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NORTH BALTIMORE'S LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN

by **Margaret Bobb**

Seventy-five years after the end of the Civil War (1940), there were just three surviving Civil War veterans living in Wood County. One of these veterans was NB resident, Martin Samuel Seymour. Seymour was born in Groveport, OH southeast of Columbus on August 24, 1846 to Henry W. and Elizabeth Seymour. On February 11, 1865, at the age of 18, he enlisted at Fort Chase (Columbus) as a private in Co. F, 186th OVI. The 186th moved out to Murfreesboro, Tennessee on March 8 and then on to Cleveland, Tennessee; Dalton, Georgia; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Nashville, Tennessee. They remained in Nashville until September 19 when the unit was ordered back to Columbus. Samuel was mustered out on September 25, 1865. Of the enlisted men of the 186th OVI, one was killed in battle and 49 men died as a result of disease.

After serving in the Civil War Samuel returned to farming on his family's farm in Groveport. He married Caroline Schride and they had two daughters: Elizabeth "Libbie" Mary and Estella Maude. Libbie married a young farmer from Rudolph, Berlie Mercer, who became a successful physician in Tiffin. Estella was not married.

Although Seymour was not a NB native, he resided in the village for over 50 years. In the early 1880's, the Seymour family moved to North Baltimore. Samuel was a farmer and worked as a clerk in the Hough Grocery. The Seymours resided at 204 S. Second St. for many years and Samuel later lived with his niece, Maude Crosser, at 120 E. Broadway. According to an article in the *North Baltimore News*, Samuel, who was 93, was present at the Memorial Day services in NB in 1940. He died 2 months later on July 25 and is buried at Maplewood Cemetery.

The other Civil War veterans who were living in Wood County in 1940 were: James Madison Frederick and David P. Trumbull. Frederick, was born in 1845 in Adrian (near Carey) but resided nearly all his life in Jerry City. As a youth of 16, he enlisted in Co. H, 49th OVI and was mustered out in Columbus on June 21, 1864.

He died in 1940, the night before he was scheduled to dedicate a soldiers' mound on Decoration Day at Jerry City Cemetery. Trumbull, the last Wood County Civil War veteran, was a Bowling Green resident. He enlisted in Co. A, 47th OVI and died on September 21, 1943 at the age of 97 years.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATES \$1000 TO NORTH BALTIMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR MILITARY ROOM REFURBISHING

by **Tom Boltz**



On August 13, North Baltimore American Legion Post 539 Commander Sam Bretz presented a check to NBOAHS President Tom Boltz.

The North Baltimore American Legion Post 539 has donated \$1000 to the North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society (NBOAHS) for refurbishing the military room in the local Historical Center. The NBOAHS thanks the American Legion for its support of the Society's plans to commemorate the many North Baltimore area citizens who have served in the US military. The Historical Society will use these funds to create new displays, purchase display cases, and install new lighting in the room. There are many museums devoted to national level American military history. However, this room will be dedicated to telling the story of local North Baltimore area military personnel through photographic and artifact displays.

The North Baltimore area has a long military history beginning with American General William Hull's army marching through this area in June 1812. Hull's army camped for one night on the site of what later became North Baltimore. During the 1861-65 Civil War, over 30 Henry Township men served in the Union Army, eight of whom died during the war. In 1898, an entire National Guard Company of nearly 100 men were activated for service in the Spanish American War. Many more local men and women served in the US military during the wars of the 20th Century and today's Middle Eastern conflicts.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATES CO. K DESCRIPTIVE BOOK TO NORTH BALTIMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by **Tom Boltz**



On July 25, North Baltimore American Legion Post 539 Commander Sam Bretz donated the Co. K, 2nd Regiment, ONG Descriptive Book to NBOAHS President Tom Boltz.

The North Baltimore American Legion Post 539 donated the unit descriptive book for Company K, 2nd Regiment, Ohio National Guard to the North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society (NBOAHS) on July 25, 2013. Post Commander Sam Bretz recently found the 118-year-old book in a storage container at the North Baltimore Legion building, and the post's board of directors voted to donate it. On behalf of the NBOAHS, Tom Boltz thanked the Legion Directors for their help in preserving the military history of area citizens.

The descriptive book is an important addition to the Historical Society's archives and will be useful to historians and genealogy researchers. It contains Company K unit members' grades (ranks), physical descriptions, occupations, residences, employment, and dates of enrollment from July 30, 1895 to July 30, 1900. The book is currently on display at the Historical Center.

In 1895, The Ohio Adjutant General's office designated the unit as Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment shortly

after the Ohio National Guard authorized the activation and recruitment of members for a North Baltimore unit in 1895. The majority of the unit's members were from North Baltimore. The unit was mobilized in April 1898 for duty with the US Army in the Spanish-American War. However, the war ended before the unit had completed training. The unit was deactivated in the early 1900s during a reorganization of the National Guard.

NEW OFFICERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Boltz, Phyllis Mercer, Paula Miklovic, James Miller, Pam Seiler, Larry Slaughterbeck, Rick Van Mooy

Upcoming Events

October 3 - 7:00 p.m. - NBOAHS Board Meeting
 October 16 - 7:00 p.m. - Garden Club
 October 17 - 9:30 a.m. - Broken Needle Quilting Circle
 November 7 - 7:00 p.m. NBOAHS Board Meeting
 November 20 - 7:00 p.m. - Garden Club
 November 21 - 9:30 a.m. - Broken Needle Quilting Circle
 December 3 - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - NBOAHS Volunteer Luncheon (snow date December 17)
 December 5 - 7:00 p.m. - NBOAHS Board Meeting
 December 10 - 10:00 a.m. - Questettes Christmas Mtg.
 December 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Garden Club
 December 19 - 9:30 a.m. - Broken Needle Quilting Circle

CENTER ACTIVITIES



This years **Summer Fest Open House** was a great success. Despite the weather, well over a hundred visitors viewed and enjoyed learning from the displays in the Historical Center and garage.



The **Annual Fall Bazaar** was held on Saturday, September 14th. Nine area vendors provided a wide variety of items for sale. The Historical Society made a profit of \$90, which will pay two months phone bills.

SEARCHING FOR NB SCHOOL BUILDING PICTURES

Do you have pictures from the early years when these buildings first opened (before additions)?

- ❖ Hammansburg School
- ❖ Powell School
- ❖ High School (Second St.)

We can scan your pictures and return the originals to you, if you prefer to keep the pictures. Please call the Historical Center at 419-257-2266 to make arrangements to donate or scan your pictures. **THANK YOU!**



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2014 Membership Application

(January through December)

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All membership fees and donations are tax deductible.

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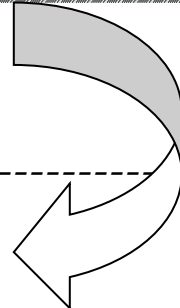
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