

# **Minutes of the 121st Conard Reunion**

**June 21, 2025**

The 121st reunion of the descendants of John and Sarah Childs Conard was held Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Horsham Meetinghouse, Horsham, Pa. President Janet Roeber asked that we have ten minutes of silence to pray or enjoy being in this historic building. Afterwards Jesse Hallowell commented that it was customary to shake a persons hand next to you. He stated that it's the closest thing to a time machine that we have. (To go back in time).

Janet called the meeting to order by thanking the Horsham Meeting for allowing us to meet here again. Janet gave Jesse a thank you card to give to them along with the collection from the donations received today. (\$108.00 was collected)

The Conard Song (written by Emma Wilson in 1933)

Don Roeber and Erica played the guitar and sang to lead us in song. MaryAnn Davis very kindly made copies of the song sheet with the Coat of Arms on the back for everyone to take home as a memento.

Janet asked that we try and find replacements for the position of Secretary and Treasurer. Peg has been sec. since at least 2013, and Sam has been the Treasurer for quite some time as well. She asked that those present give it some thought and take on one of these rolls.

Janet asked for a moment of silence for the cousins and those in the military that we have lost in the past year.

Janet thanked Dottie Wiley for her ongoing help with the Conard Reunion Book sales and also for providing the drinks again this year. (Peg had a gift for her and it was presented before the meeting)

Jesse mentioned that the reunion was started in 1903. MaryAnn mentioned that in 1943 during the war that the reunion was cancelled and again in 2020 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

We had guests come, Ray, Laura and Rebekah Atkinson from Macungie, Pa. ( they shared that they are 9th cousins from the John side). Also, two cousins (Charles branch) came, Allen and Helen Conard from Haddon Heights, N.J.

Roll Call of the Branches having issue: James, Albert, Elizabeth, John and Isaac 0.

Peter 24, Joseph 2, and Charles 3 present.

34 people were in attendance.

Janet asked for a motion to accept last years minutes. Ray Shipe made a motion, Jackie Hunt seconded it. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Sam Conard shared that we have a bal. of \$2052.56. A motion to accept by Paul Roeber and seconded by Jeff Miller. The bal. stands approved.

Deb Johnston has been working on getting e-mail addresses to use for the newsletter to keep costs down for postage. Only 270 were mailed this year compared to close to 600 several years ago. She's doing a great job!

Jesse mentioned that our Website has expired. Marty Searight (who passed in 2016) had paid the company 15 years ago. Jesse contacted them to put his name on the account and was required to send her death certificate, which he has done. Debs's brother Eric has volunteered to work on getting the Website up and running. Jesse mentioned that Sean Beatty is our web guy that we send our information to and he only charges \$30.00.

Conard Books: Dottie Wiley stated that she has 20 books left that were printed in 2012 for \$10.00

Jesse and Janet stated that they are hoping that in the next couple years to compile an updated geneology book. We would need volunteers willing to help to work on the project and also plan a way to cover the cost. (note: the last printing in 2012, George Conard and Penrose Hallowell each donated approx \$600.00 to help offset the cost of the books).

Jesse gave us an update of births, deaths and marriages that he has been given. He has been keeping a record and will have that information when compiling the next geneology book. He also shared that his brother was married (a long time bachelor) and they have a new baby.

Jesse shared that the Ohio Conard Reunion is being held at the Utico Depot, in Ohio tomorrow June 22nd. It is their 108th reunion.

It was shared that there was a wedding yesterday of Joy Lyn Miernicki and James McIlmoyle, Diane Davis Miernickis' daughter. The private wedding took place at Peddlars' Village.

**New Business:** Again asking that people consider giving the secretary and treasurer a break.

Deb Asked that anyone that hasn't shared their e-mail with her that it can be added to her book today for use to send out the newsletter.

**Awards:** Peg handed out the following awards:

**Youngest child:** Lucas Roeber age 8

**Oldest Lady:** Gertie Delano age

**Oldest Gent:** Allen Conard age 85

**Longest Married couple:** Allen & Helen Conard 63 years

**Traveled the farthest:** Deb Johnston, Bolingbrook IL

**Thank-you gift:** Don & Erica for providing music for the song

**Note:** The gifts were wooden trivets of diff. sizes and shapes and an ornament with a laser design of a tree and the Conard name and date.

Janet asked what everyone thought about possibly having the reunion every other year instead of every year? It was decided to keep it yearly.

Janet asked that anyone that brought food to please take it with you after the meal. Last year alot of food was thrown away.

The date was set for June 27, 2026 for next year.

**Picture:** taken inside today and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Shipe