THE WAY IT WAS

POLAND — RANGE 1. TOWN 1.

1840  Township Map
The old Law School

Old M. E. Church
M.E. Church

A typical Sat. morning at the Smolen Main St. market during 1943 & 44. Meat was in short supply, but Judy and Pete Smolan saw that each customer received a portion.
The McKinley Home in the early 1942. Was Poland's first self-serve market.

The Johnston Co. Building and McKinley Home at Approximately 1970 after being joined into one building.
A Play! Out doors in front of the Presbyterian Church.
Store of Cunningham Furniture & Undertaking Company Lowelville, Ohio

Remember the A&P and Isaly?
Pa and Ma Cover going for a ride in their buggy.
Poland Township

1915  Wm McComb
      George Bishop
      Ralph Darron

1919  Wm McComb
      George Bishop
      Ralph Darron

1921  Wm McComb
      George Bishop
      Ralph Darron

1923  Wm McComb - Str
      George Bishop - Pol
      Ralph Darrow - Llv

1929  George Bishop - Pol
      H.G. Fitch - Str
      Hugh Nixon - Llv

1931  Henry Fitch - Str
      Hugh Nixon - Llv
      O.W. Heldman

1933  Hugh Nixon - Llv
      Henry Fitch - Str
      John Godward - Str

1935  Henry Fitch - Str
      John Godward - Str
      John Shaffer - Llv

Trustees 1915-2003

1937  John Godward - Pol
      C.J. Hartzell - Str
      Henry G. Fitch - Pol
      Clerk H.B. Huston - Str

1939  Wm Hoffman
      John Godward - Pol
      C.J. Hartzell Str
      Clerk Donald Sicafuse Str

1941  Wm Hoffman - Str
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      C.J. Hartzell - Str
      Clerk Donald Sicafuse - Pol

1943  Wm Hoffman - Str
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      C.J. Hartzell - Str
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1945  John Godward - Pol
      C.J. Hartzell - Str
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1989 David Luidt-Pol  
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   Clerk Catherine Stacy-Llv

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1997 Franklin Bennett-Pol  
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1999 Annette Jeswald DeVito  
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   Clerk Catherine Stacy-Llv

2001 Mark Naples-Pol  
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2003 Mark Naples-Pol  
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THE HISTORY of the POLAND
Who We Are

An integral part of Poland, Ohio’s heritage is the building known today as the “Little Red Schoolhouse”. Originally built in 1858, it stands on its original site at the corner of State Rt. 224 and Struthers Road in Poland Township. In 1915 the building ceased to function as a school, but continued to serve the community in various capacities. In the late 1970’s Poland’s Board of Education began to consider selling off the building and property as it was no longer needed and had fallen into disrepair.

In 1979, the Poland Township Historical Society was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Dan B. Jones, Jr. and many more interested and concerned residents, for the primary purpose of saving Poland’s “Little Red Schoolhouse”.

A lease agreement between the Historical Society and the Poland School Board was arranged for $1.00 per year for a period of 99 years, and thus became the home to the newly formed Poland Historical Society. Poland is the only District in the State of Ohio to still have a one room schoolhouse.

Through the rigorous 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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The building has qualified for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

As Poland’s Historical Society we are dedicated to procuring and displaying of artifacts relating to Poland’s place in history as Town 1, Range 1 in the Connecticut Western Reserve.

Over the years, the Society has offered numerous lectures as well as educational programs concerning a variety of local history and interest.

We continue to plan fund raisers such as our Flower Sale in the spring and of course our popular Christmas Tour of Homes, there has even been some discussion of adding a summer Garden Tour to our fund raising efforts. The Society’s future plans include the creation of a Museum in the building known as the “Little Red Schoolhouse” highlighting the diverse and generous donations from our community. We look forward to expanding our role as a valued educational resource for the Poland Community.

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Little Red School House, 4515 Center Road. Meetings are open to members as well as the public. You are encouraged to attend.

OUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN 2003

Application for Grant Monies
Donations of Historical Significance
Restoration of Brick Walkway
Installation of Handicap Accessible Driveway
Acquisition of Additional Display Pieces and Showcases

GOALS FOR 2004

Acquisition of more Showcases
Painting outside
Window repairs
Wooden Roof Shingles
Cleaned and Sealed
Stone for front door seal
Open the First Sunday of May, June, July, Aug., Sept., & Oct.
from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. or by appointment
YES!
You can count on Me!
Several membership levels are available for both individuals and business.
Use this form to enroll or to renew your membership today.
Please complete the form and enclose a check payable to:

POLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P. O. BOX 5052
POLAND, OHIO 44514-2343
Attn: Membership

Name: ______________________________________________

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[if applicable]

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Phone: 330-__________ Renewal: __________

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Membership categories
Associate $10.00
Contributing $25.00
Donor $50.00
Patron $100.00
Contributing $1,000.00

THE POLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Membership is the lifeblood of The Historical Society, providing a substantial portion of the overall budget. Your support will help continue our mission to preserve the history of Poland, to create exhibits that show the significance of our area, and your membership dollars help to fund educational programs. It takes members to TO GET THINGS DONE.

It is a great way to help your Community and make some new friends too. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you!

PRESERVING OUR Past

FOR THE FUTURE

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