

Like a Scavenger Hunt

The township minute books since 1811 have been cataloged and are being scanned and posted to the townships' web site. Over that 200 year span, about 25 years are missing. The missing years may never be found, but we shouldn't give up searching for them.

Considering the Townships' long history of having no permanent meeting place or storage ability, it is a tribute to many determined people that so much remains. I hope all the clues we have can lead us to some missing minutes. The Boston Township Trustees are offering a modest reward for the location and return of any of the missing minutes.

The fourteen odd year span from February 2, 1937 to May 2, 1948 is missing. These probably are hand written minutes, in one or more bound books with leather spines. The size probably is about 9" x 14". The Trustees over this period of time were Leon A. Truxell, C. F. Eisenmann, T. J. Wynne, John Scobie, G. L. Haefele, Arthur Dickenson, William Brady, , Hazel Scobie, James Morris and George Fisher, Sr. The clerks were Elwood Day and Marie McDevitt. Leon Truxell lived in the house that Dan and Jan Schneider live in currently. Mr. Eisenmann lived on Main Street in Boston. Mr. Wynne lived on Riverview in the house on top of the hill after the dip. It burned in the '40's. The Scobies lived in the current Delahanty house. Mr. Haefel's home was on the former J. A. Mayer property, but burned. Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Brady lived in Boston. George Fisher Sr.'s home is two houses from the Catholic Church. Marie McDevitt's home was across from the G.A.R.; it burned and has been rebuilt. In the '30's Elwood Day was a renter in the Akron-Cleveland/Geoppert Road area. I don't know where James Morris lived. If you remember anything about a book like I've described, associated with any of these places, please tell us.

The five year span from January 1, 1963 to February 19, 1967 is missing. These probably are typed on 9x14" sheets of paper intended for recording minutes. Across the top is pre-printed: Record of Proceedings. There are red margins printed down the sides. The sheets will have three oblong holes for insertion over posts in a *Record of Proceedings* ledger. The ledger will be black and red and may have *Record of Proceedings* embossed in gold on the spine. The pages may also be loose, never inserted in a book. The Trustees over this period were Charles Lawrence (Larry) Truxell, George Fisher, Jr., Vernon Boodey, and John Chessar. John Chessar was also clerk in 1963, before being elected Trustee in 1964. The other clerk was Mary Averill. Larry Truxell also lived in the Schneider's house. George Fisher, Jr. lives on Morris Drive. Vernon Boodey's is the last house remaining on Stanford. John Chessar's house was on Stanford, but burned by the Park in the late '80's. Mary Averill's home was purchased by the Park. After arson attempts on it, the Park burned it. The National Park Service was not responsible for emptying a home of anything left before they burned it, but there is the possibility they may have. If you remember anything about a book like I've described, associated with any of these places, please tell us.

The six year span from December 18, 1975 through December 31, 1981 is missing. These minutes or minute books will look the same as those in the previous paragraph.

Anyone reading this knows how the events of those years changed this Township and what the recovery of the minutes will mean. The Trustees over this period were Richard Humphrey, George Fisher, Jr., Donald Carpenter, Clara Muldowney, Theresa Reinbolt, John Johnston, and Joseph Broderick. The clerk was Longina Morgan. Mr. Humphrey lived on Major Road in the current Mraz home. Mr. Carpenter lived on Akron-Peninsula Road, near Camp Mueller. The house was later moved to State Route 303 by Ed Hodge. Clara Muldowney lived on Akron-Peninsula Road at the foot of Northampton in a house burned by the Park. Theresa Reinbolt lived on Morris Drive, the house on the corner. John Johnston lives in Boston. Joseph Broderick lived at 1509 Boston Mills, opposite the church. The Park owned the house at one time. Mrs. Morgan lived on Riverview. We think this minute book was returned to the Township but later used as evidence in a legal proceeding. It may have been returned, but we do not know to whom. If you remember anything about a book like I've described, associated with any of these places, please tell us.

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