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Christmas Celebration to Feature Hispanic and Latino Craft Activities

It's time once again for the Museum's annual holiday open house, "Christmas at the Courthouse." This year's celebration will be Saturday, December 1 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends for some food, fun and holiday cheer. Sit on Santa's lap, listen to holiday music, try your hand at some crafts, play some games, and enjoy hot cider, punch and cookies. We will also be collecting nonperishable food donations for the Claire House and socks for seniors.

In connection with our current exhibit *Fiesta! A Celebration of*

Mexican Popular Arts, this year's crafts have origins in Hispanic and Latino countries and include:

Baleros: A very popular Mexican toy, and a gift given at Christmastime.

Cascaron or maraca: A musical instrument used in many events and celebrations such as Las Posadas (a nine-day celebration held in December).

Reyes Magos: Make your own crown to represent the Three Kings who are relevant figures in Christmas celebrations.

Faroles or lanterns: Faroles are used on different occasions during

the Christmas season. In Mexico they are used in Las Posadas. In Colombia, they are used to celebrate the Day of the Candles (Dia de las Velitas).

Rooster craft: This craft activity harkens to the tradition of the Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) that is celebrated in some Latin American countries.

This free event is sponsored by State Farm and is open to the public. So come one, come all and have a ball!

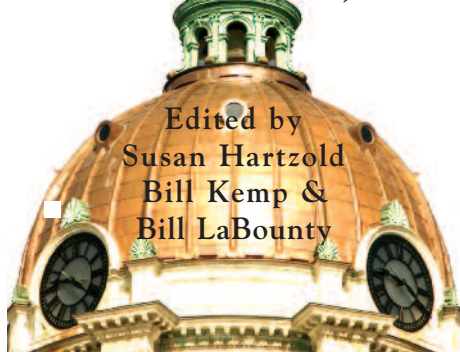


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Winter Farmers' Market Returns

The Indoor Winter Farmers' Market is back by popular demand. The Museum's successful partnership with the Downtown Bloomington Association and the Farmers' Market continues with a second winter season inside the cozy confines of the Museum. The indoor market will be held December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, and April 20. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the market will run until 12 noon. Visitors can still enjoy free admission, view the exhibit galleries, take in a musical performance and catch up with friends through the extended market season. Marketgoers can purchase local produce, meat, eggs, herbs and much more. The outdoor Farmers' Market will return in May 2013.

Free parking is available at the Lincoln Parking Deck located on Front Street, one block south of the Museum. For more information on the Farmers' Market you can visit the website at: www.downtownbloomington.org/farmersmarket.

Museum to Celebrate Presidents' Day with George, Abe and more!

Looking for a fun and educational way to spend Presidents' Day when your kids or grandkids have a day off from school? Come celebrate at the Museum, Monday, February 18 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

This event, free and open to the public, will feature a new set of fun educational activities. Test your knowledge of past presidents, enjoy cake, participate in a mock election and more! Spend a patriotic afternoon remembering, celebrating, and learning about those presidents who have led our nation for good ... and ill!

Do you have children or grandchildren who love history and making new friends? While at the Museum for Presidents' Day, sign them up for Trailblazers of McLean County. This is the Museum's free club for students 18 years or younger. As a Trailblazer, students will receive perks such as free admission, their own personal membership card, an annual birthday card and gift every year until their eighteenth birthday, invitations to special "Trailblazers Only" programs, and more! Give your kids or grandkids the opportunity to make friends (there are more than 200 current Trailblazers from the area) and learn about the important values of character and community.

Bring your entire family down to the Museum on February 18 for our Presidents' Day open house.

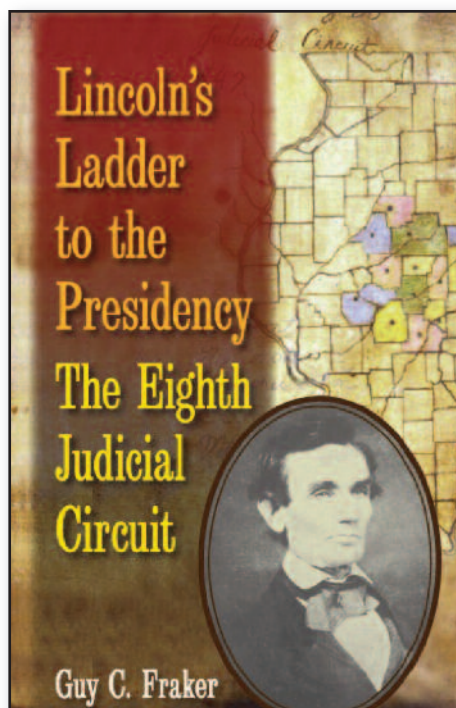


Christmas Stocking Stuffers Available at Museum Gift Shop

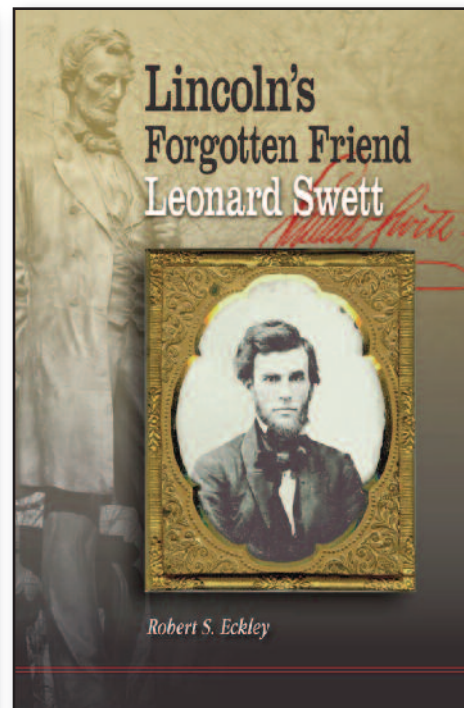
Having trouble finding a perfect gift for that history lover in your life? Then visit the Museum's On the Square gift shop. We have a wide variety of gifts for young and old alike.

Two new books about Abraham Lincoln and his associates in Central Illinois are now on sale: *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit* by local lawyer and historian Guy Fraker, examines the people and places Lincoln encountered during his 23 years as a lawyer on the 8th Judicial Circuit. The hardcover book is priced at \$34.95. *Lincoln's Forgotten Friend: Leonard Swett* by the late president emeritus of Illinois Wesleyan University Robert Eckley is also available. Eckley removes Swett from the shadows of history and sheds new light on Lincoln's personal relationships and how they contributed to his career. The hardcover book will be sold for \$34.95.

The Museum's latest publication, *Pages from the Past*, by Bill Kemp, Museum librarian and author of the column "A Page from Our Past," will arrive in the gift shop on December 1. This book will include 75 of the nearly 360 installments of Kemp's column that have appeared each week in the *Sunday Pantagraph* since late 2005. Topics covered in the book range from the 1730 siege of the Fox tribe in eastern McLean County to the 1970 Vietnam War protests by Illinois State University students. The book is soft-cover and will be affordably priced at \$10.00.



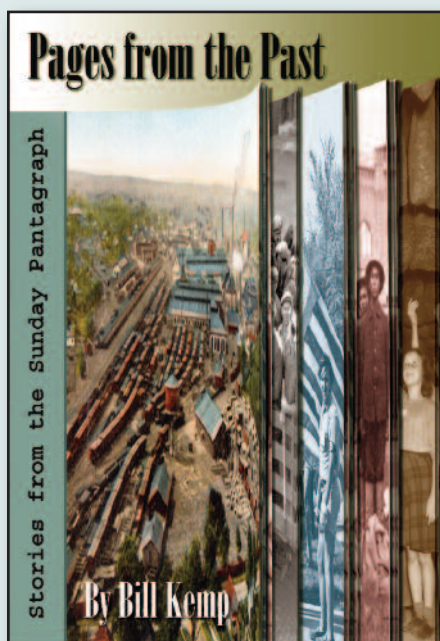
Other books in the shop include: *Abraham Lincoln Traveled this Way: The America Lincoln Knew*, with photography by area resident Robert Shaw (\$36.00); *Fifty-Nine in '84: Old Hoss Radbourn, Barehanded Baseball, and the Greatest Season a Pitcher Ever Had* by Edward Achorn (\$25.99); *Sears Homes of Illinois* by Rosemary Thornton (\$26.99); *Illinois in the War of 1812* by Gillum Ferguson (\$34.95); and *Midwest Sweet Baking History: Delectable*



Classics Around Lake Michigan by Jenny Lewis (\$19.99).

We also have a large selection of postcards that include images of the Old McLean County Courthouse (now the Museum), the Lincoln Bench, Miller Park, the David Davis Mansion, scenes from Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, the Barn Quilt Heritage Trail and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$1.00 each. We have note cards with a variety of images on them, such as the Museum's dome, the Lincoln Bench, and fruit and flower prints from the Museum's collections. We also have several CDs including *80 Years of WJBC, Rally Round the Flag* by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band, and *A Tour Narrated by Abraham Lincoln*.

We will also be offering an additional 50 percent discount on any clearance items purchased in the gift shop from now until December 31! Hurry in while supplies last as the clearance items are going fast.



A Soldier's Story: The Ghost of Andrew Lewis

To continue commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the Museum is pleased to welcome Robert Davis, Civil War reenactor and historian, who will present his one-man presentation *A Soldier's Story: The Ghost of Andrew Lewis*. The program will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. This program is free and open to the public.

A Soldier's Story brings to life a 52-year-old Civil War veteran reminiscing about his journey from slavery to freedom. It's a riveting account of a soldier's birth as a slave on a Kentucky plantation, his sale to a family of slaveholders in Missouri, his escape to freedom in Illinois with the help of the Underground Railroad, and finally, joining Illinois' 29th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry. The presentation will highlight the emotions of a soldier yearning and fighting to be free.

Davis retired as a fiscal officer at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in Springfield. He has taught at the University of Illinois Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College. He serves on the board of directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association, the Sangamon County Historical Society, and the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition. He has been studying the Civil War for many years and is well known as a Civil War reenactor, particularly for his one-man presentation.



Robert Davis

For more information on this program, contact the Education Department by phone at 309-827-0428, via email at education@mchistory.org, or visit our website at www.mchistory.org. Free parking will be available at the Lincoln Parking Deck on Front Street located one block south of the Museum.

ISU Renews Corporate Membership

Illinois State University has renewed their corporate membership. Both ISU and the Museum share a common mission of excellence in education, and we are fortunate to have such a reliable partner who supports the work we do.

Through the years our two institutions have forged a successful partnership in many different capacities. Our internship program has provided work experience for dozens of talented and creative ISU

students, who in turn have completed many important projects of very high quality. In addition, the Museum has served as a meeting place for many different groups from the ISU community, and many professors use our exhibits and resources for their classes. Milner Library and ISU Archives work with the Museum's Library/Archives to share resources and assist each other with various projects, and ISU professors lend

their expertise as guest curators for many Museum exhibits. The Museum appreciates the steadfast support of Illinois State University, and we look forward to many more years of a productive partnership.



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Like a Good Neighbor, State Farm is There ... For the Museum!

State Farm's commitment to our mission of education continues with the recent renewal of their corporate membership. The support we receive from businesses like State Farm goes far in helping the Museum sustain the high level of educational programs, exhibits, and services our community has come to expect and rely on.

As one of our earliest corporate supporters, the Museum is thankful for the successful partnership we have built over the years, and we look forward to many more successful endeavors in the future. Thank you to State Farm for their continued support.



Eighteenth Annual Cemetery Walk A Success

The entire staff of the McLean County Museum of History would like to thank all who attended the 18th annual Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk. Your dedication and love for this event is evident every year when you join us no matter what the weather. Your support proves how strong of a community we have.

This year we featured a dynamic group of characters from McLean County's rich past and delighted the hearts of the 3,614 people who attended, a figure that includes 2,058 students! Thanks to the 60-plus volunteers who gave more than 1,000 hours in character research, tour guide script writing, tour guide training, group leading, ticket sales, front office work, and stage hand and parking assistance. The professionalism and knowledge of the event's volunteers make it a unique experience for all who attend. We could not continue to operate this event without our fabulous and intrepid volunteers.

We would like to thank our sponsor Calvert & Metzler Memorial Homes. Their energy and enthusiasm for this event was much appreciated, and their support helped make it a success.

We are also grateful for our dedicated partners—the staff and board of trustees of Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, and the Illinois Voices Theatre. We value these critical partnerships and enjoy working with them year after year.

Are you a lover of history, research or community togetherness? If so, volunteering for the Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk is for you. If you or someone you know is interested in assisting with this fabulous community event, please contact Mary Anne Schierman, director of volunteers and interns, to learn more. Join our amazing Cemetery Walk team today!

Cemetery Walk Not Possible Without Volunteers!

Congratulations to all our volunteers for a successful 18th annual Cemetery Walk! The Museum could not stage such an event without the thousands of hours given by these individuals.

Tour Guides:

Mary Anderson
Marilyn Aucutt
Cathy Bissoondial
Kathe Conley
Mike DeVore
Diane Hawk
Dean Kamps
Jana Kiefer
Mike Lester
Amy Miller
Judith Myers
Nadine Prall
Denise Fries-Romack
Mary Scott

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Tim Higgerson
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Mary Rose Hill
Jim Keeran
Chris Kibler
John Kibler
Carole Knipp
Jan McBeath
Kathy McNiff
Marcia Nagy
Dick Nagy
Marcy Parsons
Joyce Schneider

Jeff Schroder
Harry Stern

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Kathe Conley
Sarah Cushing
Amy Davis
Jamie Fox
Milan Jackson
Judith Myers
Denise Fries-Romack
Carol Straka
Emily Swartz
Doug Williamson
Mary Alice Wills

The Museum Wants You!

Reception Desk Volunteers – Weekday and Weekend shifts needed. In this position, the volunteer is the official greeter and Museum representative. The desk receptionist greets visitors, answers the phone, takes messages, and answers general questions. A complete training is provided. Reception desk volunteers are asked to serve two four-hour shifts per month.

Are you interested in meeting people in an exciting atmosphere and contributing to your community? Please call or email Mary Anne Schierman, director of Volunteers and Interns, at 309-827-0428 or MSchierman@mchistory.org.

2012 Fall Interns



Brianna Andrews

Brianna Andrews is a senior at Illinois State University majoring in anthropology. She volunteered in the Museum Library over the summer, which led to an internship this semester. She hopes to learn as much as she can about how museums operate before continuing her education as a graduate student in the museum studies field.

Brianna has been working in the Museum's Library/Archives on a collection of scrapbooks. The aim of this project is to create a detailed summary of the content within each scrapbook, and then enter that information into the PastPerfect database. This will enable staff and those on research visits to the Museum to better access the scrapbooks and all the interesting information contained therein. She has also been working on other small projects including encapsulation and processing small photo collections.

Lauren Henry is a junior at Illinois Wesleyan University studying anthropology and international studies with a concentration in Western Europe. She has always enjoyed visiting museums, but it was after spending a semester in London last fall and visiting numerous museums in both Great Britain and the Netherlands that

she discovered she would like to pursue a career in this field. Lauren volunteered this past summer at the Museum of the Grand Prairie in Mahomet. At this museum, she helped take inventory of their collections, which she greatly enjoyed.



Lauren Henry

Lauren is currently interning in the Library/Archives, helping process the Museum's extensive scrapbook collection by writing reports of their contents which will be entered into the PastPerfect database. This internship will be very beneficial for Lauren, who is eager to gain a variety of experiences within the museum setting and also learn about local history, which she finds extremely fascinating.

Dean Kamps was very excited to be the McLean County Museum of History's fall 2012 public programs intern. Experiencing teaching from the museum perspective has affirmed his choice of pursuing a history and social science teacher education degree and certification from Illinois State University.

Working behind the scenes and as a tour guide for the 18th annual Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk, he gained skills in event organization, public speaking and



Dean Kamps

team building. Preparing for and shadowing student field trip programs has opened his eyes to the outside resources accessible to classroom teachers. Dean highly recommends a Museum internship to fellow classmates pursuing a degree in history / social science education.



Scott Lyjak

Scott Lyjak is a senior at Illinois State University majoring in history and anthropology. He is working in the Library/Archives processing architectural plans from the Arthur L. Pillsbury Collection. During this internship he has handled approximately 200 blueprints, floor plans and original sketches, while putting finishing touches on

the well-developed catalog system. Once this project is finished, it will provide local residents and Pillsbury enthusiasts alike with a convenient means of research.

Growing up in Grayslake, Illinois, with his parents and six siblings, Scott and his family would take trips to presidential hometowns learning about our nation's history. This pursuit of history has grown into a passion and now Scott wants to work in the museum field after graduation.

Katelyn Scott is a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University where she is pursuing a major in anthropology and a minor in Hispanic studies. Katelyn is making the most of her time at Wesleyan. As part of the Study Abroad Program she spent five weeks in Moquegua, Peru, on an archaeological dig. While there she did independent work, spending an additional four months studying in Cusco. After taking the Museum Studies course

at Illinois Wesleyan, Katelyn knew she wanted to pursue a career in museums working either with collections and exhibits or educational programs.

This last summer she completed an internship with the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in Washington, D.C., where she worked on the 2012 Folklife Festival. Seeking to expand her experience, she pursued an internship in the curatorial department at the Museum. Here she is getting the chance to learn about the different aspects of a curator's job. She helped with the finishing details of the new exhibit *¡Fiesta!: A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts*. Now she is helping develop a new component of the permanent exhibit focusing on Asian Indian immigrants in McLean County. She has been researching Indian wedding and religious traditions, as well as writing labels for objects that will be

part of the display. She has also been helping to develop potential text and a possible interactive about language for the exhibit. She is grateful to have this opportunity because she knows she is learning skills that will be invaluable to her as she pursues a career in museums.



Katelyn Scott

Socks for Seniors

Each year Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive along with community leaders and volunteers. Families throughout the United States became involved with the Socks for Seniors project in 2002. Since that time the sock drive has grown tremendously and has become a nationwide network.

Community organizations across America are embracing it by volunteering, sponsoring sock hops and becoming involved in distributions. The Socks for Seniors program is a feel-good, low-cost holiday project. This is a project that an entire family, whole community, or seniors themselves can participate in.

One of the Museum's partners, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, is leading the campaign locally to collect sock donations for this holiday season. From now until December 21, there will be a donation bin at the Museum to collect new pairs of socks. Any new pair of socks will be accepted but the funnier, funkier holiday styles you can find, the better! These include toe socks, fuzzy socks, print socks, and more! The socks collected will then be distributed to residents at local nursing homes to bring some holiday cheer and brighten a senior's day.

Help us this holiday season. Bring a warm smile and fuzzy warm pair of socks to our local seniors. For more information about this program, please visit www.socksforseniors.com, contact Evergreen Memorial Cemetery at (309) 827-0428 or via email at evergreen_cem@frontier.net or contact the Education Department at the Museum (309) 827-0428 or via email at education@mchistory.org.



Give the Gift of History!

It seems there is always at least one person on your holiday list who's hard to shop for. If that person you know happens to be interested in history or genealogy, a gift membership to the Museum makes a great stocking stuffer. In addition, if you know of a family who might be interested in what the Museum has to offer, your gift membership covers their entire household.

Recipients will receive a welcome letter informing them of your gift made in their name(s), as well as membership cards and a list of benefits that all Museum members receive. Simply check the "Gift membership" line below and fill it out with the recipient's information, then send it with payment to the Museum. Make sure to fill out your own information, too.

Make a year-end gift to the Museum

This holiday season, please consider making an additional donation to the Museum. Your gift will go a long way toward ensuring that our service to the community remains unchanged.

Untold numbers of students, seniors and families have benefited from many of the programs we offer free of charge. However, these free programs require resources to maintain. When making decisions about your year-end giving, please consider including a gift to the Museum. You can return the form below with your gift, or you can donate online at www.mchistory.org and click the "Donate Now!" button.

Thanks so much for your support!

Yes! *I want to strengthen the educational opportunities in our community*

by becoming a member of the McLean County Museum of History!

___ Lincoln Club	\$1000	Check / Cash / Credit Card (circle)	Visa	MC
___ Stevenson Club	\$750	Card # _____	Exp.	_____
___ Fifer Club	\$500			
___ Fell Club	\$250	Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Mr. & Mrs. (circle)		
___ Davis Club	\$100	Name _____		
___ Allin Club	\$50	Address _____		
___ Primary Club	\$30	City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
___ Students/Seniors	\$15	Email _____		

(used only for Museum announcements)

Gift membership? Y___

Gift membership recipient's contact info:

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Mr. & Mrs. (circle)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail completed forms to:

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Or make a year-end donation:

\$___ Year-end gift amount

History Reads Book Club Begins Third Season

Do you love history? Do you love to read? Then come join the fun by participating in the "History Reads" book club, a joint program offered by the Museum and Bloomington Public Library. This club, which meets at the Museum, focuses on books dealing with Illinois History and may include fiction, nonfiction, biography or local history. This program is free and open to the public.

The club will meet quarterly in 2013: February, May, August and November. The discussions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. This program will be held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom, and participants are welcome to explore the Museum before or after each meeting. Free parking is available at the Lincoln Parking Deck on Front Street located one block south of the Museum.

Below is the schedule of club meetings and the books that will be discussed at each meeting:

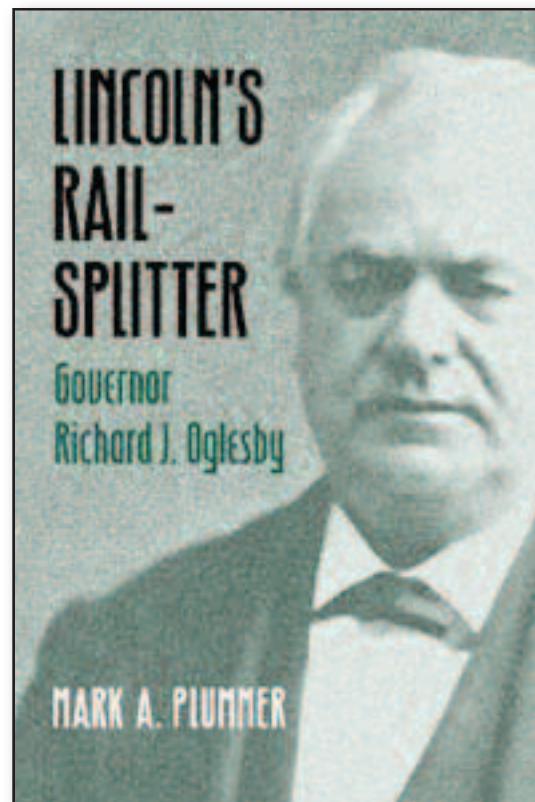
Tuesday, February 5: *Lincoln's Rail-Splitter: Governor Richard J. Oglesby*, by Mark Plummer.

Tuesday May 7: *Bloomington's C & A Shops: Our Lives Remembered*, edited by Michael Matejka and Greg Koos.

Tuesday, August 6: *Bloody Williamson: A Chapter in American Lawlessness*, by Paul Angle.

Tuesday, November 5: *A Woman's Story of Pioneer Illinois*, by Christiana Holmes Tillson.

Mark Plummer's *Lincoln's Railsplitter* will be the subject of Discussion at the February 5 Book Club Meeting.



Kids
Corner

Illinois State Challenge

Directions: Test your knowledge of our great state by writing the correct Illinois symbol below.



1. State Tree:



4. State Mineral:



2. State Bird:



5. State Fossil:



3. State Insect:



6. State Snack Food:



Answers: 1. White Oak 2. Northern Cardinal 3. Monarch Butterfly 4. Fluorite 5. Tully Monster 6. Popcorn

BECOME A **Trailblazer** MEMBER OF THE MUSEUM FOR FREE

You must be 18 years old or younger. Call or email the Education Department for more info at education@mchistory.org or 309-827-0428

New to the Collections

OBJECTS

- ❑ Military medal and patch of Stanley Lantz; donated by Rebekah Strake
- ❑ Normal Sanitary Dairy milk bottle; donated by Town of Normal
- ❑ Crayon portrait of Winton Carlock; donated by Barb Schlosser
- ❑ Fuller Brush Table Tidy and Ransburg shakers; donated by Patty Salch
- ❑ Bryan-Stevenson campaign umbrella and glass canteen, Adlai E. Stevenson I and II gavel, Cleveland-Stevenson campaign pill box, Adlai II shoe lapel studs; donated by Adlai E. Stevenson III
- ❑ Percussion shotgun, shot and powder flasks and powder horn used by Theodor Diedrich; donated by Estate of E. L. Diedrich
- ❑ Lynne Johnson Fazzini's toy ironing board and iron, dish washing set, refrigerator dishes, kitchen utensils, child's knife and plaid dress; donated by Lynne Fazzini
- ❑ Inca Maiden coffee can from McAtee Newell of Bloomington; donated by Catherine Helton
- ❑ Steve's Café Chenoa matchbook; donated by Joliet Area Historical Museum
- ❑ Metcalf stocking cap; donated by Bill Miller
- ❑ Coin changer from McLean County Bank; donated by Barbara Thatcher
- ❑ Two dolls from Dorothy's child-

hood, Christmas ornaments from the Ramseyer family, Roy Ramseyer portrait by Dorothy Duguid, Ruth Ramseyer's handkerchief, Mary Robinson Bodell's mother's brooch; donated by Dorothy Duguid

- ❑ Clothing of Lucille and Beth Kelley and Mary Cornell Stoops; donated by Estate of George and Lucille Kelley
- ❑ Ernie Jones' bowling ball, bag, pin and patch, EUB pendant, WJBC Pepsi Challenge button, State Fair badge; donated by Olive Jones
- ❑ Pewter communion set from rural Lexington Salem Church; donated by Janice Elder
- ❑ Address and phone index; donated by Ruth Riedel Stewart
- ❑ Frieda Quosigk Mandler's baby shoes and hair comb; donated by June Mandler McCluskey
- ❑ "Cars" sippy cup; donated by George Perkins

ARCHIVES

- ❑ Several Chenoa items including an 1895 souvenir edition of *The Chenoa Clipper* newspaper copiously illustrated with local scenes; donated by Brent E. Blair
- ❑ Specimen ballot, McLean County, 1904; donated by Jefferson W. Scott
- ❑ Miscellany relating to Illinois State University and University High School, including material relating to proposed (but never

enacted) closure of laboratory schools in 1977; donated by Robert Neuleib

- ❑ Railroad employee time book, 1909-1910, belonging to Bloomington resident Guy Calvert, brakeman, Chicago & Alton Railway; donated by Sal Valadez
- ❑ Various items relating to Lucille Sutter Kelley, LeRoy teacher born in Holder and educated at Illinois State Normal University, including report cards, certificates and diplomas, teaching materials and lesson plans; donated by Elizabeth Kelley Schneider
- ❑ Collection of poetry, short stories and plays written (mostly by hand) by Ethel Pearle Smith Jones; donated by Olive Jones
- ❑ Illustrated poster of Evangelical German Lutheran Church, Bloomington, 1904, discovered in the Jacob Zeigler home in rural Clinton, IL (DeWitt County); donated by Norman A. Hiser (Zeigler pictured on poster)
- ❑ Illustrated poster of Evangelical German Lutheran Church (same as above); donated by Sal Valadez
- ❑ Items, including program, relating to Missouri Valley Conference 1990 men's basketball tournament featuring ISU; donated by Bill LaBounty
- ❑ Original Kickapoo Creek Rock Festival poster, held Memorial Day weekend, 1970, outside of

This muzzle loading percussion shotgun and powder horn were used by Prussian immigrant Theodor Diedrich, who came to Bloomington in the 1860s with his wife Henrietta. The gun was made by Edward Swain of Luton, Bedfordshire, England about 1853. Theodor died in 1880 at age 37, leaving Henrietta to raise five children. His gun and powder and shot flasks were found in the attic of his grandson Elmer at 1112 S. Clayton Street in Bloomington and donated in his name by his son, Duane Diedrich.





Ho ho ho ... from 1959!

In late October Museum supporter Dennis Faulk donated a large number of items (what we call “ephemera” in the museum business), including this 1959 photograph of his late cousin Jim Johnson on the lap of Mr. Claus. This photo was taken at the “Santa Claus Village” in downtown Bloomington operated by the Association of Commerce (the forerunner to the McLean County Chamber of Commerce). Many longtime locals will remember having their picture snapped with “Jolly Old St. Nicholas” when downtown Bloomington was still the best place to be come Christmastime.

- Heyworth; donated by Catherine Helton, care of Colleen Jeffers
- ❑ Fall 2011 issue of *Illinois Geographer* featuring Walters’ review “Two Illinois Barn Books;” donated by Bill Walters
- ❑ Various, including Christ Mandler Fine Cigars receipt book, International Trans-Continental Foot Race program, 1928 (this race passed through Normal), Edwards School graduation program, 1910, other items; donated by June Mandler McCluskey
- ❑ Material relating to Charles P. Kane, including “For Representative” campaign poster, 1928; donated by Velma N. Nordine
- ❑ Various, including Children’s Theatre production of “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” undated, and other items relating to local theater; donated by Susan Guess-Hanson
- ❑ Collection of items relating to the Dement family, including genealogy, 1780-1880s, from family Bible; donated by Robert Neuleib
- ❑ Large collection of material relating to McLean County Cold Storage Co., 1936-1970, including stock certificates, business papers, etc.; donated by Sal Valadez

- ❑ Selected material from Fleming (including Robert Lincoln, Birney and Robert Thomas) law office; donated by Nancy L. Snyder for Robert L. Fleming
- ❑ DVD containing interview with former Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz, 2012; donated by Judy Markowitz
- ❑ Large collection of miscellany, including trading stamp booklet from the Merchants’ and People’s Mutual Association, Bloomington, 1897; two Lang-Fuller Printing Co. blotters (promotional giveaways); and many other items; donated by Dennis Faulk

BOOKS

- ❑ *Kaskaskia: Birthplace of Illinois*, Illinois Power Co., 1968; donated by Robert Neuleib
- ❑ *In the Shadow of Old Main: Campus Life, Consumer Choice and Foodways at Illinois State University 1860-1932*, ISU master’s thesis, 2012, Sociology and Anthropology department, written by Jessica D. Griffin; donated by Griffin
- ❑ Family history / genealogy book relating to Albert Jones and Ethel Pearle Jones; donated by Olive Jones
- ❑ *Red Cross Home Nursing* (1942-

World War II) and cookbook, *Adlai’s Nancy—Her Potpourri* (1970), the latter the wife of Adlai E. Stevenson III, U.S. Senator from Illinois, 1970-1981; donated by Ilene Beach

- ❑ *The Civil War: An Illustrated History* (1992) by Geoffrey C. Ward, Ric Burns and Ken Burns; donated by Sal Valadez
- ❑ *Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War* (2002) by Robert Coram (contains material on Normal native and Pentagon reformer James Burton); donated by Bill Walters
- ❑ Several books, including *A Compilation of the Laws of Illinois Relating to Township Organization and Management of County Affairs* (1910); donated by Nancy L. Snyder for Robert L. Fleming
- ❑ *New Salem: A Memorial To Abraham Lincoln*, (1934) by the Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings; donated by Terry Murch

PHOTOGRAPHS

- ❑ Various, including family album of Ernest, Forrest, Carl and Elsie Jones; donated by Olive Jones
- ❑ Print (copy) of residence at 315 E. Chestnut St., Franklin Park, Bloomington; donated by Jeanne and John Wroan
- ❑ Large collection of slides relating to the 1977 Normal firefighters strike, includes 24-minute DVD featuring selection of slides with accompanying narration; donated by David Polley
- ❑ Print (copy) of bluegrass / county band “Dixie Drifters” and original photo (from 2009) of Millie Shoemaker Lockhardt, bass player; donated by Pat Hiser
- ❑ Set of photographs relating to Children’s Theatre production of “The Pied Piper of Hamelin;” donated by Susan Guess-Hanson

To make donations of photographs, books or archival materials call the Museum’s Librarian/Archivist, Bill Kemp. If you have objects you wish to donate to the collection call the Museum’s Curator of Collections, Susan Hartzold. Both can be reached at the McLean County Museum of History, 827-0428.



Guy Fraker joined the Museum's board of Directors in 2010

Why did you join the Museum Board? I did so because the Museum is the most significant "keeper" of our county's history.

Know Your Board Members

Also, I wanted to be sure that the significant role of McLean County in Lincoln's life is always at the center of our efforts!

What unique perspective do you bring to the Board? My knowledge of the Lincoln story might be an asset to ongoing Lincoln programs and exhibits of the Museum

What's the most interesting thing about McLean County, historically speaking? That Bloomington is not a river town. Even so, the county seat was always very important, and one could argue that our local nineteenth century history is more distinguished than perhaps our twentieth century history, no doubt due to the looming influence of Chicago.

How do you get young people

interested in history? By talking about historical figures as real people, with real problems and dreams just like ours today.

What is your day job? And what do you do to relax? I'm an attorney. As for relaxing, I like to take walks in the woods and fields of beautiful Central Illinois. I have been very active in land conservation on a statewide basis with the Nature Conservancy, ParkLands, and my service on the Nature Preserves Commission.

What's the last good movie you've seen? I think the next good one I'll see is Spielberg's "Lincoln."

What's the last good book you've read? *The Gates of the Alamo* by Stephen Harrigan.

Another Knit-In For Charity Scheduled for February

The Museum welcomes all knitters and crocheters to come down and create charity items or work on your own project at the February *Under the Dome Knit-In*. This event is free and open to the public, and will be held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom on Saturday, February 9, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Information about the "Knitting for Victory: Knit Your Bit" campaign and local knitting and crocheting charity opportunities, plus copies of free patterns for making items for those charities, will be available. Light refreshments will also be served. Just bring your own project or the materials to begin one. For more information about this program, please contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or via email at education@mchistory.org. Free parking will be available at the Lincoln Parking Deck on Front Street located one block south of the Museum.

Salutations to New Members!

The Museum would like to welcome the following new members to the Museum:

Mr. Jim Sears
Mr. Jay Groves
Mr. Joel Haefner
Ms. Mary Ann Pullin
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Katie Hart
Ms. Amanda Weissgerber
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Franz
Mrs. Sonja Workman
Ms. Marilyn Moore

Ms. Elizabeth Kelly Schneider
Ms. Anita Carney
Mrs. Gail Anliker
Mrs. Carolyn Gray
Mr. and Mrs. David and Ronalie Glacinski
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mertes
Mr. John Davis
Ms. Stefanie Davis
Ms. Jennifer Nafziger

Who gives?

The Chronicle of Philanthropy conducted an in-depth analysis of IRS tax-return data for 2008 (the most recent year available) and created a report, "How America Gives." Rather than a simple compilation of dollar amounts of donations, the study explored how much discretionary income is being given to charity. "Discretionary income" is income after taxes, with additional subtractions for housing costs and living expenses. As the cost of living varies widely around the country, the adjustments for living costs were done on a zip code-by zip code basis. A final caveat: Only tax returns showing \$50,000 or more of adjusted gross income (AGI) were included. At lower income levels, far fewer taxpayers are itemizing their deductions, so the data for charitable contributions is less reliable.

With those caveats in mind, the report concluded:

- Lower-income families are more generous than richer ones. People with AGI of \$50,000 to \$75,000 gave 7.6% of their discretionary income to charity, and those who make \$100,000 or more gave just 4.2%.
- When all charitable gifts are tabulated, the Southeast region is the most generous, giving 5.2% of discretionary income, while the Northeast is the least, at 4.0%. However, religion plays a major role in charitable giving. When secular charitable gifts alone are counted, the Northeast comes in first.
- Residents in the most generous state, Utah, gave 10.6% of their discretionary income to charity. That is consistent with the Mormon practice of tithing 10% of income to the church.
- Californians gave nearly \$1 of every \$8 that went to charity in 2008. However, California is a very wealthy state, so as a percentage of discretionary income, Californian giving came in a bit below average.
- Total charitable gifts in the study came to \$135 billion. The typical American household gave 4.7% of its discretionary income to charity.

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McLean County Museum of History

Calendar of Events for December, January, and February 2012-13



Through August 2014

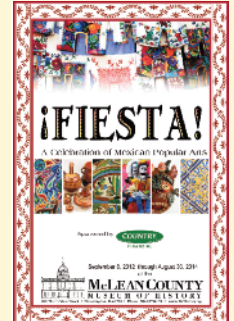
The Greening of the Prairie: Irish Immigration and Settlement in McLean County

For the past 200 years, Irish people have made their way to Central Illinois. This exhibit tells their story through historic objects, photographs, maps and more. Sponsored by State Farm.

Through August 30, 2014

¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts

Travel through time to learn about the rich history of Mexican culture and folk arts and how, as these arts became popular in the United States, they were incorporated into the decorative arts “north of the border.” The exhibit features color pictures, maps, a market stall filled with a vast array of contemporary items sold at Mexican markets, and hands-on craft activities for children. Sponsored by COUNTRY Financial.



Second Thursday of every month through May 2013

Lunch and Learn at the Museum

Bring your brown bag lunch to the Museum’s popular series, featuring engaging and enlightening topics for discussion.

Third Saturday of every month through April 2013

Winter Farmers’ Market

Get your meats, eggs, and produce, and explore the Museum at the Downtown Bloomington Association’s Winter Farmers’ Market, which is held in the Museum and features several different local vendors. This event is free and open to the public. Visit the DBA’s website at <http://www.downtownbloomington.org/farmersmarket> to learn more and find out what’s fresh at this month’s market!

December 1, 2012 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christmas at the Courthouse

Join the Museum staff for this annual holiday tradition. Enjoy holiday music, Christmas carols, homemade cookies, children’s crafts, and a multicultural St. Nicholas for the kids! See page one for more details.



December 24 and 25, 2012

Museum Closed for Christmas Holiday

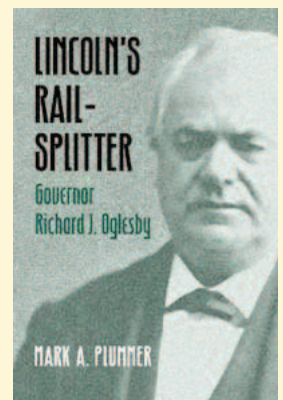
December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013

Museum Closed for New Year’s Holiday

February 5, 2013 7:00 p.m.

History Reads Book Club

Join the Museum and Bloomington Public Library for the first installment of the History Reads book club for 2013. The discussion will be held in the Museum’s Governor Fifer Courtroom. See page nine for more information about this meeting. This program is free and open to the public.



Saturday, February 9, 2013 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Under the Dome Knit In

Grab your friends, your needles or hooks, and yarn and stop by the Museum to “Knit For A Bit!” This program is free and open to the public. See page twelve for more information.



Monday, February 18, 2013 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

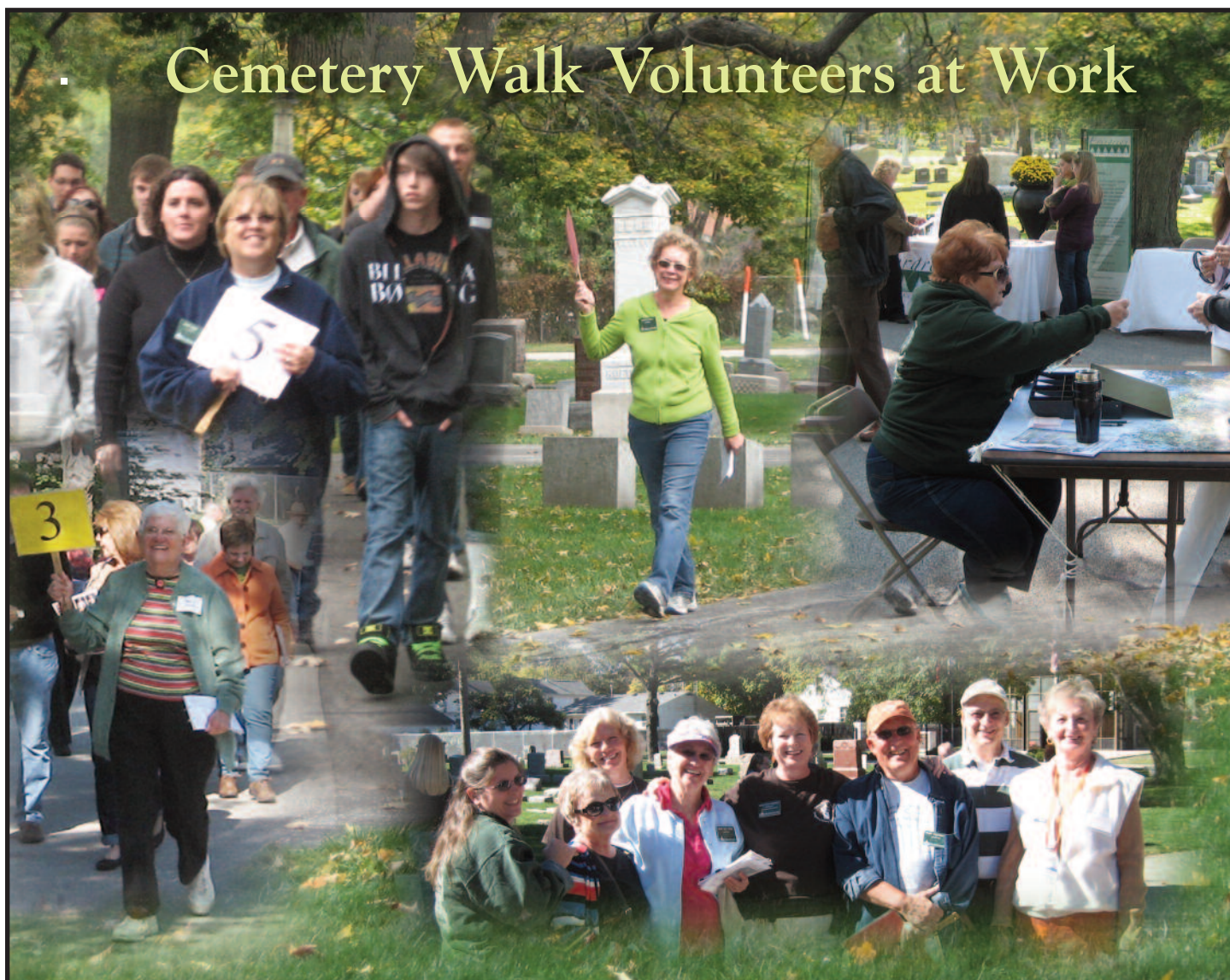
Presidents’ Day Open House

Presidents’ Day, 2013 open house will feature a new set of patriotic educational activities and games throughout the building. See page two for more information. This event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday February 26, 2013 7:00 p.m.

A Soldier’s Story: The Ghost of Andrew Lewis

Join the Museum in welcoming Robert Davis, Civil War historian and reenactor, who will present his one-man show about an African-American soldier, Andrew Lewis, who served in the 29th Infantry, U.S. Colored Troops. This program is free and open to the public. See page four for more information.





Mystery History Quiz

For this issue, I'm sure many of us can identify the name and location depicted in this late autumnal scene. But history sleuths must also provide particulars as to what's going on here. Hint: It's not homecoming, but rather an annual (at least for a few years) event hosted in the Twin Cities, from the mid-1940s to the early-1950s. If you think you know the answers, contact Librarian Bill Kemp via email at library@mchistory.org, or by phone at 309-827-0428.

Mystery History

Last issue's mystery photograph was a tough one—but not tough enough for some of our Mystery History super sleuths! It showed the 1912 West Twin Grove Christian Church concrete block building, once located on the church grounds west of Bloomington and north of Illinois Route 9 in Dry Grove Township. The origin of this church dates to 1841 and the pioneer era. After meeting in the homes of members for nearly a decade the congregation built its first church (of the log cabin variety) in 1848. Sixteen years later, in 1864, a wood frame house of worship replaced the original church, though the newer one

was ripped apart in the great November 11, 1911 (11-11-11) windstorm/tornado, only to be replaced by the 1912 one pictured in the last newsletter. In 1987, a new sanctuary went up west of the block building, which was razed sometime afterward.

Those who knew the answer included Barney Argo, Ed Cronin, Bill Dunbar, Bob Handley, Robert Hartzold, Franklin Lewis (who attended the church from 1931 to 1934!) and Jeanne Wroan. If we missed anyone, our apologies. Robert Hartzold, retired Dry Grove farmer and father of Museum Curator Susan Hartzold, called to say that his father and grandfather sought refuge behind West Twin Grove Church during the 11-11-11 tornado!