

Ruckman Heritage Foundation Inc.  
Minutes of meeting 2 July 1989

Max L. Gum, President, welcomed the group to the 57th year of the Ruckman Reunion and reiterated that we were celebrating the 157th year of the move of David Little Ruckman wife Priscilla Wade Ruckman, his family and mother Susannah Little Ruckman from Mill Gap, Va., to Mill Point, Va., now W.Va., in August of 1832. The Ruckman Reunion was started in 1932 by the grand children and great grand children of David and Priscilla to commemorate the 100th year of the move.

The Rev. Andrew C. Ruckman Jr., conducted table grace.

Courtesy of the ladies a fabulous feast was spread and partially devoured. Thanks is a feeble word to express our appreciation.

The business meeting was called to order by the president.

Kathleen G. Robbins read the minutes of the 1988 meeting that secretary Timothy R. Ruckman had sent. Several additions to the minutes were made and were then approved.

The treasurers report sent by Terry Robbins was read by Max L. Gum.

General Fund

Balance July 3, 1988	\$137.25
Collection July 3, 1988	80.00
Cost of shelter	47.50
Postage to Keith Ruckman	32.50
Balance July 2, 1989	137.05

Scholarship Fund

Balance July 3, 1988	\$1520.09
Donations since July 3, 1988	990.00
Interest earned	49.14
Balance July 2, 1989	2559.23

Contributors to the scholarship fund since July 3, 1988

Charles W. & Melissa Gum - in memory of F. Wilmer Ruckman  
Timothy & Anne Ruckman - two donations  
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Ruckman Jr.  
Fred Neal  
Elizabeth Krodel  
Shirley O. Paben - in memory of James Henry Victor Overholt  
Beulah Arbaugh - in memory of Dwight J. Ruckman  
Reba & William H. Nye  
Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Rhodes  
Beatrice W. Thompson - in memory of her husband Anther Thompson  
Othello & Steve Ratz

## Contributors continued

Vickie Dove

Kathleen G. Robbins - in memory of F. Wilmer Ruckman

Max L. Gum - in memory of Anther Thompson

- in memory of F. Wilmer Ruckman

Cash contribution - please identify yourself so we might recognize you

Treasurers report approved as read.

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Report of the Scholarship Committee by Ruth Neal

### Students recommended:

Arthur W. Crownover IV - Great Grand Son of Rachel Ruckman Gum

Valerie Rhodes - Great Grand Daughter of Gertrude Ruckman Rhodes

Carrie Tuttle - Great Grand Daughter of Grace Ruckman Vandersall

Ruth expressed appreciation for the interest shown by the families and students. All three students will be receiving forms in the near future for completion. Standard scholarship information will be requested: 1. Proof of registration as a full time student carrying 12 semester hours or more 2. Transcript of credit 3. Proof of progress toward goal 4. Explanation of need. When this information is completed by the student and the committee requirements are met the committee will act.

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A token of our appreciation to our eldest present was presented by Vickie Dove. Mrs Eve Marie Armstrong and Kyle Nickell Beard were honored.

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Armstrong of Bradenton, Florida were recognized as visiting us for the first time and Delberta Ruckman Foster, of Warm Springs, Va., daughter of William Walker Ruckman and Lillian Sharp Ruckman, was welcomed back after an absence of many years.

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### Announcements:

Mary Lee Ellers of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., daughter of Ethel Knighton, prepared several paintings to be sold, the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. What a nice contribution!

Elizabeth Krodel prepared get well cards for Ethel Knighton and Marguerite (Mickey) Henry and requested that all sign. Mickey may not be with us again as her home in Lewisburg will be sold and she will be living in Texas with her son Robert.

Alfred Gum assured the rental of the shelter for next year, July 1, 1990.

In correspondence Wilmer Ruckman's burial was misstated, the obituary is correct, May 4, 1989.

News Notes of 1989 with an article by Fred W. Ruckman entitled "Lest We Forget" were distributed to each person.

Our congratulations go out to S. Glenn Smith on the celebration of his 86th birthday and to Mr. & Mrs. W. O. (Bill) Ruckman on the mile stone of their 50th wedding anniversary. Our best wishes to Pamela Player on her wedding to David Jackson. Our condolences to Mrs. Alice R. Arbogast and Mrs. Katherine M. Beard on the death of their brother and cousin F. Wilmer Ruckman.

"Lest We Forget" an article written by Fred W. Ruckman about the Mill Point, W.Va., community tells of many things including the house that David Little Ruckman purchased in 1832. In the article it is called the house built by the blacksmith Thomas Cochran. The bear story took place on the Gilliland property which was later purchased by David Little Ruckman.

Charles W. & Melissa Gum spent part of the month of June in Alaska. While there they visited Kodiak Island where he had been stationed 48 years ago before World War II with the 201st Infantry Regiment.

Meeting adjourned.

#### Births:

Rachel Nicole Smith, September 25, 1987 daughter of Renee Gayle Ruckman & Perry Richard Smith, grand daughter of Robert G. & Julie Ruckman of Leivasy, W.Va.

Rebecca Ashley Smith, March 9, 1989 daughter of Renee Gayle Ruckman & Perry Richard Smith, grand daughter of Robert G. & Julie Ruckman of Leivasy, W.Va.