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**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

111 W. Fox Street • Rooms 209 and 210 • Yorkville, IL • 60560  
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179

**AGENDA**

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April 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2023 Meeting (Pages 2-10)

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2023
2. Approval of Two Plaques for Historic Preservation Awards and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830) (Page 11)
3. Approval of Certified Local Government Annual Report (Pages 12-143)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County
2. Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant
3. Discussion of Cemeteries (Pages 144-145)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. March 21, 2023, Email Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Survey (Pages 146-147)
2. March 24, 2023, Email Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Plan Workshop (Pages 148-151)
3. March 28, 2023, Email Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Survey (Pages 152-153)
4. March 30, 2023, Email Regarding New Exhibit at the Edith Farnsworth House (Pages 154-156)
5. April 6, 2023, Email Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Plan Workshop in Chicago (Pages 157-160)
6. April 2023 Edition of The Bell Tower (Pages 161-164)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting May 15, 2023

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Oswego Masonic Lodge*  
*71 Main Street, Oswego, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**March 20, 2023-Unofficial Until Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Anthony Mayer, Dan Koukol, Brock Bausman, and Ricky Jacobsen

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Tour of Masonic Lodge***

Anthony Mayer, Dan Koukol, Brock Bausman, and Ricky Jacobsen led attendees on a tour of the Masonic Lodge. They explained the history of the organization, the Mason's charitable and service activities, and the history of the building. The Lodge is probably the longest continually operating non-religious service organization in Kendall County.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting and February 15, 2023, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli thanked the Masonic Lodge for hosting the meeting and explained the reasons why the Commission visits historic structures throughout the County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Approval of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County***

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the proclamation. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

The proclamation will be presented at the May 2, 2023, County Board meeting.

Mr. Asselmeier would let the Commission know if a new theme is developed for the Historic Preservation Month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Discussion of February 15, 2023, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations***

#### ***Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the Meeting***

Chairman Wehrli explained the purpose of the meeting. The networking aspects of the meeting appeared to be working. The consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting every six (6) months.

### ***Approval of Invoice for Food in the Amount of \$42.78; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830***

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the invoice.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (1): Shanahan

The motion carried.

### ***Review of Historic Preservation Award Applications; Committee Could Select Award Winners***

#### ***Lowell Mathre***

#### ***Stephenie Todd***

#### ***Dickson Building (101-109 S. Bridge Street, Yorkville)***

Attendees reviewed the applications and award criteria. It was noted that the exterior renovations to the Dickson Building have not been completed.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the award for Lowell Mathre. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the award for Stephenie Todd. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Mr. Asselmeier will get proofs and price quotes for the awards. The intent is to present the awards at the May 16, 2023, County Board meeting. Mr. Asselmeier will confirm if the award winners or representatives of the award winners can attend the meeting.

### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

The consensus of the Commission was to continue meeting at historic locations. Mr. Asselmeier will send an email to historic organizations asking for suggestions for meeting locations. The Pickerall House did not meet the age requirement as historic.

### ***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle discussing the field work. Mr. Itle hopes to have draft documents to the Commission for the April meeting.

### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Mr. Asselmeier presented the binder from the Kendall County Historical Society. Discussion occurred regarding how to publicize the information in the binder. Chairman Wehrli will review the information contained in the binder.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

***February 1, 2023, Email from Mike Bortel Pertaining to National Alliance of Preservation Commissions***  
Commissioners reviewed the email.

***February 1, 2023, Email Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Regional Workshops in Bloomington and Marshall***  
Commissioners reviewed the email.

***February 17, 2023, Email Pertaining to Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Virtual Public Workshop***  
Commissioners reviewed the email.

***February 28, 2023, Emails Regarding Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Regional Workshops in Rockford and Rock Island***  
Commissioners reviewed the emails.

***February 27, 2023, Email From Mark Harrington Regarding Historic Preservation Groups***  
Commissioners reviewed the email.

***April 22, 2023, Northern Illinois Regional History Conference***  
Commissioners reviewed the information.

***March 9, 2023, Historic Preservation Plan Virtual Public Workshop Email***  
Commissioners reviewed the email. Member Heiman said people go on the website and make comments; she noted the need for a historic tax credit for historic homes. Discussion occurred regarding the Rivers' Edge Tax Credit.

Mr. Asselmeier also provided an email dated March 17, 2023, regarding the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Regional Workshop in Chicago on April 13, 2023.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

Encs.



## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Itle, Ken <kitle@wje.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 10:11 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]RE: Survey Update

CAUTION - This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Matt:

We are continuing to make good progress. There is one day left in the field to complete Kendall Township, and about four survey-days for Bristol Township. Research continues, and we have a working draft of the summary report starting to come together. The plan will be to distribute a draft report for review to the commissioners at the April meeting.

-Ken

**Kenneth M. Itle**

Associate Principal

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**From:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:16 AM  
**To:** Itle, Ken <kitle@wje.com>  
**Subject:** Survey Update

Ken:

Do you have an update on the structure survey for the March 20<sup>th</sup> HPC meeting?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner  
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning  
111 West Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL 60560-1498  
PH: 630-553-4139  
Fax: 630-553-4179

## **Matt Asselmeier**

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**From:** Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan <info@thelakotagroup.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 9:36 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]Illinois SHPP - Chicago/On-Site Regional Workshop Invitation

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Regional Workshop to discuss the future of  
historic preservation in Illinois.**

**On-Site Regional Workshop**



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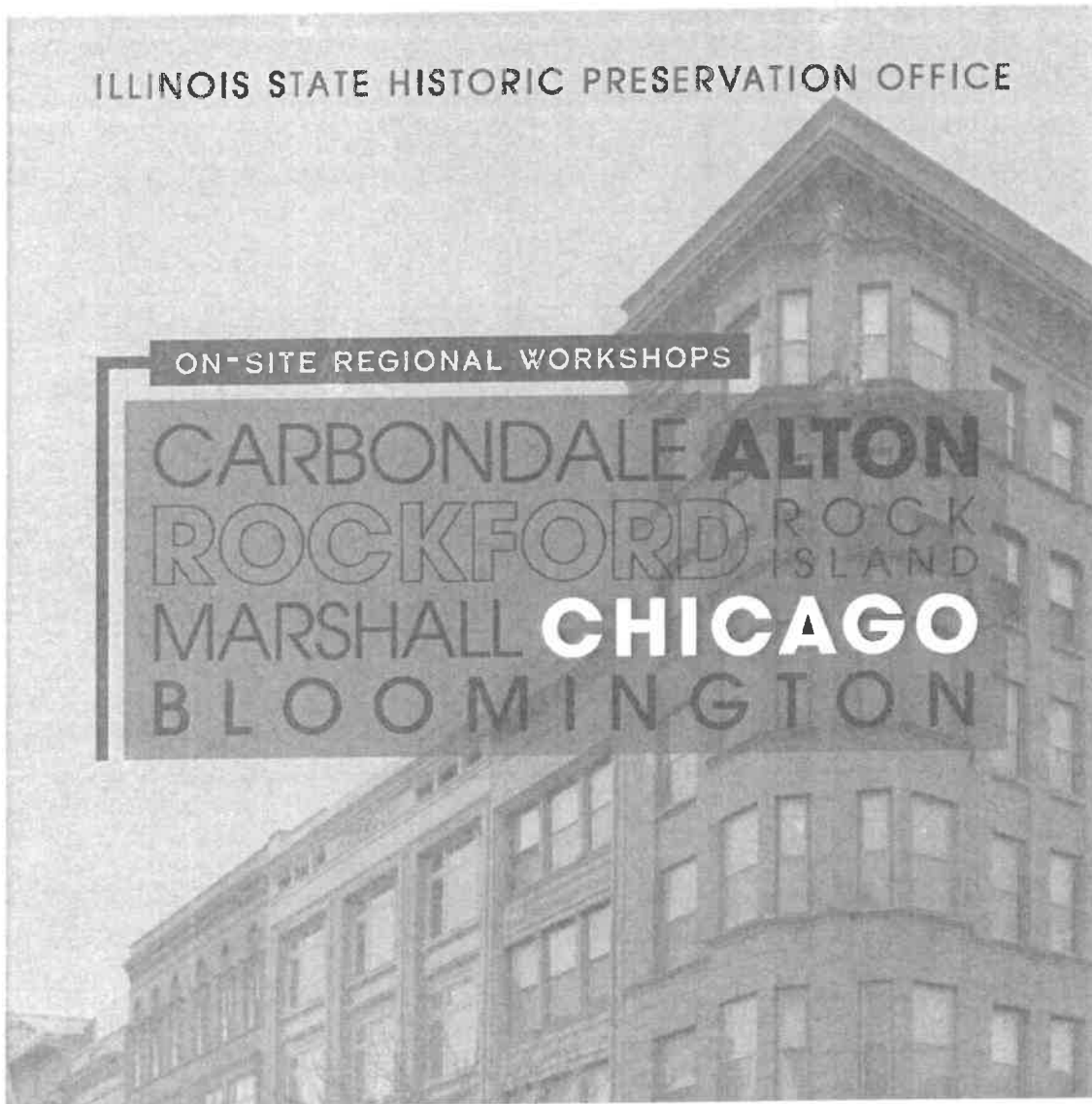
The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL-SHPO) invites you to attend the upcoming on-site regional workshop in Chicago in preparation of the ***Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan***. These workshops provide you the opportunity to identify and discuss local, regional, and statewide issues and trends that impact preservation in your community and around the state.

These Regional Workshops are part of a broad-based stakeholder engagement program for the *Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan*, scheduled for completion by December 2023. This is a public plan informed by comments from Illinois stakeholders about local and statewide preservation priorities.

*The Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan guides effective decision-making by preservation partners across the state as mandated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996. The IL-SHPO hosts the Plan, gathers public comment for use in the Plan's development, and monitors how community stakeholders pursue the Plan's goals and accomplish its objectives. Visit the project website at [www.illinoispreservationplan.com](http://www.illinoispreservationplan.com) for more information.*

## Stay Informed!

Keep up to date with the Illinois Statewide Preservation Plan by visiting [www.illinoispreservationplan.com](http://www.illinoispreservationplan.com). The website will list regular updates on upcoming meetings, and other activities related to the statewide preservation planning process.



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# Historic Preservation Commission

## 2013 Spring Property of the Season

69-71 S. Main Street

The Oswego Historic Preservation Commission is proud to present the Knapp Building, 69-71 S. Main Street, as the spring Property of the Season. The Knapp building has been owned by the Raven Lodge A.F. & A.M. since 1924. It currently houses both the Lodge and the Oswego Family Restaurant.

Construction began in the fall of 1897 and was completed in the spring of 1898. Since that time, the building has undergone minor updating and alterations. The brick commercial building has a corbeled cornice along the top of the front façade with soldier course of brick lintels on the second story. The owners had quite a scare in March of 1900 when a fire broke out in the building across the alley from the Knapp building. The windows facing the alley were burned out from the heat and flames.



The businesses, Malcolm Meat Market and Croushorn Furniture Store, were able to evacuate their goods.

The structure originally included six large narrow windows across the second floor, which had been filled in during a renovation in 1958, leaving only three small window openings. At that time, the wood shingled canopy was added along the front façade. When the Raven Lodge began renovations on the building in 1958, the Kendall County Record wrote about the changes in the August 30, 1958 paper: "The latest local business house to undergo a facelifting is the Oswego Coffee Shop, which is closed this week for alterations, both inside and out. A new brick front is being put on the building, which also houses the Masonic Temple. Both sections of the building are being faced with light-colored brick and modernization of window and door openings. The coffee shop will also be redecorated on the inside."

The building has recently had another 'facelift' with tuck pointing of the brick on the front and side alley façades.

The earliest records for the property show Charles Freeman, of Boston Massachusetts, and wife Sarah selling the parcel to Walter Loukes. Charles Freeman was born in Missouri in 1821 and was living with his young bride, Sarah, in Boston, Massachusetts, as a merchant and trader when he sold the property. Mr. Loukes, one of Oswego's earliest residents, sold the parcel along with other lands, to Lewis B. Judson on August 12, 1845. This parcel,

like many others on Main Street changed hands numerous times between 1845 and the 1880s. Owner's included the Collin, Van Sickle and Sutherland families.



In 1878 the parcel was purchased by John Knapp and his wife, Elizabeth Spies, from Charles Sutherland. It remained in the possession of the Knapp family until the early 1920s. John Knapp and his brother, Charles, were born in Bayern, Germany, and immigrated to Will and Kendall counties respectively. During the Civil War, John moved to Oswego to join his brother as a hog merchant and butcher. John and his wife moved to Rockford for a time, and then moved to Hastings, Nebraska just before 1900, where John died in 1908. Charles took over responsibility for the building upon his brother's departure. Charles and his wife, Caroline Shoger Knapp, remained in Oswego and were well known, respected citizens. In 1897, he and Rudolph Knapp demolished the old structure and built a new brick building for their meat market.



The Raven lodge purchased this building April 7, 1924, but they have a much longer history in Oswego. The Raven Lodge began in Oswego in 1859, and according the Kendall County Free Press, in May 1863, Raven Lodge, A.F. & A.M., met over Hall's Store on the 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings of each month. After moving to new quarters, they suffered a setback in January 1872. The Kendall County Record wrote, "There was a commotion the other morning among the occupants of the brick block caused by the rain during the night on the snow laying on the flat roof of said buildings. The halls of both the Masons and Odd Fellows fared badly." The Lodge moved once again, in January 1883, back to their original location, then known as the Coffin Building. For 150 years, the Raven Lodge has been an active and respected member of the community. For generations they have hosted community events and gatherings, and continue to do so today.



Leo's Trophies, Gifts & Engraving  
36 E Railroad St  
Sandwich, IL 60548-4068 United States  
leostrophies@gmail.com | 815-786-7380

Invoice #3220

Issue date  
Apr 3, 2023

## Historic Preservation Awards

If possible, to help keep costs down, payment by check is preferred.  
Thank you! We appreciate your business!

### Customer

Kendall County Planning, Building &  
Zoning  
masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us

### Invoice Details

PDF created April 3, 2023  
\$300.00

### Payment

Due May 3, 2023  
\$300.00

Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
Exempt <i>CAS186 Sign holder w/stem</i>	2	\$120.00	\$240.00
Exempt <i>Outdoor Plate</i>	2	\$12.00	\$24.00
Engraving	2	\$18.00	\$36.00
Subtotal			\$300.00

**Total Due** **\$300.00**



### Pay online

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Or open the camera on your mobile device and place the QR code in the camera's view.



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**CLG Annual Update Form**

**1. CLG Administration**

**\* 1. Certified Local Government:**

**\* 2. Completed by:**

**\* 3. Period of Review:**

**4. List of current commission members and their email addresses:**

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## 5. CLG Administration:

	Yes	No
Local Ordinance is enforced:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
A qualified commission of members has been appointed:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Copies of commission minutes are sent to the SHPO:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Comments:

6. Number of times the commission has met during the past 12 months:

7. Number of reviews of building and demolition permits conducted during the past 12 months:

8. Number of decisions appealed in the past year:

9. Number of project denials:

10. Average amount of time to close-out a Certificate of Appropriateness:

11. Link to all parts of ordinance relating to landmark designation and review process:

1

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12. Any comments or additional information about CLG administration duties:



## CLG Annual Update Form

### 2. Survey and National Register of Historic Places

**13. CLG review and comments of National Register nominations sent to SHPO within 60 day comment period?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (no nominations to review within this evaluation period)

Comments:

**14. Number of properties added to the state survey this past year:**

**15. Number of local landmarks designated (total):**

**16. Number of local landmarks added this past year:**

**17. How many parcels in the community contain locally landmarked properties?**

**18. Total number of parcels in your community:**



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**CLG Annual Update Form**

**3. Public Participation**

**19. The public is involved in the local preservation process, including the nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**20. Commission minutes are accessible to the public:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**21. Open meetings are conducted:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

**22. Property Owners of proposed designations are notified for public hearing:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:



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**CLG Annual Update Form**

**4. Education and Training Activities**

**23. Number of historic preservation or CLG workshops or seminars attended in the past year by CLG staff or commissioners:**

**24. Educational activities or projects sponsored by local government during the past 12 months:**

**25. Tell us about any concerns:**

**26. Tell us about the CLG's successes:**

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**January 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Due to an absence of a quorum, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Little White School Museum*  
*72 Polk Street, Oswego, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**February 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Lisa Wolancevich, Johanna Byram, Mike Bortal, Scott Gryder, Jeff Nakaerts, Subash George, Ed Hatteberg, Sarah Skilton, Jane Burke, Philip Buchanan, Ken Wolf, Ken Donart, Marilyn Thompson, Scott Gengler, Ruben Rodriguez, Mark Harrington, Ted Clauser, Kenneth Itle, Annie Jordan, and Jon Pressley (Attended Remotely)

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

Chairman Wehrli welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman Wehrli thanked the Little White School Museum for hosting.

Chairman Wehrli discussed the history of Kendall County, importance of historic preservation, and the story of the creation of the Historic Preservation Commission.

**UPDATE FROM ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY**

Jon Pressley, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, discussed the effort of making Kendall County a Certified Local Government. He also discussed the Certified Local Government Grant Program and the Amplifund Program. All of the grants have been graded; there will be a meeting between the State and County on February 17, 2022. He noted an extension to complete the historic structure survey timeline. He also discussed the Historic Preservation Fund. He discussed future grant cycles.

Chairman Wehrli asked if extra money would be available next year. Mr. Pressley said there would be an extra year for completion, possibly June 30, 2022. Extra money might be available. Mr. Pressley said a new grant window would open around September.

Mr. Pressley explained the types of projects funded by Certified Local Government Grants. These projects included surveys, brochures, other public relations documents, camps for historic preservation commissions. He discussed cultural resource management hazard mitigation planning.

**PRESENTATION BY LITTLE WHITE SCHOOL MUSEUM**

Annie Jordan, Museum Manager of the Little White School Museum, provided a history of the building and the Oswegoland Heritage Association. She also discussed historic preservation efforts in the Oswego area. Discussion also occurred regarding the windows of the building. Discussion occurred regarding Museum's

collection, how the Museum acquired items, and efforts to preserve items in the collection. There are over thirty-four thousand (34,000) items in the Museum's collection. Discussion also occurred regarding the bell that used to be in the building when the structure was a church. The church may have been moved to this location.

Chairman Wehrli asked if the Museum had an additional location to display their collection. Ms. Jordan responded the Oswego Heritage Association owns the Stewart House, but there were not any plans to use that property for displaying artifacts. The Museum was doing more programs in Downtown Oswego. Discussion occurred regarding doing a traveling show and engaging youth.

### **PRESENTATION ON HISTORIC STRUCTURE SURVEY**

Kenneth Itle, of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., discussed historic structure surveys, how they occur, and the deliverables of such surveys. He also discussed the importance and roles of volunteers when doing a survey. The focus of the project would be unincorporated Kendall and Bristol Townships. The maximum number of volunteers would be around eight to ten (8-10) and the minimum number of volunteers needed would be around three to four (3-4). The work would probably occur simultaneously in Kendall and Bristol Townships. Discussion occurred regarding where the finished reports would be located.

Mr. Asselmeier explained that each township would be surveyed. The results of the surveys would be used to create a Preservation Plan for the County. He also explained the Commission's reasons for selecting Kendall and Bristol Townships.

Few counties in Illinois have undertaken rural surveys.

Mike Bortal, Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission, discussed surveys in the Plainfield area. He also offered to write a landmark nomination for the Stewart Farmstead if the Oswego Heritage Association was interested.

### **DISCUSSION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR STRUCTURE SURVEY**

Chairman Wehrli said the Commission would reach out to the network to ask for volunteers when the project reaches that point.

### **DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS**

Mr. Asselmeier explained the historic preservation awards, including past award winners. The application deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>. He also explained the process of selecting awards. Awards may be granted to buildings, groups, and individuals. Structures must be over fifty (50) years of age.

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Ken Donart, Chapel on the Green, discussed the Chapel on the Green structure. He noted that the Chapel received a COVID grant from the County. There will be a memorial bench dedication for the Mantheis later this year.

Subash George, Oswego Preservation Commission, discussed filling vacancies on the Oswego Preservation Commission. He discussed engaging children in historic preservation.

Ed Hatteberg, Norsk Museum, said funding was a problem. He also said several board members have passed and there has been difficulty getting younger board members. There will be a breakfast for the grand opening in June. The Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge will be hosting the Norwegian Dancers on March 6, 2022, at Cross Lutheran Church in Yorkville; the event is free.

Sarah Skilton, Oswego Library District, discussed their partnership with the Oswegoland Heritage Association.

Mark Harrington discussed his background and the Sandwich Historical Society. He discussed the possibility of doing a Museum Minute on WSPY Radio. He discussed engaging children in historic preservation. He discussed changes at museums; people seem to be more interested in history from the 1940s to 1980s.

Marty Shanahan discussed the Grand Army of the Republic Museum.

Lisa Wolancevich, Yorkville Historic Preservation and Kendall County Historical Society, discussed the Save the Kendall County Jail. She discussed their library and assisting people with genealogical research. They will have events April 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion occurred about Abraham Lincoln's connections with Kendall County. There will be an Easter egg hunt at Lyons Farm on April 16<sup>th</sup>. She also discussed the car show at the Lyons Farm in 2021.

Johanna Byram, Yorkville Historic Preservation and Kendall County Historic Society, discussed the challenge of engaging people and working with students in need of service hours. She also discussed their digitizing project.

Marilyn Thompson, Ferndell, said they were busy during COVID because people wanted to get out and do things when other places were closed. She discussed the importance of having people sign the attendance sheets at events so that they can be contacted for future activities. She discussed the collections in their museum. She noted their blacksmith's shop was operating and that people love watching him work. She noted the renovations to their buildings. She also discussed their fundraising dinners. She discussed children touring the museum and what the children like at the museum. She discussed using social media for dialogue.

Jane Burke, Naperville Historical Society, discussed historic preservation in Naperville and the need to preserve other structures outside of Naper's Settlement. She and Philip Buchanan were at the meeting to learn.

Jeff Nakaerts, Dickson Murst Farm, explained the history of the organization. He also explained farming activities and other related activities that occur on the property.

Eric Bernacki discussed a Facebook group related to Mokena history. He discussed historic cemeteries. He also discussed development pressure at the Bronk farm.

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Tina Beaird, Plainfield Historical Society. The Plainfield Historical Society will reopen February 12, 2022, with new exhibits. Discussion occurred regarding the Great Race which will be stopping in Plainfield on June 22, 2022. The Plainfield Public Library will be adding historic newspapers to their website.

### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Wehrli said the Commission hopes to have another group meeting this summer. He hoped collaboration will increase. He discussed finding the tombstone of Peter Minkler. He also discussed witnessing youth talking with a Native American and the Hoover Forest Preserve.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion occurred regarding the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026 and having a museum pass featuring each museum. Discussion also occurred regarding museums adapting to new technology.



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

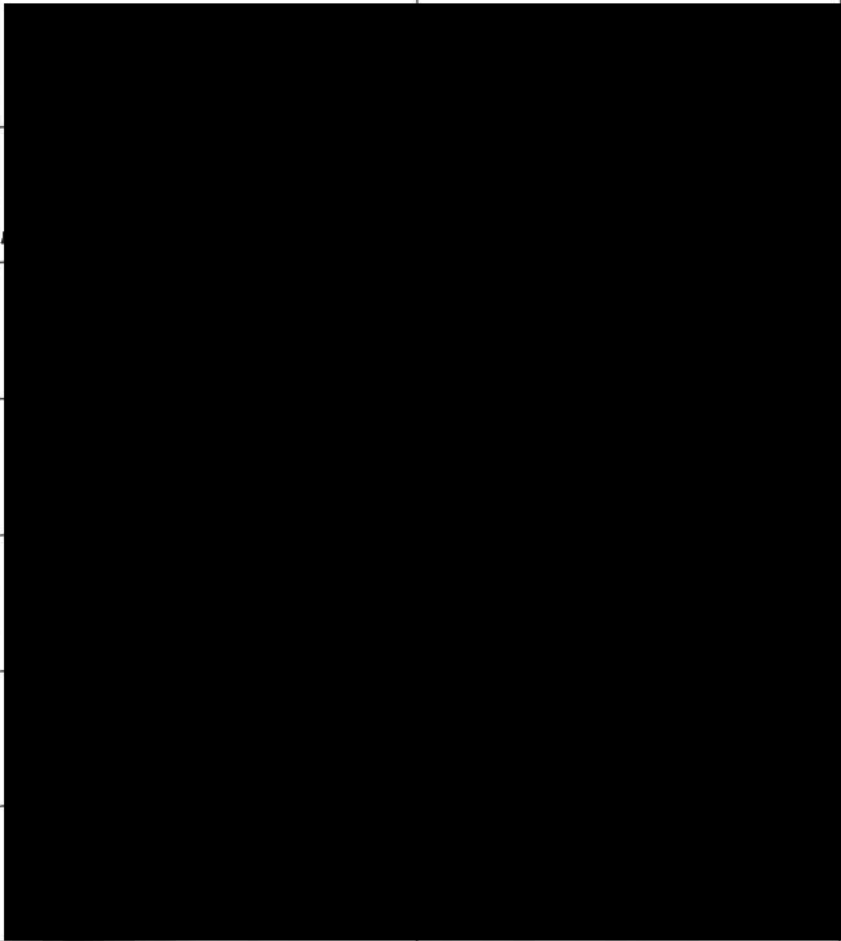
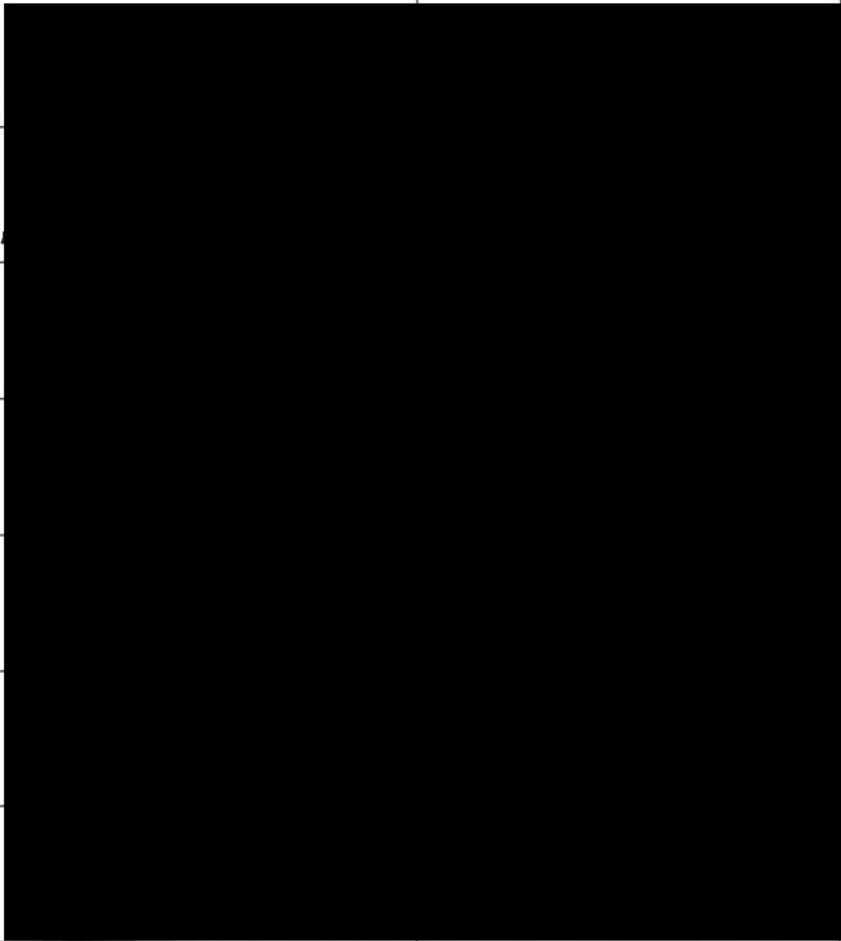
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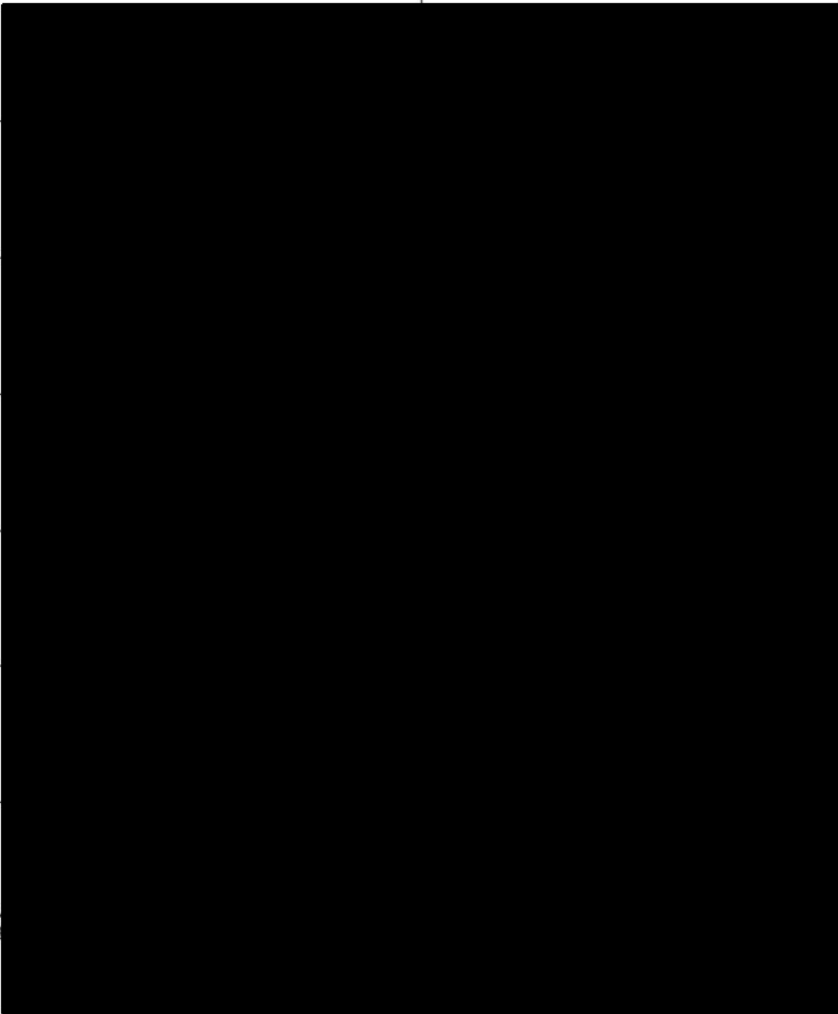
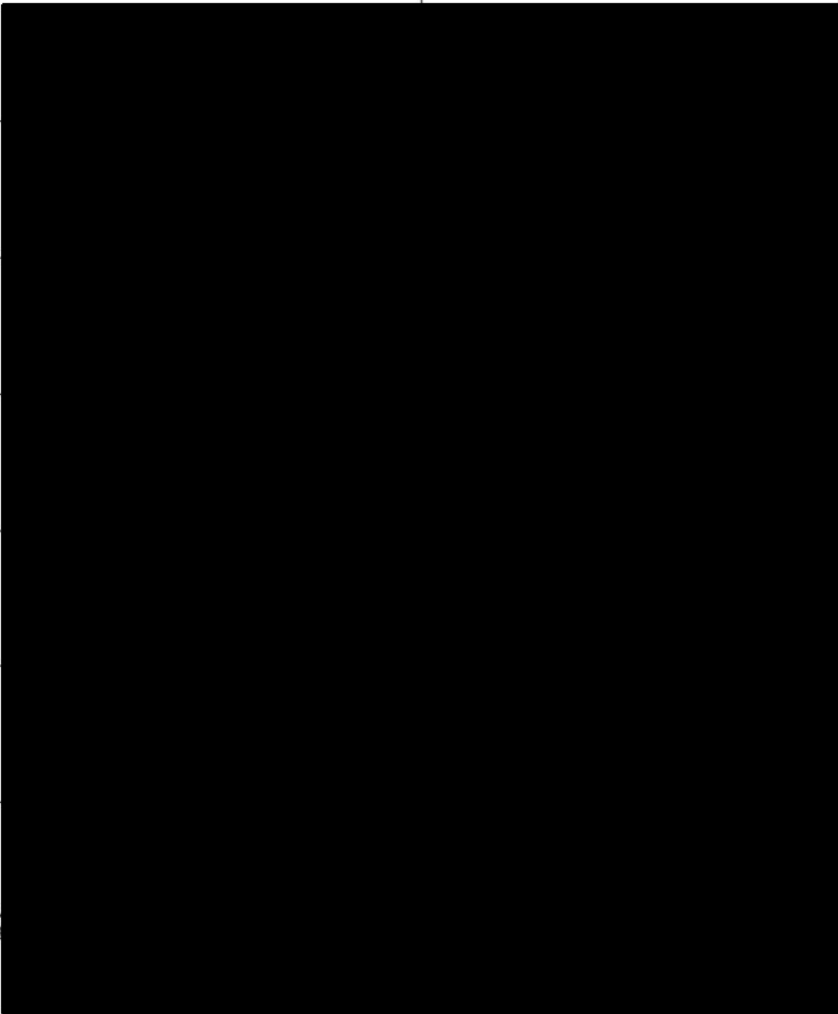
**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ON FUTURE  
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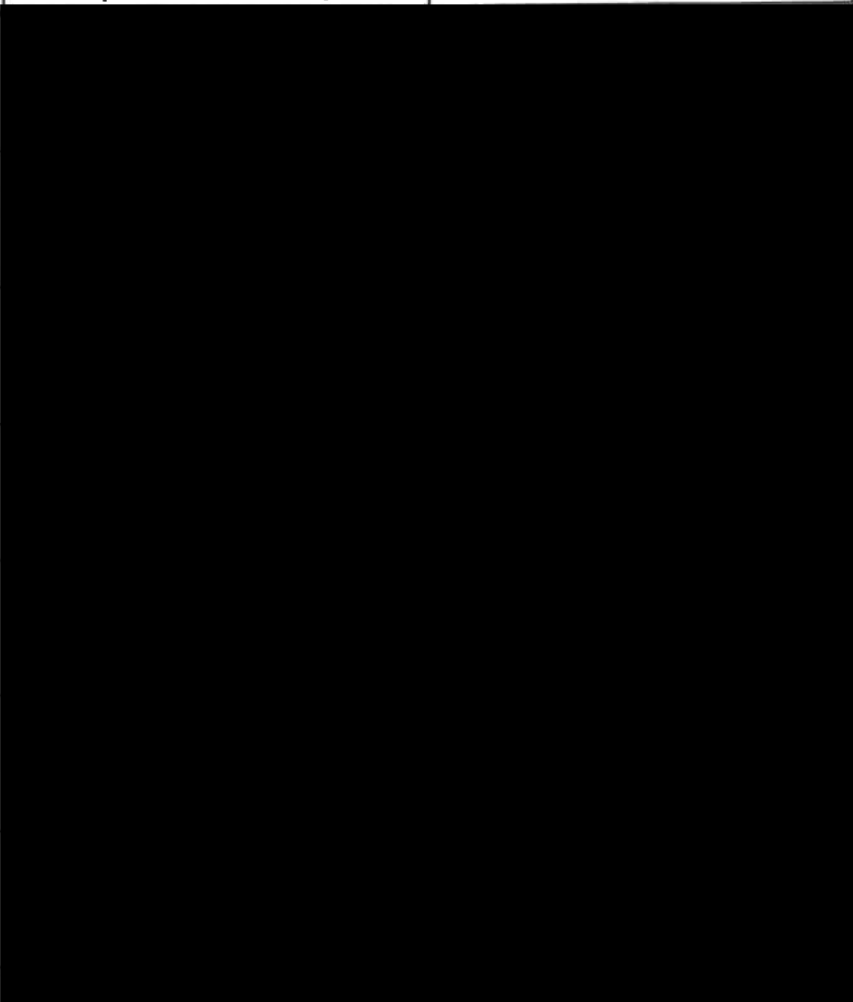
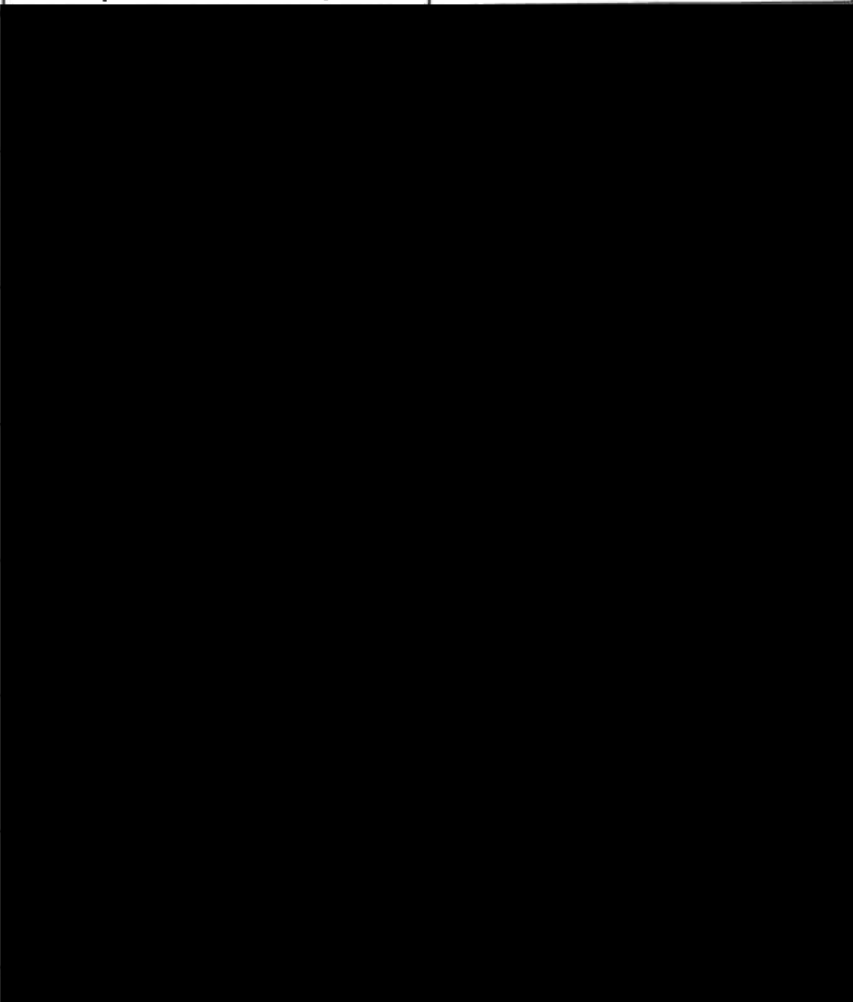
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Annie Jordan		
JEFF WARRIL		

**Norwegian Dancers Perform Live  
Cross Lutheran Church Gymnasium  
8609 Rt. 47, Yorkville, IL  
Sunday, March 6, 2022  
1:30 p.m.**



**The Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 4-472 will host a live performance of the Stoughton, Wisconsin, Norwegian Dance troupe on Sunday March 6, 2022. The traveling troupe consists of high school students who perform traditional Norwegian folk dances in authentic Norwegian folk costumes (*bunader*) throughout the Midwest.**

**The performance is open to all vaccinated members of the community. Doors will open at 1:00 and the performance will begin at 1:30 p.m. Polar Star Lodge members will all sell traditional Norwegian pre-packaged baked goods following the performance.**

**For more information contact Polar Star Cultural Director, Barb Johnson, at 630-553-7389 or [barbjjohnsonb@aol.com](mailto:barbjjohnsonb@aol.com)**

## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Tina Beaird [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]Re: February 16th Kendall County Historic Preservation Group Meeting

Hi Matt,

Sorry, I can't be there, I have another commitment for that night. I know Roger was looking for another LWSM board member to be present to talk to the group. I think it was going to be Ted Clauser. Have a great meeting! Here are are a few updates:

The Plainfield Historical Society will reopen on February 12th with two new exhibits for 2022. One exhibit is on cameras and photography and another on the Plainfield fire of December 1891.

The historical society is hosting participants in the "Great Race", a road rally type race with classic cars that takes drivers from Rhode Island to North Dakota. They will be stopping in Plainfield on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. The village and society are planning a village-wide celebration, everyone is welcome! We'll provide details as the event draws closer. [The Great Race » 2022 Great Race Announced: Warwick, Rhode Island to Fargo, North Dakota](#)



**The Great Race » 2022 Great Race Announced:  
Warwick, Rhode Island to Far...**

Plainfield Public Library has just revamped its website. The local history page will be adding additional Plainfield Enterprises from June 2001-December 2007 in the next couple of months. Currently, the digitized paper spans 1956-2001. [Plainfield History - Plainfield Public Library](#)



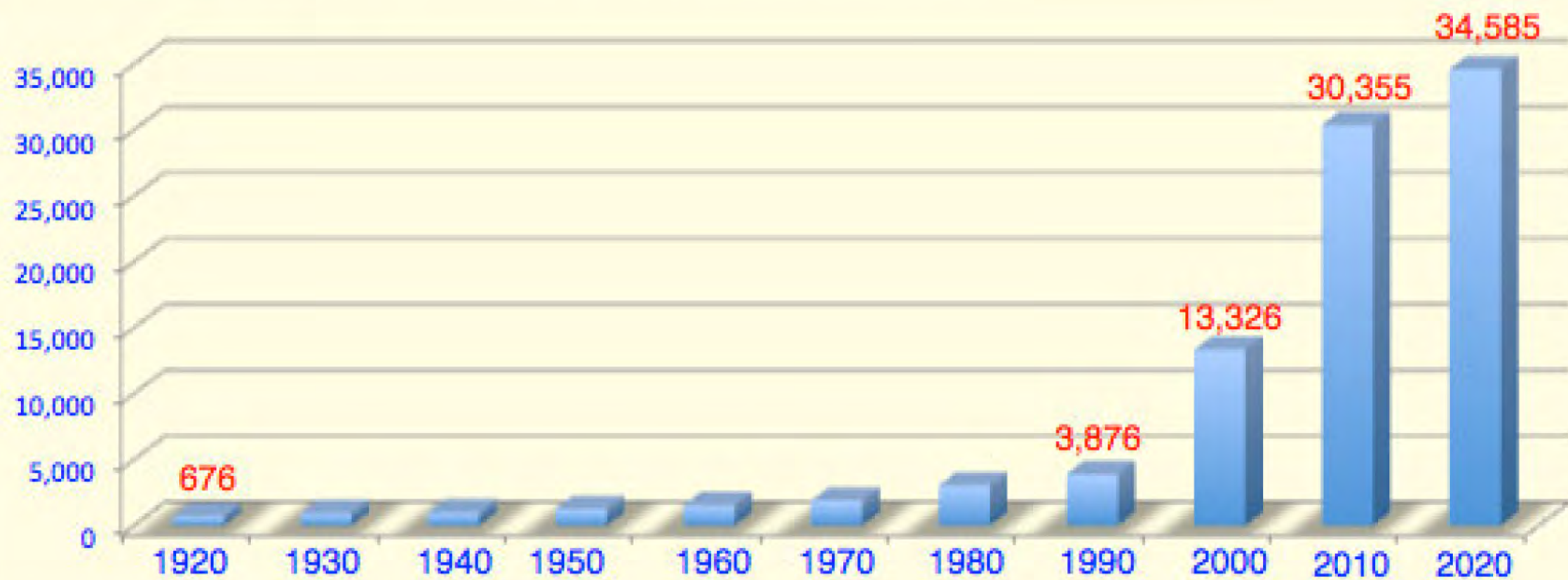
A brief history of  
Little White School Museum

Oswegoland Park District  
Oswegoland Heritage Association  
2022



Between 2010 and 2020, Kendall County was, in percentage terms, the fastest growing county in Illinois...

## Oswego's population, 1920 - 2020





With population growing, both local landmarks and local history were disappearing quickly.



One landmark lost to the wrecking ball in 1965, just a block away from the Little White School Museum, was the iconic Red Brick School.





A few years later, the Oswego Jaycees announced they were working with the CB&Q Railroad to obtain title to and open a community history museum in the old Oswego Depot...





But without informing the Jaycees, the railroad suddenly had the depot demolished, and the community lost a second landmark within just a few years.





As the nation began preparations to celebrate its Bicentennial in the mid-1970s, the Oswego School District Board announced plans to either sell or demolish yet another landmark, the Little White School.







Built in 1850 as a Methodist-Episcopal Church, the building was turned into a one-room school in 1915, undergoing several modifications through the years. Classes were held in the building until 1965, after which it was allowed to deteriorate.





Unwilling to see another landmark fall, a grassroots non-profit organization, the Oswegoland Heritage Association, was established to save and restore the building and open a community museum and historical archives in it.





A three-way partnership was hammered out between the school district, the Oswegoland Park District, and the heritage association to save the building, with the heritage association responsible for coordinating and funding restoration efforts.



Exterior restoration priorities were set as 1) replacing the roof, 2) painting the building, 3) restoring the bell tower, with work starting in 1977.



Roof Replacement  
1977



Painting, 1978



Bell Tower, 1980



Bell Tower, 1980



Bell Tower, 1980



Bell Tower, 1983



While exterior work was going on, the building's 1936 classroom addition was being remodeled into a museum gallery.



By the time work on turning it into a museum gallery began, the room was in bad shape.

Instead of restoring the room, it was decided to completely renovate it with new lighting, electrical service, and a drop ceiling







After the room's renovation, heritage association volunteers worked to put on exhibit some of the hundreds of donated items that had accumulated. The gallery opened in April 1983, in time for the celebration of Oswego's 150th birthday party.





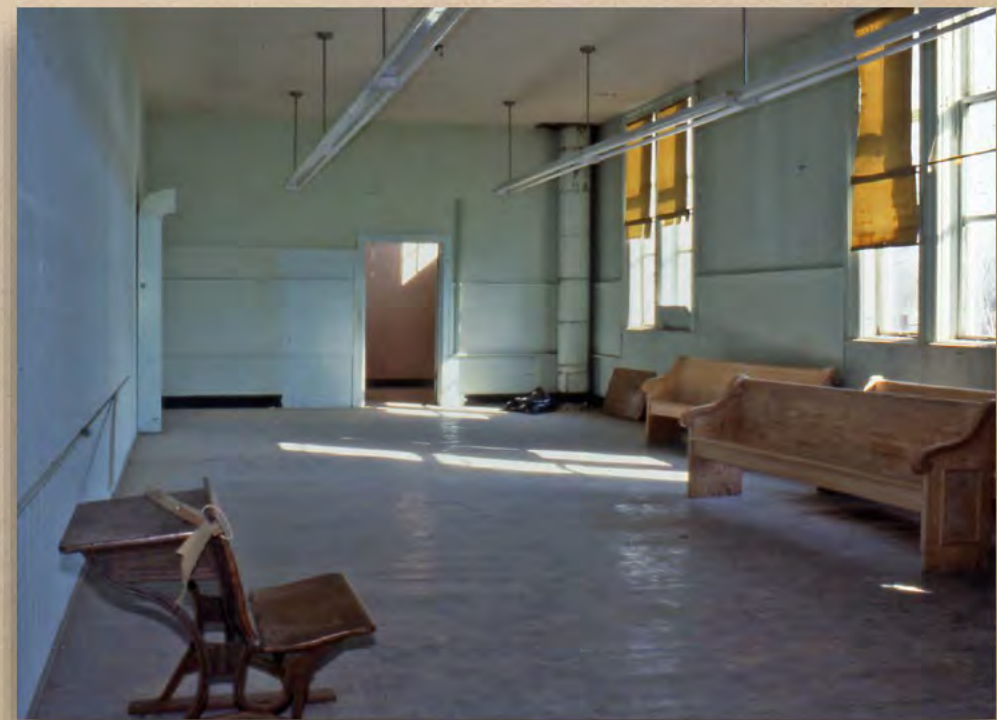
In the autumn of 1983, work on restoring the museum's main meeting room got underway.



North Classroom

That meant the 1930 wall that divided the room into two classrooms, the drop ceiling, and the vestibule had to be removed.

After much discussion, it was decided to restore the main portion of the building to its appearance during its transition from a church to a school.



South Classroom





By the early winter of 1983, demolition was completed and restoration was ready to begin.





Starting in 1977, community residents had begun dropping off artifacts and archival materials at the museum with little or no accounting.



By the early 1990s, the museum basement was cluttered with a mixture of priceless artifacts and archival materials. In 1994 heritage association volunteers drew up an action plan to organize, classify, take legal ownership of, and safely store the growing collection.



In 1995, volunteers Keith Coryell and Stephenie Todd conducted a macro sort of the collection.











Museum staff developed their own database using Filemaker Pro software, and the process of cataloging began. Given the steady stream of donations that kept arriving over the years, the cataloging backlog was not eliminated until 2017.



Meanwhile...

The original vestibule was reproduced using evidence uncovered during restoration work...



The original patterned window glass was recreated by glue-chipping



The sashes were restored and the window trim was reproduced by an Aurora millwork firm





Antique kerosene store lamp fonts were purchased and restored, and Aurora tinsmith Lee Winckler reproduced the lampshades. The hanging fixtures were placed at the same locations as the building's original hanging lights





In 2002, 25 years after restoration began, the final project, flooring the pulpit platform, was completed.







Although occasionally upgraded, the museum gallery's exhibits remained based around the same layout established in 1983. Then in 2016, the heritage association decided to upgrade.





Thanks to a bequest from an estate, funds were available to hire museum consultant Lace Tawzer, who redesigned the gallery and the core exhibit...





Today, the fully restored Little White School Museum has nearly 34,000 items in its database from archival materials to artifacts, while also offering a variety of special exhibits and historical programming, all aimed at protecting, preserving, and interpreting the rich history and heritage of the Oswego area.







That's important  
because history matters...

History connects people to something larger  
than themselves. People need history to  
understand the world around them and  
develop solutions for the future.



The End

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## Rural Historic Structures Survey



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February 16, 2022



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Kenneth Itle

# Rural historic structures survey

- Historical research
- Database development
- Mapping
- Field survey
- Report preparation

# Historical research



# Research materials

## HISTORY — OF — KENDALL COUNTY

ILLINOIS.

FROM 1789

Earliest Discoveries to the Present Time.

REV. E. W. HICKS.

Author of "Life of Jesus, for Young People."

AURORA, ILL.:

KNICKERBOCKER & HOOVER, Steam Printers and Blank Book Makers,  
Nos. 24, 26 & 28 Broadway,

1899.  
F. J. G.

## GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF KENDALL AND WILL COUNTIES ILLINOIS

Containing Biographies of Well Known Citizens of the  
Past and Present

BIOGRAPHICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

CHICAGO

1901

## Prairie Farmer's Director of Grundy and Kendall Counties Illinois

Complete Directory of the Farmers of Grundy and Kendall Counties, with valuable information about each family.

Breeders' Directory, giving full classified list of breeders of purebred livestock and poultry.

Business Directory, giving list of all business houses in Grundy and Kendall Counties.

Valuable statistics and general information.

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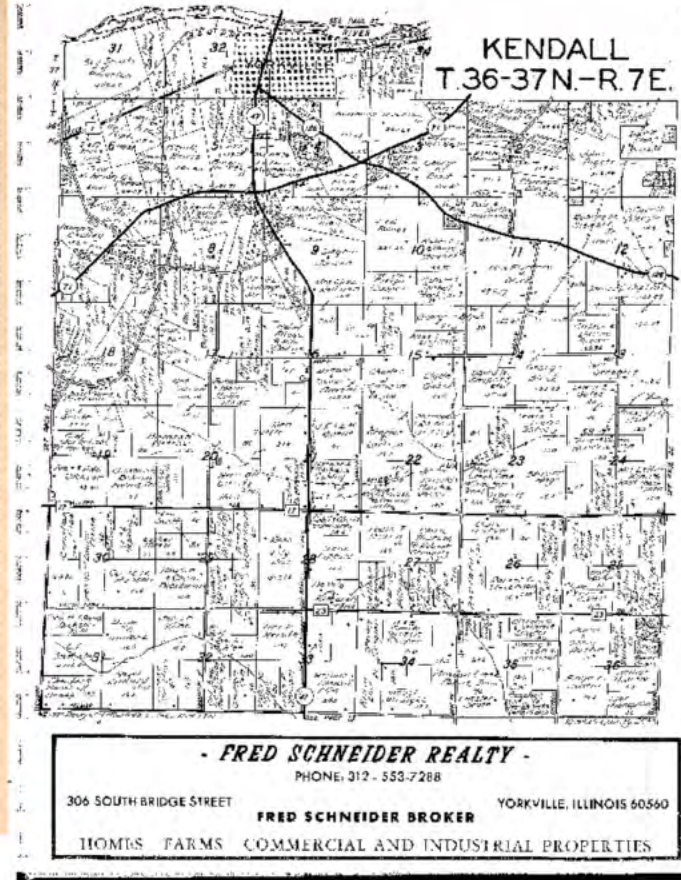
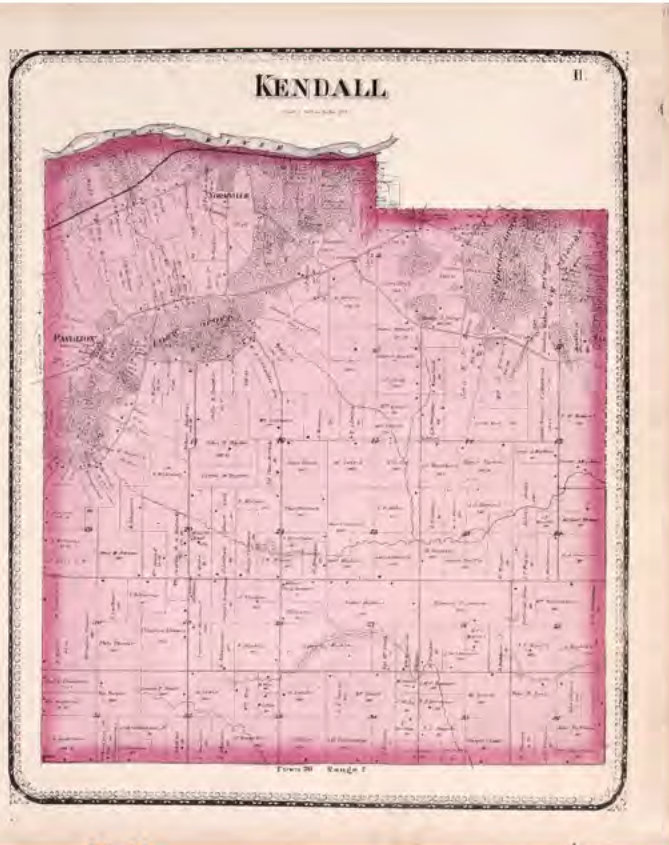
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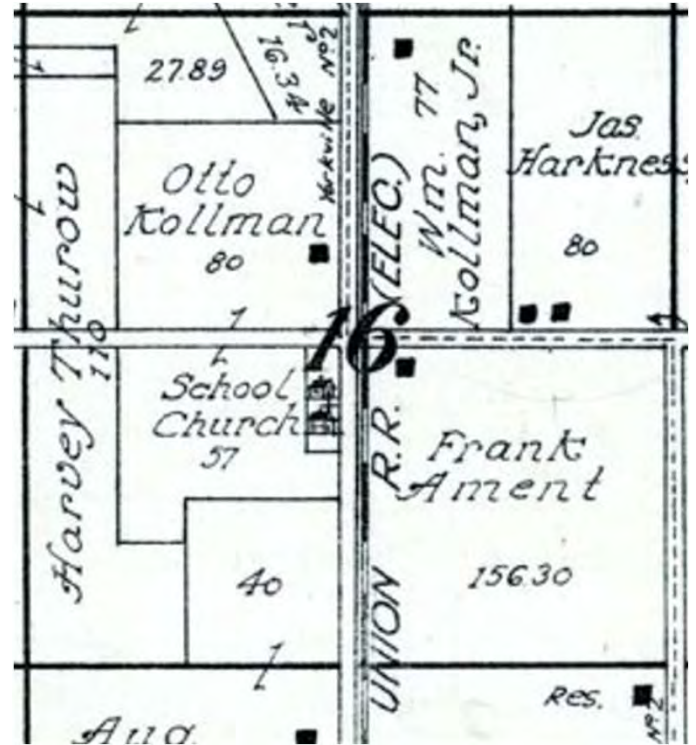
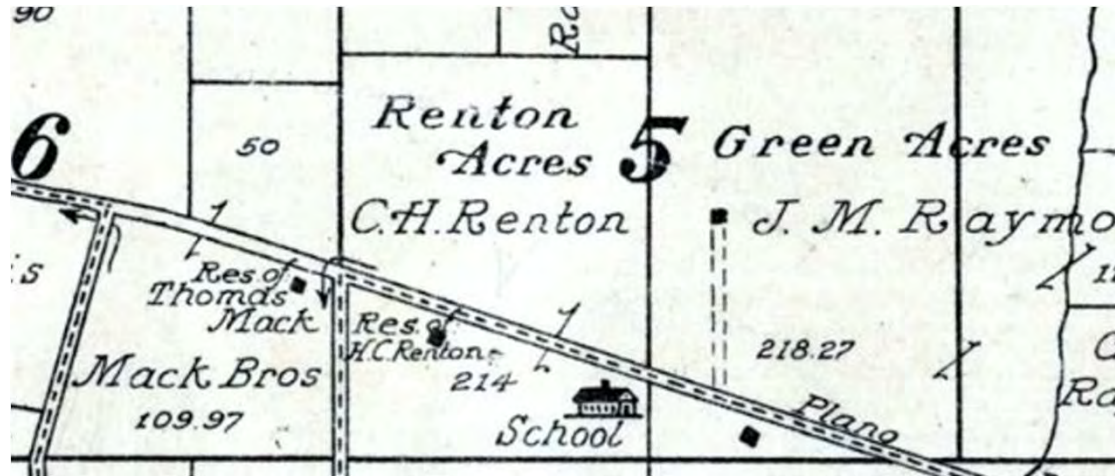


# Atlases and Plat Maps





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# Research materials



KENDALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE, YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS.



"ORCHARD HOME,"  
Residence of Peter J. Schlapp, Five Miles Southeast  
of Oswego.



RESIDENCE OF O. C. KNUDSON,  
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS.

# Database development





# Microsoft Access database

Property Basic Data Entry Form

214 304

Sketchplan:

PIN Number: 02-03-400-005  
 Street Number: 522  
 Street Name: Dickson Road  
 Congress\_twp: T37N  
 Congress\_range: R7E  
 Section\_num: 3  
 Parcel: NW 1/4 of SE 1/4  
 Surveyor\_initial:  
 Survey\_date:  
 Name:  
 Hist\_func:  
 Cur\_func:  
 Orientation:  
 History\_notes: House: 1939  
 fieldnotes:  
 add\_structures:  
 significance:

Extra Photo 1

Extra Photo 2

Record: 16 of 126

PIN Number	Street Number	Street Name	Section	Parcel	History_notes	Name
				1 E 1/2 of NW 1/4		
				1 NE part NE 1/4		
02-01-200-005	6136	Galena Road		1 part SE 1/4 NE 1/4	House: 1918	
				1 middle part S 1/2		
02-01-300-016		Orchard Road		1 NW part SW 1/4	May be relatively recent construction.	
				1 NW part SW 1/4		
02-01-300-006	6920	Galena Road		1 part SW 1/4 SW 1/4	House: 1880	
02-01-200-001		U.S. Route 30		1		Jacob Keck Memorial Cemetery
02-02-101-004				2 W 1/2 of NW 1/4		
				2 W part of NE 1/4		
				2 E part NE 1/4		
02-02-476-006	7027	Galena Road		2 small part SE 1/4	House: 1979	
02-03-100-001	8822	U.S. Route 30		3 N 1/2 of NW 1/4	House: 1933	
02-03-200-001	8218	U.S. Route 30		3 NE 1/4	House: 1940	
02-03-300-002	421	Dickson Road		3 NE 1/4 of SW 1/4	House: 1928	
02-03-400-005	522	Dickson Road		3 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1939	
02-03-481-006	1004	Dickson Road		3 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1862	
				3 SE 1/4 of SW 1/4		
02-04-100-007	9338	U.S. Route 30		4 W 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1880	
02-04-200-001	9124	U.S. Route 30		4 E 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1875	
02-05-200-004	10034	Baseline Road		5 NE 1/4 of NE 1/4	House: 1960	
				5 SE 1/4		
02-05-300-005	10724	Galena Road		5 SW 1/4	House: 1890	
02-05-300-002	10502	Galena Road		5 small parcel	House: 1959	
02-05-400-012	10318	Galena Road		5 S part SE 1/4	House: 1963	
02-06-100-010	11843	Galena Road		6 part NW 1/4	House: 1850	
				6 part SE 1/4		
02-06-300-009	790	Eldamain Road		6 part SW 1/4	House: 1910	
02-07-100-011	1414	Eldamain Road		7 SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	House: 1900	
02-07-100-008	1327	Beecher Road West		7 SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	House: 1880	
02-07-200-001	1128	Beecher Road West		7 W 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1967	
				7 S 1/2 of SW 1/4		
02-08-100-005	1410	Beecher Road East		8 NW 1/4	House: 1900	
02-08-300-008	10791	Cornells Road		8 W part SW 1/4	House: 2000	
02-08-400-002	10417	Cornells Road		8 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1960	
				9 W part NW 1/4		
02-09-100-013	9525	Galena Road		9 N part NW 1/4	House: 1890	
02-09-200-003	624	Galena Road		9 NE 1/4	House: 1890	
02-09-300-003	9619	Cornells Road		9 SE 1/4 of SW 1/4	House: 1940	

## Mapping



# GIS

- GIS stands for geographic information system, a computerized methodology for organizing data geographically.
- Combines database-like organization of information with coordinate information (latitude and longitude)



# Aerial photographs (1939 to present)

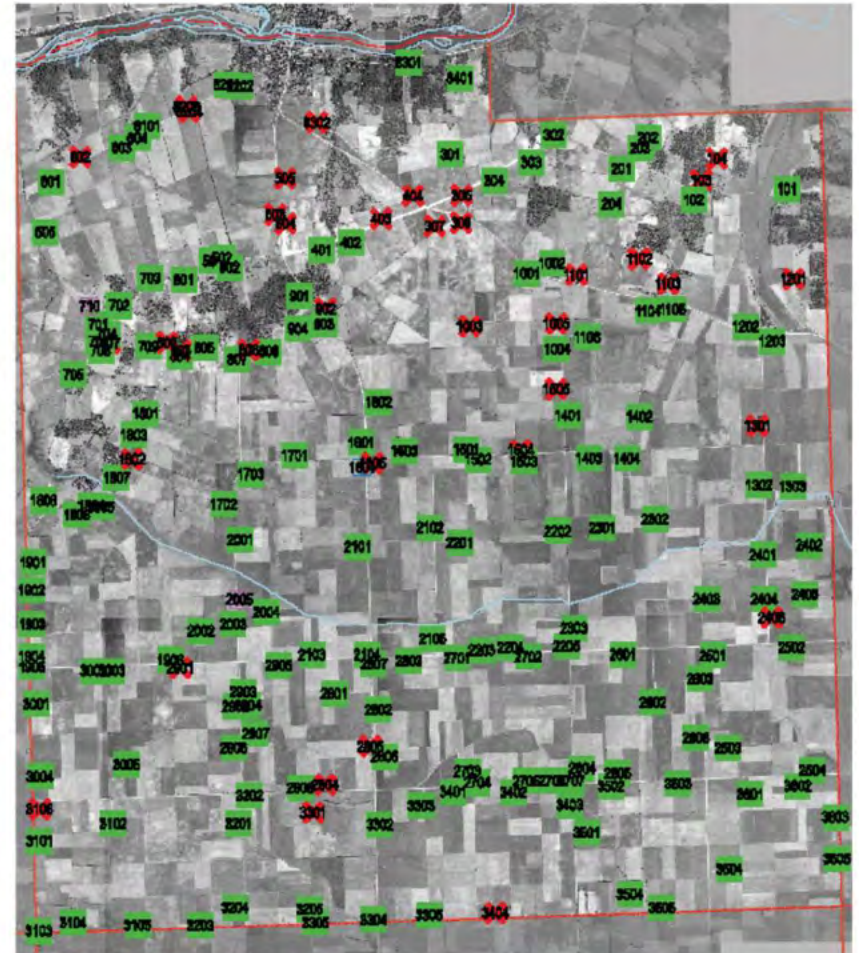


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# Survey maps



## Field survey





# Momence Township Rural Historic Structures Survey

Address  Property Name

ID No.  PIN No.  Survey Date  Surveyor(s)

T31N R14E

Section

Parcel

W 1/2 of NE 1/4



07 photo  
0737-40

## History Notes

[Walter Brown (1934) refers to this as the old home of Dr. David Lynds, an early settler, now owned by Mr. Peterson.]

## Fieldnotes

1955



VENHUIZEN, JOHN  
Momence Sec. 19 Rt. 1  
140 acres

List Each Structure

List Materials of Foundation, Walls, Roof, Porches, and Trim

① Garage  
conc. parg. found. walls, wood trim, mtl windows  
asp sh hip roof

② ~~Machine~~ outbuilding  
vertical mtl siding, mtl roof  
wood post found.

③ outbuilding / machine storage  
conc. post found, mtl siding + roof



# Report preparation





# Report preparation

- Correlate historical research and field survey information
- Finalize database and mapping
- Assess significance: Potential National Register-eligible, potential local landmark, contributing, non-contributing
- Compile narrative summary report

# Typical report contents

- Background and methodology
- Historic context
  - History of local area in general
- Architectural context
  - Styles and construction types, building types
- Survey summary
  - Listing of potential landmarks
  - Description of notable properties
  - Tabulated survey results



# HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY OF MOMENCE TOWNSHIP, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

September 2020



Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.  
Kankakee County Regional Planning Department

## MOMENCE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY

5967 East 5000N Road		Property Name		Novack Farmstead	
PIN No.	11-02-100-005	201	Survey Date	8/26/2020	Surveyor(s) TMP

Township	E31N Range	R14E	Orientation	West
Section	2	Parcel	NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	
Historic Use	Agricultural			
Current Use	Agricultural			
Significance	Local landmark potential			

### Fieldnotes

A small portion of this farmstead extends into Yellowhead Township, PIN 04-35-300-027



### House

House Type	Bungalow
House Style	
Number of stories	1
Roof Type	Hip
Window Type(s)	Vinyl double-hung
Dormer Type	Hipped
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1930s
Foundation	Concrete masonry
Wall Material(s)	Vinyl siding
Trim Material(s)	Vinyl
Porch Material(s)	None
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Contributing

### Notes

Original front porch enclosed.



# Outcomes

- Record of existing conditions
- Overview of history and historic themes
- Identification of potential landmarks or districts



## Questions?



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**March 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021, meeting, January 18, 2022, gathering, and February 16, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli noted the Commission had good nominations for awards. He said that it was great to see the involvement of the various groups.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion of February 16, 2022, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations*

*Approval of Invoices for Food and Beverages in the Amount of \$68.74; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830*

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the expenditure. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

***Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the Meeting***

Discussion occurred regarding the acoustics in the meeting room. Member Bernacki was happy to hear that the Kendall County Historical Society has a scanner. Chairman Wehrli was glad to see attendees networking with each other and having people from Naperville attending the meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have another group meeting in six (6) months. Discussion occurred regarding the location of the summer meeting. An award winner could be a host for the summer meeting.



Discussion occurred regarding the various museums in the area and the historic organizations listed on the County website.

Discussion occurred regarding having a Commission meeting at PrairieFest and having a booth at the Kendall County Fair. Discussion occurred about displaying the structure surveys at an event.

***Review of Historic Preservation Award Applicants; Commissions Could Select Award Winner(s)***

Commissioners reviewed the criteria for selecting awardees.

It was noted that the plaque for last year's winner cost approximately One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$163) and the Commission has approximately Four Hundred Thirty-Dollars (\$431) remaining in the budget.

Commissioners reviewed the following applications:

- a. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- b. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- c. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)
- d. Fern Dell School
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop
- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

It was noted that the nominations of Bev Casey and Yorkville Historic Preservation Society were for groups or individuals and the other applications were for structures.

Member Bernacki noted that Fern Dell School and Misner Blacksmith's Shop were ongoing projects. The other projects were recent renovations.

Discussion occurred about visiting the various nominees.

The rankings were as follows:

**Structures**

- a. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- b. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)-Tie
- c. Fern Dell School-Tie
- d. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop

**Individuals and Groups**

- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

The consensus of the Commission was to visit the Union School and Fern Dell School.

The consensus of the Commission was to give at least one (1) award for structure and one (1) award for an individual or group.

The final vote would occur at the April meeting.



***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier presented the change to the timeline for completing the project as requested from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The new completion deadline is June 30, 2023. No new update was provided from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of grant funding for the 2023 Certified Local Government Grant application cycle.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries and several civil war soldiers buried at the Bronk Cemetery.

Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to the Kendall County Historical Society regarding the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library to see if a cost exists for publicizing their information. The Commission would like the information in advance of Memorial Day to honor veterans.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***February 19, 2022, Little White School Museum Press Release***

Commissioners reviewed the press release.

Member Bernacki left the meeting at this time (6:55 p.m.).

Mr. Asselmeier will email the picture referenced in the press release, which is attached to these minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

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**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Kendall County Office Building***  
***County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)***  
***111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**April 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) and Kristine Heiman

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Recommendation of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County***

Mr. Asselmeier presented the proposed proclamation. He noted the theme changed from previous years.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to recommend approval of the proclamation. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

The proclamation will go to the County Board on May 3, 2022.

***Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022***

The consensus of the Commission was to have a group meeting in the summer.

Possible locations include the winery on Plattville Road, the Walker's banquet facility on Ashley Road, one (1) of the museums in Newark, the Stone Church in Plano, the historic hotel in Plano, tours of the Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence, and the Kohlhammer Barn. The consensus of the Commission was to ask Commissioners to bring suggested locations to the May meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Individuals and Groups**

- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

Discussion occurred regarding whether or not interiors were considered part of the "finished" project, particularly in relation to the Kohlhammer Barn.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to grant awards to the Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence and Bev Casey. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact Leo's Trophy and Gifts for a price quote on the plaques. He will also contact award winners to see if they were available to attend the May 17, 2022, County Board meeting.

A letter to the other submittals will also be prepared.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

The funding for the project was listed as a capital project and not included in the Commissioner's line item in the Planning, Building and Zoning Department's budget.

Mr. Asselmeier presented an update from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The County should have additional information in the next couple weeks.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to the Kendall County Historical Society regarding the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library to see if a cost exists for publicizing their information.

No Commissioner had visited a cemetery.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***April 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower***

Commissioners reviewed newsletter.

Discussion occurred about the urban barn bus tour in Oswego.

***April 6, 2022 National Impact Agenda Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***Edith Farnsworth House Spring 2022 Newsletter***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Mr. Asselmeier provided a second email from the Farnsworth House requesting donations.



Discussion occurred about plans to raise the Farnsworth House, but no updated information was available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Wehrli suggested having Commission meetings rotate among various historic properties in the County. This topic will be further discussed at the May meeting.

Member Bernacki is reading a history of Will County during the Civil War.

Discussion occurred regarding property that the Plano School District owns south of the Maramech Forest Preserve.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

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April 15 Email



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Last year, with your help, we completed a magnificent restoration of the Lower Terrace at the Edith Farnsworth House. This year, we're asking for your help to strengthen digital access and engagement!

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**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**May 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Eric Bernacki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, and Marty Shanahan

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) and Johanna Byram

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Secretary Bernacki noted that Chairman Wehrli was absent due to family health reasons.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)*

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice. The invoice was for the award for the plaque for the Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's residence only. The cost was less than last year's invoice because the design for the logo was not needed.

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to pay the invoice. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Commissioners seemed open to the idea of meeting at other locations. Discussion occurred about the Open Meetings Act requirements for the meeting. The Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were selected as the top two (2) places to meet. The consensus of the Commission was to have the June meeting at the Farnsworth House. If the Farnsworth House was unavailable, the meeting would occur at the Kohlhammer Barn. If both the Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were unavailable, the meeting would be in the County Boardroom. Commissioners also requested a short presentation from the host discussing the history and happenings at the property. Commissioners also wanted to know from Chairman Wehrli how frequently he would like to have meetings at historic locations.



### ***Discussion of June Meeting Date***

Mr. Asselmeier noted the next meeting date is June 21, 2022, which is a Tuesday because of Juneteenth.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***Discussion of Preservation Award for Beverly Case***

Mr. Asselmeier reported that several people wanted to surprise Ms. Casey with the award. She was unavailable to attend the May 17<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting. At this point, Ms. Casey would not be available until July. Mr. Asselmeier will check to see if the County Board was having two (2) meetings in July. Once the date is set, Mr. Asselmeier will contact Leo's Trophy and Gifts to have the plaque made.

#### ***Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022***

The Commission reviewed the properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the second public comment portion of the meeting (see below), the consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting at either the Fern Dell Museum or the one (1) room school house museum. The Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery was the second choice. The Stone Church in Plano was the third choice. The meeting date would be August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The historic structure survey would be a topic of discussion.

#### ***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Commissioners reviewed the grant. The proposal and the contract with WJE are currently under review at the State's Attorney's Office.

#### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Commissioners reviewed an email related to the Elmer Dixon Library; the information is copyrighted.

Discussion occurred regarding getting a list of service members buried in Kendall County. The aim would be to have the list by Memorial Day 2023.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### ***May 10, 2022 Email from Lisa DiChiera Regarding Historic Preservation Awards***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

#### ***May 5, 2022 and April 21, 2022 Emails from Lisa Wolancevich Regarding Historic Preservation Awards***

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

Discussion occurred about organizations getting awards in the future.

Discussion occurred about using some of the Commission's budget for the volunteers for the survey.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Johanna Byram suggested Fern Dell's one (1) room school house and the Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Edith Farnsworth House*  
*14520 River Road, Plano, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**June 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan (Arrived at 7:14 p.m.), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) Carolyn Lioce, and Scott Mehaffey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda with an amendment to move the Tour of the Edith Farnsworth House to after the first item of Old Business. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli said the Commission needs to visit historic site in Kendall County on a more frequent basis. Discussion occurred regarding the logistics of having a meeting at locations other than the County Office Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830) and Discussion of Preservation Award for Beverly Casey*

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice. The invoice was for the award for the plaque for Beverly Casey and was the same price as the plaque for the Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's residence.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to pay the invoice. The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli  
Nays (0): None  
Abstain (0): None  
Absent (1): Shanahan

Mr. Asselmeier said the plaque would be presented at the July 19, 2022, County Board meeting.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Commissioners discussed other meeting locations. The Kohlhammer Barn, Gaylord House, Dickson-Murst Farm, Plano Railroad Station, Plano Hotel, and the Historic Courthouse were mentioned as possible locations.

The consensus of the Commission was to have meetings at historic locations as frequently as possible.

Mr. Asselmeier will prepare a list of suggested locations. These locations will include organizations/structures that are on the notification list of historic groups in Kendall County and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Preservation. Mr. Asselmeier will also bring the list of plaque locations from the bicentennial.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the July 18, 2022, meeting at the Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego), at 6:00 p.m. If the Kohlhammer Barn is unavailable, the meeting will be in the County Boardroom.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Tour of the Edith Farnsworth House***

Attendees toured the Edith Farnsworth House.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to move the item pertaining to the Certified Local Government Grant to the next item on the agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

The invitation to bids has been published. Bid closing is June 29, 2022, and bid opening is June 30, 2022. In a perfect world, the grant and contract with the consultant would be approved by the County Board on July 19, 2022.

Member Bernacki left at this time (7:13 p.m.).

### ***Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022 at Fern Dell Discussion of August 15, 2022, Group Meeting Agenda***

The meeting would be at Fern Dell and would include a tour of the school house.

Member Shanahan arrived at this time (7:14 p.m.).

The consensus of the Commission was to have Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) attend and give a presentation on the role of volunteers, the expectations of WJE's services, and WJE's expectations of volunteers. The tour, WJE's presentation, and the roundtable discussion would be the agenda items for the meeting.

### ***Review of Invitee List***

Commissioners reviewed the list.



### ***Other Meeting Logistics***

Mr. Asselmeier said that the Commissioner had approximately Ninety Dollars (\$90) remaining after paying for the plaque for Beverly Casey. The Commission spent approximately Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$69) for the previous group meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to have more water instead of coffee and to have a variety of cookies. Chairman Wehrli will bring a cooler with ice.

### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Commissioners discussed the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library; the information is copyrighted.

Commissioners discussed the cemetery on the River Road outside of Plano.

Chairman Wehrli will contact the Veterans' Assistance Commission to see if they have a list of gravesites of veterans in Kendall County.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### ***Building Code on Main Street Webinar***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

#### ***May 20, 2022 Oswego Historic District Meeting Letter***

Commissioners reviewed the letter.

#### ***May 27, 2022, June 5, 2022, and June 10, 2022 Edith Farnsworth House Emails***

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

#### ***Emails Regarding Section 106 Review at Lyon Farm***

Commissioners reviewed the emails. Commissioners lamented the late date of receiving this request for review and information. Chairman Wehrli noted that the maps were available from the State; he will review those maps.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Fern Dell School*  
*302 Chicago Road, Newark, Illinois*  
*Fern Dell Museum*  
*9 Front Street, Newark, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**August 15, 2022**

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Tour of the Fern Dell School***

Attendees and Commissioners toured the Fern Dell School starting at 6:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at the Fern Dell Museum at 6:29 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Kristine Heiman

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Ken Itle, Jane Burke, Jeff Mathre, Chris Phillips, Paul Burd, Todd Milliron, Subash George, Jeanne Valentine, Lisa Wolancevich, Johanna Byram, Susan Kritzberg, Ken Donart, Jeff Farren, Mike Bortal, Bev Casey, Janet Blue, and Marilynn Thompson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli thanked Fern Dell for hosting. He explained the purpose of the meeting and noted the County's heritage.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Todd Milliron suggested having a local tractor show/parade.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

***Nomination of Officers for 2022-2023***

Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shanahan, nominated Member Bernacki to the position of Secretary. There were no additional nominations.

Member Bernacki, seconded by Member Shanahan, nominated Member Flowers to the position of Vice-Chair. There were no additional nominations.

The votes on the nominations will occur at the September meeting.



### ***Discussion of Historic Survey Project and Request for Volunteers-Ken Itle from WJE***

Ken Itle from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. presented information on the historic structure survey. He explained the project and plans to start the project in September. He discussed the source material for the survey. He also discussed the field work aspect of the project and the use of volunteers.

Lyon Farm has histories of many families and farms.

Mr. Itle discussed the deliverable from the project.

The survey teams will be one (1) person from WJE and one (1) volunteer. Surveys usually occur during the week, but can happen on a weekend. He plans to survey fifteen (15) to twenty (20) sites per day. Interested parties should reach out to Mr. Itle or Mr. Asselmeier. There would be a training session in September.

Mr. Asselmeier will do an email blast to the email list.

Mr. Itle explained that the project is funded through a Certified Local Government Grant. He explained how the grant was funded.

Chairman Wehrli explained the plan to survey the other townships.

Mr. Itle said that he would use archival photos as available. He discussed how he determines the dates of photos.

There were about two hundred forty (240) sites to examine.

Mr. Itle said that he attempts to track where structures use to be located.

Kendall Township would be surveyed first.

Mr. Itle hopes to pick a date in September for the training.

Concerns were expressed that some families would not be available in September due to harvesting.

### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Chairman Wehrli provided an update on the Commission's work, but the Commission has not put anything together at this time. The cemeteries have been identified. Lisa Wolancevich said the Elmer Dixon at Lyon Farm has that information. Johanna Byram discussed a group that identified veterans buried in Oswego.

### ***Updates from Historic Preservation Groups***

Mike Bortal, Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission, discussed having a CAMP organized hosted by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissioners. They would finance the CAMP through a Certified Local Government Grant with financial assistance from local Certified Local Governments. He discussed previous CAMPs and how CAMPs work. The grant would be applied for in 2022 and the CAMP would occur in 2023. He requested that the Kendal County Historic Preservation Commission let him know, if the Commission was interested in participating. He also provided information on the Bronk Farm. He also discussed a rehabilitation grant in Plainfield for historic properties.

Susan Kritzberg, Chapel on the Green, introduced Chapel on the Green representatives in attendance. She discussed their wedding business. They were working on a Network to Freedom grant.

Marilynn Thompson, Fern Dell, welcomed everyone to the Museum. She discussed their fundraising activities and history of the organization. She introduced several board members in attendance. She discussed activities at the Fern Dell School. She discussed the importance of getting new people involved. She discussed their plat book collection. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Discussion occurred about educating children on the history of the area.

Subash George, Oswego Preservation Commission, also discussed the importance of educating children. He talked about partnering with the school district.

Jeanne Valentine, Plano Historical Society, was close to getting a location. She hoped that having a location will add new life to the organization.

Lisa Wolancevich, Kendall County Historical Society, introduced members of the Society in attendance. She discussed the repairs to roofs on several buildings at Lyon Farm. She discussed the literary events at the Society. She discussed the issues with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the expanding of Route 71. She noted the donation from the Elmer Dixon estate; there will be celebration of life for Elmer Dixon and his wife this fall at Lyon Farm. Their Fall Festival is September 24, 2022, and car show on September 25, 2022, with tractors. She requested attendees to submit names of families or notable citizens to celebrate at the Fall Festival.

Susan Kritzberg, Chapel on the Green, stated they also received a donation from the Elmer Dixon estate and they were planning an event for the fall of 2022 to honor Mr. Dixon.

Jane Burke, Naperville Preservation, discussed the mission of her organization. She discussed a CAMP training that she previously attended. She discussed the cataloguing for the first commercial residential subdivision in Naperville. She also discussed two (2) threatened structures in DuPage County.

Janet Blue and Bev Casey, Millington Historical Society, discussed the mission of their organization and their veterans' wall. They discussed the importance of networking and promoting through Facebook.

As part of an effort to identify former business occupants in buildings in Yorkville, a request was made for phone books from the 1990s.

Discussion occurred about notifying the libraries and the other museums about collections at the various museums.

Jane Burke discussed the Suburban Preservation Alliance meeting, sponsored by Landmarks Illinois, which will be held on September 17, 2022, in Naperville. She will send information to Mr. Asselmeier.

Subash George said the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission was looking for members.

### ***Discussion of Upcoming Meetings with Historic Preservation Groups***

Chairman Wehrli indicated that another group meeting would occur in winter 2022-2023.

Chairman Wehrli discussed having Commission meetings at sites in Kendall County to gain a greater understanding of Kendall County. He asked attendees to send suggested meeting locations to Mr. Asselmeier.



## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### ***July 21, 2022 and August 7, 2022 Emails from Michael Bortel Regarding National Alliance of Preservation Commissions CAMP***

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence.

### ***August 1, 2022 Edith Farnsworth House Email Regarding New Exhibit Open August 7<sup>th</sup>***

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence.

### ***August 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower***

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Wehrli encouraged attendees to volunteer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chairman Wehrli thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

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August 15, 2022





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Kenneth Itle

# Rural historic structures survey

- Historical research
- Database development
- Mapping
- Field survey
- Report preparation



# Historical research



# Research materials

HISTORY  
— OF —  
KENDALL COUNTY

ILLINOIS,

FROM THE

Earliest Discoveries to the Present Time,

— BY —

REV. E. W. HICKS.

Author of "Life of Jesus, for Young People."

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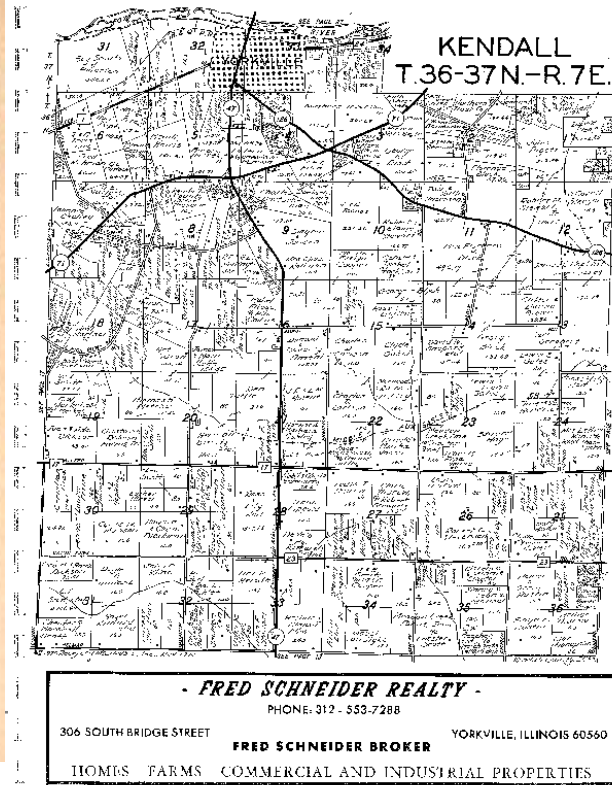
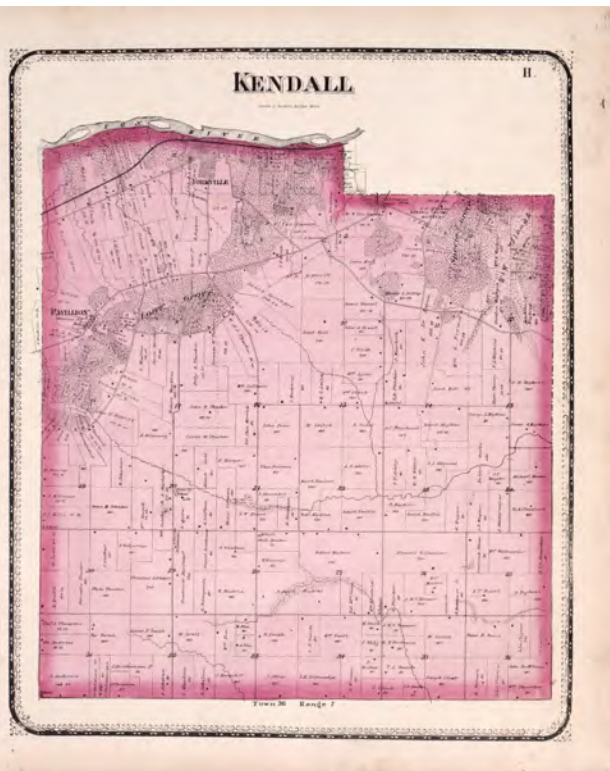
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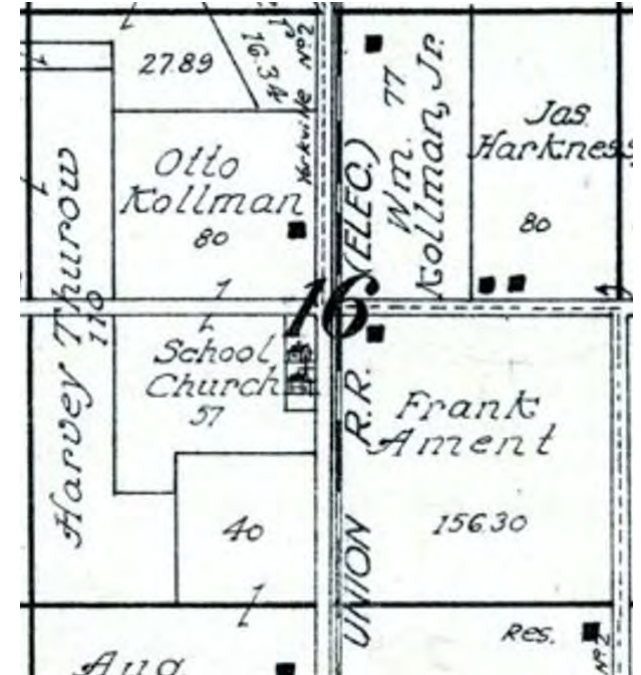
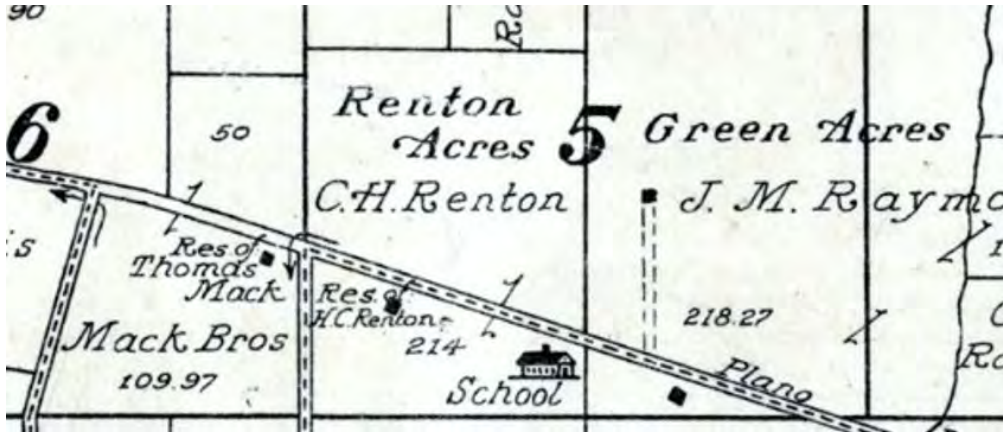
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# Atlases and Plat Maps



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# Research materials



KENDALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE, YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS.



"ORCHARD HOME,"  
Residence of Peter J. Schlapp, Five Miles Southeast  
of Oswego.



RESIDENCE OF O. C. KNUDSON,  
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS.

# Database development





# Microsoft Access database

Property Basic Data Entry Form

214 304

PIN Number: 02-03-400-005  
 Street Number: 522  
 Street Name: Dickson Road  
 Congress\_twp: T37N  
 Congress\_range: R7E  
 Section\_num: 3  
 Parcel: NW 1/4 of SE 1/4  
 Surveyor\_initial:   
 Survey\_date:   
 Name:   
 Hist\_func:   
 Cur\_func:   
 Orientation:   
 History\_notes: House: 1939  
 Fieldnotes:   
 add\_structures:   
 significance:   
 Sketchplan:   
 Extra Photo 1:   
 Extra Photo 2:   
 Records: 15 of 126

PIN Number	Street Number	Street Name	Section	Parcel	History notes	Name
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				1 NE part NE 1/4		
02-01-200-005	6136	Galena Road		1 part SE 1/4 NE 1/4	House: 1918	
				1 middle part S 1/2		
02-01-300-016		Orchard Road		1 NW part SW 1/4	May be relatively recent construction.	
				1 NW part SW 1/4		
02-01-300-006	6920	Galena Road		1 part SW 1/4 SW 1/4	House: 1880	
02-01-200-001		U.S. Route 30		1		Jacob Keck Memorial Cemetery
02-02-101-004				2 W 1/2 of NW 1/4		
				2 W part of NE 1/4		
				2 E part NE 1/4		
02-02-476-006	7027	Galena Road		2 small part SE 1/4	House: 1979	
02-03-100-001	8822	U.S. Route 30		3 N 1/2 of NW 1/4	House: 1933	
02-03-200-001	8218	U.S. Route 30		3 NE 1/4	House: 1940	
02-03-300-002	421	Dickson Road		3 NE 1/4 of SW 1/4	House: 1928	
02-03-400-005	522	Dickson Road		3 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1939	
02-03-481-006	1004	Dickson Road		3 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1862	
				3 SE 1/4 of SW 1/4		
02-04-100-007	9338	U.S. Route 30		4 W 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1880	
02-04-200-001	9124	U.S. Route 30		4 E 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1875	
02-05-200-004	10034	Baseline Road		5 NE 1/4 of NE 1/4	House: 1960	
				5 SE 1/4		
02-05-300-005	10724	Galena Road		5 SW 1/4	House: 1890	
02-05-300-002	10502	Galena Road		5 small parcel	House: 1959	
02-05-400-012	10318	Galena Road		5 S part SE 1/4	House: 1963	
02-06-100-010	11843	Galena Road		6 part NW 1/4	House: 1850	
				6 part SE 1/4		
02-06-300-009	790	Eldamain Road		6 part SW 1/4	House: 1910	
02-07-100-011	1414	Eldamain Road		7 SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	House: 1900	
02-07-100-008	1327	Beecher Road West		7 SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	House: 1880	
02-07-200-001	1128	Beecher Road West		7 W 1/2 of NE 1/4	House: 1967	
				7 S 1/2 of SW 1/4		
02-08-100-005	1410	Beecher Road East		8 NW 1/4	House: 1900	
02-08-300-008	10791	Cornells Road		8 W part SW 1/4	House: 2000	
02-08-400-002	10417	Cornells Road		8 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	House: 1960	
				9 W part NW 1/4		
02-09-100-013	102	Galena Road		9 N part NW 1/4	House: 1890	
02-09-200-003	9274	Galena Road		9 NE 1/4	House: 1890	
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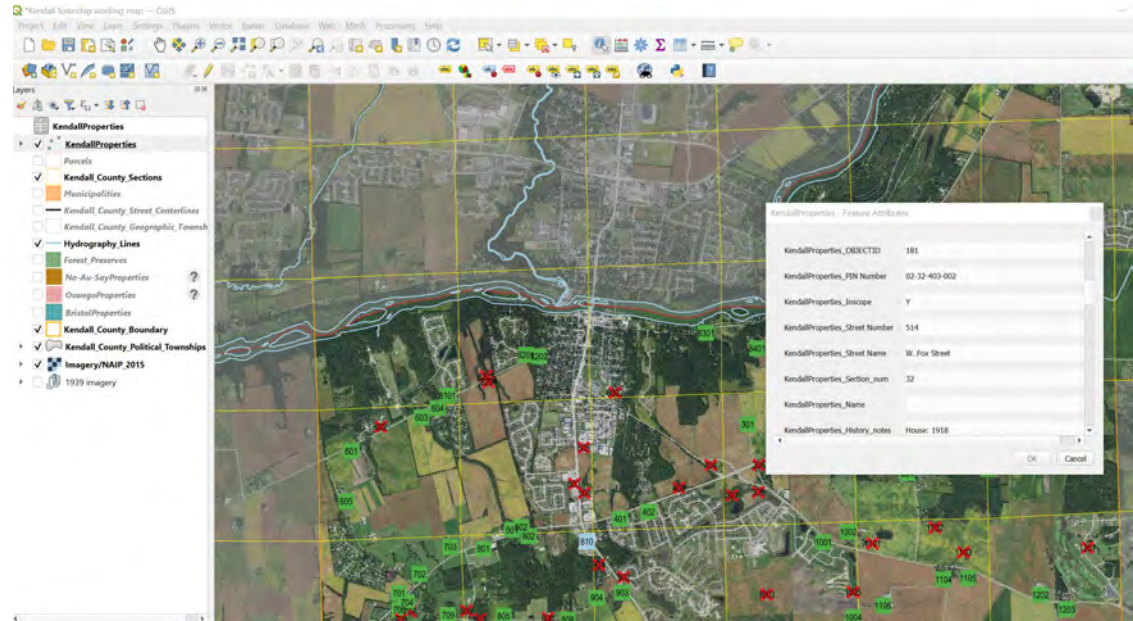
# Mapping





# GIS

- GIS stands for geographic information system, a computerized methodology for organizing data geographically.
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# Aerial photographs (1939 to present)

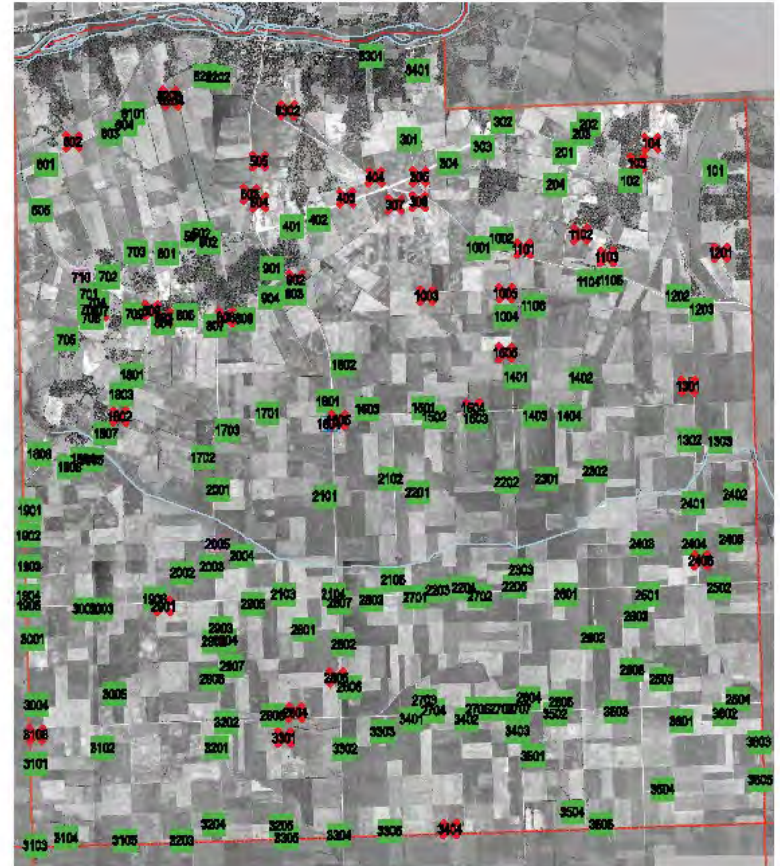


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# Survey maps



# Field survey





# Momence Township Rural Historic Structures Survey

Address  Property Name   
 ID No.  PIN No.  Survey Date  Surveyor(s)

T31N R14E

Section

Parcel

W 1/2 of NE 1/4



*photo*  
0737-40

## History Notes

[Walter Brown (1934) refers to this as the old home of Dr. David Lynds, an early settler, now owned by Mr. Peterson.]

## Fieldnotes

1955



VENHUIZEN, JOHN  
Momence, Sec. 19 Rt. 1  
140 acres

## List Each Structure

## List Materials of Foundation, Walls, Roof, Porches, and Trim

① Garage  
conc. parq. found walls, wood trim, mtl windows  
asp sh hip roof

② ~~Machine~~ out building  
vertical mtl siding, mtl roof  
wood post found.

③ outbuilding machine storage  
conc. post found, mtl siding + roof



# Field work

- Talk to owner/resident
- Gather any historical info
- Photograph each structure
- Make notes about building materials





# Report preparation

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# Report preparation

- Correlate historical research and field survey information
- Finalize database and mapping
- Assess significance: Potential National Register-eligible, potential local landmark, contributing, non-contributing
- Compile narrative summary report



# Typical report contents

- Background and methodology
- Historic context
  - History of local area in general
- Architectural context
  - Styles and construction types, building types
- Survey summary
  - Listing of potential landmarks
  - Description of notable properties
  - Tabulated survey results

# HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY OF MOMENCE TOWNSHIP, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

September 2020



Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.  
Kankakee County Regional Planning Department

## MOMENCE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY

5967 East 5000N Road		Property Name	Novack Farmstead	
PIN No.	11-02-100-005	201	Survey Date	8/26/2020
			Surveyor(s)	TMP

Township T31N Range R14E Orientation West

Section 2 Parcel NW 1/4 of NW 1/4

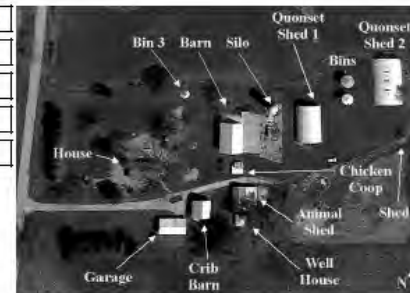
Historic Use Agricultural

Current Use Agricultural

Significance Local landmark potential

### Fieldnotes

A small portion of this farmstead extends into Yellowhead Township, PDN 04-35-300-027



### House

House Type	Bungalow
House Style	
Number of stories	1
Roof Type	Hip
Window Type(s)	Vinyl double-hung
Dormer Type	Hipped
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1930s
Foundation	Concrete masonry
Wall Material(s)	Vinyl siding
Trim Material(s)	Vinyl
Porch Material(s)	None
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Contributing

### Notes

Original front porch enclosed.





# Outcomes

- Record of existing conditions
- Overview of history and historic themes
- Identification of potential landmarks or districts

# Volunteers Needed!

- Field survey team: 1 professional and 1 volunteer
- Typically survey on weekdays, 9:00 to 5:00
- Estimated 158 sites in Kendall Township and 80 sites in Bristol Township. Estimated 16 to 20 days of field work.
- **10 or more volunteers needed!**





# Volunteers Needed!

Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner  
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning  
111 West Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
(630) 553-4139  
[masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov)

Kenneth Itle, Associate Principal  
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.  
330 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
(847) 753-6465  
[kitle@wje.com](mailto:kitle@wje.com)

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**September 19, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary) and Kristine Heiman

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Due to an absence of a quorum, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Kendall County Office Building***  
***County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)***  
***111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**October 8, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Ken Itle, and Jeff Nakaerts

No quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No vote on the agenda occurred.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

***Historic Structure Survey Training***

Ken Itle, of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), explained the deliverables. The deliverables are the narrative report and survey forms. Mr. Itle explained the research methodology using plat maps and atlases. He explained the importance of visiting each site, noting existing buildings, and noting building materials. He provided a sample form for a site visit; the information is for the exterior only. Foundations should be noted; every structure should be documented, if visible, including dog houses and swimming pools.

Discussion occurred regarding pre-visit communication; a postcard could be mailed to property owners.

Discussion occurred regarding steps for visiting a property, including knocking on the door and explaining the process. If a property owner does not want you on the property, leave the property. If the property has no trespassing signs and looks unfriendly, don't go on the property. Brochures will also be handed out onsite.

Twelve (12) to fifteen (15) properties can be visited during one (1) day. A site visit lasts between fifteen (15) and thirty (30) minutes, starting around 9:00 a.m. There would be sixteen (16) total days to survey both townships. Volunteers would be asked to help between three (3) and five (5) days. Discussion occurred regarding how volunteers and WJE staff coordinate visits. The hope is to have the field work completed by Christmas.

Mr. Itle explained which properties were identified for surveying, including churches, cemeteries, and small bridges.

Discussion occurred regarding why Bristol and Kendall Townships were selected and the plans to do the other townships. Discussion occurred regarding WJE's surveys in Will County.

Discussion occurred regarding Boulder Hill and the history of Bristol Township.

Mr. Asselmeier will give Mr. Itle the Commission's previous site pictures.

Attendees reviewed Mr. Itle's planning map.

Discussion occurred regarding how to handle dogs when visiting a property.

The group left at 9:36 a.m. for the Harris Forest Preserve at 10460 Route 71, Yorkville.

***Site Visit for Survey Practice***

The group started surveying the Harris Forest Preserve at 10460 Route 71, Yorkville, at 9:49 a.m. Member Bernacki did not attend the practice.

Chairman Wehrli explained the history of the Forest Preserve. Mr. Nakaerts explained the history of the fairgrounds property.

Mr. Itle discussed techniques for taking pictures.

Visits will be cancelled if it is raining.

Mr. Itle explained what to note when examining a structure, including roof, siding, and foundation. Windmills are considered buildings.

Only one (1) crew would be out per day doing surveys.

Discussion occurred regarding how the sled hill came into existence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Attendees completed the practice at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

Enc.



**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 8, 2022**

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NAME	ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)
JEFF NAKAERTS		

# KENDALL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY

10460 Illinois Route 71			Property Name		George W. Harris Farmstead	
PIN No.	05-08-127-001	802	Survey Date		10/8/2022	Surveyor(s) KMI

Township T36N Range R7E Orientation North

Section 8 Parcel

Historic Use Agricultural

Current Use Forest Preserve

Significance

## Fieldnotes

Now owned by Kendall County Forest Preserve District:  
Harris Preserve



## Crib barn

Roof Type Gambrel

Date or Approx. Decade of Construction 1920s

Foundation Material(s) Concrete

Wall Material(s) Sheet metal

Roof Material(s) Sheet metal

Significance Contributing

Notes Cupola at ridge; lean-to addition at west side



## Metal building

Roof Type Gable

Date or Approx. Decade of Construction 1970s

Foundation Material(s) None

Wall Material(s) Sheet metal

Roof Material(s) Sheet metal

Significance Non-contributing

Notes Morton





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## *Toilet building*

Roof Type	Shed
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Sheet metal
Roof Material(s)	Sheet metal
Significance	Non-contributing

### Notes



## *Pump house*

Roof Type	Gable
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Concrete masonry
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Non-contributing

### Notes At edge of pond



## *Recreation building/shelter*

Roof Type	Gable
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Plywood siding
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Non-contributing

### Notes



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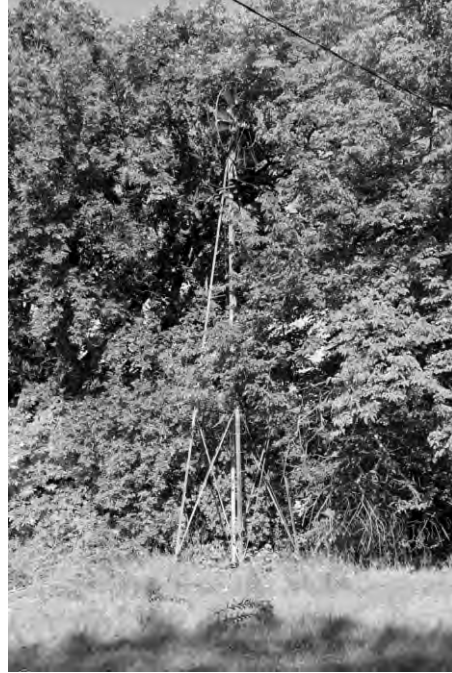
*Water tank*



**Material(s)** Concrete

**Notes** Adjacent to windmill

*Windmill*



**Material(s)** Steel frame, concrete foundation

**Notes** Blades and tail still present; concrete capped well below.



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## Additional Structures

(3) Picnic shelters (1990s; early 2000s; 2006)  
Toilet buildings (circa 2005-2006)

## History Notes

Historically part of farmstead site 502. One other historic outbuilding was removed after 2002.

## Farmstead Owner, per Historic Maps and Directories

1859	William Harris
1870	George W. Harris
1903	George Harris
1917 dir.	Frank G. Harris, wife May Waite; children Ina, Merrill, Ora; owner 135 acres, George Harris estate; resident since 1868
1922	G. W. Harris estate
1932	George W. Harris estate
1941	F. G. Harris
1951	Mrs. Mary W. Harris
1955	Mrs. Mary W. Harris
1958	Merrill Harris
1964	Merrill Harris
1967	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1970	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1975	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1977	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1980	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1982	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1988	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1994	Harris Forest Preserve
1998	Harris Forest Preserve
2002	Harris Forest Preserve
2008	Harris Forest Preserve
2012	Harris Forest Preserve
2014	Harris Forest Preserve
2017	Harris Forest Preserve



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**October 15, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: None

Absent: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Ken Itle, Susan Kritzberg, and Jeff Farren

No quorum was present.

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The group then visited the Harris Forest Preserve at 10460 Route 71, Yorkville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Attendees completed the practice at 10:00 a.m.

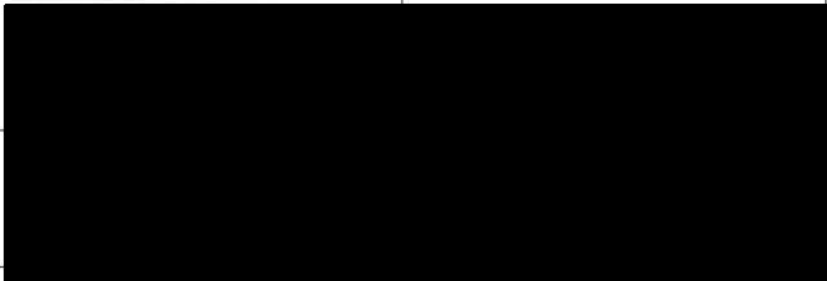
Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

Enc.



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OCTOBER 15, 2022**

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Susan Kratzberg		
Jefferson		

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Kendall County Office Building***  
***County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)***  
***111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**October 17, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022, meeting, the September 19, 2022, gathering, and October 8, 2022, gathering. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission***

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

***Approval of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission***

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the appointment of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Commission. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

***Follow-Up of August 2022, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations***

***Approval of Invoice for Food in the Amount of \$41.38; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830***

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the expenditure.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None



The motion carried.

Member Heiman apologized for missing the meeting; she plans to visit Fern Dell.

Member Flowers and Chairman Wehrli felt the meeting was good.

Chairman Wehrli felt the meeting was useful for networking purposes.

Member Bernacki discussed the importance of organizations sharing artifacts and information.

#### ***Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

The consensus of the Commission was to have a group meeting on February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

A topic could be the new historic district in downtown Oswego.

The Church of the Good Shepard in downtown Oswego was suggested as a possible meeting location. The Gaylord House was mentioned as a possible meeting location. The Stone Church in Plano was mentioned as a possible location. The old jail was also mentioned as a possible location; concerns were expressed about having a room at this location that could hold everyone. Mr. Asselmeier was directed to reach out to the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Village of Oswego, and the historic preservation groups for possible meeting locations.

#### ***Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Meeting Calendar***

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the calendar with amendments to have the January meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the February meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and the June meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. All meetings would be at 6:00 p.m. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

#### ***Discussion of CAMP Training***

Mr. Asselmeier provided emails and information from Mike Bortel regarding the training. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the proposed FY2022-2023 budget for the Commission was Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The consensus of the Commission was to ask Mike Bortel if the fee could be lowered.

#### ***Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards***

Commissioners reviewed the award application. The consensus of the Commission was to set the award due date at February 28, 2023, and to set the announcement for the middle of January and middle of February 2023. The Commission made no changes to the award categories.

Discussion occurred regarding nominating the Henneberry Barn, winery on Plattville Road, and Stephenie Todd for awards. Mr. Asselmeier will bring the list from the 2022 nominees to the November 2022 meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Commissioners reviewed the list of registered historic places in the County and the list of bi-centennial plaque locations. The Plano Train Depot, Masonic Temple in Yorkville, Helmar Lutheran, and the church in Lisbon. Mr. Asselmeier will attempt to contact the building owners to having meetings at these locations.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier said that five people were trained to do the surveys. Ken Itle will contact the volunteers that previously expressed an interest, but did not attend the trainings. A postcard will be mailed to the impacted properties explaining the project. Commissioners reviewed the document created for the Harris Forest Preserve.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Mr. Asselmeier will get the list of servicemen and women buried in Kendall County and the dates of burial from the Kendall County Historical Society, not including cemetery where they were buried. The Commission would have a write-up around Memorial Day; this could occur by a link on the County's website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***National Registry Additions From August 12, 2022 To August 18, 2022***

Commissioners reviewed the list.

***Fern Dell Annual Meeting Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***Chapel on the Green Open House Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***September 19, 2022, Farnsworth House Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***Fall 2022 Farnsworth House Newsletter***

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Member Bernacki discussed digitizing Na-Au-Say Township records from their annual meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Yorkville Masonic Lodge***  
***Second Floor***  
***214 South Bridge Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**November 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairwoman Elizabeth Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), and Marty Shanahan,

Absent: Kristine Heiman and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) and Brian Holdiman

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Tour of the Masonic Lodge***

Brian Holdiman led a tour of the building and provided a history of the building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2022, gathering, and October 17, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

Mr. Asselmeier provided a list of potential meeting locations.

The Planner for the Village of Oswego agreed to speak regarding their new downtown historic district.

The suggestion was made to have the meeting at the Oswego Brewery. Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Planner at Oswego to see if this was a possibility.

***Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards***

Mr. Asselmeier provided the list of nominees for 2022. He said that the Henneberry Barn and winery on Plattville Road were not completed projects.

The award applications are due February 28, 2023.

***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Commissioners reviewed the list of registered historic places in the County and the list of bi-centennial plaque locations. Mr. Asselmeier said the Plano Railroad Station is small and the Plano hotel is still under renovations. Discussion occurred regarding underground railroad locations.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle stating they hoped to start the field work after Thanksgiving. The postcards were mailed to impacted properties.

***Discussion of CAMP Training***

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email from Mike Bortel regarding the training.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email regarding the list of servicemen and women buried in Kendall County.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***October 29, 2022, Farnsworth House Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***November 5, 2022, Fern Dell Fundraiser***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***Plano Historical Society Opening***

Commissioners reviewed the announcement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner



**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**December 19, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli reported that he will not be able to attend the January meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Approval of a Donation to the Kendall County Historical Society for Preparing Burial Information for Soldiers in Kendall County in the Amount of \$50.00; Donation to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830*

Discussion occurred regarding the amount of material that would be received since the information was not digitized. The consensus of the Commission was to pay for the information up front.

Member Shanahan asked how much money was in the Commission's budget. Mr. Asselmeier responded Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the donation and pay the donation before receiving the burial information.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (1): Flowers

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Chairman Wehrli suggested sending the Historical Society a thank you note and stating that we (the Commission) look forward to receiving the document.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email Lacey Bower-Keller from the Oswego Brewing Company saying their building was available for the February 15, 2023, meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting at the Oswego Brewing Company.

Member Bernacki discussed publicizing the event. Mr. Asselmeier said a press release would be sent regarding the event.

Valeria Tarka from the Village of Oswego would also speak regarding the new Oswego Downtown Historic District. One (1) of the owners from the Oswego Brewing Company was also available to speak at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A roundtable discussion would occur. The consensus of the Commission was not to have additional speakers.

Several Commissioners offered to buy at the meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to bring cookies to the meeting, but all drinks, including water, would be purchased by attendees at the property. Coffee would not be purchased for the meeting.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve having the February 2023 meeting at the Oswego Brewing Company and purchasing cookies for the meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

#### ***Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards***

Mr. Asselmeier provided the list of nominees for 2022. He said that the Henneberry Barn and winery on Plattville Road were not completed projects.

The window for accepting awards starts in the middle of January 2023. The award applications are due February 28, 2023.

It was suggested giving an award to Stephenie Todd. Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to Ken Donart to see if he had any information on Stephenie or her family.

#### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Discussion occurred regarding the meeting at the Yorkville Masonic Temple. Brian Holdiman was the only member of the public that attended. Commissioners were impressed about the size of the space and the length of time the Lodge has owned the property.

Member Heiman suggested meeting at the new Plano museum. The building is small.

The Plano Train Station was suggested as a meeting location.

The Oswego Masonic Lodge was suggested a meeting location in the spring or early summer.

Discussion occurred about asking people to bring donations to the various museums.



Discussion occurred about having a meeting at the Pickerill House in the future and about having a meeting at the Harris Forest Preserve.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

Mr. Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle stating they started the field work and the work will continue into January. The email was provided. The first invoice for the project, for fifteen percent (15%) of the work, has been submitted.

Chairman Wehrli did some survey visits with WJE Staff. He discussed visits to various sites.

Property owners had received letters prior to the visits.

Member Bernacki will be doing visits later in the week.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Chairman Wehrli discussed getting a plan for Memorial Day. The Commission will review the information supplied by the Historic Society.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***December 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower***

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

***November 27, 2022 Farnsworth House Email***

Commissioners reviewed the letter.

Mr. Asselmeier provided an additional email from the Farnsworth House regarding their 2022 appeal.

Mr. Asselmeier provide another email regarding nominations for most endangered places in Illinois. The suggestion was made to have Mr. Asselmeier forward this email to the historic preservation groups.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was noted that the January meeting would be on a Wednesday.

Member Shanahan said the Grand Army of the Republic Museum would be rebranded. He discussed the state of the Museum.

Member Bernacki will provide Mr. Asselmeier with older plat maps of some subdivisions in Na-Au-Say Township.

Member Heiman discussed the Galena Living Historic Alliance and the Galena Do Tell Stories Facebook groups.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner

Encs.

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## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Lacey Bower [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 15, 2022 12:42 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Cc:** Aaron Royster  
**Subject:** [External]Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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Hi Matt,

My name is Lacey and I am the Tap Room Manager at Oswego Brewing Co.  
Aaron has given me your contact information about having the Commission hold a meeting here on Wednesday February 15th and having the space from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Aaron mentioned he let you know about our Event Room, it does seat 32 people so with a larger group we would have to open up the overhead garage door to accommodate the group, but should not be an issue for noise on a Wednesday evening.

The event room does have a tv that you will have access to if needed.  
And we can have someone from the OBC team to speak about our building and business and will most likely be one of the owners, Aaron or Chris.

I know you had some questions about our food policy and bringing in cookies. We have an open food policy since we do not have a kitchen and you are able to bring in any food items that you would like to offer your group during your meeting. We do offer soda and water as our non-alcoholic options. If you want to bring in other non-alcoholic options you are able to do so as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help facilitate setting up your meeting here.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

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**Lacey Bower-Keller**  
*Tap Room & Event Manager*

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Greetings CLG Coordinators,

I am writing regarding the 2023 Landmarks Illinois Most Endangered Historic Places list, which we recently opened for nominations. We are reaching out to you to ask if you would bolster our effort to inform preservation advocates across the state. Will you share our press release (below) with preservation minded organizations and individuals? We would greatly appreciate your partnership and assistance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You!!

**Quinn Adamowski**  
*Regional Advocacy Manager*  
Landmarks Illinois

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**Restoring a building in Southern Illinois? Apply for a grant from Landmarks Illinois by January 1!**

### **Landmarks Illinois seeks nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois**

CHICAGO – Landmarks Illinois is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. The annual Most Endangered list is our longest-running advocacy program that calls attention to historic and culturally significant sites across the state that are threatened with deterioration, demolition or inappropriate development. Nominations for the 2023 Most Endangered list can be made [online here](#) and are due January 17, 2023.

Anyone, including residents, local community groups and city officials, can submit a nomination for a site in Illinois to be included on the 2023 Most Endangered list. Nominated sites should be in critical need of preservation. They do not need to be locally or nationally designated landmarks but should be valued by local residents and/or celebrate local history or culture.

All nominations submitted to the 2023 Most Endangered list will be reviewed by the Landmarks Illinois staff and board of directors. Landmarks Illinois particularly welcomes nominations for places that tell the stories of communities that have historically not received equal recognition from the preservation field. Nominators will

be notified in early spring whether or not their place was selected. The 2023 Most Endangered list will be announced in May 2023.

Please [review our FAQs](#) for detailed information on the annual Most Endangered list, including how sites are selected and what is required of those who nominate a site.

### **BENEFITS OF 'MOST ENDANGERED' DESIGNATION**

Sites included on Landmarks Illinois' [Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois](#) routinely receive a heightened level of statewide attention from residents, governing bodies and media outlets, which help bolster advocacy efforts for preservation of the site. Inclusion on the Most Endangered list can also lead to legislative efforts that aid in a site's eventual preservation.

Landmarks Illinois promotes the Most Endangered properties throughout the year on its website, social media, email and print newsletters and more. These communications are seen by thousands of Illinois residents and preservation partners.

Also, once a property is included on Landmarks Illinois' Most Endangered list, Landmarks Illinois staff remain committed to its preservation efforts, continuing communication and relationships with local advocates and providing resources (including small grants) and connections where possible. In many cases, this has led to years- or decades-long relationships between local advocates and Landmarks Illinois. Staff at Landmarks Illinois can also serve as a link to pro bono services from other preservation professionals such as architects, engineers, historians and more.

Explore previous Most Endangered lists and learn more about the program [at our website](#).

### **ABOUT LANDMARKS ILLINOIS**

We are People Saving Places for People. Landmarks Illinois is a membership-based, historic preservation nonprofit organization serving the people of Illinois. We inspire and empower stakeholders to save places that matter to them by providing free guidance, practical and financial resources and access to strategic partnerships. For more information, visit [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org).



**Matt Asselmeier**

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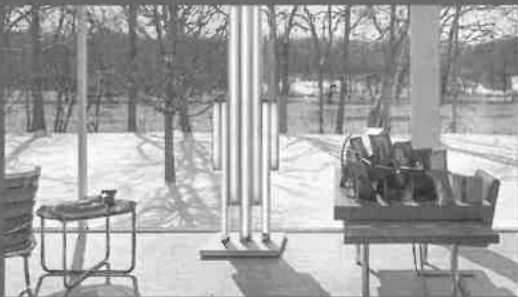
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~ Albert Camus, *The Rebel*, 1951

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**Supporters like you are the steel and stone that supports Edith Farnsworth House.** Your support makes possible our **creative-in-residence**, as well as new and exciting exhibitions, educational **programs**, and special events **year after year**.

**This year, you have also helped us preserve** the natural beauty that surrounds our mid-century masterpiece. With your help, we will continue to restore and manage the native landscape that is so integral to the clarity and inspiration you'll find at the **Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site**.



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Matt,

The group I was talking about tonight is called Galena's Living History Alliance. They are on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085535064557>. Also, follow the page Galena Homes Do Tell Stories <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083421490782> to hear about the homes.

Best regards,

Kristine Heiman, Designated Managing Broker  
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**A PROCLAMATION**  
**Declaring Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County, Illinois**

22 - 22



WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and


WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "People Saving Places" is a theme adopted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and embraced by Kendall County as we celebrate our historic built environment and work to preserve the places that matter to the citizens of our County; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Kendall County do proclaim May as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Kendall County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

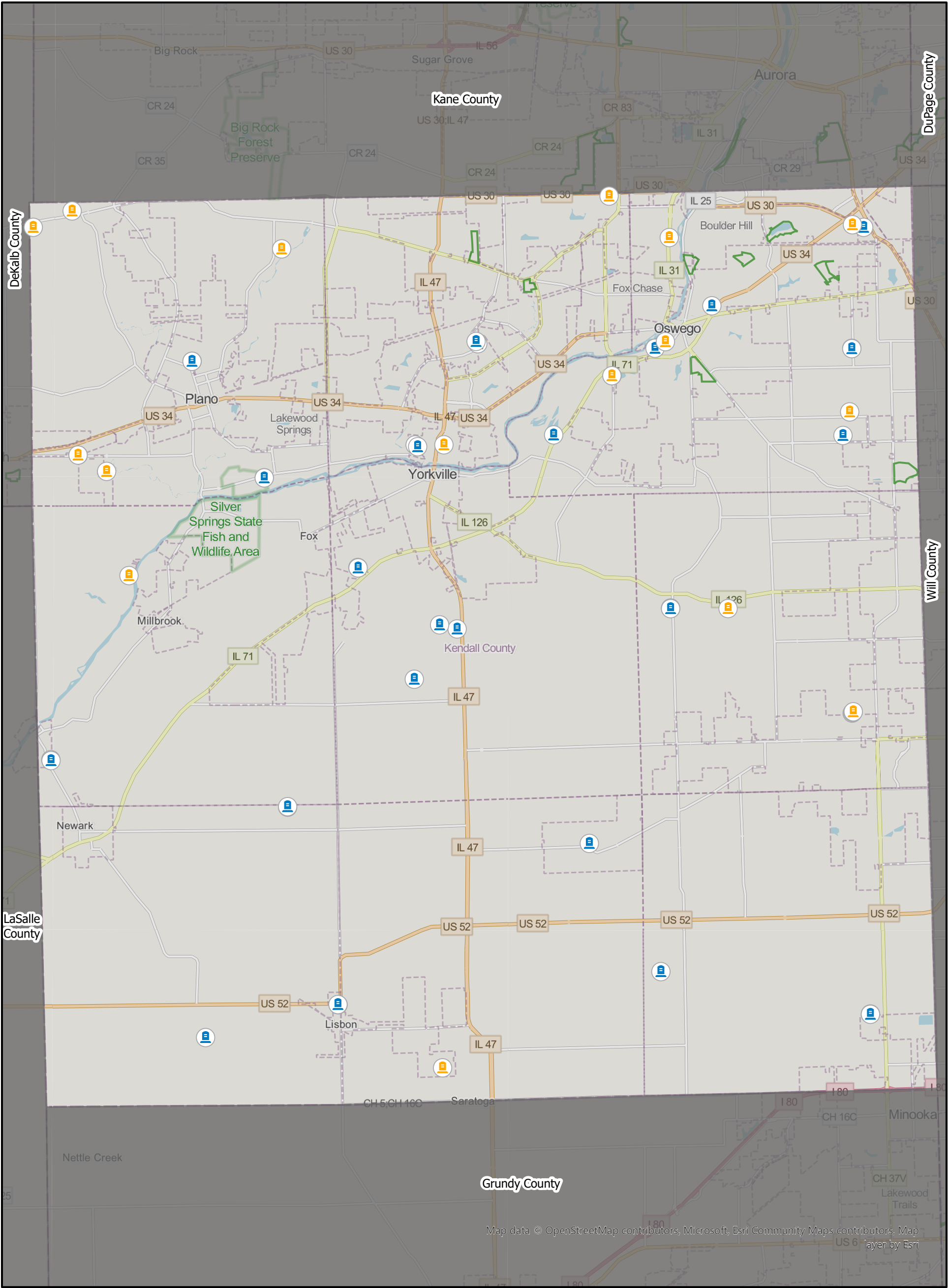
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.

  
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Scott R. Gryder  
County Board Chairman

Attest:  
  
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Debbie Gillette  
County Clerk



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02-26-300-006	Cowdrey Cemetery	SE SW Sec 26	Oswego	1.61	Re-Activat	Y	
02-24-401-003	Doud Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	0.58	Intact, Inac	N	
03-23-201-001	Evergreen Cemetery	NW NE Sec 23	Oswego	1.16	Intact, Inac	N	
03-01-351-001,03-02-400-005	Lincoln Memorial Cemetery	NE SE Sec 2 & NW SW Sec 1	Oswego	73.3	Active sinc	Y	
03-19-226-001	Oswego Cemetery	NW NE Sec 19	Oswego	6.75	Active	Y	
03-17-229-022	Pearce Cemetery		Oswego	2.2	Active	Y	
03-05-353-005	Wormley Cemetery	SW SW Sec 5	Oswego	0.75	Intact, Inac	N	
02-29-451-008	Elmwood Cemetery	SE SE Sec 29	Bristol	22.3	Active sinc	Y	
02-01-200-001	Keck Memorial Cemetery: 1841-1936	NW NE Sec 1	Bristol	1.13	Burials fror	N	
02-16-476-003	Oak grove Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	4.76	Active	Y	
02-16-476-005	St Patricks Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	2.28	Active, Ror	Y	
01-30-476-008	Hart Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11	Intact, Inac	N	
01-06-100-003	Hubbell Cemetery	SW NW Sec 6	Little rock	13.3	Despoiled	N	
01-06-200-002	Ovitt Cemetery	NE NE Sec 6	Little Rock	11.4	Despoiled	N	
01-15-300-003,01-15-300-004,01-15-300-006,01-22-126-001,01-22-126-008	Plano Township Cemetery	SW SW Sec 15 & N1/2 NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4	Active	Y	
06-18-200-003	Aux Sable Grove Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	4.55	Active	Y	
06-26-200-001	Bronk Cemetery	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	1.5	Abandoner	N	
06-16-100-003	Sullivan Cemetery	W1/2 NE Sec 16	Na-Au-Say	45.3	Despoiled	N	
05-16-300-009	Cross Lutheran Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Kendall	16.4	Active	Y	
05-20-400-001	Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 20	Kendall	2.25	Active	Y	
05-07-176-010	Pavillon Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Kendall	2.25	Active	Y	
04-30-355-013,04-31-126-001,04-31-126-002	Millington-Newark Cemetery	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	14.1	Active	Y	
04-08-200-008	Sacred Bluff Cemetery AKA Darnell Cemetery	SE NE Sec 8	Fox	1.47	Abandoner	N	
09-19-400-001	Plattville Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 19	Seward	3.33	Active	Y	
09-26-200-002	Seward Mound	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	3.37	Active	Y	
08-32-200-002	Munger Cemetery	E1/2 NW Sec 32	Lisbon	0.1	Abandoner	N	
08-02-476-001	Plattville Cemetery	SE SE Sec 2	Lisbon	5.11	Active	Y	
07-01-100-003,07-02-200-004	Helmar Lutheran Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1 & NE NE Sec 2	Big Grove	2.93	Active	Y	
07-27-300-002,07-27-300-004	West Lisbon Cemetery	NE SW Sec 27	Big Grove	6.17	Active	Y	
07-24-400-005,07-24-400-018,07-25-226-001	Lisbon Cemetery	SE SE Sec 24 & NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86	Active	Y	
03-26-300-003	Risen Lord Cemetery	SW Sec 26	Oswego	80.3	Active	Y	
01-35-252-001	Griswold Cemetery	SW NE Sec 35	Little Rock	1.09	Active	Y	
05-16-100-016	Cross Lutheran Cemetery				Active, Int;	Y	
	Albee's Cemetery	Unknown	Oswego	DE		N	Approximate location - Inactive before 1870
	Albert Hassett	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE		N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Bingham
	Bingham	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE		N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Albert Hassett.
	Bristol Burying Ground	SE SW Sec 28	Bristol	DE		N	This cemetery no longer exists. The gravestones were moved to Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville.
	Collins Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Oswego	DE		N	
	Griswold Springs Cemetery	SW NE Sec 35	Little Rock	1.09	Active	Y	Also known as Griswold Cemetery.
	Hafenrichter Cemetery	SW SE Sec 14	Oswego	Active		Y	Also known as the Oswego Prairie Cemetery.
	Kollman Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Kendall	Active		Y	Also known as Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery.
	Long Grove Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Kendall	Active		Y	Also known as Pavillion Cemetery.
	Millford Graveyard	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	Active		Y	Also known as Millington-Newark Cemetery
	Minkler Road Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	Inactive		N	Also known as Doud Cemetery.
	NaAuSay Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active		Y	Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery
	North Lisbon Cemetery	NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86	Active	Y	Also known as Lisbon Cemetery
	North Prairie Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1	Big Grove	Active		Y	Also known as Helmar Lutheran Cemetery
	Plano Cemetery	NE NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4	Active	Y	Also known as Plano Township Cemetery.
	Sandy Bluff Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11	Inactive	N	Also known as Hart Cemetery.
	Shonts Cemetery	SW SW Sec 1	Little Rock	DE		N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Howland Cemetery	SW NE Sec 32	Little Rock	DE		N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Oswego Cemetery	SW SW Sec 17	Oswego	DE		N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Chapman Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	Active		Y	Also known as Seward Mound.
	Union Burying Ground	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active		Y	Also known as NaAuSay Cemetery. Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery.



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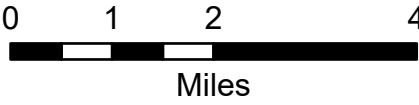


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# Kendall County Cemeteries



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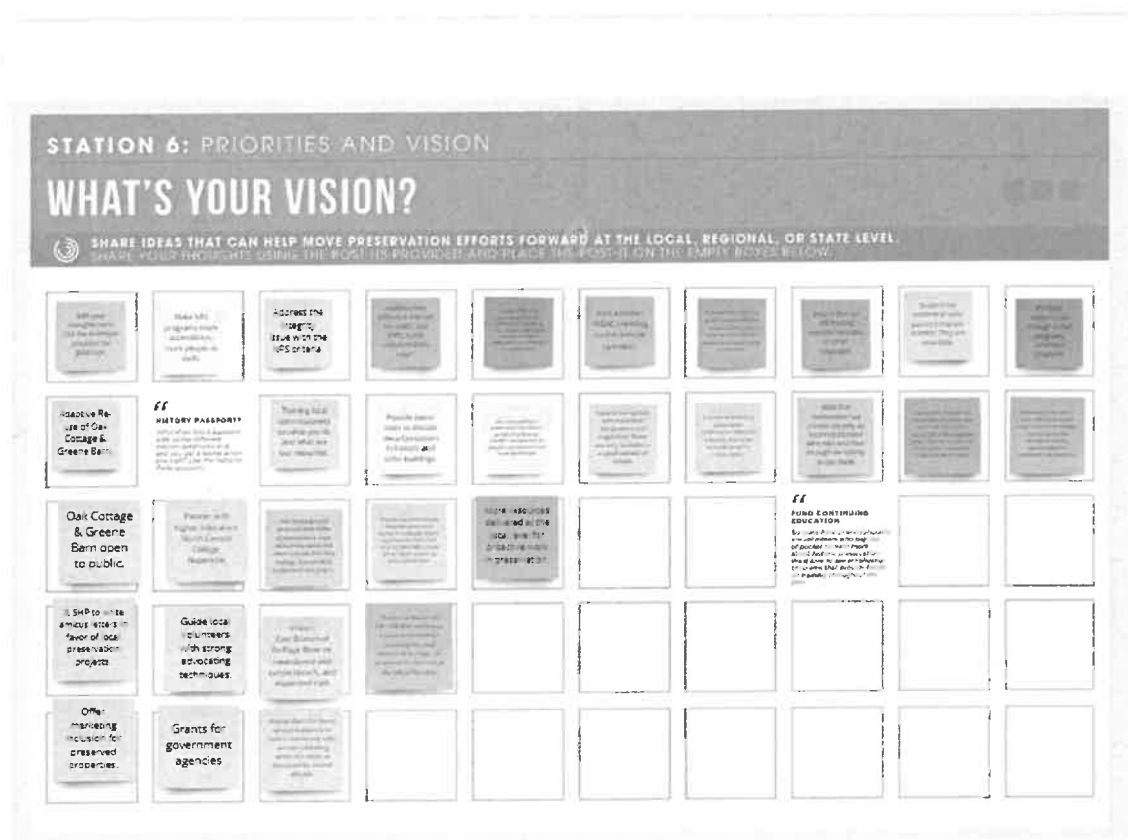
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## Your Voice Matters!

The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (IL-SHPO) hosted a virtual public workshop on February 23, 2023, in preparation of the ***Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan***. This workshop provided opportunities to identify and discuss local, regional, and statewide issues and trends that impact preservation in your community and around the state.

The workshop included *Miro*, a web-based interactive platform that allows the public to share comments using sticky notes. Use Miro to share a local success story, your vision for preservation in Illinois, and other comments and suggestions.



## How to use Miro

It's easy to use – just click on the link to open the Miro webpage, then use the tool bar on the left-hand side of the screen to post sticky notes.

1. Click on the blue arrow at the top in order to drag the screen between the three message boards.



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This workshop is part of a broad-based stakeholder engagement program for the *Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan*, scheduled for completion by December 2023. This is a public plan informed by comments from Illinois stakeholders about local and statewide preservation priorities.

*The Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan guides effective decision-making by preservation partners across the state as mandated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996. The IL-SHPO hosts the Plan, gathers public comment for use in the Plan's development, and monitors how*

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**EXHIBIT OPENING**

# THE LAST OF ANIMAL BUILDERS

Opening: April 2, 2023 (2pm)  
Curated by Alberto Ortega Trejo

ASMA  
Faysal Altunbozar  
Selva Aparicio  
Daniel Baird  
Renée Green  
Claudia Hart  
Ragnar Kjartansson  
Thiago Rocha Pitta  
Joshi Radin  
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## New Exhibit Opening April 2

The Edith Farnsworth House Historic House is pleased to present the 2023 Artist in Residence exhibition, *The Last of Animal Builders* curated by Alberto Ortega Trejo and featuring the works of Faysal Altunbozar, Selva Aparicio, ASMA, Daniel Baird, Renée Green, Claudia Hart, Ragnar Kjartansson, Michael Rakowitz, Joshi Radin, and Thiago Rocha Pitta.

The works in this show, selected from the Thoma Foundation's collection and several Chicago-based artists, open a dialogue between the artists and our iconic Mies van der Rohe-designed home and surroundings. The show offers new perspectives and critiques on modern architecture, power relations in the built environment, and examines the construction of nature as an intellectual framework. Whether through video, drawing, or sculpture, the works in this exhibition engage animal, vegetal, and



mineral metaphors as vehicles to suggest alternative interpretations of human becoming, social transformation, and material exchange. This show both enhances our current staging of the House and provides a fresh lens to view our space and history with a special nod to and commentary on Lord Palumbo's former sculpture garden on the grounds.

We invite you to join us Sunday April 2, 1-4pm for an engaging afternoon complete with an artist talk and tour of the grounds, light refreshments, and fascinating conversation.

NOTE: The artist talk and grounds tour will begin at 1:30pm. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Golf cart transport will be available by request.

**Please RSVP** below to attend the opening event. *If you will be responding on behalf of a group of 10 or more, please email your reply to [farnsworth@farnsworthhouse.org](mailto:farnsworth@farnsworthhouse.org).*

[RSVP for the April 2 Opening Event Here](#)

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**On-Site Regional Workshop**





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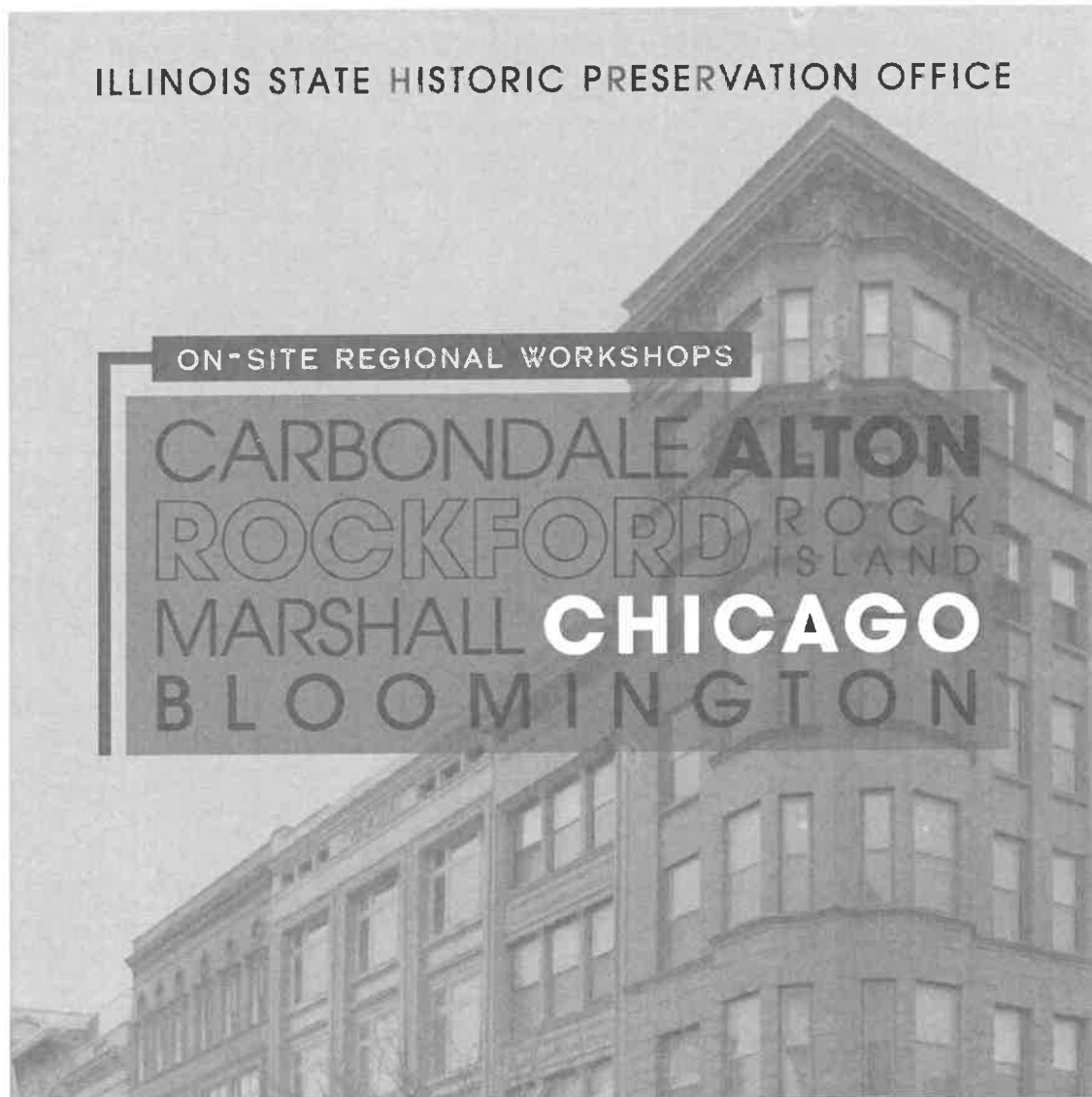
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These Regional Workshops are part of a broad-based stakeholder engagement program for the *Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan*, scheduled for completion by December 2023. This is a public plan informed by comments from Illinois stakeholders about local and statewide preservation priorities.

*The Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan guides effective decision-making by preservation partners across the state as mandated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996. The IL-SHPO hosts the Plan, gathers public comment for use in the Plan's development, and monitors how community stakeholders pursue the Plan's goals and accomplish its objectives. Visit the project website at [www.illinoispreservationplan.com](http://www.illinoispreservationplan.com) for more information.*

## Stay Informed!

Keep up to date with the Illinois Statewide Preservation Plan by visiting [www.illinoispreservationplan.com](http://www.illinoispreservationplan.com). The website will list regular updates on upcoming meetings, and other activities related to the statewide preservation planning process.



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# The Bell Tower

*The newsletter of the Oswegoland Heritage Association...*

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*Don't forget to add us to your  
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## New school desk donation helps preserve area's education history

In March, the Little White School Museum happily received the donation of a student desk from the old Church School out in Wheatland Township. The donation, by Rebecca Smith Hurd, joins a number of other items from the school already in the museum's collections.



Church School, located at the southeast corner of Scotch Road (119th Street) and Heggs Road, is right across Scotch Road from the former parsonage of the Wheatland United Presbyterian "Scotch" Church. The original timber-framed one-room country school on the site was built in the early 1860s on land owned by Stephen Findlay. It appears on the 1873 plat map of Wheatland Township. In 1929, the old frame school building was replaced by a new brick school building that featured such modern conveniences as central heat and indoor bathrooms.

The new building was built on a high foundation that allowed a tall-ceiling base-

ment so children could play inside during bad weather. The main floor featured a single large classroom with a brick fireplace and areas for small group instruction. In addition, there was a small library room. Boys' and girls' combination cloak and indoor rest rooms that flanked the building's main entrance.

For most of its life as a one-room rural school, officially named Wheatland Township Grade School District 38, grades one through eight attended. Eighth grade students who passed their courses were rewarded with diplomas during annual county-wide graduation ceremonies in either Joliet or Lockport.

In the 1940s, parents of junior high aged students throughout the area began advocating for those students to be bused to town schools where it was believed they'd receive more educational opportunities. By the 1952-53 school year, only students in grades 1-6 were attending Church School, with seventh and eighth graders being bused to classes in Oswego. During the next two years intermediate-aged students were also moved to classes in Oswego until only grades one

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## Annual meeting set for May 25

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association, an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation, is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street, Oswego, Illinois, on the 25th day of May at the hour of 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

The eligible members voting will be called upon to elect three (3) directors. To be eligible to be a director, a person must be an active member of the Association, at least 18 years of age, and a United States Citizen. A nominating committee appointed by the President will present nominees. Nominations from the floor shall be entertained. All directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by secret ballot. 🗳️

***Dated: April 1, 2023  
Tina Beaird, Secretary***

### **Church School desk...**

through three remained. Enrollment at Church School at the start of the 1953-54 school year was 24 students.

By the start of the 1959-60 school year, Church School was the only remaining rural school open in the Oswego School District. It closed its doors at the end of that school year, with all its former students bused into Oswego. In April 1964 the building was advertised for sale and was subsequently sold at auction. Today, Church School, like many of the area's old area one-room schools, has been remodeled into a private residence.

The Little White School Museum's Church School collection includes more



*Church School students and teacher Dorothy Comerford pose for a school photo in 1953 sitting at desks including the one recently donated by Rebecca Hurd.*

than 60 items including a hand bell used to summon students to class, photo-

graphs and negatives, student report cards, school attendance and school board records from 1879 to 1954; PTA records from 1947 to 1956; and other documents including a 1944 article about the school and its students published in *The Prairie Farmer*.

The desk is now on exhibit in the museum gallery. (See related story on Page 4)

"And we're always eagerly seeking more Church School memorabilia, from report cards and textbooks to photos, for our collections," noted museum director Roger Matile. ♡

## **Memorials create lasting tributes for friends and family**

A memorial gift to the Oswegoland Heritage Association is an especially meaningful way to recognize friends, family, business associates, and special occasions, while at the same time supporting the mission of the only organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Oswegoland's rich heritage and history.

Since our last newsletter, the following memorials were received: The Oswego High School Class of 1957 donated a \$300 memorial in honor of the 24 surviving class members: Donald Aug, Shirley Bargeman Knauf, Jean Bower Pfeifer, Wayne Brucks, Helen Calamaras Rockenbach, James Detzler, Leo Grach, Donald Hans, Sally Hyde Gardner, Lyle Johnson, Nancy Johnson Schroeder, Shirley Lantz LeClercq, Priscilla Larson Rinehart, Judy Lippold Snodgrass, Herbert Norris Jr., Charles Richard Nutt, Lois Ode Elfstrom,

Wanda Penn Horton, Carol Ricketts Snyder, Diann Salisburg Petschke, Donna Tate Schiltz, Barbara Vickery Legner, Larry Voss, and Tom Wolf.

Memorials contributed in memory of former Oswegoland Park District Executive Director and important friend of the Oswegoland Heritage Association and the Little White School Museum came from Charlotte Hanks & Thomas Malenshek, Joan McCamant, Kathy Merner, Ira & Rebecca Wachtel, Paul & Susan Marien, Carla Taylor, Emmet & Susan Fairfield, Stephen & Joan Gray, Robert Dodson Sr., Linda Wilson, Daniel & Diane Kane, and Stephanie White.

Please note that *our bank will no longer accept for deposit checks made out to the Little White School Museum*. Instead, memorial checks should be made out to the Oswegoland Heritage Association and

mailed to Memorial Chair, Oswegoland Heritage Association, Box 23, Oswego, IL 60543.

Memorials are deposited in the heritage association's Endowment Fund, which is designed to maintain the organization's fiscal health and protect the museum's collections for decades to come.

All contributions are acknowledged with personalized thank-you notes. In addition, the names of those memorialized are recorded in a permanent record book kept by the OHA for visitors' inspection at the museum's reception desk. Finally, the names of the individuals honored are listed in the next available issue of *The Bell Tower*. Memorials are the perfect way to preserve the memories of both those who've passed away as well as Oswegoland's rich history and heritage. ♡

## **Even more Oswegoland history preserved! Thanks, donors!**

Donations to the Little White School Museum have continued to roll in since our last report in December. As of March 20, there were a total of 36,337 items in the museum's collections database.

Items received since the end of November included 2 miniature vases bought at Grimm's Drug Store in 1972 by Mike and Karen Muzzy; *Scientific Bible*, a 1901 book by Oswego native Mary Hunt, from Roger Matile; World War I "Duty Calls" poster, Susan Shields; collection of 100 photos of the occupation of Japan

after World War II, Jim Yuvan; an applique child's quilt with wall hanger, doll and rocker, Sheila Seraphim; a Bert Allen Pioneer Seed Corn calendar, Judy Wheeler; brachiopod fossil, George Torres; Sipes and Parker family genealogy, Jean Woolley Kent; two OHA commemorative crocks and Tooley, Kruger, and Morrison family items, Omer and Wanda Horton; Boy Scout, Oswego School memorabilia, and a desk from Church School, Rebecca Hurd; Wormley family memorabilia, Jim Wormley.

Are you moving or maybe doing some spring cleaning? If you are, don't throw anything away with Oswego connections including photos, documents, and advertising items. Let us take a look instead. Remember, 50 years ago this year was 1973—time really flies when you're having fun! Give us a chance to see whether we'd like to preserve those items in the museum's collections. Contact us via email at [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org) or give us a call at 630-554-2999 during museum hours and we'll chat. ♡



## Historical Notes...

A full slate of Oswegoland Heritage Association (OHA) and Oswegoland Park District (OPD) programming has been scheduled for the Little White School Museum's spring & summer program series, according to program chair Tina Beaird and museum manager Anne Jordan. To register for all programs, go to the OPD's web site, <https://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/>. To check for program availability, additional upcoming programming, or more information on the museum, check our web site, [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org).

**Oswego History Tour – Industrial Sector**, Saturday, April 15, 12 noon, Pre-registration, required, \$5 for park district residents and \$10 for non residents online through the park district website, [bit.ly/lwsmwinter](http://bit.ly/lwsmwinter). Where do you think the “industrial section” of Oswego existed from about 1840 until around 1910? Did you even know Oswego HAD a thriving industrial sector during that time? Join members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association and the Oswegoland Park District on a fascinating bus tour of the industrial section “way back then.” The tour begins and ends at the Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street, Oswego and lasts about an hour.

**The Life Cycle of Clothing**, Thursday, April 27, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., Free! Americans invested a tremendous amount of labor into making and maintaining their wardrobes during the 19th Century. This free presentation at the museum will explore the life cycle of clothing during the 1800s: how it was created, mended, remade, washed, and ultimately recycled. This free presentation will highlight examples of garments and artifacts from the Illinois State Museum's collection. Presented in partnership with the Illinois Humanities “Road Scholar” Speakers Bureau.

**History Happy Hour at the Oswego Brewing Co.**, Thursdays, May 11 & May 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$15 residents, \$20 non-residents over age 21 only. Pre-registration (required) comes with one beer ticket to enjoy during the lecture.: Ever hear the story about Al Capone's doctor here in Oswego? Or how about the

Oswego connection to the John Dillinger gang? For a sleepy, small town, Oswego has tons of scandalous stories! Join the Little White School Museum staff at Oswego Brewing Co. as we talk about the outrageous ordeals and rousing rumors of Oswego.

**Oswego History Tour: Urban Barns**, Saturday, May 13, noon to 1 p.m., \$5 residents, \$10 non-residents: Ever notice the barns in Oswego's downtown? Or do you think barns can only be found on the area's farms? Answers to these questions plus the history surrounding urban barns will be covered in this unique bus tour of some of the barns still standing today. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The event begins and ends at the Little White School Museum and lasts about an hour. Presented by the Oswegoland Heritage Association in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District.

**If Tombstones Could Talk**, Sunday, May 21, noon to 1 p.m., \$10 residents, \$15 non-residents: Cemeteries. These beautiful plots of land hold some of our most cherished townspeople. Graveyards also hold many mysteries and questions we have been dying to ask. Why are all the tombstones different? Who all is (and isn't) buried here? And where is that known gangster buried? These questions and more will be answered during this informal tour at the Oswego Township Cemetery on South Main Street, Oswego. Bring your walking shoes!

**Let's Talk Oswego History**, Saturday, July 15, noon to 1 p.m., Suitable for age 12 and up. Registration is \$5 in advance or at the door-walk-ins are welcome. Wonder why kids from so many area towns all go to Oswego schools? Or who the first White settlers of the community were? Come and chat about those and any other local history topics that come to mind when the Little White School Museum hosts this informal chat with museum director Roger Matile. Bring your local history questions and discover some of the community's fascinating and entertaining hidden history as it celebrates the 190th anniversary of its settlement.

**Oswego History Tour – An Afternoon on the Parkhurst Farm**, Saturday, June 10, 12 noon. Suitable for age 12 and up. Pre-registration, required, is \$5 for park district residents and \$10 for non-residents. We've seen town barns, now some local farms with deep roots in the Oswego community are the topics, this week the Parkhurst Farm! Learn how generations have cultivated the land and made it their home. This bus tour starts and ends at the museum and lasts about an hour and a half. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Feel free to bring water and snacks, as we will have time to sit with our farm hosts and ask questions.

**Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad**, Saturday, July 1, 12:30 p.m., Free! Come to the museum and find out how powerful, sacred songs that derived from the heart of antebellum enslaved Africans were melodic outflowing of religious expression, passion, and the hope to be free. Negro spirituals, as originated in America, tell of sorrow, trials and tribulations, secrecy and hiding, and hope for a sense of community. Join retired middle school language arts teacher Connie Martin as she explains the connections of Negro Spirituals with the deeper meanings and interpretations of lyrics of some songs. Presented in partnership with the Illinois Humanities “Road Scholar” Speakers Bureau.

**Oswego History Tour – Downtown Main Street**, Saturday, July 22, 6 p.m. Pre-registration (required) for those over 21 is \$15 for park district residents, \$20 for non residents. All communities evolve and change with time and Oswego is no different. Take a 45 minute stroll down Main Street between Jefferson and Washington and learn about historic landmarks, talk about the stores and businesses that first appeared when the village was newly formed, discuss the critical role fires had in shaping our village, and explore the significant changes that growth created. The tour begins and ends at the Oswego Brewing Co.; enjoy a glass of beer (included in the cost) there as we have an informal Q&A session when the tour ends. Wear your walking shoes! ☘



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## Tracking down a mystery desk...

The Little White School Museum's staff was excited when Rebecca Smith Hurd donated a student desk from Church School (see story on page 1).

But we also had questions, including who manufactured the desk?

Museum director Roger Matile and museum assistant Emily Dutton closely examined the desk seeking a label or manufacturer's mark of some kind. The desk features a hard rock maple seat and desk bolted to a heavy cast iron frame.



While no manufacturer's name could be found, each individual piece of the iron frame had numbers cast into it. When they checked the swivel assembly under the wooden seat, they found cast into it "Pat. 1,883,322."

Figuring this was a U.S. Patent number, Matile visited the U.S. Patent Office website, searched, and found Patent 1,883,322 issued to G.H. Abbott filed April 30, 1930 and granted in 1930 for an improved combined school desk and seat. It differed from most school desks of that era because the seat and desk were combined into a single unit. Abbott assigned the patent to Woodward & Edwards, Inc., that operated in Elgin from 18667 to 1987. The desk was used at Church School until it closed in the spring of 1960.

"We're always pleased to get artifacts and documents with direct connections to the 68 square mile area inside the Oswego School District we concentrate on," Matile noted. "And we were doubly happy that we could get this item immediately on exhibit in the museum gallery." ♥

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## Give a gift membership?

The Oswegoland Heritage Association has some exciting plans for the future. Why not take out a membership for a friend or relative who has an interest in Oswego's fascinating history and heritage? Benefits include museum store discounts, three newsletters a year, and more. Just fill out this form and mail.

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