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### *Old Settlers of Wild Rose Prairie*

————— *the history of* —————

*George Lewis Coffin*

&

*Pleasant and Samantha Madden*

by

Peter Coffin

*The following article first appeared in 2007's issue of  
The Reports to the Clayton ♦ Deer Park Historical Society — Volume Four.  
It's being reprinted here to assure the wider distribution  
this material deserves.*

... the story of George Lewis Coffin ...

Homestead records show that in the late 1880's, my great-grandfather, George Coffin, patented (applied for ownership of) the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 27 North, Range 42 East WM, southwest of Wild Rose Prairie, and west of the present Spokane/Steven county line. Even though the record officially lists a George "S." Coffin as the patentee, no such name appears in the 1887 cen-

sus of the Spokane Falls area. The name George "L." Coffin does appear — so I feel safe in assuming that the "S" is a typographic error.

George Lewis Coffin was an 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendent of Tristram Coffin — Tristram having immigrated to the American colonies about 1643. George was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 1830, in Vestal, New York, and grew up in a farming community in the southern part of the state. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1857,



**George Lewis Coffin**  
— late 1800's —

*Photo from the Peter Coffin collection.*

George married Cynthella Tompkins. They took up farming in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where two children were born — Charlotte Mackey in 1858, and George in 1863 — though the boy died less than a year later.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1862, G. L. Coffin enlisted in the Union Army — and was entered on the roll as a Private in the Pennsylvania 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 162<sup>nd</sup> Volunteers. In the autumn of 1862, the 162<sup>nd</sup> Volunteers were assigned to the Grand Army of the Potomac.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, 1862, great-grandfather was listed as missing after a skirmish near Occoquan, Virginia (*see the sidebar to the right*). Next, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1863, his name appeared on a roster of prisoners being held in Richmond, Virginia. Then it was rec-

#### **Regarding Tristram Coffin.**

*Tristram Coffin was born to a well-to-do family in Brixton Parish, near the city of Plymouth, Devonshire County, England, in 1609. About 1643, after his home was seized by Oliver Cromwell's men, he left for the Massachusetts colony — taking his widowed mother, his wife, five children, and two of his sisters with him.*

*The family moved around New England for a number of years, involved in the brewing of beer, inn keeping, sawmills, and operating a ferry service. But, as one source states, Tristram's family finally moved to Nantucket Island — to get away from the "meddlesome Puritans."*

*Among the first landowners on Nantucket, various sources state that Tristram and his sons eventually owned approximately one fourth of the island. At the time of his death in 1681, Tristram Coffin had produced seven children, and they had, in turn, provided him with sixty grandchildren.*

#### **Skirmish at Occoquan Creek, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1862.**

*Copied below is the first paragraph of a lengthy letter posted in the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1863 edition of "The Bradford Reporter," a weekly newspaper published out of Towanda, Bradford County, PA." The letter, dated March 1, 1863, was written by Private Peter F. Clark, Quartermaster Corps, 17<sup>th</sup>, Pa. Cavalry, while posted at "Camp Acquia, Church, Virginia." It describes the author's participation in the war up to that point.*

*"Mr. Editor: A little space in the columns of your paper would be very acceptable to me and a good many of the soldiers in this Regiment from Bradford County. Company D., (Captain C. H. Ames) of our Regiment is the only Company of Cavalry that was raised in the call of Gov. Curtin for three Cavalry Regiments raised in the Keystone State last summer. The fight at Occoquan last December was an unfortunate affair for Companies D, C. & I. They were left at Occoquan (when we marched from Washington to Stafford Court House) to stand picket and guard duty until relieved by some other detachment. The rebel Stuart, however, found out their nest and drove them back over Occoquan Creek. After the fight, the three companies, C. D. & L, three hundred strong before the fight, could muster only 160. The three companies have been with us of late, and their ranks look considerably thinned to what they were when we started from Washington to the land of Dixie."*

*H. P. Moyer's "History of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry," — first published in 1911 — lists Private George L. Coffin as being enrolled in the above noted Company D.*

orded that he was 'paroled' back to the Union Army on the 6<sup>th</sup> of that same month.

Records also indicate that George Coffin was wounded sometime during 1863, but was back serving with his unit by December of that year. After attaining the rank of Corporal, G. L. Coffin was mustered out of the Grand Army of the Republic on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

My great-grandfather kept a diary of his service during the Civil War. When I was about 12 or 13 years old, I saw the journal in a bookcase at the home of one of my aunts. Sadly, someone loaned the book out, and it

never came back.

In 1869, the family purchased 80 acres of land near Kirksville in northeastern Missouri. The total cost, 800 dollars. In 1875, G. L. sold the land for 1,800 dollars. Census records indicate that the family continued to live in the Kirksville area until after 1880. During their time in Missouri, three more children were added to the Coffin family; Rosa Katy in 1870, Warren Lewis in 1873, and Elden Corey in 1875. The eldest daughter, Charlotte Mackey, married a young Missourian and stayed in that state while the rest of the family moved on to the Washington Territory in the mid 1880's.

They may have traveled by railroad or stagecoach, since the family's oral history has no accounts of travel by wagon train, but regardless of the mode of transportation, the family name appears on the 1887 Washington Territorial Census, registered in the Spokane Falls precinct, with great-grandfather's occupation listed as farmer.

In 1895, daughter Rosa Katy married John Jones of Wayside.

In the beginning, George Coffin's sons worked as 'teamsters' — hauling logs to lumber mills in the Wild Rose area. They also doubtless helped their father apply for his Wild Rose Prairie homestead patent.

In 1896, son Warren died of unrecorded causes. He was buried in the Wayside Cemetery.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 1897, George and Charlotte's son Elden Corey mar-

**The Wild Rose Methodist Church.**

*Clipped from the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1892 edition of the Spokane Chronicle.*

Articles incorporating the Wild Rose Methodist church, of Wild Rose prairie, were filed at the auditor's office today. The incorporators are W. N. Lewis, P. W. Madden, Dell Weger, G. L. Coffin, Scott Huston, W. A. Weger and George Smith.

**George L. Coffin's Obit.**

*Clipped from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1924 edition of the Deer Park Union.*

**VETERAN RESIDENT PASSES**

George L. Coffin, 94 years of age, and a resident of the Wild Rose Prairie for practically 36 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John J. Jones, on Sunday, death resulting from advanced age. He came to this district from Rosalia, where he had settled when first coming west, and has lived here among the pioneers of Wild Rose Prairie since that time. He was one of the last of the veterans of the Grand Army in this part of Spokane county, having served through that conflict with honor as a cavalryman. The children who survive his death are a son, E. C. Coffin, living in the Big Foot Valley, west of Clayton, and two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Jones of Wayside and Mrs. C. Dean who is now residing in Missouri. There are also a number of grandchildren. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Wild Rose, which was crowded by friends of the family, and interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

The deceased was a preacher in the Methodist church and for 25 years gave his time to his ministry in Williams Valley, Wayside and Wild Rose until old age compelled his retirement.

ried Katherine Lizzie Madden — daughter of a family that first arrived in the Wild Rose area in 1895.

Great-grandmother Cynthella passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 1889. She was interred in the Riggs Pioneer Cemetery north-east of Rosalia.

In Spokane, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1890, George Coffin, applied for his Civil War pension.

Great-grandfather Coffin continued to live in the Wild Rose, Wayside, and Big Foot Valley areas until his death on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1924. At the time he was living with his daughter, Rosa Katy Jones. He was put to rest in the Wayside Cemetery, next to his son, Warren. Rosa Katy was later interred nearby.

Family legend says that Great-grandfather was a Civil War chaplain. His pay records, which are kept in the National Archives, make no mention of duties as a chaplain.

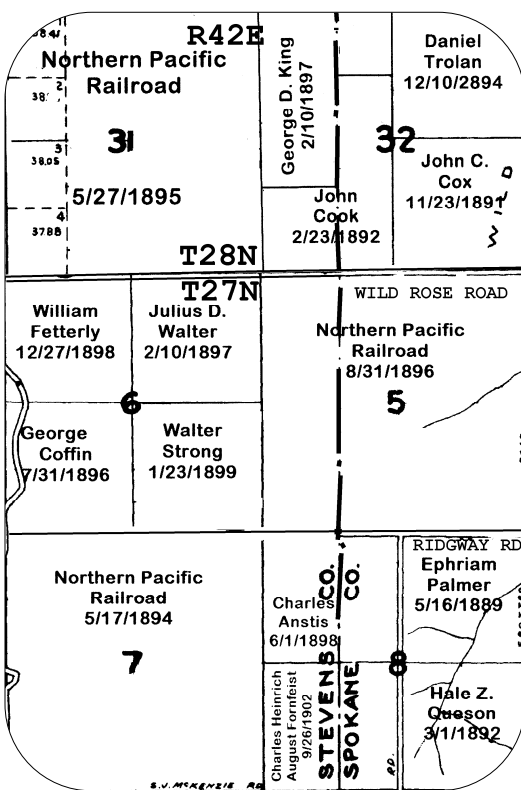
My father, Elden Frank (Jack) Coffin, had many memories of his grandfather — none of them favorable. He recalled that his grandfather's religious fervor required that no hot food be prepared on Sundays, and that the family spend most of the day kneeling in prayer. When my father was 14, he had a caustic disagreement with his grandfather about this Sunday tradition. After that argument he found someplace else to be on any Sunday the "old man" was around.

Most of this information has been collected from census records, Civil War records, various courthouse records, and other public sources. Other details are drawn from my recollections of the stories my father told me.

... Pleasant & Samantha Madden's story ...

Pleasant Madden was born March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1847, in Green Township, Morgan County, Indiana. His father, Anthony, was of Irish extraction, and his mother, Elizabeth Davis, was of Native American stock. By 1860, Pleasant's mother was living as a widow on an

**Location of the George Coffin Homestead.**  
(SW/4 Section 6-TWP 27 North-RGE 42 East).  
Map courtesy of Peter Coffin.





*Pleasant & Samantha Madden  
 — late 1800's —*



*Photo from the Peter Coffin collection.*

Indiana farm, and still managing to care for her three children — Pleasant, a sister Nancy, and a brother, Andrew. In the spring of 1861, Elizabeth remarried, this time to E. V. Poore (also spelled Poor or Pore in census records), a North Carolinian who worked as a laborer on a nearby farm.

Census records indicate that by 1870 the family had moved to Illinois, though still

employed as farm labor. Pleasant had left by this time, and was living in Washoe County, Nevada, where he worked as a woodcutter for the Comstock Lode mines.

Pleasant Madden rejoined the Poore family in Illinois in the early 1870's. While there, he met and married Samantha Lewis. Their first child, Edward Lewis Madden was born in 1873. And then, Alice Belle in 1875, and Katherine (Kate) Lizzie in 1877.

In the late 1870's, the extended Poore and Madden clan moved to north-central Kansas. Pleasant's sister, Nancy, married, and settled in another part of Kansas.

Pleasant and Samantha added Julia to their family in 1880. And one of Pleasant's nieces, Lillian Gill, also joined the family group.

While the family was living in Nebraska, Scott (1882) and Frank William (1884) were born.

Sometime after Frank was born, the Maddens joined a wagon train headed for the Washington Territory. A story handed down from my grandmother, Katherine Lizzie, said Indians stopped the wagons and demanded that the women cook pies. After the warriors were fed, they allowed the wagons to continue.

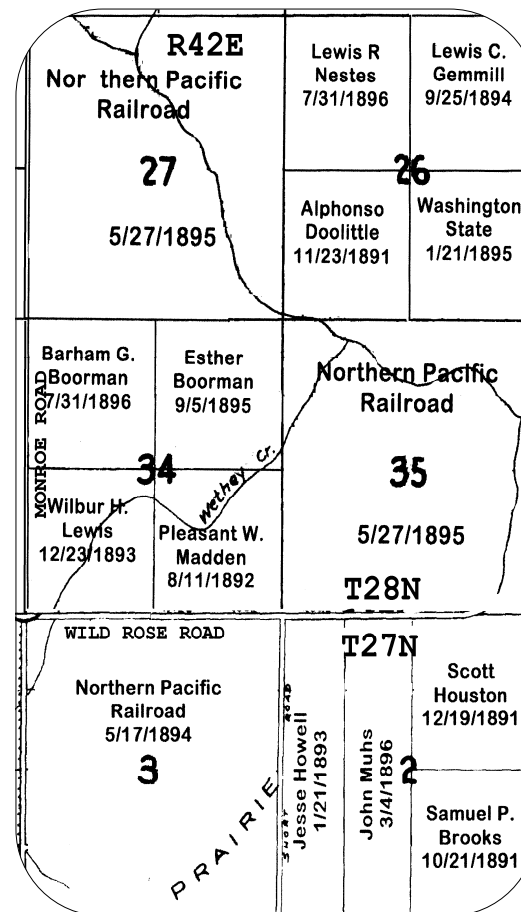
Pleasant W. Madden, his wife Samantha, and their six children arrived at Wild Rose Prairie in the spring of 1885 — a year after the Poore family. After settling, five more children were added to the Madden brood. Jenny arrived in 1886, followed by Maude Grace in 1888, Howard in 1890, Florence Edith in 1897, and Chester in 1901.

Homestead records show that on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1892, Pleasant was issued title to the southeast quarter of section 34, township 28 north, range 42 east WM.

According to my mother, Pleasant developed heart trouble late in life. He died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 1907 and was laid to rest in the Wild Rose Community Cemetery. His stone stands on the west side of the grounds.

Many of the Madden children married into the families of other Wild Rose set-

**Location of  
 the Pleasant Madden Homestead.**  
 (SE/4 Section 34-TWP 27 North RGE 42 East)  
 Map courtesy of Peter Coffin.





### P. W. 'MADDEN PASSES AWAY

Well-Known Resident of the Deer Lake Vicinity.

LOON LAKE, Wash., July 6.—P. W. Madden for 21 years a resident of Wild Rose prairie, south of Deer lake, died suddenly in his tent on the shores of Deer lake, where he was camping, at 6 o'clock this morning, the cause being heart failure. Mr. Madden had not been feeling well for several years, but of late and especially the night preceding his death remarked how well he felt. He slept well last night, but early this morning his wife noticed he was breathing in a peculiar manner and being unable to arouse him sent for Dr. Slater of Deer Park, who responded at once in his automobile, but found that death had been almost instantaneous.

The deceased leaves a widow and a large family of children, the greater number of whom are grown. The funeral will probably be held Monday at Wild Rose prairie.

#### *Pleasant Madden's Obit.*

*Clipped from the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1907 edition of the Spokesman-Review.*

ters. Alice Belle married Carl W. Newman. Katherine Lizzie married E. C. Coffin. Julia married Robert J. Hutchins. Scott married Bertha Yingst. Frank married Ida Belle Gifford. Jenny married Eugene Woodard (not of the Lillian Gill Woodards). And Maude married Walter Hutchins.

In addition, Pleasant Madden's niece, Lillian Gill, married Fred D. Woodard.

Sometime after Pleasant's death, Samantha purchased a house on South Main Street in Deer Park. To support herself, she turned the home into a boarding house. She lived there until her death in April of 1937.

My father, Elden Frank (Jack) Coffin, purchased this house in the early 1940's, and that's where I grew up. Over the years the



*Photo from the Peter Coffin collection.*

#### *Samantha Madden.*

*Outside her Deer Park home in the mid-1930s.*

house changed hands and fell into disrepair. In 2004, as an exercise for the Deer Park Fire Department, the house was burned down. The ground on which Samantha's house once stood is now a parking lot for the feed store.

My father was only 3 years old when Pleasant Madden died.

The assembled information was collected from the Federal census, and the Washington Territorial records. Other details are drawn from what I can remember of family conversations.

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## *Williams Valley Hillside Cemetery — Windstorm Damage —*

*by*

*Damon Smathers*

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the city of Deer Park, and the rest of Eastern Washington, recorded wind gusts of up to 75mph, the highest in over 5 years. The windstorm left 200,000 people without power in Spokane and the surrounding areas for several days. Unfortunately, the windstorm also took its toll on

the quiet and peaceful Williams Valley Hillside Cemetery.

The Williams Valley Hillside Cemetery (WVHC) was established in 1889 and officially became an Association in 1918, according to the oldest minute records available. The earliest birth date on record at the ceme-



*Damon standing on a 100-plus year-old tree felled in the recent windstorm.*





*A large tree came within inches of this angel, but she wasn't harmed.*



*The cleanup begins.*

tery shows to be 1832, with others in the 1830s as well. Several Williams Valley homesteaders are also laying at rest at the cemetery including the Casbergs, Enmans, Hutchins, Johnsons, Roberts and Reynolds.

My grandfather, Gary Prewitt, a Deer Park graduate in 1956 and longtime Williams Valley resident, has been the President of the WVHC for going on 12 years. He took over the position from Dick Casberg who was the President of the cemetery for almost 20 years. Gary said that Dick was “*About as good of a President any club or association could have. He did a wonderful job keeping up the cemetery.*”

In 2014, my Grandpa asked me to join the Cemetery Board as I have been volunteering with Spring cleanup for the last 10 years. Pam Roberts, who was the Treasurer for several years, decided she wanted to re-

sign, and I volunteered to take over her position. Pam’s mother, Joy Roberts, is also a longtime board member as Secretary. We typically meet in May each year to discuss Spring cleanup and any other topics that need to be addressed.

After the horrible windstorm that swept through our area, Gary thought it would be a good idea to drive by the cemetery on his way home to “*check things out.*” He noticed seven large trees had fallen victim to the windstorm, including one tree that has almost certainly been growing at the cemetery for well over 100 years. He then notified the rest of us on the WVHC Board of the damage.

We decided it would be best to start cleaning up the cemetery right away rather than wait for Spring. With the help of my wife Jessie Tennant, my grandpa Gary (who tended to the limb pile fire) and longtime Wil-



liams Valley resident, Brad Hunter, we were able to get five of the seven down trees limbed and cut into rounds. There was very little noticeable damage to headstones underneath on those trees. The largest and oldest down tree is still being worked on. Unfortunately, there does appear to be headstone and gravesite damage underneath, but it is hard to verify until the cleanup project is complete. Gary

plans to notify the families as soon as possible who might have damage to their relatives' headstones.

If you have any questions or concerns, Gary encourages you to call him at (509) 262-8280.

— end —

## Letters, Email, Bouquets & Brickbats

— or —

### Bits of Chatter, Trivia, & Notices All Strung Together.

#### ... Samantha Madden's obituary ...

When pasting together the lead article in this issue of the *Mortarboard* — said lead being Pete Coffin's "History of George Lewis Coffin & Pleasant and Samantha Madden" — I considered adding a facsimile of Samantha Madden's obituary as clipped from the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1937 issue of the *Deer Park Union*. One of the problems with reproducing vintage print images extracted from newspapers is that they're sometimes difficult to read. I've come to believe that with many of these small-town papers (and larger ones as well) the copies sent to the morgue were often press-seconds, meaning seldom the best. It looks as if feeding the morgue was something of an afterthought in an otherwise hectic day, so whatever initially came off the press while everything was still being tuned in seemed to have been consider good enough for posterity. That said, with some electronic juggling, editorial guesswork, and ancillary research, I think I have a reasonable idea of the wording in Mrs. Madden's obituary.

This interesting tribute, at least my translation of it, is presented below.

"Death came to Mrs. Samantha Madden, one of the best-known pioneers of this

district, on Friday, after a lingering illness induced by flu. The end came without suffering. The body was given into the care of a Spokane mortuary, and final services were held from the Wild Rose Methodist Church at 1 p.m. on Monday. Rev. William Wellington, former pastor of the church, officiated at the services at church and cemetery. A large congregation of friends who had known her during the long years gathered at the church to pay their last tokens of respect and sympathy for those remaining in the family, and floral tributes were profuse and beautiful.

"The deceased was 81 years old, and came to the farm home on Wild Rose Prairie with her husband over fifty years ago, and became an active worker in the different phases of the community life, finding greatest expression in the work of the local Methodist Church, of which she was a lifelong member. Her kindly spirit of helpfulness caused her to become known as 'Aunt Samantha' to the whole neighborhood, and sympathy and sorrow is far reaching and sincere.

"She is survived by two sons, Frank, of Deer Park, and Scott, of Eugene, Oregon; three daughters, Mrs. Kate Coffin, of Clayton; Mrs. Jennie Hatfield, of Elk River, Idaho; and Mrs. Julia Hutchins, of Spokane. A sister,

Mrs. Alice Gifford, lives in Versailles, Illinois. There are 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren."

#### ... becoming history ...

I guess it's true that most of us only become interested in history when we're old enough to be history ourselves. That considered, the working lives of those who turn to

collecting local history in our later years is somewhat limited. Luckily, we do have some very active younger kids in our organization — you know, kids in their forties and fifties and sixties. The thing is, as we at the top rust into oblivion the society will need replacements. The research I've done suggests that's just the way it works. So, take note.

— Wally Lee Parker —

## Minutes of the

# Clayton ♦ Deer Park Historical Society

— March 13, 2021 —

In attendance at the society's meeting hall, 300 Block 'A' Street, Deer Park: Marilyn Reilly, Bill Sebright, Mike Reiter, Roxanne Camp, Damon Smathers, Jessie Tennant, Rachelle Fletcher, Mary Jo Reiter, Florene Moore, Bill Phipps, and Marie Morrill.

Society President Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He reported that: 1) Mike Reiter, Rick Brodrick and Bill met with Michael Brock from the *Tribune*. Michael wanted information about the history of Deer Park businesses. We came to the conclusion that the *Tribune* is the longest continuing business. 2) The DP Chamber of Commerce asked permission to use material from our Website for their Facebook page. Their latest post is offering Reiter's Arcadia Orchards film. They do a good job of giving us credit. 3) City Councilman Ron Sholz contacted me. He wanted to know the history of the City Hall. With Wally Parker's help I sent him Marie Morrill's *Mortarboard* article.

Society Treasurer Mark Wagner reported: The main checking account ended the month at \$9,662.80. There were deposits of \$150. One check was written for incorporation filing. The web hosting account ended the month at \$803.60 with a withdrawal of

\$11.84 for web hosting. The Brickyard Day account is at \$1,945.33. Mark took *Mortarboards* to The Hotspot, Gardenspot Health Foods and Odynski's Accounting.

Society Vice President: No one has stepped forward to become Vice President.

Print Editor Wally Parker reported: 1) The current standard of 120 copies of the March 2021 *Mortarboard* (#155) have been printed for free distribution and the online version has been submitted for uploading to the website. Printable PDFs of this issue have been forwarded to the Loon Lake Library and The Heritage Network. 2) Ten copies of volume forty-five of the *Collected Newsletters* have been printed. This volume combines *Mortarboards* number 152, 153, and 154. Five copies of volume one of the *Reports to the Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society* have also been reprinted as restock. 3) The *Mortarboard's* March issue leads with "Deer Park's Hospital," by Peter Coffin. This is a summary of the hospital's history. Next is a piece by your editor titled "In Search of Summit." This is a survey of available data regarding a named railroad siding or station located on the line of the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway somewhere between Allen's Siding and Loon Lake





*Above and Below:*

*The Former Fire Siren as seen on the southeast corner of Deer Park's City Hall.  
(Photo by Bill Sebright.)*

during the railroad's early days – maps, timetables, and speculations included. This issue's Letters/Brickbats column includes a story about the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1919 holdup at the Spokane store of Leno Prestini's uncle, Fred Prestini. Also included are comments regarding the creation of posters advertising the Society. The column concludes with some of the editor's thoughts regarding the ongoing loss of historic buildings throughout the region. 4) And lastly, just a few thoughts for amateur or otherwise authors writing family, personal, or general interest histories involving people, places, and events in northern Spokane County, southeastern Stevens County, and southern Pend Oreille County. Things might be a bit different if you publish in the *Mortarboard*. For one thing, your writings remain available in print format though our print-on-demand archival issues — the *Collected Newsletters*. Secondly, since all past issues of our monthly magazine are available without charge on the Society's website, your stories will reach a much wider audience. If you want to know



*The First Old Settlers Picnic — Losh's Grove, 1922.*

*Photo courtesy of Florene Eickmeyer Moore.*

more, read the “*Editorial, Copyright, and Reprint Concerns*” box on the last page of this issue, then contact the Society with any remaining questions.

Webmaster Damon Smathers reported: 1) The March issue of the *Mortarboard* has been uploaded to the website. 2) A few other updates were made to the Newsletter section of the website as well, including an easier link to the *Mortarboard* index.

Pete Coffin reported by email: I am finishing a rough draft of a possible *Mortarboard* article titled “*Newton Grove and the Grove Motor and Implement Company*.” Newton was Roy Grove's nephew and ran the Case dealership on the lot now occupied by the exercise business in Deer Park.

Mike Reiter reported: 1) The noon siren that is mounted on the roof of city hall is

failing. It served as the fire siren at the old station down at the old city hall. Maybe Dick Purdy or Butch Faulkner would have an idea of when it was first used. The city is going to have Ken Greer look at it to see if it can be repaired. If it is too expensive the mayor doesn't want to put much money in it. I was asked if the Society would want it if it can't be repaired. It's not much to look at and would be way too big to put inside. But maybe it could be an outside display? I told them they might experience some backlash from folks that like having the noon whistle. Bill took a picture of it. (See page 2286.) Don Gustafson gave Mike some stock certificates from the Deer Park Concrete Construction Company that were found in one of Erick's Realty Main Street properties. Bill took a picture.

We will have to do something about



the Eagle. The restoration job from a few years ago isn't lasting. We have to cover it somehow. We need to talk to Doug Knight to see if his engineers can come up with a cover where it is. Someone needs to talk to Dwayne Strong to see if moving it to the Fairgrounds is a possibility. The Longs need to know what we might do with the Eagle. Rachelle will talk to Dwayne Strong.

We have had no Brickyard Day meetings. We will decide shortly whether we will have Brickyard Day or not.

Rachelle is looking for a better poster for an organization that took people by train to Morgan Park back in the early 1900s. Later Rachelle will email a picture of the poster she has.

Mike Reiter asked whether we want

to do something special for Settlers this year. Could we do a special display?

Flo Moore brought a picture of the first Old Settlers Picnic in Losh Grove taken in 1922. (See page 2287) Bill will get it to the Settlers Committee.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM at our building.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Minutes submitted by Bill Sebright acting secretary.

*Editor's Note — We'd be very appreciative of someone stepping forward to fill the very necessary position of secretary. The society's president should be concentrating on other things.*

— end —

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### Comments Policy

We encourage anyone with observations, concerns, corrections, divergent opinions or additional materials relating to the contents of these newsletters to write the society or contact one or more of the individuals listed in the "Society Contacts" box found in each issue. Resultant conversations can remain confidential if so desired.

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Volunteer proofreaders for this issue: Florene Eickmeyer Moore, Bill Sebright, Chuck Stewart, and Lina Swain.

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### See Yourself in Print.

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The Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society was incorporated as a nonprofit association in the winter of 2002 under the title Clayton Historical Society. Our mission statement is found on the first page (upper left corner) of each issue of our newsletter, the Mortarboard.

Our yearly dues are \$20 dollars per family/household.

We are open to any and all that share an interest in the history of our region — said region, in both a geographic and historic sense, not limited to the communities in our group's name.