



Main Street Trolley

The Bexley Historical Society

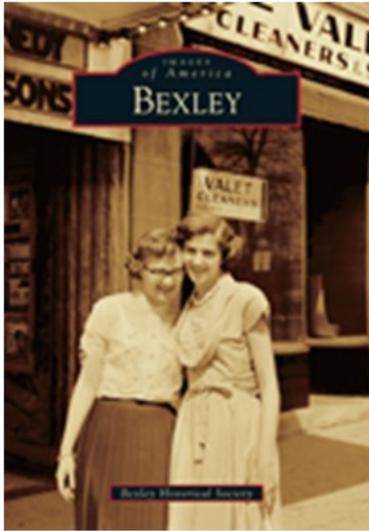
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Images of America—Bexley

"I just finished perusing your book from the Bexley Historical Society. I cannot tell you how much joy and nostalgia it gave me. There was my dancing teacher, piano teacher and so many other places that brought back memories of growing up. It was especially poignant because I was unable to attend the 50th reunion, ... Thank you so much for making this wonderful book possible. I will look at it often." Roxane Robbins Chadwick

Roxane's comments about the historical society's recently released *Images of America—Bexley* have been echoed by others. The book, which covers our area from the Adena people of 2,000 years ago to the relatively more recent 1970s, is available for purchase at the society's museum, in stores such as Barnes and Noble and on line.

Many have asked about the young women on the book cover and until just recently, we had no information. Mark Epstein received a call from Mike Case, who solved half of the mystery. Mike said his uncle, Rod Case, took the photo in 1953 when he was an usher at the Drexel Theater. The woman on the left is Lois Patterson Case, who married Rod in August 1953. At the time of the photo, she was a student at Capital University, She and Rod currently live in Texas.

You may have photos and/or a story about Bexley to share. Please contact us at any of the references listed on pg. 4 of this newsletter.

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Coming Events

The historical society will be taking part in several events to be held at the Bexley Public Library. The library will be celebrating their 90th birthday with a party on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Friends

of the Bexley Library will hold a book sale in November. *Images of America-Bexley* will be for sale at the library during the birthday party and on Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at the Friends Book Sale.

Enjoy a wonderful birthday party, support the Friends by re-stocking your library from a wide selection of books and purchase *Images of America-Bexley* for your enjoyment.

Through the Years



A variety of businesses have occupied 2412-2418 East Main Street through the years while tenants called the second floor apartments 'home'. The building, which was constructed in the 1920s, is slated for demolition and a multi-use structure will be built. **Cup O Joe**, 2416-2418, recently closed their doors. Several of the businesses that were at that location were: **Mykrantz Drugs** which later became **Mykrantz and Sons Drugs**, **Gray's Cut Rate Drug Store**, **Price's Pharmacy**, **Cochran's Drugs**, and **Farrow's Draperies and Shutters**.

The 2412 address has held **Hazel's Beauty Shoppe**, **Paul's Hairdressers** which eventually was renamed **Paul and Vic's** and now **Cathy's Salon**. Before Hazel's Beauty Shoppe opened, the **Columbus Art Potter Co.** appears to be the first tenant at 2412 from 1930-1934 while the beauty shop was at 2418½, on the second floor of the building.

Schirner's Bexley Market opened in 1927 at the 2414 address. They left in 1932 and the next business to occupy the space was **Mrs. Mary Curl, Dance Teacher** to be followed by the **Bexley School of Dancing**. There were many tenants in 2414 such as **Fenton's Cleaners and Dyers**, **Al Solove & Co.**, **Another Glance**, and **Now & Then Classics**.

You might remember a business that isn't mentioned in this story or even have a photo of it. If so, the Bexley Historical Society would appreciate you sharing that information.



2412 East Main Street
Photo Courtesy City of Bexley

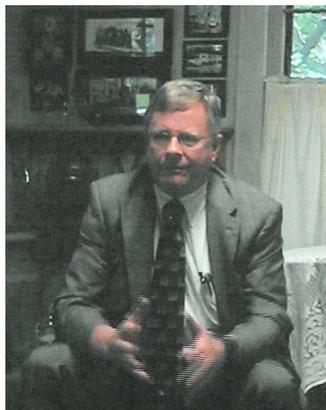


2414 East Main Street
Photo Courtesy City of Bexley



2416-2418 East Main Street
Photo Courtesy City of Bexley
c.1970s

Recent Interviews



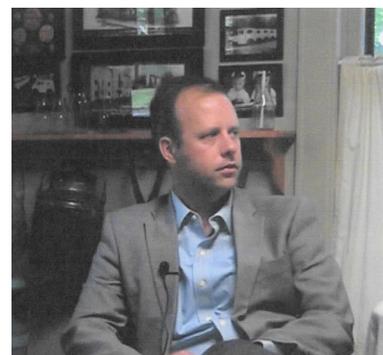
Dixon Fullerton Miller

Are you familiar with sledding at Miller's Hill? Dixon grew up at 385 S. Parkview while his grandparents Miller were next door at 361—the original location of Miller's Hill where Dixon learned the basics of skiing. Now sledding is done at Dixon's childhood home. His great-grandfather, Orlando Miller, founded COPCO—Central OH Paper Co. Orlando gave the land for the Columbus Country Club and his son, Albert, founded Rocky Fork Country Club. Dixon stated, "We are no longer doing that in the family." Dixon's maternal grandfather, Harrison Sayre, began American Education Press which created *My Weekly Reader* and in 1943, Harrison established the Columbus Foundation.

Dixon's schooling began at Maryland Elementary School, then on to the Columbus Academy as a 7th grader and eventually, to what became a turning point in his life, a boarding school in Switzerland where German was the first language. Consequently, he became fluent in German. He followed many generations of his family by receiving his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University in CT. Dixon, an attorney, whose field of expertise is antitrust and international law concentrating in transactions involving German speaking clients. His immersion as a teen-ager in the German language developed into a life-long asset.

Benjamin James Kessler's ties to Bexley go back several generations. He attended pre-school at Christ Lutheran. Although he eventually moved with his Mother to Worthington, he spent most of his summers during his growing up years at his father's home in Bexley. Ben went to a high school prep school and then college at St. Andrews in Scotland. And yes, he did play golf on several of the courses although he admitted it was very early morning golf with the hopes of getting in some rounds before the on-premises caddies woke up. It was at St. Andrews that Ben met Julie who eventually became his wife. She is from Northern Ireland. Ben and Julie have three children.

"Bexley is an island with an open-minded, educated population." Ben attributes the city's religious diversity as a catalyst for our broad acceptance of others and the schools—from kindergarten through college—as assuring that our community has a vested interest in education. Ben stated that, as mayor of Bexley, his goals are to protect, preserve and enhance our city.



Mayor Ben Kessler

Pancake Breakfast at Jeffrey Mansion

Saturday, December 13, 2014

8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the Bexley Historical Society and
the Bexley Recreation Department

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P.O. Box 9285

Bexley, OH 43209



Bexley Historical Society Museum

at the

Jeffrey Estate Caretaker's Cottage

2080 Clifton Avenue / Bexley, OH 43209

Hours

First Thursday of Each Month

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Second Monday of Each Month

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Each Month March - October

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Also open by appointment / 614-559-4360

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Mission Statement

The Bexley Historical Society is an educational association. It seeks to promote interest and pride in the historical development of the community and in the accomplishments of its citizenry. It endeavors to research, assemble, preserve, and publish a valuable storehouse of materials including artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, and genealogical records relevant to the heritage of the Bexley community.

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Trolley Car

This photo was taken in downtown Columbus in the early 1900s. Notice the trolley car and its destination signage, Capital University, placed on the lower left front of the car. The change from trolleys to buses was made in 1948.

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