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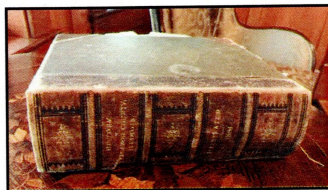
Leslie Struble to Speak at January Meeting

In the early 1900s a coal mine operated in Round Prairie on what is now Tuxhorn Road. The Tuxhorn Coal Company owned the mine, whose surface boundaries are seen in the 1914 plat map of Rochester Township. It is likely that the company was named Tuxhorn, although no one of that name was associated with the company, because the property had been part of a larger farm owned for some years by William and Louise Tuxhorn. In 1903 the Tuxhorns sold 20 acres to Edward Keys, who then formed the coal company that built the mine. The mine, which operated until 1924, was a shaft mine, 220 feet deep,

that utilized the room and pillar technique. Coal from the mine was shipped by rail, though some was sold to people living in the area. Buildings at the mine are shown on detailed maps held by the Illinois State Geological Survey, and some are seen in photographs in the Orange Judd Pictorial, but none of these buildings are standing now except for a few of the shacks that housed mine workers. The workers, many of whom were from either Italy or Lithuania, were unionized; and, as was common at the time, many conflicts were reported between the union and owners and between groups of miners.

Book Donated to RHPS

An 1881 copy of "History of Sangamon County Illinois", published by the Inter State Publishing Company has been donated in memory of Maurice and Dorothy Thurman of Rochester. It will be housed at the Rochester Public Library with the RHPS collection.



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We need members! You might ask, "Why should I be a member of the RHPS?"

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1. Tiered, tax deductible membership offerings.
2. Learn about the history of the community.
3. Help support what is going to be happening at the Historical Park.
4. Supporting the community through historical development.
5. Help preserve the past for generations to come.
6. Make new friends.
7. Informative newsletters sent to you.

2020 RHPS Meetings

January 27

March 23

May 18

September 28

Christmas Potluck December 7 (6:00 p.m.)

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

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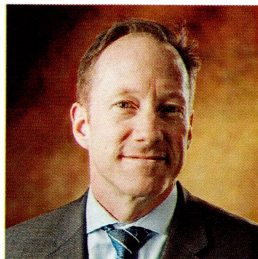
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Thoughts
From
President
John

On October 15th, I was notified by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation that RHPS had been awarded a grant of \$863.97 as part of their 18th annual Comcast Cares Days. The award letter stated more than 120,000 Comcast NBCUniversal employees and their families, friends and community partners volunteered at 1,450 projects in 23 countries around the world. We are thrilled they selected to support RHPS. Special thanks to Lucas Tarter for his help in bringing awareness of RHPS to Comcast and for his help coordinating the Comcast Cares project in May of 2019.



Above: Plaque to mark the McCoy family burial site with Lucetta and Samuel West's marker in the background.

Right: Vince Speranza with a group of HS students after his program last spring.



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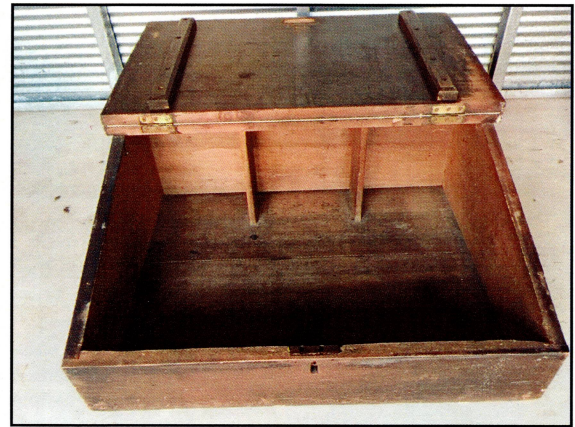
E-Mail: _____

Please return to:
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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.



Items Donated to RHPS



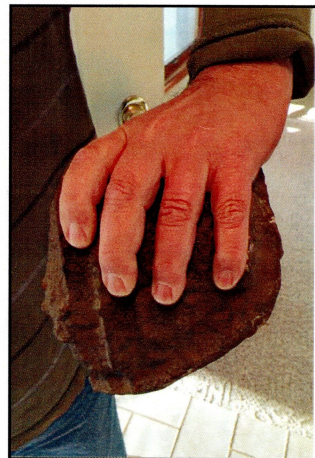
Sharon Strasbaugh donated a wooden churn and an antique desk top from the log cabin of the Funderburk Farm on New City Road. These two items were donated in the name of Maggie Drillinger Funderburk and Jesse Funderburk. Both items are now in the RHPS storage unit.



Bill Yattoni, from Rochester, donated a rock cutting stone. As you can tell from the pictures, it has grooves in it that were made to fit a person's left hand and an edge that would have been used to break or cut softer stone. The stone is made of a hard material, like granite. He found the stone in the mid

1970's along the banks of the Sangamon River north and a little east of Rochester, probably in northeastern Rochester township. His family had a fishing cabin along the river and he spent many summer days fishing and hiking along the river in that area. He returned to the area a few years ago

and the cabins are long gone and the river has even changed course in the area where their cabin was located. Although he doesn't know a lot of the stone's history, the stone was found in the Rochester Township so it is good for him to know it's new home is with the Rochester Historical Society.



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Ray and Pam Bruzan Upcoming Program

Place: Lincoln Library, Springfield, IL
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020
Time: 6:00 PM
Lincoln Library contact: Curtis Mann, (217)753-4900, X5632
Presenter contact: Ray Bruzan, (217)498-7325

Have Violin, Will Travel; The Louis Persinger Story

Join Rochester historians Ray and Pam Bruzan as they share highlights from the intriguing life of violin virtuoso Louis Persinger. Born in Rochester in 1887, Persinger's formal violin studies began at the Leipzig Conservatory in Germany. He toured widely throughout Europe and the United States prior to his decades-long teaching career at The Juilliard School in New York City. Louis Persinger's students included Ruggiero Ricci, Yehudi Menuhin, and Isaac Stern. A book signing by the author, Ray Bruzan, and book illustrator, Jim Edwards, will follow the presentation.

**SEE YOU AT THE
Jan 27 MEETING
ROCHESTER UNITED
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