

Notes from RCHS August 22, 2013 Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society met Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library with 14 members and 1 guest present. Rick Greathouse, President, called the meeting to order and led an opening prayer. The pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the July meeting. They were approved as read. Carol Board-Westfall, Treasurer reported a balance of \$16,475.22. Copy filed for annual audit.

Linda Liss, Corresponding & Membership Secretary, reported that she had responded to inquiries and sent cards where needed. She reported the current membership at 202, a loss of four since July. Board-Westfall reported that she has been working on cataloging the Civil War book collection [140 books] donated recently to the R.C.H.S. library. She also reported the donation of the book "Over the Mountain Men" Montgomery/Fincastle Co., VA [1733-1831], and a copy of the book, "History of Roane General Hospital" have been donated to the library. Additional copies of the Roane General Hospital's history are \$10 each.

Plans are still underway for the Roane County Genealogy Fair scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at the Heritage Park Community Building in Spencer, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A "Listing of Roane County Cemeteries" has been made available. There are still many cemeteries in Roane County that have not been recorded. The society is considering publishing a Vol. Six cemeteries book if enough recordings can be received.

It was noted that the computer in the society's history room is very outdated and needs replacing. No decision made on this. The society provides a computer to history library patrons and makes Ancestry.com available to those visiting the library.

Further discussion took place regarding the RCHS managing Spencer's Depot Museum located at the Heritage Park. Note after meeting: The Executive Committee of RCHS will meet with Mayor Williams on Tuesday, September 17th to learn more about the museum and what would be expected regarding renovation and upkeep of the building and its contents.

Tucker reported that she has scanned "Volumes A-Z" of Roane County Births to DVD. The disks will be available at the genealogy fair in September, selling for \$50 each. The DVD's are user friendly and searchable.

Greathouse reported that our program guest speaker for the November 21st meeting will be Mr. Doug Wood who will present a historical presentation from his program repertoire. Subject to be announced.

The meeting concluded with Tucker showing how to use and search the Roane County Births DVD. Refreshments were served to Bernard and Patty Wyatt, Melissa Swisher, Rick Greathouse, Paul Hughes, Brenda Whited, Peggy L. Starcher, Reva Paxton, Carl E. Paxton, Phyllis Counts, Hazel Cottrell Gandee, Carol Board-Westfall, Susan Tucker, Linda Liss and guest, Julie Petrie Gallup. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library. Members are urged to attend and guests are always welcomed. For more information about society activities or membership, one may contact Linda Cottrell Liss at WVRoots@aol.com.