

Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2020

Sharing Session:

Jim Reed opened the session by describing an interview with the wife of a 4th cousin who had a photo of a cabin built in 1796 that belonged to his 3rd Great-Grandfather Christopher Malster. Jim stated that he had found his relatives at the Gard Cemetery. His second Great Grandfather Benjamin and Nancy Malster whose daughter Florence married William A. Reed. Mr. Reed had a store at the present location of Spagna's (a restaurant on the West side of Marietta). The building had been closed off with brick and the current owner used a family picture of the store to recreate the doors and windows on the current location. Jim also read excerpts from diaries dated 9/2/1894 belonging to Enos Slater. They were stored in a handmade wooden box with writing on the bottom stating that it was in celebration of his 50-year wedding anniversary. It was his wish that the diaries be passed down to the eldest son as long as possible.

Another entry provided a recipe of Hog Fat, Mutton Fat, Oil of Cloves, Bergamot, Lavender, Thyme and Rosemary that would create glossy hair.

One Enos Slater quote stated that negroes should be allowed to vote and he thought they would not be any different than he was. (A very forward-thinking man!)

Don Gardner provided an Elgin Watch that had belonged to his Grandfather's brother. It was dated about 1870 per the serial number. The watch requires a key to wind and set it.

Don also had pictures of his Great Grandfather Riley and his third wife Lavinia. He stated that he had been able to meet Lewis Gardner, a half-brother of his Grandfather Albert and Uncle Edward Gardner - in Colorado. Don and Lewis Gardner both being in the oil and gas business. Don's Grandfather Albert moved to Kansas from Missouri, and his wife was Mary Elizabeth Willard. Her grandfather was a traveling preacher, Squire Willard, a traveling Baptist minister in Ohio in the mid-1800s. Family pictures show that Don has a strong family resemblance to the Willard side of his family.

Jayne Stehle brought a collection of postcards from her grandmother. They were of various locations that she or some of her family members had visited.

Sharon Cory Gardner showed some photos of the Mason, Kever and Weber families that were sent to our Genealogy Society. One of a grandfather, Everett Maxwell Fleming, included a picture of a houseboat that the family lived on while a house was being built. The house is on the east side of State Route 60 near the Lakeside Golf Course. It sits on a hill and has multiple steps highlighted with lampstands at each level.

LuAnn Camden provided info on the Parks family stating that she has a very large picture of a family reunion held at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Caldwell that she would like to find a home for. Frances Parlin stated that she is a member of that family and knew of a place for the picture!!

Sharon read a historical newspaper article regarding a family that had loaned items for display at a museum and noticing that they were not being displayed asked for their return. A significant court battle ensued and the outcome was not known for sure.

Nancy Riley reminded us of how items were separated from their identifying cards when the Rufus Putman house was dismantled years ago to be reinforced for display at the Campus Martius museum.

Sharon remembered that as a child she saw an item listed as belonging to the Cory family and has never seen it since.

Business Meeting:

The Wash. County OGS met today at the Wash. County Public Library. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read

The Treasurers report showed an ending balance of [REDACTED]. For the year there is a \$3.53 difference between beginning and ending balances.

An Audit committee was accepted of volunteers Lila Hill and Barb Handschumacher. They will present an audit report at the next meeting.

There were no reports regarding the Library, Books and First Families.

Jim Reed had questions regarding First Families and was directed to our website for further information.

No Old business:

New Business: Jayne Stehle reminded that the current president if required to be a member of the State Genealogical Society and will be reimbursed by the Chapter for the expense. Jim agreed to pursue the membership.

Jayne also reminded that we have over [REDACTED] in our checking account and suggested that books concerning early ethnic groups in this region be purchased for the Washington County Public Genealogy Library. Ernie Thode agreed to investigate and facilitate the purchases. Sharon Cory Gardner made a motion to a lot \$500 for this purchase, Nancy Riley seconded, **Motion Passed.**

It was discussed that in the past, we have donated to the Public Library for the use of the meeting room. Sharon Cory Gardner made a motion to donate \$180 for room usage, Jayne Stehle seconded, **Motion Passed.**

Sharon Gardner reminded of the need for speakers for meetings. Jayne Stehle stated that she could provide a program comparing and contrasting companies that are currently offering DNA screening.

Ernie Thode suggested a meeting with the Census Bureau representative as this is the year for gathering information.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Members enjoyed refreshments provided by Don and Sharon Gardner.