April 2021 ANNOUNCING:

A NEW type of biography is now available on Chillicothe Composer William Lockwood Huff (1875-1942) and his family!

Totally FREE!.....Nothing to buy......Nothing to register for!

William Lockwood Huff was born in 1875 in Massieville, a small town just south of Chillicothe, Ohio. He died in 1942 in the Carlisle Building in downtown Chillicothe, a building that still stands today just across from the Courthouse.

William Huff, his wife, 4 sons, and 2 daughters were all involved in music. Several of them went on to become professional musicians.

Huff is generally credited with having written 90-100 marches, serenades, novelty numbers, waltzes, and rags. Over 120 years after his first published march, many of his songs are still staples for bands of all levels everywhere.

Think "The Show Boy", "The Hippodrome", "Screamer", "The Squealer", "Salute to the Stars and Stripes", "The Zouaves", and many others.

In addition, numerous YouTube videos can be easily found for several of his compositions.

Huff either started, or just conducted, several musical groups just in the Chillicothe area alone, to include:

- The Adelphi (Ohio) Community Band
- The Meaco Band (employees of the Mead Paper Company, from Chillicothe, Ohio)
- The Twentieth Century Band
- The Londonderry (Ohio) Cornet Band
- The IOOF Band (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)
- The Kingston (Ohio) Community Band.
- The Floradora Band of Wellston, Ohio

The research for this project found @ 950 newspaper articles about the Huff family from primarily 1900-1952, plus numerous web sites and several print sources. The Huff family stories are literally told by the very hundreds of newspaper articles and other sources that documented their daily lives!

All this information has been summarized into a Biography with hyperlinks back to the original articles and web sites.

You will also find over 140 attachments in the Biography, to include pictures of family members, copies of concert programs, and much more.

You will see a listing of @ 70 Will Huff compositions found in these articles. Several of these were written by Huff specifically about Chillicothe area groups, places, and events. Many will likely NOT be found in any other official attempt at a comprehensive list of his works!

Not only will you read about the family's musical accomplishments, but you will also read about the tragedies resulting in the deaths of two of the sons. Ironically, their deaths were due in part to their respective careers as professional musicians.

All of this information is being sponsored on The Adelphi (Ohio) Community Band web site:

Link to Will Huff newspaper articles and other sources

This page contains links to copies of the newspaper articles, books, and web sites found during this research, plus the links to the Biography. Because of the total size of the Biography file, it had to be broken into several volumes in order to make them available on the web site.

Link to Will Huff printed music and videos

This page contains links to some YouTube videos of Will Huff's compositions, as well as to individual instrumental parts of some of his songs.

The Biography is presented as .pdf files. You can easily access the entire biography, as well as the links to the newspaper articles and other sources, from your electronic devices.

NO paper copies of the biography are being made available at this time. It's over 600 pages long!

Besides, with the paper copies, you would loose the usefulness of the hyperlinks back to the original articles!

Any comments or questions can be directed to: adelphiband@yahoo.com

