

" A Pictorial History of Waterville" will be presented by Jim Conrad, president of the **Waterville Historical Society on Wednesday, March 19 at the Browning Masonic Community.** The program will focus on the evolution of Waterville from river town to canal town to rail town.

Born and raised in Waterville, Jim is the son of the long-time fire chief Carl Conrad and Lucile Barnes Conrad, both charter members of the Waterville Historical Society. Jim Conrad received his Bachelors in Education degree from Ohio Northern University and Masters of Education from Bowling Green State University. He taught for 35 years in the Toledo Public School system, primarily eighth grade social studies. After retirement he returned with his wife Gayle to live in Waterville. His interest in history has lead them on many trips to Civil War battlefields, presidents' homes and yearly trips to Williamsburg, and increased involvement with the Historical Society.

Through use of a Power Point presentation Conrad will use old photographs from the archives at Wakeman Hall as well as his own collection to illustrate the transition of the town from settlement to city. He will touch upon stories of human interest such as the murder of Isaac Richardson and the first legal hanging in northwest Ohio.

The public is invited to this free program to begin at 7 p.m. The Browning Community Center is located at 8883 Browning Drive, just off of Neowash Road south of Waterville.