INTRODUCTION

Time's Passage: The Social and Cultural Seasons of Western Reserve Life is the fourth in the series of Western Reserve symposia which began in 1985 at Lake Erie College to provide a forum for students and scholars of northeastern Ohio's history and culture. The objective -- to explore the distinctive aspects of Ohio's Western Reserve through changes that, like those of nature's seasons, are cyclical -- is reflected in the current scholarship of papers collected here. The symposium proceedings represent research techniques and strategies and their application to local history and aspects of Western Reserve life including family, community, immigration, welfare, commerce and the arts.

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Included here is a program for the symposium in its entirety, and a list of presenters and their papers in the order in which they were delivered.

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