



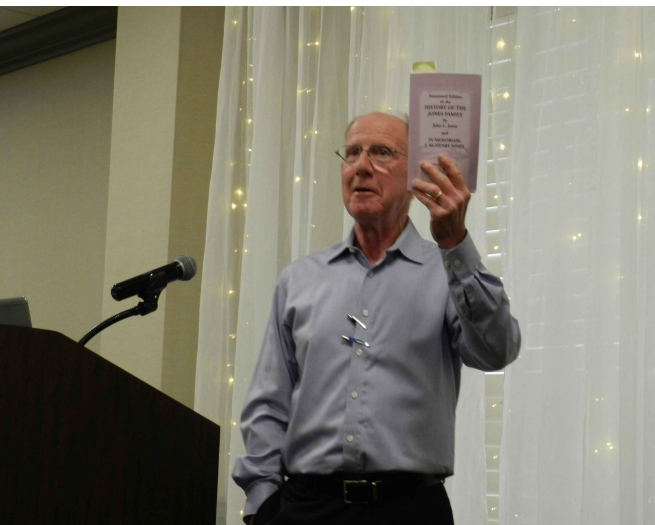
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Notes Update - June 2022

The Emeriti Association is planning a get together after the Music Under the Elms/ Sousa on the Green concert on June 29. ([Concert #4: Sounds Of America.](#)) Details will be sent later.

Notes from the May 19 Emeriti Meeting



Local historian William "Bill" Walker presented information on the post Civil War African-American community in Pomeroy and Meigs County focusing on graduates of the Kerrs Run Colored School in Pomeroy's First Ward. In particular, Walker discussed the lives and accomplishments of the sons of Joseph Jones, an African-American born free in Virginia who found more opportunities for himself and his growing family in Gallipolis and Pomeroy. His sons graduated from the Kerrs Run school and became leaders in educating other African-Americans in the late 1800s. Two of the school graduates became Presidents of what is now West Virginia State University, one of whom, James Edwin Campbell, was well-known for his poetry. An historical marker is now located near the site of the school with the inscription:

Kerrs Run Colored School; Late 1880s to Early 1900s;
Educated children from first to eighth grade, including James Edwin Campbell and James McHenry Jones, first and third presidents of what is now West Virginia State University. These children, through incredible odds, became some of first educators of African Americans in West Virginia.



Walker was assisted in his presentation by Shannon Scott, President of the Meigs County Historical Society who discussed his research into the Kerrs school graduates and recited one of Campbell's poems.

A video of Walker and Scott's May 19 presentation can be made available to Emeriti upon request.

The Daily Sentinel newspaper has a couple of related online-accessible articles.

<https://www.mydailysentinel.com/news/35369/markin-a-piece-of-history>

<https://www.mydailysentinel.com/news/56737/remembering-james-campbell>

Student Research Awards Report

A preliminary PDF report of the student research awards that were partially supported by the Emeriti Association can be found under the News category of the Emeriti website at the following link:

<https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/2022-05/Student%20Research%20Awards%20FY2022.pdf>

Luncheon meetings for the 2022-23 Academic year will continue to be held on the third Thursday from September to May. Mark your calendars.

Memorial Day 2022



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