

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society



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R. H. P. S. Continues Moving Forward!!

Down in the Mine: American Coal Min-

Coal miners in Illinois and the rest of the US have a long tradition of writing poetry and music related to their occupation. This program brings that tradition to the forefront. "Down in the Mine" combines music performance (guitar and vocal) and spoken commentary. The presentation features songs and poems by coal miners, including Illinois miners. The commentary places this important folk tradition in a broader historical context and offers details on coal mining, coal-miner bards and songwriters, early country music, and individual songs. Please plan on attending the May 22, 2023 meeting at the Rochester United Methodist Church, at 7:00 p.m.

The R H P S needs YOU!

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

Check the following list for some of the top reasons for joining this group.

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.

Indeed the Rochester Historical Preserva- tion Society needs YOU.

As with many organizations, Covid took its toll on RHPS. We did not meet for about 2 years and our regular activities were put on hold. RHPS is a vital organization and

at the very least, we have a wonderful Old Stone House to care for and keep its history alive for area residents, visitors and most of all the children that visit every year. To do this we need an active membership. Yes, we need "new blood" but how will that happen if the existing members continue to be absent. We had 2 meetings in the last year with only about a dozen in attendance. Regular meetings are where we connect with each other, share plans and ideas and plan for the future. In this newsletter are articles containing information about future meetings and the need for documents for activities at the Stone House. It is hoped that our membership will be present for these events.

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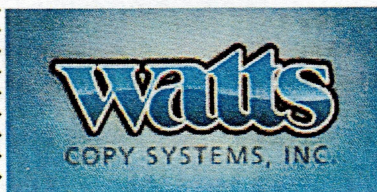
Toby McDaniel

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The RHPs thanks



for printing this publication

RHPS Board Continues Search for President

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society (RHPS) continues seeking persons interested in serving as President. Our past President's term expired during COVID and we were unable to have a meeting where the nominating committee could present candidates for an election. According to the RHPS By-Laws, "*The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, Board of Directors and Executive Committee; appoint chairpersons of standing and special committees; be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee and perform such other tasks appropriate to the office.*" The President's position is critical to the ongoing and successful operations of the RHPS. If you are interested in being a candidate for President or have ques-

tions related to the position, please contact one of the current RHPS Officers or Directors. Max Dillahunty—217-725-3205. Ann Rowley—217-415-4964. Cheryl Soerensen—217-652-8545



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

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

(Check Appropriate Box)

[] Sodbuster/Youth (Student)	\$10.00
[] Settler/Individual	\$15.00
[] Homesteader/Family	\$25.00
[] Blacksmith	\$50.00
[] Fur Trapper	\$100.00
[] Tradesman	\$200.00
[] Storekeeper	\$250.00
[] Frontiersman	\$500.00
[] Colonist	\$1,000.00
	And Above

[] My Additional Gift of \$_____ given in:
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Name: _____

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I'm interested in being an active Volunteer.

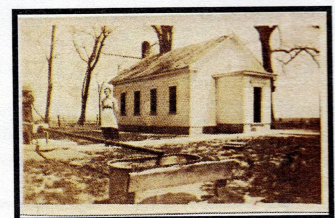
Please contact me: ☐

Please return with payment to:

RHPS

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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.



This winter photograph of the one-room country school in Mottarville was taken during the 1916-1917 school year taught by Flossie M. Hunt, who appears in the picture. Mottarville was a small community located on Chicken Bristle Road. Maps indicate that a school existed at this site as early as 1874. Although five of the eight one-room schools of Rochester Township still exist today, the Mottarville School building no longer exists. (Submitted by Ray Bruzan; Photograph courtesy of David C. Jostes)



Family of Sarah Horning Kibble in no particular order: Son, Alan Jay Kibble, Daughter, Roxanna Kibble, Miklovik (Craig), Sister Lisa Lord Hawkes (James), Niece and honorary Grandchild, Erin Carr (Josh), Grandchildren, Melissa Miklovik, Garrett Miklovik (Sonja), Abby and Caleb Carr.

Sarah Horning Kibble

Born in the Old Stone House

May 30, 1926

On February 7th, a funeral was held for Sarah Horning Kibble. It was known Sarah was born in the Stone House and at the family dinner at the RUMC following the service, family members showed interest in going to the Stone House. Ann Rowley made contact with Cheryl Sorensen who had a key and soon they welcomed Sarah's family to her birthplace. Having a passion for Illinois history, Sarah entering the world in a house that became a historic site was very fitting. When the Stone House was made a historic site in 2005, she spoke at the opening ceremony and donated a framed piece of needlework done by her mother, Daisy.

Ninety Year Old Doll House

Donated to RHPS by Carlson Family



This dollhouse was hand made around 1930 by Cari Carlson's father. Some of the furniture is also hand made. Of special interest is the roof which is made from old post cards of the 1930s. Windows are of real glass and a door on the side actually opens.

Cari's Granddaughter, Sarah Carlson Witham tells about the dollhouse at the RHPS September meeting. She recalled spending much enjoyable time as a child playing with the house as did her sisters, daughter and nieces.



Paul Carlson and daughter Sarah Witham, Cari Carlson's son and granddaughter, donate the 90 year old dollhouse to RHPS. They related that there have been four generations of children that have spent time with the house. Also a multitude of children in Cari's elementary classrooms have also enjoyed the dollhouse.

2023 MEMBERSHIP LIST *

Charter – Life

Elliott Bell
Terry & Tammy Campbell
Carolyn "Cari" Carlson
Patricia Creviston
Adron Cross
Chelsea Gerberding
Fred & Carolyn Gerberding
Gabe & Angela Gerberding
Linda Grimm
David & Arlene Grubb
Dean & Renee Housel
Dennis & Nancy Keiffer
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David & Debbie Taft
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Bill & Barb Voisin
Nate & Carol Wilcox
Tom Wood

Storekeeper

Roxy Schmidt-Gundy

Tradesman

Jane Fairchild
Patricia Kessler
Kim & Cinda Klickna
Jacquie Ramsey

Fur Trapper

Roy & Trudy Ballinger
Gary Bottrell
Byron Braner
Mike & Sandy Brewer
Susan Cull
George Anne Daly
Max & Debbie Dillahunt
George & Phyllis Fairchild
Randy & Brenda Hawkins
Harold & Jane Hendrickson
Bill & Penny Hinrichs
Steve & Nancy Leach
Stu & Sandy McMillan
Carolyn Moore
Dean & Pamela Robert
Don Taft
James & Ruth Ann Theis
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Paul Carlson
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Ann Kramer
Toby Mc Daniel
Carolyn Wanless

*NOTE: The above listing of the 2023 RHPS Membership is compiled from new and renewal membership forms received as of February 27, 2023 from the Annual Membership Campaign. If there are any questions, please contact Max Dillahunt at 217-498-9709.



DOCENTS NEEDED

In order to showcase the Old Stone House properly and share Rochester history with others, it is necessary to have docents at the house when it is open. No special knowledge is necessary, we will guide you. No special clothing required, it will be provided. All that is needed are persons willing to help and we can use men as well as women. Please consider signing up to be a docent this summer. The house is open every 1st Sunday of the month, June through October, 1-4. Help bring history alive!!!

**THERE WILL BE
NO MARCH MEETING**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON
MAY 22, 2023
ROCHESTER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
7:00 p.m.**

ROCHESTER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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