White Water Shaker Village was established near Harrison, Ohio in 1822 and thrived until 1916 when the community closed. The community's buildings, all of which still exist unlike the other four Shaker villages founded in Ohio, are a significant part of our nation's historical legacy. To preserve, restore and open the Shaker buildings and surrounding grounds, the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc. is dedicated to the public about this unique part of our nation’s historical legacy.

Our Mission
To preserve, restore and open the Shaker buildings and surrounding grounds known as the North Family of White Water Village, to collect and exhibit artifacts related to the site for the cultural enrichment of the public, to educate the public about Family of White Water Village; to collect and exhibit artifacts related to the site for the cultural enrichment of the public.

Additional rewards are described below:
- Each new member receives a free copy of Pleasant Hill Shaker Furniture by Kerry Pierce.
- Members receive an invitation to the Annual Gathering and our newsletter, The Village Voice.

Membership Categories
- Student ($10)
- Single ($25)
- Family ($50)
- Sponsor ($100)
- Family ($250)
- Single ($50)
- Student ($10)

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Shaker Village Meeting House. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Charles Sturr, President, 513-772-7974, or James Innis, Vice President, 513-738-8764.

To donate, please make your check payable to Friends of White Water Shaker Village, 11813 Oxford Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030.

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* Drawing by Caroline Williams
* Photograph from The Shaker Museum at Old Chatham, NY
* Photograph from private collection

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Who were the Shakers?
Persecuted in England for exuberant worship, Mother Ann Lee’s small band of “Shaking Quakers” arrived in Albany, NY in 1774. Formally known as the United Society of Christ’s Second Appearing, this religious communal society quickly grew into 24 self-sufficient villages under the able leaders that followed Mother Ann. Known today as the “Shakers”, these people chose a peaceful way of life separated from the world and are admired for their simplicity, work ethic and material culture.

The Shakers at White Water
The Shakers came to southwestern Ohio in 1805 and were drawn by a Methodist revival to southern Butler County in 1822. The community found a permanent home along the Dry Fork of the White Water River where they built their brick meeting house in 1827 and the brick dwelling in 1832. The community prospered, expanding to three semi-autonomous Shaker families over the next twenty years. After the community closed in 1916, the land and buildings were sold to area farmers. The Hamilton County Park District purchased a large part of the site in 1989-1991.

Our challenges at White Water
Responding to public interest in the White Water Shaker community, the Friends of White Water Shaker Village was organized in 2002. In 2007, the Friends leased the North Family buildings and acreage from the HCPD to preserve and restore these historically and architecturally significant structures with their land and open them to the public. The Friends of White Water Shaker Village receives no financial support from the Hamilton County Park District.

The North Family historic site provides a window into Shaker life during the 19th century. These buildings are not restored. Your assistance will allow us to maintain and open these buildings to the public.

How you can help
- The Friends of White Water Shaker Village is an IRS 501(c)(3) corporation. Your donations are exempt from state and federal taxes.
- Donations of White Water Shaker furniture, manuscripts, images, artifacts and ephemera are gratefully received. Such donations will greatly assist in understanding and interpreting the story of the White Water Shakers.
- Donations of cash or appreciated stock may be made to the Friends of White Water Shaker Village Fund at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation: (513) 241-2880 or <www.greatercincinnatiifdn.org>.

The rear of the White Water North Family meeting house and dwelling as they are today. Photograph by Richard Spencer 2007