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**October , 2007**

**Wednesday, October 10, 5:00 PM**

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Lincoln Library, Carnegie Room South

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**Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 PM**

**Program**

Lincoln Library, Carnegie Room North

*"The Old Stone House"*

Presented by various members of the  
 Rochester Historical Preservation Society

The house was originally located 3 miles east of Rochester on the north side of the road that leads to Buckhart (now known as the Lincoln-Van Buren Trail) near a small creek.

Local lore points to this site as being an old fur trapper's station and a water stop for the stagecoach horses heading east to Shelbyville and on to Terra Haute. The structure has been moved to the Rochester Historical Village premises when it was donated to the society by the Mendenhall family.

The romantic legend surrounding the house declares that Samuel Stevens, who had located to Rochester from Charlestown, New Hampshire wished to bring his betrothed to this area, but her father was adamant this his young daughter would not come and live in a crude log cabin. So, the enterprising Mr. Stevens, built a 3 floor 18' by 26', 1404 square foot stone house during the time period between 1832 to 1835. The stone house was acceptable to Mr. Putnam and his daughter. Lucetta came from New Hampshire to this developing prairie in Central Illinois in 1836 to begin a new chapter of her life.

Members of the RHPS will share more of the history of Lucetta's life story, more detailed information of the construction and reconstruction of the stone house and information about the acquisitions and furnishings for this "old stone house".

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*Around Town*

**October 4, 7:00 PM** UIS, Brookens Auditorium  
2007 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series  
Dr. Mark Steiner "The Sober Judgment of Courts': Lincoln, Lawyers, and the Rule of Law"  
Dr. Brian R. Dirck "Abraham Lincoln: The Lawyer in the White House"

Free

**October 6, 10:00-4:00 PM** Iles House  
Ann & Farrell Gay Museum of Springfield History  
Two Illinois Watch experts available to identify, provide information and answer questions on your Illinois watch.

Free admission and parking

**October 6, 1:00 PM** ISHS, Executive Mansion  
23<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Centennial Awards Reception  
By reservation only

**October 12, 12- 1:30 PM** Sangamo Club  
Dred Scot's great, great granddaughter speaking  
Reservations: 217.544.1793

**October 13, 2:00 PM** Vachel Lindsay Home  
Poets in the Parlor  
"Coming Through the Storm: Poems of Celebration"  
Free and followed by refreshments

**October 18** ALPLF, Sangamon Auditorium  
David S. Broder "Where Have All the Leaders Gone?"  
For reservation: 217.206.6160

**October 18-19** IHPA, Prairie Capital Conv. Ctr.  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Illinois History  
Information: 217.785.7933

**October 19, 5:00—7:00 PM** Iles House  
Fundraiser reception for Strawbridge/Shepherd house  
\$25.00 per person by October 15

**October 20** Strawbridge/Shepherd house  
"Old Settlers' Day" with crafts, games, food, etc.  
For information: 652.1096

**October 19-21** ALPLM, Union Theatre  
Stage portrait "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln"  
Reservations: 217.558.8934



*Dedication of Lindbergh Marker*

October 13, 2:00 PM

The date has been set for the dedication of the marker provided by SCHS to commemorate Lindbergh's emergency landing. Please plan to attend.

Directions: Take Walnut St North (Rt. 29) to Andrew Rd/North Cantrall Creek Rd. (Watch for APPOLLOmart on corner). Turn **left** onto Cantrall Creek Rd, stay on Cantrall Creek Road to Irwin Bridge Rd (Approximately 3.6 miles from APPOLLOmart), turn right onto Irwin Bridge Rd, travel on this road (approximately 0.4 miles) to Charles Lindbergh Landing Site Marker on right side of road.

*Piatt County Museum's  
10th Annual Barn Tour*

October 12-14

The tour includes historic barns, farms, livestock, pioneer cemeteries, a one-room schoolhouse and rural businesses.

Information: 217.762.4731

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If your name is not on this list, you have not renewed your membership for the current year, and this will be the last Historico you receive. Please renew immediately and save us the cost of sending another reminder.

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*Best wishes to  
 Honorary Director  
 William Hughes Diller*

Hughes was hit by a car backing out of a neighbor's driveway on August 28. His hip was broken, and he received lacerations to his hand and arm. But you can't keep a good man down, even at 91! He's doing well, is home already and is getting around on his walker—hopefully on his way to full mobility and bicycling again!!

Keep up the good work,  
 Hughes!!

*Report on September program -*

Linda Garvert traced the Enos Family to Sangamon County and their impact on the community. She reported that Enos was born in Connecticut and had moved to Vermont at an early age. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1794, he became a lawyer and was involved in community offices, serving as sheriff, justice of the peace and state representative prior to leaving Vermont to join the Gaius Paddock family in their western migration. He married Salome Paddock in 1815. Linda then traced their route down the Ohio River to Cincinnati, on to St. Louis and St. Charles.

Granted an appointment as Receiver of Public Moneys in 1823, he moved his family to this area and built a two story house for his family and office. He then joined Elijah Iles, John Taylor and Thomas Cox in laying out a town they named Calhoun, that was later renamed, Springfield.

He was an active participant in having Springfield named as the County seat prior to his death in 1832. He left a widow and several children: Pascal Jr. became a legislator, alderman and school board member, but is best remembered as the founder of the Old Settlers' Society. He died childless. His second son, Zimri became a lawyer and surveyor; his daughter, Martha died young; Susan never married and Julie married Ozias M. Hatch. There are no descendents named Enos living in the community today, though the Enos name lives on in Springfield through a park, school and street.

*We Welcome New Members!*

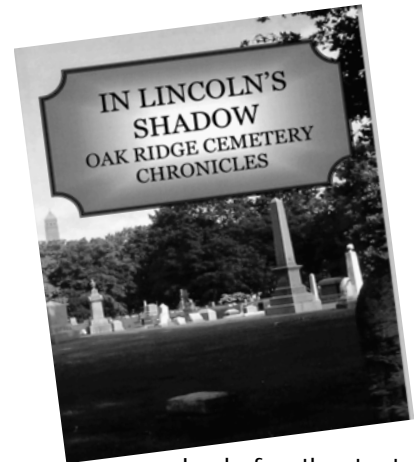
*Life Membership*  
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William and Galen Furry  
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*Donation gratefully received*

Clint Sabin



Look for the tent in the Historama featuring the first day sale of this joint book of Oak Ridge Cemetery and SCHS. The project was taken on by the SCHS Project Awards Committee, chaired by Gil Pilapil in honor of Oak Ridge Cemetery's 150 anniversary. Some 43 articles about those buried at Oak Ridge are included, along with a history, pictures and a map of the cemetery. In addition there are pictures of some of the businesses mentioned in the stories.

The book sells for \$15.00/ \$12.00 for SCHS members.



*11th Annual Walk Through  
Oak Ridge Cemetery*

**October 7th  
Noon—3:15 PM**

Come learn about the "first" floating soap maker; about really successful immigrants and an orphan who really made

good; and a settler, turned politician, turned railroad stockholder; and a widow's surprise story. All will be found on the Cemetery Walk this year.

In addition the Historama area again will feature historical groups and a concession—AND the opening day sale of "*In Lincoln's Shadow: Oak Ridge Cemetery Chronicles*"!!!

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### *The Hawthorns of New Salem*

Among the lesser known inhabitants of the New Salem area in the 1830s was the Hawthorn family. Originally out of South Carolina by way of Green County, Kentucky, the Hawthorns were familiar with many of the settlers of New Salem as they had emigrated from the same places. The Hawthorns were probably related to the members of the extended Green family.

Robert G. Hawthorn and his brother-in-law David Wooldridge borrowed a cart and oxen from Robert's father, John Hawthorn, and left Green County, Kentucky for New Salem in the fall of 1830. Robert's two brothers, James P. and John L., also traveled to New Salem during the early 1830s. On June 4, 1832 Robert Hawthorn was granted a license to keep a public house in New Salem. No further information is available to state which building Hawthorn either rented or bought. A deposition filed in an 1835 lawsuit in Green County involving James P. Hawthorn states that Robert left Illinois in August 1832 for a visit to Kentucky. Another deposition by George Spears Junior states that James P. served as Robert's clerk and agent during his brother's absence and that James obtained a note from Nelson Alley for whiskey sold to him. Spears indicates that Robert was selling cider and apples as well. The tavern was established during the time of the Black Hawk War and might have not lasted long for a lack of customers.

By the fall of 1833 Robert and James were living and working on the farm of Robert Conover. They were responsible for harvesting a field of corn and doing some fencing that fall. James had planned to visit Kentucky that winter but was delayed because his brother got sick and they were unable to finish the work in time for James to catch a steamboat for a trip home. Robert G. bought a horse for James to ride back to Kentucky. The horse was intended to serve as payment for the oxen and cart that Robert had brought to Illinois three years prior. The horse was seized in Kentucky for a debt which led to the court case.

Since this is an article about New Salem, there has to be a Lincoln connection. So here it is. Among Abraham Lincoln's first cases as a lawyer was several involving brothers-in-law James P. Hawthorn and David Wooldridge. In one case Hawthorn sued Wooldridge for \$500 in damages after Wooldridge attacked Hawthorn and incapacitated him for six weeks. Lincoln was retained by Wooldridge and lost the case. Wooldridge also hired Lincoln in another suit brought by Hawthorn in which Hawthorn was attempting to get money owed him by Wooldridge for breaking prairie sod. This case was settled out of court.

The Hawthorn family moved west of New Salem into eastern Cass County in the later 1830s. Robert G. and James P. were married there and bought farmland. They were later joined by their father and mother. They quietly lived out the rest of their lives there.

By Curtis Mann