



*Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society*  
**Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2013**

The July 13, 2013 meeting of the Jackson County Chapter OGS was called to order by President Donna Scurlock at 10:30am in the Potter Room at Jackson City Library.

In attendance were: Donna Scurlock (President), Ruth Hayth (Vice President), Beverly Griffiths (Treasurer), Pheobe Canter, Don Dearing, Bob Lewis, Megan Malone, Charles Weese, and Steve Wilson.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the June 2013 meeting were read and approved following a motion by Don Dearing, seconded by Steve Wilson. The treasurer's report showed a general fund balance of \$7,687.11 and a cemetery fund balance of \$592.73 as of June 30, 2013.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General account: Balance as of 6/30/2013 is \$7,687.11

James Cemetery account : Balance as of 6/30/2013 is \$592.73

**Committee Reports:**

1. Ruth Hayth is working on getting a speaker for the August meeting.

**Old Business:**

Donna Scurlock asked if there was any update on the James Cemetery project, and Steve Wilson mentioned that Anthony Coyan has been working when possible but the heat and the rain have been a hindrance.

Donna Scurlock mentioned that the Civil War Families of Jackson County Lineage Society was launched on July 1, 2013, and applications are available on our website.

**New Business:**

1. Donna Scurlock informed us that the planning by the Jackson Historical Society for the Civil War 150 project was moving along and schedules were being firmed up. We will have a table at the event and a sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to indicate availability to work – August 16-18, 2013.
2. Two applications were presented for review and approval for acceptance into the Civil War Families of Jackson County – the ancestral soldiers were Felix Nash and Thomas J. Kirby. The applications will be reviewed by the CWFJC committee.
3. Beverly Griffiths mentioned a letter from a member inquiring about the George Stropes family. Ruth Hayth volunteered to do some research and respond to the inquiry.
4. Steve Wilson asked if the JCOGS would be interested in taking over his "contributor" status on Findagrave.com website. He has a large group of memorials that he would like to pass on to someone so the work can continue. An informative discussion ensued. Beverly Griffiths made a

motion that we table the item until we have time to do more research to see if it would be feasible for our group to make that commitment. Steve Wilson seconded the motion.

5. Donna Scurlock mentioned that she had received a request for a picture to be taken of a gravesite in Ridgewood Cemetery in Wellston. Steve Wilson volunteered to complete that request and Donna supplied him with the individual's name and location of the grave.
6. JCOGS received a package from Fletcher Benton as a "thank you" from him for the Oskey Wow cd which we sent to him. The package contained a copy of his book, 8 DVD's and 1 CD concerning his artwork. Since our space is limited and the Jackson City Library already has some of Mr. Benton's media; it was decided that Ruth Hayth would check with the Wellston Library to see if they would be interested in placing the items in their facility so that the public could have better access to them. Megan Malone also offered to store them at the Lillian Jones Museum and they could be accessed there. The Museum already has most of the same media, but it would be a good storage location, if we need to store them. Megan Malone made a motion that we check with the area libraries to see if they would be interested before we make a final decision. Steve Wilson seconded the motion.

#### **Announcements:**

1. Donna Scurlock provided everyone with a brochure about the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana August 21-24.
2. Donna announced the next Community meeting concerning the Civil War 150 event will be held on July 25 at the Fire Station Annex at 6:30PM.
3. Donna mentioned some of the planned events for the CW150: Registration and setup will begin on Friday, August 16 beginning at 3:00PM. Saturday, August 17 the live re-enactment to be held downtown at 10:30AM (Megan Malone will be the narrator). The camp will open to the public Saturday at noon; the CW150 Ball is scheduled for 7PM that evening. On Sunday, the camp will be open to the public for worship service at 10AM and then the public will be able to stroll through the many exhibits until closing at 3:30PM.
4. Several other events were mentioned: Today, Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> The Historical Society was sponsoring an activity at Buckeye Furnace with several demonstrations. On July 25<sup>th</sup> the Markay will host a "School House Scholars" presentation; Pig Iron Days will be held in early August.
5. Megan reminded us that the author scheduled for July 16 at the Lillian Jones Museum is Lisa Trimble Actor from Salt Lake City. She will be discussing her book, "Rebel Raiders" based on a true story set in Jackson, Ohio, during John Hunt Morgan's raid. The museum will open at 6pm and her presentation will be a 7pm.
6. Donna reminded us that a free workshop on German Genealogical Research is scheduled at the Chillicothe-Ross County Library, 140 S. Paint Street, Chillicothe, OH, on August 17, you can find info at [www.crepl.org](http://www.crepl.org).
7. Ruth Hayth mentioned that there is a limited supply of the "Lost Communities Book" available for individual purchase for \$70.

Motion for adjournment was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by : Beverly Griffiths