

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society



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P.O. Box 13
ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS 62563

1830sStoneHouse

Fall 2023

www.rocnesterhistoricalsociety.org



Our speaker for the September 25th RHPS meeting will be Wendy Rowley Beckerman who grew up in Rochester. She is Grower for 3B Natives Plant Nursery located near Pleasant Plains. This nursery has been passionate about growing native plants for over 30 years. Plants includes everything from wet to mesic prairies and everything in between. Plants are grown from native seed collected on site for healthy, genuine native plants. Wendy will share the process from harvesting seed to growing seedlings into plants ready for the garden. She will also relate the importance of native plants for pollinators. This information will be accompanied by many pictures and videos of the farm, greenhouses, plants,

seeds and more. Search on Facebook for 3B Natives Plant Nursery and their website is 3Bnatives.com.

The RHPS Thanks

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The RHPS 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.



ROCHESTER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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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 questions 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



OLD STONE HOUSE
Rochester Historical Preservation Society

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

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

(Check Appropriate 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 Additional Gift of \$_____ given in:
☐ Honor of ☐ Memory of

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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I'm interested in being an active Volunteer.

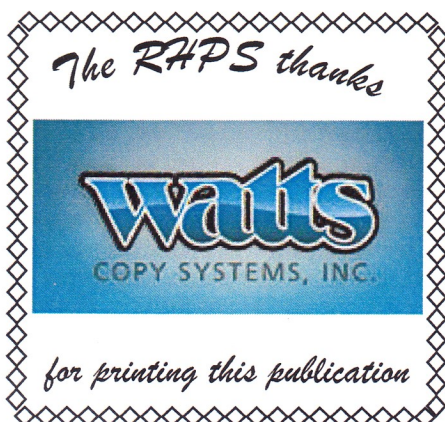
Please contact me: ☐

Please return with payment to:

RHPS

P.O. Box #13, Rochester, IL 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.



**Plan on joining us
for the annual
RHPS Christmas Potluck
December 4, 2023
6:00 pm
Rochester United
Methodist Church**

ROCHESTER
FALL FESTIVAL
CAR SHOW DJ MIKE GREER

CATEGORIES
 Top 25 Cars
 Top 3 Motorcycles
 Best of Show
 People's Choice
 Mayor's Choice
 Police Chief
 Fire Chief
 Best Paint
 Best Interior
 Best Engine

OCT 21, 2023
 Registration 8-10
 NO LATE ENTRIES
 For more information, contact:
 Grover Schrock 217.638.0905
 Ron Wiggins 217.494.5830
 bluestang70@gmail.com

ENTRY FEE **\$20**
JUDGED
DISPLAY **\$15**



ROCHESTER FALL FESTIVAL CAR SHOW

The Rochester Fall Festival Car Show will be held on the Old Stone House grounds at the Rochester Park on October 21st. Registration will be from 8:00—10:00 am with the awards at 3:00. Entry fee in the judged class is \$20 and \$15 in the display class. Proceeds will benefit the Rochester Historical Preservation Society. Food Trucks

will be on hand and music will be by Mike Greer. For more information contact: Grover Schrock 217-638-0905 or Ron Wiggins, 217-494-5830.



Robert and Eliza Sattley's Tavern Birth Place

(Submitted by Ray Bruzan)

After authoring several Rochester Township local-history books, I continue to receive Rochester stories and photographs from unexpected contributors.

The year 2023 was still young when John Poffenberger brought me a small (roughly 4" x 5.5") photo album containing thirty-five photos and seven tintypes.

Although many of the pictures lack identification, the individuals photographed appear to be Rochester area residents of the mid-1800s.

One of the photographs portrays Robert Sattley and his sister Eliza Jane. They were children of Robert Henry Sattley, one of Rochester's earliest pioneers.

Possibly taken in the 1860's or 1870's, these photos brought to

mind the story of Robert and Eliza's births (1837 and 1834 respectively) in Rochester's "Tavern House." When Robert and Eliza were born, that tavern sat along East Main Street, across from today's Wilson Park Funeral Home.

By the time the Sattley children had reached adulthood, the tavern was scheduled to be demolished. According to the story, Eliza Jane, by now the wife of John A. Twist, asked her husband to save the building where she and her brother had been born.

John Twist agreed to save the tavern and had it relocated on his property on the south side of East Main Street near the Black Branch Creek. It's more than a little interesting that the J.M. Easley House, an Orange Judd home that occupies that site today, has a log

structure within its walls. Perhaps Rochester's "Tavern House," Robert and Eliza Jane's "birth place," still exists and remains there today.

Newsletter Archive Now Available on Website

A new "Newsletter" webpage has been added to the Rochester Historical Preservation Society's (RHPS) website (www.rochesterhistoricalsociety.org) that contains an archive of old Newsletters. The current archive goes back to Newsletters from calendar 2018. All future Newsletters will be added to the website which will allow members and visitors to see what has been happening at past meetings and with other activities.

2023 MEMBERSHIP LIST *

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*NOTE: The above listing of the 2023 RHPS Membership is compiled from new and renewal membership forms received as of September 10, 2023 from the Annual Membership Campaign. If there are any questions, please contact Max Dillahunt at 217-498-9709.

DOCENTS NEEDED

The Stone House has been open on the first Sundays during the summer. There have been very few visitors so far, however that will be changing in October. We will be open on the first Sunday, October 1, from 1-4. Please help us spread the word.

The Rochester Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 21, 9 am—4 pm. There will be a Car Show on the grounds of the Stone House and we are expecting a large turn out. Last year we had over 250 visitors to the Stone House. We will have the house open and will need docents throughout the day. We will need a minimum of three, one for each level, for both the morning and afternoon shifts. It would even be better if we could have a few more so docents could take a break. Please consider this need!! No experience necessary. Very few visitors will want "the whole story" so little background is required. There will be someone there to help with that if needed. Sign up for morning, 9-12 and/or afternoon 12-3. Contact Cheryl Soerensen, csoerensen@att.net and include your contact information.

There is also a possibility that the Third Graders will be visiting for their annual tours. Dates and times are as yet to be determined.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THESE VERY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES!! Sharing the history of the Old Stone House is a mission of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society, and we need your support.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON
September 25, 2023
ROCHESTER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
7:00 p.m.**

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