

# Mount Healthy Historical Society

July 2022



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### Newsletter

Julie Turner

The Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, July 3rd, from 6 to 9.

This is part of the city's July 3rd celebration and fireworks display. We'll be set up at the community room in front of the pool. Like last year, we will be selling ice cream, cookies, and root beer floats. If you want to help or need more information, please call Penny Huber at 513-931-6420.



The museum will also be open during this time. Please stop in and look at our new displays featuring cameras and projectors, quilts and coverlets, and Mt. Healthy memorabilia.

## Some exciting news:

We're getting air conditioning at the meeting house /museum.

This is something we've talked about for years, and it's finally happening. This will make it much more pleasant for summer visitors and our volunteers but, more important, it's what's best for our collection. Old things need to be in a climate-controlled, humidity-controlled environment to keep them for future generations. We've done the best we could over the decades, but without air conditioning our artifacts have been exposed to temperature extremes that are not good for their preservation. We're so excited to finally be able to do this very necessary and impactful thing.

A big thank-you to Mara Harperink, who is donating part of her real estate commissions this summer to help cover the costs. Another \$1,000 is coming out of our profits from the Sears house tours and the yard sale.

Unfortunately, it won't be installed by July 3, so be sure to come enjoy our nice, *cool* museum later this summer.

Don't forget: it's time to pay your dues for the year.

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The Mt. Healthy Historical Society Museum is open  
most Saturday mornings, 9-11, and by appointment.

Since early May we have had the help of Daniel Blair, an intern from Cincinnati State. He has been cataloging items in our collection, has helped with organizing our storeroom and our documentation about artifacts, and has scanned some of our photographs. He has also done some research for us, including the following on Alexis Brown:

## Alexis Brown and what we know about him

Alexis Brown of Mt. Healthy was a mere boy at the onset of the Civil War. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) when he was thirteen years old and was placed in the 39th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His service in the Civil War seems to have been unremarkable except that he was so young. Most of our information on him comes from the National Parks Service. Their archive shows that Brown was a Private for most of the war. He spent three years in the 39th Ohio, then reenlisted in 1865 and was put in the 193rd Ohio.

From the National Parks Service's archive, we know that the 39th Ohio was trained in St. Louis in the late summer of 1861. Brown followed the 39th Ohio for most of the war. The 39th fought in the western theater; early on they were in the Army of the Mississippi and later they were put in the Army of the Tennessee under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman.

In July of 1864, Brown fought in the battle of Atlanta, where he was injured. Our understanding of Brown's life over the next six months grows murky. We know that he reenlisted and was put in the 193rd Ohio, and there may have been a short period when he was in the 188th Ohio as well. This is not known. We do know that the 193rd Ohio saw no combat, but they were placed in the Army of the Shenandoah and were mustered out of service in Winchester Virginia, which is at the northern peak of the state.

Brown went on to serve five terms as Mayor of Mt. Healthy. Alexis died in September of 1931 at the age of 84.      ☞ Guest column by Daniel Blair



Above: Alexis Brown as a young soldier.

Left: Photo of Mt. Healthy's Civil War veterans taken circa 1906-1910. Alexis Brown is the man standing on the far right.



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