



Norton Cemetery Board Meeting

When: June 20, 2007 from 10:00am – 12:00 noon
Where: Norton Community Center
Attendees: Lisa Merrick, Violet Carr and Phyllis Arkett

We welcomed new member Violet Carr to our meeting. Her term began on 3/01/07 and will expire on 2/28/10. We gave her files to look over and a bound folder of previous minutes to read and to familiarize her with our board. She was updated on the Plaque Cemetery, possible charter changes, past research, mylar documentation and available research materials.

On April 21st Lisa, Violet, Paula Mularcik (Twinbrooks Garden Club) and her two sons came to the Norton Center Cemetery for the Norton clean-up day. Weeding was completed along the fence and around the sign. The city had already done plenty of work out there. On May 21 Paula let us know that one of her garden club members had agreed to maintain the two flower beds that they had previously put in, one at each cemetery. To date, both beds have been weeded. They requested mulch to spread on the flowerbeds. To date, mulch has been delivered to Norton Center and the city crew, met by Lisa, on June 12 had come out, weeded, trimmed, and did some mulching and edging.

Twinbrooks Garden Club also added more shade plants to the southeast corner of Norton Center Cemetery. We appreciate their efforts!!

Lisa obtained the records for the Emanuel United Church of Christ, "High Church", Doylestown, OH, Chippewa Township. We can use these records to help locate burials for people requesting help in finding loved ones. There are many familiar names in this record that are tied to Norton.

On April 27, 2007, Lisa found three more names to add the Fryman/Freyman family research. These names were passed along to Herbert Fryman of Tallmadge, OH. He had previously requested our help in locating any Frymans/Freyman's buried in our Norton Cemeteries and surrounding areas.

On April 27, 2007 Lisa went to the Barberton Library to help find more information on the Johnson family. Joanne Johnson of Anaheim, California had contacted us for information. No new information was found at this time.

In June, Lyn Rettos of Liberty Township, OH., requested information on the families of; Brown, Younker/Yonker, Croy, Henshaw/Hanshaw and Mix. Her main interest was finding information on Holland and Sumner Brown, both veterans and said to be buried in Western Star Cemetery. No headstones were found for either of these individuals. There is a headstone for Sarah, wife of Holland Brown, Nov. 10, 1861, 83 Yrs. There is a headstone to the left of Sarah's that is no longer readable. Holland Brown?? Lisa requested that Lyn look into the name of Abraham Brown. His headstone was brought down from the Plaque Cemetery and now resides in Norton Center Cemetery.

Maybe she can shed some light on his life here. In all, twelve pages of research were forwarded along to Lyn.

With each inquiry and research project, we are able to fill in missing links and make any necessary corrections to our records and publications. For instance, our Vol. I, burial records, for Summit County shows a question as to the spelling of Holland Brown. Apparently while reading the headstone, years ago, it was not certain as to the "H" in Holland or an "R" for Rolland. We now know that his name is Holland.

Other News

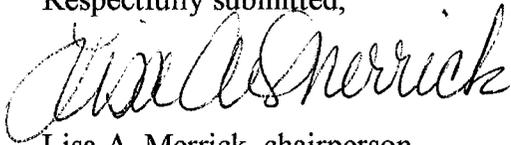
In a long roundabout way starting with the director of Hower House in downtown Akron, to the zoning director of New Franklin and finally to Bob Yoho of PPG, Lisa was able to obtain some long awaited and exciting news. Lisa talked to Bob and was able to finally get the records for the area that is PPG, Himelrigh Cemetery and abutted land of Dennis Lamb. According to PPG records, the cemetery lies in the southwest corner of PPG land known to PPG as "Parcel #25", but is not owned by PPG. PPG purchased this parcel of land in 1927 from O.C. Barber Endowment Company. The cemetery, ¼ acre in size, was an exception and was not conveyed to PPG in the deed. This deed is instrument No. 186381, recorded in Volume 1183 on page 297 in the Summit County Records. Now we will be able to actually pursue the mystery surrounding ownership.

On another promising note, as well as learning this new piece of information, Lisa has requested that PPG allow us access through their property and

possibly provide us with a foot gate into the cemetery. Bob, the plant manager and the property manager are going to personally go to the sight and discuss these possibilities.

Next meeting: not yet scheduled

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Merrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa A. Merrick, chairperson

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
CEMETERY BOARD
ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The following members were present at the Meeting of the Cemetery Board,

Held on: June 20, 2007

Lisa Merrick

LISA A. MERRICK

Darlana Wise

[Signature]

Violet Carr
~~Mickey Young~~

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