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John Schmucker Homestead

Family Association Newsletter

Winter 2022

President's Corner

By Jim Smoker

2022 SSS Family Gathering:

I am excited to share that your Board of Directors, under the leadership of Stacey Delsh (SSS Board Secretary) are ready to present our program and registration information for our 2022 SSS Family Gathering which will be held in Smithville, Ohio, July 21, 22, and 23. Feedback from the attendees at the Lancaster SSS Gathering and a survey of members in 2019 was relied upon to develop the Smithville Gathering program. See more information inside this edition.

SSS Family Association Expenses:

Our primary expenses consist of our annual and sometimes bi-annual newsletter, the costs associated with the family Gatherings held every five years, and the costs of membership and hosting our SSS Genealogy Database at Mennonite Life (formerly Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society). Our plans call for migrating our newsletter, donations platform, membership information, and meetings registrations to our new and improved SSS Family website. Thanks to the efforts of Sam (SSS Web Coordinator) and Tom Smucker (SSS Historian), we are getting closer to this goal. To further aid this migration it is key that all members share their email addresses. Please share your email address as soon as possible with Eber Rice-Smucker via ricesmuc@gmail.com. By reducing our expenses we hope to further invest in developing the SSS Genealogy database.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

Our current bylaws have not been altered since 1985. The listing of officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a fourth and fifth member. Your SSS Board proposes that the position of Past President be included in the list of officers.

Call for Volunteers to Serve as Nominating Committee Members

Our SSS FA Bylaws call for the creation of a Nominating Committee to be formed at least two months before (each) Family Gathering. The purpose of which is to develop a slate of officers for the membership in attendance at the business meeting to vote upon. The Bylaws call for two members at large and one member from the Board. Individuals interested in serving in this capacity should contact me via jsmoker725@comcast.net

We Are On The Web!

Our Facebook page is a private group site and access is coordinated by Jenna (Smoker) Seeley. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/smucker>
Our Website address and content is changing thanks to the efforts of Sam and Tom Smucker. To access the new site: <https://www.schmuckerfamilies.org>.

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Your SSS Family Association Officers, Board Members, and Volunteers

Jim (James M. Smoker), President
Eber Rice-Smucker, Vice President
and Registrar
Stacey Delsh, Secretary
Darrell Smucker, Treasurer
Helen Ault, Board Member and
Genealogist
Emily Smucker Beidler, Board Member
Alvin Smucker, Board Member
Samuel Smucker, SSS/FA Website
Coordinator
Thomas Smucker, SSS/FA Historian
Jenna Seeley, SSS/FA Facebook
Coordinator

The Amish Plank Cemetery is in Need of Volunteers!

By: Pauline Smucker

The Amish Plank Cemetery in Wooster, Ohio is the resting place of Christian Schmucker (1775-1857). Some may recall that this cemetery was a stop on the bus trips of family members who attended the 1971 and 2012 SSS Family Gatherings. A committee was formed in 1984 by John R. Smucker and interested descendants living in the area. They constructed a wood fence around the cemetery in 1986. A Girl Scout troop cared for the cemetery at one time but in 1990 a letter was written stating that it was not being mowed. Ralph and John Smucker mowed it at times, but when I started caring for it I pulled out berry bushes and carried out dead leaves.

I have tried to keep it up, but I need help. Inquiries have been made to the city of Wooster to mow the cemetery, but the city will not assume responsibility.

Jim Norton, who has ancestors buried in the cemetery, has helped me the past two years but he had a stroke last winter. Nancy King and her husband have also helped some but have not helped the past couple of years. We are all getting old.

No one owns the cemetery land and it should be the responsibility of the township and in this case, the city of Wooster.

I sincerely hope that some family members in the Wooster-Smithville area will rise to the occasion and help to keep this heritage site in good order.

You may feel free to contact me for additional information. My contact information is: Pauline Smucker, 2301 Graostark Path, Wooster, Ohio 44691-1719 or pfs.sssnet.com.

2020 - 2021 SSS Donors Roll

Darrell Smucker, Treasurer

Your SSS Board is grateful to all those who contributed to the SSS Family Association in 2020-2021. Your donations and membership in our Association have enabled us to continue to be an ongoing service to our members.

2020

Thomas A. Smucker
A Pearl Kurtz
Ralph E. Aschilman
Jerry & Louise Wyse
Barbara Smucker-Dickerhoff
Jack L. Fryman
JE & Dorothy Worthing
Donna (Smucker) DeCosta
& Stacey (DeCosta) Delsh
Lowell E. Schmucker
Jon & Phyllis Diller
Roger D. Rowe
Sherry W. Wilsbach

2021

Jaqueline S. Glick
James and Joanne Smoker
Kendall & Victoria Nash
Jean Smucker Rodgers &
Robert Rodgers
Dr. Rebecca King-Cerling &
Lee Cerling
Karen and Ron Wyse
Curt & Jean Johnson
Gayle & James Hostettler
Donald & Bertha Smucker
Alan & Terry Zigler
Sue Gochner
Anita Miller
Amy Smucker
Judy S. Chambers
Paula & Joseph Vasichko
Julia L. Miller
Bud and Carol Parrish
Michael & Constance Smoker
Judith & Randy Windle

*Thank
You!*

SSS Family Association — Treasurer Report

FY Ending December 31, 2021

Beginning Cash on Hand (1/1/2021)	\$5,858.39
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Summary of Financial Activity

Receipts:

Donations	\$779.41
Interest	\$0.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$780.39

Expenses:

Masthof Press	\$1,779.36
Supplies/Shipping	\$58.14
Mennonite Life/LMHS [annual membership]	\$65.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,902.50

Ending Cash Balance on Hand (12/31/21)	\$4,736.28
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Newsletter Expense Recap:

May 2014	\$1,789.40
September 2015	\$1,161.51
April 2016	\$1,753.10
January 2017	\$1,757.45
Fall 2017	\$1,757.45
Fall 2018	\$1,732.03
Fall 2019	\$1,739.87
Winter 2021	\$1,779.36

LMHS Expense Recap:

November 2016	\$4,195.75
April 2017	\$3,804.25
February 2019	\$250.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Darrell Smucker, Treasurer

SSS FAMILY MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

The SSS FA holds an organizational membership in Mennonite Life (Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, PA). As such you are welcomed to access the member only sites on their website as well as our SSS FA genealogy database. Mennonite Life also provides members with:

- Member rates on learning tours, classes, museum admission, and merchandise
- Free on-site access to their unique library, archival collections, and to Ancestry.com
- Genealogical research services at member rates
- Member-only access to online resources through “mennonitelife.org” (Login ID: member, Password: mlife0122)
- To access our SSS FA database:
 - Log onto www.mennonitelife.org as a member
 - Go to the bottom of the home page and Click on “Archives and Library”
 - Click on “Search Archival Catalog”
 - At “Choose a Database”, Click on “Genealogy”
 - At “Search Collection”, Click on “Schmucker-Smucker Family...”

2022 FAMILY GATHERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Your SSS Family Association Board members, led by Stacey Delsh, have been working to make the 2022 SSS Family Gathering in Smithville, Ohio a meaningful experience for all in attendance. However, we could use your assistance. Please take a few minutes to review the available options in the SignUp Genius (link below) and click on the “Sign Up” button to volunteer. A brief description has been provided for each opportunity. As the time gets closer, specifics for what you signed up for will be provided. Please feel free to reach out (Sdelsh@gmail.com) with any questions / concerns! We are looking forward to partnering with you to ensure our 2022 Schmucker-Smucker-Smoker Family Gathering is a success.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48acac28aafd0-test>

2022 Schmucker-Smucker-Smoker Family Gathering Information

By Stacey Delsh

The Schmucker Smucker Smoker Family Association is excited to host our 2022 Family Gathering in Smithville, Ohio on July 21st – 23rd at Smithville Mennonite Church.

One of the purposes for the original Family Gathering was to review or become acquainted with the Schmucker Family History. With this in mind, we have worked to incorporate the theme of “The Power of Stories” into this year’s Family Gathering. Learning or reviewing the history of our ancestors facilitates a greater understanding of the challenges they faced. Not only does this inspire a greater love but also compassion for their flaws and mistakes. Resiliency and compassion can easily translate to our relationships within our friends and family today!

We have several Breakout sessions planned over the course of the event with at least one Family event each time. Topics that will be covered including: DNA Genealogy, Family Tree Builder for Kids, Leveraging Ancestry.com, Switzerland to America – Following our ancestors footsteps and many more. Timing of events are as follows and regular updates will occur! Our very own Emily Bielder will be designing our Souvenir this Family



Smithville Mennonite Church

6097 Akron Road, Smithville, Ohio 44677

Gathering. Emily designed the Fraktur back in 1981, the last Family Gathering held in Smithville, Ohio. A new Fraktur will be available to purchase celebrating our Family Gathering & History.

The village of Smithville is located in the heart of Wayne County, Ohio. Located 25 miles Southwest of Akron and 7 Miles northeast of Wooster on State Route 585. There are many things to do in the area including the J.M. Smucker

Store in Orrville, Smithville Community Historical Society, Toy & Hobby Museum, Jump N Shout, and many Golf Courses or Gift or Antique shopping. Friday and Saturday afternoons have been set up to Socialize with Family Members at the church, go on a self-guided tour or explore the area! More information can be found at Wayne County Convention and Visitors Bureau or www.wccvb.com.

Smithville does not have any Hotels or Motels, however, there are options nearby in Orrville or Wooster. Three hotels closest to Smithville include:

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites – Orrville; (330) 682-1711
Hampton Inn Wooster; (330) 345-4424
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Wooster; (330) 601-1221

We are looking forward to getting together this summer!

(See Event Schedule on next page.)

SSS Family Association

c/o James Smoker

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2022 SSS Family Gathering Schedule

Thursday, July 21st:

3:00pm – 7:00pm Pick up Welcome Packets & Set up Exhibit Areas

Friday, July 22nd:

8:00am – 9:00am Last Minute Pick up Welcome Packets

9:00am – 10:00am Breakout Session A

3 Events per Breakout Session, including one Family Event geared for kids

10:30am – 11:30am Breakout Session B

3 Events per Breakout Session, including one Family Event geared for kids

12:00pm – 1:00pm Optional Lunch

1:00pm – Open “Free Time” to explore Smithville and surrounding areas!

A self-guided tour of our family history will be provided

5:30pm – 7:30pm Optional Family Dinner with Keynote Speaker

Saturday, July 23rd

8:00am – 9:00am Optional Breakfast Social

9:00am – 10:00am Breakout Session C

3 Events per Breakout Session, including one Family Event geared for kids

10:30am – 11:30am Breakout Session D

3 Events per Breakout Session, including one Family Event geared for kids

11:30am – 1:00pm Optional Box Lunch

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SSS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Our SSS Family Association was duly constituted with the creation of our constitution in March of 1985. Article IV (Membership) states that, “Membership is granted at one of the five year meetings, making a contribution, or paying for a subscription to the Newsletter. One of these acts must be continued every five years to be a member.

If you did not attend the 2016 SSS Family Gathering in Lancaster, PA, or have not made a contribution in the past five years, please make a donation of at least \$10.00 payable to the SSS Family Association. Mail your donation to: Darrell Smucker, Treasurer, SSS Family Association, 1497 Morgan Street, Wooster, Ohio, 44691-1541.



2022 Family Gathering

REGISTRATION & MEAL FORM

Contact Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street Address _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Count & Costs

Per Adult (18+): \$50.00 Children: Free

Adult Count: _____

Child Count: _____

Optional Costs:

Friday Lunch \$10.00

Sandwich Choice; 1 per person

Beef/Pork Count _____

Poultry Count _____

Veggie Count _____

Friday Dinner \$17.00

Per Person

Dinner Count _____

Saturday Lunch \$10.00

Sandwich Choice; 1 per person

Beef/Pork Count _____

Poultry Count _____

Veggie Count _____

Souvenir: \$20.00

Per Item

Souvenir Count: _____

Total Money enclosed with Registration \$ _____

Checks should be made out to: Schmucker-Smucker-Smoker Family Association

Exhibit Display & Knowledge Sharing

Do you have any historical family history or knowledge to share? _____

Yes _____

No _____

Please share how many tables or other needs you may have to display & Share _____

If known, please share your family lineage below: _____

Please mail your Registration Form and Check to:

Stacey Delsh
19325 Sibley Road
Chelsea, Michigan 48118