



*Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society*

**Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2013**

The October 12, 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), Larry Patrick (Membership), Beverly Griffiths (Treasurer), Charles Weese, Linda Walton, Alton Myers, Meg Grey, Carolyn McCormick, and Greg Hollback

**Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the September 2013 meeting were read and approved following a motion by Larry Patrick, seconded by Linda Walton.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General account: Balance as of 9/30/2013 is \$8,346.17

James Cemetery account: Balance as of 9/30/2013 is \$2,087.23

**Committee Reports:**

1. Lineage Society: We received our first application for membership into the First Families of Jackson County Lineage Society
2. James Cemetery: the last order of fencing has been installed, the final portion remaining to be purchased and installed includes the access gates and fixtures, another stone column will be needed for the gate attachment and several street lights as the final phase. It was noted that the current balance in the James Cemetery Fund is \$2,315.44 (this includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Sales distribution and the Apple Festival revenue).

**Old Business:** We have received the second printing of the 2014 Historical Photo Calendar.

**New Business:** Greg Hollback is a teacher at Wellston High School and he is the advisor to the National Honor Society. In that capacity, he expressed a desire for his students to provide some service to our organization. It was determined that the students could be utilized to help in the Ridgewood Cemetery. He noted that they were already preparing to do some cleanup at the cemetery and now from a genealogical angle they can also be useful in taking pictures of headstones/monuments and uploading that data into findagrave.com to fulfill some photo requests on that site and they could also use their cell phones to take pictures and upload into BillionGraves.com using their app which automatically geotags the photos using gps technology. Both findagrave.com and billiongraves.com are popular genealogy websites for finding ancestors

and their burial information. We will be working with Greg to help provide some detail for the project.

**Items of discussion:**

Carolyn McCormick was in attendance and had copies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Civil War 150 book for anyone that would like a copy. She also mentioned that they are planning several other Civil War related activities to commemorate things such as the Gettysburg Address and the Appomattox Court House. Their next meeting will be at the Comfort Inn, 6:30pm, Oct. 17.

Wellston Historical Association is sponsoring a “haunted house” at the Harvey Wells House, Oct. 22, 6pm, donations accepted.

Several items of correspondence were discussed. It was also mentioned to check out our Facebook and Twitter accounts—both have been gaining a following.

OGS is sponsoring a writing contest Jan 1-March 1, 2014 – check it out on their website.

Motion for adjournment was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Beverly Griffiths

