

Goshen Historical Society  
August 1, 2023

More than 20 people turned out for the first local history meeting since January 2020. Refreshments were supplied by Goshen Home Extension Club members Bernadette Boyle and Betsy McCoy.

Russell Gayer called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm. He introduced himself and asked each individual in attendance to stand, tell a little about themselves, their interest in history, and share any item they'd brought for show and tell.

David Tankersley shared a story about starting a new 4H Club in Goshen in the 1980s(?) This inspired a discussion on the history of 4H in Goshen. The first Goshen 4H Club was formed in 1953. Clifford and Oleta Dutton served as leaders, Dallas Hale and Charles Langham were members of the early club.

The Dutton family was well represented by Jim Dutton, Shirley (Dutton) Salsbury, Jerry Dutton, Danny Dutton, and Jim's daughter, Belinda Stout. Shirley told about moving back to Goshen as a 10 year old in 1948. They had left the comforts and conveniences of California behind and moved into an old house with a dog run and no indoor plumbing or running water. Baths had to be taken at the creek or in a cold spring.

Jerry Dutton traced their family back to arriving on the Mayflower. One of the early Dutton men was an outlaw in the Northeast, considered equal in fame in that area to Jesse James years later.

Betsy (Morris) McCoy brought the original land grant for a plot of land near Mayfield. The grant was to William Allison, signed by President Ulysses S. Grant, and dated June 13, 1876. Mr. Allison was an ex-Confederate soldier who had fought at the Battle of Prairie Grove.

A few generations later, Betsy's father purchased a house and acreage on that property. The document is in great condition and includes an affidavit from Allison's daughter.

Debi McDonald brought a newspaper clipping that her mother had saved, dated Wednesday, March 28, 2012. (The clipping does not include the name of the newspaper.) The article is a series of stories from women who witnessed Civil War battles. One of the ladies featured was Mary "Polly" Hash Clark. The Hash family moved to the Richland Creek area near Goshen from Illinois in 1836 when Polly was nine years old. She married Cyrus Clark whose family was also one of the first to settle in this area.

Teri Wilson brought a photo of Lillie Swift, wife of Dr. Charles Swift and daughter of B.F. Little, Washington County Sheriff during Reconstruction.

She also brought a portrait of J. P. K. Tisdale. Mr. Tisdale served in the Union Army 24<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry in the Civil War. He was Darrel Tisdale's grandfather(?).

Jacob Brewer brought a collection of artifacts he found locally. Arrowheads, bullets, and a tie-holder featuring the Masonic emblem. He asked if there were old homeplaces in the area where he could search for more artifacts.

Trisha Beland is the historian for Sons Chapel and invited anyone interested in the history of that community to drop by and tour the chapel.

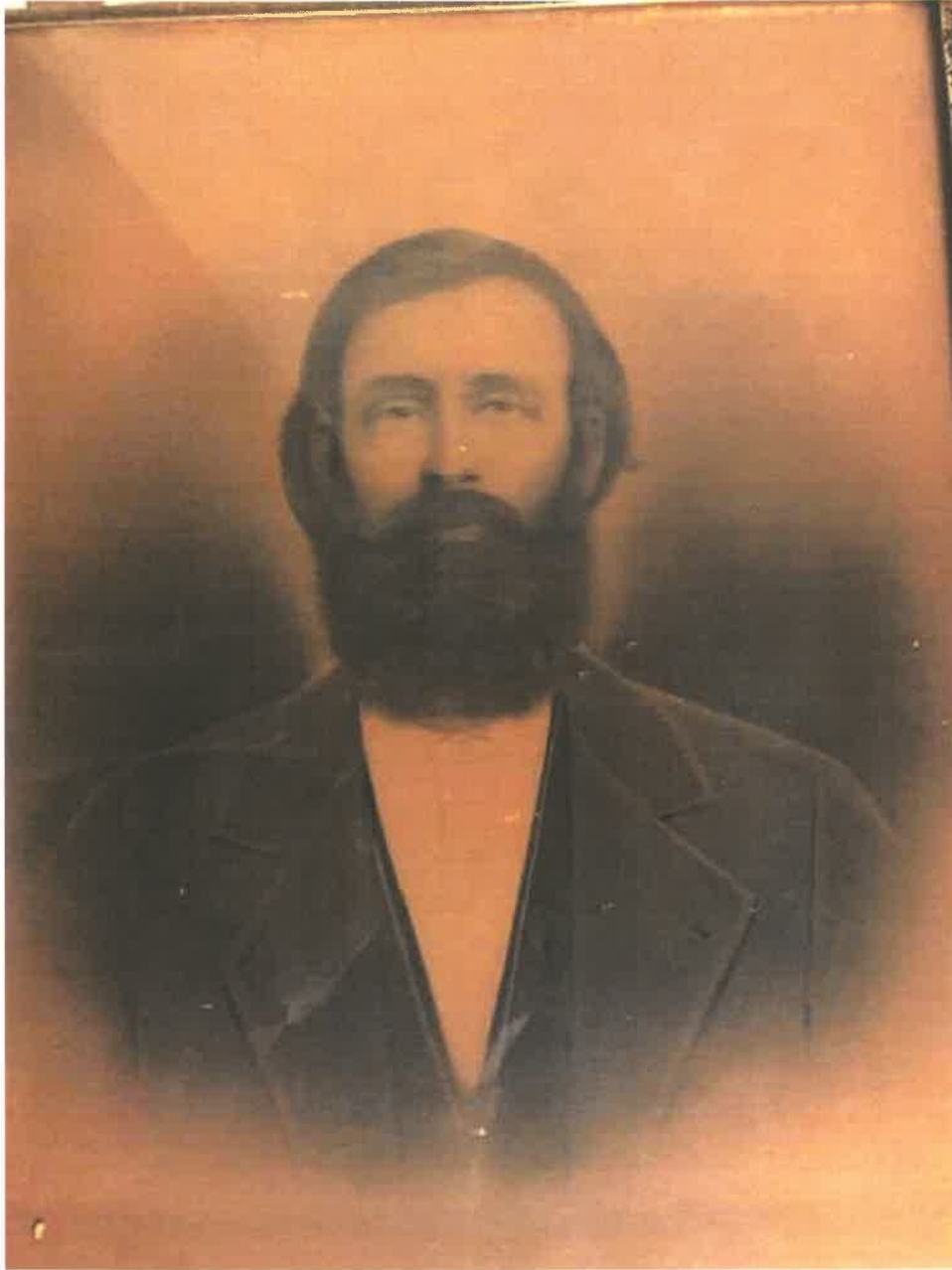
Butch Pond shared a poignant story about how neighbors came together and put up his first cutting of hay one year when he had a broken leg. A great example of the spirit of our community.

Charles Langham brought a copy of a photo of the Habberton Bridge. A horse-drawn buggy was crossing the bridge in the photo. He also had a photo of a local Indian Scout that was taken on Mount Sequoyah. The copies were made from photos courtesy of Travis Spalding.

Dallas Hale shared some family history on both the Hales and his mother's family, the Cates.

Other attendees also shared stories and enjoyed digging through the maps, photos, and other archived items that Russell Gayer brought.

The meeting concluded with Russell encouraging everyone in attendance to write down their family stories for future generations.



J.K.P. Tisdale



Lillie Swift, Wife of Dr. Charles Swift, and daughter of B.F. Little



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Patent Certificate No. 1258  
APPLICATION 2267

Whereas There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Proclamation of the  
Register of the Land Office at Carroll, Kansas whereby it appears that pursuant to the title of Congress  
approved April 20th 1850, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Lands," and the various supplemental thereto, the claim  
of William Allen has been established and duly recognized, in conformity to law, for the  
County West Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section Twenty three, and the West East Quarter  
of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty four in Township Sixteen North, of Range  
Twenty eight West, in the District of Kansas subject to sale at Carroll, Kansas containing  
Eighty acres

according to the Official Map of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General,  
You have given that there is, therefore, granted by the U.S. District Court under the said William Allen  
the tract of Land above described. To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances  
thereunto in full and complete fee simple to the said William Allen and to his heirs forever.

In testimony whereof, I Abraham Lincoln President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made  
Public, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this Twenty day of June in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Forty six and of the Independence of the  
United States the Forty hundredth.

BY THE PRESIDENT, A. S. Grant  
W. C. Coker Secretary  
W. C. Coker Register of the General Land Office

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