

Champaign County Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

Museum at 809 East Lawn Avenue, Urbana OH 43078

April 2015

“The Johnson Family Maple Syrup Business” Presented by Eric Johnson

On Sunday afternoon 2PM April 26th 2015, the Champaign County Historical Society 809 East Lawn Ave. will host Eric Johnson with the story of the Johnson Family Maple Syrup business of Champaign County Ohio. Eric and his brother Grant are carrying on the family legacy of producing maple syrup from sugar water obtained from Maple trees on the original family farm. The farm is newly owned by cousin Charles Wiant. The Johnson family came to Champaign County in 1805 as early pioneers and settled in the Mingo Valley located in the northeastern area of our county. Eric will relate his family's story and a display of items related to the making of maple syrup.

Eric is a 1969 graduate of The Ohio State University, with a degree in Ag Economics, he experienced being an IFYE, International Farm Youth Exchange student immediately after graduation and then served in the US. Army before returning home to Champaign County to work. He recently retired from Heritage Cooperative. Eric will soon have been married to his wife Kathy for 45 years and they have four married sons and twelve grandchildren. The Johnson Family are well rooted Champaign Countians. All programs and admittance to the museum are free to the public. Come; learn about the history of another of our county's natural resources.