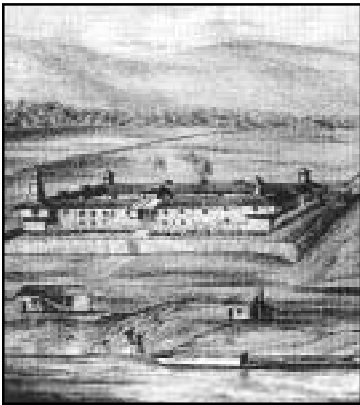


# Spring Speakers Series 2009

Ross County Historical Society  
at the Ross County Heritage Center  
45 West Fifth St., Chillicothe  
*Free & Open to the Public*



*Campus Martius, c. 1788*

## *Ohio Becomes a State: The Rest of the Story*

Featuring Andy Verhoff, Site Manager of the Ohio Historical Society's Campus Martius Museum & Ohio River Museum, Marietta, Ohio

**Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.**

March 1, 1803 was not a joyous day for everyone in the new state of Ohio. The day was celebrated in Chillicothe, but things were more subdued in Marietta. Find out why in this talk by the site manager of the Campus Martius Museum in Marietta and former curator at the Ross County Historical Society. Having lived and worked in Chillicothe, and now living and working in Marietta, Andy's looked into both sides of Ohio's statehood story. He'll also share his adventures with Marietta's only National Historic Landmark, the towboat *W.P. Snyder Jr.* Come get reacquainted with our old curator, Andy Verhoff, and hear a great presentation.

## *Boy from Chillicothe: Billy Ireland, Cartoonist of the Columbus Dispatch*

Featuring Lucy Shelton Caswell, Associate Professor & Curator, The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library

**Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Chillicothe native Billy Ireland was a self-taught artist hired by the *Columbus Dispatch* right out of high school in 1898. He worked there until his death in 1935 gaining fame throughout the cartoon world. He is most noted for his editorial cartoons and his Sunday feature titled "The Passing Show." Extremely gifted, Billy passed up job offers at several other papers in larger cities so he could remain close to his home town. He published several books and was mentor to other noted cartoonists such as Milton Caniff. His life and work will be chronicled by Lucy Shelton Caswell, author of the book, *Billy Ireland*.



## *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln*

Featuring Pete Raymond, Association of Lincoln Presenters, Wooster, Ohio

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Pete Raymond, to the delight of all who see him, has an uncanny resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, and his exceptional portrayal brings Honest Abe to life. Raymond's likeness appears on the cover of a book entitled *Land of Lincoln* authored by Andrew Ferguson. The Atlantic/Grove Publishing Company of New York chose Raymond as the one they thought looks most like Lincoln for their cover. He has also been selected to portray Lincoln at several events being hosted at the Ohio State House in 2009 to commemorate Lincoln's 200th birthday. His presentations focus on the 16th president's life as he grew to adulthood, his leadership during the Civil War, and his love of the United States until his untimely and tragic death. Please join us for a visit with the Great Emancipator himself in what is sure to be a delightful evening.