Brownella Carriage House Museum



The original Brownella Carriage House was designed in 1885 by architect Clarence O. Arey, who also was the Cottage architect from Cleveland, Ohio. During Bishop Brown's life it was used as a stable for his horses and carriage, and later for his Packard automobile. The Bishop held lectures here, formed his own printing company (Bradford Brown Educational Company), and stored thousands of his books in this building, known as Brownell Hall.

When the Galion Historical Society acquired the property in the early 1980s, Doctor Bernard M. Mansfield spearheaded a plan to turn the carriage house into a museum featuring historical artifacts from Galion and surrounding townships. Since then, the Historical Society has received thousands of artifact donations relative to Galion's history.

The Historical Society celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2016 and the museum was remodeled and refreshed and sports a new line up of exhibits. In addition, we received several grants to include a fresh remodel and heating and cooling to provide climate control for our precious holdings we work diligently to preserve and protect those items entrusted to us.

As a side note, you may recognize the "G" sculpture located in the flower garden..there are also several other sculptures, located on the Cottage grounds, that graced the front of the 1917 Galion High School at the corner of Church and N. Union Streets.



