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**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**AGENDA**

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September 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tour of the Kellogg Barn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2024, Meeting (Pages 2-4)  
Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2024, Meeting (Page 5-10)  
Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2024, Gathering  
(Pages 11-12)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Officers For 2024-2025
2. Conference on Illinois History-October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield (Pages 13-25)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow-Up Discussion of July 15, 2024, Historic Preservation Group Meeting and Plans for Future Meetings
2. Discussion of 13860 Fox Road (Pages 26-30)
3. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times (Page 31)
4. Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys
5. Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County
6. Discussion of Cemeteries (Pages 32-62)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. June 4, 2024, Letter from Alphonse I. Johnson Pertaining to 1847 Stone 2-1/2 Story Farmhouse Built by the Sherrill Family (Page 63)
2. June 22, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House (Pages 64-67)
3. July 11, 2024, Why All The Stress About Post-Tensioned Buildings Webinar Email (Pages 68-69)
4. July 23, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House (Page 70)
5. August 13, 2024, Conservation of Glass in Modernist Architecture Webinar Email (Page 71-72)
6. August 2024 Edition of the Bell Tower (Pages 73-76)
7. September 9, 2024, Email from the Edition Farnsworth House (Pages 77-80)
8. September 10, 2024, Email from WJE Regarding Rainscreen Cladding in Historic Terra Cotta Assemblies (Pages 81-83)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting October 21, 2024

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**  
*111 West Fox Street Rooms 209 and 210 Yorkville, IL 60560*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**June 17, 2024-Unofficial Until Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier and Wanda A. Rolf

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli wanted to make sure the Commission was ready for the July 15, 2024 Historic Preservation Group Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion of July 15, 2024, Historic Preservation Group Meeting*

*Review of Agenda for Meeting*

Mr. Asselmeier went over the agenda with the committee for the July 15, 2024 meeting.

*Review of Invitee Meeting List*

Mr. Asselmeier went over the list of invitees to the meeting and provided a copy of the invitation letter. Mr. Asselmeier stated that approximately seven (7) people have RSVP'd for the meeting.

*Other Meeting Logistics*

Commissioners reviewed the Commission's budget. Mr. Asselmeier went over the list of refreshments that will be served at the meeting. Member Bernacki will pick up the refreshments. Chairman Wehrli stated that for those who can park in the main parking lot should do so because there were limited parking spaces near the house for people who may need assistance.

Chairman Wehrli asked Mr. Asselmeier if there will be people from other counties coming to the meeting. Mr. Asselmeier responded that there were invitations sent to people from several other counties in the region.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that Chairman Wehrli was asked to speak at the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) meeting about the Pickerill-Pigot Forest Preserve, but the Chairman was unable to attend because he will be out of town.

***Discussion of 13860 Fox Road***

Mr. Asselmeier stated that he received an email from Anna Margaret Barris from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Asselmeier said he emailed her again but he has not heard from Ms. Barris. Chairman Wehrli stated he would like to walk through the house. Mr. Asselmeier stated he would reach out to Ms. Barris again to see if there were any updates. Member Bernacki asked if the Forest Preserve would like to have a joint meeting. Chairman Wehrli said that it's great that the State of Illinois wanted to save the house, but he expressed concerns about the Forest Preserve maintaining the property due to lack of funds. It would be great to be able to work in conjunction with the historic group.

***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times***

Mr. Asselmeier spoke to Matt Kellogg about a historic barn that that might be of historic value. The 1854 Homestead in Plano, according to Mayor Rennels, would probably have a place to meet. Mr. Asselmeier stated he will ask the Historical Preservation Group at the July 15, 2024 meeting if anyone knows of any historical places the committee can meet. Chairman Wehrli suggested a former bed and breakfast on Millhurst Road and Member Heiman suggested the Bereman House in Montgomery as possible future meeting sites.

Member Bernacki asked if Boulder Hill could become a historic district and would that designation increase home values. Chairman Wehrli stated that residents would have to abide by special rules that apply to living in a historical district. Mr. Asselmeier stated that if residents wanted to have outside maintenance done, such as siding or new windows, they would need a certificate of appropriateness from the Commission.

***Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys***

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the 2024 grant window would open in September close likely in December. An email from Ken Itle was provided saying that the price quote for the survey of unincorporated Seward and Na-Au-Say Townships would remain unchanged.

***Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County***

Commissioners discussed Native American Tribes and this topic will be discussed at the July 15, 2024, meeting.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the matter of Seward Mound and Griswold Springs cemeteries were in the hands of attorneys.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***May 22, 2024, Email from Susan Kritzberg***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***May 23, 2024, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***May 30, 2024, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***June 4, 2024, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening The Edith Farnsworth House to the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting July 15, 2024, at the Pickerill-Pigot Estate House in Pickerill-Pigot Forest Preserve.

Member Bernacki 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 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A Rolf, Office Assistant

Enc.

**KENDALL COUNTY  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Historic Preservation Organization Meeting  
Pickerill Estate House  
Pickerill-Pigot Forest Preserve  
6350A Minkler Road  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
6:00 p.m.  
July 15, 2024-Unofficial Until Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Vice Chair), (Left at 6:58 p.m.), Kristine Heiman (Secretary), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Wanda A. Rolf, Jacquie Purcell, Levi Gotte, Roger Matile, Ted Clauser, Jr, Anne Sears, Ken Donart, Kelvin Johnson, Sarah Skili, Ben Moe, Kathy Kelso, Ron Kelso, Jane Burke, Tina Beaird, Susan Kritzberg, Johanna Byram, Lisa Wolancivich, and Sharon Lowy

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

Jeff Wehrli, Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, welcomed the attendees and asked each guest to speak about themselves and which historical organization they represented. Each attendee introduced themselves and briefly spoke about their historic organization.

Chairman Wehrli spoke about scenic roads and asked the attendees to think about the definition of a scenic road or scenic view; this would be discussed later in the meeting.

**PRESENTATION ON THE CORNER'S OFFICE REGARDING THE BRISTOL BURYING GROUND AND THE PROCEDURE IF A CEMETERY IS FOUND ON A FARM**

Jacquie Purcell, Kendall County Coroner, and Levi Gotte, Chief Deputy Coroner, spoke about the Bristol Burial Grounds and what they have found. There was a construction crew at The Hiding Spot Park, replacing a water main, and the construction crew came across bones. They immediately called the police. The police looked at the bones and called the Coroners' Office. Levi Gotte went to the scene and identified them as human bones. Mr. Gotte called Forensic Anthropologist Dr. Anne Grauer from Loyola University.

Coroner Purcell was out of town at the time but received a phone call from Mr. Gotte regarding the bones that were found. Coroner Purcell called the Mayor of Yorkville and it wasn't long before they knew the bones were from a burial ground that was moved to Elmwood. The people who moved the burial ground moved all the headstones but not all the bodies. This made it difficult to identify the remains. Some of the people in the area knew about the burial ground. There were many different agencies investigating the scene.

Coroner Purcell returned to Yorkville and started an investigation. Coroner Purcell provided slides of the bones they found. Each bone found was labeled. Coroner Purcell identified the bones as the skull, spines, tibias, mandibles, ribs, and other bone fragments. They also found leather, nails, and hinges that were probably from the casket.

By analyzing the remains and known burials at the cemetery, the forensic anthropologist matched the remains to Lucy Crater born December 5, 1828, and died September 13, 1848.

Levi Gotte did a tremendous amount of research on Lucy Crater's family tree, that determined she was the child of Abraham Crater and Margaret Crater. The County did not require people to keep birth and death records at the time, but they did keep marriage records. They were one (1) of the first few families that settled in the area. Unfortunately, many young people died from diseases such as Scarlet Fever and were buried locally. Many people moved away to different parts of Illinois and Iowa. Through historic records, Mr. Gotte was able to find Katherine Crater, sister of Lucy Crater. Katherine Crater married into the Beecher family; they had twelve (12) children.

They were able to find one hundred ninety-four (194) individuals from the Beecher family.

In the 1920s some bodies were moved unidentified to Elmwood.

Most living decedents did not want to speak about it or informed the County to do whatever they wanted with the remains.

There is a possibility of finding more burials but residents do not want their properties to be dug up. Future sales of homes may have to disclose the burial ground.

Chairman Wehrli asked how long it took before they knew this was a burial site and not a crime scene. Coroner Purcell stated the Forensic Pathologist was able to identify it was a burial site quickly.

Levi Gotte stated that Elmwood Cemetery is donating a plot for Lucy Crater and she will be interred there with her family.

Coroner Purcell thanked the Kendall County Historical Society for their work on the project.

Chairman Wehrli thanked Coroner Purcell and Levi Gotte for attending the meeting and explaining how the process works when someone finds a cemetery.

### **DISCUSSION OF CEMETERIES**

Chairman Wehrli spoke about the fact that many farm families had dedicated burial plots for members of their family. However, if the farm was sold, there would be no record of the people that were supposed to be buried there, or who was buried there previously. Chairman Wehrli would like to have a list of homes that have a notation on them identifying them as burial grounds.

Chairman Wehrli asked Coroner Purcell if she would have to be involved in a historical dig if human bones were found. She said that only if the bodies were inadvertently disturbed. If the authorities were moving people from one (1) cemetery to another she would not be involved. Chairman Wehrli stated, and Lisa Wolancevich, Kendall County Historical Society, agreed that the Bristol Burial Ground should be memorialized.

Roger Matile said that he would provide the Commission with his list of cemeteries.

## **PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF PICKERILL-PIGOT FOREST PRESERVE**

Jeff Wehrli spoke about the history of the Pickerill-Pigott house. The process of opening the Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve and estate house in Yorkville has been years in the making. The home can be reserved as an event venue or meeting space. The Pickerill-Pigott house is open for weddings, parties, reunions or meetings.

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Sarah Skilton, with Oswego Heritage Foundation, spoke about The Plainfield Public Library and stated that they have put a tremendous amount of information available online. This included newspapers, books, and maps. The library contracted with Crowley Digitizing. The library shipped eighteen (18) years of yearbook information. All four (4) of the Plainfield High Schools love the way the yearbooks were formatted. Tina Beaird with The Plainfield Historical Society stated that The Plainfield Library is preparing to celebrate its fiftieth (50th) anniversary this year.

Currently there is a pedestrian bridge where people can access Waubonsie Creek. There is also an outdoor theater.

Ted Clauser, with the Oswegoland Heritage Association, stated they were working on ways they were going to celebrate the seventy fifth (75th) anniversary of the Wagon Train. Mr. Clauser is currently researching this with Roger Matile.

Anne Sears, with The Plano Historical Society, stated they are working on restoring the 1886 Plano Reaper and would like to have it ready for the Homecoming Parade 2024.

Member Bernacki left at this time (6:58 p.m.).

Roger Matile, Director of the Little White Museum, spoke about the celebration of the one hundred seventy-fifth (175th) birthday of The Little White School Museum, first a Methodist church, then an elementary school, and now Little White School Museum. Initially, it was thought that the church was completed in 1854. Mr. Matile stated it was not known when the exact year the church was completed until a letter came across from a woman related to the Walker family who wrote a letter to her family in Belcher County, Massachusetts, that the Methodist Church was completed and they would have services. The letter was dated 1850. In those days a church was not dedicated until it was completely debt free. Mr. Matile also spoke about the seventy fifth (75<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Park District, which was established in 1950. Mr. Matile stated, that at the time of restoration on the Little White School Museum, they found out it had been moved. The museum was completely taken apart and put back together. It is believed that it came from the Plainfield area.

Susan Kritzberg, President of Chapel on the Green, thanked Kendall County for awarding her a plaque on her research of the underground railroad and historic preservation. Ms. Kritzberg explained that Chapel on the Green was used as a safe haven for freedom seekers as part of the underground railroad. Ms. Kritzberg spoke about the wonderful wedding coordinator at the chapel. People from all over Northern Illinois are coming to the Chapel to get married. Ms. Kritzberg also mentioned that they are in the process of applying for an Illinois State Historic Marker which will be a great opportunity to bring attention to the community on the State level as well as providing information regarding the underground railroad.

Jane Burke, Naperville Preservation Society, spoke about applying for landmark status for Biedelman Furniture Store in Downtown Naperville. It has been there for five (5) generations and Beidelman Furniture is the oldest business in DuPage County, and the oldest furniture business in Illinois. Ms. Burke spoke about a tour of several mid-century modern houses in the next month.

Lisa Wolancevich, Kendall County Historical Society, assisted with identifying the recent Bristol Burial Ground that was found by construction workers. Ms. Wolancevich spoke about restoring Seward Town Hall. They are accepting donations for the restoration. Johanna Byram and Lisa Wolancevich did a presentation on Juneteenth with the help of Roger Matile, who informed them that Nathan Hughes, fellow Oswegoan, was at the first Juneteenth in Texas, proclaiming that all slaves are free. Ms. Wolancevich also thanked the County for awarding her a plaque for her work with the historical society.

### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Wehrli spoke about future meetings. He spoke about meeting at different historic places. Chairman Wehrli stated that another group meeting probably would occur in February of 2025. He asked the attendees if they had any ideas for future meetings.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Wehrli mentioned that in the beginning of the meeting he asked the attendees what defined a scenic road or historic road. Mr. Matile answered that he wrote newspaper columns in the past regarding scenic roads in autumn and will share the information with Chairman Wehrli. Mr. Matile mentioned Route 25 in Oswego by the river, Fox Road in Yorkville, and Van Emmon Road is always spectacular. Chairman Wehrli spoke about Reservation Road being very scenic.

Lisa Wolancevich, with Kendall County Historic Preservation spoke about Silver Springs State Park having been a Tribune Farm back in the 1930's.

Chairman Wehrli spoke about driving on the roads and finding the historic or scenic roads.

Susan Kritzberg mentioned the National Scenic Byway program's website that talks about the criteria to be designated as a National Scenic Byway. A byway must meet the criteria for at least one (1) of six (6) "intrinsic qualities" archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic. The features contributing to the distinctive characteristics of the corridor's intrinsic quality are recognized throughout the region and are considered regionally significant.

Mr. Matile asked, once the County has the scenic routes resolved, would it be possible to put an overlay on the County highway map. Chairman Wehrli stated yes. They had an overlay of scenic roads on the County highway map in 2000.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shanahan 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 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A. Rolf  
Administrative Assistant

Enc.

**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JULY 15, 2024**

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✓ Ron A. Mafie		
✓ Ted Clause, Jr.		
✓ Anne Deas		
✓ Ken Donart		
✓ Kelvin Johnson		
✓ SARAH Skici		
✓ Ben Moe		
✓ Kathy Kelso Ron Kelso		

**KENDALL COUNTY  
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✓ Jane Burke		
✓ Jacquie Purcell		
✓ Tina Beard		
✓ Susan Kretzberg		
✓ Johanna Byram		
✓ <i>[Signature]</i>		
✓ Sharon Lowry		

**KENDALL COUNTY  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Historic Preservation Organization Meeting  
The Homestead 1854  
611 E. Main Street  
Plano, IL 60545  
6:00 p.m.  
August 19, 2024-Unofficial Until Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jeff Wehrli (Chairman) and Marty Shanahan

Absent: Eric Bernacki, Elizabeth Flowers and Kristine Heiman

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Wanda A. Rolf, Dawn Honrud, and Sean Honrud.

There was a lack of a quorum.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Tour of The Homestead 1854***

Attendees toured the property. Dawn Honrud current owner of The Homestead 1854, spoke about the history of The Homestead 1854.

Built in 1854 by Lewis Seward, the house provides modern amenities as well as an historic atmosphere. The house is set on two (2) acres of land.

Chairman Wehrli asked Ms. Honrud how she and her husband ended up owning the house. Ms. Honrud stated that for the past ten (10) years, both she and her husband owned a mobile bartending company and worked at the Homestead 1854 during previous functions. Mr. and Ms. Honrud knew of the owners and vice versa. Ms. Honrud was looking for a venue to purchase. Once the previous owners decided they wanted to move out of the area, they reached out to Ms. Honrud and her husband. They have owned The Homestead 1854 since January 2024.

Mr. Asselmeier asked Ms. Honrud if she explored the house. Ms. Honrud stated she has researched and explored the house.

Chairman Wehrli asked Ms. Honrud if the house had the original floor plan. Ms. Honrud stated most of the house had the original floor plan except all the closets upstairs were converted into bathrooms for the bed and breakfast portion of the house.

Mr. Asselmeier asked Ms. Honrud if she found any historic dates around the house. Ms. Honrud stated she has photos dating back to 1893. Mr. Asselmeier also asked Ms. Honrud about the wallpaper. Ms. Honrud said that the walls throughout the house were hand painted by previous owners whose original business was interior design. The garden level walls were painted by Elaina, a child of one the owners, she had two (2) art studios in the house. Ms. Honrud said that the owner stated in the contract that the walls were not to be painted over in the garden level, so they placed panels over the paintings.

Mr. Asselmeier asked Ms. Honrud if the house had indoor plumbing, outhouses, or water closets. Ms. Honrud said that she believes they had water closets. Mr. Asselmeier asked if there were servants quarters. Ms. Honrud stated there were servant's quarters downstairs.

Attendees proceeded to tour the upstairs bed and breakfast portion of The Homestead 1854 where there is a bridal suite, for brides to get ready for their wedding day.

Mr. Asselmeier asked if there were any current renovations done to the house. Ms. Honrud stated that the house was bought as is, and there have not been any major renovations.

The servants had their own quarters downstairs with a kitchen and ice box.

There is a wine cellar under the garden level. The attendees viewed the wine cellar.

Chairman Wehrli observed the unique siding on the house and that type of siding has not been used in many years.

Attendees went outside to view the grounds. There is a nine hundred (900) square foot chapel on the grounds that can be used for a wedding ceremony or meeting space. The Timber Tent is a structure constructed in 2017 that can be used for al fresco ceremonies or event dinners.

The dining room is an elegant space for guests to gather and enjoy their meal. They may walk through the library, foyer, or bar room to mingle with other guests.

Mr. Asselmeier asked if there were any horse stoops. Ms. Honrud said there were quite a few carriage stones that were used to assist people on and off their horses or buggies.

The Labyrinth is a winding path that can be used for outdoor ceremonies or for meetings and retreats. With its paved path surrounded by a hedge maze, labyrinths' have been associated with spirituality.

During the cooler weather there is a fire pit in which the guests may warm up and relax in front of a crackling fire.

People wander onto the grounds as if it were a park with their pets, but soon find out it's for private events.

Chairman Wehrli thanked Ms. Honrud for allowing the attendees to tour the house and grounds of The Homestead 1854.

The Homestead 1854 has been on the National Register of Historic Places since November 2003.

The gathering ended at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A. Rolf  
Administrative Assistant



*Abraham Lincoln*  
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# Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference on Illinois History

OCTOBER 3-4, 2024



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Concurrent Sessions, 8:30 – 10:00

### Examining Diverse Communities in Illinois (MPR 1)

*Moderator: Catheryne Popovitch, Illinois State Archives*

“Shifting the Normative: A Neighborhood Called Boystown” Alaina Burrelsman, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

“International Understanding and Unification through Jane Addams’s Hull-House” Jenna Astroth, Independent Scholar

“‘Its Charity Shall be as Broad and Expansive as the Firmament of Heaven’: How Chicago’s First Jewish Hospital Transcended the Demarcations of Faith” Elyse Malamud, Northwestern University

### Illinois Soldier Stories (MPR 2)

*Moderator: Ian Hunt, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*

“Park Ridge, Illinois: Two Civil War Heroes” Milton Edward Nelson, Independent Scholar

“Surviving Vicksburg: An Illinois Soldier’s Evolution of Remembrance” Mark Flotow, Independent Scholar

“A Biographical Examination of Colonel Russell A. Cone” Marcella Lees, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

### Roundtable: Building University–Community Research Partnerships: The Jarrot Mansion Project (C)

*Moderator: TBD*

Stacey Brown Amilian, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Emily Eckles, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Robert Paulett, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Brad Winn, Cahokia Courthouse and Museum

### Teacher Workshop: “Finding their Roots: Using Genealogy in the Classroom” (LR)

*Presenter: Krystal Wilson, Harrisburg High School*

Concurrent Sessions, 10:15 – 11:45

### Abraham Lincoln (MPR 1)

*Moderator: Jacob Friefeld, University of Illinois Springfield*

“‘Stopping a Skift in the Middle of a River’: Abraham Lincoln, I&M Canal Scrip, and Monetary Policy in a Nineteenth-Century Economic Crisis” Stewart Winger, Illinois State University

“Abraham Lincoln at the River and Harbor Convention, Chicago, 1847” Mark Pohlad, DePaul University

“Portable Locality: The Lincolns in Springfield and Washington” Andrew Witmer, James Madison University

## **Illinois State Historical Society Roundtable: Historical Markers in Illinois (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University*

Libby Tronnes, Bradley University

Will Shannon, St. Clair County Historical Society

Andrew Johnson, Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative

## **Developing and Engaging Illinois's Historic Resources (C)**

*Moderator: Mark L. Johnson, Illinois Department of Natural Resources*

"Celebrating the Life and Achievements of an Unknown Baseball Legend" Anna Sielaff and Will Best, Campaign County History Museum

"The Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago: Pioneers in Autonomous Archiving" Ashley Dequilla, Independent Scholar

"Walking History Throughout the Prairie State: Hiking the Natural and Historic Pathways of Illinois" Elizabeth Kershisnik, Oakton College, and Timothy Dean Draper, Waubensee Community College

## **Luncheon Presentation: 12:00 – 1:30**

*Abraham Lincoln: The Nominee Nobody Expected*

Edward Achorn

In this contentious election year, Edward Achorn, author of the prize-winning *The Lincoln Miracle*, takes us back to an even stormier and more divisive time—the battle for the White House in 1860. The longtime journalist, historian, and Pulitzer finalist discusses Lincoln's astonishing rise to the nomination during a fateful week in Chicago. Achorn reveals how miraculous it was that the pieces fell into place perfectly for the shrewd lawyer from Springfield—a miracle, ultimately, for the United States, which, thanks to Lincoln, survived the brutal Civil War.

Achorn is the author of four critically acclaimed books about American history. His latest book, *The Lincoln Miracle: Inside the Republican Convention That Changed History*, won the Lincoln Forum Book Prize, the Lincoln Institute Book Prize, and the Lincoln Group of New York's Award of Achievement. His previous book, *Every Drop of Blood: The Momentous Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln*, was named one of the Best Books of 2020 by the Economist magazine and is an Amazon Editors' choice for Best History. He is also the author of the classic baseball history books *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey* and *Fifty-nine in '84*, which was named one of the Six Great Books About Baseball by the Economist.

A journalist for 41 years, he is the former Vice President and Editorial Pages Editor of *The Providence Journal*. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for Commentary and won the Yankee Quill Award for distinguished lifetime service to journalism.

## Concurrent Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

### **Illinois Women’s Stories (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Brittney Yancy, Illinois College*

“Resources of the Illinois Women Artists Project” Kristan H. McKinsey, Illinois Women Artists Project

“Hearth to the Printer: Community Cookbooks and Women in the Public Sphere” Nancy Webster and Catherine Lambrecht, Highland Park Historical Society

“Giving Elizabeth P. W. Packard Her Voice” Laura F. Keyes, Historic Voices

### **Illinois State Historical Society Roundtable: (In)Visible Histories: Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Libby Tronnes, Bradley University*

Logan Pappenfort, Dickson Mounds

Gerald Savage, Ho-Chunk Nation

Hayley Goebel, Roosevelt County History Museum

Natasha Ritsma, Aurora University

### **Labor and Location in Illinois (C)**

*Moderator: Brian Mullgardt, Millikin University*

“The Mud Irish: The Development of Irish Farming Communities in LaSalle and Grundy Counties, Illinois, 1840–1870” Greg Koos, McLean County Museum of History

“Their Names Have Been Forgotten: The Sangamon County Poor Farm, 1870–1944” Mike Kienzler, Sangamon County Historical Society

“How Three Became One: Before Cahokia Heights: Capitalism and the Great Migration in the Midwest: From Slavery to Deindustrialization” Monica D. Shepherd, Georgia State University

## Concurrent Sessions, 3:30 – 5:00

### **Researching and Recognizing Black Historic Resources in Illinois (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Amy Hathaway, Illinois State Historic Preservation Office*

“Black Settlement in Southern Illinois” Mary McCorvie, Shawnee National Forest, and Mark Wagner, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

“Cairo Contraband Camp” George Hunt, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

“African American Life in Springfield” Floyd Mansberger and Christopher Stratton, Fever River Research

“Illinois Black Panther Party” Leila Wills, Historic Preservation Society of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party

## **Illinois Political Life (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Mark DePue, Independent Scholar*

“Indentured Apprentices in Pre-Civil War Illinois” George Provenzano, Independent Scholar

“John J. Bird: A Forgotten Black Political Leader of the Late 19th Century” Wayne T. Pitard, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

“The 1891 Women’s School Suffrage Law: An Overlooked Victory” Grace Mary Perez, Brightmont Academy

## **Local Histories (C)**

*Moderator: Stephanie Martin, Lincoln Library: The Public Library of Springfield*

“The Agency and Global Connections of a Local Woman: A History of Sylvia Caldwell Mecherle” Emma Malone, Illinois State University

“All Politics is Local: A Small Municipality Faces the Great Depression” Thomas W. Piorkowski, Northern Illinois University

“Abingdon: A Tale of Two Colleges” Tim Black, Independent Scholar

## **Teacher Workshop: “Shaped by Technology: Examining the Civil War through a STEM Lens” (LR)**

*Abigail Bussey, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*

## **THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM: A TOUR OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT BUILDING**

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## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Concurrent Sessions, 8:30 – 10:00**

### **Roundtable: The Illinois Underground Railroad Task Force and Related Research and Collaborations (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Larry McClellan, Governors State University*

Gerald McWorter, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Owen Muelder, Knox College Underground Railroad Freedom Center

### **Illinois and the Law (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Christopher Schnell, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*

“Judicial Independence in Illinois History” John Lupton, Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission

“The Shelton Gang: A Turning Point in Midwestern Organized Crime History” Alexa Beharelle, Bradley University & Stark County CUSD #100

“People v. Luetkemeyer: Tiny Town, Tiny Case, Important Impact!” John W. Williams, Principia College

### **Bartman, Hemingway, and Stevenson: Illinoisans Navigate Politics, Literature, and Baseball (C)**

*Moderator: Dan Monroe, Millikin University*

“Hey Chicago What Do You Say?” A Historical Analysis of Mob Mentality in Chicago Cubs Fans” Syd Young, Millikin University

“The Tip of the Iceberg: Hemingway’s Nuanced Portrayal of Gender and Sexuality” Olivia Swords, Millikin University

“Adlai Stevenson’s Presidential Campaigns: Turning Point for the Democratic Party” Brennan Pekelder, Millikin University

### **Teacher Workshop: “Engaging Students in Civic Education” (LR)**

*Levi Molenhour, Urbana High School*

### **Concurrent Sessions, 10:15 – 11:45**

#### **The Civil War Experience and Memory in Illinois (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Lauren Thompson, McKendree University*

“The 4th Illinois Cavalry” Brian Conroy, Will County Historical Museum

“Turn the Other Cheek?: Jefferson Davis’s Invitation to Speak at the Winnebago County Fair” Amanda Becker, Auburn High School

“The Grand ‘Colored’ Army of the Republic” Chad Boehlke, Morgan County Historical Society

#### **Illinois State Historical Society Roundtable: (In)Visible Histories: Reflecting on the 200th Anniversary of the 1824 Constitutional Convention and Preserving Legal Freedom in Illinois (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Caroline Kisiel, DePaul University*

Kiffany Dugger, Independent Scholar

Andy Theising, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Alonzo Ward, Eastern Illinois University

## **The New Normal: The 34th General Assembly 1885 (C)**

*Moderator: Will Shannon, St. Clair County Historical Society*

“A Session of Scandal” Bernard Sieracki, Independent Scholar

“Elijah Haines: A Remarkable Life” Ty Rohrer, Waukegan History Museum

## **Luncheon Presentation: 12:00 – 1:30**

### **Building the Emmett Till and Mamie Till Mobley National Monument (LR)**

*Dr. Marvel Parker, The Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley Institute*

In 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till traveled to Money, Mississippi, to visit relatives. He was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered after reportedly whistling at a white woman. His mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, insisted on an open-casket funeral near their hometown of Chicago. Her brave decision let the world see the racist violence inflicted upon her son and set the Civil Rights Movement into motion. On July 25, 2023, President Biden official recognized the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, with sites in Illinois and Mississippi.

Dr. Marvel Parker is the Executive Director of the Emmett Till & Mamie Mobley Institute and will discuss the history, creation, and continued work of the National Monument and Institute. She is a Graduate of Northeastern Illinois University, with majors in Nonprofit Administration and Social and Community Studies and holds a Master and Doctor of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary. She is also President of Community Design Concepts, Inc. a management consulting firm created in 2017 to assist churches and small NFP organizations.

A self-published author, in 2006 Dr. Parker published her thesis, “Breaking the Silence; The Impact of HIV/AIDS on African American Women and the Silence of the Church”, and in 2010 a HIV/AIDS Behavioral Intervention curriculum entitled, “LISTEN-LEARN-LIVE”. In 2008, in furtherance to her commitment to educate communities about the impact of this disease, she created AIDS Awareness Advocacy Inc., a US not for profit and NGO in Belize Central America where she serves as Executive Director and CEO.

## **Concurrent Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15**

### **The African American Experience in Illinois History (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Pamela Smoot, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

“Preparing a Face for the Faces’: Ruses Utilized in Slave Escapes in Southwestern Illinois” J. Eric Robinson, Independent Scholar

“Israel Blackburn: From Slavery to Landowner and Founder of Downers Grove” Marty Acks, Downers Grove Historical Society

“Come As You Are, Hoods Not Required: The 1942 Lynching of James Edward Person in Libertyville, Indiana, and Edgar County, Illinois” Renatto V. Carr, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

### **Illinois State Historical Society Roundtable: Framing Inclusive Local Stories: The Southland History Collective (MPR 2)**

Megan VanGorder, Governors State University

Eliot Fackler, Governors State University

Christina Holston, Monee Historical Society

## **Death and Grief in Illinois (C)**

*Moderator: Justin Blandford, Illinois Department of Natural Resources*

“Mid-19th Century Practices of Death, Burial, and Remembrance through the Lens of Springfield’s Hutchinson Cemetery” Erika Holst, Illinois State Museum

“Searching for Brushy Fork and the Negro Cemetery in the ‘Nip ‘n Tuck,’ Douglas County” Brian Adams, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

“‘Then his Glorious Work was Done’: Music and Grief in the Death of Abraham Lincoln” Hannah Clare Jellen, Snyder Funeral Homes

## **Concurrent Sessions, 3:30 – 5:00**

### **Chicagoland Stories (MPR 1)**

*Moderator: Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield*

“Boom Town: Naperville, the Tech Corridor, and the Changing Face of America” Andrea Field, Naper Settlement

“I Hate Illinois Nazis’: Hate Speech, Civil Rights, and the First Amendment” Jerry Fieldman, Independent Scholar

“Grosse Point Lighthouse National Landmark: Illuminating the Maritime History of Illinois” Donald J. Terras, Grosse Point Lighthouse National Landmark

### **Roundtable: Labor History in Illinois – Future Directions (MPR 2)**

*Moderator: Robert D. Sampson, Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*

James R. Barrett, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

Greg Hall, Western Illinois University

### **Illinois Education History (C)**

*Moderator: Daniel Worthington, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*

“Democratic Ideals and the Creation of the Illinois Public School System, 1825–1900, Tom Suhrbur, Illinois Labor History Society

“Joliet’s University: The University of St. Francis and the Development of Joliet, 1981–Present” David W. Veenstra, University of St. Francis

### **Teacher Workshop: “Teaching Local History: Paul H. Douglas’s Founding Principles” (LR)**

*Caleb Bolha, Auburn Enlarged City School District*

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## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Beverly <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:31 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** [External]Silver Springs  
**Attachments:** silver.JPG

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Hi Matt, Beverly Casey from Millington, IL Historical Society. I saw in the minutes from past meetings interest in the old Tribune Farm and Silver Springs. Had a fellow bring some slides in and had a picture of Silver Springs in the beginning and the 2 farms. The slides were made in Dec 1970 so the pics are probably from earlier in 1970 or 1969.



## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:11 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park  
**Attachments:** 020041724 NAE, Silver Springs.pdf

Determination of eligibility for NRHP listing, which is what your township survey would identify- right?  
I'm not aware of anyone wanting to list the house since it is already determined eligible... and listing is just honorific..

Anna Margaret Barris  
Project Reviewer  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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AnnaMargaret.Barris@illinois.gov

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**From:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:31 AM  
**To:** Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Anna Margaret:

What do you mean by determination of eligibility? Which letter are you referencing?

Does Lisa or someone else want to nominate the house as a local landmark?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Director  
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning  
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**From:** Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:27 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Hi Matt,

I hope you are doing well. Sorry for not getting back to you sooner- we are still trying to get the roof project started this year.

Lisa and a few other people did tour the farm house (and I think the site office, another older farm house) back in May. It likely will not be until later this fall that the work is complete. Please feel free to use the original letter that I cc'd you on for the determination of eligibility. I know that other CLG's will use our DOE letter to add the property to their internal list for eligibility.

Your commissioners are welcome to contact the site directly about touring the farmhouse, but I would prefer if they waited until the construction project is complete.

I'm in the office today- feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Thanks!

Anna Margaret Barris  
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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:15 AM  
To: Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>  
Subject: RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Anna Margaret:

Any update on this?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
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From: Barris, Anna Margaret <AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:10 PM  
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
Subject: RE: [External]Silver Spring State Park

Hi Matt-



**Kendall County  
Plano**

**Tenant House Roof Replacement, Silver Springs State Park  
13860 Fox Rd., Silver Springs State Park,**

**IDNR CERP 2413323  
SHPO Log #020041724**

**May 20, 2024**

**Dawn Cobb  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271**

**Thank you for your submission proposing roof replacement for the former Superintendent's House/ Tenant farmhouse at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, which we received on 4/17/24 (SHPO Log# 020041724). Because this property is owned by the State of Illinois, our comments are required by the [Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act](#) (20 ILCS 3420) and [its implementing rules](#) (17 IAC 4180) (Act).**

**On 1/24/24 this office determined that the former superintendent's house (CDB A7860; IDNR 49725) at 13860 Fox Road, also known as the Tenant Farmhouse, is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C, for Architecture, with a local level of significance dating to the original construction (pre-1871). This determination was made under (SHPO Log# 016010924).**

**The existing roof may be replaced as proposed, however, at this time, the soffits may not be enclosed. SHPO staff suggest that the project include increasing the size of the current gutters and downspouts as well as adding additional downspouts to the gutter as needed. The downspouts must be attached to leads that extend (and lead water) at least 3 feet from the building's foundation.**

**If the project's scope of work changes from that which has been submitted to and approved by this office, you must email those changes to Anna Margaret Barris ([AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov](mailto:AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov)) for review and comment. Failure to submit project changes for review and comment may result in an adverse effect determination pursuant to the Act.**

**Sincerely,**

**Carey L. Mayer, AIA  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**

## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Sonya Abt <sabt@montgomeryil.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 8:21 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** RE: [External]FW: Bereman House meeting request

Matt –

I spoke with the owner and they have not finished refurbishing the home and are not comfortable with allowing the “public” in to see it yet. May in a couple years when they are done, they will reconsider.

### Sonya Abt, AICP

Director of Community Development  
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[sabt@montgomeryil.org](mailto:sabt@montgomeryil.org)



**From:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 8:07 AM  
**To:** Sonya Abt <sabt@montgomeryil.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]FW: Bereman House meeting request

Any update on this one?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Director  
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**From:** Sonya Abt <sabt@montgomeryil.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2024 4:15 PM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]FW: Bereman House meeting request

Nope. I'll follow up with Penny.

Sonya Abt, AICP

## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Museum Director <director@oswegolandpd.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 6, 2024 11:45 AM  
**To:** Matt Asselmeier  
**Subject:** Re: [External]Re: July 15th Kendall County Historic Preservation Group Meeting  
**Attachments:** Abandoned Cemeteries of Kendall.pdf; Kendall Abandoned Cemeteries - ISGS.pdf

Matt,

Was going through some cemetery stuff here at the museum this morning and came across a couple things I thought might be of interest given the upcoming gathering concerning old Kendall County cemeteries.

It's possible you already have these, but if not, feel free to distribute them to whomever you think might be interested.

### Roger Matile

Director  
Little White School Museum

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**From:** Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 8:23 AM  
**To:** Museum Director <director@oswegolandpd.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Re: July 15th Kendall County Historic Preservation Group Meeting

Thanks for letting me know.

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
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**From:** Museum Director <director@oswegolandpd.org>  
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**Subject:** [External]Re: July 15th Kendall County Historic Preservation Group Meeting

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Matt,

I'm going to try my best to attend.

# **Abandoned Cemeteries of Kendall County Illinois**

Includes:

Keck

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Hart

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Hubbell

Bingham

Bristol Burying Ground

By Stephenie Todd  
83 Brock Way  
Oswego, Illinois 60543  
November 1995



The Abandoned Cemeteries  
of  
Kendall County, Illinois

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**Cemeteries, Past and Present, Kendall County, Illinois**  
**by Stephenie Todd**

**Oswego Twp.:**

Albee Cemetery	Sec 2 NE qtr of SE qtr	Defunct, site reoccupied.
Collins Cemetery	Sec 26 SW qtr of NE qtr	Defunct, site reoccupied.
Cowdrey Cemetery	Sec 26 SE qtr of SW qtr	Re-activated.
Doud Cemetery	Sec 24 NW qtr of SE qtr	Intact, inactive.
Evergreen Cemetery	Sec 14 SW qtr of SE qtr	Active.
Lincoln Mem. Pk.	Sec 2 NE qtr of SE qtr	Active since 1929
Oswego Cemetery	Sec 17 SW qtr of SW qtr	Site reoccupied
Oswego Cemetery	Sec 19 NW qtr of NE qtr	Active
Pearce Cemetery	Sec 17 NE qtr of NE qtr	Active
Wormley Cemetery	Sec 5 SW qtr of SW qtr	Inactive, intact

**Bristol Twp.:**

Bristol Burying Ground	Sec 28 SE qtr of SW qtr	Defunct
Elmwood Cemetery	Sec 29 SE qtr of SE qtr	Active since 1866
Keck Mem. Cemetery	Sec 1 NW qtr of NE qtr	Burials from 1841 - 1936
Oak Grove Cemetery	Sec 16 SE qtr of SE qtr	Active
St. Patrick's Cemetery	Sec 16 SE qtr of SE qtr	Active, Roman Catholic

**Little Rock Twp.:**

_____ Cemetery	Sec 34 NW qtr of SW qtr	Despoiled
Griswold Cemetery	Sec 35 NW qtr of SE qtr	Active
Hart Cemetery	Sec 30 SE qtr of SE qtr	Intact, inactive
Hubbell Cemetery	Sec 6 Sw qtr of NW qtr	Despoiled
Howland Cemetery	Sec 32 SW qtr of NE qtr	Despoiled
Ovitt Cemetery	Sec 6 NE qtr of NE qtr	Despoiled
Plano Cemetery	Sec 22 N 1/2 of NW qtr	Active
Shonts Cemetery	Sec 1 SW qtr of SW qtr	Despoiled

**NaAuSay Twp.:**

AuSable Grove Cemetery	Sec 18 SE qtr of NE qtr	Active
Bingham Cemetery	Sec 26 SE qtr of NW qtr	Abandoned

**Kendall Twp.:**

Cross Lutheran Cemetery	Sec 16 NE qtr of SW qtr	Active
Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery	Sec 20 NW qtr of SE qtr	Active
Pavillion Cemetery	Sec 7 NE qtr of NW qtr	Active

**Fox Twp.:**

Millington-Newark Cemetery	Sec 31 NE qtr of NW qtr	Active
Sacred Bluff Cemetery	Sec 8 SE qtr of NE qtr	Abandoned

Cemeteries, Past and Present, Kendall County, Illinois

**Seward Twp.:**

Plattville Lutheran Cemetery	Sec 19 NW qtr of SE qtr	Active
Seward Mound	Sec 26 SE qtr of SW qtr	Active

**Lisbon Twp.:**

Munger Cemetery	Sec 33 SW qtr of NW qtr	Abandoned
Plattville Cemetery	Sec 2 SE qtr of SE qtr	Active

**Big Grove Twp.:**

Helmar Lutheran Cemetery	Sec 1 NW qtr of NW qtr	Active
Lisbon Cemetery	Sec 25 NE qtr of NE qtr	Active
West Lisbon Cemetery	Sec 27 NE qtr of SW qtr	Active

## Keck Memorial Cemetery

Bristol Township  
Kendall County, Illinois

Keck Memorial Cemetery lies on the south side of Baseline Road immediately west of the Orchard Road intersection in the northwest quarter of Section one, Bristol Township (T37N, R7E 3PM), Kendall County, Illinois. Most burials were relatives of the Jacob Keck family or neighborhood residents of Kane and Kendall Counties. The condition of the cemetery is very poor.

The earliest burial was that of Cornelia Keck in 1841. In 1862 Jacob Keck transferred title of the cemetery to the Supervisors of Kendall County. Later that year, he renounced that transaction and the cemetery was put into the hands of the Jacob Keck Cemetery Association. The property north of the original cemetery was laid out in burial lots, but they were never used. The last burial was probably Nancy Young's in 1936.

The following tombstones were in place on April 11, 1992. Underlined entries are "best guesses"; author's comments and fraternal insignia are in italics.

Stephenie Todd, Oswego

Keck Memorial Cemetery

Row 1:

- x Jacob **Keck**, Died Sept 1 1863 - Aged 82 ys 8 ms;  
     Nancy **Keck**, Died Oct 23 1841 - Aged 59 ys 7 ms  
     I know that my \_\_\_ dearer in death.      *Also N. K. footstone.*
- x Hezekiah **Staley**, 1839 - 1856
- x In Memoriam. James **Young**, Nov 7 1823 - April 6 1892;  
     Phebe **Keck**, His Wife, Feb 16 1827 - Aug 20 1905
- x Nancy A. **Young**, 1850 - 1936
- x Cornelia, Wife of Jacob J. **Keck**, Sep 3 1841, 29 ys 1 ms 12 ds *Also C. K. footstone.*  
     A fond & loving mother sleeps neath the willow shade. *Fine example of willow motif.*
- x O. N. S. *Obadiah Staley's footstone.*
- x Charlott, Wife of Wm. E. **Carpenter**, Aged 33 yrs 8 mos, Apr 4 1871
- x Ira J., Son of John A. & Elizabeth **Fikes**, Died Feb 10 1854, Ae 1 ms 6 ds  
     *This is lying loose on the ground.*
- x John **Van Fleet**, Died July 12 1851, Aged 33 yrs 2 mos & 6 days.  
     Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.  
     *His J. V. F. footstone is lying inside the stone curbed plot near here.*
- x Vesta, dau of John & Betsey **Van Fleet**, Died Sept 29 1853, Ae 2 yrs 2 ms & 3 ds.  
     *Epitaph is illegible. Also V. V. footstone.*
- (*The next six stones are within the boundaries of a stone curb.*)
- x Adam **Keck**, Aged 56 ys 3 ms 26 ds, July 8 1870;      Andrus, *stonecutter.*  
     Catharine A. **Keck**, Aged 65 ys 1 mo, July 12 1880;      *East side*  
     Arthur, Aged 25 ys 2 ms 5 ds, Feb 5 1875;      *South side*  
     Jesse, Aged 1 yr 2 ms 12 ds, Sept 7 1859,  
     Children of Adam & Catharine A. **Keck**
- x Arthur
- x Father
- x Mother
- x Jesse
- x Infant son of John & Lany **Keck**, died March 19 1860  
     *Loose headstone, probably in wrong place.*
- x H. **Bauder**, Died Oct 1 1860, Aged 48 yrs 8 mo 28 d
- x Hiram **Bauder**, Jan 12 1812 - Oct 1 1860;  
     Mary **Keck** His Wife, July 15 1810 - Jan 7 1889;  
     Hattie E., Aug 21 1839 - Aug 27 1869;  
     Nancy C., Dec 9 1841;  
     Sally A., June 12 1837 - Nov 1 1837;  
     Martha A., Aug 13 1844 - Sep 26 1860;  
     Melissa, Aug 17 1846 - Oct 28 1860
- x Martha Ann dau of H. & M. **Bauder**, Died Sept 26 1860 *Broken.*
- x Eliza wife of Peter \_ **Bauder**, Died Jan 31 1866 Aged 75 yrs
- x H. B.
- x M. B.
- x Melissa dau of H. & M. **Bauder**, Died Oct 28 1860 Aged 14 yrs 2 mo 10 d
- x Hattie E., Wife of J. T. **Carpenter**, Aged 30 yrs Aug 27 1869 *Illegible epitaph.*

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- x Ella C. Dau of J. T. & H. E. **Carpenter**, Died Mar 11 1869 Aged 5 mo 7 dy
- x Jacob **B. Carpenter**, Born Dec 17 1811, Died Sept 20 1836, Aged 24 ys 9 ms 15 ds
- x Wm. P. **Ellis**, June 18 1799 - Oct 17 1859;  
Nancy A. his wife, Oct 23 1813 - Aug 3 1885;  
Robert F their son, June 9 1842 - Sept 17 1843  
**Ellis**

**ROW 2:**

- x John N. **Staley**, Died May 7 1882 - Aged 68 yrs 2 mos;  
Sally K., Died Sept 16 1856 - Aged 36 yrs 2 mos 4 dys;  
Gone But Still Remembered  
Hezekiah, Feb 4 1839 - Oct 4 1856;  
Melissa, Jan 4 1842 - Dec 24 1882  
Alonzo, Jan 14 1845 - April 24 1850;  
Obadiah, July 4 1849 - March 20 1850;  
Alma, Feb 28 1851 - May 1 1856;  
Theodore, May 14 1853 - *no entry*  
1888 - American White Bronze Company, Chicago Ill.
- x S. S.
- x A. S.
- x Obadiah **Staley**, 1849 - 1850
- x Alonzo **Staley**, 1845 - 1850
- x Alma **Staley**, 1851 - 1856
- x Mary **Fikes Bunker**, 1826 - 1855
- x *Base only, stone is missing.*
- x Theodore **Staley**, May 14 1853 - Aug 20 1933
- x *Base only, stone is missing.*
- x John **Keck**, Apr 21 1812 - Dec 23 1886;  
Laney **Burns** His Wife, Feb 9 1820 - Nov 19 1881
- x George **Fikes**, Dec 21 1809 - Feb 10 1895;  
Margaret His Wife, July 30 1817 - Sept 10 1896;  
Martha A. **Fikes**, Nov 8 1841 - Mar 27 1862
- x Father
- x Mother
- x Martha
- x Father
- x Mother
- x John T. **Carpenter**, 1835 - 1915; *FLT insignia*  
Phebe J., 1845 - *no entry*;  
Carrie V., 1863 - 1884;  
Minnie E., 1873 - *no entry*;  
Frank C., 1877 - *no entry*;  
Etta C., 1879 - 1884;  
Charley W., 1881 - 1884

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- x Jacob H. **Staley** Died on the Battlefield, Franklin Tenn Nov 30 1864, 26 ys 8 ms 19 ds;  
Phebe Levern, Only child of J. H. & Isabella, Died April 17 1862;  
Isabella J., Wife of J. H. **Staley**, Died Dec 13 1867, Aged 22 ys 11 ms 9 d  
*Note: J. H. Staley enlisted in 72nd Ill. Vol. Inf 12 Aug 1862.*
- x Daniel **Keck**, Mar 11 1833 - Apr 5 1900;  
Mary E. His Wife, Jan 16 1838 - Feb 29 1904
- x Jeremiah **Keck**, 1838 - 1920
- x **Keck** *Large family monument.*
- x Baby
- x Margaret **Keck**, 1844 - 1918
- x Nellie K. **Van Sickle**, 1874 - 1926;  
Avery C., 1873 - 19 *no entry.*

**ROW 3:**

- x Napoleon B. **Young**, July 19 1824 - Mar 17 1895;  
Mary His Wife, July 30 1825 - Aug 27 1852;  
Carrie A., Dec 16 1871 - July 31 1890;  
Annette, Apr 5 1851 - Aug 27 1852
- x Carrie
- x Father
- x Mary
- x Joseph Son of \_ & S. **Staley**, died Mar 17 1856, Aged 1 year 9 d *Broken.*
- x Aaron **Staley**, died June 1 1856 Aged 35 yrs 4 mo 23 d *Loose stone; J. M. Andrus  
stonecutter.*
- x Father & Mother  
Margaret, Wife of A. **Staley**, Aged 85 yrs 8 mo, Oct 28 1871; Meet Us in Heaven;  
Abram **Staley**, Aged 79 yrs 7 ms, Oct 5 1865. He giveth his beloved sleep.
- x Nancy **Stansel**, Born July 30 1817, Died May 17 1897;  
O' Lord My God in Thee Do I Put My Trust.; Our Parents  
Alonzo **Stansel**, Born May 12 1853, Died Feb 21 1906;  
James **Stansel**, Born July 14 1816, Died June 5 1892  
In My Distress I Cried unto the Lord & He Heard me.
- x Father
- x Mother
- x Alonzo
- x Leander Keck, Together
- x Nancy C. **Keck**, Together
- x Leander **Keck**, 1841 - 1827  
Nancy C. **Bauder** His wife, 1841 - 1912;  
Our Children;  
Elpha **Keck**  
Mamie I. **Keck**, 1869 - 1925;  
Hiram I. **Keck**
- x Father, Harvey W. **Keck**, 1865 - 1933

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**ROW 4:**

- x John N. **Davis**, Died Jan 6 1855 Aged 57 yrs & 2 mos *Also a footstone.*
- x *Base only - stone is missing. This would be Rhoda, wife of J. N. Davis, died Jan 22 1851, age 57 yrs 4 mos. Also a footstone.*
- x Sobrina, Dau of John N. & R. **Davis**, Died Mar 16 1846; Ae 18 ys 22 ds
- x Ann Jennett, Dau of John N. & R. **Davis**, Died Jan \_\_ 1851, Ae 21 yrs 9 mos 23 ds
- x O. M. *Footstone in a lilac bush; probably Oscar Miller's.*
- x L. H. *Footstone.*
- x Lucina, \_\_\_ Josiah **Hagar**, \_eb \_\_\_\_, \_\_ 13 1850 *Two pieces, badly worn.*
- x Anna J. **Davis**
- x L. **Davis** *Fragment set in concrete; Shriner emblems.*
- x John **Nichols**, Died Dec 21 1863, Aged 55 yrs 2 mo 21 d
- x Howard W., son of Wm. M. & M. J. **Lucas**, Died Dec 5 1877, Aged 6 ys 1 mo 11 ds

**ROW 5:**

- x Viola, Dau of W. H. & M. **Ensign**, Died July 19 1862, Aged 1 mo 14 ds
- x Oscar, son of Daniel J. & Catherine **Miller**, Died Feb 29 1852, Aged 3 y 8 m 12 days
- x Crandall, Son of J. R. & C. B. Young, Died Sept 6 1851, Ae 10 ms *Illegible epitaph.*
- x **Young**;
  - Cornelia **Young**, Aged 78 ys 8 mos 25 d, Aug 11 1879;
  - Phillip **Young**, Aged 86 ys 2 ms 10 d, Nov 25 1885;
  - Father & Mother
- x Richard **Young**, Aged 56 years, Aug 26 1852;
  - Wellington, Aged 21 years, Aug 31 1852;
  - Eleanor **Young**, Aged 86 years, Aug 11 1883;
  - Father & Mother *J. M. Andrus, stonecutter.*
- x A. Y.
- x Mother
- x Brother
- x Father
- x C. W. **Davis**, 1827 - 1897;
  - Sophia His Wife, 1835 - 1880;
  - Eliza, 1853 - *no entry*;
  - Carrie, 1855 - 1910;
  - Frank, 1858 - 1902;
  - Fred, 1861 - *no entry*;
  - Charles, 1866 - *no entry*;
  - Nettie, 1868 - *no entry*;
  - Emma, 1870 - 1905;
  - Hattie, 1874 - *no entry*

**ROW 7:**

- x Abner son of John R. & Catherine **Young**, Died July 18 1854, Aged 24 Y 1 M & 16 Days

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The Keck Cemetery Records show the following people are also buried in Keck Cemetery:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Date of Death/Burial</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Kenneth W. Davis	Aug 28 1918/Aug 31	Sugar Grove, Il.
Elmer D. Weaver	Nov 1 1918/Nov 4	Walnut, Il.
Addlaid Carpenter	May 27 1919/May 29	Montgomery, Il.
Jeremiah Keck	Mar 9 1920/Mar 11	Jericho Rd.

*Note: W. H. & A. N. Healy, Aurora were the undertakers for all of the above.*

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The Kendall County Death Register, Vol. 1, shows that the following persons whose deaths were recorded in Kendall County are buried at Keck Cemetery:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>License #</u>
English, Mary	Jun 16 1886	0y-0m-1d	663
Young, Henry Vrooman	Jun 4 1889	53y-8m-1d	730
Young, Sara A.	Mar 13 1895	52 y	964

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### Lot Owners; persons buried on the lot:

1. Jacob Keck; Nancy Keck, wife; James Young, son-in-law; Phoebe, daughter of Jacob; Hezekiah Staley; Nancy Young, gr. daughter, daughter of James & Phoebe Young.
2. John N. Staley; Sally, wife; Obediah, son; Alonzo, son; Alma, dau.
3. N. B. Young, Napoleon B., Mary (w), Carrie, Annette.
- 4 C. W. Davis.
5. D. J. Miller, wife, Dewitt (s), Hiram (s), Melinda (d).
6. N. Houghton, Ely (s), one other.
- 7 Eleanor Young.
8. Nich Young, Margaret and Nick.
9. Eleanor Young, Richard, Eleanor (w), Henry (s), Sarah (Henry's wife) and small child.
10. Philip Young, Jacob (s), Clarissa (w), Crandell (s).
11. Philip Young, Cornelia (w), Lucina Hager (d).
12. Peggy Staley, Margaret (Peggy) (w), Abraham.
13. John Fikes, John & Margaret.
14. D. Keck, Jacob Keck Jr., Cornelia (2nd w), Charlotte Carpenter (d), Tillie Carpenter Casselman (gd)
15. W. S. Covell, Betsey (w), Vesta (d).
16. J. N. Staley, O. E. Staley, Theodore Staley, Mary Fikes Bunker.
17. James Stansel, James & Nancy (w), Alonzo (s).
18. J. H. Davis, Ranson, Julie (w), Anna (d).
19. *Blank*
20. Ed Carpenter.

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21. *21 through 23 are blank.*
24. C. W. Davis.
25. Horace Nickls (*sic*) *Nichols*.
26. Belle English, Belle, Joe Stickler (s).
27. J. M. Keck, Delaney (w), Wm. (s), Electra (d), also infant son.
28. Adam Keck, Catherine (w), Jessie (s), Arthur (s).
29. H. Bauder, Mary (w), Martha, Melissa, Eliza.
30. Geo. Fikes, Margaret, Martha.
31. Bauder
32. William Lucas, Howard (s).
33. James Young, Carrie Keck, Hiram Keck.
34. Andrew J. Wormley, Eleanor (w), Andrew (s).
35. *Blank.*
36. Pottersfield. (*sic*)
37. Fred Wormley, Fred.
38. Harrison Young, Harrison, Theresa (w), Blanche (d), Ulysses Brace (s).
39. Roy Davis, also infant - no name.
40. Leander Keck, Nancy (w), & Leander.
41. John Carpenter, Phoebe, Chas. (s), Etta (d).
42. John Carpenter, Hattie, Ella, Carrie.
43. Nancy Carpenter, Ellis, Belle Staley (daughter), Nancy, Finley Ellis, Ada Carpenter (d. in law).
44. Daniel Keck, Mary (w), & Dan.
45. Harvey Keck, Lillie (w) & Harvey.
46. Wm. Neal - Roy (s), also small girl.
47. F. Murst (baby son).
48. Charles Davis, Charles.
49. Pottersfield (*sic*).
50. *50 through 52 are blank.*
53. C. E. Weaver.
54. A. C. Van Sickle (exchanged for 56 1-1-71) and transferred to Bertha Paris.
55. Jeremiah Keck, Jeremiah, Margaret, Nellie Van Sickle (d) and infant son.
56. Bertha Paris.

## Hart Cemetery

Little Rock Township  
Kendall County, Illinois

This little burial ground, also known as Sandy Bluff, is located in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 37 North, Range 6 East of the third principle meridian (Little Rock Township). It is on the northwest corner of Sandy Bluff and Griswold Springs Roads, west of Plano. The 1859 Map of Kendall county shows a school located there adjacent to the property of J. Tolman. Bateman & Selby's 1914 History of Kendall County calls this the Holt Cemetery and places it near "the Tolman schoolhouse". The same reference states that members of the Holt family comprise most of the burials, although there is no evidence to suggest such today. More probably, the authors confused the name Holt for Hart. That work mentions three persons who are buried here - Elizabeth Hall who died in 1851, aged thirty-six; Harry Spratlin who died in 1872, aged thirty-six years; and James F. Mundy, of Newbury, Berkshire, England, who was drowned.

The condition of the cemetery is poor. It appears to be regularly mowed, but many of the stones are broken, lying loose, badly deteriorated and missing. The burial dates recorded on those that remain indicate the cemetery was active in the 1840's until the mid 1870's. Be aware that the tombstones may have been relocated from the original gravesites.

Vic Smith and Stephenie Todd read this cemetery on June 9, 1992. Any person having information about other burials in this cemetery, burial records, or photographs, are urged to contact Stephenie Todd, 83 Brock Way, Oswego, Illinois 60543.

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### **ROW 1:**

- x Nellie E. Dau of W. R. & R., Died \_\_\_\_\_ Aged 1 yr 1 m  
*Cracked through the death date and broken in 2 pieces.*
- x Henry W. **Hart**, Co. F. 127 Ill. Inf.  
*The Adjutant General's Report shows Henry W. Hart of Sandwich, enlisted in Co. F. 127th Ill. Inf. 11 Aug 1862 and died at Young's Point, La. on 3 Mar 1863.*

### **Row 2:**

- x Albert, Son of Wm. H. & L. **Hart**, Died Mar 9 1849 *Four fragments.*
- x H. H. *Footstone or headstone.*
- x Silas Son of W. H. & L. **Hart**, Died Jan 27 1866, Ae 2 yrs 2 ms 28 ds

### **Row 3:**

- x \_\_\_ L. **Hart**, Aged 16 yrs, Oct 29 *Three fragments.*

### **Row 4:**

- x *Only a base and fragments remain. Andrus, Aurora stonecutter.*
- x E. J. H. *Headstone*
- x *Only a base remains.*
- x Elizabeth **Hall**, Died Aug 16 1851, Ae 36 yrs 3 m
- x G. H. *Headstone*

### **Row 5:**

- x Sarah M., Dau of T. J. & S. **West**, Died Apr 18 1868, Aged 10 yrs *Maybe 10 mos.*
- x Elice J., Dau of Henry & Sarah **Hart**, Jr., Died Aug 11 1853, Ae 2 ys 5 ms & 25 ds
- x Harriet, Daughter of J. & M. **Elsworth**, Sept 1 1853; Memory Faithfully Recalls Her Memory From the Dust.
- x Henry **Hart**, Sen., Died Feb 18 1865, Aged 64 ys 11 ms 11 d
- x *Footstone, no markings.*

### **Row 6:**

- x Sara, We Part to Meet Again 18\_\_ *2 fragments, remainder gone.*  
*Clasped hands motif.*
- x James F. **Mundy**, Late of Newbury, Berkshire England, Aged 23 years, Aug 18 1874  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

## Hubbell Cemetery

Little Rock Township  
Kendall County, Illinois

The Hubbell Cemetery lies on private property in the northwest quarter of Section six, Little Rock Township (Twp. 37, Range 6 North), about one quarter mile east of the DeKalb - Kendall County line. Vandals and animals have all but eliminated any evidence that this was once the family burial ground of the pioneer, Brewer Hubbell, who came to Illinois when Little Rock Township was still a part of Kane County.

I would like to thank Jerry and Donna Needham for allowing us to come in and probe for tombstones; Mrs. Doris Johnson for all the information she was able to supply on the Hubbell family; and Mr. Leroy Hubble of Cisne, Illinois for the product of years of research on the Brewer Hubbell family.

Tom and Stephenie Todd visited the cemetery May 1992 with the permission of Mr. and Mrs. Needham. Only the following three tombstones remain:

- 1) Fellows, Mary Jane Died Mar 1 1854 E. 22 y 2 m 21 d *Lovely willow motif*
  
- 2) Grandfather Grandmother *This is a casket shaped headstone*
  
- 3) Lucina C., Dau of Enos & Sylvia Ives Died Dec 24 1848 Aged 2 yrs  
*Stone was removed from cemetery by vandals; inscription copied by Doris Johnson.*

The following are also said to be buried in Hubbell Cemetery, but the tombstones were not found when we visited in 1992:

- 4) Lathrop H. *Per recollection of Doris Johnson*
  
- 5) Louise Hubbell Stolp's baby *Per Mrs. Johnson*
  
- 6) Brewer Hubbell *Per obituary of Louisa C. Hubbell*  
(1789 - 1880)
  
- 7) Louisa C. Hubbell *Per obituary, Kendall County*  
(1810 - 1900) *Record newspaper, May 9, 1900*
  
- 8) Unnamed children of  
Brewer and Louisa C. Hubbell

For information on the Hubbell and allied families, contact Mr. Leroy Hubble, RR 2 Box 167, Cisne, IL 62823.



## Wormley Cemetery Oswego Township

The Wormley Cemetery is located on the east side of U.S. Route 31, about one and three quarter miles north of the Oswego bridge. It is in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 37 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian (Oswego Township). Judging from the death dates on the surviving tombstones, the most recent burial appears to have been that of Maria Chapman in 1899. The inscriptions for Sarah Wormley (1826) and Susan Wormley (1813) are probably memorial. The tombstones were recorded July 23, 1992 by Stephenie Todd. Where the author was unable to decipher an inscription, she took a "best guess" and underlined it in the text. Field notes, fraternal markers, etc. are shown in italics. Row one begins at the northwest corner of the cemetery.

### Row 1, north to south:

- x Ann Mariah, Daughter of George W. and Hannah **Wormley**, Departed this life Nov 18 AD 1839, Aged 5 weeks.
- x Hannah, Wife of Geo. W. **Wormley**, Died May 9 1865 Aged 47 y'rs 6 m 21 ds; We loved her but she is gone. *Hand with finger pointing to Heaven motif.*
- x G. W. **Wormley**, Co. C., 4th Ill. Cav *With GAR flagholder.*
- x J. G. C. *Loose footstone fragment.*
- x John G., son of J. M. & M. W. **Chapman**, died Feb 13 1856, AE 2 Y 1 M 21 D *Reclining lamb motif.*
- x James, son of J. M. & M. W. **Chapman**, died May 19 1847, Ae 1 Yr 1 D *Reclining lamb motif.*
- x Maria W. **Chapman**, Born Mar 30 1811, Died Dec 12 1899;  
James M. **Chapman**, Born Elmira, N.Y. Aug 12 1808, Died Dec 10 1883;  
Father & Mother
- x Emma C., Dau of W. M. & E. **Wormley**, Died May 29 1862 Aged 6 yrs 2 mo 13 d  
I have a father in the promised land  
My father calls me  
To meet him in the promised land. *Reclining lamb motif.*
- x \_\_\_on, son of William M. and Elizabeth **Wormley**, departed this life Oct 6 A.D. 1836, Aged 1 Day; *Part of name is flaked off, but is most likely "John".*  
And Oscar, their son, Died March 23 A.D. 1841, Aged 1 Month.
- x E. C. *Loose footstone, first initial partially flaked off.*
- x J. & O. W. *Loose footstone, lovely engraving.*
- x J. **Wormley**, Died Jan 6 1860, Aged 78 ys 5 m 15 d's;  
Sarah, Dau of J. & D. **Wormley**, Died Jan 30 1826, Ae 2 yrs 10 mo 14 das;  
Deborah, Wife of John **Wormley**, Died Nov 17 1853, Ae 58 yrs 2 mo 23 das.  
Susan, Wife of John **Wormley**, Died Mar 1 1813, Ae 32 yrs 1 mo 17 das  
*"1" could be a deteriorated "4".*
- x *Base only, marker missing.*

### Row 2, north to south:

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- x My Wife, Sarah, wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Died Oct 24 1868, Aged 46 y'rs 6 mo's & 2 Da's, Our Mother *Cracked through husband's name.*
- x Ann Eliza, wife of G. W. **Avery**, Died July 17 1860, Aged 38 y 9 m 8 d;  
The family's lost in \_\_\_ depths, And shed the falling tear  
For we shall see her \_\_\_\_\_, Till Jesus shall appear.
- x A. E. A. *Footstone fragment.*
- x A. E. **Smith**, Died Mar 28 1857, Aged 20 y's 11 m
- x A.E.S. *Loose footstone.*
- x Louisa E., Dau of \_\_\_ & S. **Smith**, Died May 6 1865, Aged 35 ys 6 ms 11 ds  
*Long illegible epitaph.*
- x O. **Smith**, Died Apr 26 1864, Aged 60 y's *Broken oak motif, broken in three pieces.*
- x James M. **Gorton**, Died Aug 7 1849, Ae 1 y'r 4 m 24 d's
- x J. M. G.
- x Catharine, wife of John **Shaw**, died June 25 1839, aged \_\_\_ years *The stonecutter restruct a "4" over the two digit age and obscured it; this is a wonderful, primitive stone in the willow motif.*

**Bingham Cemetery**  
**Also Known as the Bronk Cemetery and the Albert Hasset Cemetery**

Na-Au-Say Township

This abandoned burial ground is located in the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 36, Range 8 east of the Third Principal Meridian (Na-Au-Say Twp.), Kendall County, Illinois. By warrantee deed dated May 5, 1852, Elijah Bird conveyed 1 1/2 acre to the School Trustees of District 2 "for the use of common schools and for a public burying ground, and it is to be fenced and kept in good repair.." Several members of the Samuel Mitchell and Richard Belfield, Jr. families are buried here. The condition of the cemetery is very poor - a few tombstones are scattered here and there and most are broken. **There is no public access.** G. L. Housman recorded the following on September 23, 1992:

- x Elizabeth, Mother of Samuel **Mitchell**, Died July 17 1866 Aged 85 Yrs 2 Ms 2 Ds;  
Happy soul thy days are ended  
Of the mourning days below  
To by Angel \_\_\_\_\_ attended  
To the side of Jesus go.
  
- x Hannah, Wife of Samuel **Mitchels**, Died Sept 11 1854, Aged \_7 Years 5 Ms & 5 Days  
*Note: Hannah's maiden name was Emmons.*
  
- x There is Rest in Heaven; William **Mitchell**, Died Sep 31 1866, Aged 34 Yrs 4 Ms  
*Note: Other sources give death date as Sept 30 - there is no Sept 31. Was a Private, Co. C. 7th Ills Vols.*
  
- x Eliza Metch \_\_, Wife of F. **Fentaman**, Died Apr 17 1852, Age 22 Ys 8 Mos 16 Days;  
Departing friends dry up your tears  
I must lie here till Christ appears.
  
- x To the Memory of George **Mitchells**, Orderly Sergeant, Co. C. 7th Ills Vols., Killed  
Apr 7 1862 While Gallantly Fighting For his Country At the Battle of Shiloh, Tenn.,  
Aged 24 Yrs 1 Mo 2 Da;  
\_\_\_\_\_ brother in thy narrow grave  
\_\_\_\_\_ with angels hovering oer thee  
\_\_\_\_\_ the land thous died to serve  
\_\_\_\_\_ stripe wave oer thee
  
- x To the Memory of Henry **Mitchell**, Orderly, Co. K 20 Regt., Who fell at R\_\_\_\_\_  
May 12, 1863, Aged 27 Yrs 3 Mos 12 Ds *This would be the battle of Raymond, Ms.*

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- x John McKeown, Died Mar 20 1851, Aged 27 Years 4 Mos & 15 Days  
*Note: John McKeown was the first husband of Elizabeth Belfield who later married  
Silas E. Bingham.*
  
- x Julia A., Died Sep 10 1866, Aged 27 Yrs 5 Ms 2 ds;  
Thankful, Died Dec 22 1865, Aged 65 Yrs 1 Mo 3 ds;  
Wives of Richard **Belfield**;  
From Thankful to Julia Ann  
Welcome loved one of whom I loved  
For equally loved were we  
How sad the lot of him that's left  
To mourn for me and thee.

## **The Old Bristol Burying Ground**

### **Bristol Township Kendall County, Illinois**

According to the Rev. E.W. Hicks' 1877 history of Kendall County, the old Bristol Cemetery was opened in 1838. It was located in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Bristol Township. Hicks reported that Mrs. James McClellan Sr. was the first burial there. Her daughter-in-law was the next. B.F. Alden, according to Hicks, dug the first grave. The old Bristol Cemetery was then superseded in 1862 by the new Elmwood Cemetery.

According to the 1914 History of Kendall County: "There was another cemetery further up the river on its bank, from which most of the bodies were removed to Elmwood. In the older ground were buried Janette Anrietta Herbert and child, but no trace of them have been discovered in the new yard. She was a school teacher of Farmingdale. S. J., and a daughter of Middleton Herbert. Her husband, Morris Cook died during recent years at Steward. Mrs. Cook died in young womanhood, in a house which stood across the road and northwest from the house now occupied by Volney Henning, south of Plano. It was on the William Paul farm. One of the stones which came from the old cemetery, and is now erected in the new one, is to the memory of Asenith Owen, wife of Peter Ennis, the old tailor of Yorkville. She was descended from the Judd family, some members of which had the name Asenith in former times. Therefore she was probably a relative of Thomas and Asahel Judd of Sugar Grove, and descended from Deacon Thomas Judd. who lived at Hartford, Conn., next to the farm on which grew the Charter Oak. Peter Ennis' wife's mother, Nanny (or perhaps Nancy) Judd, married Archabee Owen of Little Rock Township, and is buried in the Griswold yard."

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**Illinois Cemetery Location Project**  
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## *Explanation of Coding System For Indexing All Illinois Cemeteries:*

1. Code # identifies a given cemetery on a list. Start 001 on Township List. If there is more than one name for a cemetery, use same code #.
2. Name of Cemetery. If more than one name "K" will coordinate dual names.
3. K = aka; also known as
4. C = Church related cemetery, either years gone by, or currently.
5. R = Reading of tombstones by a society, with record on file for public use.
6. V = IVC; Illinois Veterans Commission 1956 publication of the Honor Roll.
7. QT QT = Quarter quarter of a section containing the cemetery.
8. SC = Section
9. Twp = Township
10. Rng = Range
11. PM = Principal meridian
12. AC = Active;  
AC indicates burials are still being made.  
IN = Inactive; an abandoned cemetery. No burials in a long time.  
DE = Despoiled; One which has no surface markings, but is known to have existed from a plat map, deed, survey, etc.
13. Township name. Common name of the township vs. legal description.

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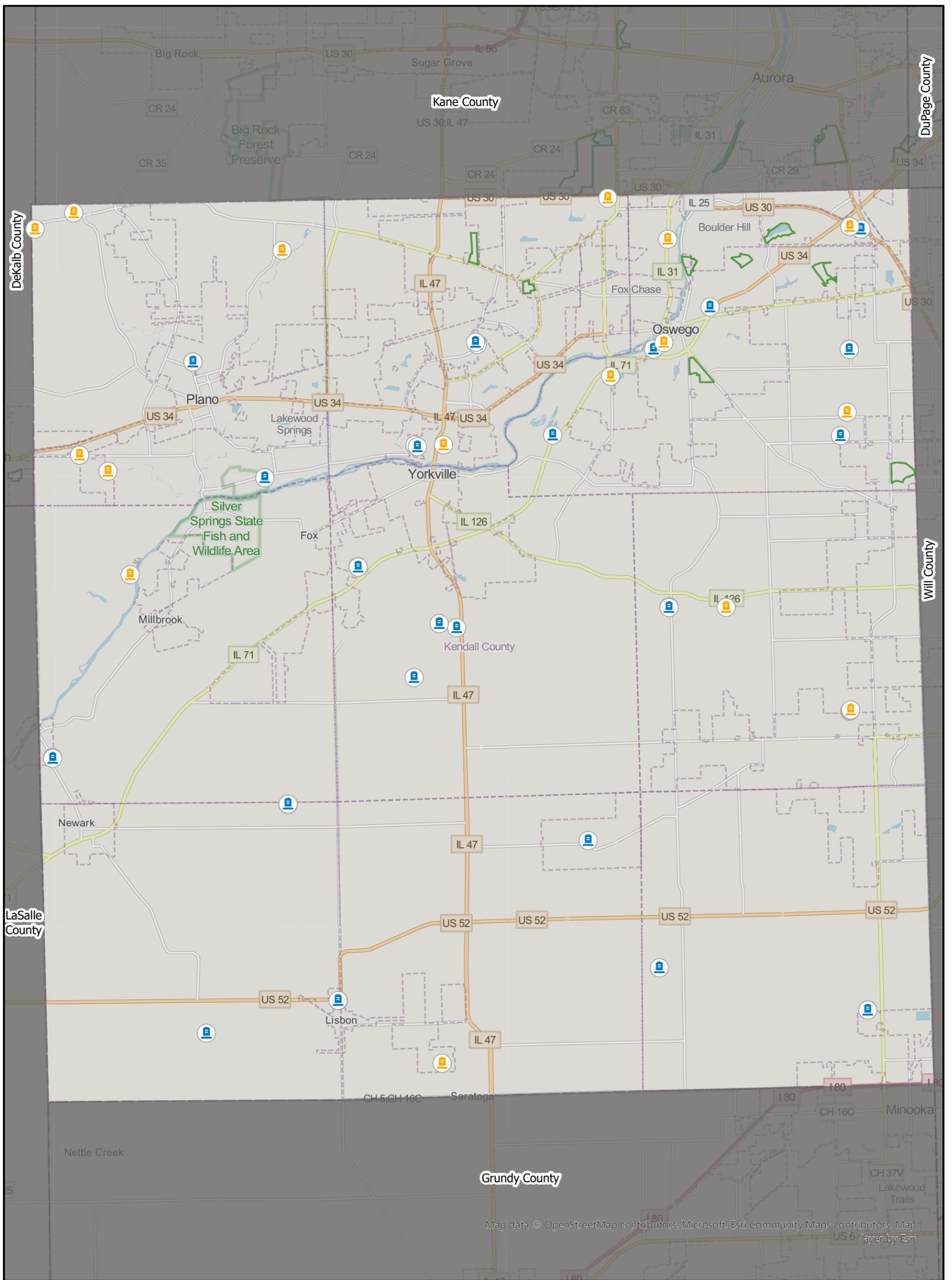
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KE001	Helmar Lutheran	K	C	Y		NW	NW		1 6E	3	AC	Big Grove
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KE002	North Lisbon	K		N	Y	NE	NE		25 6E	3	AC	Big Grove
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KE004	Bristol Burying Ground			N		SE	SW		28 7E	3	DE	Bristol
KE005	Bristol			Y	Y	SE	SE		29 7E	3	AC	Bristol
KE005	Elmwood			Y	Y	SE	SE		29 7E	3	AC	Bristol
KE006	Keck Memorial			Y		NW	NE		1 7E	3	IN	Bristol
KE007	Oak Grove			Y	Y	SE	SE		16 7E	3	AC	Bristol
KE008	St. Patrick's (Catholic)		C	Y	Y	SE	SE		16 7E	3	AC	Bristol
KE009	Millington-Newark	K		Y	Y	NE	NW		31 6E	3	AC	Fox
KE009	Milford Graveyard	K		Y	Y	NE	NW		31 6E	3	AC	Fox
KE010	Sacred Bluff	K		Y	Y	SE	NE		8 6E	3	IN	Fox
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KE011	Kollman	K	C	N	Y	NE	SW		16 7E	3	AC	Kendall
KE012	Immanuel Lutheran		C	N		NW	SE		20 7E	3	AC	Kendall
KE013	Pavilion	K		Y	Y	NE	NW		7 7E	3	AC	Kendall
KE013	Long Grove	K		Y	Y	NE	NW		7 7E	3	AC	Kendall
KE014	Munger			Y			NE		32 7E	3	IN	Lisbon
KE015	Plattville			N	Y	SE	SE		2 7E	3	AC	Lisbon
KE016	_____ Cemetery			N		NW	SW		34 6E	3	DE	Little Rock
KE017	Griswold	K		Y	Y	NW	SE		35 6E	3	AC	Little Rock
KE017	Griswold Springs	K		Y	Y	NW	SE		35 6E	3	AC	Little Rock
KE018	Hart	K		Y	Y	SE	SE		30 6E	3	IN	Little Rock
KE018	Sandy Bluff	K		Y	Y	SE	SE		30 6E	3	IN	Little Rock
KE019	Howland			N		SW	NE		32 6E	3	DE	Little Rock
KE020	Hubbell			N		SW	NW		6 6E	3	DE	Little Rock
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KE022	Plano	K		N	Y	NE	NW		22 6E	3	AC	Little Rock
KE022	Little Rock Twp	K		N	Y	NE	NW		22 6E	3	AC	Little Rock
KE023	Shonts			N		SW	SW		1 6E	3	DE	Little Rock
KE024	AuSable Grove	K		Y	Y	SE	NE		18 8E	3	AC	NaAuSay

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KE024	NaAuSay	K		Y	Y	SE	NE		18 8E	3	AC	NaAuSay
KE024	Union Burying Ground	K		Y	Y	SE	NE		18 8E	3	AC	NaAuSay
KE025	Bronk	K		Y		SE	NW		26 8E	3	DE	NaAuSay
KE025	Bingham	K		Y		SE	NW		26 8E	3	DE	NaAuSay
KE025	Albert Hasset	K		Y		SE	NW		26 8E	3	DE	NaAuSay
KE026	Albee			N		NE	SE		2 8E	3	DE	Oswego
KE027	Collins			N		SW	NE		26 8E	3	DE	Oswego
KE028	Cowdrey			Y	Y	SE	SW		26 7E	3	AC	Oswego
KE029	Doud	K		Y	Y	NW	SE		24 8E	3	IN	Oswego
KE029	Minkler Road	K		Y	Y	NW	SE		24 7E	3	IN	Oswego
KE030	Evergreen	K		Y		SW	SE		14 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE030	Hafenrichter	K		Y		SW	SE		14 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE031	Lincoln Memorial Park	K		N		NE	SE		2 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE031	Lincoln Highway	K		N		NE	SE		2 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE032	Oswego			N		SW	SW		17 8E	3	DE	Oswego
KE033	Oswego			Y		NW	NE		19 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE034	Pearce			Y	Y	NE	NE		17 8E	3	AC	Oswego
KE035	Wormley			Y		SW	SW		5 8E	3	IN	Oswego
KE036	Plattville Evangelical Lutheran		C	N	Y	NW	SE		19 8E	3	AC	Seward
KE037	Seward Mound	K		Y	Y	SE	SW		26 8E	3	AC	Seward
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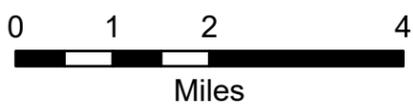
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02-24-401-003	Doud Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	0.58	Intact, Inac	N	
03-23-201-001	Evergreen Cemetery	NW NE Sec 23	Oswego	1.16	Intact, Inac	N	
03-01-351-001,03-02-400-005	Lincoln Memorial Cemetery	NE SE Sec 2 & NW SW Sec 1	Oswego	73.3	Active sinc	Y	
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 fron	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	DE	N	Approximate location - Inactive before 1870
	Albert Hasset	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE	DE	N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Bingham
	Bingham	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	DE	DE	N	Also known as Bronk. Also known as Albert Hasset.
	Bristol Burying Ground	SE SW Sec 28	Bristol	DE	DE	N	This cemetery no longer exists. The gravestones were moved to Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville.
	Collins Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Oswego	DE	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 Pavilion Cemetery.	
	Milford 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	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Howland Cemetery	SW NE Sec 32	Little Rock	DE	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Oswego Cemetery	SW SW Sec 17	Oswego	DE	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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-  Yes
-  No

## Kendall County Cemeteries



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June 4, 2024

To: Kendall County Commissioners  
From: A.I. Johnson, [REDACTED]  
Subject: 1847 stone 2-1/2 story farmhouse built by the Sherrill family

Background: The ordinance regarding designating edifices as “historical” permits a super-majority of the commissioners to so designate a property over the objections of the owner. The County Preservation Committee may then require, at owners' expense, those alterations they believe would restore the original appearance.

Comment: This devalues properties at risk of designation, reducing incentive to maintain and insure them.

Example: The Sherrill farmhouse: currently assessed at \$260,000, Real Estate tax: \$5,500/year. Insurance \$4,000/year. If designated “historical”, maybe \$100,000 to remove one chimney and replace the original four; install a tile roof, remove small porches and replace with one large porch on three sides of the house – shutters, a lean-to extension: where might this end? Insurance is expensive as USAA estimates rebuilding “as originally” will cost \$2 million.

Result: I estimate the home could lose half its value if designated “historical”. I have dropped insurance. A re-assessment is appropriate.

Conclusion: The ordinance should be replaced with voluntary designations and advice/aid, not mandates, from the preservation committees. This will encourage owners to maintain and insure old edifices, not destroy them.

Truly yours,  
Alphonse I. Johnson,

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**A Milestone Event**

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**Events & Programs**



**River Exploration  
July 13 & August 17**  
Tour the rich history of the area by canoe paddling along the Fox River with experienced guides and top off the event with a guided tour of the Edith Farnsworth House! Pack a picnic to enjoy on the beautiful grounds to extend your visit.



**Exhibit Opening  
June 30**  
Javier Chavira, a visual artist, and educator, holds the belief that Nature serves as an antidote to the tumult of our contemporary era. Discover his creations and get a firsthand opportunity to meet him from 1-3pm.



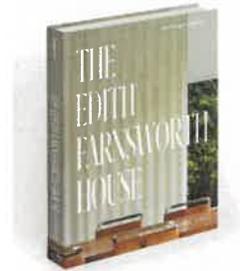
**Jazz in July  
July 27**  
Sit back and relax on a July afternoon with the **Yorkville Big Band** as they bring traditional swing music to the beautiful grounds of the Edith Farnsworth House. Pack a picnic, bring a friend, and make a musical memory with us.

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Post-tensioned (PT) concrete has been used as a building system since the 1950s and is commonly selected for its versatility and structural efficiency. As a result, a significant percentage of the U.S. building inventory utilizes post-tensioned horizontal concrete floor framing (i.e., slab-on-ground and elevated floors in buildings and parking structures). Many owners and operators are unaware that their

asset contains post-tensioned concrete structural framing, and a limited number are aware of the fine nuances that make this framing system unique from a stewardship and engineering perspective.

In this complimentary, one-hour webinar, engineers **Timothy Gregor**, **Ralf Leistikow**, and **Tracy Naso** will explain what post-tensioning systems are, review indicators that these systems are not performing as intended, and describe various approaches to maintain and repair them. This webinar aims to educate building owners, operators, developers, and others about special attributes of post-tensioned structures that need to be considered during construction, maintenance, and modifications.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Identify basic components of a PT system and describe how age, detailing, and construction can impact durability
- Explain the significance of cracking, moisture penetration, and staining in PT reinforced concrete structures
- Evaluate common modifications to PT systems and ways to make the changes more efficient
- Determine if a concrete structure is likely reinforced using a PT system and develop next steps to investigate and maintain the post-tensioned structure

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) HSW Learning Unit.

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### Jazz in July this Saturday!

Unwind and enjoy the smooth sounds of big band jazz!

Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site presents Jazz in July featuring the acclaimed Yorkville Big Band on Saturday, July 27th from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Tickets are just \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door). All proceeds from the event go towards the preservation of Edith Farnsworth House.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and relax on the beautiful front lawn. Enjoy refreshments from the Barn & Beyond 4-H Club concession stand or bring your own picnic basket.

The Yorkville Big Band delivers vibrant renditions of classic tunes from the 1940s and 1950s, alongside fresh arrangements that honor the iconic big band sound.

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## **Conservation of Glass in Modernist Architecture**



The Modern Era in the United States is typically defined as the period from 1930 through the 1970s. Buildings from this period often feature clean lines, open floor plans, and large windows and are distinguished by their embrace of the technology of the era. Materials such as steel, glass, and reinforced concrete were frequently used. As these buildings age, and as performance expectations of occupants change,

modernist building owners and stewards can face complicated decisions regarding repair, renovation, and/or replacement of the historic facade elements.

In this complimentary, one-hour webinar, engineers **Martina Driscoll** and **Mark Schmidt**, architect **Bryan Rouse**, and historic preservationist **Becky Wong** will examine the glass elements of modernist buildings and, through project case studies, will discuss the tradeoffs between increased performance (including aesthetics and durability) and historic preservation.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Identify character-defining features of glazing used in modernist structures
- Understand the history of architectural glass
- Describe the current industry definitions of "safety glass"
- Explain trade-offs between historic glass retention/conservation versus replacement

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## Fresh coat of paint wraps up latest upgrades at the Little White School



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### ***Looking for virtual Oswego history?***

To visit the Little White School Museum virtually, go to their web site, [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org), click on "Visit" at the top right, then choose "Videos." To e-mail us, send your note to [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org). You can also find us on Facebook. And remember: OHA memberships make great gifts for friends and family. ♡

A series of major upgrades and improvements to the Little White School Museum was finished last month when the landmark building received a fresh coat of white paint.

The most recent series of improvements included installation of an accessibility ramp and new automated door, remodeling the museum's main Jackson Street entry hallway, replacing and upgrading door locks throughout the building, and, finally, giving the building a new coat of paint.

During the summer and autumn of 2023, a new accessibility ramp was installed at the museum, funded in part by a competitive grant awarded to the Oswegoland Park District by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Museum Capital Grants Program. The project's total cost was approximately \$124,000. The IDNR grant covered approximately \$78,000 of

the total project cost. Park District Senior Park Planner Colleen McCarty oversaw the grant application process and the ramp project.

The ramp was designed to blend in with the building's Greek Revival exterior architecture. The installation included a number of security features to assure the safety of the building, its visitors, and its staff. The design included a double door and removable railing to allow large items to be moved in and out of the museum gallery. In addition, storage areas were included under the ramp for the landscaping tools used the Hilltop Garden Club, which maintains the gardens on the museum grounds, Heritage Park.

With the new ramp, the main entrance hallway off Jackson Street got a major facelift.

*see "Museum upgrades" page 2...*

### Museum upgrades...

The removal of the old wheelchair lift, no longer needed with the new ramp, made the space more open and inviting. A new reception desk area also made the area both more welcoming to visitors and more user-friendly for the museum assistants who staff the reception area.

"The reception area gets pretty crowded when we have programs where people register at the door," Matile noted. "This should help that situation."

To cap off all the changes and upgrades, the new paint job was completed by The Brush Works of Oswego in early July.

### Garden Club pitches in, too

While all those building upgrades have

been going on, the Hilltop Garden Club has continued to brighten the museum's grounds—Heritage Park—during the past year by keeping plantings in the Heritage Garden along the park's east border up to date with a new collection of heirloom perennials and annuals elsewhere on the grounds.

"There are flowers blooming during just about every month during the growing season," Matile noted. "We really appreciate all the work the gardeners put in every year."

From the start of its restoration back in 1977, the Little White School Museum has been a community-wide project. Matile suggested that with the active cooperation of the park district, the garden club, and other volunteers, it still is. ♡

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## Museum collections continue to grow...

Thanks to friends and members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association, the Little White School Museum's collections are continuing to grow. There are now 37,761 items in the museum's database.

In June, the museum received an important donation to our collections from Barb Wolf Wood. In a collection of Wolf and Leifheit family memorabilia, including several items relating to family members' World War II service, was an original letter from U.S. Navy World War II hero Slade Cutter to Ruth Wolf, wife of Merrill Wolf, back here in Illinois.

Merrill and Slade were the same age, and both grew up in and around Oswego

before Slade went off to prep school and the U.S. Naval Academy and Merrill became an electrician who served in the Navy Seabees.

In the letter, which apparently recaps a visit between the two families, Slade Cutter notes he's sending a couple photo enlargements, and included with it was a 5x7 black and white print of two little girls. The Wolf family identified the little girl on the right as Linda Wolf Gates. After some investigation with the Cutter Family, we were able to determine the other little girl in the photo (likely taken here in Oswego) is Anne Cutter McCarthy, Slade and Frances Leffler Cutter's daughter.

Besides that important donation, the museum also received the following donations to its collections:

Four books on quilting written by 1964 Oswego High School grad Bobbie Bennett Aug (OHS Class of 1964), Sue Matile; copy of the 1848 plat of the old Village of Troy and its legal description, Roger Matile; collection of photographs taken in the aftermath of the 1973 fire that destroyed the Oswego Ledger building and the Oswego Appliance Store, Dave Krahn; white 1960s "Oswego Panther" bleacher seat cushion, Carl Figgins; memorabilia concerning Oswego celebrations collected by Gertrude Bohn, Reta and Kevin Bohn; collections of Oswego-

related Wheeler family memorabilia including textbooks from the Union School, a box of 11 unidentified daguerreotypes, farm and club records, an original 1848 land patent, photographs, abstracts of title, military records, and artifacts, Judy Wheeler; copies of original artwork, Oswego reminiscences, and two children's books she wrote and illustrated, Elizabeth "Betty" Towne Morris; Wilma Penn Simms Oswego school memorabilia, Jayne Turner; Dick Parkhurst's U.S. Army uniform jacket and DD214 discharge papers, Velma Parkhurst; a collection of slides taken after the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan and an Oswego fundraising auction bill from about the 1980s, Tina Beaird; Ode family photos, Jim Ode; collection of Cleora Woolley Armbruster Oswego-related memorabilia, Richard Armbruster; Oswegorama memorabilia and her 1973 wedding dress and veil, Jeanne Hoch Hester; unopened packages of Kodachrome 40 Super 8 film, Flashcubes, and AGIB Flashbulbs, Judy Wheeler; and the Dick Gipson Political Button Collection, Kris Hellberg.

Donations like those listed above assure the rich and varied history of the Oswegoland area will continue to be preserved for future generations. And we're always looking for more Oswego history so please always keep us in mind. ♡



# August Heritage Notes

## Museum announces a busy late summer and autumn programming schedule...

A full slate of programming is scheduled at the Little White School Museum for the balance of the summer and autumn, so mark your calendars now! Programs on tap will be hosted and co-hosted by the Oswegoland Heritage Association (OHA) and Oswegoland Park District (OPD). To pre-register for programs (required for some, optional for others), call the OPD at 630-554-1010 or visit their web page at <https://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/>:

**History Happy Hour at Christina's**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. No matter the decade, there was always something fun to do in Oswego—even if it wasn't always legal! On Aug. 8, come to Christina's Grill and Gatherings at Fox Bend Golf Course in Oswego to hear about some of the underground activity that took place in and around Oswego over the years. From illegal boxing matches to prohibition shenanigans, there was never a dull week in this small town! One free beverage ticket comes with admission to enjoy during the lecture. Pre-registration is required, \$12 for park district residents and \$15 for non-residents. Must be 21+ to attend.

**Oswego History Tour – Church Cemeteries**, leaves from the Little White School Museum at noon Saturday, Aug. 17. Pre-registration, \$7 for park district residents, \$10 non-residents. Have you ever noticed all the cemeteries around Oswego? Why do we have so many? Did you know that some of those cemeteries started as church burying grounds, and that some still are? Wonder who is buried there? Join members of the heritage association and the park district on a bus tour of some of our current and former local church-related cemeteries and learn about the treasure troves of local history they contain. This OHA tour begins and ends at the museum and will last about an hour and a half. Pre-registration is required as there is limited space.

**Museum Make-and-Take: Apple Carving**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Since Oswego was settled, local apples

have been baked, canned, dried, and pressed. Now's your chance to play with these delicious fruits as we carve our own apple heads, complete with eyes, noses, and mouths. This traditional folk art is a great fall decoration and can be used as a 'spooky' addition to your Halloween fun. Children must attend with an adult. Stop in anytime between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to create your apple head. Registration fee, either in advance or the day of the activity, is \$10 per participant.

**Oswego History Tour – Back to School**, 12 noon, Saturday, Sept. 21: Schools play important roles in the life of any community – and not just educational ones. They are often social gathering places for communities – sporting events, arts and cultural events, parent/teacher meetings, and so many other examples. Join us to explore the “in town” schools in Oswego's history and help us tell their stories. Wear good walking shoes and be prepared to be part of the conversation. The tour will begin and end at the Little White School Museum and last for about an hour. Preregistration, required due to space limitations, is \$5.

**Oswego History Tour – Downtown**, 12 noon Sunday, Sept. 29: All communities evolve and change with time and Oswego is no different. Join us for a walk down Main Street between Jefferson and Washington. We will point out historic landmarks, talk about the types of stores and businesses that first appeared when the village was newly-formed, discuss the critical role that fires had in shaping our village, and explore the significant changes that have occurred over time with the growth of our village. Join members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association on this relaxing history walking tour. This OHA tour will begin and end in front of the Oswego Public Library in downtown Oswego. Bring your walking shoes! Pre-registration, required due to space limitations, is \$5.

**Oswego Cemetery Walk**, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Oswego Township Cemetery on South Main Street. Experience local his-

tory come to life during our annual Oswego Cemetery Walk. Participants will be guided through the cemetery to visit with “ghosts” of early Oswego residents and pioneers. Pre-registration is required for each 15-minute time slot during the evening, \$7 per person attending for OPD residents, \$10 per person for non-residents. Registration the day of the event is \$10 per person on a space permitting basis only. Please be sure to arrive at the beginning of your time-slot. Participants should be able to walk for 45 minutes, wear comfortable shoes, and are encouraged to bring a flashlight. An adult must accompany all children. Presented by the OPD in partnership with the OHA.

**A Witch in the Family**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17: We all have skeletons in our closet, but what do you do when you find out your family had witches? On Oct. 17, join us as we explore the history of witches and the witch trials through the lens of family history with Colette Shelby. Presented by the OPD in partnership with the OHA. Preregister or walk in the evening of the program for \$5 per person.

**Native American Storytelling by Chief White Winnebago**, 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 19: In this presentation, Chief White Winnebago will introduce participants to the culture and history of the Ho-Chunk nation through five Native American stories. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about people who lived in northern Illinois long before our first settlers. Gerald Savage—Ho-Chunk Ska Ga in his native language—is a member of the Ho-Chunk nation. He grew up with his grandparents, who raised him in the tribal ways. His grandfather was Chief Walks With the Wind, and Ho-Chunk Ska Ga is Chief White Winnebago. This free program is presented by the Little White School Museum in partnership with the Illinois Humanities “Road Scholar” Speakers Bureau.

**Oswego History Tour – Sears Homes**, noon Sunday, Oct. 27. Between

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1908 and 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company, Montgomery Wards, and other companies sold ready-to-build kit homes, in the case of Sears and Wards, right out of their catalogs, and many people in Oswego bought them! On Oct. 27, join Oswegoland Heritage Association Board Members Ted Clauser and Linda Heap Dean for a bus tour to learn about some of the Sears and other catalog homes that are still standing throughout Oswego, how to identify them, who had them built, and who built them. The tour, held by the OHA in partnership with the OPD, will begin and end at the Little White School Museum and last for about an hour. Preregistration, which is required due to space limitations, is \$5.

**Remembering Our Veterans Special Exhibit**-- Nov. 7-25, Little White School Museum. Visit the museum during regular hours, Thursday and Friday, 2-6:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Monday, 4-9 p.m., and learn about the Oswego area men and women who have served in the nation's military from the Civil War through the Middle Eastern wars of the 21st Century. The annual exhibit honoring the community's veterans will fill the museum's main Roger Matile Room. The story is told through photographs, uniforms, war souvenirs, artifacts and much more. Admission is free but donations are always welcome!

For more information about museum events, call 630-554-2999 during regular hours, email [ajordan@oswegolandpd.org](mailto:ajordan@oswegolandpd.org), or visit the museum web page at [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org). ♡

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## Autumn at Edith Farnsworth House

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As we transition from the vibrant hues of summer to the crisp tones of fall, consider immersing yourself in the timeless elegance of Edith Farnsworth House. Join us on guided tours and special events to uncover the historical significance and artistic influence of the site, and support the preservation of this architectural gem.

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## 20th Anniversary Celebration

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## A Milestone Event

If you missed our 20th Anniversary Celebration in June, be sure to check out the videos of the event produced by Bionic Content.

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## Events & Programs



### Star Party September 17 & December 3

Enjoy an evening stroll of the Edith Farnsworth House grounds and a discussion about *Our Solar System* by the Fox Valley Astronomical Society. After the discussion, weather permitting, the Society will have their telescopes set up for attendees to view the night sky



### Beatriz Morales *Capisayo* September 28

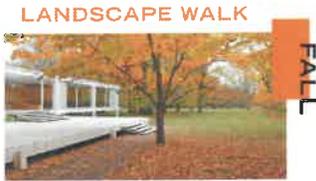
Make plans to attend the exhibition opening of Beatriz Morales - *Capisayo* on Saturday, September 28 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The evening will include remarks and a viewing of the exhibition with the artist. *Capisayo* will be on view until December 8 and is included with tour tickets or grounds passes.



### Farnsworth Fall Festival October 12

Everyone is invited Saturday, October 12 from 1 pm to 4 pm to visit our grounds for food, fun, and festivities. The fall festival will include a wide variety of local vendors and family-friendly activities. Be sure to capture a group photo in front of the Edith Farnsworth House surrounded by trees that will be immersed in fall colors!

and see the stars and planets discussed.



### Landscape Walk October 19

Join us on Saturday, October 19, at 8:30 am for a Fall Landscape Walk with Heather Prince, a trained horticulturist specializing in trees, shrubs, and native plants. Experience the relationship of the Edith Farnsworth House with its natural areas and landscape on a leisurely stroll.



### Fall Symposium October 19

After the Fall Landscape Walk, plan to attend the Fall Symposium at the Plano Community Library. From 10 am to 12 pm, hear local historians and experts discuss the history of Plano, Fox River, and the connection to the Chicago Tribune and Edith Farnsworth House.

Vendor spots are still available for \$25.



### The Trifecta Tour October 26

Join us for an unforgettable day exploring Mid-Century Modern architectural gems! On Saturday, October 26, from 9 am to 6 pm, we will embark on an exclusive guided tour of three iconic masterpieces: Edith Farnsworth House, Bruce Goff for Ruth and Al Ford House, and Schweikher House.

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The ABCs of Architecture coloring book is now in stock! You can pair it with the original baby book, a onesie, or a youth-sized shirt to make a great gift for a future architect.

Our shop has a wide variety of architecture books and activity books that are geared to kids. Be sure to check out these items when you visit our site for the Farnsworth Fall Festival.

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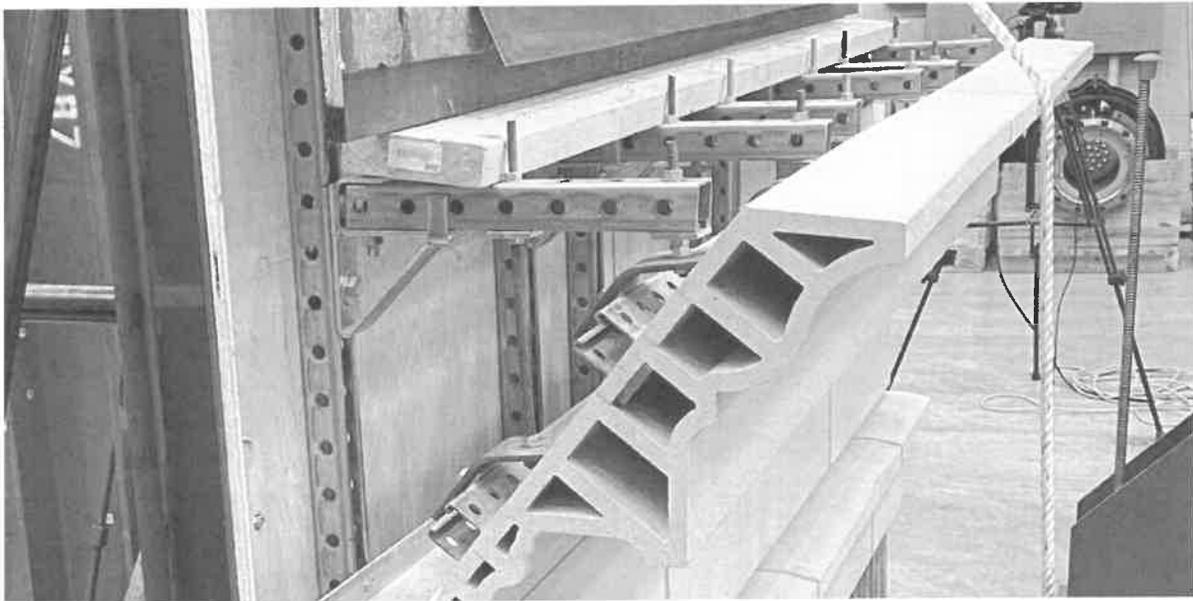
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# Restoring the Future: Rainscreen Cladding in Historic Terra Cotta Assemblies



Architectural terra cotta is a defining characteristic of 19th and 20th century architectural styles. The fired clay masonry provided architects with a new way to

express artistic creativity. Today, the terra cotta industry faces numerous challenges related to facade restoration projects. One of the most prevalent is the use of alternative materials as a replacement for architectural terra cotta. Alternative materials have become an increasingly desirable solution for replacement of distressed terra cotta units over the last fifteen years, primarily because of their perceived lower costs and shorter fabrication lead times. Yet, at the same time, the use of terra cotta in rainscreen cladding systems has begun to gain traction in the world of contemporary architectural design.

In this complimentary, one-hour webinar, engineer **Brett Laureys** and architect **Amanda Marshall** will discuss the results of a WJE in-house research project aimed at designing a more contemporary terra cotta rainscreen cladding system to replicate a historic cornice assembly at a lower cost and with a faster fabrication time than traditional architectural terra cotta. The system was originally created as part of the 2022 Architectural Ceramics Assemblies Workshop and then tested in WJE's Janney Technical Center.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Distinguish key differences between historic and contemporary architectural terra cotta fabrication
- Explain recent challenges with reconstructing historic terra cotta assemblies and the use of alternative systems
- Summarize the test procedures used to evaluate the lightweight terra cotta cornice assembly and the preliminary results of the structural testing intended to replicate real-world scenarios
- Describe the benefits of using a more lightweight terra cotta rainscreen system to replicate a historic cornice and weigh potential design considerations.

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) Learning Unit.

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