Cleveland Surveying News

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NEVER TOO EARLY TO BE PLANNING FOR THE GOLF OUTING THE FLYER IS ON PAGE 12, PLEASE POST IN YOUR OFFICE

Dear Members:

By the time you read this issue of the newsletter Easter will have come and gone, which hopefully means better weather is right around the corner and the time to start thinking about the annual golf outing.

In the last month, a lot of activity with the PLSO has been on how to stop the part of Governor Taft's fiscal year 2006 budget plan to consolidate Ohio's 27 Boards of Registration. Last month, our Chapter Delegate urged everyone to contact his or her local senator and representative. I hope most members tried to do this. I have sent emails on behalf of the Chapter, one of which went to all the members on the finance and appropriations committee, with some positive feedback. Whether it is successful or not, it is important that our opinions are heard. Be sure to watch the newsletter so that you can stay informed on the progress of this issue.

The general membership meeting in March gave those who attended an opportunity to have lengthy discussions on issues like the Boards being consolidated and revisions to the ALTA/ACSM land title survey specifications which are important issues facing our profession today.

I hope to see everyone at the next membership meeting.

Respectfully,

Sean A. Boland, PS

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Meeting Highlights _____

By Neil Juhnke

General Membership Meeting Highlights

March 3, 2005 at Flannery's Pub in Cleveland.

<u>Officers In Attendance:</u> Sean Boland, Joe O'Donnell, John Bischof, Pete Zwick, Bob Hoy, John Hoy, Mark Yeager, Kathleen McGervey, and Neil Juhnke. Absent: Dave Bruckner.

Highlights:

Guest Speaker was Evelyn Ostwick of Manorisms Inc. Evelyn can be reached at 440 -526-3730 or eoswick@aol.com

There was a lively discussion on the revisions to the 2007 ALTA/ACSM Survey Standards and the Taft administrations proposal to streamline the Regulatory Boards.

Daniel Engle from the University of Akron attended the meeting and thanked the Cleveland Chapter for donating \$1,000.00 to the University of Akron students for the ACSM convention in Las Vegas.



Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

March 21, 2005 at Frankie's Italian Cuisine in North Olmsted.

<u>Officers In Attendance:</u> Sean Boland, Bob Hoy, Joe O'Donnell, John Bischof, Dave Bruckner, and Neil Juhnke. Absent: John Hoy, Mark Yeager, Kathleen McGervey and Pete Zwick.

Highlights:

Bob Hoy reported that the Cleveland Chapter has 4 new members.

John Bischof will be mailing checks to instructors of the PLSO Surveying Course for last year. There will be signup sheets for classes this fall in the June newsletter.

The index for the new survey plats in the Data Bank is complete.

= Professional Advancement ======

DATA BANK DVD

Good news, the index for the new DVD has been successfully copied and will be available at the next meeting. The DVD contains approximately 2,700 plats from the Data Bank. Both this DVD and the CD released a few years ago are available because of the work done to catalog and index the drawings by Bill Vondra. Bill's hard work is a shining example of "giving back to the Profession" and we are grateful he is a member of the Cleveland Chapter. The \$10.00 cost for a PLSO member covers the cost of reproducing the files and the 42 page index sorted by survey number and township.

Reserve your copy by contacting Robert Hoy prior to the meeting at (440) 365-4730 or Hoyr@ksassoc.com. Since a DVD will be the media of choice, contact Robert to make special arrangements for the 4 CD version.

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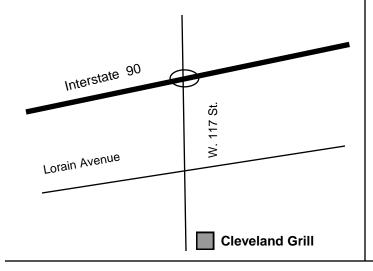
Cleveland Chapter PLSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday April 7, 2005

Location

Cleveland Grill 3359 West 117th Street, Cleveland 1 block South of Lorain Ave 216-251-1025



Menu

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RELAXATION HOUR 5:30 DINNER 6:30 SPEAKER 7:30

SPEAKER

Dale Glancey

City Blueprint of Toledo

New Instrument Technology and demonstration

AGENDA

Regular meeting format with additional discussion of:

State Boards of Registration Issue

Questionnaire Results and Implementation We continue now with the history of Judge Amzi Atwater, the last survivor of the 1796 and 1797 survey parties into the Connecticut Western Reserve. What follows are excerpts from his journal as recorded by L.V. Bierce in 1851.

The words are not mine. They belong to Mr. Bierce and to Judge Amzi Atwater.

John E. Dailey, Past.

"SECOND EXPLORING EXPEDITION"

In the second expedition, that of 1797, the Connecticut Land Company had changed their agent. The officers this years were:

Seth Hunt	Agent	Nathan Redfield	Surveyor
William Shepherd	Explorer	Theodore Shepherd	Physician
Amos Spafford	Explorer and Surveyor	Joseph Tinker	Principal Boatman
Moses Warren	Explorer and Surveyor	Ezra Wait	Explorer's Assistant
Seth Pease	Principal Surveyor	Wareham Shepherd	Assistant and Surveyor
Richard M. Stoddard	Surveyor	Amzi Atwater	Assistant and Surveyor

The men assembled at Schenectady, N.Y. about the middle of April, 1797. They ascended the Mohawk as the year before - Took their boats over the portage at Rome, to Wood Creek, and through Oneida Lake to Oswego River into Lake Ontario. Atwater, with eight or ten men was ordered to Canandaigua to purchase and drive on pack horses and cattle to Buffalo, and take care of them there till Major Shepherd should arrive. On arriving at Buffalo, Atwater drove then across the creek on to what is since known as the Indian Reservation. While lying there one of the chiefs called on him and presented a bill for pasturage. He asked \$3.00 which he thought very low compared to what the whites charged them when they traveled. Atwater told him that the whites did not charge for pasturage unless it was fenced in. The chief said their custom was different - That they wanted the pasture for their own use - But if he would pay them \$3.00 he might keep the cattle there as long as he pleased. Atwater paid his demand, and soon received the reward of fair dealing with the Indians; for one of his horses having strayed away was sent back to him, by the chief, without any charge.

In a few days after Atwater's arrival, Major Shepherd arrived, and they started up the Lake with their drove. They arrived at Conneaut on the 25th of May and the boats with the balance of the company a few days afterwards. Some of the surveyors were sent into the woods at Conneaut but most of them went to Cleveland. Atwater with the cattle and horses went by land. In swimming their horses over Grand River, near its mouth, David Eldridge was drowned. The body was soon after obtained but too late to restore animation, the boats soon after arrived and took the body to Cleveland, where it was buried in the new laid out cemetery, being the first white person laid out in that place.

From Cleveland two boats, with a part of the men, were sent up the river on an exploring excursion, and Atwater was sent by land with pack horses to carry provisions for them. He delivered the provisions to the boats crew a little above Tinker's Creek and joined the boats, which then proceeded with as much expedition as possible. But it was "hard sledding" as the river was low and obstructed by logs and stones.

Atwater left the boats on the north line of Boston, with as much provisions as he could carry on his back, and went up past where Brandywine Mills are, to the northwest corner of Hudson. Here he placed the provisions on the top of a high forks to secure it from wolves; covered it over with bark, left a letter of instructions to the surveyors, and returned to the boats.

By clearing out the channel in some places, and lifting boats over in others they finally succeeded in getting their boats up to about three-fourths of a mile above the mouth of the Little Cuyahoga. There they established a camp on what was called "Upper Headquarters". The surveyors dispersed and took the several lines assigned to them. This was the 15th of June, 1797. Atwater was left to take charge of the provisions, baggage, etc., as it would arrive. Having charge of the stores, Mr. Atwater erected a storehouse, or bark shantee, for the accommodation of himself, and which also answered for a hospital. Surveyors and boatmen were

Recent circumstances with the proposed State Budget consolidating the State Boards of Registration gave us a reason to get information out to the Chapter Membership in a very short timeframe. We were told that legislators would be debating the budget well before the next newsletter was scheduled.

With the technology available today, the best method of communication is email. We are compiling an email list of all of our members to be used for situations like the one described above.

Please send an email to HOY7419@CS.COM

to add your email address to the list. Use a SUBJECT line of: PLSO email list and be sure to identify yourself. Thank you.

 John G. Hoy Communication Trustee

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State Executive Committee Meeting: March 11, 2005 - Nestor Hall, Lower Level, Seminar Room D

President Rusty Rosebeck gave an update to the consolidation of State Boards: The last hearing with by March 18th. There is an alternate proposal that allows the boards to operate under their own budget keeping their own investigators, but would eliminate redundant staff such as secretaries and executive directors. Rusty noted a couple of states that have consolidated boards where yearly license fees have risen from \$20 to \$200 because the State was in control and the money was all being poured into the general fund. As this newsletter is being delivered, state representatives should be getting back into session. This link tracks the progress of H.B. 66: Main Operating Budget FY 2006-2007:

http://lsc.state.oh.us/coderev/hou126.nsf/House+Bill+Number/0066

Steve Hyde passed around a glossy "surveying as a career" brochure produced by the Pennsylvannia land surveyor organization. PA said we could mark it up to suit our needs and they could print them for an undisclosed fee. Our own similar brochure was discussed as it is in need to reprinting. The printer Barb Jones uses gave a price of \$1000 to run off 5000 copies. The PA brochure seems more eye catching and might get a high school student's attention more than our current one.

The Toledo Chapter asked and received permission to use the PLSO logo on a plaque recognizing the Beckman Instrument Company (bought out by City Blueprint of Toledo) for their instrument repair work of years past.

The Political Action Committee (P.A.C.) received \$800 in donations at the annual meeting at the conference in Dayton.

The Central Committee (for the centralization of the Annual Conference) submitted a written report, see enclosure. We need to have at least 1 or 2 members from the Cleveland Chapter, where currently there are none. Contact Steve Hyde if you are interested in joining this important committee. The Cincinnati Chapter offered to host the 2007 Annual Conference.

The 2004 Fall Seminar reported a \$290 profit of which all was turned into the State funds. The Tuscarawas Valley Chapter offered to host the 2006 Fall Seminar.

Bob Akins has taken over the Membership Committee from Don Friemoth.

Long time active member Tim Schram has recently moved to Florida. Brad Kramer has replaced him as the chairman of the Standards Committee.

A.J. Myers needs evidence of title companies using old mortgage location surveys to send to the department of insurance. This can be done anonymously by blacking out company name, surveyor's name, etc. If the department of insurance has proof this is going on, they can look into it. A.J. has for several years been involved in litigation about title companies not getting new mortgage surveys when homes are sold or refinanced. He needs proof to show how title companies are getting around new mortgage surveys.

The Continuing Professional Development bill was signed on February 15th.

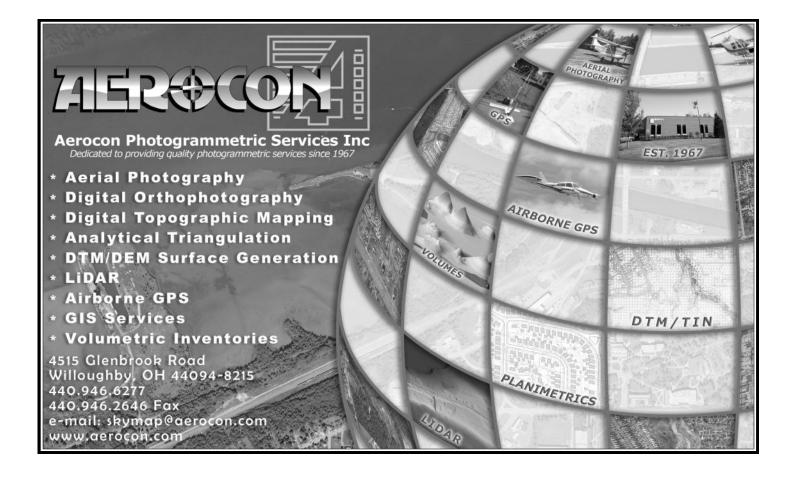
The Cincinnati Chapter reported some chapter members were upset that their Ohio Surveying News arrived with the conference information after the conference ended.

Mike Besch stated that a portion of student graduating from his Akron program are leaving Ohio for higher pay.

The Treaty Lands Chapter recently had a state representative from their region speak at their meeting.

Barb Jones in her report stated there are extra Annual Reports, that if aren't taken they will be thrown away. She will be going to the ACSM convention in Las Vegas.

Robert G. Hoy, Chapter Delegate



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continually arriving and departing. The sick were left at "Upper Headquarters", and thus Mr. Atwater became storekeeper, commissary, keeper of the hospital, nurse, physician, and "all hands." David Beard was confined there several days with dysentery, but a boat arrived and took him to Cleveland where he finally recovered.

The great object of the second expedition was to finish the meridians commenced by the first expedition - The traverse of the Cuyahoga Portage Path, and Tuscarawas Branch of the Muskingham - As this was the boundary between the purchase made by the United States of the Six Nations, and the Western Tribes. That east of this line had been purchased and to that alone had the Indian title been extinguished. This line was run by Moses Warren, whose field notes are now in the possession of General Samuel D. Harris, the only surviving surveyor of that early day.

While Atwater was lying at upper headquarters, an Indian frequently visited him, who informed him that he was in the Battle of Maumee Rapids, and by gestures showed him how Wayne's Men, or the "Long Knives" as he called them, cut them down. Mr. Pease, wishing to go to the salt springs, in what is now Weathersfield, to meet Redfield, and the run the latitude of 41EN., or the south line of the Reserve, employed the Indian to go with his horse and a load of provisions, and pilot him there. In about three days, this Indian returned, with a line from Pease, saying the indian had been faithful, and directing Atwater to give him a quart of whiskey, " or more if that would not make him drunk."

Atwater filled a junk bottle and gave it to him, in the name of the "Big Captain" as he called Pease. In the night the indian came back, and presented the bottle, saying "More whiskey, Big Captain very good man - you very good man, - me very good man." Atwater filled his bottle again, and told him that was all the "Big Captain" had ordered him to give him. He went away repeating "very good man, very good man." The next day he came back, and presented a deerskin for the "Big Captain" and then his bottle for more whiskey. Atwater told him he had but a little whiskey, and must keep it for the sick. He then gave him a little in the bottle, with which he left well satisfied, repeating "very good man." The next day he returned the bottle to Atwater, but never said anything more about whiskey.

On the 5th of July, 1797, Wareham Shepherd and Atwater were sent to survey the 9th meridian from the 4th parallel south to the south line of the Reserve; - one carrying the compass, the other the chain, alternatively. Soon after their return to camp after finishing that work, all the surveyors came in, and reported all the lower lines run, except the 5th, 9th, and 7th meridians. To complete these, Redfield was ordered to the 7th, Stoddard to the 6th, and Shepherd and Atwater to the 5th, which was the west line of Trumbull and Ashtabula.

Stoddard being lame, Atwater took his compass and run his line for him ten miles, when he met Stoddard with one man, who took the line and finished it. Atwater with one man then left that line, and met Mr. Shepherd at the northeast corner of Palmyra, Here he found Shepherd sick with the dysentery and Miner Bicknell, the man who accompanied Atwater, was taken with a violent fever. Atwater took the compass and run seven miles, between Braceville and Windham, when Bicknell became too unwell to ride a horse. In the language of Judge Atwater, in a letter before me, "Here was a difficult case to know what to do. We were s great distance from any comfortable place for the sick. Medicine we have none, and ignorant of its use if we had it. No guide but our compass or township lines. To get him to Cleveland seemed most desirable if it were practicable. We were in hopes some of our boats were at our late camp, but how to get there was the guestion." "Necessity was the mother of invention." We took two poles and fastened them together with bark, so as to go by the sides of the horses like the thills of a wagon, one horse following the other, so far apart so as to admit a man to lie lengthwise between them. With the barks and blankets they made his bed as comfortable as possible, and by twisting bark ropes, lashed it to the pack-saddles. Atwater left Shepherd with one man to run the lines as best he could and started with the sick man for Cleveland. They went south to the corner of Palmyra, then west to the 3rd parallel. The next morning after they started, Atwater sent a man ahead to have a boat ready at the upper headquarters to carry the sick man down the river. Atwater proceeded west to the corner of Stow and Hudson, on the 9th meridian, then south to the old indian trail from Fort McIntosh to Sandusky, where he met his messenger with the disagreeable intelligence that the camp was broken up and the boats gone. Atwater then directed him to go to Cleveland, and get a boat to come up and meet him at the south line of Independence. Atwater then proceeded on the west line of Stow to the north line of Summit County, then

west to the place appointed for meeting the boats. In this litter they had conveyed Bicknell about five days, and a distance of fifty miles. He had a high fever all the time, and had his reason but a little part of it. They arrived at the river early in the forenoon of July 25th and Bicknell died about two hours after. Tinker with the boat and Dr. Shepherd, arrived a little after noon. Atwater urged to have the corpse carried to Cleveland, but the boatman would not consent, and he was buried on the south line of Independence, on land since cleared by Esq. Frazer.

This, says Judge Atwater, in the letter I have before referred to, "was the most affective scene in my life. My feeling I cannot attempt to describe. My fatigue was great during the whole distance. My anxiety stimulate every power I possessed of body or mind..

I was in perfect health and in the most active part of my life, but when I got through and the man was dead, and my extreme fatigue was at an end, it seemed as if every nerve was unstrung; and in ordinary circumstances, I should have thought myself entitled to a few days rest. But we were obliged immediately to leave there, to return and find Mr. Shepherd."

Atwater and his company followed the marked line east to the northeast corner of Portage Count when they found he had got the line up there, and he and his party were in good health.

The whole company then proceeded to run the line to the lake, which completed the township lines. Thus was completed the survey of the Western Reserve, east of the Cuyahoga.

Toward the latter part of the season sickness prevailed to an alarming extent, and but a few escaped. William Andrews and Peleg Washburn died in Cleveland in August, and one or two boatloads of sick were sent of early in the fall. The last of September, 1797, Judge Atwater was taken with the ague and fever, which lasted till he left the Reserve. Says Judge Atwater in the letter referred to, "I was at Cleveland in a sad situation - and all others were about as bad as I was. When the fit was off, I with a great deal of exertion could go to the spring and get a little water, and set it by the side of my old bear skin and blanket, where I lie through the long nights of ague and fever, and all around were much in the same condition. Oh! These were days and nights of sorrow and affliction."

Tinker, the principle boatman was discharged in the fall and in going down the lake with three others, the boat was capsized near the mouth of the Chatauqua Creek, Tinker and two of the men were drowned.

The last of the surveyors left the reserve the fore part of November, 1797, for the most part a sorry, sickly looking set of beings, the very reverse of what they were in the spring.

In 1798 and '99, Judge Atwater was in the employ of the Holland Land Company, in the western part of New York, and assisted in running nearly all the township lines. In the fall of 1799 he returned to Connecticut, and spent the winter with his uncle, in study.

In 1800, in company with his brother Jotham, he came to Mantua, and made a permanent settlement on the farm where he died.

In 1808, on the organization of Portage County, he was elected one of the Associate Judges, and subsequently held many public trusts.

This article can be found on the front page of the Painesville Telegraph for Wednesday Morning, August 21, 1851, Volume 29, No. 35.

The publisher, H.C. Gray wrote" Pioneer History: We publish on the first page of todays paper, from the pen of Mr. Bierce of Akron, a portion of the history of the Western Reserve. We doubt not all readers will be interested in its perusal."

For more on the history of the original surveys of the Connecticut Western Reserve, I would suggest that you read "Simon Perkins of the Western Reserve" by Mary Lou Conlin and "Euclid Township, 1796 - 1801, Protest in the Western Reserve" by Roy Larick and Craig Semsel.

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This Month's Quote:

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				Michael J.	Gelb