



SOUTHWEST PIONEER

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SOUTHWEST FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3378-B PARK ST., GROVE CITY, OHIO 43123

Society Active In Local Christmas Celebrations

The Southwest Franklin County Historical Society again cooperated with the City of Grove City and Heart of Grove City to sponsor holiday activities for the public.

Society involvements included open houses at the museum, Century Village and the Grant House.

Large crowds visited the museum especially around the time of the parade. The promotional piece below was prepared by the city for the Society appearing online.

Enjoy the Christmas traditions and vintage decorations of the late 1800s at the Grant Sawyer Home, see vintage Christmas at the Grove City Welcome Center and Museum and then don't miss trains at the Railroad Depot and Christmas at Century Village!

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON

Grove City Welcome Center
3378 Park St, Grove City, OH 43123

Grant Sawyer Home
4126 Haughn Rd, Grove City, OH 43123

Century Village
4185 Orders Rd, Grove City, OH 43123

DECEMBER 4, 2021
BUILDINGS OPEN NOON - 4 PM

Sponsored by: City of Grove City and Southwest Franklin County Historical Society

Holiday, Winter Advertising Gifts

Businesses over the years have always promoted their stores with holiday gifts. The Grossman Hardware Company in Grove City downtown was no different. One



winter, the store gave its loyal customers a wood framed snow print thermometer. The store sold more than a traditional

hardware. It was also a dealer in farm implements, wire fencing, roofing, coal and cement. The last hardware store in the Grove City Town Center was owned by the Luebben family which first opened in the late 1940s.

The following poem is reprinted from "Reflections II", a collection of local stories available at the Grove City Welcome Center and Museum.

The Chimes of St. John's

By Alan N. Bodle

I stepped from the car in the old hometown
 O a Christmas eve of the long ago
 Soft through the air the snow came down,
 And the street was bright with the Christmas glow.
 The lights burned green and blue and red,
 Like figments of a fairy dream,
 The soft snow yielded to the tread,
 And the Christmas spirit reigned supreme.

Sudden along a tranced air
 Came stealing a wondrous melody;
 Like angel voices calling to prayer
 In softest, sweetest harmony.

The clear notes fell in a golden shower,
 Like falling stars on a snowy sea,
 As the bells of St John's from their belfry tower
 Pealed forth for the nativity.

The lights were flashing all about;
 The tinsel sparked through the snow.
 And the soft, sweet voice of the chimes rang out
 Like the angel chorus of long ago.

Many a grave has been made since then,
 And dampened by showers of bitter tears;
 And an endless procession of things and men
 Have drifted by on the tide of the years.

But still when the Christmas candles glow,
 And the earth her snowy mantle dons;
 My thoughts drift back to the long ago,
 And memory rings with the Chimes of St John's.

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