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A Note From The Editor

Hello Members,

We hope this issue of *SCCOGS News* finds you and your families doing well.

I would like to take a moment of your time to share something personal and to ask a favor. As we research our past to find information about our ancestors, please take a moment to live in the present and let your friends and family know how much you care about them.

My world was turned upside down on March 17, 2011—the day I lost my Daddy. The man who was my very best friend and my confidant, my everything. I have no words left unspoken to him, nor no guilty feelings of regret for something that I “should” have done or said. My Daddy knew how much I loved him as I knew how much he loved me. But I sure would like just one more day with him, just because. To me, he was one in a million—the true definition of a man and the very, very best father a daughter could ask for.

So take just one moment to turn to your family and friends and let them know what they mean to you. Speak the words, so you too, will have no regrets.

This issue of *SCCOGS News* is largely dedicated to the Kinney Cemetery. We hope you enjoy these articles.



Robert Troy Slack
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Joyce M. Sadler
Newsletter Editor

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Special points of interest:

- Meeting June 11th

Next Meeting—June 11th

The next meeting of SCCOGS will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robert Copley Meeting Room of the Portsmouth Public Library.

The featured speaker will be Mr. Ernie Bouyack and Ms. Ann Sydnor who will be speaking about their trip to Germany including Portsmouth's Sister City!

We hope you will attend. Bring a Guest!

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Something Interesting

LORD'S PRAYER IN CHEROKEE

o-gi-do-da ga-lv-la-di-he-hi
Our Father, heaven dweller,

ga-lv-quo-di-yu ge-se-s-di de-tsa-do-v-i
My loving will be (to) Thy name.

tsa-gv-wi-yu-hi ge-sv wi-ga-na-nu-go-i
Your Lordship let it make its appearance.

a-ni-e-lo-hi wi-tsi-ga-li-s-da ha-da-nv-te-s-gv-i
Here upon earth let happen what you think,

na-s-gi-ya ga-lv-la-di tsi-ni-ga-li-s-di-ha
The same as in heaven is done.

ni-da-do-da-qui-sv o-ga-li-s-da-yv-di s-gi-v-si go-hi-i-ga
Daily our food give to us this day.

di-ge-s-gi-v-si-quo-no de-s-gi-du-gv-i
Forgive us our debts,

na-s-gi-ya tsi-di-ga-yo-tsi-na-ho tso-tsi-du-gi
the same as we forgive our debtors,

a-le tla-s-di u-da-go-le-ye-di-yi ge-sv wi-di-s-gi-ya-ti-nv-s-ta-nv-gi
And do not temptation being lead us into,

s-gi-yu-da-le-s-ge-s-di-quo-s-gi-ni u-yo ge-sv-i
Deliver us from evil existing.

tsa-tse-li-ga-ye-no tsa-gv-wi-yu-hi ge-sv-i
For thine your Lordship is,

a-le tsa-li-ni-gi-di-yi ge-sv-i
And the power is,

a-le e-tsa-lv-quo-di-yu ge-sv ni-go-hi-lv-i
And the glory is forever.

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Amen

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We Appreciate You!
Thank you for being a valued member of
SCCOGS!

2011 SCCOGS Photos



At Left: President Mima Vita speaks to members and guests at the April 2011 Meeting

Below: David Huffman speaks at the April 2011 Meeting.



Below: SCCOGS Members and Guests attending the April 2011 Meeting.



To Right: Jodi Wright poses with her 1971 Pontiac, which she drove in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, representing SCCOGS. President Mima Vita served as "co-pilot".



CHARTER MEMBER DIES

Emma Childers Reilly

Emma Childers Reilly, 103, died Monday February 28, 2011 in Columbus. She was a Charter member of the Scioto County Chapter of OGS, and active committee member for many years. In November 1983 she invited society members to meet at her home on Second Street. The minutes of the meeting reported that her "home was filled with antiques throughout and is fantastic Mrs. Reilly's sheepdog, Catfish, was also in attendance and seemed to enjoy the afternoon with such a lively group of ladies. "

Emma Reilly was born in Kentucky, but lived in Portsmouth for over 70 years. She was a long time member of Second Presbyterian Church, the DAR, and SCCOGS. Her family tree will show three daughters, 8 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

QUERY

Seeking information on James Burnett from Ireland who died somewhere in Indiana July 1856. He married Phebe Graham in 1853 at St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church in Hamilton County, OH. He had a business partner, Phillip Kelley, also from Ireland. They were contractors with the Springfield, Urbana & Pittsburgh Railroad. They built bridges across the Ohio and Scioto Rivers. Kelley died in Portsmouth in 1900. Any information would be appreciated.

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Upcoming SCCOGS Meetings

August 13, 2011

Mr. John Hogan and Ms. Jill MacDonald from the 7 Nations Celtic Club of Southern Ohio on Celtic heritage.

October 8, 2011

Mr. Lynn Grimshaw on Ohio cemetery laws.

December 10, 2011

Ms. Carrie Eldridge on Trails That Made Portsmouth Important.

QUERY

Seeking specific grave location at Old Kinney Cemetery of Elsie Rocliffe Hall and picture of marker. Also, seeking picture of Elsie and P. Kinney Hall.

Elsie married P. Kinney Hall on February 15, 1904 in Portsmouth. She died March 7, 1944 in Gallipolis.

Thank you.

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Kinney Cemetery Burials

These inscriptions for Kinney Cemetery were sent to us by Marguerite Ramsey, who in turn had received them from Martha Birchum of Chickasha, OK.

*Denotes Parents

First burial on Clingman Hill, John Michael Clingman, 26 Oct 1734 Ger.—26 Jan 1816. Capt. Rev War, Norumberland Co., PA Militia

*Aaron Kinney 10 Oct 1773 PA—10 April 1857

*Mary Clingman Kinney 9 Jan 1778 PA—21 August 1849

Infant Girl 29 August 1823—September 1823

Rachel Kinney Dodson Bickley 9 December 1809—30 March 1868

*Elizabeth Kinney Ross d/o Geo. Wash. Kinney, 29 February 1824—28 October 1889

*Samuel Randall Ross 8 April 1819—20 March 1919

Anna Randall Ross 1851—1936

Mary Ross

George H. Ross 1855—?

Martha Ross

Charles W. Kinney s/o Geo. Wash. Kinney 1826—26 August 1861

*Elizabeth Kinney Gates 2 October 1800 PA—26 September 1869

*Wilson Gates 12 November 1792—3 August 1849

Edwin Gates 1822—22 August 1823

Aaron Kinney Gates 9 January 1825—21 August 1867

Washington Kinney Gates

Peter Kinney Gates

*Ann Eliza Kinney Cady 6 January 1802 PA—3 October 1885

*David Knight Cady 31 May 1794—23 April 1867

Cleveland Cady 1825— 1825

John Clingman Cady 1832—1834

Wilson Gates Cady 1836—1837

Anna Eliza Cady 1838—1839

Rachel Ann Cady 1840—1841

*Maria Kinney Tracy 2 July 1804 PA—23 October 1886

*Charles Oscar Tracy 4 August 1804 NY—19 October 1855

Ann Elizabeth Kinney Tracy Inf.

Charles Tracy

Van Der Lyn Tracy 1829—1860

Persis Tracy 1839—?

Mary Emma Tracy

*Margaret Kinney Hall 16 February 1808 OH—21 September 1864

*William Hall 7 July 1800—17 June 1869

William Oscar Hall 1831—1832

Faneuil Hall

Kinney Cemetery Burials—Continued

*Henry Hall 1829 –1911

*Caroline Clark Thompson Hall w/o Henry Hall 1833– 1918

Peter Kinney Hall 1866– 1932

George Wilford Hall 1853 –1917

Alford McFarland Hall

Elsie Radcliffe Hall w/o Peter Kinney Hall 1879—1944

*Nancy Kinney Walker 19 November 1811 OH—3 October 1885

*James McClure Wlaker 29 February 1808 WV—31 July 1895

Aaron Kinney Walker 1845—1851

Rachel Dodson Walker 1851—1851

Joseph M. Walker

Sarah Ann Walker 1848—1851

James Bickley Walker 1855—1857

Charles O. Walker 1857—1857

Rev. John Walker

*Henry Richie Kinney 2 July 1815 OH—8 November 1904

*Mary McNairn Kinney 11 May 1824 Scot.—30 August 1886

Joseph McNairn Kinney 1844—1845

Mary Clingman Kinney 1845—1854

Sarah Ann Kinney 1849—1954

Harry Elwell Kinney 1852—1881

Josephine Kinney 1856—1925

Isabel Kinney 1858—1946 last person buried in cemetery

Aaron Kinney

Polly Kinney *Twins* 1861—1861 aged 3 months

*Sarah Ann (Sally) Kinney Renshaw 23 April 1817 OH—7 March 1905

*John Renshaw 1804—29 January 1896

Mary Kinney Renshaw 1849—1852

Samuel Renshaw 1860 –1865

Jesse L. Renshaw 1858—1859

Jacob Clingman s/o John Michael Clingman 19 January 1768 PA—?

Charles Scarbrough Clingman s/o John Bright Clingman 1838—?

Clara Nickells Lodwick d/o Polly Kinney Gates Nickells & Samuel P. Lodwick

James Lodwick (prob. Husband of Clara Nickells Lodwick)

Burr Lodwick (prob. s/o Clara & James)

Marcus Kirland Bingham

Mary C. Kinney d/o Geo. Wash. Kinney & Mary Bright Kinney

Caroline Carroll

Jacob Lewis d. 1872, s/o Anna Maria Clingman Lewis & John Andrew Phillip Lewis (Ludwig) was visiting from Philadelphia.

From Veterans Grave Registration in Records Office:

John M. Clingman 17 Oct. 1734 Ger.—26 Jan. 1816. Army Enl 13 Jan 1776 served til end of war. Capt. 2nd BN 8th Co. PA.

William Hall d. 17 June 1869 War of 1812, Army Pvt 1813-1914 3rd Co. Militia

Henry B. Hall 11 Oct. 1829 OH—d 26 June 1911 National Bridge, Mexico. Army Pvt. Enl 5 Nov. 1847. Co E 2nd OVI

Samuel R. Ross 8 April 1819 Oxford NY—20 March 1919. Army 2nd Lt, Co H 15th US Inf. Enl 7 Nov 1846, re-signed 30 May 1849. Mexican War.

Grave Discovery—Man Finds Tombstone in his backyard

From the Portsmouth Daily Times

When Brent Hobbs set out Sunday to clean some leaves and tree limbs and debris from a patio area in his backyard, he had no idea he would discover a 153 year-old grave marker.

“It’s a headstone, maybe a footstone? Has to be.” said Hobbs, who lives at 1203 24th St. He said he discovered the marker after he had to move his board and trailer in order to accomplish his cleanup work.

About a third of the foot high stone was buried in the ground. The stone, located at the foot of a wooded slope, didn’t fit into its surroundings. When he managed to work it loose and turn it over, he saw the chiseled letters that read: “Sarah A. Kinney, Jan 20, 1846—July 1, 1854.

“A little girl, just 8 years old” Hobbs said. “I have two children, and to think that a child is buried here somewhere....well, that’s very disturbing for me.”

He’s contacted the county engineer’s office and officials at Greenlawn Cemetery in an effort to find out if there was any evidence or record of an aged cemetery located in the area. So far, no one knows anything for sure.

The hillside behind his house where he found the marker slopes away toward the city reservoir at the top of Sunrise hill. The reservoir is perhaps on-fourth to on-half mile away.

Hobbs wonders if perhaps a cemetery was there 150 years ago and was desecrated in some manner.

Or, is the grave actually located there at the bottom of the slope in the edge of his backyard?

Or was the stone marker placed there more recently? And why would it have been placed upside down?

The name and dates chiseled into the stone are remarkably well-preserved to be more than 150 years old.

Hobbs is hoping someone can come up with an explanation of the story of the mysterious marker is publicized.

He said he has no plans to do any digging in the area.

Anyone who knows of any old graveyards that once were located in that area can call Hobbs at (*phone number intentionally omitted*).



Brent Hobbs, of Portsmouth, discovered this grave marker while doing cleanup work in his backyard.

No Longer Forgotten



From The Portsmouth Daily Times 03/08/08

The old Kinney Cemetery was filled with life Monday, a sunny, breezy day when the late afternoon temperature reached 70 degrees.

About 20 people, including descendants of the Kinneys and the Clingmans, and member of the Scioto County Historical Society, were on hand as Brent Hobbs and Jerry Howe wheeled the small headstone of Sarah Kinney up the hill on a dolly, through an opening in the old brick wall, and up to the spot believed to be the girl's gravesite.

Hobbs and Howe moved the 75-pound stone into place. Hobbs stepped back, brushed his hands back and forth one against the other, and sighed.

"That's a good feeling," he said. "It's always good to feel a sense of closure."

On Tuesday, though, he was having doubts about whether Sarah's grave was up there, inside the wall, or had she been buried at the foot of the hill?

After a hard rain Tuesday, he found, right near where Sarah's stone had been discovered, another stone—this one of Mary Kinney, a 5 year-old who died the same day as Sarah.

"It just looks to me like, as close as those stones were to each other, that those two little girls—probably sisters—had been buried right there where I found the stones," Hobbs said.

Hobbs said he had no idea where the Sarah Kinney stone came from when he found it Feb. 17 in his backyard at 1203 24th St. It was partially buried at the foot of a wooded slope. The chiseled letters and numbers told him Sarah Kinney had been born in 1846 and died in 1854.

He had lived in the area only seven months and had no idea that at the top of that hill was the Kinney Cemetery. A story about his "mysterious" gravestone in the *Daily Times* Feb. 22, brought lots of response from readers and solved the mystery, or so it was thought, of where the stone came from.

Longtime residents say the graveyard was struck 25 or 30 years ago by vandals, who apparently dislodged Sarah Kinney's stone and rolled it down the hill toward Hobbs' house. It had remained hidden there in the leaves and brush until Hobbs decided to clean up the area behind his backyard patio.

The Aaron Kinney Homestead, known as the "1810 House" because that's when Aaron Kinney built it, stands three-tenths of a mile south on Waller Street, which ends on 24th Street, near Hobbs home. Leah Campbell, president of Scioto County Historical Society, said she almost could hear the wheels of the past creaking as the horses and funeral carriage brought another family member up to their final resting place. Cemeteries in the past often were located on hilltops, probably because of the proximity to heaven. From Sarah Kinney's gravesite, one can look away to the west and see the Scioto River as it sparkles in the run.

200th Anniversary of the 1810 House

Special events planned during celebration year

1810 House marks 200 years

The Kinney Homestead is celebrating 200 years during 2010.

The Kinney Homestead, known as the 1810 House, is operated as a local monument by the Seabrook County Historical Society and Keepers of the 1810 House. The 1810 House, the oldest house in Portsmouth, is located at 1926 Walker St.

Aaron and Mary Kinney came to the area in the very early 1800s and purchased many acres of land north of the new settlement of Portsmouth.

He chose the site for their home because of the natural spring that flowed in the east side of the dwelling.

The basement was dug and the clay used for making the bricks. Large limestone blocks were to line the basement. Bricks were completed before they began and wood was used from the clearing of the land of ash, walnut and pine trees.

The brick layer of the day was very thorough, the walls are four bricks thick and over the windows, the bricks are arranged in a gable arches for extra support.

When it was finished there were four rooms, two up and

two down. We still have the original doors and the home faced north. Each room had a fireplace and it was ready for occupation in 1810.

Possibly it was because of the extra bricks that two more rooms were added in 1913, one upstairs and one downstairs. Later these were divided into a small hall room on each level. Each of these had a fireplace, and the lower hall was equipped with cotton doors.

In 1823, a small summer kitchen was added on the north side. This is the only room to ever have running water, a pump, bringing spring water into the house.

Three generations of Kinneys have resided in the house. The last being Josephine (d. 1925) and Isabel (d. 1846). A niece, the daughter of Henry Kinney and granddaughter of Aaron and Mary, gifted her aunt with a remodeling, changing the front from south to west, facing Walker Street. At this time, 1913, a new front door and a porch with four large pillars were added. Inside, a front stairway was constructed.

Now, the house has six rooms, three hallways and



As a two story in 1813, the front of the 1810 House was changed from the south to face west, facing Walker Street. At this time, a new front door and a porch with four large pillars were added.

fireplaces in every room.

In 1947, the Seabrook County Historical Society was organized and members obtained possession of the house. All items in the house have been donated and this before 1946. Only the decorations and rugs are exceptions.

During this celebration year special events are being planned. Local artist's paint-

ed eggs of the house will be for sale.

The house will be open from May to December by volunteers and by appointment.

Volunteers for cleaning and hosting the house are always needed. If you would be interested call Sue Burke at (740) 354-1621 or the Welcome Center at (740) 354-1116.

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Private Burying Grounds Now a Thing of the Past*From the Portsmouth Blade, Saturday Nov. 26 1910*

Private burying grounds within the city limits or adjacent thereto will in all probability soon be a thing of the past as they are disappearing the city encroaching on them.

In earlier times there were quite a number of such homes were wide apart and lands were cheap and plentiful, wealthy persons, especially those having large landed estates would have a private graveyard or burying ground, as such were known. One of the earliest of such places was the one established just north of the city on the Henry Kinney lands in 1840. The grounds are surrounded by a four foot brick wall in which a tablet is set which states that it was erected by the children of Aaron and Mary Kinney. There are not to exceed 25 or 30 graves in the burying ground, it not having been used to a great extent in the late years. Col. Peter Kinney, P.C. Kinney, Henry C. Kinney and others of that family having been buried in Greenlawn. Among the largest monuments in the grounds are those of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kinney, who were born in the latter part of the Seventeenth century. There are members of the Lodwick, Ross, Renshaw, Tracy, Gates, Cody and other families closely related to the Kinneys. Most of the monuments were made by Charles Worht, who up until late in the 60's conducted a business place at Fourth and Market streets and who died only recently and whose remains were brought here for burial. Kinney's burying ground is far removed from the roadway and even now is difficulty of access. It is almost on the summit of a high hill and adjoining it is the Briggs burying ground, small but like the Kinney, kept in good condition. The Timmonds burying ground on Kinneys Lane and just north of the newly opened Timmonds addition has been abandoned for years. Recently the remains of Moses Gregory, who was buried there, were removed to Greenlawn. There are but few monuments in good condition, the majority being broken or have fallen and partly buried in decay.

Tidbit

*From The Portsmouth Daily Times— May 21, 1936***May Repair Cemetery Wall**

The city is making an esitmate on the cost of repairing the wall at the old Kinney Cemetery at the head of Waller Street. The wall has been crumbling for some time.

Cleanup scheduled for Kinney Cemetery

From the Portsmouth Daily Times

Jerry Howe lives on 24th Street in Portsmouth and at the top of the hill behind his house lies Kinney Cemetery, the place where many members of the Kinney family and other settlers of Portsmouth lie sleeping. Like many old cemeteries in Scioto County that haven't seen a burial in more than 50 years, Kinney lies mostly forgotten and neglected.

Howe has taken it on himself to clean the cemetery during the past two years. Now he says it's grown up with weeds and saplings again, a fallen tree lies across some graves, and home of the bricks in the old wall surrounding the cemetery have fallen out. "I want to put out a call for a few volunteers to help me, volunteers with some chainsaws, axes and rakes." Howe said. "There's not all that much to do. With some help we can get done with it pretty quick. Anyone showing up to help should wear long pants and shirt sleeves." How has set Sunday, Nov. 9 for the work, with volunteers to meet at 9 a.m. at the city reservoir at the top of the hill on Sunrise Avenue. The cemetery is a short distance across the field from there.

In February, Brent Hobbs, who at the time lived two doors down from Howe, brought the Kinney Cemetery to the public's attention again when he discovered the tombstone of Sarah Kinney—who, according to the inscriptions on the stone, was born in 1846 and died in 1854—at the foot of the hill in his back yard. She was one of the few Kinneys to be buried outside the graveyard wall. A story about his find that ran in the *Daily Times* caught the attention of Kevin Logan in Columbus. "The stone that Mr. Hobbs found is part of the Kinney Cemetery. There really is no mystery about it, it has just been forgotten." wrote Logan, a Portsmouth native. "The cemetery is as much a part of Portsmouth history as is the 1810 House." Logan has special ties to the house, and to the cemetery. His great-great-great-great-grandfather Aaron Kinney (Oct. 10, 1773—April 10, 1857), built the house. "When I was much younger, my grandfather, Donald Porter, took me up the hill to the cemetery." he said. "For a time we had it cleared and visible. That was many years ago. I can only imagine the overgrowth by now." He said Kinney family members were buried on the hill, which was a part of the family farmland. "Quite a few of the Kinneys are in Greenlawn (Cemetery), but prior to that they were buried on the hill."

Howe researched the history of the cemetery and took much interest in seeing it cleaned up again. In the summer of 2007 he took a hand sickle, a hatchet and a hoe and cleared much of the brush away from the old stones, many of which are on the ground. He has obtained a plat that shows there are 78 graves in Kinney Cemetery, within the ancient stone walls, and another 15 or 16 graves in the Briggs Cemetery, which lies outside the wall. His research shows the oldest grave in Kinney Cemetery as that of Capt. John Clingman, an officer with the Northumberland Military in the Revolutionary War. He was born in 1736 and died in 1816, according to the dates chiseled on his tombstone. He enlisted in 1776 and served until the end of the war. He was a captain in the 2nd B.N., 8th Co., Pa. Howe said the last person buried in the cemetery was Isabel Kinney, the last of the family to live in the 1810 House. Her tombstone carries a death date of 1946.

Cindy Neal, an amateur genealogist, who lives in Lucasville, said her great-great-great-great-grandfather, Uriah Barber, is buried on the hill. Her research shows him with the distinction of being the first Scioto County military veteran buried in Scioto County. Howe said Barber's grave lies just outside the wall.

He said Kinney Cemetery was struck by vandals 25 or 30 years ago. Some headstones and grave markers were damaged or overturned.

Lincoln Elementary, Kinney Spring have historical marker

From the Portsmouth Daily Times

Lincoln Elementary hasn't had students in five years, and Portsmouth citizens haven't taken a drink from the Kinney Spring in more than 30 years. Now it will be much harder to forget either Portsmouth landmark.

A group of citizens came out Sunday to celebrate the dedication of an Ohio historical marker commemorating the school and the spring, which were razed in 2003 to make room for the new Southern Ohio Medical Center Cancer Center. Ohio Bicentennial Committee member Judy Ross and former Portsmouth mayor Greg Bauer handled much of the legwork of getting the marker placed at the corner of Kinney's Lane and Waller Street in downtown Portsmouth. "We weren't able to save (Lincoln Elementary and Kinney Spring), but it's important that we acknowledge and celebrate these parts of Portsmouth's past," Bauer said. "The structure standing in (their) place provides a great service and its an architectural marvel".

SOMC, along with the City of Portsmouth, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission and Portsmouth City Schools, sponsored the \$2,020 needed to fund the marker.

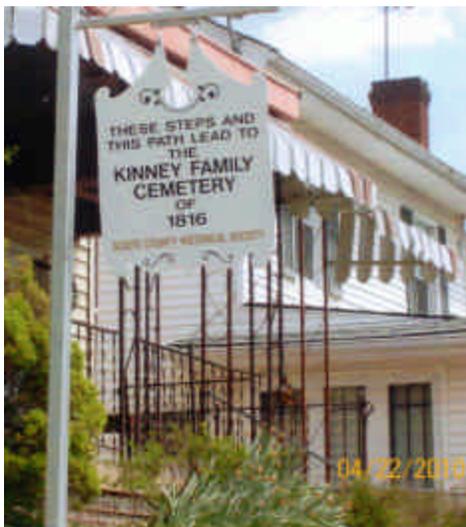
Lincoln Elementary opened in 1914, then on of 11 public schools in downtown Portsmouth. In 1953, Lincoln became the first integrated elementary school in Portsmouth. Lincoln closed in 2000, three years before it was demolished.

The Kinney Spring was on a tract of land owned by early Portsmouth resident Aaron Kinney, who's house still stand at 1926 Waller St. The second part of Sunday's dedication took place at the Aaron Kinney House and it was the rededication of the Kinney Spring plaque that was on the shelter house at the spring, which was built by the Jaycee's in 1962. The plaque was stolen from its original home, according to Jaycee's representative Leroy Hackworth, who unveiled the plaque. A group of teenagers allegedly stole the sign, which weighs nearly 120 pounds and took it too Livingston & Co. on US Route 52 in Portsmouth to sell for scrap. "They loaded, lugged and tugged that thing all the way down there and tot it to Gary and Larry Livingston." Hackworth said. "Basically they told them they could just leave it, or they could sell it and (Livingston) would call the police. Naturally, the kids were smart enough to leave it."

Years of grime had caked on the sign, and after it was cleaned up, it was returned to the Jaycee's. Hackworth felt strongly that it should be placed behind the Kinney House, near where they Kinney Spring was before it became public in 1914. When the Kinney Spring became a public spring, pipes were run beneath Waller Street to put it in a more accessible location. It served as a public drinking source through the years, drawing long lines, especially in times of crisis like the 1937 flood. The health department closed Kinney Spring down in 1972 because of corrosion in the spring's underground tanks, according to Ross.

Another project announced Sunday was the Restoration, Identification, Preservation of Public and Private Cemeteries, a not-for-profit organization being organized by Stan Tackett. As indicated by the organization's name, it will focus on restoring and beautifying cemeteries. The group has 20 volunteers for its first two work days, clean-ups of the Kinney Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on June 18 and July 9. By mid-July, Tackett said, they group's website should be available at RIPPCC.org.

Pictures of Kinney Cemetery—as it was in 2010



Eli Kinney House - Genealogy Crossword

Letters to the Editor—The Portsmouth Daily Times—August 18, 1999

To the editor:

We have recently learned that the members of the B.P.O.E. (Elks) plan to demolish their city club building on the southwest corner of Court and Fourth streets. Plans call for a modern one story building to be erected on the property.

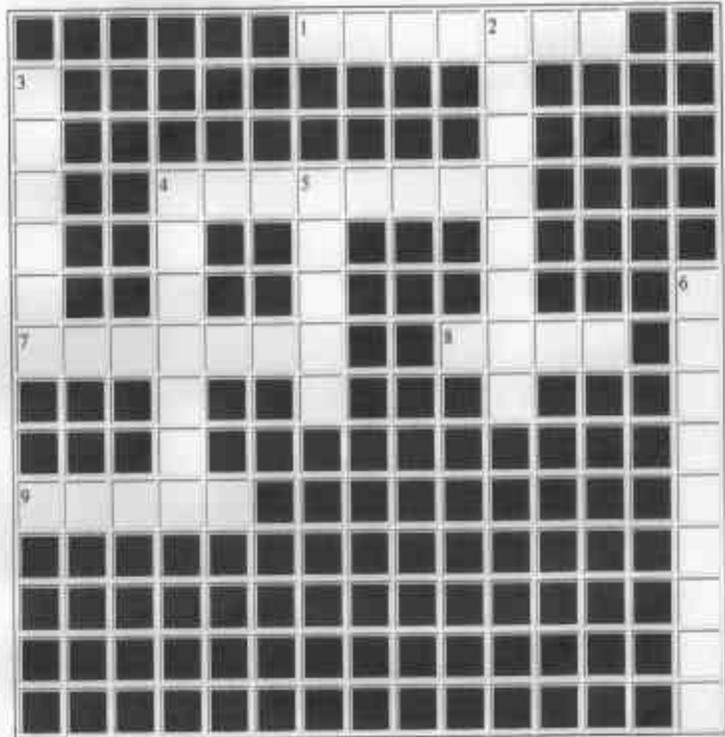
With all due respect, we wonder how many members, as well as area residents are aware of the historical significance of this home. It was built in 1849 by Eili Kinney, the ninth child of Aaron and Mary Kinney, early pioneer settlers in the area. Eli married Martha S. Lodwick, and set up housekeeping in the east side of a double brick at the rear of All Saints church. When he had saved enough money the house was built and he and his family resided there until their move to Cincinnati. He was a businessman, the founder of the Portsmouth Branch of the State Bank of Ohio and was its first cashier. In 1849 he also served as a city councilman. This house is the "gateway" to the Boneyfiddle area and is a tourist attraction. It seems a shame not to be proud of our historical heritage and try to preserve such buildings as other communities have done, e.g., Chillicothe and Columbus.

We would ask the Elks members to give consideration to alternate ways to making the house more convenient, perhaps the installation of an elevator or chair lift, and if at all possible to preserve this historic building, built by one of Portsmouth's earliest settlers. This is part of Portsmouth's history.

Members of the Scioto County Historical Society

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Genealogy Crossword



Across

1. PUBLIC RECORD
4. LINE OF DESCENT
7. FAMILY NAME
8. PROPERTY DOCUMENT
9. QUESTION OR INQUIRY

Down

2. ON COMPUTER LINE
3. POPULATION COUNT
4. AN EARLY SETTLER
5. ALPHABETICAL LIST
6. GRAVE MARKER

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