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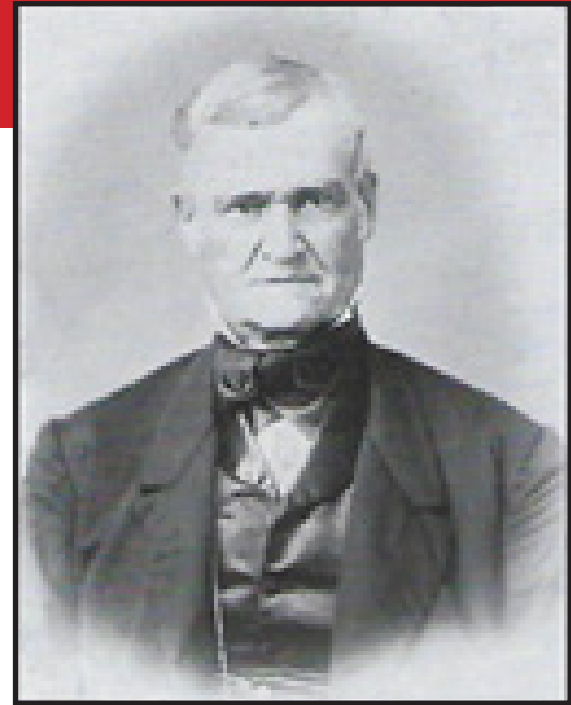
Radnor Heritage Society Newsletter  
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# “Downtown” Delhi in the 1850’s and 60’s

In 1849 father and son, James and George Eaton published a Delaware County Ohio Atlas that not only gave the maps of all the townships of the county but identified the lots/farms and their owners in each township. They did an amazing job of producing a reference book that is used to this day for locating family homes and farm history. The book combined with the 1850 census can provide many genealogists the first solid family information to follow their family descendant branches. *This volume is at the museum and online.*

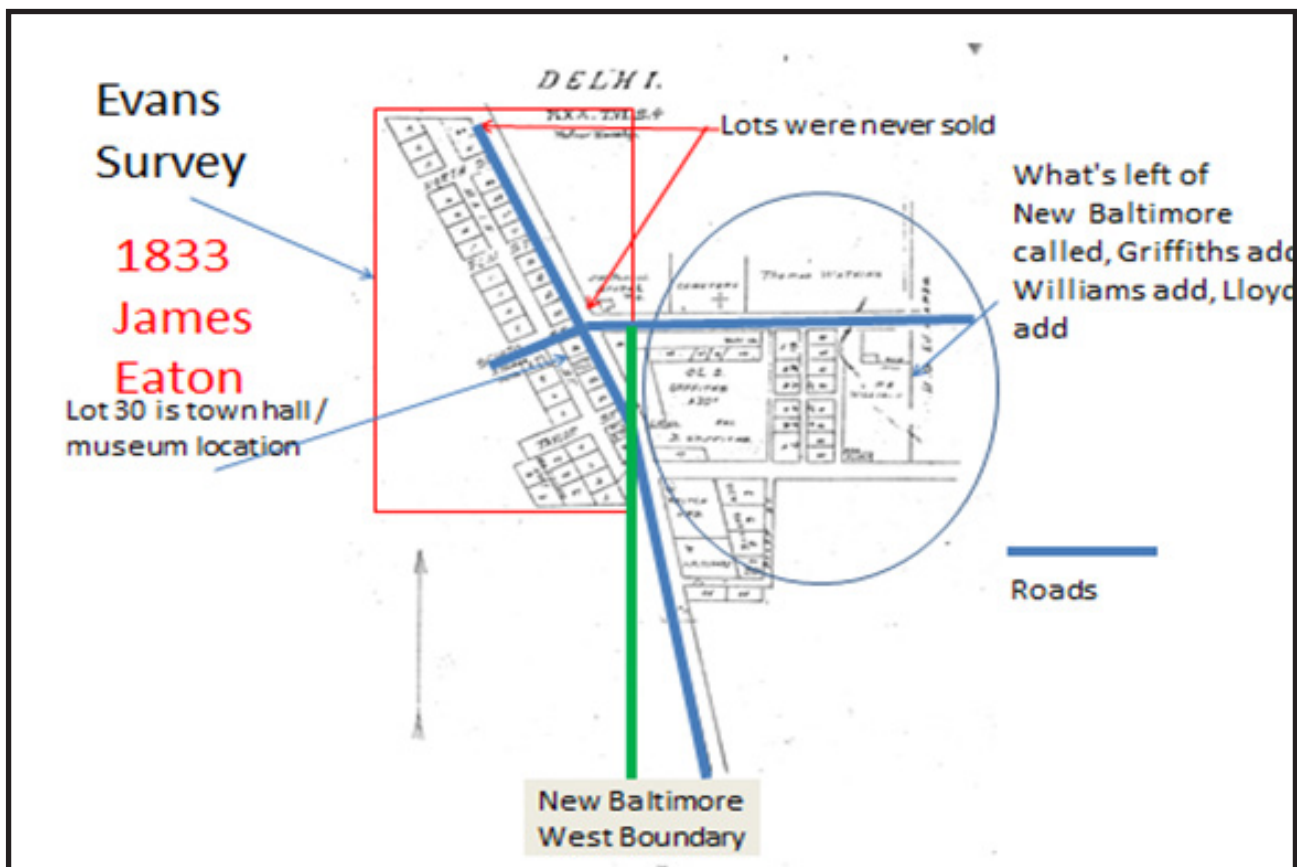
James Eaton made the original survey of Delhi for Edward Evans in 1833 and is responsible for how Radnor village appears today. Edward Evans purchased Lot 5, tier 3 of the David Pugh survey from the widow of Thomas David between 1818 and 1820. Edward Evans died in 1837 before much of his dream village developed but his survey is the blueprint for the development of the village in the 1850’s and 60’s when most of the buildings in “Downtown” Radnor were built. Some of the currently existing buildings that were erected during this time are: The Georgian style homes of John and Elizabeth Baker and William and Mary Watkins, the ME church and the Congregational Church buildings, the IOOF building, and the Thomas Morton home and store. These structures continue to provide the attractive small village feel.



**James Eaton - Surveyor**

1797-1867

He and son George authored 1849 Atlas



# **Baker House in 1900**

built in 1849



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# **Wm. Watkins House erected in 1850**

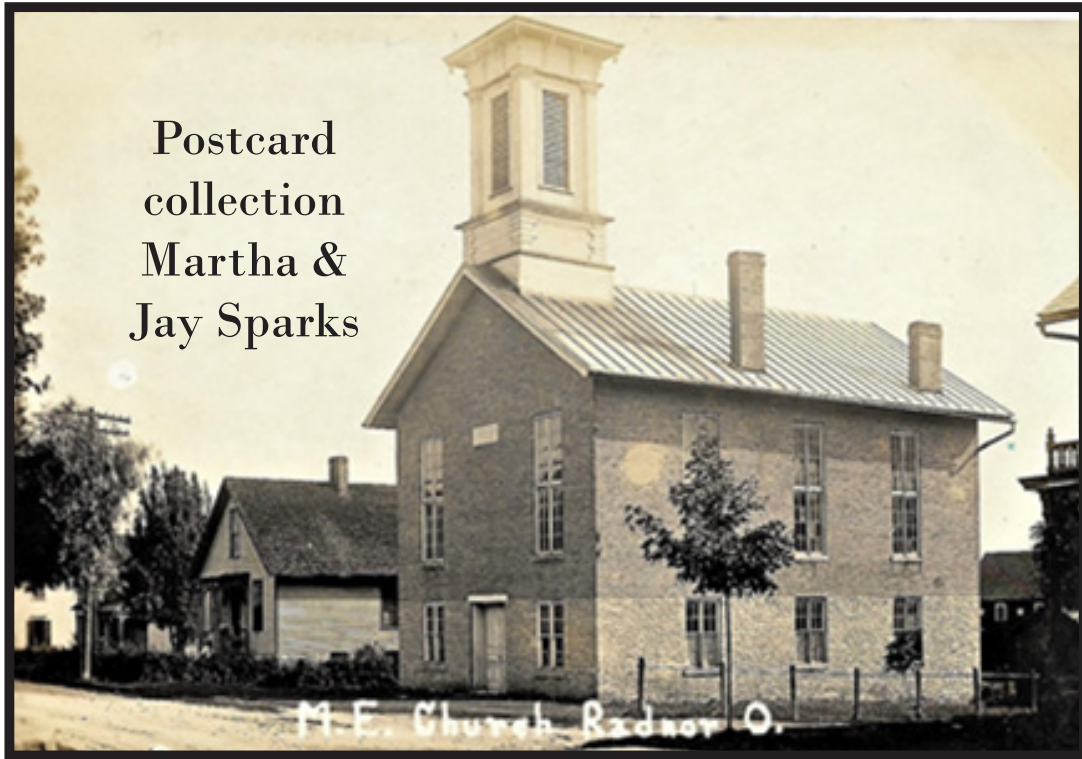
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Delhi House 1856

# ME Church

1858-1944



# Early IOOF Hall

Erected in 1853



# Morton House / General Store

1853



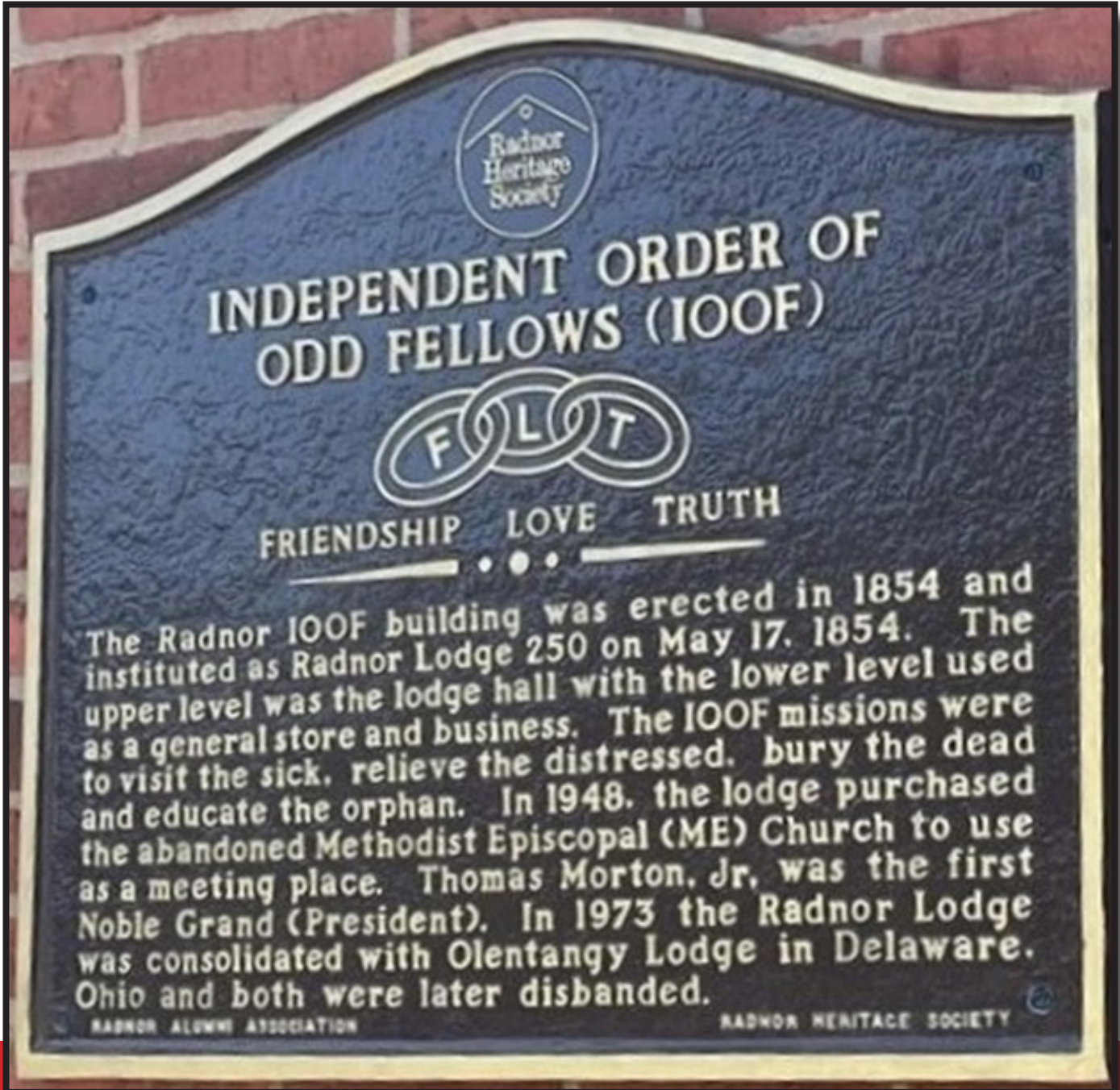
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# Congregational Church

Early 1900's image



The featured buildings are part of the continuing Historical Markers project being done by the Radnor Alumni Association and Radnor Heritage Society and led by Ken Fryman. Ken, with the help of other volunteers, has identified buildings and sites for installation of impressive brass plaques explaining the history of the location. Some of you may have noticed the plaques already installed. Shown below is the plaque for the former IOOF building that is located on the SW corner of 203 and Taylor Streets.



**This is a single side plaque, but others have information on both sides. Progress on the plaques is ongoing . We hope to have most of the plaques in place by St. Davids Day 2024. See President’s letter for details on plaques.**

# Letter from the President

Thanks to those of you who enjoyed and commented on the Spring Newsletter featuring the history of the Radnor Township Electric Interurban railroads in our area. This past form of transportation sparked significant interest.

Summer of 2023 brought a record number of visitors to the museum. A key summer event was our joint annual picnic with the Welsh Society of Central Ohio (WSCS) held on July 22nd at the Community building. Over 30 people attended this potluck followed by a presentation by Joe Preston detailing the arduous journey from Wales to Radnor in the 1800's. Entitled, "Chidlaw Family: Bala Wales to Delaware, Ohio", Joe recounted the months long challenges faced by early Welsh settlers as they left their homeland for America and a new and different life. The attendees brought their favorite pot luck dishes to share making it was a delicious feast. Join us next year for this annual event scheduled for July 20th 2024 at the Radnor Community Building.



Be on the alert for the historic plaques being added to sites around the village. Many of you have seen the impressive sign at the site of the Radnor School. Other plaques in place include the IOOF building, Radnor Village and Township, and Radnor Township Hall. By the time you received this newsletter plaques for the Congregational Church, the Baptist Church, the Delhi House and Tavern, and the Powell General Store will have been installed. Thanks to Todd Coonfare and his crew for their work installing the plaques. This project was funded by the Radnor Alumni Association's Pride-in-Radnor initiative led by Ken Fryman. These plaques will live as permanent reminders of the history of Radnor.



We have been asked to bring back the wonderful afghans detailing historic buildings in Radnor. They are now on sale for \$75 in Radnor Trojan "blue". The afghans would make great Christmas gifts and as well as keeping you warm this winter. To order please reach out to us on Facebook or via email noted above. **We only ordered a limited supply.**

If you receive this newsletter by U.S. mail please consider sending us your email address. It is free to email! Thanks for saving us postal costs.

**Ann Jones**  
President, RHS



# Radnor Heritage Society

**HOW TO FIND US!** We launched our website in February 2022: [www.radnorheritagesociety.org](http://www.radnorheritagesociety.org). Here you will find upcoming events, history of, genealogy database, our NEW Store page and more! You can also find, follow and like us on our Facebook page: @radnorheritagesociety.

## HOW TO HELP!

We are raising \$3,000 for new lighting in the auditorium and stage areas of the museum. Our Facebook Fundraising page is a link to donate. Our webpage has a donate link, or you can mail your check or money order to: Radnor Heritage Society, PO Box 115, Radnor, Ohio, 43066. Please help us complete the ceiling renovation project with your donation for lights.

*Radnor Heritage Society and mailed to:  
Radnor Heritage Society, P.O. Box 115, Radnor, OH 43066*

We welcome donated items representing Radnor history, photos of the area, and genealogy materials. To donate items or volunteer with us, please email: [radnorheritagesocietyinc@gmail.com](mailto:radnorheritagesocietyinc@gmail.com)

We also welcome volunteers. We have several new projects including the cemetery mapping project and could use your help! If you are available for just a few hours at a time, please again send us an email us at: [www.radnorheritagesocietyinc@gmail.com](mailto:www.radnorheritagesocietyinc@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook @radnorheritagesociety

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Thank you from Radnor Heritage Society Officers:

Ann Jones, President  
Ken Fryman, Vice President  
Bill Thompson, Treasurer  
Pam Zeirott, Secretary  
Joe Preston, Historian

## Save the Dates!

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**St. David's Day**  
March 2, 2024  
Radnor Community Building

**Museum Reopens!**  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
1:00 to 4 PM

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