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2016 Columbus City Tour Series



The Columbus Historical Society's 2016 Columbus City Tour Series began on May 28. These bus tours take place on the fourth Saturday of the month. This two and a half hour tour takes guests around Columbus to the Downtown area, the new Columbus Commons, the Short North Arts District, German Village, the Arena District, Olde Towne East, the Discovery District, Franklin Park and more. The Saturday tours are open to individuals and small groups with registration and payment required in advance. Special tours can also be arranged for larger groups. There is still plenty of time to register, so don't miss our next tour that will be taking place on Saturday July 23rd.

To R.S.V.P please call 614-224-0822 or email us at:
info@columbushistory.org

From our Friends at Senior Times



"Postcard From Columbus" is Richard Barrett's monthly column in the Senior Times. Richard is a board member of the Columbus Historical Society and provides unique insight on the history of the city. The current issue features Camp Willis which was named for former Ohio Governor Willis. Camp Willis was the training site for the Ohio Guard when they were called up in response to the attacks by Pancho Villa. Read this excerpt from his column below and click on the link to read the full story.

In the 1910s the government of Mexico was unstable, with several leaders being overthrown by force. Francisco "Pancho" Villa and General Carranga led a successful takeover of the government in 1914. They later had a disagreement and Villa led attacks against the Carranga government. When the United States recognized Carranga's de facto government, Villa developed a hatred for the United States.

After Villa led a raid on Columbus, New Mexico, in March 1916, killing U.S. citizens and burning the town, President Wilson sent an expeditionary force under General John J. Pershing into Mexico to eliminate the threat of further attacks.

To read the full column, visit page 4 of the Senior Times website.

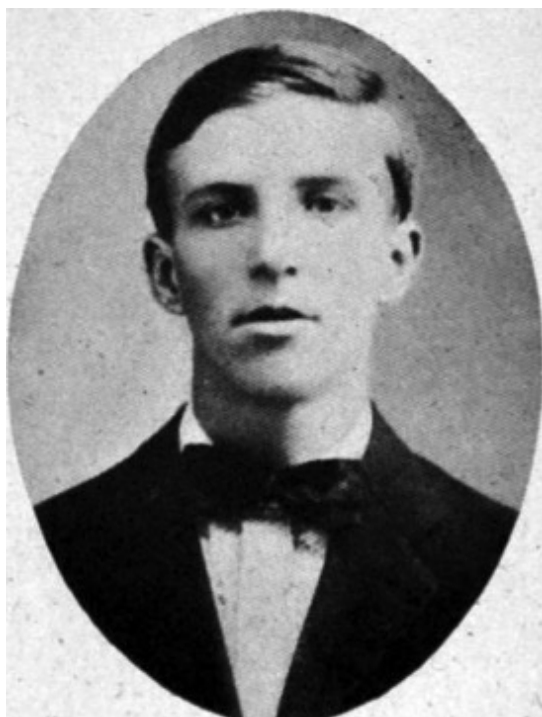
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From our Friends at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

"Hank Gowdy"

by Chuck Cody

Columbus Metropolitan Library



Summer time is baseball time and a good time to remember a Columbus baseball great, Henry Morgan (Hank) Gowdy. Gowdy was born in Columbus in 1889 and excelled at basketball and football, in addition to baseball, while at school at Hubbard Elementary and North High. After a time in the minors, he made his major league debut with the New York Giants in 1910.

In 1911, Hank was traded to the Boston Braves, where he became a stalwart catcher with a decent batting average (.270). In 1914 the "miracle Braves" went from last place to the World Series. Gowdy and the Braves faced Connie Mack's legendary Philadelphia Athletics in the series. Hank's batting average jumped to .545 in the series, including a triple, three doubles, and a home run that won the third game. His performance made Gowdy a star.

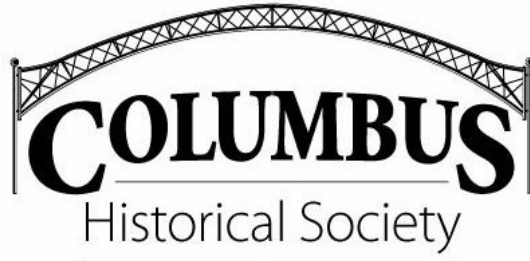
In 1917, when the US entered the World War, Gowdy was the first major leaguer to enlist. He was widely-lauded as a hero as a result. After the war, Hank resumed his baseball career in Boston until he was traded back to the Giants in 1923. He spent the 1926, 1927, and 1928 seasons in the minors before being brought back to the Braves for 2 more seasons. He played his final game for Boston in 1930 before retiring as a player.

He continued working in baseball as a coach in both the major and minor leagues, as well as several colleges. In 1955, he worked as a scout and youth director for the International League's Columbus Jets. In his retirement, Gowdy and his wife, Pauline, lived in Clintonville. Columbus' Gowdy Field business park is named after him. He died in 1966 and is interred in Union Cemetery.

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CHS Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight for July features the four Summer Marketing and Social Media Interns



Alexa Schaad is from Lima, Ohio, she is a senior at Ohio State and is studying History with minors in Professional Writing and Neuroscience.

Why did you want to volunteer with the CHS?

I wanted to volunteer with the Columbus Historical Society because I am passionate about history and I wanted to share that passion with others. I have enjoyed volunteering in the museum, and I am grateful for the wonderful experience and everything I have learned from this opportunity.

Lauren Cardinal is from Whitehouse, Ohio, she is a senior at OSU and is studying Strategic Communication with a minor in Education.

Why did you want to volunteer with the CHS?

I wanted to volunteer with the Columbus Historical Society because I think it is very important to know about the history of where you live. I enjoy collaborating with the other interns and seeing positive feedback from our posts. Sharing information about the awesome history of Columbus with community members had made me feel like I am making an impact.

Brandi Barry is a senior at OSU, she is from Lima, Ohio, she is studying Strategic Communication with a minor in Education.

Why did you want to volunteer with the CHS?

I wanted to learn about the city of Columbus and its history, and I wanted to gain real world experience in writing.

Shannon Cronmiller is a senior at OSU, she is from Kirkland, Ohio and she is studying Strategic Communication.

Why did you want to volunteer with the CHS?

I wanted to volunteer with the Columbus Historical Society to learn more about the history of Columbus for the unique experience offered by sharing History with others.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Columbus Historical Society, please contact our office at 614-224-0822 or send us an email at: info@columbushistory.org

From Our Exhibit: Poindexter Village a Portrait in Stories

FDR Visits Poindexter Village
Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson
Courtesy of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority



Currently in our exhibit are some beautiful pieces by the incredibly talented Aminah Robinson. Aminah Robinson was a Columbus native and inspirational artist, though she often described herself as a storyteller rather than as an artist. This particular work of art tells the story of when President Franklin Roosevelt visited Poindexter Village. Aminah Robinson grew up in Poindexter Village and it is thanks to her that we have these vivid renderings of what it was like to live in Poindexter Village. We encourage you to come visit the exhibit and learn more about Aminah Robinson as well as Poindexter Village. Thank you so much to the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority for generously allowing us to showcase this work of art in our exhibit.

Our museum is extremely grateful for all of the generous donations that we receive. If you are interested in donating a piece of history to us for preservation, kindly contact our office at 614-224-0822.

An Evening of History: Panel Discussion & Annual Members' Meeting

We would like to thank everyone that attended our Evening of History on June 30th. We offer our deepest thanks to all of our panel members and everyone that helped make this exciting event possible. Thank you all for participating and we hope you had a wonderful evening.



Poindexter Village: A Portrait in Stories

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