

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 2:00pm

Present: Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), John Caves (City Council Liaison), Mr. Don Peterson (Guest), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - A microfilm reader was used to examine 1910 issues of the Brunswick Herald.
 - Mr. Wilson is writing a story for the June issue of the Brunswick News-Journal about the final burial of Corporal Alvey Dayton Keenan at Park Heights Cemetery. Corporal Keenan was originally buried at the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery in France following his death in World War I.
- History Discussion:
 - Old Brunswick was originally the town between the tracks and canal until 1910, when the B&O Railroad built the eastbound track. It was briefly the “Town Between the Tracks” until around 1920, when all buildings in that area were either empty or gone.
 - AME churches in Knoxville date to as early as 1882. The foundation of the original church exists on a Mountain Road property with that date on the cornerstone. The congregation later moved into the nearby Methodist Episcopal Church, which had been built in 1869.
 - Caspar Wever mill.
 - Mr. McIntosh is working on a map that shows the demarcation between Merry Peep O Day and Merryland Tract.
 - The B&O Farm operated until it was sold to the Board of Education in 1961 to build the current Brunswick High School. Ms. Ebersole remembers the Conner, Huffman and Lowe families living on the farm when she was growing up.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.