

BROWN TOWNSHIP

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Summer 2022

Catalytic Converter Thefts on the Rise

Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise in Brown Township and areas around Franklin County. The catalytic converter is an important part of your vehicle's exhaust system. Catalytic converters contain platinum, palladium, and rhodium—expensive precious metals that react with exhaust gasses, heat up a ceramic honeycomb element, and convert harmful

combustion byproducts, such as nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide, into less harmful gasses. The precious metals inside the converter make it very enticing to criminals, who will sell these to scrap yards for cash. Some vehicles have multiple catalytic converters on them and trucks and vehicles that sit higher off of the ground make it easier for criminals to

get under the vehicle and cut them off.

To help prevent these thefts, park vehicles in a secure garage or in well illuminated areas during the evening and overnight hours. It is also a good idea, if possible, to park vehicles where they can be viewed on video security systems. Anti-theft devices specific for catalytic converters, are also available from various manufacturers. As always, keep an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhoods and report these instances to local law enforcement. As of September 2021, there is legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives, HB 408, to make catalytic converter thefts a fourth degree felony. The wording in the bill would categorize a catalytic converter as a "special purchase article." This basically would require scrap metal dealers to require proof of purchase or ownership from anyone selling converters to them. Passage of HB 408 would help curb the catalytic converter theft issue present in the state.

Project Lifesaver

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal.

If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.



Project Lifesaver Criteria

- Must have a qualifying condition which leaves client with a propensity to wander and become lost.
- Must be under 24-hour care.
- Must conduct daily battery checks.
- Must agree to notify FCSO immediately upon realizing the client is missing and prior to looking for him or her.
- All other qualifiers will be discussed during interview/setup.

Contact us. Our deputies are here to answer any questions:

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Deputy Buxton Haren
Franklin County Sheriff's Office



— A PROFILE — Sandy Andromeda

Sandy was born in Harlem, Ohio in Delaware County in a log cabin built by his ancestor in 1810 in the same bed that birthed his mother, a Mohawk Indian. His mother was a music enthusiast and played drums in a band which may have influenced his interest in rock and roll music.

Sandy grew up in Franklin, Delaware and Pickaway counties and attended 16 different schools before graduating from Central High School in 1965. He then attended Ohio State University and became an ichthyologist for the City of Columbus where he propagated rare and endangered species and created life support systems and public exhibits. As a part of his position with the City, he worked with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and in Africa at Lake Victoria propagating endangered species during his 32 years of employment.

His interests and hobbies are many. Sandy plays bass guitar in a Rock 'n Roll band. He is also in a Native People's pow wow drum group which began in 1838. Over the Memorial Day weekend, he played drums and sang at the Logan Hills Festival in Bellefontaine. The drum group travels throughout the Midwest.

Over his life, Sandy has owned two record stores and a recording studio. He was in the record business in a major way. He founded record shows, and owns thousands of records, including 45s and 78s, and, of course, CDs. Did you know that the pioneer of Rock 'n Roll, Bill Haley, was Cherokee? Could you have guessed that Elvis was also Cherokee? Does that suggest that the Native Peoples founded Rock 'n Roll? Sandy thinks so. He used to be the president of the Beatles Fan Club.

He has a profound interest in history which he credits the Mohawk Nation with providing. Within his Native Peoples' structure, there is a Clan Mother. All children are descended from their mothers, as Sandy is from his Native Peoples' mother. Interestingly, he notes, the United States



Constitution was based on his Native Peoples' constitution, although any reference to women was deleted. Smoke that in your peace pipe.

Sandy has no concept of boredom. How can one be bored when the world has so much to offer? With that concept in mind, Sandy is founder and past president of the Columbus Historical Society and has lifetime memberships in the Franklinton Historical Society, the Hilliard Historical Society, and the Pickaway County Historical Society. He was founder of the Clintonville Historical Society and has memberships in the Worthington Historical Society, the Westerville Historical Society and the Gahanna Historical Society and others. He also founded the Big Walnut Historical Society. He was heavily involved with the Ohio Bicentennial in 2003, and the Franklin County Bicentennial. He was director of the Franklinton Bicentennial and a board member of the Hilliard Sesquicentennial. He is also the property manager of the Central High School Alumni Association and a member of the Miami Valley Steam Threshers Association. He even sold Egyptian art throughout the United States for 10 years.

He wonders, at times, how his grandfather, a thresherman, operated 25 steam engines. His grandfather ran an apple cider operation, had creameries, had a railroad, delivered the mail on a bicycle, was a blacksmith, had

a sawmill in his yard and was a keeper of the Logan Elm. How did he do all of that? Evidently, he, too, had no concept of boredom.

Since Sandy is a researcher of history, or a historian, he researches every day and always has a book with him. Another area of interest is the 1913 Flood. When he was 16 or 17, a friend of his would show him a postcard a week that showed some aspect of the Flood. This spurred his interest and it continues to this day.

He is also interested in the history of the Ohio Canal. The canal system changed the whole dynamic of Ohio. The population increased as this became a mode of travel for people and goods. As a historian with the Pickaway County Board of Parks, Sandy built a map of the canal system in Pickaway County that was 25 feet long. Now the Board of Parks in Pickaway County would like to create a park and restore a lock in South Bloomfield that was part of the canal system before a developer comes along and buys the land.

Sandy moved to Brown Township 30 years ago for Native reasons. He believes this area is a spiritual place for Native People. Brown Township was a Buffalo swamp where Native People came to hunt the, now extinct in America, Wood Buffalo. The portage located here was a trail from the Scioto River to Big Darby Creek, what we now know as Roberts Road.

His ultimate goal is to create a Franklin County History Museum. Franklin County may be the only county in Ohio that does not have its own museum. Franklin County has a role in the history of our country. The War of 1812 was a continuation of the Revolutionary War. It did not end in 1783, Sandy notes. England was determined to get their colonies back and continued to attack America for 40 years. So, we re-engaged in a conflict with England. Sandy thinks Ohio played a critical role as Franklinton was the Headquarters for the United States Northwestern Army. He has many

artifacts that could be housed in this proposed museum. He envisions this museum in the Franklinton area where founders Lucas and Sarah Sullivant's home once was located. He even has his eye on a piece of property at 770 West Broad Street that was the headquarters of General William Henry Harrison for a War of 1812 museum. If there is a will,

there is a way, as they say.

In his spare time, Sandy is touring the state, through the Ohio History Connection, inspecting historical markers noting their condition. He takes photos to create a log of needed repairs. Since he greatly resembles someone from the North Pole, he has appeared as Santa for the City of

Columbus, Franklin Park, Oakland Nurseries, the Village of Lockbourne and many other occasions even here in Brown Township. He is a graduate of The Hollywood Santa Claus School and is a member of the Buckeye Santas. When you vote, you might notice him as the presiding judge at the Brown Township Hall.

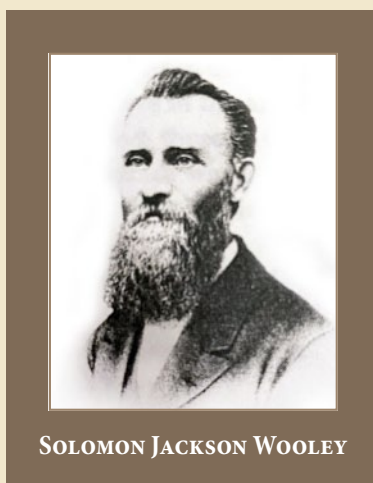
EARLY HISTORY OF BROWN TOWNSHIP

This is Part 2 of the Early History of Brown Township. Please look for Part 1 in the Spring 2022 newsletter.

By Sandy Andromeda

In November of 1857 Solomon Jackson Wooley, a daguerreotype* photographer whose business was located in Columbus, Ohio, purchased 575 acres of land in Brown Township. He bought the land from Lucas Sullivant, the founder of Franklinton. Lucas owned various tracts of land in the township at that time. With the advent of the Civil War, Solomon wasn't able to devote much time to his new farm. Photography took him to the south during most of the war years where he engaged in photographing the soldiers and the events of the war. When the war ended, he retired from photography to become variously a farmer, a writer for several magazines, and eventually the author of a book.

His property was located near the center of the area bordered by Davis, Alton & Darby Creek, Walker and Scioto & Darby Creek Roads with frontage on Scioto & Darby Creek, Davis and Walker Roads. This land was in poor condition and unusable when he purchased it. It was primarily a tree-covered swamp with standing water on it all year round. Solomon Wooley's friends thought he had purchased a folly, but after years of effort he was able to drain the water off this wasteland and create one of the most productive farms in Franklin County. Being a vegetarian, Solomon first established



his farm with a grape vineyard and an apple and peach orchard.

He needed so many tiles to drain the water from his land that he purchased a small set up to make his own. Shortly thereafter, having discovered a great need for drain tile in his neighborhood, Solomon engaged himself in the brick and field drain tile manufacturing business. He founded Appledale Tile Works in 1866, and by 1880 this factory employed a staff of 12 men. The driveway to his property, off of Scioto & Darby Creek Road near Langton Road, passed through his 40-acre apple and peach orchard. This may be why he chose the name Appledale. The large factory powered by steam engines was located near the center of his property and south of his home. To meet an ever-increasing demand for tile in this flatland area, Solomon Wooley used the locally available slate-colored fire clay from his farm and others in the area. From three to eighteen inch tile was

manufactured at Appledale.

On August 30, 1869, Solomon was married to Fannie Virginia Cromwell.

When the Columbus and Xenia Railroad began operations in 1850, J. R. Davis of Columbus, Ohio, was employed as their Civil Engineer. A problem that railroads were encountering at that time was with cattle standing on the tracks. They were impaled by locomotives and carried on to the next stop where this unsightly carcass was the first thing awaiting passengers would see. J. R. was on the train traveling through western Franklin County one day when a farmer plowing a field in Brown Township caught his eye. Watching the plow turn up the earth gave him an inspiration. What if he were to take two plows facing opposite directions and mount them on the front of the locomotive to deflect cattle away from the train? He went to work on this idea and after his device was ready, he returned to the area to test it. Soon enough a bull challenged the locomotive and was swept off the track. His successful creation, which an observer to this event named the "cowcatcher," became a feature on trains throughout the world. Unfortunately for Mr. Davis, he didn't bother to patent the idea and consequently never received a penny for his very useful invention.

**Daguerreotype: a photograph taken by an early photographic process employing an iodine-sensitized silvered plate and mercury vapor. —Oxford Languages Dictionary*



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Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.



L-R: Trustees Pam Sayre,
Gary Dever and Joe Martin
Seated: Fiscal Officer Becky Kent

PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMARY

Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

Norwich Township Fire Department

Calls to addresses in both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Brown Township:

	Fire Calls		EMS Calls	
	Incorp.	Unincorp.	Incorp.	Unincorp.
Mar. 2022	3	3	7	14
Apr. 2022	5	5	5	15
May 2022	0	7	5	24

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

March 2022

March 3 – Receiving stolen property at an address on Amity Road.

Reported on March 25, occurred from February 2 through March 25 – Identity theft at an address on Roberts Road.

March 31 - Menacing at an address on Amity Road.

April 2022

April 5 – Property of a known person was found at an address on Hubbard Road.

April 9 – Improperly discharging a

firearm at or into a habitation at an address on Scioto Darby Creek Road.

May 2022

May 29 – Property damage at an address on Jones Road.

Hilliard Division of Police

Non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

March 2022

No non-routine reported calls

April 2022

No non-routine reported calls

May 2022

No non-routine reported calls