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Pantagraph Negative Collection Donated to Museum

This past summer, after several years of discussion and planning, *The Pantagraph* donated its vast collection of photographic negatives (dating to the early 1930s) to the Museum. In addition, this donation included two other parts: *The Pantagraph's* large "photo morgue" of prints and a research clipping file on microfiche.

Planning and preparation for the eventual arrival of this collection goes back at least a half decade. When the McLean County Genealogical Society and the Museum jointly published the *McLean County Combined Indexed Atlases 1856-1914* by William P. LaBounty in 2006, the \$16,000

in profits from its sale were designated for the hoped-for donation of *The Pantagraph* collection. Once the donation was realized, the Museum was able to use this money to purchase shelving, acid-free archive boxes and other needed library/archive materials. This fund also went to cover associated costs relating to moving expenses.

Last summer the County of McLean was gracious enough to vacate a small storage room in the Museum's ground floor (or basement) in order to make room for part of this collection. The room, now known as "Archives Annex II," was readied for the move. County

staff painted the room and HVAC systems were adjusted in order to maintain a climate-controlled environment. Outside contractors installed a new door and laid a vinyl composition tile floor.

In early December shelving was setup in Annex II as well as the north vault on the ground floor (where the microfiche is housed). On December 12, the first load of over 400 boxes of negatives, prints and microfiche were moved from the basement of *The Pantagraph*

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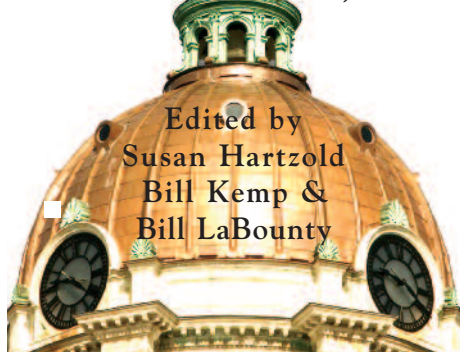
Approximately 750,00 negatives are included in the Pantagraph Negative Collection. The collection is housed in acid free boxes.

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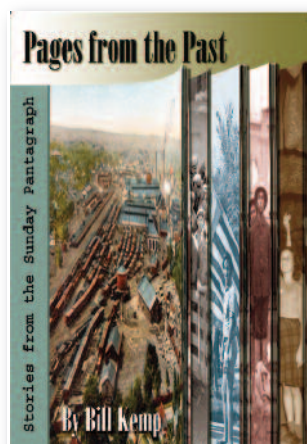
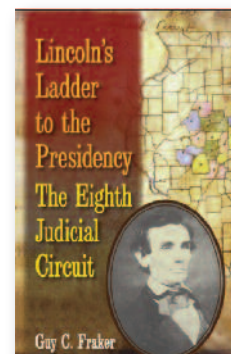
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Museum Gift Shop Pre-Inventory Sale

It's that time of year again! In order to prepare for our end-of-the-fiscal-year inventory, we will be having a pre-inventory sale. All clearance items will be an additional 50% off the lowest ticketed price. Plus, we will offer a 20% discount on all regularly priced items too! The sale runs March 1 through March 27.

We have several books new to the gift shop including: *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit* by local lawyer and Lincoln scholar Guy Fraker. This work is an innovative look at the people and counties Lincoln encountered during his twenty-three years as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit. The book is hardcover and is \$34.95.

Lincoln's Forgotten Friend: Leonard Swett by the late president emeritus of Illinois Wesleyan University Robert Eckley. With this book, Eckley removes Bloomington lawyer Leonard Swett from the shadows of history and sheds new light on Lincoln's personal relationships and their valuable contributions to his career. The book is hardcover and is \$34.95.



Pages From The Past by Bill Kemp, Librarian at the McLean County Museum of History and author of the weekly column "A Page from Our Past" that appears in the *Sunday Pantagraph*. This work includes 75 of nearly 360 published installments of "A Page from Our Past." Selections range from the 1730 siege of the Fox in eastern McLean County to the 1970 Vietnam War protests by Illinois State University students. The book is soft-cover and is \$10.00.

Route 66 Lost and Found: Mother Road Ruins & Relics- The Ultimate Collection by Russell Olsen profiles seventy-five cafés, filling stations, and greasy spoons that helped make Route 66 America's Main Street. Each profile is accompanied by an archival image of the establishment and a modern photo as it appears today. Book is soft-cover and is \$30.00.

Some favorite books of ours (that no lover of history could do without) in the shop include: *Fifty-Nine in '84: Old Hoss Radbourn, Barehanded Baseball, and the Greatest Season a Pitcher Ever Had* by Edward Achorn, \$25.99; *Season's on Henry's Farm* by Terra Brockman, \$17.00; *Recipes from Historic Rt. 66*, \$18.00; and *Lessons from American History—Abraham Lincoln to Modern China: The Black Book of Senator Adlai Stevenson III, Governor Adlai Stevenson II, and Vice President Adlai Stevenson I*, by Adlai Stevenson III, \$35.00.

Hurry in while supplies last as the clearance items are going fast! So come in today and see what we have for you.

NOTE: No additional member discount on sale items. Sale does not include genealogy publications.

C&A Shops Subject of Next 'History Reads' Get Together

The popular "History Reads" book club, sponsored jointly by the Museum and Bloomington Public Library, will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. *Bloomington's C&A Shops: Our Lives Remembered* edited by Greg Koos and Michael Matejka, will be discussed.

Copies of the book will be available for checkout at Bloomington Public Library or can be interlibrary loaned through your local public library.

The club meets quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month. Discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. This program is free and open to the public and is held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. Free parking is available at the Lincoln Parking Deck on Front Street one block south of the Museum. You need not attend all sessions, but are free to pick and choose those books that sound interesting to you.

For more information on this program, please contact the Education Department at the Museum via email at education@mchistory.org or contact Karen Moen at the Bloomington Public Library at:

reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org



10th Year of History Careers Day Camp

Registration for History Careers Day Camp is right around the corner. If you have a child or grandchild who is interested in history and entering fourth through sixth grade next year, sign them up for this unforgettable camp experience. Students will try their hands at four different history related careers including archaeology, architecture, museum studies and environmental science.

Registration will begin April 15 and is open to the first twenty students for each of the three camps. For more information, please contact the Education Department at:

education@mchistory.org or 309-827-0428.

- Negatives Continued from page 1 building to the Museum. The final stage of the move was completed the week of January 21. The bulk of this material has since been organized, a typed inventory and finding aid begun, and boxes placed in their new home. Museum Archivist George Perkins handled the purchase of shelving and supplies, as well as negotiating steep discounts in the pricing. He also ensured there was adequate space set aside once the collection made it to the Museum. George supervised several teams of Museum volunteers assisting with the move, and in doing so dealt with innumerable logistical problems associated with a project of this complexity and size.

Now that the move is complete we are able to take stock of the breadth and scope of this massive collection. Simply put, it may very well represent the largest and possibly the most significant collection received by the Museum in its history. There are over three quarters of a million negatives (750,000), approximately 53,000 sheets of microfiche and about 100,000

photograph prints (though many of the non-McLean County prints are being weeded from the collection).

Given the size of this collection, the negatives will not be available for perusal either by Museum members or the public at large, at least for the foreseeable future. Museum Librarian Bill Kemp will establish an ad hoc group and work with the Museum Library Committee to tackle issues surrounding the organization and eventual digitization of parts of this collection. That said, the large collection of local photographic prints (from the "photo morgue") will be organized, inventoried and available to the public by the summer.

The willingness of Lee Enterprises (the Davenport, Iowa-based owner of *The Pantagraph*) to ensure this historically priceless collection finds a safe and secure home is greatly appreciated by Museum staff and Board. This project was also greatly dependent on the cooperation of the County of McLean, the McLean County Genealogical Society and Museum volunteers.

Museum to Host Teacher Dinner

The Museum is inviting McLean County third, fourth and fifth grade teachers for a catered dinner meeting to learn about the Museum's educational program offerings. This free program will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

During the dinner, teachers will be able to explore the Museum, speak with Museum educators and staff, learn about our free educational programs and resources, and examine loan kits from our *Museum in the Classroom* outreach program. Several local educators will speak about why they bring their students to the Museum and why they feel the Museum's educational resources are a valuable teaching tool. Diane Wolf, Assistant Regional Superintendant of McLean, DeWitt, and Livingston counties, will also speak about why teachers should incorporate the Museum's educational programs into their classroom curriculum.

An invitation will be sent to each third through fifth grade teacher in McLean County. The first 80 teachers to sign up will be able to attend this event. The Museum will offer children's activities and pizza (for children ages five and up) for those teachers who wish to bring their children to the Museum that evening. Spouses are not invited.

The Museum offers, at no charge, a variety of educational programs including field trips at the Museum and classroom outreach for students in grades pre-k through college. The majority of the Museum's educational programs target students in grades three through five. Program topics cover a variety of subjects including Pioneers, Farming, Native Americans, Abraham Lincoln, and Architecture.

We also offer programs that teachers can bring directly into their classroom through our *Museum in the Classroom* Loan Kit program. These kits explore themes on Pioneer Life, Native Americans, and Civil War history. The kits come with a teacher curriculum and activity binder, objects (both authentic and reproduction), and a variety of books and supplemental resources which teachers can incorporate into their lessons. All of the Museum's field trip programs and loan kits meet Illinois State Board of Education Learning Goals in several subjects including Social Studies, English, Math and Reading.

For more information about this program, please contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or via email at education@mchistory.org. The Museum's educational programs are underwritten by a gift of the Harriett Fuller Rust Estate.

Irish Heritage Genealogy Workshop

Join the Museum, the Irish Heritage Society, and the McLean County Genealogical Society for a day discovering your Irish roots! An Irish Heritage Genealogy workshop will be presented Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sessions will explore Irish genealogy resources, McLean County genealogy, and local history resources. Tips and hints on beginning Irish research will also be offered. Check-in and vendor browsing begins at 8:00 a.m. The keynote program, *It's Not Easy Being Green: Irish-Americans in McLean County*, by Greg Koos, begins at 9:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Registration, check-in, and vendor browsing
9:00 a.m. Keynote: *It's Not Easy Being Green: Irish-Americans in McLean County* by Greg Koos
10:15 a.m. 1A - Researching Irish Records On-Line
1B - Family and Local History Resources at Bloomington Public Library
1C - Exploring the McLean County Museum of History Library & Archives
11:15 a.m. 2A - Finding Irish Ancestors on FamilySearch.org
2B - Genealogy- Getting Started: An Introduction to the Basics of Genealogy
2C - Exploring the McLean County Museum of History Library & Archives

12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Lunch and vendor browsing
2:00 p.m. 3A - Finding Irish Ancestors on FamilySearch.org
3B - Introduction to IRAD (Illinois Regional Archives Depository)
3C - Open Research: Free time to research in the Museum's Library and Archives
3:00 p.m. 4A - Discovering Your Irish Ancestral Roots
4B - Irish Immigrations and the Building of the Railroad in McLean County
4C - Open Research: Free time to research in the Museum's Library and Archives

All sessions are 45 minutes in length with a 15 minute break in between each session. Registration is limited to 100 people and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will make every effort to honor your preferred sessions, but space is limited for some sessions. To receive a full description of all sessions, contact the Education Department at education@mchistory.org. This program is sponsored by State Farm.

Second Annual History Makers Gala Set for June 13

This year's *History Makers* Gala will be held on Thursday, June 13 in the Brown Ballroom at Illinois State University's Bone Student Center. Each year, this event recognizes individuals whose outstanding, lifelong contributions of time and talents have helped to make McLean County the thriving community it is today. The gala dinner will feature special live dramatizations to celebrate their lives of service, and will be presented in connection with the Museum's annual meeting.

State Farm – Like a Good Neighbor!

The Museum received \$7,000 from the State Farm Companies Foundation's Good Neighbor Grant Program as a result of the contributions of our State Farm volunteers. Fourteen employees and retirees gave forty or more hours of their time and talents to this organization in calendar year 2012.

We thank the following volunteers for choosing the Museum as the beneficiary of these funds: Shirley Boward, Anthony Bowman, Michael DeVore, Jane Farmer, Diane Hawk, Chuck Lamlein, Judith Myers, Margaret (Dee) Myers, Robert J. Scott, Carolyn Smith, Ruth Stewart, Sharon Tallon, Robert Watkins, and Patrick Wilson.

The financial support we receive through this program contributes to the development of new educational programs for children and adults. We applaud State Farm and its employees for placing great value on volunteer service and this community.



Lunch and Learn in the Courtroom

Bring your lunch to the Museum on the second Thursday of the month for the always popular Lunch and Learn series. In its second season, it features a new topic each month through May. Discussion begins at 12:10 p.m. and lasts about one-half hour with time for questions.

March 14

"Genres in Latin American Music" with Cecilia Sanchez, Adjunct Professor of Hispanic Studies.

April 11

"Feeding by the Unseen: How Small Aquatic Invertebrate Animals Exploit Different Sources of Food" with Will Jaeckle, Associate Professor of Biology.

May 9

"Transatlantic Exchanges: The Rise of the Spanish Restaurant in the United States" with Carolyn Nadeau, Tucci Professor of Hispanic Studies.

The Lunch and Learn program is a collaboration of Illinois Wesleyan University, the McLean County Museum of History, and the Collaborative Solutions Institute. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact the McLean County Museum of History at marketing@mchistory.org or call 309-827-0428.

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.

Interns Bring Wealth of Experience, Enthusiasm

Hannah Johnson is a second semester graduate student at Illinois State University working toward her master's degree in history. She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in the spring of 2012 with a BA in history and a minor in international studies with an emphasis in Russian / Eastern European studies. As an undergraduate, Hannah completed an internship with the David Davis Mansion which focused on the development and launch of the now-recurring Thanksgiving living history program "A Bountiful Feast." During this experience, she joined her passion for history and theater into the perfect match. Hannah has found a similar project this semester researching characters for the Museum's annual Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk. Having been born and raised in this community, she is very excited to be intimately involved in this annual award-winning event.



After completing her studies at ISU, Hannah intends to pursue a career in public history and hopes her internship experience will greatly contribute to a general understanding of the inner workings of a successful and ever-expanding local museum and historical society.

Mary Heath is a junior at Illinois Wesleyan University studying history

and political science with the intent of going into higher education administration or museum studies. She hails from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Growing up



her father took her to a different museum every Sunday, resulting in a deep love for museums and history. Mary is also very passionate about working with young women and girls, so she is excited to serve as the public programs intern in the Education Department.

This semester she will be creating several new Girl Scout badge programs. In addition, Mary is assisting with the development of the President's Day Open House, the Irish Heritage Genealogy Workshop and the Teacher Dinner Reception. All three programs will be held at the Museum. With the variety of experiences attained this semester, she is learning how her studies in history can be applied in the museum environment.

Emma Florio is a senior at IWU majoring in history with minors in American and Hispanic studies. She is working in the Library / Archives with the scrapbook collection, describing the contents of each book and entering them into the PastPerfect museum collections database. Emma has interned at other museums and libraries in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, including the Crystal Lake

Historical Society and the Naper Settlement outdoor history museum in Naperville. All of these experiences have led to her interest in the museum field, particularly in research and archives, which in turn led to her current internship at the Museum. She hopes to one day do similar work with colonial history on the East Coast. She is excited to be interning at the Museum this semester because she knows it will give her valuable experience for a future in the field.



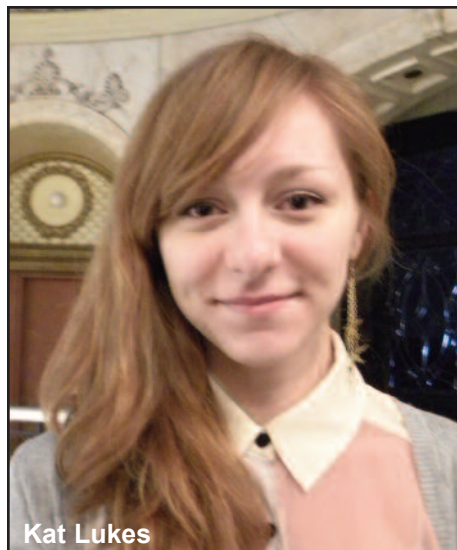
Stephanie Pierson is a senior at IWU majoring in anthropology and religion. After interning at the David Davis Mansion last summer and working in numerous libraries, she has decided to pursue a master's in library science with a focus in special collections to work in



either a library or museum setting.

Stephanie is working in the Library / Archives with Wikipedia. Librarian Bill Kemp calls her the Museum's first "wiki-tern." During her internship she is linking Wikipedia pages to the Museum's website, as well as revising existing pages. By the end of her project, she will have created a page for the Museum itself and for the people and places in McLean County. This will increase the Museum's online presence. Stephanie tells us that she learns something new about Wikipedia and McLean County history each day.

Kat Lukes is a sophomore at IWU studying anthropology, French and art history. She recently finished a semester of study in London and plans on returning there after graduation to complete graduate work in museum



studies. She is working in the exhibits department on the asbestos exhibit, conducting oral history interviews with individuals from the community whose family lost someone to an

asbestos-related illness. She is gathering stories about their work experience at Union Asbestos and Rubber Company (UNARCO), and the difficulty of losing someone to a disease that could have been prevented. The subject is sensitive, but an important story in McLean County's history – one that Kat is eager to help tell.

The museum field has excited Kat for quite awhile. She describes her internship as "my first official introduction to museum work. I am enjoying the exploration of how this organization operates in addition to learning about proper research and the oral history technique. Interviewing the Museum staff and learning about their jobs and backgrounds has been a bonus in this internship experience."

Focus on Volunteers

Nola Marquardt began her volunteer service at the Museum in November 1991. Four thousand and six hundred hours later it is hard to cover the scope of her many contributions. In the beginning and for many years Nola was a volunteer in the Library/Archives helping patrons research their family and local history. She has conducted oral histories, led tours for the *Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk* and given presentations on cemetery art and architecture. Nola continues to expand her knowledge and skills in order to contribute at an even higher level in the Museum Library.

Over the past year Nola spearheaded the reorganization of the various 3x5 card file indexes in the Library Reading Room and Book Stacks, including the local newspaper index and those relating to McLean County marriages, births and burials, as well as ancestor charts and Archive holdings.

The end goal was to improve both the organization and accessibility of these card indexes to the public. In order to accomplish this goal the



Museum needed to procure additional card catalog drawers. When Nola learned that the Carlock Public Library was disposing of its drawers/cabinets, she was able to secure a donation. She then obtained the rest of the needed cabinets from the public libraries in Gridley, Heyworth and Martin Township (Colfax). Ruth and Sherman

Wilkerson helped deliver the cabinets to the Museum. Five different cabinets were put into two large units with the help of Museum Archivist George Perkins.

This work entailed integrating some 60,000 cards from the various locations, and then refiling and alphabetizing them. To accomplish this, Nola received a helping hand from other Library volunteers. Nola has no idea why she likes this kind of work. We don't either, but are sure glad she does!

She has since turned her attention to the Library Stacks, and is now helping volunteer cataloger Becky Bell and Museum Librarian Bill Kemp organize and/or reorganize the Museum's collections of high school and college yearbooks, as well as other difficult-to-catalog sets, such as county plat books. This is difficult, often frustrating though necessary work. For Nola, going from card files to cataloging is a matter of "out of the frying pan and into the fire!"

¡Fiesta Forever! A Poetry Celebration

The Museum is pleased to welcome four poets from the community who will read poems composed in response to the Museum's current exhibit *¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts*. Poems about Mexican history, arts and crafts, landscape, and more will be featured. The free, hour-long program will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. Those who enjoyed the Lunch & Learn poetry program in January will also enjoy the Museum's poetry reading series, so we hope they'll return for this event! Poets to be featured are as follows:

Susan Baller-Shepard is a writer, speaker, instructor, global activist, and Presbyterian minister living in Bloomington. Her writing has appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Washington Post*, *Spirituality & Health*, the *Huffington Post*, *Writer's Digest*, and other publications.

David Hirst graduated with a teaching degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and received a masters in Spanish American literature from Illinois State

University. He is a National Board Certified Teacher of World Languages and a Golden Apple Fellow.

Kathleen Kirk is a poet, writer, teacher, and actor who grew up in this area, lived and worked in Chicago for twenty years, and moved "back to Normal" in 2000, where she has facilitated poetry workshops for the last thirteen years. She is the poetry editor for *Escape Into Life*, an online arts magazine.

Janice Witherspoon Neuleib has lived in Normal for most of her life, teaching, writing, and directing the Illinois State Writing Project. She has published and presented widely on teaching writing and on C.S. Lewis' Inklings writing group and their ideas. She has co-authored and authored seven books, twenty-two book chapters, and over seventy essays.

For more information, contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or visit our website at www.mchistory.org. This program is free and open to the public and sponsored by Country Financial.

Museum Registrar Terri Clemens to Retire



After thirteen years of service to the Museum, Terri Clemens, our dedicated registrar, is retiring. Terri brought valuable skills and knowledge with her to the Museum. As a result, she has had a tremendous impact on the Museum's object collection, especially its documentation.

When objects are added to the Museum's collection a considerable amount of research is needed to verify the data that donors share with us and to uncover data about the object's date, context, and history. Terri was very adept at tracking down additional information to provide context and meaning to the object. Susan Hartzold, Museum curator, has frequently described Terri as the Museum's "Sherlock Holmes."

Terri also made sure that all artifact data was properly entered into the collection database. She also worked with volunteers and interns. Shortly after she started here she began to assist and eventually lead the Artifact Reevaluation Project. This long-term project involves reviewing each individual artifact in the collection for condition, duplication, and provenance. The result of her work is that new information has been uncovered and documented for

many artifacts and others have been deemed inappropriate to our mission and deaccessioned (removed from the collection). The project will not be completed when she retires.

But fortunately for us, Terri plans to continue to be involved at the Museum and help finish the project as a volunteer! She also plans to spend lots of time with her grandchildren and travel after retirement. Museum staff will miss the treats she brings to meetings, and volunteers will miss the cakes and pies she makes for our annual volunteer recognition event.

Museum to Participate in Day of the Child / Day of the Book Celebration

In our continuing educational programming for the ¡Fiesta! exhibit, the Museum will join a variety of community organizations in celebrating El Dia de los Niños/El Dia de los Libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Books) at Bloomington Public Library on Saturday, April 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This bilingual program is free and open to the public.

The first Dia celebrations were held in New Mexico and Texas. Dia is a commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages, and cultures. The common goals of all Día programming are to:

- ▶ Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories and libraries.
- ▶ Nurture cognitive and literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child's home language and culture.
- ▶ Introduce families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies.
- ▶ Recognize and respect culture, heritage and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities.

Nationwide, the celebration is now in its sixteenth year. Bloomington Public Library has presented this program annually for the past six years and the Museum is excited to be participating this year.

During this year's celebration, attendees will enjoy a magic show by Jesus Rios, dancing, mascots, face painting, food and fun throughout the Library. Two craft activities will be featured for children to make: a Baleros (cup and ball), which is a popular Mexican toy, and a Maraca, a traditional Mexican musical instrument. There will also be representatives from community organizations, and each child who attends will receive a free book and goodie bag.

For more information about this program, please visit www.bloomingtonlibrary.org/ or contact the Library's Children's Services at 309-828-6094 or via email at:

childreference@bloomingtonlibrary.org.

**Kids
Corner**

Trailblazer Challenge:

Answer the questions and complete the word search below.

Famous Bloomingtonians

B Q D R A T L R Q Q Q R Q D L M M J R Z
W A N R N D K D W M Q V D P L N L E N P
V D B T X V L K P T R B M X B N R T R M
W P J R Y Q L A D G R R M G D H J W G J
W J Z W A M L D I L X Y Z T O P K T D G
R X N J B H N L Y S L Y R B R Z P R E T
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Questions:

1. Who was the founder of ISU and the Town of Normal?
2. Who is famous for giving the Lost Speech at Majors Hall in 1856?
3. Who was the first female to serve on Bloomington's Board of Education?
4. Who served as U.S. Supreme Court Justice during the Abraham Lincoln administration?
5. Who was the first female elected Senator of Illinois?
6. Who was Vice President of the U.S. under Grover Cleveland from 1893 - 1897?

Answers: 1. Jesse Fell 2. Abraham Lincoln 3. Georgina Trotter 4. David Davis 5. Florence Fifer Bohrer 6. Adlai Stevenson I

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New to the Collections

OBJECTS

- ❑ Signature quilt made by Downs Willing Workers Society in 1911; donated by Eugene Williams
- ❑ Apron and indoor bonnets of Augusta Mau, bushel basket liner made from a sugar sack and used by Katie Mau; donated by Mary Helen Haskell
- ❑ Gerhart's shoe bank, Newmarket buttonhook, George LeBeau clarinet reeds, Saratoga Billiards pencil; donated by Dennis Faulk
- ❑ Coates & Sons knife, and World's Fair 1933 walking stick carnival prize; donated by Martha Behr Miller
- ❑ Mary Kathleen Murray's first communion dress and veil; donated by Ron Beales
- ❑ Christ Mandler's cigar holders; Moritz Quosigk's meerscham pipe; doll, dress and sweater of June Mandler; donated by June Mandler McCluskey
- ❑ Obama pin and lanyard from Democratic National Convention, donated by Bob Watkins
- ❑ Obama pin and bumper sticker, Sally Pyne pin; donated by Mike Matejka
- ❑ "Heritage of Bloomington Normal" monopoly-style game; donated by Karen Schmidt
- ❑ Tom Marquardt's hunting vest, 1960s; donated by Tom and Nola Marquardt
- ❑ Dance costume and tap shoes of Dee Gilmore Perry from Janet Hayslip Dance, 1960; donated by Dee Perry
- ❑ Belan (rolling pin) and passport; donated by Vandana Naik
- ❑ Jug with spout, found in Bloomington fire dump; donated by Pat Hiser
- ❑ Souvenir of Bloomington china slipper; donated by Sharon Wolfe
- ❑ Quilt, Carolina Lily variant, made by Catherine Harvey Piper in Pennsylvania at 16 years old, then brought to Covell c. 1858 and used there, and Kickapoo Oil bottle; donated by C. B. Frevert
- ❑ Pewter communion set from rural Lexington Salem Church donated by Janice Elder

ARCHIVES

- ❑ Paper label, Travis' Velvet Cream, manufactured by D.L. Travis, Bloomington druggist, undated; donated by Nancy Allen Dauber
- ❑ Note from Adlai E. Stevenson II to Ben Nathan, December 1, 1952 (signed by Stevenson); donated by Linda and James Slavens, in honor of Ben and Shirley Nathan
- ❑ Souvenir program, June 15, 1909, 10th annual floral ball, P.H. Morrissey Lodge No. 62, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, held at Lake Park (now State Farm's G.J. Mecherle Memorial Park); donated by Nancy J. Miller
- ❑ Scrapbook compiled by Bertha Mandler, includes cigar band and cigar box illustrations; booklet, *Pullman On Dress Parade*, ca.

The Museum recently received a red and black satin dance costume with silver trim and a pair of tap shoes used by Dee Gilmore Perry. Dee began tap dancing lessons at the age of four from Don Ford of Peoria. She switched to Miss Janet Hayslip in Normal when she was a high school freshman, and continued taking classes through her high school years. In 2009, Perry returned to take tap dancing from the ageless Miss Janet at the Twin City School of Dance. The Museum was tickled to get that costumes and shoes along with a picture of Dee and her dance partners. The trio tapped their way through the dance number "Fabulous Fifties" during a dance recital held at the Scottish Rite Temple. Hayslip's students performed annual dance recitals at this location, now known as the Center for the Performing Arts, for many years.



Dee Gilmore of Gridley High School (far left) and her dance partners Joanne Burpee of Trinity High School and Pam Keller of University High School pose for a post recital picture.

Bloomington Mayors, 1969 to present



This rare shot of five Bloomington mayors was donated by Judy Markowitz (second from right), who in 1997 became the first woman to occupy the city's highest office. Markowitz relinquished the mayor's gavel in 2005 after serving two terms. The others (from left to right, with the years they served as mayor) are: Walt Bittner (1969-1977); Richard Buchanan (1977-1985); Jesse Smart (1985-1997); and Steve Stockton, who was first elected in 2005. Mayor Stockton is completing his second term and will not run for reelection. That's only 5 mayors in the past 44 years!

- 1940, and other items; donated by June Mandler McCluskey
- ❑ Collection of 2012 election / campaign items, including "Vote Today!" Barack Obama/David Gill window sign; donated by Mike Matejka
- ❑ Redbird (Illinois State University) logo signed by Bob Otolowski, former ISU head football coach, 1981-1987; donated by William P. LaBounty
- ❑ Issues of *TC Style* magazine, November 2007, January 2008 and March 2008; donated by Bruce and Ethlyn Yount
- ❑ Set of business cards assembled for "Ernie" (surname unknown), for what appears to be a 1966 meeting of the Transportation Club; donated by Sal Valadez (if anyone can help us identify Ernie or place this set of business cards in context, please contact Museum Librarian Bill Kemp)
- ❑ Large collection of newspaper clippings covering *Pantagraph* career of reporter / columnist Jim Keeran, 1960s to early 2000s; donated by Jim Keeran
- ❑ World War I letter, June 20, 1918, from L.F. Proffitt to his mother in Saybrook; transcribed affidavits, 1874 and 1908, attesting to the alleged anti-Lincoln and anti-Union activities of Adlai E. Stevenson I; donated by Brad Briney
- ❑ Collection of material relating to the Emerson Street Investment Club, including minutes, 1997-2010; donated by the Emerson Street Investment Club
- ❑ Miscellany relating to Illinois State University and University High School, including invitation to retirement reception for Robert Dean, superintendent of Laboratory Schools, 2012; donated by Robert Neuleib
- ❑ Several items, including McLean County State Bank & Trust Co. check, 1935; donated by Brian Simpson of Babbitt's Books
- ❑ Miscellaneous papers, mostly receipts, from Sam Stern, mostly 1940s; donated by Sybil Mervis
- ❑ Booklet, First Christian Church, Bloomington, advent devotional and 175th anniversary commemoration, 1837-2012; donated by Mary Helen Haskell
- ❑ Program and ticket, Tri-Valley High School production of "The Sound of Music," November 2012; donated by Wally Morse
- ❑ Typed account (with photographs) of August 1911 automobile trip from Bloomington to Elgin, Nebraska, and back, undertaken by Dana F. Rollins and two others; donated by Suzie Zeigler of M&J Estate Sales

BOOKS

- ❑ *Speeches, Adlai Stevenson* (1952—Adlai E. Stevenson II), foreword by John Steinbeck; donated by Linda and James Slavens, in honor of Ben and Shirley Nathan
- ❑ Set of Wesley United Methodist Church (Bloomington) directories, 1969, 1978, 1981, 1986, 1990, 1997, 2000 and 2006; cookbook, *WJBC Celebrities Choice Holiday Recipes* (1996); Bloomington-Normal Junior Women's Club cookbook (1968); donated by Bruce and Ethlyn Yount

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- ❑ Bellflower Township High School yearbooks, 1967, 1971-1973, 1975-1977 and 1979; donated by Bellflower Historical Society
- ❑ Genealogy / history of Michael and Hannah Hirst family of Towanda, covering the years 1861-2002, written by Tammy Stewart; donated by Tammy Stewart
- ❑ Booklet, *Kaskaskia: Birthplace of Illinois*, reprint, Illinois Power Co., 1968; donated by Robert Neuleib
- ❑ Several books, including *The Lincoln Memorial: Album-Immortelles* (1883) collected and edited by Osborn H. Oldroyd; donated by Nancy J. Miller

PHOTOGRAPHS

- ❑ Collection of Trinity School (Bloomington) photographs, 1950s; donated by Ruth Riedel Stewart
- ❑ 1979-1980 Illinois State University men's basketball team photo, 8½x11; donated by William P. LaBounty
- ❑ Collection of photographs relating to the Mandler family; donated by June Mandler McCluskey
- ❑ Portrait, 12x16, of African-American husband and wife Jesse Robert Ward and Mary Alice Moore Ward, ca. 1867; donated by Eugene Ward
- ❑ Child sitting on sculptor Rick Harney's "Lincoln Bench" (on the grounds of the McLean County Museum of History),

8x10 black-and-white; donated by James W. Bennett

- ❑ McLean Community High School junior class, 1920, 5x7, and eight 2x4 portraits of class of 1921 (same school); donated by Brian Simpson of Babbitt's Books
- ❑ Two photographs (prints), Bloomington mayors group shot, 2006 (see accompanying article); and mayors Markowitz and Stockton at inaugural game of Prairie Thunder hockey team, October 14, 2006, at U.S. Cellular Coliseum; donated by Judy Markowitz

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.

Salutations to New Members!

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

Mr. Christopher Hotz
Ms. Martha Giacobassi
Ms. Elizabeth Kelly Schneider
Ms. Victoria More
Dr. Danielle and Mr. John Kim
Ms. Janet Beal
Mr. Richard J. Hoeniges
Ruth Hargis

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Who is Peter Quill and What Does he have to do with Beich's Candies?

From October 6, 1940 through March 30, 1941, the program Peter Quill was broadcast over the Mutual radio network and sponsored by the Paul F. Beich Company. Produced at WGN in Chicago, listener's across the country could tune in on Sundays to hear one of radio's great mystery programs and be enticed to try a Beich Whiz or Pecan Pete candy bar. There were premiums offered including a fountain pen, pocket knife, and a free box of 24 assorted Beich candies for the best letter in the "I like Beich Whiz because..." contest.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We want to learn more about Beich and its sponsorship of this program. If you remember listening to this program, were a Beich employee during this time or know former Beich employees who may have information, then email radio historian Karl Schadow at bluecar91@hotmail.com or contact the McLean County Museum of History. As much as we'd like to, we can't promise you a WHIZ or Pecan Pete bar for your efforts!



Ask a Trust Officer

Tax-saving trusts

DEAR TRUST OFFICER:

Can I use a trust to save on my income taxes?

—PINCHING MY PENNIES

DEAR PINCHING:

As a general rule, trusts have limited potential for creating income tax savings, so the general answer for family trusts is no. If you hear the phrase “tax-saving trust,” the reference is more likely to be to death taxes, not income taxes. For example, if a married couple uses a “two-trust estate plan,” they may be able to double the amount that stays within the family free of federal estate tax. Trusts typically distribute their income to beneficiaries, who pay income taxes on the distributions. If the trust retains income, it must pay fiduciary income taxes.

However, there are important income tax savings available with *charitable trusts*, so if you are philanthropically minded, this could be a good avenue to explore. Such a trust must be irrevocable in order to achieve tax benefits, which means that the commitment to charity will be permanent.



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McLean County Museum of History

Calendar of Events for March, April, and May 2013



Through August 9, 2014

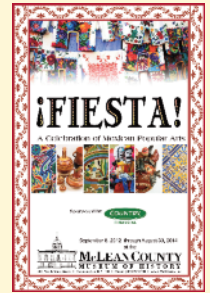
The Greening of the Prairie: Irish Immigration and Settlement in McLean County

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.

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 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.



Second Thursday of every month through May

Lunch and Learn at the Museum

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



Third Saturday of every month through April

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!

On display from Tuesday, April 3 to Tuesday, April 23

Tri-Valley Middle School History Fair Projects.

These projects were created by seventh grade students attending Tri-Valley Middle School. Projects feature McLean County and Illinois history-related topics and will be displayed throughout the Museum.

Tuesday, March 12 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

¡Fiesta, Forever! A Celebration in Poetry

Four poets from the community will read poems composed in response to the Museum’s current exhibit *¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts*. See page eight for more details. This program is free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 23 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Irish Heritage Genealogy Workshop

Join the Museum, the Irish Heritage Society and the McLean County Genealogical Society for a day discovering your Irish roots! Sessions will explore Irish Genealogy resources, McLean County genealogy, and local history resources. See page four for more details.

Saturday, April 27 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Day of the Child / The Day of the Books

El Día de Los Niños / El Día de los Libros

The Museum is pleased to participate in the sixth annual Day of the Child / Day of the Book celebration presented by Bloomington Public Library. See page nine for more details. This program is free and open to the public.



Saturdays beginning May 4 through October 26, 2013

Museum Opens at 8:30 a.m. to All Visitors!

Tour the Museum's latest exhibits and shop at Farmer's Market—how convenient is that!

Tuesday, May 7 7:00 p.m.

History Reads Book Club

Join the Museum and Bloomington Public Library for the second installment of the History Reads book club for 2013. The discussion will be held in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom. See page three for more details. This program is free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 18 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.

Tri-Valley History Fair Projects Coming Soon!

In late March, students from Mr. Robin Roberts' seventh grade social studies classes at Tri-Valley Middle School will participate in the Illinois History Expo 2013 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Following the regional competition, from April 3 through April 23, the top-ranking projects by Tri-Valley students will be displayed at the Museum.

This annual, statewide competition gives junior high and high school students from around the state the opportunity to showcase their knowledge on Illinois history. Those projects that receive a "superior" rating at the regional competition will advance to the statewide Illinois History Expo in Springfield. From this competition the top two projects will then be selected to represent the state of Illinois at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland in June.

For the sixth year in a row, Museum staff will be judging projects and selecting winners in the following categories: Best Historical/Critical Thinking; Most Creative; Best McLean County Themed; and Best Overall. Museum staff and the Museum's Executive Board will then present winners with a certificate at the May board meeting, which will be open to the families of the winners. Come on down to the Museum and view these impressive and stimulating (intellectually and visually) projects!

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Mystery History Quiz

For this issue, can you tell us when and why this crowd has gathered plum in the middle of East Street? What's going on here? If you think you know the answer, contact Librarian Bill Kemp via email at library@mchistory.org, or by phone at 309-827-0428.

Mystery History

Last issue's Mystery History photograph was no mystery to many of our loyal readers! It showed the packed stands for one of the local Corn Bowl football games held on Thanksgiving Day in the late 1940s and first half of the 1950s. The inaugural Corn Bowl, November 27, 1947, was staged at Bloomington High School's Fred Carlton Field. The remaining games were held at Wesleyan's Wilder Field (now known as Tucci Stadium). The Mystery History picture was a crowd scene from the second Corn Bowl, in which Illinois Wesleyan defeated Eastern Illinois 6-0.

Many who knew the answer had attended one or more games and / or parades that preceded the gridiron match. Correct guesses were submitted by Jack Bowles, Ed Cronin, Dave Franz, Wendell Fuller, Nola Johnson, Ted Jordan, Jack Keefe, Franklin Lewis, Tom Marquardt, Bill Miller, Jim Raymond, Jefferson Scott, Mike Thompson, Jeanne and John Wroan and Carolyn Yockey. And then there's Gerald Westerfield, who called to say he's in the photograph! Try to beat that! As always, our apologies if we forgot anyone.