

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society



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P.O. Box 13
ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS 62563

1830sStoneHouse

May 2019

www.rochesterhistoricalsociety.org

The 3 R's

Resolutions, Reconstruction and Renewal

The RHPS regular meeting will be on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m., a week earlier than usual. The RHPS and the Sesquicentennial Committee invite you to step back in time to 1869 when five men from Rochester were elected to represent the town and lay a framework of ordinances to govern the people. This original Board of Trustees will be recreated at this historic event at the Rochester United Methodist Church. The men participating in the portrayal of the 1869 board are all currently residents in the Rochester area and all

have ancestors who were living in Rochester in 1869.

President Ulysses S. Grant, portrayed by Larry Werline, will also be in attendance as he extends his congratulations to Rochester on its incorporation. He will then outline his Presidential agenda for implementing a plan for Reconstruction. We will also feature Civil War veterans who were living in Rochester in 1869, and ladies in period costume will be in attendance. The current village board will then be presented and introduced.

Quilt Donated to RHPS



This beautiful quilt has been donated to the RHPS by Ann Hoffstetter. The quilt was made by Ann's great, great grandmother, Nancy Trotter Williams Clark.



Nancy Trotter Williams Clark
Taken during her last days on her farm near Rochester, Illinois.



Nancy Trotter Williams Clark
1833-1926



Home of Henry P. and Nancy Trotter Williams Clark
Rochester, Sanagamon County, Illinois
L-R: Bertha, Mabel and Carroll Clark

Celebrating Rochester's Sesquicentennial, this sign can be seen at the village limits on Rt. 29.

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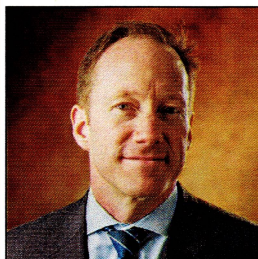
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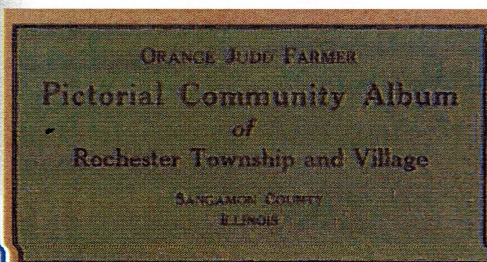


Thoughts
From
President
John

On April 30th, Comcast sponsored a Comcast Cares Day at the Historical Park. Through their efforts, 40 volunteers spent the morning working on many areas of the park. They assisted in cleaning and staging the Stone House so that it is now ready for tours. They provided decorative landscaping around the park sign and trimmed weeds along the rail fence. Then they tackled a large portion of the limestone which needed pressure washing before it can be used in the log house project. RHPS is grateful for Comcast's help and the support of all the volunteers from the membership and the community.

Orange Judd Book

A new reproduction of the 1918 Orange Judd Farmer Pictorial Community Album of Rochester Township and Village is now available. High resolution scans of an original book were used. The book contains 268 photos of Rochester homes. Cost is \$25. The books are available at Cocoa Blue Chocolates and the True Value Hardware store or contact Carole Strick to obtain a copy. 217-494-9212.



OLD STONE HOUSE
Rochester Historical Preservation Society

[] NEW [] RENEWAL

I/We would like to become a member of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society:

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Check Box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Sodbuster/Youth (Student)	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Settler/Individual	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Homesteader/Family	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Blacksmith	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fur Trapper	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tradesman	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Storekeeper	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Frontiersman	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonist	\$1,000.00 and Above

☐ My Memorial Gift of \$_____ given in:
[] Honor of [] Memory of

Name: _____

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Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please return to:
ROCHESTER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
P. O. Box 13, Rochester, Illinois 62563

If you have lost your membership form or just forgot to return it, the above form may be used to either renew your membership or become a new RHPS member.

RHPS Meetings

January 28

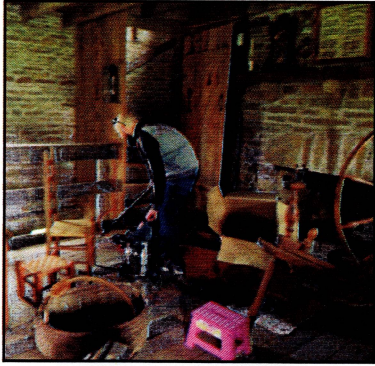
March 25

May 13

September 23

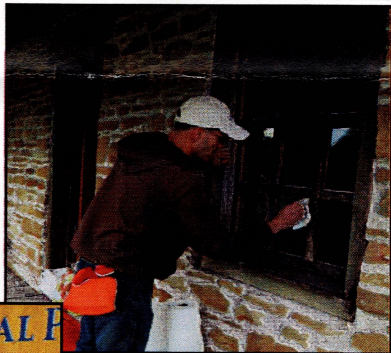
Christmas Potluck December 2

All meetings at the
Rochester United
Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.



COMCAST CARES

Spring cleaning day at the Stone House looked different this year. Over 40 volunteers from Comcast and RHPS members turned out to thoroughly clean the house, trim grass and weeds, clean and beautify the Historic Site sign and power wash a huge pile of large stones. The Comcast group was addressed by Village President Suerdieck and learned some Stone House history from Cheryl Soeren-sen. Then in the afternoon, a crew from the village cleaned more stones.



2019 MEMBERSHIP LIST *

Charter – Life

Elliott Bell
Terry & Tammy Campbell
Carolyn "Cari" Carlson
Patricia Creviston
Chelsea Gerberding
Fred & Carolyn Gerberding
Gabe & Angela Gerberding
Linda Grimm
David & Arlene Grubb
Renee Housel
Dennis & Nancy Keiffer
Allen & Barb Mendenhall
Carl O. "Bud" Moore
Lee & Carol Shafer
David & Debbie Taft
Steve & Robin Taft
Ron & Ann Tucker
Bill & Barb Voisin
Nate & Carol Wilcoxon

Colonist

Allen & Barb Mendenhall

Frontiersman

Elliott Bell
Bob & Jane Fairchild

Storekeeper

Terry & Tammy Campbell
David & Ruth Hicks
Kim & Cinda Klickna
Greg & Kathy Park

Tradesman

Joshua & Cecile Becker
Marty & Diana Fairchild
Renee Housel & Dean Housel
Mike & Brenda Jeffers
Dorothy "Dottie" Troop
Ron & Ann Tucker

Fur Trapper

Richard & Karen Alexander
James Ayers
Roy & Trudy Ballinger
Lyle & Donna Behl
Grant & Alison Blasdel
Robert & Malinda Church
Tim & Kris Cravens
Roland & Susan Cull
George Ann Daly
John & Judy Day
Shawn & Mary Denney
Lucas Denney
Max & Deborah Dillahunty
George & Phyllis Fairchild
Roxy Schmidt Gundy
Randy & Brenda Hawkins
Harry & Jane Hendrickson
Bill & Penny Hinrichs
Patricia Kessler
Gary & Connie Leach
Robert & Leslie Forte-Leach
Steve & Nancy Leach
Stu & Sandy McMillan
Carl O. "Bud" Moore
Carolyn Moore
Susan D. Park
Bob & Jacquie Ramsey
John & Teri Runions
Lee & Janet Spurgeon
Donald Taft

Dorothy Taft
Jack & Phyllis Taylor
James & Ruth Ann Theis
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Blacksmith

Dorothy Anderson
Mark & Cynthia Anderson
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Mike & Kathryn Elder
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Pat Funderburk
Bob & Linda Hendrickson
Mike & Linda Long
Darrell & Denise Maxheimer
Mark & Suzanne Pettyjohn
Dr. Virgilio & Elena Pilapil, MD
Merlyn & Eleanor Ranney
Wanda Riseman
Ann Rowley
Tris & Debbie Schnepfer
Seth & Libby Shelton
Cheryl Soerensen
L. Keith & Dawn Steiner
Ben & Mary Tuxhorn
Dwight & Marcia VanPelt
Rose Mary Weistart
Curt & Kathleen Winhold
James & Debbie Yeaman

Homesteader

Terry & Diane Arthur
Les & Beth Auxier
Hugh & Rita Bass
Leroy & Sue Bozarth
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Camille Chiles
Evelyn Conboy
Mike & Shari Cortelyou
Jeffrey & Andrea Deters
Tom & Cherie Doherty
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Kyle & Tracey Gass
Jason & Michele Gribbins
Henry & Beth Haupt
Forrest & Mary Lou Holsapple
Don & Becky Honigman
Elaine Hundley
Phillip & Sarah Jensen
David & Fay Ann Jostes
Patrick & Joann Kain
Tim & Priscilla Kluge
Nancy J. Leach
Dr. Michael & Donna Lennon
Rodney & Beverly Matthews
Larry & Stephanie McDevitt
Mitch McDevitt
Monroe & Laurie McWard
Ken & Nancy Miller
Beverly Morris
Tom & Stacia Munroe
Logan Munroe

Terry & Sandie Nuding
Nick & Stephanie Palazzolo
Henry & Maggie Patterson
Mark & Nancy Poffenberger
David & Karen Ramsey
Gerald & Reba Robertson
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Gene & Maxine Scott
Randall & Suzann Segatto
Jim & Linda Sichlau
Dan & Carole Strick
Robert & Leslie Struble
Brent & Krista Stuckey
Dennis & Gloria Stuckey
Tracy Tuxhorn
Richard & Lorraine Wallin
Gene & Sandy Wheeler
Ron & Kahla Wiggins
William & Jennifer Yattoni
Larry & Deidre Zobrist

Settler

Janice Catalano
Carolyn Fairchild
Clevenger
Mary Lee Jostes
Toby Mc Daniel
Donna Nation
Lucille Rule
Joan Sturdy
Carolyn Wanless

*NOTE: This listing of the 2019 RHPS Membership is compiled from new and renewal membership forms received as of April 30, 2019 from the Annual Membership Campaign. If there are any questions, please contact Larry Watkins at 585-0079 or Max Dillahunty at 498-9709.

Sesquicentennial Dates to Remember

June 2 - Historic Home Tour
July 13 - Prairie & Farm Fields
Aug. 30 - Football Game
Sept. 13-15 - Huge Celebration Weekend

SEE YOU AT THE
MAY 13th MEETING
ROCHESTER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
7:00 p.m.

THIRD GRADERS VISIT PLANNED

The third graders will be doing their yearly visit to the Stone House on May 20 and 21. There will be three groups each day starting at 9am followed by additional groups at 10 and 11. Each group will be at the house for approximately one hour. Plan to volunteer for this project of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society. We need a minimum of five volunteers each day. Each level of the house needs a docent to share the story of life in the 1830s & 1840s. We have printed scripts and some period clothing on site. The third graders look forward to this end of the year field trip. This activity is a highlight for all who volunteer to participate. Please help us meet one of the goals of the RHPS which is to share the history of Rochester with future generations.

Contact Cheryl Soerensen at 498-7335 or csoerensen@att.net

Orange Judd Update

The RHPS has approved printing another 500 copies of the *OJ Historic FarmA Homes of Rochester Township*. That guidebook and *The OJ Historic Walking Tour Guide* are both funded by RHPS and distributed free to the public at the Rochester Public Library. The books are being utilized as resources for the Rochester Sesquicentennial's June 2 house tour. Tom Doherty continues to research the costs of road signs that will identify the eight Rochester Township one-room schools that were in

the original 1918 *Orange Judd Pictorial*.

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