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Dear Fellow Club Members,

I'd like to begin this newsletter with some of the best news that I have ever reported in my last three years as President. Larry Bryner has been released from the hospital after almost eight months of intense therapy following his accident. Although he is not quite one hundred percent, his spirits are high and he and his family are grateful to have him home. I'm sure that anyone who has spent any time in the hospital can relate to the great joy that is experienced when you are able to pass through that hospital door.

Throughout the years that I have known Larry, I've always thought of him as "a tough old bird." Now, after seeing his amazing recovery, I know that I was right about him all along. It appears as though all of our prayers and Larry's strong will have helped to make this great outcome possible. Keep up the good work, Larry. We all miss you and hope to see you at Marietta next year!

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to praise the men on our Board of Directors who make my job as President a little easier. These great men are all of equal importance and are very dedicated to whatever is in the best interest of our club. As a group, they always work well together and keep us moving forward. In particular, I would like to talk about a few of our past presidents, who still sit on the board, and what they have been doing for our club.

Rod Frazer has taken the initiative to work on a new book of guns made by gunsmiths who were never published in any other book known to us. I'm happy to announce that this project is still moving forward at this time. Rod has also volunteered to work on our website and help move antique gun collecting into the 21st century.

Ron Yerian is one of my "go-to" guys and I know I can always rely on his advice and guidance when I am trying to make a decision to move things forward. Usually, if I can't figure something out right away, Ron will tell me to wait two weeks or so and see if it fixes itself and most of the time it does. Ron holds three different titles in our club: Board of Director, Treasurer, and editor of the newsletter. It would not be easy for us to replace someone like Ron.

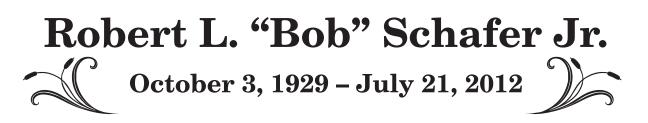
Jim Claggett, like others, has always had the best interest of our club in mind. He was the ramrod that gave our Newark show its beginning. It has been nothing but a success ever since and a nice "shot in the arm" for our club. Jim is a very mild-mannered person on the outside, but he becomes a bundle of nerves every year right before our Newark show. This is because he always takes care of any loose ends and makes sure that everything is ready for 9 AM Saturday morning. It's all worth it in the end, however, when everyone has a fun-filled day buying, selling, and telling tall tales with a little truth thrown in.

Mark Herman is our very experienced business man who knows how to negotiate with people. Ted Dixon used to take care of this for the banquet dinners and hotel fees when we first started having our meetings in Marietta. But with Ted's untimely passing, Mark stepped in and has done a great job of keeping the prices constant even though the hotel has changed hands several times. Mark's dedication and wisdom, combined with his powerful handshake, make him an important part of our board.

I can't close out my letter without mentioning who I consider to be the glue that holds this group together, Secretary Dan Smith. Dan is fun to work with and his colorful comments at the board meetings always bring a smile to our faces. In recent years, Dan's wife, Patty, has joined him at the membership table to help keep things running smoothly. I am thankful for both of them and appreciate the time they spend helping us. All of these men that were just mentioned volunteer countless hours for the betterment of our club. They make my job as President stress-free since I never have to worry if something will be done right or on time. I, on behalf of the entire club, would like to say "Thank you" to each of the aforementioned men, as well as everyone who sits on the board. I hope to see everyone soon at our Newark show on September 29th.

Sincerely, Bob Poch Addendum:

It is always a sad duty to report on the passing of a fellow member, especially that of a Charter Member. Bob Schafer was a member and strong supporter of the AOLRC since its inception, and placed many of his Ohio rifles in our last Auction. He will be well remembered and sadly missed. Bob Poch



Born in El Dorado, Arkansas, Bob graduated from Marietta High School in 1947 and from Marietta College in 1953. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He graduated from Officers Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was a Lt. J. G. in the US Navy from 1953 to 1956. Bob was the fourth generation owner and operator of the Schafer Leather Store in Marietta from 1968 to 1994. He was a Life Member of the NRA and a Charter Member of the Association of Ohio Longrifle Collectors. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, two children, two grandchildren, and a brother.



William S. Chase Pandora Gunsmith Riley Twp., Putnam County, Ohio

Compiled by Tom McCullough

William S. Chase was born in Breckville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on January 2, 1834. He came to Putnam County in his early 20's and married Caroline P. Murray on September 4th, 1856. Caroline was born in Trumbull County, Ohio on July 11th, 1836. Caroline was one of 13 children. William and Caroline had 5 children; Edward, Solomon P., Harriet (Hattie), Adeline, and Henry B.

William came to Putnam County, but later returned again to his former home in Cuyahoga County, where he remained for a number of years. After returning, he settled in Pendleton (Pandora) and made this town his permanent home. William ran a gun shop on the Mrs. William Risser property, and later built a home at 106 West Main Street. This home is west of the old Huser building and is now the Swiss Mutual Insurance Agency office of John Diller. This home was used as a gunshop and photograph gallery. On one occasion he had some trouble with a customer over a debt and he wrote on the windows, "No Cash, No Go".

He was an expert mechanic and gunsmith which trade he followed for a score, or more of years. In his younger days he was an expert millwright and worked at that trade for many years. He was one of the early pioneers of the area and took great delight in hunting, his favorite pastime when game was plentiful.

A State of Ohio Putnam County ss pension claim # 591977 documented an accident that occurred in William's gun shop on June 17th, 1877. William was working in his shop preparing to cut out a gun barrel and had taken out the breech plug. He was heating the barrel in a charcoal fire and not realizing the barrel had a load, it exploded, and the ball struck his left knee. A young boy was present and Dr. Day was summoned immediately to dress the wound. William swore in this document, that this injury of the left knee was from this incident and not caused by any vicious habits or from Military or Naval service prior to May 2nd, 1864. This document was notarized on Dec. 2nd, 1899.

William was a veteran of the Civil War, being a private in Company B of the 150th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was one of the 100 day men, but served till the end of the war. He entered the service on May 2, 1864 at the age of 31 years old. This regiment was organized at Cleveland, Ohio May 5th, 1864 to serve 100 days. The 150th O.V.I. consisted of men primarily from the Cleveland, Ohio area, but also included a few men from Putnam County (Ottawa, Leipsic, Pendleton). The Regiment traveled to Washington D.C. and garrisoned at Forts Lincoln, Saratoga, Thayer, Bunker Hill, Slocum, Totten, and Stevens, forming part of the chain of fortifications surrounding the National Capital. The 150th remained in these forts during the whole term of its service, and participated in the fight before Washington, with a part of Early's Corps, July 10 and 11th, 1864. The Regiment returned to Ohio and was mustered out August 23, 1864.

Bill Chase was the only gunsmith within the village of Pandora and was known for his percussion sporting/hunting rifles. His specialty being a combination turkey and deer gun which was a superposed shotgun and rifle (over and under barrels). One of these rifles is known to exist in Lima, Ohio and has a walnut checkered wrist pistol grip stock. Barrels are 34" long with top barrel rifled to 32 caliber and lower shotgun barrel in 13 gauge smoothbore. It is fitted with brass hardware with unique tang peep sight. The handmade percussion locks are stamped W.S. CHASE. His barrels arrived via the railroad and some of them are stamped Remington. William died at his home on July 15th, 1911 at the age of 77 after a brief illness with typhoid fever. He suffered from Bright's disease for many years. His funeral was held at the Disciple Church on Monday afternoon July 17th, 1911, the Reverend Brundige, the local pastor of Bluffton officiating. Many of his Bluffton friends and comrades attended the funeral. He was buried in the Pandora cemetery on Jefferson Street in Pandora.

Caroline died on Thursday July 22nd, 1915 at the age of 79 after a brief illness with dropsy of the heart and the infirmities of old age. Her funeral was held at the Disciple Church on July 24th, 1915 with the Rev. Brundige of Bluffton officiating. She was laid to rest, next to her husband in Pandora cemetery.

I have located 6 rifles, but have only examined the following 5:

- Half stock percussion rifle with red stained maple stock.

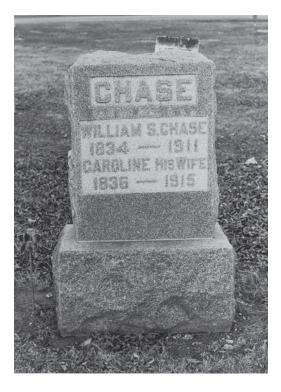
Brass hardware with W.C. stamped on back action lock.

Set triggers. No cheekpiece and stock repaired at butt area.

Wm Chase is engraved on top barrel flat. Remington stamped on underside flat of barrel. Barrel is 34" long in 36 caliber.

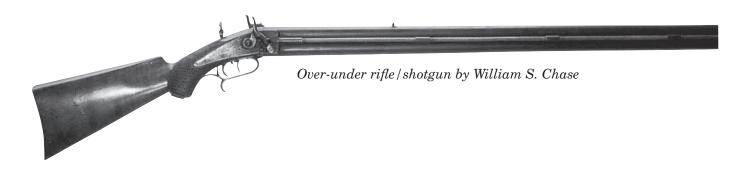
- Full stock percussion rifle with curly maple stock. Brass hardware with W.S.CHASE stamped on back action lock. Single trigger. Full engraved brass patchbox and 4 silver inlays. No cheekpiece. 42" octagon to round smoothbore 52 caliber barrel.
- Half stock percussion rifle with dark stained curly maple stock. Brass hardware with replacement back action lock. Set triggers.
 Full engraved brass patchbox. No cheekpiece.
 W.S.CHASE & Remington stamped on barrel. 1 1/16" x 36" long barrel in 54 caliber.
- Double superposed rifle/shotgun with walnut checkered pistol grip stock. Barrels are 34" long. Top barrel is rifled in 32 caliber and lower shotgun barrel is 13 gauge. Single set double triggers. Brass hardware with a unique tang peep sight. Handmade percussion locks are stamped W.S.CHASE.
- Half stock percussion rifle with dark curly maple stock (with original powder horn and bullet bag) Brass hardware with back action lock. Set triggers. Brass capbox. No cheekpiece.
 W.S.CHASE stamped on the lock. 30 caliber barrel 7/8" x 36" long.
 This rifle has never left the town of Pandora and was made for David D. Diller (1843-1907)



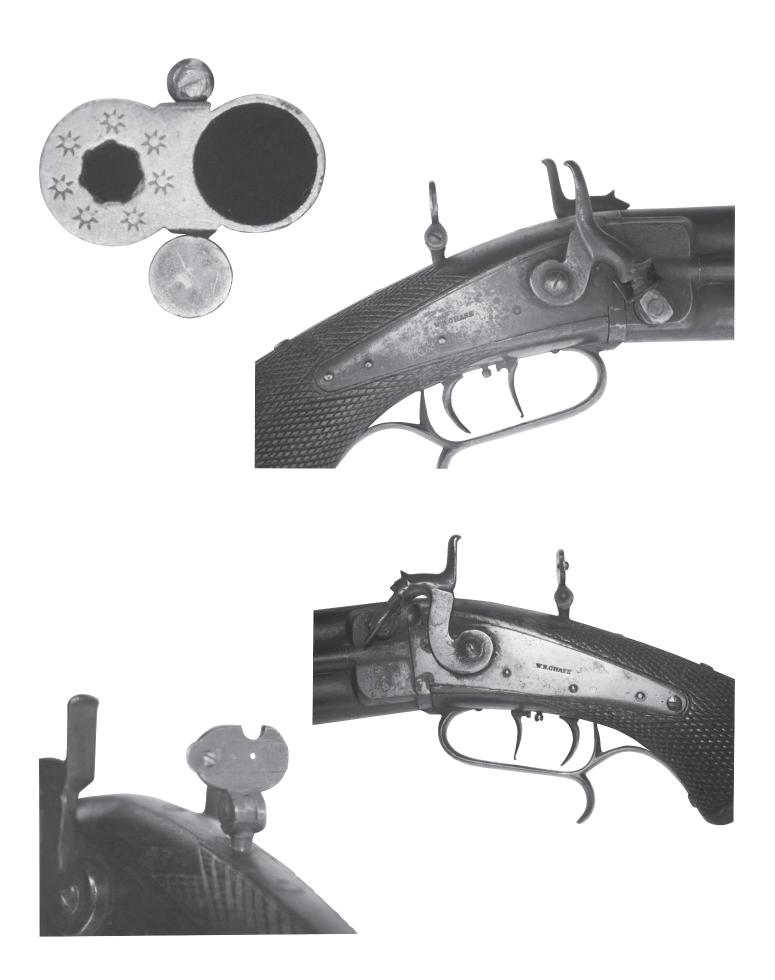




Home of William S. Chase as it looks today.







io Gunsmiths-1853

Back in 1853 an enterprising organization set out to compile a "Business Directory of the State of Ohio-Containing the Mercantile Firms, Manufacturing Establishments, Mechanics, Professional Men, together with the Banking Institutions, Postoffices and all the miscellaneous departments which contribute to the wealth and prosperity of the State, also an Advertising Department."

The task was accomplished by the efforts of ten to thirty men over a period of four months aided by a great number of volunteer workers within the trades and professions listed. True to their professed aims, they compiled a very comprehensive volume listing five hundred or more trades, professions, etc., beginning with "Advertising Agents" and ending with "Writing Ink Manufacturers". In between these extremes of their alphabetical list we find the following:

Gun Barrel Manufacturers; Guns, Pistols and Rifles (Importers); Gun, Pistol and Rifle Manufacturers; Gunsmiths; Powder Dealers: and Powder Manufacturers.

The original work was further broken down by counties, alphabetically arranged. The individual entries are surnames first, followed by given name, with the name of the town opposite.

The advertising section has several interesting advertisements of powder dealers, gun and powder manufacturers, etc. To fully appreciate them they should be reproduced in detail to give full value of pictures, lettering styles and layouts as well as their modest claims of world reknowned superiority, etc. At some later date I hope to have all that type of material photostated.

In the meantime the following list of names and addresses of Gunsmiths and so forth should furnish the readers with much valuable information. It is to be hoped that someone from each locality mentioned can learn more of the individuals listed and send in, for publication, his findings. In this way this list would merely be the seed for a much larger crop of valuable and interesting information.

W. W. REILLY & CO.'S

OHIO STATE BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 1853-1854 Cincinnati: Morgan & Overend, Printers. 1853

GUN-BARREL MANUFACTURERS

Jefferson County Rendlys, Bernard Steubenville Montgomery County Wilt, J., Upper Hydraulic Dayton

By WILLIAM E. GAY

Starke County

	Α	
Ritzel, P. N		Canton

GUNS, PISTOLS AND RIFLES (Importers of) Hamilton County

Pappenheimer & Dreyfoos, 36 Pearl Cincinnati

GUN, RIFLE AND PISTOL MANUFACTURERS

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Franklin County	
Cullman, Charles, High St	Columbus
Siebert, Christian, High St	Columbus
Hamilton County	
Griffiths & Seibert, 279 Main	Cincinnati
Hudson, W. L., 238 Main	Cincinnati

GUNSMITHS Achtahula

Ashtabula County
Nutt, Rollin Eagleville
Hall, Perry Ashtabula
Frisbee, J. Cork
Athens County
Jarvis, Lewis
Augustine, Samuel Athens
Knowless W
Knowlton, W. Lee
Auglaize County DeWitt — Wapakoneta
Dewitt — Wapakoneta
Smith, Wm St. Mary's
Dunlap, H. C. Kossuth
Belmont County
Folger, Wm. H Barnesville
Neel, George Uniontown
Brown County
Thomas, Oratio Higginsport
Hughstead, A. Ripley
Norris, Wm. Ripley
Farver, Wm. Ripley
Farver, Wm. Ripley Champaign County
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Clippinger, Joseph New Carlisle
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Defiance County King, N. Defiance Nagle, John Brunersburg Erie County Sandusky City Robinson, J. H. Sa Fairfield County Claspill, G. W. Lancaster Bodenhimer, W. Lancaster Gibbs, J. Lancaster Fayette County Burgess, Saml. Geauga County Staunton Greene County Rogers, L. Xenia Guernsey County Free, Joel Cumberland Boetcher, C. Cambridge Hosack, E. L. Kimbolton Brumley, S. Senecaville Hamilton County Everson, Lewis Harrison Hancock County Vandeburg, O. B. Finley Lannart, Henry Finley Hardin County Bird, N. Kenton Weaver, N. Kenton Harrison County Righter, John G. Cadiz Highland County Webb, Geo. G. Greenford Webb, James Greenford Hocking County Hudson, E. L. Logan Stalter, Wm. Logan Huron County Benderritter, J. Bellevue Bartley, R. Norwalk Jackson County White, H. W. Jackson Jefferson County Teaff, Jas. SteuDenvine Thompson, Thos. Richmond Gorsuch, J. M. Mt. Pleasant Knox County Carpie, P. F. (Charpie) Mt. Vernon Lake County . Painesville Morse, C. Licking County Zartman, J. Newark Morath, L. Newark Umbarger, Saml. Kirkersville Logan County Moxley, M. Bellefontaine Hornback, Wm. Quincy Lorain County Kelsey, Wm. Huntington Parker, Thomas Oberlin Clark, M. Elyria Lucas County Burdo, Peter Maumee City Vickars, Jonathan Maumee City Mahoning County Miller, S. Damascoville

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Medina County

Medina County Hoisington, O. & Son Leroy
Pierce H Liverpool
Rose, D. Liverpool
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Miami County Weldy, D. West Charleston Norris, R. W. Piqua Lenour, H. R. Troy Montgomery County
Weldy, D. West Charleston Norris, R. W. Piqua
Lenour, H. R
Monigomery County Thomas, John & Son Centre Schnieder M., Second Dayton Stutsman, J. G.; First Dayton Clark, Nelson
Schnieder M., Second Dayton
Stutsman, J. G., First
Morgan County Ball, Joseph T. Malta Coleman, B. B. McConnelsville
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Morrow County
Eldrin, M. Cardington Gray, Lorin Lincoln
Muskingum County
Hale, M. Chandlersville
Noble County McKiesish John
Gray, Lorin Lincoln Muskingum County Fondersmith, Saml. Gratiot Hale, M. Chandlersville Noble County McKitrick, John Berne Paulding County Shafer, Elias Paren County
Perry County
Forcannon, M. B
Humberger, A. Somerset
Swinehart, Andrew Somerset
Humberger, A. Somerset Swinehart, Andrew Somerset Pickaway County Floyd, T. Circleville
Forker Issoel Revenue
Topping, A
Londonslanger, John
Smith, Alfred Nelson
Long, John Deerfield Shattoo I. Deerfield
Topping, A. Ravenna Crane, Ashley Shalersville Londonslanger, John Suffield Smith, Alfred Nelson Long, John Deerfield Shattoo, L. Deerfield Purrington, John Rootstown
Burns H. Lewisburg
Ginger, L. New Paris
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Sigler, Thos. Leipsic Richland County Rickers, J. Mansfield Laferty, Smith Ross County Chilliegebe
Rickers, J Mansfield
Laferty, Smith Belleville
Sleret, E
Millen, Geo. South Salem Day, Wm. Gillespieville
Walker, Wm Bournesville
Sandusky County Smith, David Rollersville
Smith, Danl
Scioto County Shermon, A. P. Portsmouth
Zeigler, H. D. Portsmouth
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Turk, James Morrow
Norman, Benj. Morrow
Washington County
Pratt, Elisha Marietta
King, Sylvestus & Co Bartlett
Riley, Wm. L. Watertown
Wayne County
Troxle, John
Franks & Watt New Prospect
France, Joseph
Williams County
Dickson, Joseph Montpelier
Kimble, David Montpelier
Wood County
Koch, Edward Bowling-Green
Wyandott County
Gump, J. Upper Sandusky
POWDER (Wholesale) DEALERS
Hamilton County
Loomis, M. D. W., s. e. corner Main and
Second Cincinnati
Donahue, J. W., Reeder's Bldg., Cincinnati
Licking County
Stewart, S. M. Granville
Austin, D. H. Granville
Scioto County
Hall, William Portsmouth
POWDER MANUFACTURERS

Several comments on the above lists are in order. In the "Powder Dealers and Manufacturers" list, we find the name "Austin" three times in as many different counties, and the name "King" once. Both names are familiar in the powder business but the ones here listed have not necessarily any connection with the well known ones.

To anyone who has ever dabbled in genealogical research their reaction to names spelled at variance with names found on public records and/or private documents would be "think nothing of it". In fact it is not unheard of to find names spelled in two or more ways in the same document.

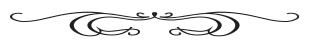
Looking at the foregoing list we see "Christian S(ie) bert" of Columbus and "Griffiths & S(ei) bert" of Cincinnati. In that case the Siebert and Seibert could even be brothers as far as we know and if other evidence were plentiful the difference in spelling should not bother any one even a little bit. (They were brothers.—Ed.)

Looking up "Oratio Thomas" of Brown County we should not overlook the possibility of it being "Horatio Thomas". Likewise "A. Hughstead" might be found spelled "Houghstead" or any of a dozen other ways.

Then there is the case of William Vanderburgh of Clinton County and O. B. Vandeburg of Hancock County. There are other duplications of names such as Smith, Clark, Fondersmith, etc.

NOTE—We consider the foregoing a definite and valuable addition to the historical records on gunsmiths and dealers in Ohio of near a hundred years ago. Many names will be recognized as those prominent yet today — Siebert, Hudson, Bebee, Bodenhimer, L. Rogers, Powel, Umbarger, Humberger, Sleret, Shermon, Ziegler, Kittinger, Kittredge and many others. Reinhart was not yet on the scene, nor do we find Vincent, Applebay, McGirr, Musgrave or Wickline. Hearty thanks are extended to Mr. Gay for this contribution.—ED.

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Editor's Note

There is really nothing new in this gunsmith list originally published in the January, 1945 MUZZLE BLASTS. I can find nothing in our files on Brayton, Wolnorth & Co., listed as Powder Manufacturers, and nothing on Bernard Rendlys, Gun-barrel Manufacturer. I recall, however, that somewhere in the past I have seen a barrel with a stamped name of Ren___s on the underside. I assumed that the name was Reynolds, but now I wonder if I was wrong. I don't know if I still have the rifle or not, but I am going to check. This list does indicate that those listed were actively in business in 1853.

MUZZLE BLASTS for January, 1945



With the Newark show being in late September this year, our fall publication is quite early. We have been busy since the April show and the August picnic and before we know it the Newark show will be upon us. I know one thing - time seems to go by more quickly with each passing year. The problem is my grandkids say the same thing. When I was a child time didn't seem to pass so quickly.

Our April show was again a wonderful reunion. Friday night's activities were well attended and the birthday cake quickly disappeared. We ladies enjoyed DaVinci's and the Henderson Hall tour. Saturday night's banquet went well also. It was a great weekend for all of us.

Attendance was down just slightly for the August shoot and picnic. There were about 40 of us. The food was delicious as usual and the smoke took a while to settle at the shooting range. The "Blanket Shoot", open to shooters using both old and new Ohio rifles, was shot as usual, and once again proved that the rifles of a century or so ago shoot just a well as the modern ones. Tom Oakes took the top spot this year, shooting a rifle by George Humphrey. Only 2 juniors were in attendance so they shot the X-card shoot in competition with the adults and junior Maya Yerian placed second behind Mark Herman. Mark shot his own shotgun, and Maya shot one made by her grandfather, so maybe familiarity helps. The Schuetzenfest target for this year was created by a friend of our last year's winner, Donna Barnhill. It was a wonderful pheasant design. Danny Coler's shot found the hidden X, so he gets to create the Schuetzen target for next year's shoot.

At the picnic we ladies had a brief informal meeting. We are still looking for ideas for our next project. Pat McArtor did inform us of finding a woman who test fired early rifles after they were made or repaired but we have no knowledge of any early women gun makers. We discussed next year's April meeting activities and will be looking at the possibilility of lunch at the hotel in Parkersburg and either exploring shops in downtown Parkersburg or possibly Blennerhassett Island. Look for details in the Feb/March newsletter.

> Hope to see you in Newark. Judy Yerian



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