

Notes from June RCHS Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society, Inc. met at the Roane County library on Thursday, June 28th for their regular monthly meeting, with twenty-seven members and guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Greathouse, President. Phill Miller led the opening prayer and the pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Our special guests for the evening were Mr. Steven D. Hart of the Daniel Boone Chapter, Charleston, WV of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Mrs. Jaime Simmons, Research Specialist, WV Division of Culture & History, Charleston, WV representing the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Hart, dressed in Rev. War period attire, presented an interesting and informative program explaining items on display used in the day-to-day life & survival of a revolutionary soldier. He also told about the different chapters of S.A.R. and membership requirements. Mrs. Simmons, an expert on researching family lines to and/or from Revolutionary War soldiers, offered research tips, where to find proof of an ancestor's service and how to complete the forms for application to the societies.

In either case, to become a member of S.A.R. or D.A.R. one must have documented proof from oneself to the Revolutionary War participant.

Applications can be downloaded from WVSSAR.org or from NSDAR.org or one may contact Linda Cottrell Liss, historical society corresponding secretary, WVRoots@aol.com for application copies.

Items of business included the reading of minutes from the May 2012 meeting which were approved as read. The Membership Secretary's report reflected present membership at 205.

We are reminded that membership dues for the 2012-13 fiscal year are now due. \$12 annually. Make checks payable to Roane County Historical Society & send to P.O. Box 161, Spencer, WV 25276.

Motion was made and passed unanimously to provide 5-year subscriptions to the two county newspapers, The Times Record & Reporter, to the West Virginia Division of Culture and History Library in Charleston.

The proposal to purchase a sheet-fed scanner for R.C.H.S. use was tabled to next meeting.

We are also reminded about the Annual Genealogy Fair scheduled for Sat., September 22nd 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Heritage Center Community Building in Spencer. Reservations are now being accepted for table-space for vendors and others wishing to display family histories.

Programs for up-coming meetings:

July 26 " Show and tell. Each person attending is asked to bring an item, picture, etc. of personal or historic value or interest and tell about it.

August 23rd " The 18th century Shawnee leader Cornstalk will be portrayed by Mr. Dan Cutler of Milton, WV. This presentation is made possible through the "History Alive!" program of the

West Virginia Humanities Council. It will be educational in nature and hold the Shawnee Chief in highest regard using his own words, writings & speeches in a historically accurate characterization. Mark your calendars for these two important programs. Guests are always welcome.

June is typically the Roane County Historical Society's birthday month, serving Roane County for nineteen years, so the meeting adjourned with cake and ice cream being served to: Susan Tucker, Paul Hughes, Melissa Swisher, Orton Jones, Reva Paxton, Hazel E.C. Gandee, Mike and Shirley Hill, Dean and Pat Combs, Melba Starcher, Sandy Nester, Carol Cronin, Peggy L. Starcher, Bernard and Patty Wyatt, Phill "PJ" Miller, Denver Gandee, Robert Skinner, Johanna Nutter, Theresa Ann Boggs Parker, Carol Board-Westfall, Rick Greathouse, Linda Cottrell Liss, Valarie Hart and our guest speakers, Steven Hart and Jaime Simmons.