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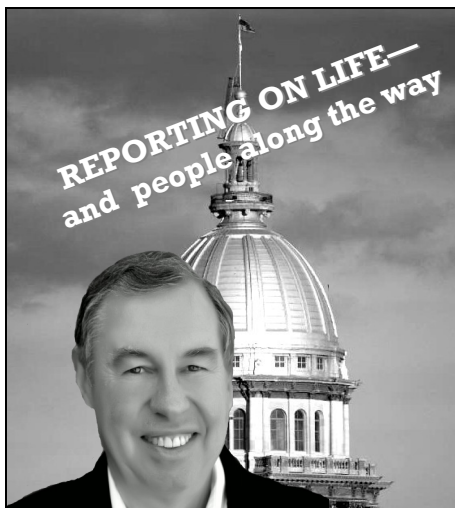
## Ex-Political Reporter to Share What He's Learned from a Career Covering Famous and Infamous

Former *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Illinois political correspondent Taylor Pensoneau, will provide an insiders look at the people and events he's covered over his long and award-winning journalism career when he speaks to the Society at its monthly program meeting on Tuesday, November 18.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Carnegie Room North at the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library. The session is open to the public.

Pensoneau, a past president of the Sangamon County Historical Society, spent 16 years at the *Post-Dispatch*, the last 12 covering the Illinois State House. He left the newspaper in 1978 to begin what turned into a 26-year career with the Illinois Coal Association, the trade organization for the state's coal industry. He retired in December 2003 as president of the association, carving out a second writing career as a biographer and historian.

His newest book *Reporting On Life—and people along the way*, a memoir, provides a revealing portrait



of an Illinois insider replete with poignancy, humor and heartbreak. In it, he takes readers behind the scenes in the Illinois Statehouse pressroom, the

Watergate scandal and the writing of his books.

In *Reporting On Life—and people along the way*, he relates his encounters with the famous and not as famous, and provides a detailed look at those who have greatly impacted his life.

Pensoneau is the author of the widely acclaimed *Brothers Notorious: The Sheltons, Southern Illinois' Legendary Gangsters*, as well as three biographies of Illinois political heavyweights: *Dan Walker: The Glory and the Tragedy*; *Richard Ogilvie: In the Interest of the State*; and *Powerhouse: Arrington from Illinois*. He also has penned one work of fiction, *The Summer of '50*.

A resident of New Berlin, Pensoneau and his wife Elizabeth, the retired editor of *Outdoor Illinois* magazine, own and operate Downstate Publications.

## Annual Party December 16, Reservation Deadline December 9

Members will be gathering at a new location this year for the Sangamon County Historical Society's annual holiday party: the home of president Mary Alice Davis in Springfield.

The Tuesday, December 16 party, begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, December 9 either on-

line or by mail.

A by-mail reservation form is on page 11. Checks must be received by the deadline.

Previous holiday parties have ranged from historic sites to private homes, in each case giving members an opportunity to socialize informally and celebrate the

season in traditional surroundings. This year's event, for which tickets are \$20 per person, is open only to Sangamon County Historical Society members. Catering will be by Carol Jean Fraase.

Directions and parking information will be sent in advance by e-mail or regular mail to ticket purchasers.

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## A Growing Roster With More to Come in 2015

We're supersizing *Historico* this month, to bring you our annual roster of members. We've been publishing that list every November for years.

What makes this year special is the impressive and continuing increase in our membership. We're now nearing the 500 mark with new members coming in at a steady clip. We expect that growth to continue into 2015 and beyond as we reach out to the community in several different ways, all in line with our mission to make everyone aware of our local history and the many history organizations across the county who contribute to that effort.

Over the next months, you will be hearing about several new paths the Society will be taking as it extends its reach deeper into the community.

Society members will benefit from that with several new and exciting programs and activities that are being assembled now. It will be an exciting spring, a busy summer, and an amazing fall. You'll hear more when we resume our regular programming in January.

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We hope you were able to attend last month's "Now You See It, Now You Don't" powerpoint presentation by Bill Furry, executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society and an SCHS member of many years. We

hinted that it would be slightly irreverent and lots of fun, but filled with solid history and it was.

We laughed a lot and so did the audience who filled Carnegie Room North at Springfield's Lincoln Library that evening. But between the humor, Bill pointed out many forgotten people and places that certainly deserve a second look. Time has diminished their memory, but programs like this help restore their significance then and now.

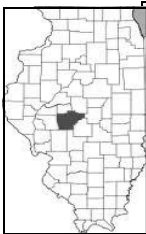
So thank-you, Bill, for reminding us that there is a forgotten past, rich in history, that needs to be revisited.

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This issue of *Historico* also includes our first (and perhaps annual) Holiday History Gift Guide (pages 9 and 10). It gives us a chance to help market and promote the gifts of membership, books, mugs, photos, art work and a whole lot more that are as close at hand as a trip to one of the jewel-box museums and historic sites around Sangamon County.

We weren't able to include every local history organization or even detail all of the many of the wonderful items they sell to raise funds to support their operations, but that's okay. If it makes you think about all of them (us included) as you draw up your gift list this year, we've done our job.

Mary Alice



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Vicky Whitaker, *Historico* Editor, Donna Catlin, Photographer

**Mark DePue to Train Volunteers**

**Interviewing Workshop November 20  
Exclusively for Society Members**

Want to help preserve Sangamon County's history? Here's your chance.

Oral historian Mark DePue will lead a oral history interviewer training workshop *exclusively* for members of the Sangamon County Historical Society on Thursday, November 20 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. This initial session is limited to the first *eight* Society members who register. A complimentary lunch will be served to participants. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DePue, director of oral history at the Lincoln Presidential Library, will teach the techniques of conducting oral interviews so as to allow volunteers to interview a broad range of individuals whose knowledge of

the people, communities, organizations and specific events need to be recorded, catalogued, and archived for future generations.

Society Executive Coordinator Sam Wheeler and Mike Kienzler, editor of the Society's new *SangamonLink.org* searchable on-line county encyclopedia, will be working with DePue to develop topics that will be specific to the needs of the new site.

Those who complete the training will also be provided with and instructed on the use of recording equipment in conducting interviews.

For more information or to register, contact Wheeler at 525-1961 or schsoffice@gmail.com.

**Society's Festival Tree Honoring Old Schools**

Visitors to this year's Festival of Trees will get a history lesson anew when they view the Society's annual entry into the holiday season display that draws more than 30,000 to the Orr Building on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

This year, the Festival, a charitable event that benefits Memorial Medical Center's regional outreach programs, will run from Saturday, November 22 through Sunday, November 30.

And, as in past years, the seven foot tree decorated by the Society will have an element of local history as its theme. This year, its ornaments will carry photos of old schools from across the county, from one-room school houses to those built as late as the 1930s. Some of the buildings have been razed, others put to other purposes, while others continue in use despite several decades since their construction.

Photos for the one-of-a-kind hand-made "school bell" ornaments came from various sources, including the Sangamon Valley Room at the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library and local photographers. The theme for this year's tree was suggested by Society president Mary Alice

Davis.

Themes for previous Society trees have focused on historic Sangamon political and community leaders, old barns, and historic sites past and present. One of its trees was selected for a post-Festival showing at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield.

For Festival hours and admission, go to *memorialmedical.com*.

**SangamonLink.org Adds  
More About Local History**

*SangamonLink.org*, the Society's new searchable on-line encyclopedia of county history, continues to expand.

Newest additions include Sangamon County Boundary Maps; William Cullen Bryant's travels in the Sangamon Country, 1832; the Sharon Tyndale Murder Mystery of 1871; the Suicide of Secretary of State Harry Woods in 1914; a profile of Isidor Yacktis (1883-1953), a lawyer and spokesman for Lithuanian immigrants in Springfield; the Riverton Riot of 1906; and a profile on the late Father Stanley Yunker, pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church..



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**NOVEMBER 2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The Society welcomes new member *Stephanie L. Martin*



## 2014-2015 Sangamon County Historical Society Membership Roll

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City of Springfield's Lincoln Li-  
brary (*Life Member*)  
Tri City Public Library



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Zack Gietl  
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Duane Weiss  
Kathy Wheeler  
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Samuel P. Wheeler  
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Randall Witter  
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Robert Wood  
Thomas Wood  
Linda Yokley  
Thomas Yokley

**REMEMBERED:** In a presentation laced with humor and pathos, Illinois State Historical Society executive director William Furry gave a packed room of Society members and guests a short course in forgotten local history in a powerpoint show October 21, “*Now You See It, Now You Don’t.*” The session, the Society’s regular monthly program meeting, was held at Springfield’s Lincoln Library. And no, that tongue-in-cheek photo of a Great Wall of China look-alike construction site on the cover of last month’s *Historico*, was not, as Furry jokingly admitted, part of Springfield’s history. Well, maybe just a little bit. Furry pointed out that the construction behind it was a genuine artifact of an earlier Springfield era: a roller coaster on North Eighth that in the early 1900s was part of Zoo Park, an amusement complex that quickly faded into history because it was too far from public transportation. Program goers also got a close-up of the huge fountain at Reservoir Park on Springfield’s north end (center right), a major city recreational area that included lagoons for boating in summer and ice-skating in winter. Razed to make way for Lanphier High School, all that remains is the baseball field. Also lost in time were the military accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Otis B. Duncan (center right), the highest-ranking black officer to serve in the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe in World War I. Duncan, who came from a prominent black Springfield family (his grandfather was William Fleurville, Lincoln’s barber and friend) was awarded the coveted French Croix de Guerre for his war service. Springfield American Legion Post 809 is named after Duncan.

*Donna Catlin photos*





***Just In Time for the Season!***

# Holiday History Gift Guide



Thanks to local history organizations---ourselves included---it's easy to find a not so ho-ho-hum holiday gift for your favorite Illinois history buff .

In fact, local history groups have a wide variety of items you usually don't see on department store shelves, from books that are specific to a local history-laced event to works of art.

This year, we've done some of the legwork for you. The best part is that most if not all of what you spend will help these organizations further their mission, support the operation of their sites and/or benefit the community.

**Gifts of Membership:** Virtually every area history organization can arrange for you to give a gift of membership. The Sangamon County Historical Society, for example, will send a personal card notifying the recipient of your gift that not only includes membership, but also a free subscription to *Historico*, the Society's award-winning monthly newsletter. Most other history groups can provide the same service. Check websites, call, or visit the history sites in person to make gift membership arrangements or other gift purchases. Here's some that we found for the gift bag:

The Lincoln Monument Association, the non-profit support group for the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, has a limited-edition coin and a



medal sure to be on the top of any collector's wish list. Both commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Tomb coin, in copper and black, is \$12.50 including tax and postage. The Lincoln Tomb commemorative medal, also in copper and black, is \$17.50. Both are packaged in plastic display boxes. To order, send your information



and a check to the Lincoln Monument Association, Box 227, Chatham, IL 62629.

The Sangamon County Historical Society has dozens of booklets and books on local history (including the newly revised *Springfield, Illinois, A Chilli History* that's selling like hotcakes...uh, chilli), not to mention note cards and a really dishwasher safe mug with the Society's seal. You can purchase any items on-line at [sangamon-history.org](http://sangamon-history.org), by mail, or at most general meetings. For a complete list, go to the website or shop in person at the November 18 general meeting.



Across the city of Springfield and on-line at [saintjosephshome.org](http://saintjosephshome.org) (which posts local purchase sites) you can now acquire the official 2014 City of Springfield ornament that this year features historic Pasfield



House built in 1896 by Dr. George Pasfield as a wedding present for his son. Now a bed and breakfast, it's on the site of a once 40 acre estate housing three generations of George Pasfields, each a community leader. The 24-karat gold plated ornament, priced at \$32, is part of a series honoring historic and architectural treasures of Springfield and is the first in color. Proceeds will benefit Saint Joseph's, a nursing and shelter care home for the elderly founded in 1903.

If you can't bear to think about shopping for the holidays, the Illinois State Military Museum in Springfield has just the right gift for you to give: a bear that's far from ordinary. The 10-inch tall bear, in your



choice of correct uniform for the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, stands tall on desks or bookcases or wherever duty calls. They're \$15 each at the museum store at 1301 North MacArthur Boulevard. And while you're there, you might want to pick up a cap for your favorite veteran, \$12 each.



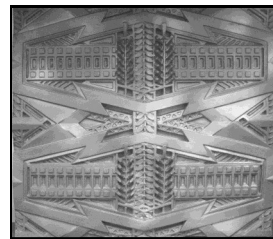
The Sumac Shop, inside the Carriage House Visitor's Center at the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site at 301 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, offers an array of Frank

Lloyd Wright books and merchandise along with Arts and Crafts decorative pottery and tiles inspired by designs from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. New this season and exclusive to the store are several products featuring the house's most

iconic elements including "Prairie Foliage" available in several products including a decorative glass version at \$39.95, a \$19.95 oval based on



the "Butterfly Arch," the double transom arch of geometrically stylized butterflies in the main entrance of Dana Thomas House, and a reproduction of "The Frieze," a lightweight resin wall hanging version of the decorative, complex bas-relief frieze that wraps around the upper story of the historic home. It's priced at \$275.



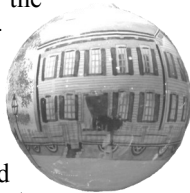
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# Holiday History Gift Guide



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A quick amble over to the Museum Store at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, will bring you face-to-face with a hand-painted Lincoln Home ornament (at \$19.95). The ornament is the product of Arizona-based Zhen Zhuin Inc. known for its handsome designs.



At the Trading Post at the Pleasant Plains Historical Society's Clayville Historic Site you'll discover two holiday gifts for both giving or keeping that are unique

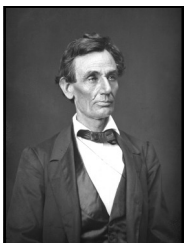


in their own right. For \$25, you can purchase an authentic piece of an original brick used to construct the site's historic Broadwell Inn in 1824. The brick slice,

hand-made and fired on the site by the Broadwell family, is mounted on a wooden plaque along with an explanation of its origins. For \$25 you can



also purchase a print of the Inn in a drawing commissioned by the Pleasant Plains Historical Society and created by prize-winning Springfield artist William Crook Jr. A colorized version is available for \$35.



A 16 by 20 inch photograph of Abraham Lincoln by Alexander Hesler from the Springfield-headquartered Illinois State Historical Society, is yours to give and or keep with a purchase that will help underwrite the

Society's programs, scholarships and awards. The portrait is available matted for \$150 or framed for \$350 from its new headquarters at the Strawbridge-Shepherd House, 5255 Shepherd Road.

An on-site visit to the Vachel Lindsay Home at 603 South Fifth Street, Springfield will be required if you'd like to purchase a copy of Vachel Lindsay's poem-turned-book, *The Little Turtle*, illustrated by George Colin, for \$12.95. Copies of the book and related items including note

cards (\$12) for Lindsay fans are available at the site from the Vachel Lindsay Association, but call ahead to 217-524-0901 since hours of operation are seasonal.



(above left) for \$15, mugs, books on rail-

If there's a railroad buff on your list, head over to the Chatham Railroad Museum, at 100 North State Street, Chatham. You'll find t-shirts inscribed with the design

roading, engineer caps and more in the gift shop of this charming former train station filled with railroad memorabilia.

For more Abraham Lincoln-oriented gifts, there's the shop at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Gift Shop at 212 North Sixth Street, Springfield, which also has an extensive on-line presence at [shop.alplm.org](http://shop.alplm.org)

The Museum Store at the Illinois State Museum at 502 South Spring Street, Springfield, also has a broad selection of fine crafts created by juried members of the Illinois Artisans Program that is showcased and available for purchase.

## Submissions Now Being Sought for 2015 Conference on Illinois History

Pursuing research on an area of Illinois history to sate your need to know?

Want to share what you've found with others?

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency may have a spot for you at its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Illinois History in Springfield next September.

You don't have to be a professional historian to present a paper at the two-day session, September 24-25, 2015, but you do need to meet a March 11 deadline to summarize your research or program idea.

Any aspect of Illinois history, culture, politics, geography, literature, and archaeology is fair game for a presentation or panel. The Conference welcomes submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Teachers who have created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on some aspect of Illinois' history, culture, politics, geography, literature, or archaeology can also share their expertise with other teachers at the Conference, accredited for Illinois State Board of

Education Professional Development Hours.

To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, send a summary of the topic and a one-page resume (plus a one-page resumes for each of the participants if you are suggesting a panel). Paper summaries should include a description of major primary and secondary sources used.

Proposals should be sent by March 11 to the Conference on Illinois History, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701.



### What If? Society Has Plan for Hazardous Conditions

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With winter around the corner, Society officers are keeping a keen eye on the weather.

If road conditions or hazardous weather prompts a general meeting or event cancellation, an announcement to that effect will be posted by 3 p.m. of the day of the meeting/event several different ways.

Notices initially will be posted on our website, [www.sangamonhistory.org](http://www.sangamonhistory.org) and on our phone, 217-525-1961.

Where possible, we will also post any cancellation notices on media websites and request that they be broadcast through local radio and television outlets.



# Calendar of Historical Events

**Saturday, December 6: Clayville Christmas**, Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children's Store, Santa, Face painting. Pleasant Plains kindergarten and middle school classes will be performing Christmas carols starting at Noon.

**Saturday, December 13: Clayville Historic Site Trivia Night, "All Christmas and Nothing But,"** \$10 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 16: Annual SCHS Holiday Party**, 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 per person, paid by Tuesday, December 9. See page 1 for details, below for a mail-in reservation form.

**Sunday, December 21: Dana Thomas House Tours With Lumina**, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., 301 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield.



**Saturday, March 21, 2015: 3rd Annual History Trivia Night** for benefit of the Lincoln Troubadours, Old State Capitol, Springfield.



## Annual Members-Only Holiday Party Mail-In Reservation/Payment Form



Please use this form only if you wish to attend the Tuesday, December 16, Annual Sangamon County Historical Society Holiday Party *but do not wish to register via our website, [sangamonhistory.com](http://sangamonhistory.com) and pay on-line.*

The party starts at 5:30 p.m. the home of president Mary Alice Davis in Springfield. Catering will be by Carol Jean Fraase. Tickets are \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to SCHS and should be mailed to the Society at Box 9744, Springfield, 62791-9744. Your reservation form and check must be received no later than Tuesday, December 9. You will be contacted by mail, phone or e-mail with directions to the Davis residence and parking information.

**Names of Attendees: (Please Print):**

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**Amount of Your Check:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to receive directions and parking information for the event via (please check):*

Mail  Phone at \_\_\_\_\_  e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sangamon County Historical Society MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Form**

Mail this form with your check to the Sangamon County Historical Society, Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744. You may also join or renew on line by going to [sangamonhistory.org](http://sangamonhistory.org). Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.



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**Status**

New Member

Renewal

Gift of Membership from:

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**Membership Levels**

- 01 - Regular Membership - \$25
- 02 - Not-For-Profit Membership - \$20 (Must show proof of status).
- 03 - Student Membership - \$10. (Must show proof of status).
- 04 - Educator, \$15. (Must show proof of status).
- 05 - Pioneer Level Membership - \$100.
- 06 - Settlers Level Membership - \$250.
- 07 - Trailblazer Level Membership - \$500.
- 08 - Lifetime Membership - \$700