

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

January 2022

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Updates

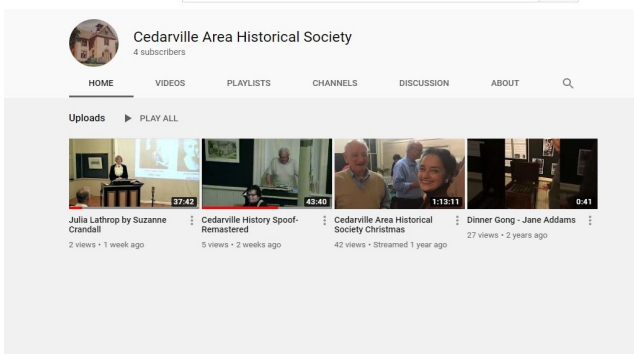
- “Not All Diaries Tell The Story” - Article on Page 3
- **Museum is Closed for the Season**— The museum is officially closed for the season (May through October). However, we will still entertain private visits. We ask that visitors call us (phone number on back page) prior to the visit and reserve a time.

Twentieth Annual **Chili-Soup-Sandwich-Dessert Luncheon** **Sunday, February 13** **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



At Cedarville Museum
Adults: \$6; Children under 12: \$2

Programs Available on YouTube

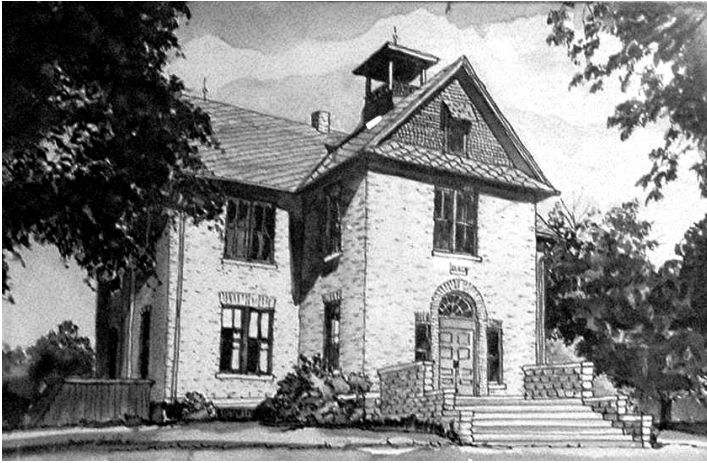


CAHS is making available many programs from the last 17 years. They will be posted on YouTube. We will post updates on the latest additions on Facebook.

Please go to Youtube and search “Cedarville Area Historical Society” to find us or click on the YouTube symbol on our home page.

“Like” our page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtNjKA5hA5R5ZSVO2bEGfBA> to get automatic upload updates.

CAHS Lunch at Museum February 13



The February 13 Cedarville Area Historical Society soup, salad, sandwich and desert luncheon and annual meeting will convene in the Cedarville Museum on top of the Second Street hill.

The use of the museum will give visitors the opportunity to see the many local history exhibits including the dozens of Jane Addams family artifacts.

The 20th annual event has always been held on Super Bowl Sunday, the day the top two American professional football teams clash for the

honor of being called "top dog" for a year.

The lunch, which is open to members and non-members of the historical society, starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The lunch, which always includes four homemade soups and dozens of homemade pastries, costs \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Second helpings are free.

In addition to enjoying the lunch, CAHS members will also receive a copy of the organization's annual financial report and be asked to vote for two persons to serve three years on the nine member board of directors.

Current board members Carol Meyers, Sharon Barmore and Andy Dvorak are up for re-election.

The lunch will be served in the second floor meeting room. A one button elevator is available for handicapped visitors and the bathrooms will be open.

There is ample onsite parking. In the event of snow the street to the museum site and the parking lot will be plowed.

Ramona Kryder, 93, Dies in Freeport

Ramona J. Kryder, 93, passed away unexpectedly on November 6. She was born August 26, 1928, in Lena, Ill., to the late Milton and Flossie (Dunaway) Liphart. She was a graduate of the class of 1946 in Pearl City, Ill.

She married Paul Kryder on May 17, 1950, in Freeport. He passed away on August 13, 2006.

She worked at WT Rawleigh Company in the office area as well as JC Penney and the Freeport Jr. High School as an aide/secretary in the English Department and the Special Education Department.

She was a member of the Stephenson County Home Extension Service for 40 years holding various offices. She was an Eastern Star member, a Sunday school teacher for many years and she visited shut-ins from church. She also worked with the Cedarville Fire Department.

She is survived by her children Steven of Waukesha, Wis., and Sally Anderson of Freeport; sisters Bonnie Lawfer and Pat Vanderheyden of Freeport; step sister Sharon Knoup of Pearl City; six grandchildren Nick, Joe, Ben, Caitle, Lyndsey and Jake and two great grandchildren Aubree and Ezra.

Private services were held and burial was in the Cedarville Cemetery.



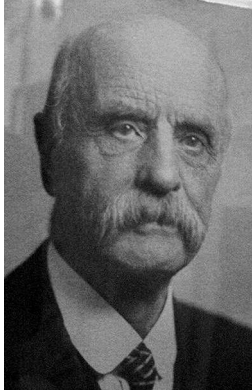
Ramona and Paul Kryder in 2006

NOT ALL DIARIES TELL THE STORY

By Jim Bade - President Emeritus

Historians love to turn to diaries to get firsthand accounts of events. They argue the information will be “fresh” and often more accurate than versions of later non-observers. This is not always true.

An example of the later is the diary of Pvt. William Clingman, Cedarville resident and member of the 46th Illinois Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.



William Clingman, Undated

On May 25 Clingman, not known for Shakespearean prose, wrote in his diary:

“30 tons powder exploded around fire all night” On May 26 he added: “Hunting the men from out of the brick.”

The truth of the event briefly described by Pvt. Clingman was that it was possibly the greatest non-battlefield disaster of the Civil War and not an everyday happening.

Descriptions of the explosion and fire vary widely, but all tell of the widespread destruction to parts of the city, especially the north side. Estimates of the dead ranged from 300 to 500, numbers that were difficult to confirm because it was felt many bodies were not found.

It is generally believed the disaster started in the afternoon of May 25 when there was a huge explosion in a Beauregard Street warehouse housing 200 tons of ammunition and gun powder. It was specu-

lated that perhaps someone dropped a live projectile. Some northern newspapers tried to pin the blame on an imagined gang of unreconstructed Confederate officers. The explosion blasted a hole so deep it was visible for years after. The resulting fire spread north and leveled eight city blocks.

A reporter for *The Mobile Morning News* described “bursting shells, flying timbers, bales of cotton, horses, men, women and children co-mingled and mangled into one immense mass”. He continued: “The heart stood still, and the stoutest cheek paled as this rain of death fell from the sky and crash after crash foretold a more fearful fate yet impendingold and young, soldiers and citizen vied with each other in deeds of daring to rescue the crumbled and imprisoned.”.

Clingman and the rest of the men in the 46th Regiment did not continue in the salvage and cleanup operation. The next day they were on a boat heading for New Orleans.



Mobile Disaster Scene

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1212 S. Stewart Ave, Freeport IL 61032

Postage

Return Service Requested

Museum Hours (May – October)

Saturday 1-4 PM

Sunday 1-4 PM

Please call in advance so we can ensure staff is available.

You can also utilize the Ring doorbell and we will try to have a staff member there in minutes

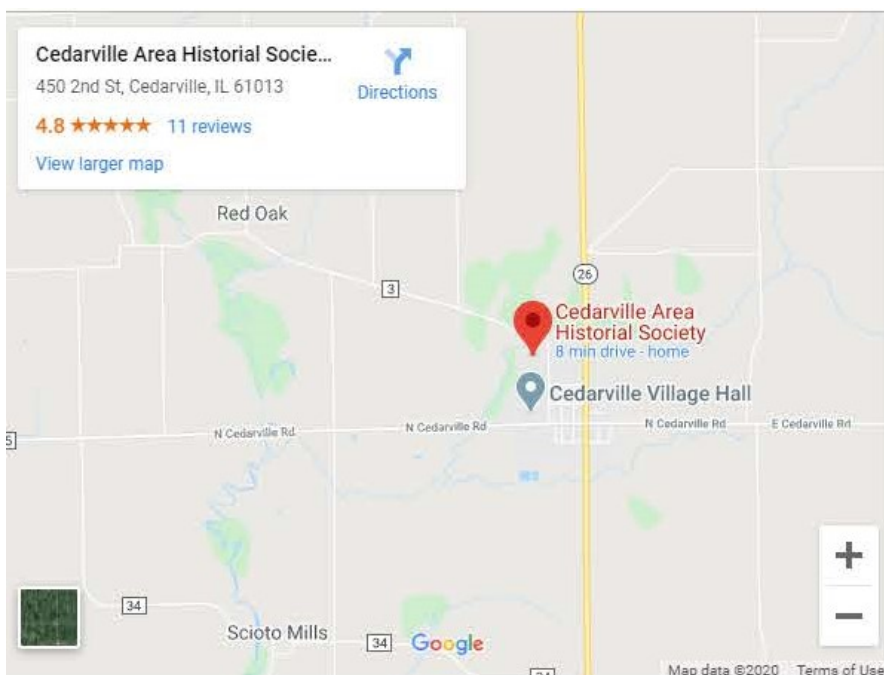
Private tours are available by appointment.

Call 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve

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