



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January 2016

Calendar



What street is named after this streetcar line?

January 21, 2016

OHS General Meeting

Program: A History of Olathe

Street Names

Heritage Center

7:00 p.m.

February 18

OHS Board Meeting

Heritage Center

5:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

February 20, 2016

Mahaffie Grand Gala

5 p.m.

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Street Name History

Join us on January 21, 2016, for our first program of the New Year. Learn how the names of the streets in Olathe help to tell the story of the city. Originally, Olathe had only "named" streets, not numbered street names. Streets are named after politicians, original families, developers, ... and many trees! The program will be presented by Bob Courtney and Mary Cochran and will start at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center. We will also recognize the hosts of our December 2015 Historic Homes Tour and thank them for providing the opportunity to tour their wonderful homes.

Save the Date!

James and Lucinda Mahaffie
announce their plans for a

Grand Gala

on the night of February 20, 2016
in honor of the birth of his Excellency,
General George Washington
and celebrating the
completion of their new home,
east of Olathe on the Santa Fe Trail.



The Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Foundation

invites you to a gala event celebrating
the 150th anniversary of the Mahaffie farmhouse,
and supporting preservation of this Olathe landmark.

**Saturday, February 20, 2016, 5 p.m. at
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Historic Site
1200 Kansas City Road in Olathe.**

OLATHE MIRROR.

Thursday, February 22.
LOCAL MATTERS.

Do not forget the social party to be given this evening at J. B. Mahaffie's. A good time is expected by all, and we have not the slightest doubt but the anticipations will be fully realized.

More details and ticket information will be forthcoming.

On February 22, 1866, the Mahaffie family hosted a Washington's Birthday Ball at their farm on the Santa Fe Road (today's Kansas City Road). The party also served as a housewarming for the newly completed stone farmhouse, finished late in 1865.

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015

Attending: Bob Courtney, Karen Sutton Beets, Jayne Jones, Mary Jo O'Brien, Anne Seitz, Mary Cochran, Ann Johnson Vicki Holdman, Margaret Endecott

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 19, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

NOTE

Minutes of today's meeting are not yet approved. If corrections are needed they will appear in the following bi-monthly newsletter.

FINANCIALS

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Approximately 235 tickets were sold for the Homes Tour.

Thank you to all who volunteered and attended. A good time was had by all!!

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank-you note was received from the Mahaffie staff and volunteers for the candy provided for a booth at Trick or Treat Off the Street event.

Additional information for the Ernie Miller/June Miller collection was sent by Dr Rosemary Schrepfer.

John and Robin Gorrell, from Australia, sent information concerning the First Congregational Church, including a picture of the original church building on a calendar dated 1906.

Arlene Kuschmider donated a photo of the Olathe View Dairy located at the northeast corner of Park Street and 7 Hwy (now called Parker Street) and being the present location of Pizza Shoppe.

OLD BUSINESS

Film Series Volume 5, including films on Old Settlers

Days, Chief Black Bob and the Shawnee Indians, civil rights in Olathe, and early Olathe churches will be the next DVD released.

HOMES TOUR

The homes on the tour this year were the Lindy and Tony Snethen home, the Crane/Mason home, the Brinkman home, Unwind Bistro and Boutique, and the Mahaffie House. The owners of the tour homes have been invited to attend the Historical Society meeting on Thursday evening, January 21st, 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center.

Suggestions for the next tour included membership sign-up sheets for those wishing to join the Olathe Historical Society and a schedule of the dates, times and programs of the future meetings.

OLATHE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Two companies have responded to a request for proposal to prepare the National Register nomination for the Olathe Cemetery. One will be chosen and the process will begin. The process is being overseen by the city of Olathe and the Olathe Historic Preservation Board.

DISPLAY CASE

Grace Bilger paintings and memorabilia will be placed in the Historical Society display area at the Heritage Center in mid-January. Two additional paintings have recently been donated. Come and enjoy the works of this remarkable lady from Olathe.

PICKERING STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The 140 year-old window has been refurbished and will be returned to the Pickering House. The total cost for restoration is \$772. Some money has been donated for this project, including a donation from the Olathe Historical Society. Additional funding is still needed. If you are interested contact Bob Courtney at (913) 764-2494.

FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR MAY AND JULY

May - The Pickering House

July - A Beautiful Tea Cup Collection

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mary Jane Duncan, Bob Duncan, Peg Nichols, Dan McFarland, Donna Reist, Mary Cochran, Ken Roberts, Margaret Endecott and Anne Seitz met October 1, 2015, and viewed the Juanita Turner/Ann Johnson donations and began viewing the Ernie/June Miller items.

An abstract containing the sale of property to William Julian and Isabelle Mahaffie Julian in the town of Olathe in 1882 was discovered and moved to the Mahaffie archives.

At the October 15, 2015, meeting additional items from the Ernie/June Miller estate were viewed as well as several books.

NEW BUSINESS

A machine that changes slides to digital technology has become available for the 19 carousel trays of slides of the city of Olathe from the Lee Shriver Estate. These can then be used to further the collection and programming of the Olathe Historical Society.

The Novel Tea date is April 9, 2016, with the theme of "Childhood Memories".

The Olathe School District will be recognizing the Olathe Historical Society at their Board Meeting on January 7, 2016, for the contribution of the DVD Olathe City Beautiful Film series to each school library.

Tribute is given to our Board Member Maron Moore. Her love of and service to the Olathe Historical Society and the City of Olathe will long be remembered. Her generosity and vision of what the Mahaffie Farm and Stagecoach Stop could be and has become is due in great part to her! She will be missed!

Next General Meeting
January 21, 2016 7pm
Heritage Center

Next Board Meeting
February 18, 2016 5pm
Heritage Center

Adjourned



Maron Lorimer Moore was born May 20, 1916, to Samuel E Lorimer and Nell G. Edgar Lorimer near Olathe, Kansas. She was educated in the Olathe schools and graduated valedictorian of her high school class. She earned a B.A. degree from Park College and a M.S. degree from Kansas State University. She pursued further studies at Kansas University, Columbia University and Michigan State University. She taught in Montezuma and Leavenworth, Kansas prior to 1944 when she became a teacher of Family and Consumer Science in Northwest Junior High School and Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1964 she served as Supervisor of all Consumer and Science Departments of that system. In 1947 the Home Economics Association named her Teacher of the Year. She traveled widely in Europe, across Asia, in Australia and New Zealand, and many parts of the United States.

In 1979 she married Edgar Moore, Kansas State representative from the 26th District of Olathe. She became active in many civic and social organizations. While her husband was in the legislature she served as President of the Legislative Wives. She also served on the boards of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, The Good Samaritan Retirement Center, The Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society, The Olathe Historical Society, and the Foundation Board of the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm. She also was a member and often an officer in the local American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Chapter HL of PEO Sisterhood, Ladies Reading Circle, and Bonita Hummers Extension Club.

She generously had commissioned construction and donated to the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm two stagecoaches, a prairie schooner, and some display furnishings for the farmhouse. She was a long-time advocate for the preservation and expansion of the facilities at the Mahaffie site, feeling that it was a significant part of Olathe history. With that motivation she donated for the monument for the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop at the corner of the site at Ridgeview and Old Kansas City Road, depicting a stagecoach in motion with a team of horses and passengers in bronze relief on stone. In 2013 and 2014 she exclusively commissioned, funded and influenced the design of the large new barn for the Mahaffie site to accommodate the agricultural functions and storage of the coaches, wagon and historic farm implements as well as the animals.

She also funded a series of dramatized documentary films of significant Olathe history. In memory of her late husband, Edgar Moore, she funded the clock tower and chimes for the Johnson County Administration Building in Olathe. Among other philanthropic gifts were funds for capital improvements to the 4-H Club at Rock Springs, Kansas, and for CrossLines in Kansas City, Kansas.

Maron established scholarships at the Johnson County Community College for nursing students, and made further donations that enabled the college to erect a specialized academy building with related equipment for culinary and hospitality training.

Maron's generosity continues with inclusion of all of her assets in trust for charitable disposition.

Maron was a long time member of the former Olathe Presbyterian Church. She was predeceased by her parents, husband and her only sibling, Margaret Lorimer Parsons of East Lansing, Michigan. She is survived by cousins in Fort Worth, Texas and Seattle, Washington, and by genetically distant but attendant local cousins, Wilson (Ed) and Ailie Speer of Overland Park.

Retrieved online at <http://www.penwellgabelolathe.com/obituary/111035/Maron-Moore/Olathe-Kansas>

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