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A Special Message: Keeping You, But Not History, at a Distance

Until the crisis is passed and we can resume a normal meeting schedule, *Historico* will serve as the vehicle for our monthly programs, putting the experts at your fingertips along with visuals you would normally see on the meeting room screen. *Historico* is also posted online at sangamonhistory.org if you wish to view it on your computer.

Grant Recipients

Usually the Society presents the grants at the Annual Meeting in June. This year the Society did not hold its Annual Meeting and extended the deadline for grant applications until the end of July. The Society received many more applications than in past years and is excited to announce this year's recipients.

Clayville Historic Site will use the grant to digitize slides, photos, and newspaper articles for displays at Clayville and offsite presentations. Clayville Historic Site interprets an early settlement in Sangamon County. 12828 Route 125, Pleasant Plains.

Dana Thomas House Foundation will use the grant to develop a presentation of information about Susan Dana's neighbors and neighborhood during the years she lived in the Frank Lloyd Wright House. Information will be presented via webinar, printed brochures, and walking tours. The walking tour would pass Governor's Mansion, State Capitol, and Vachel Lindsay House. 301 E Lawrence Ave Springfield 62703.

The **Veterans Memorial Foundation** has used the grant to erect an Interpretive Plaque for the Grand Army of the Republic Mound at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The plaque includes names of 98 veterans buried there and the dates of burial. The re-dedication of the 1895 mound took place on September 13.



Kathryn Harris requested funds to erect a marker interpreting the "Colored Section" of Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The **Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum** will use the grant to train board members and volunteers working with Mark DePue and purchase audiovisual equipment to enhance AAMH exhibits. AAMH exhibits frequently require a lot of reading. The audiovisual equipment will make it easier to provide the information in an alternate format. 1440 Monument Ave., Springfield 62702.

The **Abraham Lincoln Association** will use the grant to erect an interpretive sign identifying the site for their proposed Lincoln's Springfield Cottage Project near the Lincoln Home area. The project would recreate the one-and-a-half story home and interpret how the Lincolns lived before the expansion to the two-story house we see today.

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Happy New (SCHS) Year!

While you may have read my candidate bio in the June *Historico*, let me introduce myself. My name is Stephanie and I have been interested in local history since high school when I volunteered at the Streator-Land Historical Society Museum. In college, I worked in the archives and during one summer I worked at the LaSalle County Historical Society Museum. I have a Masters in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. Volunteering at the Sangamon Valley Collection inspired me to go to library school. I received a Masters of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in 2014. After graduation I moved to Springfield and started working at Lincoln Library and the Sangamon Valley Collection. That year I also joined the society. I joined the board in 2017.

The new board has started to plan for this year, with many unknowns. We still do not feel we can gather for programming meetings. We will continue to share local history stories in *Historico* and SangamonLink and will start some virtual programming. We've decided to postpone the annual cemetery walk until 2021. (see page 3).

Please renew your membership if you have not done so already. The Society appreciates your support and I look forward to continuing our mission for the next year.

Upcoming Events

September-October Wednesdays & Fridays *Sangamo Road Trip* by the UIS Sangamon Experience via Facebook

October 5-9 *Virtual Conference on Illinois History*. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free.

October 8 *Pandemics and Epidemics: Past and Present* UIS Lunch & Learn via Zoom. Noon.

October 14 *Lincoln and the American Political Tradition*. Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series. Zoom. 7pm.

October 29 *The Sangamon Ordinance Plant* LLCC Academy of Lifelong Learning. Online. 10am

Now Open

Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum New hours: Thursday & Friday 12pm-4pm, Saturday 10am-5pm. Call ahead (217) 391-6323 for an appointment.

The Sangamon Valley Collection at Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St. is open for research Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm and Wednesdays 10am-7pm. Call (217) 753-4900 ext. 5634 for an appointment.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N 6th St. is open for research M-F 9am-4:30pm. Call 217-524-6358 to make an appointment.

Fashioning Illinois: 1820-1900, exhibit, is open now through May 2021 at the **Illinois State Museum**, Springfield. Tuesday-Saturday 10-4



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Stephanie Martin, *Historico* Editor, Photos by Larry Stone, Katie Spindell

Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk Postponed to 2021

The Cemetery Walk committee has postponed the annual walk from October 4, 2020 to October 3, 2021 due to COVID concerns. The Sangamon County Historical Society did explore different methods to present the walk, including video-taping and putting it on our website but consideration was given to the actors.

The committee and the actors agreed that a live audience in the beautiful setting of Oak Ridge Cemetery is a key feature of the event, so we will try again next year. The sites are selected and many of the scripts written so the walk in 2021 should be as great a success as our previous walks have been. Mark your calendars for October 3, 2021!



Cemetery committee meets to discuss the options for the 2020 walk.

History Movers and Shakers Who Recently Passed

Bob Church died on August 25, 2020. He served as the deputy mayor for Ossie Langfelder and ran the National Museum of Surveying. He was also on the commissioning committees for the USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Springfield.

Jerry Jacobson died on August 21, 2020. He worked for the Illinois State Museum and Illinois Department of Transportation. He co-founded the Historic Preservation Association of Springfield and founded Save Old Springfield.



Nancy Chapin 1938-2020

Nancy Chapin passed away on August 7, 2020. She was president of SCHS 2008-2009 and 2010-2012. Her brother-in-law, John R. Chapin was society president 1967-1968. She was a SCHS life member and recently supported the Sangamon Experience at UIS.

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