

"Reflections of Vine Grove"

Building Vine Grove's History Together

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SIDE NOTES

All programs are open to the public.

**Open Meetings
6:00 pm
Vine Grove City Hall**

3rd Tuesday of:

January
March
May
July
September
November

Become a Member

by emailing us at
info@vghist.org
Or call 270-312-5717

Donations and dues
can be submitted
through **Paypal** at
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Ode to Vine Grove

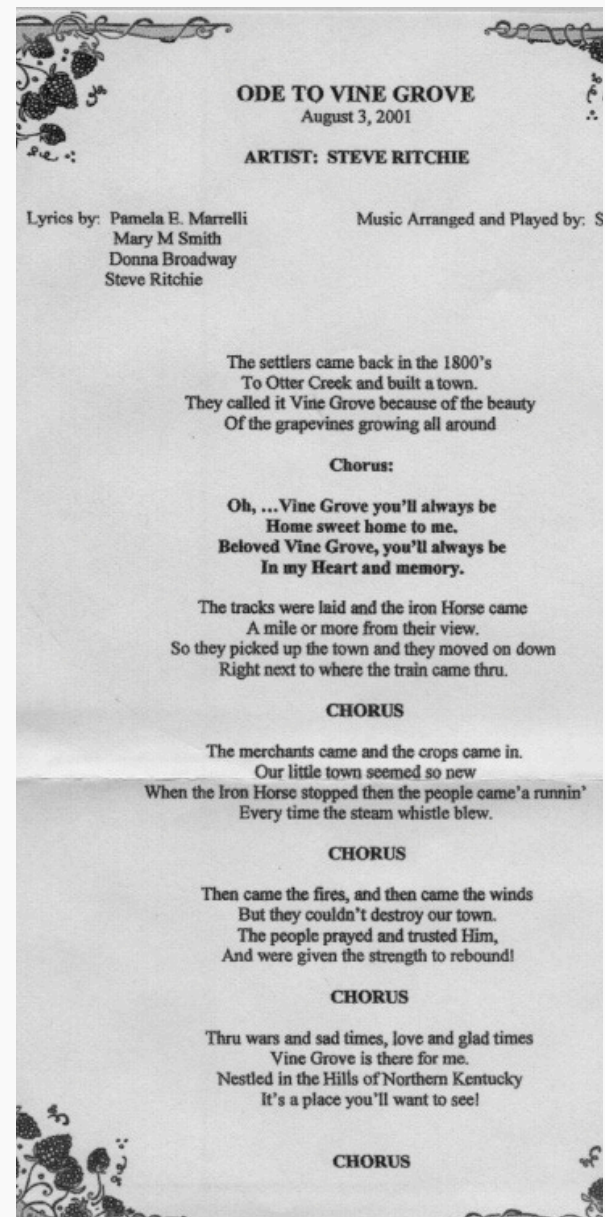
Information obtained from the book Vine Grove, Kentucky by Gary Kempf

You can tell the love for a town by the amount of energy and time put into it by those that live and work there. Historic Vine Grove, Kentucky is no exception. Over 20 years ago a citizen, with a deep love for Vine Grove, had an incredible idea. "Why don't we write a song about Vine Grove?" was heard, friends were recruited and that is just what they did.

Four citizens with a deep love for the town wrote and recorded a song about their little town called "Ode to Vine Grove". The song tells the story of the early settlers and the decision they had to make in order to keep their town not only stable but give it the opportunity it deserved to grow even through more tragedy. You can feel their vision and courage in the lyrics of the song.

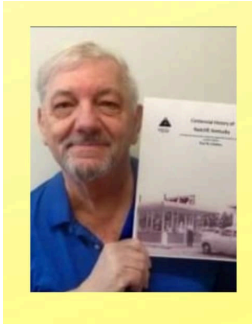
It was produced and performed by Steve Ritchie. The lyrics were written by Pam Marrelli, Mary Smith, Donna Broadway and Steve Ritchie. The recording date was August 3, 2001. Copies of the CD can be found scattered throughout our citizen population along with fond memories of the time it was written.

The Vine Grove Historical Society was recently gifted a copy by one of the original lyric writers, Pam Marrelli, and will be made part of a collection to be shared with all.



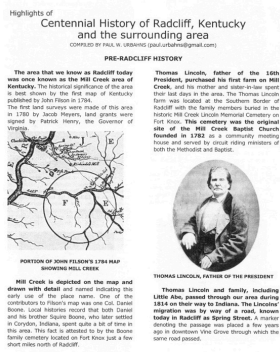
The Vine Grove Historical Society is a non-profit organization created in 2023 whose mission is to preserve, exhibit, and promote the history of Vine Grove, Kentucky.

Meeting Highlights



Paul Urbahns walked us through the highlights of Radcliff history during our March meeting. Paul is always thoughtful and brought along a handout that members and guests were able to follow along with. Paul's newest book titled *Centennial History of Radcliff, Kentucky* is available at the Hardin County Ancestral Trails office inside the Hardin County History Museum.

Images from the handout provided by Paul Urbahns



Upcoming Meetings

Light refreshments and Door Prizes provided

May - Guest speaker Jim Weise speaking on Lincoln

July - Historical Preservation in Vine Grove

September - The role of the Railroad and how it moved our town

Upcoming Events

Visit our **Pop-up Museum** at the Vine Grove First Friday on **July 4th** in **Optimist Park**



This year we will have a guest appearance (not yet named) and the opportunity to purchase a newly designed t-shirt for the Vine Grove Historical Society

SCANNING is available at **ALL** meetings

Bring your pictures, documents, etc. we will scan them as together we create an historical database of Vine Grove history



Growing through Goals

- The addition of a glass display case for the Museum Wall
- Working with the City on rehabilitating the Caboose
- Fund raising opportunities to provide continued growth for the Society
- Continue to secure meaningful speakers for our meetings

Donations

Thank you for the thoughtful donations. We don't have a lot of room for storage yet, but each donation is appreciated



Stop in and visit our Collections at the Museum Wall

Just in time for the holidays we were able to curate a collection of "A Dickens of a Christmas" pictures that were provided by Teresa King. It is a vibrant colorful collection that everyone enjoyed especially during Vine Grove's tree lighting and auction on December 1st.



Our one year Anniversary Celebration was held at our March meeting. We just finished the Fire Department collection and the Museum Wall is now lit with beautiful lights donated by Roger and Lynn Dray.

