

# Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

## Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2020

The Wash. County OGS met today at the Kiwanis Shelter on the west side of the Muskingum River. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reed with 9 members and one guest. Alma Polly Flowers, who is soon to be a member, present. This is our first meeting since the arrival of the coronavirus in March.

### Sharing Session:

Jayne Stehle told of a racoon episode. Her dog was looking out the window at a tree and barking furiously. She closed the curtains and moved to another window to look at the tree. A large racoon came down the tree moved across the yard and stopped. Soon two very young coons came down the tree to join her and they left the area.

Sharon Gardner reported that her daughter had coon problems also but causing much more damage. They were removing shingles from a two-story house roof to access the attic to make a nest, Twice!

There was a discussion of the recent newspaper article regarding William Payton who lived to be 127 years old. His life covered from President Washington to President Wilson. The article was very good and contained much information. Henry Burk's Peyton Article:

<http://lestweforget.hamptonu.edu/page.cfm?uuid=9FEC4E44-DD49-406C-CC2B915C66693703>

Steve Hill reported that he is able to visit his mother, Lila, now under stringent guidelines. She is currently not able to leave the assisted living facility due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sharon Gardner gave a report on General James M. Varner who was an early lawyer in the settlement of Marietta. The local SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) unit celebrated him with a grave marker in 2010. Previously he was included in the unknown settlers plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. His marker stands beside the plot.

Jim Reed told an interesting story of a woman for which his wife is guardian. The woman is developmentally disabled and was, at a very young age was placed in a care facility, apparently under wrong parentage names. Jim and his wife were able to find a sister after a 67 year search. The sister, through diligent research, was discovered in Northern Virginia. Plans are underway for the sisters to meet.

Ernie Thode told of finding a story written about his father 77 years ago. It was published in the Indiana Star about foreign farmers helping to feed the country in the war effort. He believes his uncle would have been interviewed also.

Jayne Stehle remarked that she found an article mentioning her Great Grandfather in a magazine "Gleanings in Bee Culture". She stated that his "regular" job was a shoemaker.

Italian and Hybrid Bees and Queens for Sale by the Pound.	
Bees, per lb., during June.....	\$1.00
Bees, per lb., during July.....	.75
Three-frame nuclei, June.....	2.50
Three-frame nuclei, July.....	2.00
3-frame nuclei without queen.....	50c less.
Full colonies during June.....	4.50
Full colonies during July.....	3.00
Untested queens.....	.75
No foul brood or any other bee-disease in this vicinity. Bees will be carefully packed and shipped promptly. Safe arrival and satisfaction guaranteed.	
<b>Reinhard Stehle, - Marietta, Ohio.</b>	
In writing, mention Gleanings.	

It was remarked that a person should review past information sources regularly as new info is added often.

Sharon stated that the Genealogy Library is open by appointment only currently, with a limit of one person allowed.

### **Business Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasurers report showed an ending balance of [REDACTED].

Sharon Gardner reported that the newsletter has been posted online for members who have requested an electronic copy and hopes to have it printed and mailed next week.

First Families: Jim Reed stated that since he has qualified, he is sure that is the reason the banquet was cancelled. All enjoyed the chuckle.

Jayne reported that the books that Ernie Thode had recommended the books for the donation to the Genealogy Library had been received.

Black Roots A Beginner's Guide To Tracing The African American Family Tree By Tony Burroughs. Donated by the Washington Co. Chapter OGS.

The Family Tree Guide to Testing and Genetic Genealogy Second Edition by Blaine T. Bettinger. Donated by the Washington Co. Chapter OGS.

The Best of Reclaiming Kin Helpful Tips on Researching Your Roots by Robyn N. Smith. Donated by the Washington Co. Chapter OGS.

Old business: None

New Business: All remarked on how wonderful it was to be able to have a meeting and in such a very nice location.

It was remarked that a new trustee was needed to fill the position occupied by Barb Handschumacher since she is currently secretary. Don Gardner volunteered to complete the 2020 term.

The July meeting will be held in the same location.

Sharon read some quotes from genealogy research locations received in the mail as follows: "I would like to find out if I have any ancestors in my family." And "I am sending you my aunt and uncle in this envelope".

There was a brief discussion of a need for a corresponding secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.