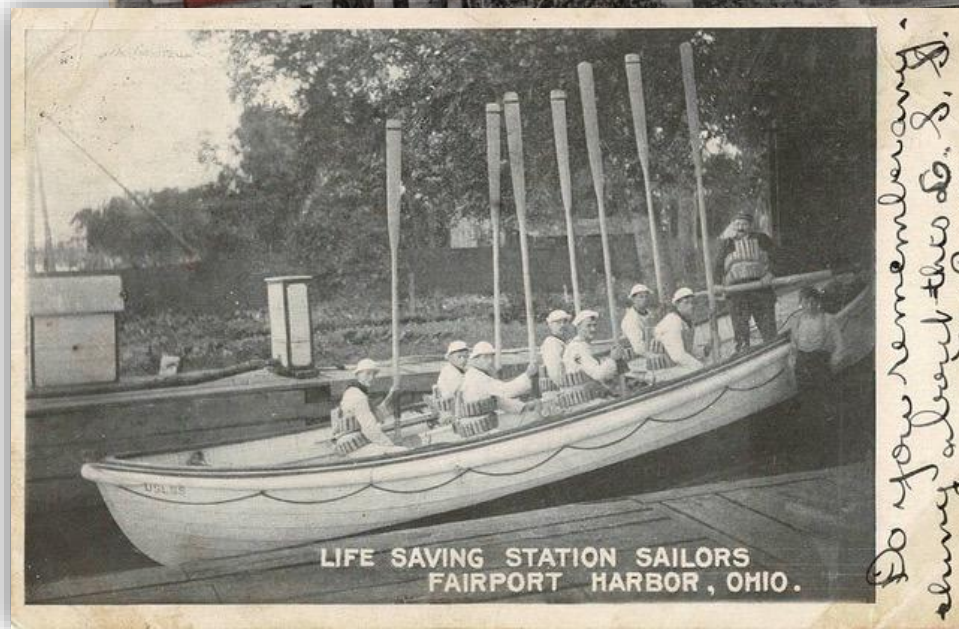


All About Postcards – How You Can Help

This month I am sharing a thoroughly enjoyable look back at the intriguing world of postcards. Did you know that the first full week of May is **National Postcard Week**? Have you wandered through old flea



markets, antique stores or unique small businesses and noticed old boxes of dated and mailed postcards? When was the last time you stepped into a post office and asked for a postcard stamp? Did you know it is now 56 cents, a bargain

for a hand-delivered item to some of the most far-flung places domestically or maybe even beyond our borders. Did you know the University of Akron has a monthly **Akron Postcard Club** that meets in the University's **Postcard Library** at their **Institute of Human Culture and Science**? Now you know more about something you didn't think to ask.

On February 27, 1861, the U.S. Congress passed an act that allowed privately printed cards, weighing one ounce or under, to be sent in the mail. That same year, **John Charlton** of Philadelphia, copyrighted the first postcard in America. Postcard production blossomed in the late 1800s and early 1900s. They were common because they were a quick and easy way for individuals to communicate with each other. Today **deltiology**, or the **collection of postcards**, is a popular hobby.

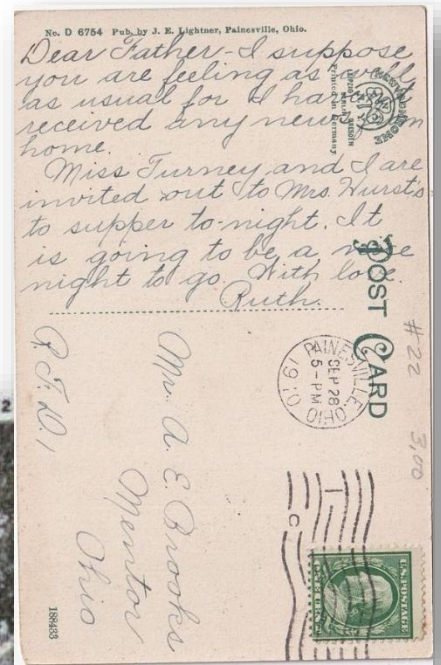
In this brief post, I want to look at the magical world of vintage postcards. Ever want to browse through postcard images, read old messages, learn some family genealogy, vicariously travel the U.S., world in general or simply view a favorite



moment in time?
I encourage you to look at old postcards. You are traveling back to an era when a postcard was the text message of the day.



Today, my goal is two-fold. First and foremost, I want to make available to researchers, hobbyists and the general public a digitalized site and catalog of 250-500 vintage **Lake County History Postcards** by early 2026 as part of the **America250 initiative**. Second is to share and display these postcards next year in various outlets at select Lake County museums, non-profits and libraries. With that said, here is how you can assist.





Ram Island, Painesville, Ohio



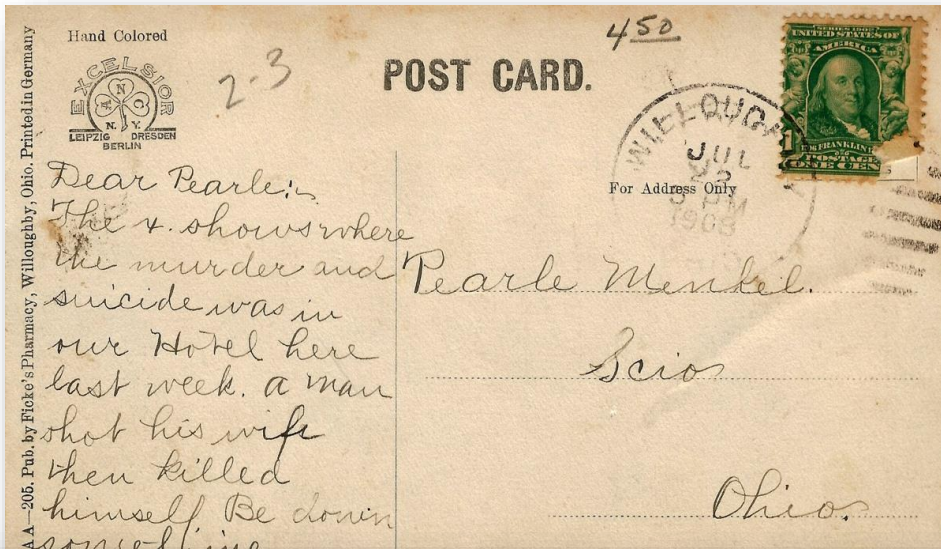
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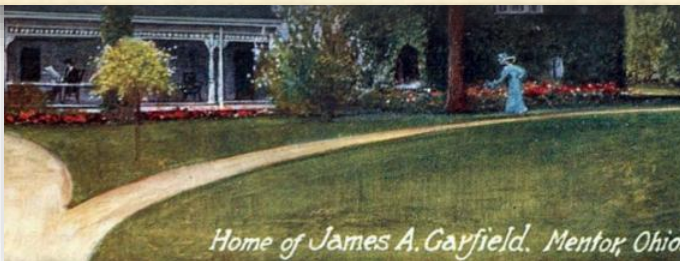
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THE BRENTWOOD - TOURISTS - MR. & MRS. H. H. FRANKLIN
STOP 51, MENTOR AVE. MENTOR, OHIO
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Your Help Needed -
Vintage Lake County
Postcards (circa
1900s+) may be
mailed to my
attention, donated
outright or brought in
for scanning to the
**Concord Community
Center, Attn.: Dan
Maxson, 7671**



Auburn Road, Concord Township,
44077 Monday to Friday during
business hours. Another option is to
email postcard photos with any notes

or background context to dmaxson@concordtwp.com

Thank you for any time and assistance in this ongoing project. Whet your interest with the postcards shown here or better yet, embrace National Postcard Week during the first week of May.

Popular Postcard sites - [old postcards.com](http://old.postcards.com) --- US GenWeb archives --- CardCow.com akron.edu / "Postcards"

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