**BECOME A MEMBER**...
...by completing and submitting the form below.

- Membership dues assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the historic Shields' home and property and fuel our mission to preserve local history.
- We provide a library of reference materials and foster community involvement with our many volunteer opportunities.

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**Newport Township Historical Society Membership Form**

Name

Address

City ___________ State ______ Zip Code

Phone (optional)

Email Address (optional)

Please check membership level desired:

- Individual $10
- Family $20
- Student $6
- Donor $25 to $99
- Patron $100 and over

Total dues/donation __________________________

Please make checks payable to:

Newport Township Historical Society

Mailing address:

PO Box 98, Wadsworth, IL 60083

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**Newport Township Historical Society**

SITUATED IN THE QUAIN'T VILLAGE OF WADSWORTH, the Newport Township Historical Society occupies the historic Shields' home. Since 1976, we have been collecting and preserving all things involving the history of Newport Township and its people. In 2002, Grace Shields, one of our founders, bequeathed her home and grocery store to the society in hopes of helping future generations know and appreciate the area's history.

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**Mary Bloom feeding chickens on the family farm in Wadsworth, circa 1915**

Grampa's Farm

A place of grand affection
From early childhood days
Survives in fond reflection
Hot krapfen* sweet with glaze
Bare feet, chickens and fishing
Buttermints in the drawer
Gone from me so young in life
I long to visit once more

* doughnut German

-Shawn Ford
NTHS Historian

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**Early railroad crew in Wadsworth, circa 1880-1900**

The first railroad through the area in 1872 shaped early Newport Township. Two towns got their starts as coal and water stope for the steam engines on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad: Wadsworth and Russell, named after a major shareholder and a vice-president of the railroad company, respectively.

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**Cousins Harold Cashmore and Grace Shields in 1914**

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**ALL DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED**

One of the oldest businesses in the Chicago area.

 kijken more about the town's history and learn more about the town's heritage.

Research of local families and organizations.

Creating new displays, new locations, and community events.

Web site development and document management.

Database and cataloging projects.

Building and grounds maintenance.

Downtown Wadsworth Racine, circa 1905.

April, 1867. The first sprung from the river town.

Open HouseEvery other month beginning in March. The second Wednesday at 6 pm.

General Meeting: Every other month beginning in March.

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We are an all-volunteer organization and welcome you to join our efforts.

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