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A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was good to you and your family.

Just a note—the 2nd newsletter of the year (the March/April 2008 edition of SCCOGS News) will contain our annual members research listing of surnames. Please make sure that your dues have been paid, as only those who are current members will be listed in and receive this issue. Also, as a reminder, when sending in your dues, please remember to include your email address and the surnames you are researching. We want to make sure our database is up to date.

Volunteer Researchers are needed. SCCOGS is in need of Volunteers to help with research requests. Some requests involve going to the local courthouse or library, while others simply need lookups from various books and publications, which you may have at your homes. If you would be interested in becoming a Volunteer Researcher, please email me at your earliest convenience at sccogsnews@earthlink.net. A listing of members who have volunteered is included on page 3 of this newsletter. A very special Thank You to those members—we appreciate your help!

The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is March 15th.

Joyce M. Sadler
Newsletter Editor



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Next Meeting—February 9th

The next meeting of SCCOGS will be Saturday, February 9, 2008.

At the time of the printing of this newsletter, information regarding the place of the meeting and speaker/topic were unavailable. Please visit our website at www.sccogs.com for updated information regarding the meeting or email Stan Tackett- charlesstackett@yahoo.com. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Special points of interest:

- Meeting—February 9th
- Check your expiration date!

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 newsletter, or visit our website.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

MINUTES—8, DECEMBER 2007—Submitted by Bunnie Bowman-Schaefer, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jan Edwards, with 17 members in attendance. Each officer and committee head gave year end reports.

Publication requests - 42. Research requests by mail - 14. From website, mail, and newsletter - 36. There were 9 genealogical material donations for publication in newsletter or to be put in our files.

Historian, Mary Flanagan: Newspaper articles and family reunions were put into chapters scrapbook which is now up to date.

Family History Day, Stan Tackett: Well attended. Many good comments. Letter from Andrew Feight was read.

Cemetery: Nile Township is ready to be published. Joyce Sadler made the motion to have it published, seconded by Stan Tackett. Motion carried. Porter Township is still being read. Stan Tackett will recheck on Memorial Burial Park for scanning burial cards for publication.

Pioneers of Scioto County - No applications for this year.

Nominating Committee, Jody Wright, Karen Humphrey: Slate of officers for 2008 was presented for membership vote. President, Jan Edwards, Vice President, Stan Tackett, Recording Secretary, Bunnie Bowman-Schaefer, Corresponding Secretary, Gladys Reynolds, Treasurer, Joyce Sadler, Publications, Pat Russell, Librarian, Jackie Journey. After discussion, motion was made by Molly Stroud to vote for the slate as presented, seconded by Karen Humphrey. Motion carried and members unanimously voted for above officers.

President, Jan Edwards, stated that they would be calling on members to volunteer for various committees.

No new business. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Social hour followed.



Picture of some of the members and guest who attended the October, 2006 meeting to find and transcribe Porter Township Cemeteries.

From Left to Right, front row, seated: Belinda "Bunnie" Bowman-Schaefer, Karen Humphrey, Sharon Ward.

From Left to Right, back row, standing: Jan Edwards, Molly Stroud, Gladys Reynolds, Jodi Wright. Not pictured: Barb Gampp, Jim Saddler.

Thank you for being a valued member of
SCCOGS!

Member Information

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QUERY

MATTHEWS, MITCHELL, DREW

Seek information and descendents of “Margaret MATTHEWS” (b. 1898, Scioto County), daughter of “William & Henrietta (MITCHELL) MATTHEWS”, who married circa 1915, Scioto County, Ohio, “Everett Austin DREW” (b. 1895; d. 1970, Portsmouth, Ohio). Records indicate they had the following children—all born in Portsmouth: **Jane**, b. c1917; **Martha** b. c1919; **Henrietta** b. c 1921; **Irving** b. December 13, 1921, d. 1990; **Phyllis** b. c 1923. Were there additional children? Whom did each child marry? Where did they reside? Please contact: Col. James E. Foster, USA Ret., 8006 El Dorado Dr., Austin, TX 78737-1343. Ph. (512) 288-0254.

DONATIONS—A Very Special Thank You To:

STROUD, Molly—Monetary Donation

VOLUNTEERS—The following members have volunteered their time to SCCOGS as researchers—Thank you!!

Gladys Reynolds, Jackie Journey, Jodi Wright, Alice Heddinghaus-Pearce, Belinda Bowman-Schaefer, Evelyn Baker, Linda Bombaci, Mima Vita, Molly Stroud, Sandra Haag-Hayden

**THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER
REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR ADDRESS
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MEMBERSHIP
EXPIRATION DATE!**



Biographical Sketch of Charles H. Sikes



Julie Ratledge-Sikes & C.W. Sikes
(Caption located at bottom of original picture)

The following was extracted from "History of Stanislaus County, California, with Biographical Sketches of The Leading Men and Women of the County who have been identified with its growth and development from the early days to the present. History by George H. Tinkham. Illustrated. Complete in one volume. Historic Record Company, Los Angeles, California, 1921. Pages 1105-1106." Submitted to SCCOGS by member Patricia Dysart.

Charles H. Sikes—It has been almost forty years since Charles H. Sikes first came to California, and during these years he has taken an active interest in the welfare of his adopted state. He is a man of ability and wide experience along many lines, although he calls himself a farmer, and has, indeed, been engaged in farming industries since, at the age of twelve years, he took charge of his plow and team of horses, and began to follow the turning furrow around the Ohio field. He is now one of the most prominent and influential business men of Ceres, where he owns eighteen acres of valuable land, improved with a handsome modern residence. He is actively engaged in the real estate business, is a director of the Ceres branch of the Oakland Building and Loan Company, president of the Ceres Telephone Company, and one of the city trustees, in which capacity he has served for two terms.

The son of **James and Lucina (Parks) Sikes**, natives of Massachusetts and Virginia, respectively, Charles H. Sikes was born in Ohio, at Columbus, where his father, a well-known educator, was engaged in teaching school. The father also owned farm lands, and for many years, the family resided in the country, where the young son spent his early youth, attending the Tickridge school near Columbus, and assisting with the care of the farm. He always like the outdoor life and at an early age became proficient in the care of the farm stock and in the discharge of farm duties, plowing as well as a man. After he reached the age of maturity he came West to Kansas, locating in Rice County, where he engaged in farming.

The marriage of Mr. Sikes occurred in Rice County, Kans., November 15, 1882, uniting him with **Miss Julia Elizabeth Ratledge**, a native of North Carolina, who came to Kansas with her parents in 1876. That same year the young couple determined to cast in their fortune with the pioneers of California, and bade farewell to family and friends and came West, locating in Shasta County. Here Mr. Sikes pre-empted land near Redding, owning in all 480 acres, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He met with much success and was for more than twenty-five years one of the best known cattlemen and farmers of the northern part of the state, and contributed much toward the development and upbuilding of these industries in that part of California.

It was in 1908 that Mr. Sikes came to Stanislaus County, where he has since resided. He leased the Carter ranch at Esmar from the Vilas brothers and farmed there for two years, meeting with merited success. In 1910 he purchased his present home place of eighteen acres at Ceres, which he has vastly improved and brought under a high state of cultivation and development.

Mr. and Mrs. Sikes are both very popular personally with a wide circle of friends, as is also their daughter, **Miss Alta**, the youngest of a family of four, and the only one still remaining under the parental roof. Of the others, **Clarence W.** is married to **Miss Annie Carlson** and resides in Modesto; **Glen**, married to **Miss Jessie Boyd**, is a merchant in Medesto; and **James W.**, married to **Miss Julia Mall**, is a rancher at Keyes. These three sons are all prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of their respective communities, all native sons of California and enthusiastic boosters.

Since coming to Ceres, Mr. Sikes has done much toward furthering the development of all industries in this section of the county, and has been active in many ways for the improvement and upbuilding of Ceres. His association with such projects as the Ceres Telephone Company has served to give Ceres an excellent telephone service, while in all his activities as a realtor he has kept the best interests of the community ever in the foreground. Politically he is a Republican, standing firmly for party principles in national issues, but eliminating party and factional lines in local affairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sikes are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ceres and are prominent in church and social circles, and community activity.

***Pedigree Charts for the above named individuals are on file in the holdings of SCCOGS. These pedigree charts were also submitted by member Patricia Dysart.*

Biographical Sketch of Charles Craigmiles



Advertisement

The following was extracted from "The Portsmouth Blade—Industrial Edition, Saturday, August 6, 1898, Vol. 22, No. 53" Submitted to SCCOGS by member Terry Minch.

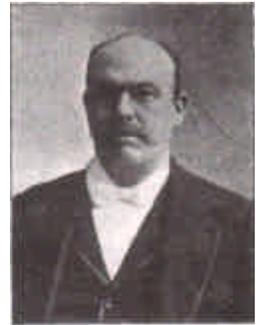
When **Charles Craigmiles** came to this city from Ohio Furnace in 1878, he took a position with the old Portsmouth Street Railroad Company, but after a few months engaged with the original transfer company, the members of which were the late **Orin Murfin**, **W.S. McCollm** and **T.T. Yeager**. These gentlemen were succeeded by Craigmiles & Kehoe, and later by Mr. Craigmiles himself, who has been conducting the business alone since 1894.

Mr. Craigmiles was the first man to introduce the covered moving car in Portsmouth, and so successful was he in handling furniture without scratching or subjecting it to the bad weather with the first car that it became necessary to build a second van to handle the local business of moving furniture. His stables and a cut of his car appears on this page.

In addition to the work of moving household furniture, pianos, etc., Mr. Craigmiles has a number of other wagons suitable for any kind of transferring, such as screw wagons for hauling heavy weights, platform, sand, coal and other sorts of wagons, and, having grown from two teams to fourteen, is conclusive evidence that his work has been satisfactory, and that he enjoys the confidence and patronage of the shippers. Not only is he a careful and clever transfer man, but one who has the ability to attend even to larger interests, and recognizing this ability, he was nominated on the Republican ticket and elected Street Commissioner for the city in the

spring of 1897, which office he has filled with signal success and won the plaudits not only of his own party, but of all fair-minded citizens.

Since assuming the duties of the office of Street Commissioner the street cleaning department has been placed under his supervision, and this work too, has been carefully attended to, and the streets are kept in much better condition than ever before.



CHAR. CRAIGMILES, JR.



For substantial worth, and as a citizen who is doing his share to build up the city of Portsmouth, none rank higher than Charles Craigmiles, of The Portsmouth Transfer Company, whose picture is here presented.

This only proves what has often been demonstrated before: that one may, by persistent effort, rise from the humble position of the great industrial masses, to one of responsibility and trust, honored of his fellows and respected by all classes. History records many instances of this advancement against apparently adverse fate, and the heroes crowded with the laurels of deserved praise. It will not do, therefore, to say that we are altogether the creatures of circumstances—we must meet the circumstances half way, and take advantage of our opportunities; in other words, take the tide that comes in the affairs of all men at its flood, and follow it to fortune.

Mr. Craigmiles is proprietor of a coal yard corner Gay and Thirteenth Sts., where orders for anything in his line will be executed.



THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT- OUR CITY FATHERS—1898

The following was extracted from "The Portsmouth Blade—Industrial Edition, Saturday, August 6, 1898, Vol. 22, No. 53"

Submitted to SCCOGS by member Terry Minch.

Like all municipalities the city of Portsmouth has its legislative and executive departments. The city is divided into seven wards, and from each ward two councilmen are elected.

Perhaps never in the history of Portsmouth has the city had a better all-around Board of Councilmen than the fourteen members who have looked after the legislation for the past two years, some of whom are to be continued, whilst others are succeeded by new members elected last April. The council has been, first of all, economical; has made many needed reforms and put them into practice; in fact has been a model Council in many ways. Their successors are among our most progressive business men, and will doubtless keep up the good record already made, and work for the interest of the city.

The council is made up largely of representative business men. **Joseph Bratt**, of the First ward, is a valuable employee in the counting room of M.B. Gilbert & Co. His ward associate, **Geo. Wymer**, is one of the progressive shoe employees, and is very popular with his associates.

In the Second ward, **Ben. H. Dillon** is secretary and treasurer in the Wait Furniture Co., and a progressive and wide awake business man. **John G. Neill**, of the same ward, is secretary and treasurer of the Neill Stove Co., one of the oldest concerns in the city.

The Third ward is represented by **Leslie C. Turley** and **C.C. Seebohm**. Mr. Turley is president of the Kentucky Fire Brick Co., and is a business man of unusual promise, with a bright future before him. He is president of the council as shown in the accompanying illustration. As presiding officer of this legislative body, he is very popular. Mr. Seebohm is a partner in the firm of Seebohm & Co. He is an active worker for the city's interest, and always has the courage of his convictions.

Melvin D. Funk, of the Fourth ward, is foreman in the lumber concern of H. Leet & Co., where he has been for many years, and is a faithful and valuable employee. **Frank Kellar**, of the same ward, is a young business man, and for a time was in the flour and feed business. He also represents the Fourth ward.

Jas. S. Lynn and **Jas. O. Selby** are councilmen of the Fifth ward. Mr. Lynn is a foreman in The Portsmouth Shoe Co. Mr. Selby is a foreman in the factory of Drew, Selby & Co. He has charge of the mechanical department of the factory.

P.H. Harsha, of the firm of Harsha & Caskey, represents the Sixth ward, with **George M. Osborn**. Mr. Harsha is a business man of ability, and is well liked by the constituents of his ward. Mr. Osborn was Probate Judge for six years. He is one of the leading lawyers of the city, and a valuable man in the city's legislature. **Carl Huber**, editor of The Correspondent, with **Chas. Calvin**, represents the Seventh ward. Mr. Huber takes great interest in municipal affairs and makes a valuable public official, as all newspaper men generally do. Mr. Calvin is a moulder by trade, and ably represents the industrial classes.

The council is composed of Republicans except Geo. Wymer, in the First ward,, and Funk in the Fourth.



SCCOGS PUBLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE

History of the Lower Scioto Valley	\$65.00	\$5.00 S/H	1870 Census Index	\$7.50	\$2.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Wayne Twp	\$2.00	\$2.00 S/H	Greenlawn Cemetery Inscip-tions—Vol. 1—1800's—Printed	\$25.00	\$3.00 S/H
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1850 Census Index— Madison Twp	\$5.00	\$2.00 S/H	The Early Settlers of Scioto County	\$12.00	\$2.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—City of Ports-mouth	\$12.00	\$2.00 S/H	Union Twp Cemetery In-scriptions	\$8.00	\$2.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Morgan Twp	\$3.00	\$2.00 S/H	Washington Twp Ceme-tery Inscip-tions	\$8.00	\$2.00 S/H
1850 Census Index—Bloom or Por-ter Twp	\$6.00	\$2.00 S/H	ABC Early Land Records of Scioto County	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
1850 Census—Green Twp	\$7.50	\$2.00 S/H	Pioneers of Scioto County—CD	\$12.00	\$2.00 S/H
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1820 Census of Scioto County	\$8.25	\$2.00 S/H	Clay Twp Cemetery Re-cords	\$11.00	\$2.00 S/H
Bloom Twp Cemetery Records	\$22.00	\$2.00 S/H	The Story of Portsmouth—by Elmer B. Sword	\$11.00	\$2.00 S/H
Fringe Area Cemetery Listings	\$6.00	\$2.00 S/H	Green Twp Cemetery Re-cords	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
Madison & Harrison Twp Cemetery Records	\$14.00	\$2.00 S/H	Porter Twp Cemetery Re-cords	\$16.50	\$2.00 S/H
Piatt Funeral Home Records	\$19.00	\$2.00 S/H	Holy Trinity Cemetery In-scriptions	\$4.00	\$2.00 S/H
Scioto County Obituaries—Printed—Vol. 1 or Vol. II or Vol. A-B-C-D	\$12.00	\$2.00 S/H	Scioto County Obituar-ies—CD— Vol. 1 or Vol. II or Vol. A-B-C-D	\$10.00	\$2.00 S/H
Leonard Sly, from Ohio to Califor-nia	\$19.95	\$2.00 S/H	The History of Greenlawn Cemetery	\$11.95	\$2.00 S/H

We have Canal Society Books for sale—however I have not been provided with information regarding them or the cost of the publication.

The Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meets every other month on the second Saturday, beginning in February. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year (January 1st thru December 31st). Membership includes six newsletters with free queries, as space permits. The Chapter maintains a collection of research materials, which are held in the Portsmouth Public Library Local History Department, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

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