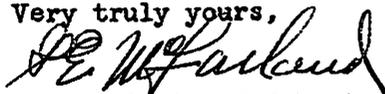
School children are always interested in our early pioneer history. Familiarity with the more intimate stories of our predecessors and their problems helps them understand better the story of our State and Nation, which story is the composite of the stories of many smaller units such as our County.

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc. has made provision for membership of people of high school age as well as for adults. If there is a place for preserving our relics and anecdotal records as well as our more formal local history, these people will be stimulated in the collection and preservation of such data; and what is of equal or greater importance this activity will lead them to select for preservation the local events and movements of the present time before such things have become dimmed by tradition.

An area teeming with legends of our own early pioneers as well as with the buried secrets of a much earlier civilization is about to be inundated by the waters of Delaware Dam.

I think it is peculiarly fitting that an early landmark for Indians as well as for Whites, long known as the Cole House, and now subject to annihilation, should be moved to a place of safety for the express purpose of becoming a repository for historical materials.

The purpose for which Delaware Dam was built marks an important changing aspect of our national economy. The projected location of this repository near this dam is opportune because it becomes a tangible commemoration of the event and because it is conveniently located for the inspection of many who will visit the dam.

Very truly yours,

County Supt. of Schools

January 14, 1948

Chief Engineer
Delaware Conservancy Project
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We should like to say a good word for the Delaware County Historical Society. This Society is actively engaged in the effort to preserve some of the historic features which will be destroyed when the Delaware Reservoir is filled.

The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society has supported the Delaware County Historical Society during its formation and has tried to encourage the group as much as possible. We should also like to state that the State Historical Society supports the local group in its program to preserve historic features.

We hope that the officials concerned with the development of the Delaware Reservoir area will do all they can to help the Delaware County Historical Society preserve and protect these historic records which are the concern of so many of the residents at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin C. Zepp
Director

ECZ/s

Ashley, Ohio,
January 20, 1948

To the Chief Engineer in charge of
the Delaware Conservancy Dam Project

We hereby wish to state that it is our desire and intention to donate our house (recently acquired by the U. S. Government and sold back to us) to the Delaware County Historical Society Incorporated, this, to be used as a museum to house objects of historical interest, especially of this locality.

We hereby state our intention to sign the necessary papers at whatever time the Government officials signify their approval to move the buildings.

Respectfully yours,

W. S. Cole

Mrs W. S. Cole

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

Delaware, Ohio

Ashley, Ohio,

January 21, 1948

To the Chief Engineer:

We are asking that the Marlborough Church and Chapel building be moved by the U. S. Government to a similar position in the re-located cemetery, (dimensions about 40 ft. - 50 ft.).

We are asking that the Cole pioneer farm house (brick structure about 25 ft. - 55 ft. and a frame structure 20 ft. - 35 ft.) be moved by the U. S. Government on a plot of land, with suitable basement, preferably adjoining the new cemetery location on the east, this to be known as the Marlborough Museum and the property of the Delaware County Historical Society, Incorporated.

We are further asking the U. S. Government that a reasonable amount of land be allocated for the building site (eight acres); also, permission to extricate the old mill stones from the river bed above the bridge at Marlborough.

We feel that this would be interpreted as a gesture of good will and courtesy to the disrupted community, and the effect would be far reaching and beneficial to the U. S. Government, as well as to us, the people of the Delaware Conservancy Dam area.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. Main
Pres.
Laurie Cole
Secy.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DELAWARE COUNTY

DELAWARE, OHIO

FRED A. McALLISTER
JUDGE

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have examined the petitions addressed to "The Federal Authority Concerned", requesting that in connection with the relocation of Marlborough Cemetery the church building owned by the Primitive Baptist Congregation and the old brick house built by Joseph Cole, and now belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cole, be removed and relocated at government expense adjacent to the site selected for the relocated Marlborough Cemetery, and find that approximately 719 signatures are signed to said petitions, and from such examination believe that the signatures attached to said petitions are the genuine signatures of the parties concerned, and that the said petitions are the authentic petitions of the persons whose signatures are signed thereto.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1948.



Common Pleas Judge,
Delaware County, Ohio.

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CITY OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE, OHIO

January 30th 1948

To the Federal Authorities
Of the Delaware Conservancy Dam Project;

Gentlemen;

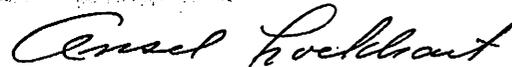
May I earnestly request you to give much consideration to the project being promoted in Delaware County, namely that of moving the home of Joseph Cole to a new site in the area of the east end of the new dam, at government expense, said home to be the property of the Delaware County Historical Society, and to be known as the Delaware County Museum.

Also that the small Marlborough Church be moved at government expense to a new site to be chosen for the Marlborough Cemetery.

Knowing that the area of the finished dam project will be a show place for the future, many of us feel that the two projects could do much to promote good feeling among the many home owners who are now finding new places to locate and rebuild.

Very truly yours

Ansel Lockhart.



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ROTARY CLUB
DELAWARE, OHIO



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February 2, 1948.

To the Chief Engineer:

The Board of Directors of the Delaware Rotary Club has unanimously voted to petition the proper authorities for the preservation and relocation of the old Cole residence in Troy Township of this county.

The construction of the Delaware Dam and Reservoir threatens to destroy many of the historical landmarks of this county. While the Government is compensating the property owners for the value of their land taken for this project, there is no way that the Government can adequately compensate the general citizenry of the community for the destruction of these historical sites and monuments.

The recently formed Delaware County Historical Society is attempting to preserve all of this material possible, but in order properly to do so it needs an adequate building for this purpose. Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cole have offered to donate their residence for this purpose if the Government will move the same to a new and proper location. The Delaware Rotary Club believes that the Government should cooperate in this matter and bear the expenses of moving this Cole home so that it can be used by our local community for historical purposes. We feel that this will represent some recompense to the general community for the loss to it of these historical landmarks.

The Delaware Rotary Club therefore joins in the petition to those in proper authority to take such appropriate steps as will accomplish this end.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DELAWARE ROTARY CLUB

BY:

W. C. Rybolt

President.

The Fane County Historical Society, Inc.

Bellevue, Ohio

MAY 11 1948

The U.S. National Park Service

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Would you please inform me if you have received a brochure on "Flatbush".

Thank you very much for your response.

The Delaware County Government has been interested in preserving the buildings as a county museum. As a means of accomplishing this, we have prepared a booklet on the buildings which was sent to the U.S. Army Engineers, and State

Ohio. We have been informed that it is the National Park Service, and I understand that the Army also they are willing to cooperate, but we have had no further word.

If you have any information on this matter we would greatly appreciate it.

Very truly,
Wm. W. Coffey, Jr.
Coffey Ohio

Wm. W. Coffey, Jr.
7/12/48 - 48
and
Denton
Ohio

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.
Delaware, Ohio

Dr. Potter ^{OMP} Ketter
this is the project
about which we wrote
June 8-78. to Sen Taft
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Mr Roland F. Lee.
Chief Historian of the National Parks Service.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr Lee,

We wish to make enquiry concerning a brochure "Marlborough" in connection with the Delaware County Ohio Conservancy Dam area. This brochure was sent to various Government officials and also to the U.S. Army Engineers including Lt Col John R. Sharp, Huntington, West Va, Gen Weart, Cincinnati, Ohio and Lt Gen R.A. Wheeler. They have assured us of cooperation, but stated that the final decision concerning the house as a museum is in the hands of the National Parks Service.

This brochure should have reached you some time ago. Dr Frank N. H. Roberts of Smithsonian Institution is also informed on this subject.

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.
Delaware, Ohio

We would appreciate any information
you have concerning this matter.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mrs W. S. Cote.

Secretary.

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

Delaware, Ohio

June 30 - 48.

Mr John Bricker,

U. S. Senator from Ohio.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Concerning the brochure
"Marlborough" that you received
the first of Feb. - would you
please forward the brochure to
the Chairman of the National
Council for the Preservation of Historical
Buildings and Sites, Washington
D. C.

We would appreciate
this courtesy.

Mrs Genevieve Cole

Ashley, Ohio

Sec.

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July 1, 1948

Mr. Newton B. Drury
 Director
 National Park Service
 Department of the Interior
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Drury:

Enclosed please find material concerning the removal of the Marlborough Church and other historical buildings in Delaware County, Ohio, due to the construction of the Delaware Dam. This material was forwarded to me by Mrs. Genevieve Cole, Secretary of the Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

I presume you have in your files copy of letter dated 10 March 1948 on this subject, from Lt. General R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, in which he advised this request had been referred to the National Park Service for appropriate action.

You will note that the Corps of Engineers will interpose no objection to the removal of the old millstones from the river bed above the bridge at Marlborough, and that they will cooperate to the fullest extent possible with your department or any other designated agency in this matter.

Mrs. Cole has requested that I forward this material on to you with the suggestion that if it meets with your approval, it be forwarded on to the Chairman of the National Council for the Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites, and advises that the church angle has been taken care of in another department.

I will appreciate your giving this matter your careful attention and assisting in any possible ^{work} in the removal of these buildings.

Sincerely,

George W. Malone
 George W. Malone

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 Enclosures

JUL 8 - 1948

DIRECTOR

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

Delaware, Ohio

July 3 - 48.

Mr Newton B. Henry:

Director of National Parks Service.

Washington, D.C.

~~Mr. P. F. Lee~~
H. E. K.

Dear Mr Henry,

~~Reply~~

We received your letter of June 14th. You should receive a brochure on Marlborough very soon.

From the contents of your letter you have evidently read part of it.

The Church part has been taken care of under another Dept.

The House of course is to be a donation to the Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

The up-keep for the House-Museum is taken care of by Ohio State amended Senate bill No 232 which might amount to \$5,000 per year.

The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

Delaware, Ohio

General Wheeler of the U.S. Army Engineers has indicated that the house could be located on land recently purchased by them,

The remaining problem is moving and basement, which shouldn't be a too expensive a matter, especially when you consider the human interest and history benefits.

If this remains out of your jurisdiction, would you please consider sending it on to the Chairman of the National Council for the Preservation of Historical Buildings and Sites with your approval.

Respectfully,
Ashley Ohio Mrs. Genevieve Cole
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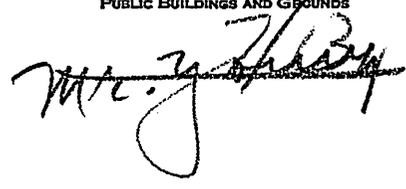
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17TH DISTRICT, OHIO

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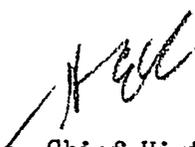
MAJORITY REGIONAL WHIP OF
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COMMITTEE:
PUBLIC WORKS
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.



July 7, 1948



Mr. Ronald F. Lee, Chief Historian
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lee:

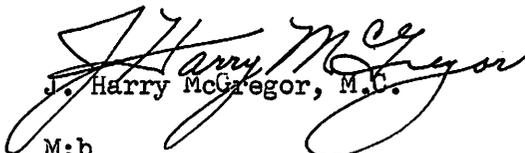
My attention has been called to the request by the Delaware County (Ohio) Historical Society, Inc. for Federal funds for the moving and relocating of the historic Cole Home and Marlborough Church and Chapel building, which is located in the area of the Delaware Dam project in Delaware County, Ohio.

Under date of February 18, 1948, I received a letter from Major General D. L. Weart, U.S. Army, Division Engineer, Ohio River Division, Cincinnati, Ohio, advising me that the request of the Delaware County Historical Society had been forwarded through channels to the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, for appropriate action. It is my hope that you have received this request and that a reply will be available in the near future.

This morning I am in receipt of another letter from one of the members of the Historical Society, which I am enclosing, stating that the only problem remaining is moving and a suitable basement. As you will note, Mrs. Cole asks if this can be done by the National Council for the Preservation of Historical Buildings and Sites. It will be appreciated by the writer if you would give me any information available with regard to this inquiry and have the letter returned to me with your reply.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Respectfully yours,



J. Harry McGregor, M.C.

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Enclosure

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25, D. C.

July 15, 1948.

Mrs. Genevieve Cole, Secretary,
The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.
Ashley, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Cole:

We have received your letter of July 8 concerning the preservation of the Marlborough Church and the Cole Barnhouse in Delaware County, Ohio.

It is gratifying to learn that the preservation of the historic old Church has been assured. As requested in your letter, we have discussed this matter with representatives of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, but this newly-organized, non-governmental association of private citizens interested in historic sites conservation has no funds available at this early stage of its existence to assist with the removal of the Cole Barnhouse.

While it is regretted that the Council has no funds to assist with this worthy project, it is suggested that since the State of Ohio has provided for the maintenance of the Cole Barnhouse, your organization request the State of Ohio to undertake the removal of the structure.

Sincerely yours,

~~(SND)~~ HILARY A. TOLSON

Hilary A. Tolson,
Acting Director.

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cc: Files
History Division (2)
Region One (2)

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25, D. C. July 13, 1948.

Hon. George W. Malone,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Malone:

Your letter of July 7 concerning the preservation of historic buildings in the area of the Delaware Dam, Delaware County, Ohio, has been received.

The problem of the removal and the preservation of the Marlborough Church and the Cole Barnhouse has been previously brought to the attention of this Service by the Corps of Engineers, but we have no funds with which to assist in the preservation of these historic buildings. It is our understanding, moreover, from a letter of July 5 written to this Service by Mrs. Genevieve Cole, Secretary of the Delaware County Historical Society, that the preservation of the Church has already been assured and that the remaining problem is the removal of the Barnhouse and the construction of a basement for it at a new site.

As requested by Mrs. Cole, this remaining problem has been discussed with representatives of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, but this newly-organized, non-governmental association of private citizens interested in historic sites conservation has no funds available at this early stage of its existence to assist with the removal of the Cole Barnhouse.

We regret that there are no funds available to this Service or to the Council to assist with this worthy project. It is suggested, however, that since the State of Ohio has provided for the maintenance of the structure, that perhaps the State would be willing to undertake its removal.

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Sincerely yours,

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(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON
Hillory A. Tolson,
Acting Director.

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25, D. C. July 13, 1948.

Hon. J. Harry McGregor,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. McGregor:

We have received your letter of July 7 enclosing a letter of June 28 from Mrs. Genevieve Cole regarding the preservation of the Cole Farmhouse and Marlborough Church in Delaware County, Ohio.

The problem of the removal and the preservation of the Marlborough Church and the Cole Farmhouse has been previously brought to the attention of this Service by the Corps of Engineers, but we have no funds with which to assist in the preservation of these historic buildings. It is our understanding, moreover, from a letter of July 3 written to this Service by Mrs. Genevieve Cole, that the preservation of the Church has already been assured and that the remaining problem is the removal of the Farmhouse and the construction of a basement for it at a new site.

As requested by Mrs. Cole, this remaining problem has been discussed with representatives of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, but this newly-organized, non-governmental association of private citizens interested in historic sites conservation has no funds available at this early stage of its existence to assist with the removal of the Cole Farmhouse.

We regret the inability of this Service and the Council to assist with the removal of the Cole Farmhouse, but suggest that since the State of Ohio has provided for the maintenance of the structure, that the State be requested to undertake its removal.

Mrs. Cole's letter of June 28 is returned.

Sincerely yours,

~~(SIGNED)~~ HILLORY A. TOLSON

Hillory A. Tolson,
Acting Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June 14, 1948.

Mrs. W. S. Cole, Secretary,
The Delaware County Historical Society,
Ashley, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

We have received your letter of May 28 addressed to me and your letter of June 8 addressed to Chief Historian Ronald F. Lee, but we have not received a copy of the brochure on "Marlborough," Ohio, which you mention.

However, in March, the Chief of Engineers of the Department of the Army, General Wheeler, brought to our attention correspondence which he had had with Senator Taft relative to the possibility of preserving the Cole pioneer farmhouse and the "Marlborough" Church. It is possible that a copy of the brochure was among the papers that we examined at that time.

Although the National Park Service has no funds to assist in the preservation of the historic buildings you describe, we are interested in the general problem of conserving the national heritage in historic sites in this era of rapid progress and change and would welcome a file copy of the brochure if you are able to spare one for this Office.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Newton B. Drury
Director.

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cc: Regional Director, Region One.
History Division.

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25, D. C.

July 14, 1948.

Hon. John Bricker,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Bricker:

We have received your letter of July 7 enclosing Mrs. Genevieve Cole's letter of June 30 in regard to the Marlborough Church and the Cole Farmhouse structures in Delaware County, Ohio.

It is our understanding, from a letter of July 3 written to this Service by Mrs. Cole, that the preservation of the Church has already been assured and that the remaining problem is the removal of the Farmhouse and the construction of a basement for it at a new site.

As requested by Mrs. Cole, this remaining problem has been discussed with representatives of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, but this newly-organized, non-governmental association of private citizens interested in historic sites conservation has no funds available at this early stage of its existence to assist with the removal of the Cole Farmhouse.

While the Council regrets that it has no funds at present to assist with this worthy project, it suggests that since the State of Ohio has provided for the maintenance of the structure, that the State might be interested in undertaking its removal.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Hillory A. Tolson,
Acting Director.

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History Division (2)
Region One (2)
Mr. Lee

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. F. Lee, Chief Historian, NPS DATE: July 15, 1948
FROM : Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr. *file*
SUBJECT: Marlborough House, Delaware County, Ohio.

I recently received an additional communication from Mrs. Genevieve Cole, Secretary of the Delaware County Historical Society, with reference to the Marlborough House situation. Mrs. Cole states that:

"Apparently we have only one problem to solve now--the moving of the House-Museum on a basement.

If you feel that you could recommend this to the Chairman of the National Council for the Preservation of Historical Buildings and Sites, we would be very grateful, indeed."

I am simply forwarding this information to you for whatever use you may desire to make of it.

Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr.

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