

Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

15 June 2021 Program: Members Sharing:

Jim Reed read a portion of the journal of his great grandfather, Enos West Slater. He was a pattern maker for metal items created at the Robertson Foundry. One use was for a sugar cane/sorghum cane mill that squeezed the liquid from the cane by means of a horse walking in a circle causing the press to work. Mr. Slater was also a cabinet maker and moved several times between city and country, being a may one time of Beverly.

Ernie Thode brought a flyer about the Grizer Castle in Whipple. Jayne Stehle suggested it would be a great field trip!

Ernie also stated that a name in the book that he authored had generated a contact from Germany of a relative of the listed person.

Jayne reported on Ernie's appointment to the Ohio History Records Advisory Board. He gave a brief overview of what the function of the board did.

Jim reminded of the sister that he had helped for a friend and that she would be visiting our area today.

Polly Flowers stated that she has one of the "gears" that possibly Jim's grandfather had made a pattern for. She said that her grandchildren had tried to throw it away but she had them recover it and store it in a building. She remembered it being used to make sorghum molasses.

The location of the June meeting will be determined based on the availability of the Washington County Public Library basement meeting room. With the recension of the mask mandate, it may be available. The decision will be posted on the website, Facebook and in the newspaper.

Meeting Minutes: Date: 5/15/21

Present: Jim Reed, president; Barb Handschumacher, Jayne Stehle, Ernest Thode and Polly Flowers

The Wash. County OGS met today at the Norwood United Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reed. The minutes were changes as needed.

The treasurer's report had a balance of [REDACTED] and will be filed for audit. Jayne reported that the donation to the OH Gen. Soc. has been mailed and that the deposit has been made for the First Families meeting in Oct.

First Families: Jayne reported that Shirley Harmon had mailed the certificates to the recipients for this year and last year.

Library: Jayne reminded that all new books are listed in the newsletter.

Books: Barb reported that Sharon Gardner now has the books that are available for sale and that they need a new home. Jayne stated that she would talk to Sharon. She also reported that several book orders had been received in the mail. They will discuss ideas for depleting the number of books available.

Old Business: Barb reported that she is meeting John Miller from New Matamoras, Tuesday to deliver the manuscript for the Grandview Cemetery Book.

New Business: Jim read an email from someone interested in the Mound Cemetery repair project. Jayne will see that the note gets to the proper person. Jayne asked about pricing for newsletters. Currently the cost is \$1 for electronic copies and \$5 for printed copies. After a discussion, Ernie made a motion to charge \$8 a year's worth of newsletters and \$5 per quarter for the printed form. Polly seconded and the motion passed. This will take effect with new requests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Handschumacher