



The Delaware County Historical Society, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

We want to invite you to become a member of the Delaware County Historical Society (DCHS). Our purpose is to promote and preserve the history and heritage of Delaware County. As a non-profit organization, a strong membership base is the foundation of the Society. In addition to the financial support your membership dues provide to help operate our museum and library facilities on East William Street, there are many ways to volunteer your time and expertise.

This year The Delaware County Historical Society is involved in an exciting new endeavor. Perhaps you've already heard about it. As an indirect result of Delaware's rapid growth, we have the opportunity to play an instrumental part in the preservation of the area's most historic homestead, the Colonel Forrest Meeker Home and Farm.

The property, for many years, has been occupied by Garth's Auctions, Inc. You probably drive by it regularly on US 23 just south of Delaware. Due to the growth in the area, and the growth of Garth's business, they are building a new facility in the area and will be relocating in the next year or so.

As a result, The Delaware County Historical Society has stepped forward to eagerly accept the generous offer of longtime DCHS members Tom and Carolyn Porter to donate the 1812 house, barn and surrounding 5.6 acres to the Society for our future additional museum and educational facilities. This opportunity is dependent on the rezoning of the lower portion of the property, where a modern metal building now sits, to allow a gas station and carwash on 2 acres at the corner where US 23 and Stratford Road intersect, and to allow an institutional use (DCHS) for the historic Colonel Forrest Meeker house and stone end barn on the hill. Support from the community will help assure that this historic property will be preserved, instead of being lost to a shopping center.

DCHS is a growing organization. We will continue to provide school tours for students, community educational programs and act as a central point for historical and genealogical research and preservation. We are actively recruiting new members and volunteers to grow with the organization. Your membership will include the *Delaware County Historian* newsletter and the opportunity to participate in special member events, programs and volunteer activities.

We hope you will share our excitement about the opportunities facing the Society. Please consider becoming a member of this great community organization. By joining now, your membership will be active through December 2010. We also encourage you to get involved in efforts to preserve the Meeker House and Farm. Sign up today using the form below. We can also be reached at the following e-mail address: dchshistory@verizon.net.

Sincerely,

Brent Carson

Brent Carson, President



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Membership Levels

Single Membership	\$10.00	_____	Sponsor	\$100.00	_____
Household Membership	\$15.00	_____	Silver Sponsor	\$250.00	_____
Patron Membership	\$35.00	_____	Gold Sponsor	\$500.00	_____
Life Membership	\$250.00	_____	Platinum Sponsor	\$1000.00	_____

Special Gift of \$ _____

For _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering even a few hours will help protect our local history. Check your interests here or e-mail us at dchshistory@verizon.net.

historic preservation

historical research & writing

special programs & projects

museum docent/school tours

resource/collection development

library volunteer

other _____

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