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County Celebrates Archives Month in Ohio

October is the time to celebrate Archives Month and recognize the Delaware County Records Center for their outstanding public service. The center's staff daily serve the citizens of Delaware County by properly preserving for posterity records of enduring value. They also work diligently to strengthen the ties with regular archive users and to introduce new and potential users to the Center and the heritage contained within.

"On a first visit to our center, residents could view the very first Commissioners Journal dating back to the establishment of the county in 1808 or learn more about the early settlers of our county through property tax records from 1827," shared Chris Shaw, Director, Delaware County Records Center. She reminds residents that genealogy searches can be conducted at no cost, except for a nominal copying fee.

Shaw enjoys the history contained within their files, for example, the parents of President Rutherford B. Hayes, Sophie B. Hayes and Rutherford B. Hayes, Senior, are mentioned in the Common Pleas Court Journal from 1825- 1831, pages 28 and 29, with the "distribution of his inheritance."

"The Delaware County Commissioners enthusiastically support the recognition of Archive Month and thank the employees of the Delaware County Records Center for their service. Preserving our history, as well as maintaining proper records from the county offices, is so important and we have worked hard to have just the right storage method, temperature control and retrieval access," said Jeff Benton, Commissioner Representative to the Records Commission.

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The first Archives Week was held during National Library Week in the mid-90s and was changed to Archives Month in 2007. For more information about the Records Center, call 740/833-2140 or for more about the process of archiving, visit www.ohioarchivists.org.

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