



MARLBORO TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marlboro Historical Society, Inc. dba
Marlboro Township Historical Society

March, 2026

Get Ready to Celebrate America 250 with us!

Across the country, Americans in large cities and small towns are preparing to celebrate the America 250 (the Semiquincentennial), the nationwide commemoration of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Stark County Historical PastPort Premier includes Marlboro!

On March 25, the Marlboro Twp Historical Society will be one of only 10 local historic sites to be highlighted in an upcoming documentary series focused on the untold stories of Stark County. Dr. Kersey G.

Thomas and his home and office in Marlboro will be among those featured. The event, hosted at the historic **Lincoln Theater** in Massillon, with keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Sosnowski, will also serve as the launch of the county-wide initiative to encourage visits to many historic locations in the region. Attendees will get a sneak peak of the documentary, receive their first PastPort stamp, and learn more about other local sites to visit in 2026. **Plan now to attend this free event!**



On May 25, join community members for the annual **Memorial Day** parade and memorial service. Stop by the Dr. Kersey G. Home and Office for some New Baltimore ice cream. Come see our newly framed civil war flag, and learn more about the **public opening of our local museum, the Dr. Kersey G. Thomas Home and Office!**

On Sunday, June 12, in celebration of America 250, the Marlboro Twp. Historical Society will host an **Old-Fashioned Community Summer Social!** This FREE event, held in on the lawn and outdoor pavilion at The Chapel in Marlboro, will have food, live patriotic music, and family friendly historic activities. Watch for more details, and plan now to celebrate America 250 with your neighbors and friends! Contact a MTHS board member or email marlborotwphistorical@gmail.com for more details!

Continuing to tell the stories of America 250, plan to join us on Monday, September 21 as the MTHS hosts actors from **Women in History**. Following a brief annual meeting, actors will portray Lucretia Mott, an American Quaker and abolitionist, and Sojourner Truth, African American abolitionist and activist. You won't want to miss this interactive performance! Tickets for the dinner/program will go on sale late summer.

Want to make sure you receive updates and program information?

- Follow us on Facebook (Marlboro Township Historical Society)
- Email us at marlborotwphistorcal@gmail.com to be added to our VIP list!

Plan Now to Attend!

March 25, 2026
Wednesday
Stark County Historical
PastPorts Premier –FREE
Lincoln Theater
Massillon, OH
6:30-8:30 PM

May 25, 2026
Monday
Memorial Day Parade and
New Baltimore Ice Cream.
'Visit' Dr. Thomas and other
special historic guests!

July 12, 2026
Sunday
MTHS America 250
Community Summer
Social
The Chapel in Marlboro
1-3 PM

August 25, 2026
Tuesday
Join us as Marlboro helps
celebrate Pegasus Farm's
40th Anniversary
6-8 PM.

September 21, 2026
Monday
MTHS Annual Meeting
Special performances by
Women in History, Lucretia
Mott and Sojourner Truth
Sable Creek Golf Course
6-8 PM

November 21, 2026
Saturday
Christmas in the Square
This free community event
will host Christmas tree
auctions, raffles, music,
food, and more.
6-8 PM

December 19, 2026
Saturday
Wreaths Across America
Join us as we honor all vet-
erans buried in Marlboro
Cemeteries.

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Endless Snow

Though it feels like we've had snow on the ground forever, take heart! Spring is on its way!

Enjoy this undated photo from the MTHS archives.



Snow Bank on Route 44

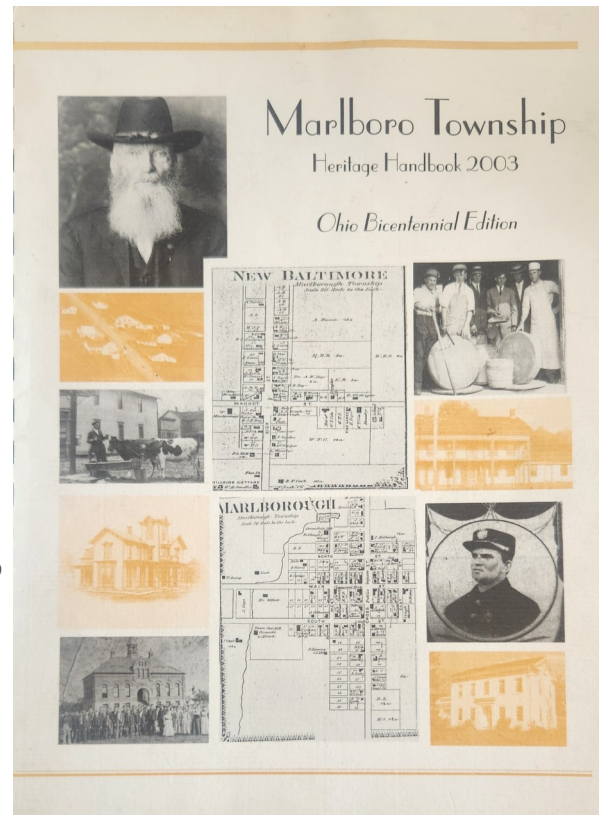
The Celebration Continues

Marlboro Twp. to celebrate Bicentennial in 2027

“Until 1805, native Americans were the only people living in what was to eventually become Marlboro Township. In 1805, Abraham Wileman and his son, Mahlon, travelled from Columbiana County to build a log cabin. When it was completed, Abraham returned to his home, leaving Mahlon to spend the winter alone, as the township’s first permanent settler.

It wasn’t until 1827 that William and Moses Pennock, Samuel Ellison, and Dempsey Johnson had their properties surveyed and a plat drawn. The plat was recorded as the town of Marlborough (later to become Marlboro).”

This story, and hundred of others, are recorded in the *Marlboro Township Heritage Handbook*, an invaluable resource originally compiled and printed in 1976 for the US Bicentennial by the Marlboro Junior Women’s Club. The book details the settling of the region, and documents the history of our churches, schools, farms, and businesses . The book was so successful that it was reprinted in 1981. It was revised in 1993 and re-printed with additional content.. In 2003, the year of the Ohio Bicentennial, it was refreshed and reprinted again.



In 2027, Marlboro will turn 200 years old! In honor of this coming event, the Marlboro Township Historical Society invites interested researchers, writers, and amateur historians to be part of a special Heritage Book committee. Committee members may be college students with an interest in local history, or seasoned members of the community who desire to help tell the stories that preserve our collective past. This group will evaluate the 2003 book, make recommendations for additional content, and help steer the publication of an updated version for Marlboro’s Bicentennial. If you would like to learn more, or are interested in being part of this committee, contact Vondea Sheaffer, (330) 697– 4036 or marlbortwphistorical@gmail.com.

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