

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2024 Membership Dues
\$20.00 per person
\$30.00 per couple
January-December 2024

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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New Member Renewal

\$_____ Additional Donation

All donations are greatly appreciated and are used wisely to maintain the Little Red Schoolhouse and to help keep Poland's past alive for the future.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Poland Historical Society

MAIL TO:

Poland Historical Society

PO Box 5052

Poland, OH 44514

***IT TAKES MEMBERS TO
GET THINGS DONE***



THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE



An integral part of Poland's heritage is the building known today as the Little Red Schoolhouse which was built in 1858 in the Center of Poland and was named Poland Center School. The building is located at 4515 Center Rd. (Rt. 224) at the Struthers Rd. intersection. In 1915, the building ceased to function as a school, but it continued to serve the community in various capacities. In the late 1970's, the Poland Board of Education began to consider selling the building and property as it was no longer needed and had fallen into disrepair.

In 1979, the Poland Township Historical Society was formed to save Poland's Little Red Schoolhouse. A lease agreement between the Historical Society and the Poland Local Board of Education was arranged for \$1.00 per year for a period of 99 years, thus becoming the home of the newly formed Poland Historical Society. Poland is the only school district in Ohio to still own a one room brick schoolhouse.

Through the efforts of Society members, a Federal Grant was secured for restoration of the building along with numerous donations of time and money from the community. Following years of restoration, the Schoolhouse was re-dedicated in 1987. The building has qualified for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As Poland's Historical Society, we are dedicated to procuring and displaying artifacts related to Poland's place in history as Town 1, Range 1 in the Connecticut Western Reserve. The early settlers in the Poland, Lowellville and Struthers area left behind interesting stories about their lives in the early 1800's. With the help of their descendants, much of their history and artifacts have been preserved and are displayed at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Over the years, the Society has offered numerous lectures, walking tours of historical Main Street and cemeteries, educational programs concerning a variety of local history and interest. The Society continues to maintain the restored Schoolhouse and to preserve family histories, pictures and artifacts.

We look forward to expanding our role as a valued educational resource for the Poland Community. The Society relies on its members, volunteers and the community for financial support to help us to continue providing historical programs to the public and to preserve the history of Poland through exhibits at the Little Red Schoolhouse museum.

Membership is the lifeblood of the Poland Historical Society.

Programs Available from the Poland Historical Society

Do you need a historical topic and speaker for your organization? The Poland Historical Society has speakers available on the topics listed below. The program may be presented at the Little Red Schoolhouse or a location of your choice. In most cases, audio-visual equipment is used. To arrange for a program, call 330-757-8375.

- Poland Riverside Cemetery
- The Old Village Graveyard (next to Poland Presbyterian Church)
- Veterans Buried in the Old Village Graveyard
- Poland's 19th Century Homes
- The William McKinley Family
- The Jonathan Fowler Family
- The Kirtland Family of Poland
- Poland's Role in the Civil War
- The Baird Mitchell Story
- The Connecticut Western Reserve
- History of Poland
- Poland 100 Years Ago (1910-1920)
- The Hopewell Furnace and Early Iron Making
- The Little Red Schoolhouse
- Poland Country Club
- Group Walking Tours of Cemeteries
- Group Walking Tours of South Main Street

Donations to the Poland Historical Society are accepted but not required.



Visit the Little Red Schoolhouse

Although the Schoolhouse is not open on a daily basis...you, your children and grandchildren are invited to stop by anytime to tour the outside of the building. This is the original building and the original bell rests proudly on the roof in the cupola.

The Schoolhouse is open for individual and group tours by appointment. Call 330-536-6877.

Archival Collections at the Schoolhouse

- Poland Churches
- PSHS Yearbooks
- Poland Cemeteries
- Early Poland Deeds
- Old Photos of Poland
- Poland Family Histories
- Poland Firemen Directories
- Chet Hunt Sketches of Poland
- William McKinley and Family
- Little Red Schoolhouse History
- Poland School History & Photos
- Baird Mitchell's Medals and Photos
- Civil War Letters from Poland Soldiers
- Early Poland Township and Village Maps
- White Saddle books by Ethel Hull Miller



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