

THE VILLAGE LOG

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Elections

The 1997 elections were held the first meeting in March. Burnett Butterworth, Carrie MacDougall, and Max Bailey were up for reelection. Max declined to run, but will remain an active member. In all, there were six nominees. Elected for terms of three years ending in 2000 were Burnett, Carrie and Shelley Pickrell.

In executive session, the responsibilities of the two top officials were divided as follows: Burnett Butterworth was elected President and chairman of the board and Sharon Kingan was elected Vice President and General Manager of the Village.

Village to Hire Administrator

Thanks to an anonymous donor and Miriam Lukens, we have been given a matching grant to be used for the employment of an administrator for the Village. Miriam has been the go-between, negotiating the grant agreement and heading up the effort to get the matching funds required to secure the five year grant. Hard work by a number of our members was required to secure the matching funds from outside contributors to secure the basic grant. As result of these generous contributions, we are now in the midst of preparing a job description and searching out candidates for the position. The Village is extremely grateful to our anonymous benefactor and all who have contributed generously to provide us the matching funds. THANK YOU ALL.

In preparation for the arrival of an administrator, it was determined that it would be best for the administrator to live at the Village in the caretaker's house. Doug Gibson tendered his resignation as caretaker so that we would have time to perform some badly needed restoration work that it was impossible to perform while someone was still living in the house. Doug has helped the Village for several year as the caretaker, providing security, grounds maintenance, and help at all festivals. Doug left us in early July and his presence is missed. We thank Doug for his years of service and assistance as a paramedic and fireman. We wish him and his family the best of luck and hope to see them on a regular basis on the years to come.

Kick-Off of Events for the Summer Season

We had two new events to start our summer season. The first, A Timeline Event was in April. It involved historic events, including the French and Indian War, from the 1700s to 1880. First person reenactments and military maneuvers were a major part of the activities. In spite of inclement weather, the event was a fine one and will be repeated next year. Mark Helpinstine, a Village member and trustee was the chairman of the event.

The second event, THE FAIR, was sponsored by Smoke and Fire News. Rick Duvelius, a member of the Village from Harveysburg, Ohio, chaired this event. The period was middle 1700s. It included period merchants, Royal Troops, a doctor, and a group of Woodland Indians. There were first person reenactments and live entertainment. Authentic period dress was evident as were their wares. Weather was kind and it was a big success. It also will be repeated.

Now you know that I am always far more prolific a writer than this. But, I was able to intercept and copy a report written by one of the soldiers guarding the Village and thought you would

rather read his report than read my ramblings. Oh course, Matthew Truffessus is none other than our Bart Redmon. So a thank you to Bart for this first person period account of The Fair.

From the Camp at Fort

Fredrick

First His Supreme Majesty George the Second King of England, brought law and order to this frontier settlement by graciously ordering the Commanding General of the Southern Dept. Lt Colonel Henry Bouquet to send a detachment from Gordon's company of the 60th regiment of Foote Know as the "ROYAL AMERICAN REGIMENT," to carryout this assignment and were to put themselves under the direction of the Fair owner Mr. Duvelius.

This detachment consisted of a Sergeants command of 10 men, and was accompanied by several wenches who follow the army, and who were to add sober and industrious as women on the roll book are to be.

This detachment was led by Sergeant Matthew Truffessus, who has seen service with the 20th regiment of Foot, commanded by Lord George Sackville, during the quiting of the highlands between 1752-1755. Also, he served in Sir Peter Harkett's 44th regiment of Foote during the Monognahelia campaign in 1755, and transfered into the 1st battalion of the 60th RAR in 1756.

Also present was Corporal Stewart Mackay, who was in the Mackay militia during the Pretender's rebellion, and was mustered into the 42nd Highlanders in 1754, and then into the Royal Americans in 1757.

The Muster roll listed the following rank and file

John Nash
Josiah Ashby
Sam Jump
Phillip Sheffer
Edward Elly
Charlie Howe
Joseph Alexander
Uriah Trunk
Brooke Edwards
Tommy Miller
Jason Jung-Sheffer
Nathen Jump (Camp-Color boy)
Nestor, Incogneto
Disstaff, sutlers, and washer women
Lilly Ashby
Libby Jump
Sutleress Gunn
Cora Jump
Zackariah Samual Adams (Camp kid)

Additional units consisted of a civilian surgeon in the pay of the British army.

A contingent of around 25 Longhunters, and also present were a group of Shawnees who were loyal to the British and performed a great scouting service the army, and brought in French Scalps to trade for various trade goods. One young indian was wounded and was carried back

by soldiers of the RAR, and was saved by the surgeon. The indians expressed there gratitude to the Surgeon, and all celebrated the young mans recovery. Also the RAR was able to recruit by the Parliments right to PRESS into service six able-bodied lads who were saved from a life as country farm laborers, and now enjoy (If they like it or not) a career in the army.

The Fair was peaceful; however, the Fair owner asked that a detachment expell one merchant who had a forged license, and this was handled quickly the same old style that troops of his majesty did for years in Scotland after the 45. (This was a programmed skit during the event) The solders were inspected, and the pay was issued out for the men and all fines levied. One recruit who expressed seditious comments against the King was forced to run the gauntlet six times until he felt the errors of his ways and proclaimed his devotion to the king, and our Commander in North America, Lord Jeffery Amhurst.

A fun event indeed, and much for soldiers of the king and Provincial units to enjoy. Our Respects and Huzza for Pioneer village, Smoke and Fire, the Money Grubbing Fair Owner, all those who gave there time to make it happen. Our thanks.

I remain

Your humble and Obedient Servant

Matthew Truffessus 60th RAR

Green-Up Day

The Village got a good start on spring cleaning with Green Up Day in April. The Hawkins House got a lot of tender loving care in the way of chinking from the Ameritech Pioneers. Another group took on the task of dismantling the old stone wall around the tree between the Mills House and the Head Shed. It took numerous sleds full of stone being hauled to clean up the area and move the stones closer to where they can be better used. Cleaning of the houses and grounds by many volunteers left the Village was in good condition for our first events. Again we appreciate all of the help from members and non members who worked hard to make the Village look so good. Thanks to Carrie MacDougall for chairing this event.

School Days 1997

Our School Days chairman, Don Richards, reports that we really had a good turn out for School Days this year with over 1000 students taking part. Considering the fact that the Village had rain again, this dramatic increase in attendance over last year is phenomenal. We can truly be proud of the volunteers who come out to put this activity on. While many historical sites are better known, few put on as good a program as our volunteers. We thank everyone who came out to help with this again this year.

Ol'e Tyme Music Festival

Those attending this festival saw a lot of changes this year. Seven of our buildings were staffed by new members thanks to their introduction to the Village during The Fair. With their help and that of many reliable long time volunteers it was possible to have all of our buildings staffed the entire weekend. This year the taste treats were cooked up and served by historic pioneers from open fires and off the hearths of our buildings. The front of the General Store was reconfigured to be an authentic 1700s store with old fashioned goodies, and the rear of the store supplying the wares public have come to expect from us. Of course the big focal point was that the focal point of the music had moved from the main stage to the Gazebo. Those ol'e tunes kept coming for two straight days from the gazebo, the main stage and around the grounds. In the Meeting House you could hear some beautiful gospel. Saturday, the weather was great and

everything came to a stop at 5:00 for all of the musician and staff to enjoy a meal together. We don't usually have home made ice cream for desert at the Village, but Mr Booth came through with a couple of ice cream freezers full of the finest this side of heaven.

Sunday was a outstanding repetition of the day before up until 4:30. Yes, you guessed it, a little late afternoon thunderstorm rolled in sending everyone for home a few minutes early.

"The June Festival Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation to those who volunteered their services in creating the superb music; those who cooked the taste treats; those who collected fees at the gate; those who served meals at the food booth; to the craftsmen and all others who helped us have a most successful festival. Without the volunteers there would be no festival. Viva les volunteers! Thanks to the Almighty for favorable weather. This festival committee was composed of Sharon Kingan, Miriam Lukens, John and Gwen Noftsgar, Ed Simpkins, Bob Sampson, Rosaleen Maloney, Carrie MacDougall, and Doug and Barb Allen.

Two Honored at Festival

At an early morning ceremony to open the Music Festival, Miriam Lukens was honored with the first ever award of the Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Trustee Emeritus Award for her lifetime achievements on behalf of the Village. Miriam received a beautiful plaque and a bouquet of flowers on the Gazebo. Miriam accepted the award by simply thanking everyone who has helped her in these endeavors over the years, saying there were others worthy of being honored too.

In a second presentation, Max Bailey was presented a plaque commemorating the naming of the gazebo the Bailey Gazebo. Max has been our main one man construction crew for quite some time. When ever there is a big job to be take on, Max is always up to the challenge. We appreciate his efforts and generosity of donated materials.

We also made a proclamation of gratitude for all who so generously contributed to our matching-funds drive in March and April. Recognition honoring our donors will be hung in the Toll House.

Help Wanted

Country Store keeper, Glenda Warman tendered her resignation as store keeper effective March 27, 1997. Glenda sited the reduction in the percentage received as store keeper and other good reasons for deciding to give up the store keeper position. In addition to keeping the store, Glenda provided telephone answering service, gave tours of the Village, and painted signs for the festivals. Sharon Kingan accepted the resignation with regrets on behalf attending many meetings because of conflicting Tuesday of the Village. We wish Glenda the best.

A search for a new store keeper has been under way. Sharon Kingan, Rose Maloney and family members have been helping run the store while we look for an permanent replacement. Among other ideas, we are considering leasing the store to Rick Duvilius, John Coffeen, and Greg Hudson who would like to make our store a walk back into the settling of Ohio.

Board Accepts Treasurers Resignation & Appoints New Treasurer

After two years or so, we have finally given up trying to convince Linda Steinbrugge to continue as treasurer. Linda willingly volunteered to help the Village out back in 1990 thinking she would just have the position for one year. Here it is 1997. Linda's job at the Court House has been

preventing her from evening sessions of the Court. Linda has done a splendid job of keeping the bills paid, and carrying out the responsibilities of the treasurer during festivals. We sincerely thank Linda for her years of dedicated service and look forward to seeing at Village functions wherever possible.

Replacing Linda as Treasurer is newcomer Kelly Maloney. Kelly comes to us with a strong background of business and funds control locally. We welcome Kelly.

Gazebo Construction Completed

Thanks to many long hours of work by Max Bailey and a lot of materials he has donated, the gazebo is completed. With one last week of hard work it was finished in time for the Ol'e Tyme Music Festival. We had a roofer put the wood shake roof on and Don Richard sanded and finish the floor as soon as Max finished screwing it down tight. This is going to make a great pavilion for the musicians and dancers and many other kinds of occasions

Village to Pay Tour Guides

In a effort to raise funds for the Village and make it feasible for tour guides to be able to continue coming out to the Village and provide this service to visitors, it was decided to charge a group \$2.00 a person for guided tours of the Village and split the income 50/50 with the tour guide. With the plan to split tour income, we hope to be able to interest more members into providing this service on a regular basis.

In Memory of KATHERINE M. SMART

It is with deep regret that we inform you that Mrs. Katherine Smart, wife of Harold Smart, a long time member, craftsman, and musician, passed away July 2, 1997. We extend our sincerest sympathy to her husband Harold and the entire Smart family.

Village Considers Mission Statement

In preparation for hiring a Village Administrator, it was recommended that the Village develop a mission statement to help focus the direction the Village wishes to take. Development of a mission statement would precede development of a strategic plan detailing how the mission statement would be implemented. Rebecca Marmora and Carrie MacDougall proposed developing a Village mission statement at the first meeting in July. Rebecca also presented research she had done to help in developing the statement. The idea of developing a mission statement was approved and a committee was appointed to draft a statement.

The committee submitted their draft to the membership at the second meeting in July along with a verbal recommendation for adoption. After some discussion, it was decided that the adoption of a mission statement was of such significance to the Village, that it should be available to the entire membership for consideration. To that end, we are herewith including information on this proposition. We hope that everyone will give the proposition due consideration and participate in the adoption. We encourage all members to attend our next meeting, August 12 at 7:00 at the INN to voice any concerns before the trustees vote on this issue.

The mission and purpose of the Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Incorporated, a non-profit organization, are as follows:

1. To preserve, restore, and maintain the historic structures of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village. (Preservation Function)
2. To foster, educate and promote a deeper understanding of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and its significance to the history of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier during its settlement from 1793-1812. This shall be done by means of research, exhibits, interpretive programs, primitive farming and any other appropriate educational techniques. Also included in this function is a provision for special events that will educate the public. However, these events will not change the permanent historic site. (Education Function)
3. To establish and maintain collections of objects, furnishings, books, documents and illustrations relating to the history of the settling of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier from 1793-1812. (Collection Function)"

On the Internet

Several of the Trustees have access to E-mail and if you would like to contact one or all of us by that means, our addresses follow. And if you have E-mail and wish to be added to our listing just E-mail me (Greg Knapik). If you would like to submit anything for inclusion in the Village Log, you may submit it to me personally, by "snail mail" (U.S. Postal Service), or by E-mail.

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