



In May we had several tours at the cabin and museum for children from Northeastern and St. Louis schools. Our stated purpose is education and preservation. We are doing a pretty good job so far. Watching these kids reactions as we explain how life was makes all the hard work worth it.

We had a lovely lady, Melissa Marlar, who came and sat on the front porch of the cabin with her spinning wheel, wool she had sheared from her sheep and the tools to clean it for spinning. She then demonstrated how thread was made, from the wool to the spindle. She also had on period clothes that she had made and answered the kid's questions about those. The students were fascinated with the whole process and asked question after question.

Our monthly open houses, scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, have not been very well attended. The weather has not cooperated. We had three openings with snow or freezing rain and one with temperatures in the nineties. Thanks to Edith for the cookies, Edna Mae for the lemonade and to Pat and Bob Titus, Delores and Pat Nielson for volunteering their time at the May open house.

We also want to thank Donovan Donahoo & Associates, our accountants, for a very generous donation.

We now have an electric outlet in the cabin. This makes cleaning and repairs so much easier. We can use a shop vac instead of a broom and dust pan and power tools, without having to run 200 feet of extension cord from the shelter house.

We have sold out of our Owensville history books. Before we reprint we need to make corrections and additions. If you are aware of corrections or additions, please call Edna Mae at 732-6358. She is chairing the updating committee. We hope to have the reprint done before the end of the year.

It's almost fair time again. Sharon Alsdorf has, as in the past, planed and organized. We do need to paint the inside of our building. If you can help please call Nancy at 625-8879. We will start arranging the work schedule to work in the building at our June 29th meeting. If you cannot attend, someone will call you with the open times. ..

After this year we no longer receive grant money from the county commissioners and are relying on donations to complete our furnishings at the museum and cabin. There are just a few things we still need; a small oak buffet and a six piece silver flat wear setting for the museum dining room and stoneware or pewter table ware for the cabin.

A few weeks ago my neighbor came running up my side walk, saying I needed to look in my back yard. To my surprise there was a cloud of honey bees. There were so many you could hardly see the can. As we watched they were going in and out of the can. They had found a home. I knew our friends and fellow society members were bee keepers, so I gave them a call. George took the whole can home with him and told me later he took three pounds of bees out of that can.

We all need to be like the bees and stay as busy as the bees. There are a lot of things we, as members, can do at the cabin and museum to keep it looking good and growing. So, when you can, please give some of your time. We need more than just a few doing the work.

We pray that everyone stays well.

Roy McLemore President

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WILLIAM SLOANE

Served four years in the war and was a bugler under Wayne in his Indian campaign of 1794. He was in the Pennsylvania line and was in the first Revolutionary regiment raised. He was the first settler in Wayne township, and in 1802 located on the farm now owned by John Graves.

DENNIS SMITH, SR.

came from Pennsylvania and was a captain in the Revolution, and for services rendered received a warrant for 500 acres in Stonelick, on which his sons, Joseph, Christopher and David, and his son in law, James Searles, settled. He never lived here, but returned after seeing his children all comfortably located.

EPHRIAM SIMKINS

was born in Orange county, New York, served under Washington, married Mary Chandler in 1781, and settled in Stonelick in 1805, on the farm lately owned by this son, David, near Belfast. He came west with Samuel Perin, the founder of Perins Mills. He had four children. John. David, Archie and Phoebe, wife of Ezra Williams.