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Grotto Hall
124 Waterworks Road
Newark, Ohio



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President's Letter



Fellow Members,

A few months ago, in early April, I received a phone call from Dan Smith informing me of his resignation as Secretary of the AOLRC. Immediately, I wondered how we were ever going to replace someone like him. With his cheerful attitude and comical stories, Dan did a great job as our secretary. He, along with his wife, Patty, has really done a remarkable job keeping all of our paperwork in order. I would like to thank both of them for their years of service to our club and wish them the very best in their future years together.

After hearing the news of Dan's resignation, the search began for his replacement. I started with telling the Board of Directors and some others who were in attendance at our Marietta show that we needed to find someone to take Dan's place. They were all shocked by the news of his stepping aside and knew that we were going to have to dig deep to find his replacement.

After three long months of searching for the right person to fill Dan's shoes, one name came to the top of the list. Jim Ogden has agreed to take the job and I think he will be a very good secretary for us. Jim is a retired school teacher, which means that he is good at things like spelling and computers. Unfortunately, I can't say the same thing about myself. Please join me in welcoming Jim to the office of Secretary. I look forward to working with you, Jim! Please send all dues, correspondence, requests for old

Newsletters. etc. to: Jim Ogden, 6734 Shannon Road, Hillsboro, OH 45133.

Last winter, Jim Whisker sent me a 150 page manuscript that he put together listing gunsmiths of Ohio. It contains about 200 names that are not found in our five volume set. Our Board of Directors has decided to publish this book and give a copy to each member free of charge. Tom Oakes will have a table set up at our Newark show, and will be passing out one copy to each member. Be sure to take a moment and see Tom for your copy. Tom will also be providing the books at the exhibit in Marietta. If you cannot attend either the Newark show or the Marietta exhibit, send Tom a check for \$5.00 for shipping and he will mail you a copy

Finally, I hope that everyone is getting ready for the best antique gun show in Ohio. Jim is already making preparations for the Newark show, and I hope to see a lot of you there.

Bob Poch

Addendum:

It is always difficult to report on the passing of fellow members of this organization. Milo Bragg and Phil Brown passed away this year, and both will be greatly missed. I should also report that Jack Vye suffered a bad fall, but is healing.

Bob Poch





Peter F. Zeise



1843 – 1929

by Rod Frazer

Peter F. Zeise was a man of many titles. He was born in Pennsylvania 26 June 1843 to Fred Zeise and Eliz Stinsman Zeise, both from Germany. Early in his life Peter's family moved from Pennsylvania to Middleport, Ohio. When the Civil War started Peter enlisted at Gallipolis on 22 April 1861 into Company F of the 18th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This was a 90 day unit that was sent to different points on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to guard the railroad and trains between Parkersburg and Clarksburg, West Virginia, until August. The regiment mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, on 28 August 1861. He was listed as a musician.

Peter then signed up with the 4th West Virginia Infantry as a private in Company E, again as a Musician (Fifer). The 4th served in both the east and south to Tennessee, then to Atlanta and on to the sea. On 21 December 1864 the 4th West Virginia consolidated with the 1st Regiment West Virginia Veteran Infantry due to the large number of casualties incurred by the two units. Peter was discharged in 1865 and he was listed as Principal Musician for the 2nd Regiment, West Virginia Veteran Infantry Companies F and S.

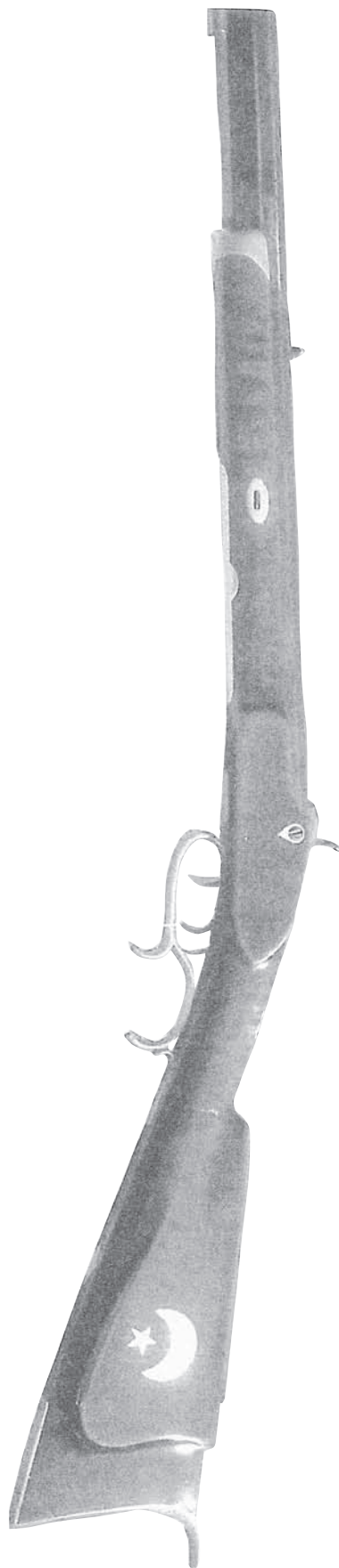
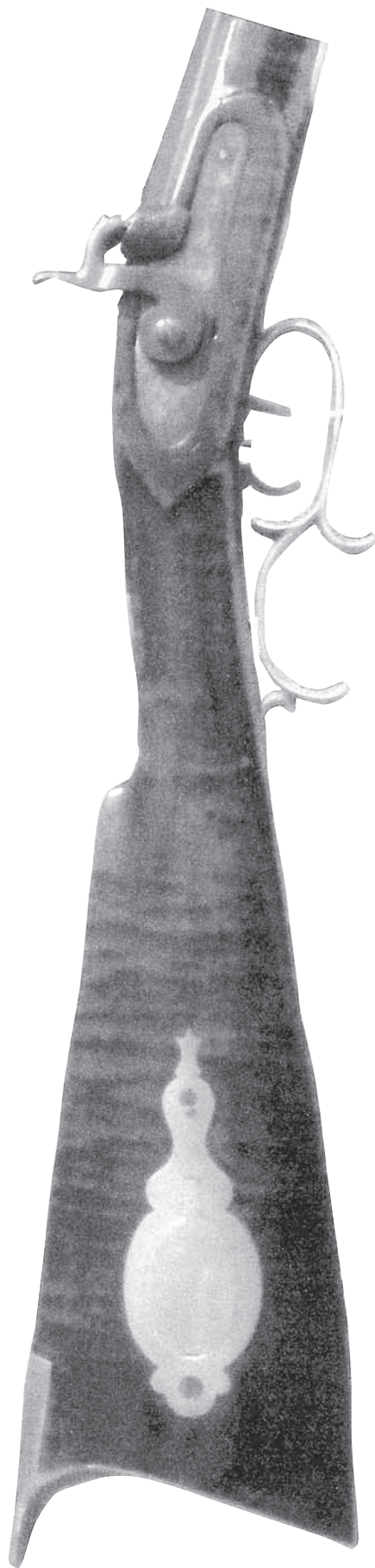
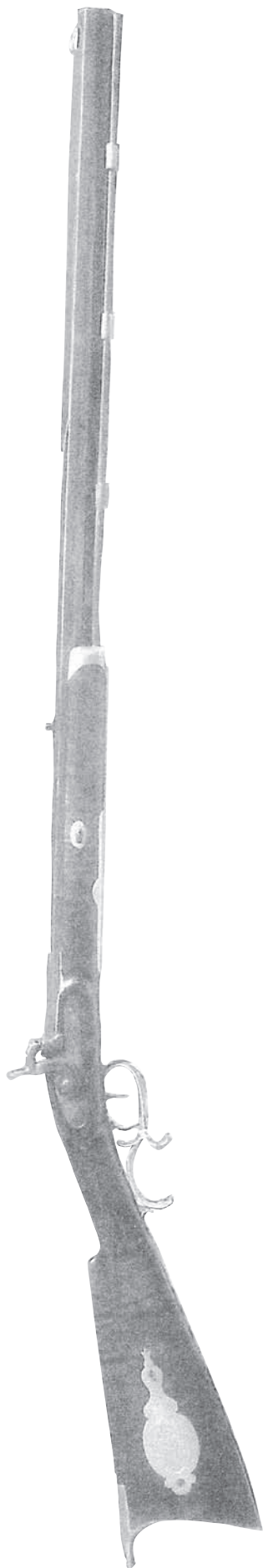
Peter returned to Middleport after the war and on 13 August 1868 married Martha Bertha Morton. They had two children – R. E. B. Zeise born March 1871, and Frederick W. Zeise born 13 May 1872. On 2 March 1882 Peter married his second wife Rachael Weese from Mason City, West Virginia. They had four children: Pearly Ethel 1883, Frances Irene 1887, Helen Ophelia 1886, and Raymond Sherman 1888, all buried in Greenlawn and Union Cemeteries in Columbus, Ohio. Rachel died 29 June 1935 in Columbus at the age of 80.

The *1871 – 72 Wiggins and Weaver's Ohio River Valley Directory* has P. F. Zeise as a blacksmith with a shop at Third and Mechanic Street in Middleport. Peter was also mayor of Middleport for a period of time. In 1881 P. F. Zeise, Fire Engineer, was paid \$33.00 for election expense. Peter Zeise was issued Patent Number 801,295 on 10 October 1905 for a "Fire arm". The patent covered a swivel-breech cartridge shotgun or rifle featuring an internal hammer and spring-loaded ejector (Hutslar).

As Peter got up in age he moved to Sandusky, Ohio to live in the Ohio Veterans Home, more commonly known as the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home, where he died on 4 April 1929. He is buried in the Ohio Veterans Home Cemetery, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio. He was 85 years old and listed as a mechanical engineer.



Peter F. Zeise



8th ANNUAL AUGUST PICNIC

The Annual August Shoot and Picnic was again a success. Approximately forty AOLRC members attended, and the shooting was very competitive. There always seems to be those who wonder if it is really fair to mix both antique and modern rifles in such shoots, with the assumption that a “modern” muzzleloader should be far more accurate than one made a hundred years or so ago. I wish to point out that Tom Oakes won the first pick in the “Blanket Shoot” with an original George Humphries rifle, and that Matt Yerian took the second pick with an original D. L. Ackley rifle. Perhaps it really isn’t fair to the modern rifles or, more likely, winning depends less on the age of the equipment and more on “the nut behind the trigger”.

The AOLRC Schuetzenfest was shot again this year, and Barb Harwood won both the beautiful target made by Danny and Susan Coler and the honor of providing the target for next year. Ron Yerian took first prize in the shotgun X-target. The shotgun event is becoming a popular contest, with only luck needed to win.

As in the past, members provided a covered dish, and the AOLRC provided the meat. We are thinking of going to a straight “pot-luck” lunch next year, as the cost for the meat is going up. Tom Oakes started distributing our new book – strictly for members – at the picnic, and will continue to do so at Marietta and Newark. This new book is free, and contains much new material on Ohio gunsmiths. The book, *Arms Makers of Ohio*, by our good friend James B. Whisker and Kevin R. Spiker, is meant to be a supplement to our own five volume set.

The Annual Picnic is not just for shooters, of course, and was designed to be a family event. It might be of interest to you collectors to note that quite a few arms and artifacts were seen in the backs of vehicles that just might have changed hands before getting to Newark.



8th ANNUAL AUGUST PICNIC





Ladies of AOLRC News

At our Marietta show in April, our Friday night gathering was as always a great time to catch up on happenings and learn about gun trades and purchases. The Lafayette provided us with a wonderful salad buffet for our Ladies' Saturday luncheon and then Louise Zimmer entertained us royally with her historian's perspective of women pioneers to the Marietta settlement and development. We could have stayed all afternoon listening and talking with her but we had to get ready for Saturday night's banquet which also went very well. Sunday came all too soon and we packed up hoping to see each other again at the August shoot. It is always a great weekend.

August provided us with fall-like weather which made our picnic and shoot even more enjoyable. There were 40 or more in attendance and about 12 shooters. We missed Charlie Ebright this year. Transportation issues keep him from attending. I think this is the first one he has missed. The food again was very plentiful and delicious. There was lots of smoke on the shooting range and we girls were well represented with Susan Coler, Renita Oakes, Donna Barnhill and Barb Harwood showing off their skills. In fact Barb won the Schuetzen shoot and will be designing the target for next year. Danny and Susan Coler created with the help of their daughter a beautiful target this year (check out the picture). It is a great time for all who attend. Plan to join us next summer if you have never had the opportunity to do so.

The Newark show is happening Saturday, September 28 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Jim Clagget works hard putting this show together. Friday afternoon and night we will be setting up the tables and then enjoying pizza and time to visit. Hope you can make it.

I have checked on the possibility of our April show's Saturday lunch at the Blennerhasset Hotel. In fact I called back in April when I got home from this year's show. However, they are already booked for that weekend. I am still working on trying to arrange something at the Levee House and the possibility of a trolley tour of Marietta. I will let you know what develops.

Ron and I received an email from Bill and Anna Shulaw. Bill retired from his job at OSU, they sold their home in Hilliard and have moved to Hot Springs, SD. Two of their children live in that area. Bill's Mom is still living in northwest Ohio and they hope she will be able to visit them in SD. They mentioned they want to continue their membership in AOLRC and look forward to the newsletters.

Hope this newsletter finds you all well. Hope to see you in Newark!

Judy



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