

Waynesboro Historical Commission
Secretary's Report
July 17, 2018

Present: Susan Elder, Megan Reid, Kelly Sheely, Jeff Mellott and Judy Walden

Absent: Jerry Layman (recovering from surgery), Judy Price-Smith, Ron Hiserman (health issues) and Jake Buscher

Guest: Tom Carlsson

- The meeting was called to order by Judy at 6:30.
- The minutes from May 15th were approved as there was no quorum in June.
- Tom and Judy went to New Market with the cannonball from the John Crouse house. The two gentlemen explained about the cannonball and said that it was an unfired Confederate item. Designed to fit a Mountain Howitzer, it was probably left behind and on the ground for some time as the residue on it was from a powder bag that had long since disintegrated. It is unclear how it ended up in the Crouse house as a doorstep. Judy had held up finishing the booklet on the First Industrial Complex until we got an answer. Story had been told that Mrs. Coope, a descendant of the Crouse family and lived in the Crouse house for some years, that the cannonball had been shot through the front window, raced down the hall, exited the back window and landed in the rear garden. We have found nothing to back up that story and since this cannonball had never been fired, Judy asked if the story and or the new findings should be put in the booklet. It was decided that it should be left out. Judy will be getting bids for the printing and hopefully will be able to get it to the public quickly.
- The Commission was granted \$700.00 for the printing of this booklet. The request was for the printing of this booklet and the reprinting of out of issue booklets for a total of \$2,100. Shirley may be able to get a grant for the reprinting.
- More information about Samuel Estill during his life in KY: He was granted the title of Colonel through his military service. He was an Indian spy and fighter, friend of Daniel Boone and served in the Revolutionary war in 1774. He served under many other Generals and was granted his commission of Colonel in 1795. He became a magistrate when the county seat was established on his property in 1790. He was elected to the legislature in 1795 and then became a judge of the Quarter Session. In 1816, Madison County ordered a portrait of him that hangs today in a courtroom in Richmond, KY. Richmond, by the way, was named after the city in Virginia.
- Information pertaining to the Red Brick House: David Geiger sent emails to Dwayne Jones inquiring about the fencing for the cemetery and also about the A/C situation at the Plumb house. Dwayne replied that the Plumb house A/C will be repaired shortly. Bruce Brock, owner of Walnut Grove, attended the RBH meeting and listened to the situation about Mark and the non-payment of taxes and his absence from the property. The RBH is concerned that the property will end up in a Sheriff's sale. Bruce said he had met with Mark when he was working there about a year ago. Bruce wonders if there was more to be done than Mark realized and since his funding has disappeared, he may not be financially able to do any more work.
- Judy Walden is planning on an auto trip from Virginia to Indianapolis and will be stopping in KY with hopes to visit the Fort Boonesborough State Park and will try to make contact with Tom Black, president of the Madison County (KY) Historical Society.

She will take either a printed copy of the Industrial Complex booklet or the proof to show him. We thank him for his kindness in providing the photo of the portrait of Sam Estill.

- Jeff suggested that we look into a Founders Day event with speakers, proclamation and presentation of the portrait of Col. Estill to the City Council. This was agreed to by all. Much work to be done to get this accomplished.
- Kelly suggested that we go on Facebook with what we are doing. There is already a Facebook site that we think was set up by Megan Montgomery several years ago. She is going to contact Megan for permission to use the site. Our Facebook entries would not conflict with what Shirley puts on hers.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Walden