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## Scott Baker passes away suddenly

The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio has lost a great compatriot! Harrison Scott Baker II passed away suddenly at the age of 58 in his home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on 29 June 2008.

He was born on 12 March 1950 to Stanley and Starling (Dixon) Baker (both deceased). He is survived by his brother, John Baker of Florida, a nephew, Christopher Baker, and nieces, Caroline and Natalie Baker.

Scott was recently awarded the first Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Society and the Society was preparing to present him with his award when he died. During the July meeting of the Society, the membership voted to rename the award the "Harrison Scott Baker II Distinguished Service Award" in his honor.

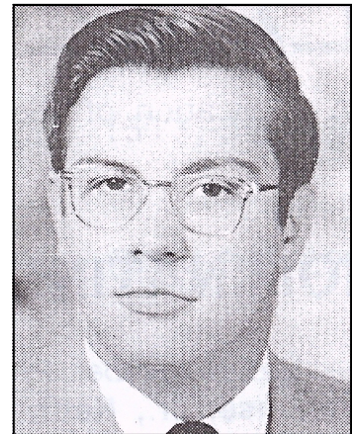
Besides serving as a president of the Ohio Society, Scott was active not only in the General Society of the War of 1812 but also with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans Reserve, National Society Sons of Colonial New England, Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, First Families of Ohio, and the Wyandot County Tracers Genealogical Society.

He was also a noted author in genealogical circles. He had authored seven books pertaining to the War of 1812 for the Ohio Society and was preparing two more at the time of this death. He had also published three additional books on other topics.

Scott's book series on the American prisoners of war during the War of 1812 brought him much fame. Gwendolyn Mayer, the Archivist at the Hudson Library & Historical Society in Hudson, Ohio, said, "Mr. Baker will long be remembered by the genealogical world for the service he provided by producing these accurate and useful transcriptions."

Robert Grim, former President of the Ohio Society, commented that "Scott lead the way in getting a government memorial placed in Canada in honor of War of 1812 soldiers and sailors buried at "Dead Man's Island." This moment is in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and it honors the 195 Americans who died in the prisoner of war camp at Halifax.

Kent Dorr, the graves registration officer for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, said "We are lessened by his loss. His diligent and hard work in locating and recording Civil War veteran burial locations in numerous northwestern Ohio counties is a fitting legacy for a fine man and generations of researchers will thank him."



Harrison Scott Baker II

He was also active in finding the graves of War of 1812 veterans.

Scott was born in Marion, Ohio, and graduated from Marathon High School, Marathon, Florida, in 1968. He receiving a bachelor's degree in international affairs from Florida State University in 1972 and a master's in business administration in 1980 from the same university.

He worked as an aircraft maintenance manager for Eastern Airlines and later became a Microsoft Certified System Engineer. He was very active in researching and writing about the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. He was also a Civil War re-enactor.

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### Meeting Dates for 2008

October 18 — Red Brick Tavern, Lafayette, OH

Dates and locations are subject to change

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### The Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Awards and the Meritorious Service Awards for outstanding members.

Nominations can be given to Compatriots Brad Tilton, Bob Grim or Eric Johnson. See the article in the April 2006 issue for details.

The *Lake Erie Ledger* can be e-mailed to any compatriot in a PDF format instead of having the newsletter mailed as it have been in the past.

If you wish to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please contact the editor and the newsletter will be e-mailed to you in the future.

## President's Message

Eric E. Johnson

The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio is now twenty years old having been formed on 8 October 1988. This society is very strong and highly active on both the state and the national levels. Having gone through the historian's records of our Society, I can see that from day one the leadership and the general membership have been committed in making this society one of the best societies in the General Society of the War of 1812.

We have a lot in common with the original Ohio Society which was formed on 8 January 1895 and which was incorporated into the General Society on 19 June 1895. Most of the charter members of this organization were very active in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and many were also charter members of the SAR's state society. A number of men were also charter members of what would become the Ohio Historical Society. Others served in generalships in the General Society.

Most of the men had war experiences in either the Civil War or the Indian Wars. A few served during the Spanish-American War. This early state society had members who were generals in both the regular army and in the volunteers. Two are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Besides the normal mix of doctors and lawyers, the first Archbishop of Cincinnati was also a member.

Some of the men were sons of veterans from the War of 1812 but most were either grandsons or great-grandsons. Many of the men heard the stories from this war first hand from their fathers and grandfathers. There were no veteran members in this society who actually served during the War of 1812.

The original Ohio Society lasted a little less than fifteen years. Only forty-one members were recruited between 8 January 1895 and 22 November 1898. It appears that after the latter date, the society went inactive. Many of the older men died during the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A few of the men transferred to other state societies in 1912.

I don't think that the original society died from inactivity. 'Logistics' probably killed the society. A good percentage of the men lived out-of-state. There were members from all over Ohio with the main concentration in the Cincinnati and the Columbus areas. But, with the railroads being the main transportation of this era, it was probably next to impossible to get enough members at a meeting to conduct business.

With all being said and done, we still have the honor of inheriting the history and the lineage of the original Ohio Society thus we can claim our start date as 8 January 1895 and when we reorganized in 1988 we started

our initial membership number at 42.

Most of our current members are also members of the SAR and in many other hereditary and historical societies. Many are veterans from the military and many are in the professions. For most of our "local" members, transportation is not an issue.

We owe a lot to a number of men who made this society successful. Compatriot Keith Drew Ashley was the key force in reactivating the society. Enough can not be said of Compatriot Harrison Scott Baker who recently died. Through his efforts this society published a number of books on the war and we lead the other societies in books published or to be published. At the time of his death, he was working on two additional books.

Compatriot Bradley Allan Tilton took on the project of getting all of the Ohio governors who served in the War of 1812 inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The six governors are now all inductees of the Hall. He is now working on getting the key military men from Ohio into the Hall of Fame.

All of the past presidents from Keith Ashley have promoted the memory of the War of 1812 through gravesite dedications, giving speeches, etc. These other men are Robert Grim, Paul Morehouse, Scott Baker, Brad Tilton and Rev. George Fry.

Many other men have held office both on the state and national levels, helped on committees, worked with the gravesite dedications, presented the ROTC Award to desiring cadets, and performed a host of other duties which has made this society great.

The current Ohio Society has out-lived the original Ohio Society. I salute the original members who wanted to honor their fathers and grandfathers by preserving their memories of a largely forgotten war. I salute our current membership whose diligence and perseverance has made this society extremely strong. I look forward to our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 during the national 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War of 1812. How appropriate! We can celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the same time that we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

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### Welcome new members

- 166 — James Albert Latham
  - 167 — Craig Hil Kirk Latham
  - 168 — Larry Anthony Breiding
  - 169 — Donald Jay Smith
  - 170 — Richard Allen Rice
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## Minutes of the 2008 annual meeting

Paul Morehouse

The annual meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio was called to order by President George Fry at 12:00 p.m., 26 April 2008, at the Red Brick Tavern in Lafayette, Ohio. Donald Jay Smith, Carla Smith and Amy Fry were this meeting's guests. The invocation was given by President Fry followed by a moment of silence in memory of Compatriots Zearfoos, Karr, Whetstone and Isolde Brooke, wife of Danbridge Brooke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Bartholomew. The minutes of the October 2007 meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. The president gave his farewell message. Vice President Eric Johnson reported that Scott Baker has been awarded the first Distinguished Service Award and that we were trying to get Scott to attend a meeting in order to present the certificate to him. Johnson also updated the members on the progress of the bicentennial book, the OGS conference in Cincinnati, and having presented the ROTC medal at the Kent State University's Army ROTC Awards Breakfast.

Treasurer Paul Morehouse wanted to move the checking account to the AmeriTrust Bank. The motion was moved by Bob Grim and seconded by Eric Johnson. It passed. A motion was made by Bob Grim to donate \$100 to the Hayes Library in Fremont, Ohio. It was seconded by John Smith and passed by the members. John Smith moved to donate \$500 dollars to the Chalmette Battlefield in New Orleans, LA. It was seconded by Eric Johnson and passed by the members.

Registrar Brad Tilton presented four membership applications to the floor. Each was moved and seconded and then passed. James Albert Latham, ancestor was Isaac Davisson, became compatriot number 166. Craig Hil Kirk Latham, ancestor was Isaac Davisson, became compatriot number 167. Lawrence Anthony Breiding, ancestor was James Jefferson, became compatriot number 168. Donald Jay Smith, ancestor was Seth Hall of the New York militia, became compatriot number 169.

John Latham moved that we increase the application fee to \$15. The motion was seconded by John Smith and approved by the members. This increase will go into effect on 1 January 2009. Brad Tilton stated that we had a new fill-in PDF application form that can be e-mailed. This electronic form replaces the current form that is stored on a CD.

Paul Morehouse reported that Scott Baker was having problems with the transcript of the prisoner of war lists for Quebec, Canada, and hopes to have the problems solved. A \$125 memorial donation was approved by the members, which will be used to purchase books pertaining to the War of 1812 for the Ohio Genealogical

Society Library. Books will be purchased in memory of the Ohio compatriots who have passed away. The motion was made by Morehouse and seconded by John Smith.

Morehouse reported that the March Board of Director's Meeting of the General Society which was to be held in Akron, Ohio, was cancelled due to the weather. He did not know if the meeting would be rescheduled before the September Triennial in Philadelphia.

The July 2008 meeting of the Ohio Society will be held in Mansfield at the Ohio Genealogical Society's library. It will be the third annual event highlighting a day of research at the library.

The Ohio Society is sponsoring a grave site dedication on 31 May 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Wilder, West Virginia, for Private John Linscott, a veteran of the War of 1812. The motion to approve this event was made by Johnson and seconded by Grim, which passed.

The election of officers from the 2008-2011 term was presented to the floor with a motion by Grim and seconded by John Smith. The officers were accepted and the list can be found on page two of the *Lake Erie Ledger*.

Brad Tilton reported that he had nominated Henry Brush, a distinguished veteran of the War of 1812, for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Bob Bartholomew stated that Perry's Monument was going to be reopened on May 17th.

The meeting was adjourned and Eric Johnson presented a program on the forms that were used by both the militia and the regular army during the War of 1812.

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### Hayes donation is for a good cause

The recent donation from the Ohio Society to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio, will go to a very good cause.

100% of the donation will go to the Manuscripts Fund which will be used to help purchase original documents, diaries, letters and photographs. These documents are used in the research of educators, students, military history researchers, genealogists and scholars.

As a side benefit, the name of the Society will be listed on the Center's website as a donor and it will also be included in their next newsletter and the 2009 Annual Report.

The Presidential Center is the home of the archives of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio. It is where old records are kept in a very safe environment. The URL for the Presidential center is: [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org).

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# Captain Beard's Company defended the Ohio frontier

The militia roster of Captain William Beard's company from Coshocton County is missing from the *Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812*. A copy of this militia roster can be found in the archives of the Western Reserve Historical Society's library in Cleveland, Ohio.

This company was made up of volunteers from the four companies which constituted the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> regiment of the 4<sup>th</sup> brigade of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the Ohio militia. The company was called to duty between 26 August and 26 September 1812 for the defense of Mount Vernon in Knox County.

The company was a part of Colonel Charles Miller's provisional regiment which was made up of Captain Beard's company and Captain Adam Johnston's rifle company, also from the 2<sup>nd</sup> regiment.

The regiment spent its time in Knox County building blockhouses for the citizens and patrolling the borders looking for any sign of Indian war parties. Major Pitzer from Newark in Licking County joined forces with Colonel Miller with another rifle company and a mounted infantry company.

**Captain William Beard's Company**  
Colonel Charles Williams' Regiment  
Ordered on the Frontiers of Knox and Richland Counties  
From 26 August to 26 September 1812  
(Coshocton County)

Captain William Beard	Lieutenant Richard Fowler	Ensign Solomon Vail
Sergeant Lewis Vail	Sergeant Isaac Meredith	Sergeant Thomas P. James
Sergeant William Biggs	Corporal Samuel Elson	Corporal Abraham Fry
Corporal Thomas Workman	Corporal Sem Flahearty	

Privates

Addy, Hugh	Hartley, John	Miller, Nicholas
Addy, Robert	Hawkins, William	Miller, Stephen
Ammory, George	Hill, John	Mulvane, John
Beatty, Robert	Horton, Thomas	Musgrove, Moses
Beckworth, Joseph	Hull, Henry	Norris, Samuel
Bowen, Courtant	John, Thomas	Oglesby, James
Cantwell, Thomas	Jones, William	Preston, Henry
Clark, James	Kearlos, John	Rolling, William
Clark, William	Lisk, James	Severn, Joseph
Coe, Martin	Maples, David	Shaw, Elijah
Darling, Jonathan	Mason, George	Smith, Reuben
Darling, William	McFarlin, Samuel	Titus, George
Elson, John	McLean, Daniel	Varris, John
Evans, Gabriel	Meredith, Obed	Waggoner, John
Evans, Thomas	Miller, Henry	Willis, James
Griffin, Robert	Miller, James	Willis, Richard
		Wisecraver, Abraham

## Book Review

C. George Fry

## 1812: War with America

A review of John Latimer, **1812: War with America**. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2007, 638 pages, cloth, \$35.00, ISBN: 9780674025844.

This text has been advertised as “the first complete history of the War of 1812 from a British perspective.” The author, a Lecturer at the University of Wales, Swansea, Wales, is not only a soldier but also a writer whose previous titles have included *Alamein*, *Deception in War*, and *Burma: The Forgotten War*. Painfully researched, from both primary and secondary sources, some 231 pages of the text are devoted to “Notes,” “Select Bibliography,” and an “Index.” No one can fault John Latimer for not doing his homework.

His interpretation is what will provoke thought in the United States. Latimer contends that the war was unnecessary, that it was for Britain, but a “sideshow” of the much larger Napoleonic Era’s conflict, that it was inspired by “an ill-fated attempt” by the American Republic to annex Canada, that its response North of the Border was to inspire not only fear but a firm resolve on the part of British Americans to remain British, for, to the Canadians, it was a “war of survival.” Though the United States had some “shining moments,” as the Battle of Lake Erie and Andrew Jackson’s triumph at New Orleans, to Latimer the war is essentially “an American failure,” as illustrated in the burning of Washington, the further failure, in the final peace treaty, to secure “rights on the high seas,” and the total inability of the U.S. to annex Canada. For Latimer, it is a British victory, which resulted in the preservation of Canada, with its goal to be the ultimate Confederation of 1867, and the

maintenance of “an alternative America” to the North. That is his contention and his book is his narration and argumentation for that point of view.

Every coin, of course, has two sides and every argument has two different interpretations. Members of our Society are well aware of the alternative reading of these events. For the United States, the war was nothing less than a second and tragically necessary Declaration of Independence, motivated by the impressments of American seamen into the Royal Navy, the infringement of British forces on American territory, the securing of freedom to settle the trans-Appalachian West (due to British encouragement of Native American resistance), the stifling of move by Tecumseh to create a sovereign Indian Nation (under British auspices) in the North American Heartland, and, of course, prevention of New Orleans from becoming a Western Hemisphere “Hong Kong,” a port, attached to an Empire which, at the time, had no interest in American welfare. It is also important to note that if this war had, in fact, been an American defeat; the newly founded Union would have dissolved, with New England leaving to become a separate state.

One wag has said that the War of 1812, is the one that everyone loves – for ask the British, they’ll tell you “we won” and ask the Americans, they’ll say the same, and, of course, not to be forgotten, the Canadians join the chorus with “No, we did it, we won.”

With 18 chapters, numerous maps and illustrations, well written narrative and bold interpretations, this is not a dull book by any means and is well worth the critical attention of all interested in the early nineteenth century in America.

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## Samuel Huntington’s Hall of Fame plaque finds a permanent home

Governor Samuel Huntington’s plaque has found a permanent home at the Lake County Historical Society in Painesville, Ohio. The plaque was presented to the Ohio Society at the annual Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony held last fall in Columbus, Ohio.

The plaque is being used as a focal point in a new display at the historical society on the War of 1812. A recently donated coatee from the war is now on display at the society.

The coatee is either from a British enlisted man or from an American musician. The musicians from both nations wore reverse colors, that is, the American uniforms were blue while the musician uniforms

were red and the British uniforms were red while their musician uniforms were blue.

The uniform is described as a red wool coatee with a high collar, long sleeves with cuffs and caps at the shoulders, wide lapels and tails decorated with black velvet, yellow braiding and brass buttons.

Officers during the war wore a coat with the tails coming to the backs of the knees. The enlisted men wore coatee with the tails coming half way down the thighs. During the summer months, the enlisted wore a jacket, also called a roundabout, which was made of linen and had no tails.

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## Grant aids in historical search of the Battle of Lake Erie

Beneath the waters of Lake Erie lie tangible pieces of history - and archaeologists and divers are hoping to find some from the War of 1812. The National Parks Service American Battlefield Protection Program announced on 30 June 2008 an \$18,000 grant to the Vermilion, Ohio, based Great Lakes Historical Society to fund an underwater survey of the Battle of Lake Erie site.

The society, working together with the Cleveland Underwater Explorers, will use sonar and magnetic wave surveying equipment to take a "picture" of the bottom of the lake, explained Carrie Sowden, archaeological director for the historical society. "If there is a large cannon ball that is four or five feet down, this will find it," she said, explaining that the equipment can find anything on the lake floor made of iron, even if it is buried in silt.

The society hopes to complete the sonar portion of the survey during the summer, analyze the results over the winter months, and return next summer to dive down and investigate their finds. The goal is to have a map of where everything is.

The battle, which took place 10 September 1813 during the War of 1812, was considered pivotal to the United States, which was still a young nation. An American fleet of nine small ships, under Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry, defeated a British squadron of six ships near Put-in-Bay.

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### Ohio Society compatriots attend the 2008 Triennial Convention

Four Ohio Society compatriots attended the 2008 Triennial Convention of the General Society of the War of 1812. The event was held in Philadelphia on 18-20 September 2008.

Eric Johnson was re-elected as the Vice President General—Publications. He is also the *War Cry* editor. Paul Morehouse was re-elected as the Secretary General.

Brad Tilton was re-elected as the Treasurer General. The Rev. George Fry was re-elected as the Chaplain General.

Bob Grim stepped down as the Registrar General after two terms and was elected as the Registrar General Emeritus based upon eleven years as a General Society officer.

Congratulations to these men who represents the Ohio society on the national level.

What might remain in the lake from the battle today? Possibly cannonballs or ammunition from the battle, or debris from the ships that fell in or was dumped overboard, Ms. Sowden said. No ships sank in the battle, but at one point, sailors thought the flagship Lawrence was going to sink, so they began heaving things overboard to lighten the load. Possibly powder kegs or even a cannon could have gone over the side of the ship and come to rest on the bottom of the lake, she said. The group does not plan to retrieve any of the artifacts.

The American Battlefield Protection Program promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil, according to the Web site of the National Park Service. The program strives to protect sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of U.S. history and to raise awareness of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations, the Web site states.

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### Bill introduced to create River Raisin Battlefield National Park

Legislation was introduced in the U.S. Congress in July 2008 to make the River Raisin Battlefield in Monroe, Michigan, a national park. Congressman John D. Dingell and Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow of Michigan jointly sponsored the bill.

The battle site was the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812. The past year has been spent restoring the River Raisin Battlefield to the way it looked 196 years ago. The congressman and the senators have helped bring more than \$1.5 million in grant money to help pay for the restoration effort.

It has been no easy task considering the site developed into a paper mill during the turn of the last century. But demolition crews brought down the smokestacks and blighted paper mills and archaeologists and historians have been shedding new light on this pivotal moment in American history.

Out of nearly 1,000 American troops, only 33 escaped death or capture. This bloody event gave birth to the emotional rallying cry "Remember the Raisin," which spurred the American forces on to victory at the Battle of the Thames nine months later.

## Minutes of the July 2008 meeting

Paul Morehouse

The summer meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio was called to order by President Eric Johnson at 12:15 p.m., 12 July 2008, at the Ohio Genealogical Society's library in Mansfield, Ohio. Lou and Diane Hart were this meeting's guests. The invocation was given by Chaplin George Fry and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Bartholomew.

The minutes of the April 2008 meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. The meeting's agenda was approved.

It was announced the Harrison Scott Baker had passed away of an apparent heart attack. He was 58 years old. Paul Morehouse had presented Baker's Distinguished Service Award, posthumously, to Scott's brother. Morehouse was in the process of retrieving items in the possession of Baker which belonged to the Ohio Society.

President Johnson reported that 64 *Lake Erie Ledgers* were mailed while 34 were e-mailed last issue and as we received more e-mails, more be sent electronically saving the Society postage costs. Johnson said that the *Journal of the War of 1812*, a Baltimore, Maryland, publication, is now in production again. He also said that he is gathering information on the first 41 members of the Ohio Society and will make this information available to the society.

Vice President Fry distributed his report to the members and talked about his recent trip to Singapore to visit his family. Treasurer Morehouse reported that the checking account has been moved to the new bank.

Registrar Brad Tilton introduced Lou and Diane Hart who gave a talk on the reconstruction of the War of 1812 blockhouse in Mansfield. Lou gave the history of the blockhouse during the war and how the blockhouse was reconstructed for its centennial. The blockhouse is currently being renovated for the bicentennial. The couple gave the society two pieces of the original blockhouse which was constructed of American Chestnut. Hopefully, a gavel can be made from the pieces.

Surgeon Bob Bartholomew suggested to avoid picking up dead birds because of diseases and to stay indoors at night because of the insects. He also warned to wash thoroughly raw vegetables and to keep up with all of your vaccinations.

Morehouse reported that the publications of the society's series of books on the American prisoners of war from the War of 1812 were up in the air due to Scott Baker's death. Baker had authored four books and was working on two more when he died. Morehouse nominated Craig Fisher to the webmaster's position which Baker had held. George Fry moved and Craig Fisher

seconded the motion. It passed.

Registrar Tilton read the application of Richard Allen Rice of Covington, Ohio, whose ancestor was Private William Augh of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Militia. Tilton moved and Morehouse seconded the motion for membership. It passed. Rice has Ohio Society number 170.

A motion was made to rename the society's distinguished service award to the Harrison Scott Baker II Distinguished Service Award. Tilton made the motion which was seconded by Fry and it was passed.

Another motion was made by Tilton to produce an Ohio Society Bicentennial Book and seconded by Morehouse which passed successfully. President Johnson volunteered to begin working on the book.

Morehouse and Johnson spoke on the recent grave site dedication for Private John Linscott of the Ohio Militia in Wilder, West Virginia. There were approximately 80 persons attending this event which included an honor guard from both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Tilton made a motion to donate \$500 for the blockhouse project in Mansfield. Jerry Armentrout seconded the motion and it passed.

There are two upcoming grave site dedications to be considered in the future. The first one was for Thomas McKnight in 2010 and the other at Fort Meigs in 2011 or 2012. Fisher announced that there was a dedication ceremony at Fort Meigs scheduled for 6 September 2008.

Jerry Armentrout moved adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Brad Tilton. Motion passed.

## Andrew Jackson coin is released



The United States Mint has released the Andrew Jackson dollar as the seventh coin in the Presidential \$1 Series.

Jackson fought in the Revolutionary War and was a hero of the War of 1812.

He earned his nickname as "Old Hickory" during the War of 1812. He served two terms as the 7<sup>th</sup> president and he was the first president to have been elected from west of the Appalachian Mountains.