

## Jackson County Chapter OGS

### Minutes

June 11, 2011

The June 11 meeting of the Jackson County OGS Chapter was opened by President Charles Weese at 10:32 a.m. in the Potter Room at Jackson City Library.

No treasurer's report was given.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved following a motion by Linda Walton, seconded By Don Dearing.

Mr. Weese reported on correspondence in the form of an email from Mark Middleton of the Columbus area, offering programs regarding personal digitizing and archiving. His fee is \$50.

The program committee, Mr. Weese reported, met the previous week and compiled a contact list. The committee tentatively plans to meet again in July.

Under Old Business, Mr. Weese reported work progressing on funeral home books and the Liberty Township JP Criminal Docket, which has been scanned. Work on enhancing and indexing is under way.

Under New Business, various listed items included digitalization training, a Civil War program, advertising and purchase of a GPS receiver.

Discussion regarding membership indicated the chapter had 167 members in 2007; that number had dropped to 88 by mid-2010.

Anthony Coyan reported the chapter's previous First Families effort in the 1980s did establish an 1830 date. He hoped to arrange a committee meeting and obtain input from Darlene Ford, chair of the Franklin County First Families committee.

Mr. Coyan reported Beverly Griffiths informed him of 7 rolls of microfilm of the old Oak Hill Press dating from 1919-1933 available at \$65 a roll, or an estimated \$460 through the Ohio Historical Society. A motion to pursue acquisition was made by Mr. Coyan, seconded by Linda Walton, and approved.

Ruth Hayth indicated she could obtain at no cost a new file cabinet for use near the library microfilm machine to organize donated files.

Mr. Coyan also reported abstracting is under way on the 188 chattel tax assessment list of 2,500 names, which could substitute for 1890 census records. He suggested an index be used on the website to entice purchases. More information will be available at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.