

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

AUGUST 2018

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Caswell String Quartet at Museum Aug. 7

The four very talented Caswell sisters will perform Tuesday, August 7, at the Cedarville Museum. The string quartet's program will start at 7:30 p.m. and will include both classical and popular works.

Ten dollar tickets will be available at the door. Complimentary refreshments will be served after the program.

The Northwestern Illinois sisters, ages 16 through 22, are Laura, Annaliesa, Hannah and Ella. Ella teaches at the Rockford Music Academy after studying there while the other three are current students. They have performed at weddings and

formal dinners.

The program will be in the museum's second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater which is climate controlled. There is a simple one button elevator to the floor for visitors who are physically handicapped.

People arriving before or staying after the performance are invited to view the museum's first floor exhibits, especially the major collection of Jane Addams family items that were added this year.

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Left to right: Laura, Ella, Annaliesa and Hannah Caswell, four sisters who will perform as a string quartet Tuesday, August 7, in the Cedarville Museum.



Cedarville Couple Recovering Following Automobile Accident

Bobbie and Dan Edler, well-known Cedarville couple and members of the historical society, are recovering following a July 4 one car accident in the town of Elizabeth, IL.

Bobbie suffered fractures to both legs; Dan's injuries were not as severe.

Bobbie, who is known as an outstanding accordionist, and her partner were scheduled to perform July 10 at the Cedarville Museum as part of the CAHS live music series. It is expected their appearance will be scheduled at a later date.

Tickets for the July program will be honored at the later date; however, refunds will be made upon request to the historical society.

Dan has long been known nationally as a highly accomplished glass art blower and maintained his studio in Cedarville. He often conducted free demonstrations of his work.

Lately he began working more in the paint and brush medium and currently has an exhibit in Monroe, Wi.

Visitors to the museum can see an example of his work as a mural in the second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater.



Bobbie and Dan Edler

Early 1900's Sewing Rocker in Museum

The Cedarville Museum now has an early 1900's unusual oak sewing rocker thanks to Laura Kubik of Freeport.

The Mission style piece of furniture is different from many others because it has a drawer for sewing materials that swings out from under the seat.

The rocker belonged to Minta Michael, great grandmother of Laura and wife of Rev. John William Michael who served

two Cedarville Evangelical churches intermittently over a forty year period. The first in 1888 was the brick church on Harrison Street that later housed machinery that ran the villages first and brief electric system and later became known as Dr. Krape's Globe Hall. The minister's annual salary was \$250.

Several years later when the Cedarville congregation had to give up that building and build a frame church at another Harrison Street location, he became its first minister. His last assignment in Cedarville ended in 1927.

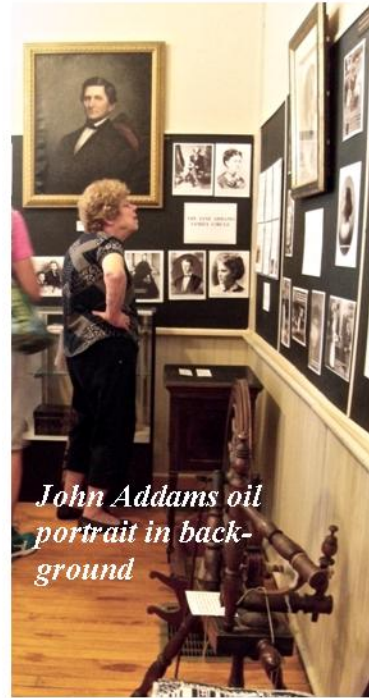
Rev. Michael, who was born in 1855, died in 1931 of an apparent heart attack while he was a passenger in a car being driven by one of his daughters. His wife died in 1935, age 65,

Left: Moira Knowlton, CAHS board member, with Minta Michael chair; below: detail of drawer.





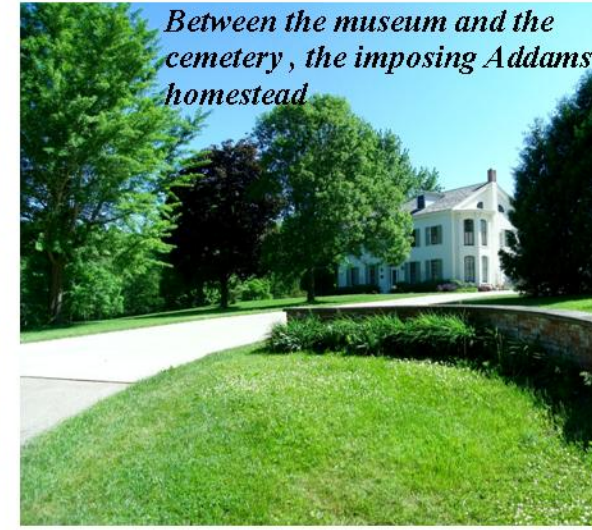
CAHS President Jim Bade explains the roll of the museum in the community to the class.



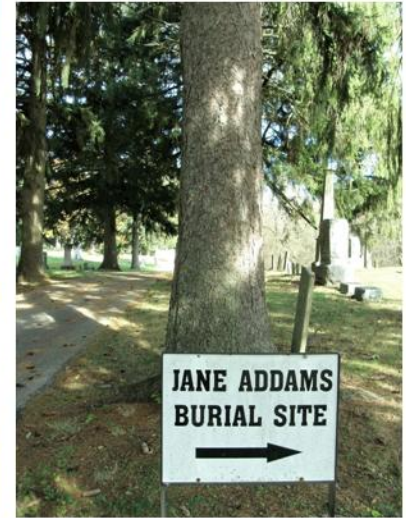
John Addams oil portrait in background



Class facilitator Jack Crofoot



Between the museum and the cemetery, the imposing Addams homestead



**JANE ADDAMS
BURIAL SITE**
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One of the favorite exhibits in the Addams family collection in the museum featured the husband and wife team of Marcet and Emanuel Halde-man-Julius. Marcet was Jane's niece.

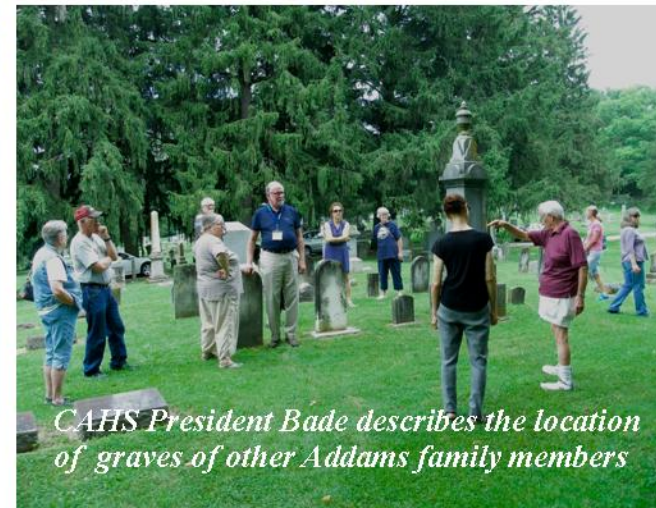


Many questions were asked about the furniture in the Addams homestead.

29 Seniors Tour Museum, Cemetery

Twenty nine adults who are enrolled in the Center For Learning in Retirement program at Rock Valley College on July 16 spent more than two hours at the Cedarville Museum and Cedarville Cemetery. This educational session was conducted by Jim Bade, president of the CAHS. The group was particularly interested in the large number of Jane Addams artifacts that were added to the museum this year thanks to the generosity of an Addams family descendent.

*All photos by
Lisa Goodwin*



CAHS President Bade describes the location of graves of other Addams family members



The Addams family burial site is marked by the tallest monument in the Cedarville Cemetery. Interred there are the bodies of Jane, her parents and her brothers and sisters. Four stones border the site.

A July Fourth Letter Home: Civil War Version

(Now that you have had a chance to celebrate the 242nd birthday of the United States, here is the situation a few days before the 153rd as told by William S. Fehr, a 28-year-old and married Cedarville area Civil War soldier with the 26th Illinois Infantry Regiment. The war had ended two and a half months earlier. Editor)

Headquarters 26th Illinois Infantry
Near Louisville, Ky. June 28, 1865

DEAR FREEPORT JOURNAL: It maybe that a few words from your blue coat pets will not come unwelcome. We are at present camped near the city of Louisville. Our camp is pleasantly situated on high grounds facing towards the noble Ohio and the beautiful Hoosier city beyond (*Indianapolis, many miles north?*) with the ancient and gloomy looking secesh city of Louisville in plain view on our left. The Ohio answers a very utilitarian purpose as a bathing place for the boys and of a surety they do it full justice. They are at present employed in fretting their time away as best they may. Many of the troops are constantly leaving for home and it seems as though all would be discharged but the old veterans, and they are to be kept to the end of time.

The 93d (*Illinois regiment with many Stephenson County men*) left for home and I suppose will have duly reported up there before this reaches you.

These veterans have all enlisted for this war to put down the rebellion, and they now wish to return to their Prairie Homes. You can not imagine what a bitter spirit of savage impatience is evinced by them, as they are reclining in the depe shade of these glorious old beech trees, fuming and fretting these hot days away in the most fatigueing idleness, talking and dreaming about home, growling at the Government and amusing themselves in every shape and manner imaginable.

So far we have been comparatively healthy, but if we have to stay here over summer I am afraid the tale will be a different one. But I must break off my scribbling and with my best respects to all friends wishing you all a happy fourth of July.

I remain yours,

Wm. S. Fehr

N.B. This sheet of paper was captured at Columbia, S.C. before it was burnt down.

W.S.F.

(The city of Columbia, estimated population of 8,000 to 9,000 by Fehr, was burned February 17, 1865. The 26th was there at the time. In his diary Fehr is angered and saddened by the indiscriminant looting that took place.

(On July 23 Fehr was discharged at Camp Butler, Il., and returned to his Dakota area farm and eventually to the town of Dakota. He and his wife had five surviving children. Fehr died in 1926 at the age of 90.)



William and Mary Fehr and presumably their five children. Undated photo.

CAHS Vice President Narcissa Engle, 94, Dies

Narcissa E. Engle, 94, vice president and former president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, died June 24, 2018, at Presence St. Joseph Center, Freeport.

Born July 12, 1923, in Dodgeville, Wi., she was the daughter of John Robert and Emma Williman Von Allmen.

Narcissa married Dick James Engle in 1942. He preceded her in death in 2005.

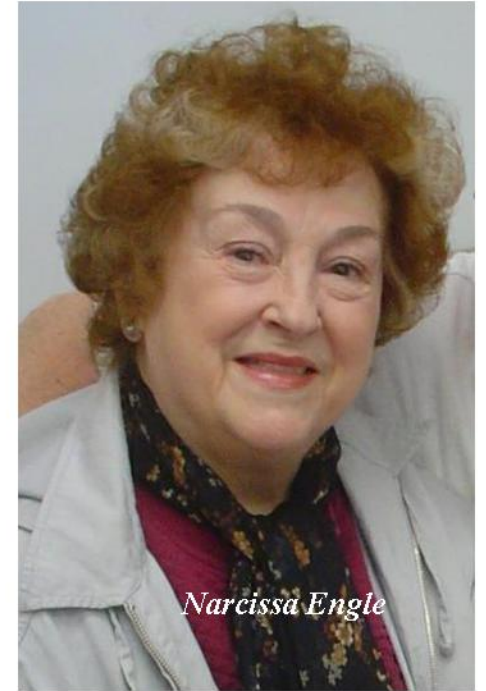
She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Freeport. She was a member of the historical society for more than 30 years and served on the board more than half of that time.

Narcissa was employed by Micro-Switch for fifty years, her last position being a management assistant, retiring in 2001.

Surviving are her daughters: Carolyn (Alan) Lamia of Shawano, Wi., Theresa Morris of Belvidere, Il. and Miriam (Bob) Schlueter of Freeport; grandchildren and their families and nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Patricia M. Welty, twin brothers Joe and John Von Allmen and their wives, and son-in-law David Foss and grandchild, infant Bryan Breeze.

Burial was in the Cedarville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville, Il., 61013.



Narcissa Engle

Quartet Program

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Brandenburg Sinfonia from Cantata No. 174, J.S. Bach; Come Christians, Join to Sing, arr. D. Hart; String Quartet Op. 96 No. 12 "American", A. Dvorak; (2 Lento, 4 Finale);

Air, J.S. Bach; Come Thou Fount, arr. D. Hart; Let It Be, the Beatles; O Waly Waly, J. Rutter; Can't Take My Eyes Off You, F. Valli; Galena-Milwaukee Break-down, C. McMichael;

Romanian Folk Dances, B. Bartok (1. Joe Cu Bata, 2 Buciumeana, 3 Poarga Romaneasca, 4 Maruntel.

John W. Kryder, 96, Dies in Pennsylvania

John William Kryder, 96, of Telford, Pa., passed away on June 23, 2018. A member of the historical society for many years, he was born in Cedarville to Clarence and Martha Dickson Kryder and raised on the family farm with his five siblings.

After graduating in 1940 from high school, John entered Bradley University to study mechanical engineering. He interrupted his studies to enlist in the U.S. Signal Corps and later the army where he specialized in airborne radar and communication equipment. He was awarded four bronze battle stars for his service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

After military service, John traveled the world for his employer, Philco-Ford Corp., supervising the installation of microwave towers and what were, at that time, advanced communication systems in the Philippines, Iran and Alaska. While at Philco John married Vivian Huber and the couple had a boy and a girl, Kim and Linda.

Surviving John are his son Kim and his daughter Linda Drost. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Steven Drost, Cheryl Drost Elder, Angela Drost, Chelsea Kryder and Shannon Kryder and three great grandchildren. John also leaves behind his sister Shirley Alley of Wichita, Ks., and his brother Nevin Kryder of Lena, Il., as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. John was preceded in death by his wife, who died in February 2002.

John will be buried in Cedarville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fisher House Foundation.



John Kryder during his military service



John during his later years

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