



FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES: Who can help us identify this photograph of a 1921 Cedarville basketball team. We understand that the third person from the left in the back row is Frank Ward. See address and phone of historical society on page 2.

Everyone in Cedarville a Millionaire

Oh, what might have been!

Back in 1864, while the Civil War was still raging, somebody thought there was an oil smell in a farmland stream just southeast of Cedarville. The exact location was on the Rocky farm in section six, Lancaster Township. That's just south of Cedarville Road and west of Henderson Road.

A company was formed, machinery was purchased and a hole six inches in diameter was drilled into the earth.

After drilling for a year, no oil was found. Indeed, there was no indication of oil after the drill broke the surface of the ground.

The project was abandoned in 1865, but not before the drill had reached a depth of more than 800 feet. After going through eight feet of clay, Galena limestone was struck. The drill passed into blue limestone after the first 120 feet. Then there were different soils but no oil.

Oh, what might have been!

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE AUGUST 2008

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Cedarville Accordionist Bobbie Edler In Folk Song Program on August 26

Bobbie Edler, well-known Cedarville accordionist, will perform Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Cedarville Museum in a pro-

gram featuring songs representing many cultures, traditions and time periods.

She will be joined in several selections by Stephenson County banjoist Jerry Hastings, a 25 year veteran on the instrument.

The program, third of five Tuesday evening museum events, will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for historical society members and \$3 for non-members. Tickets will be available at the door. Refreshments will be served during the intermission and following the program.

A musician for many years, Bobbie Edler is a charter member of the Rockford Area Horn Club. An Iowa native, she played horn in concert band as a UNI student and in municipal bands in Waterloo and Iowa City. She has also played extensively in Freeport.



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Bobbie Edler to Play

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Recently, she has returned to the piano accordion, her “first” instrument. Edler began classical study of that instrument at age nine and soon was performing her own arrangements of jazz and show tunes around northern Iowa.

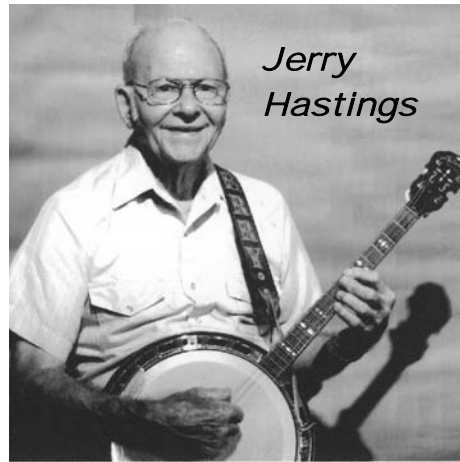
Highlighting the diversity of styles of accordion playing, whether classical, ethnic or uniquely American, has brought her invitations to perform locally and in Rockford for various organizations. Edler has appeared as the annual Accordion Jamboree in Oregon, Wi., and jams with a group of musicians at the Turner Hall Ratskeller, Monroe, Wi.

Although he did not pick up a banjo until 25 years ago, Jerry Hastings is a familiar musician around the stateline area.

Living next to band leader Greg Anderson in Winslow gave him a start “sitting in” with groups. Before long he was a regular with the Blue Ridge Ramblers.

Gaards Donate War Books

Tom and Charlene Gaard, Clive, Ia., donated seven books on the Civil War to the historical society. Tom is related to Thomas Jefferson Moses, Union soldier from Cedarville. Of special value is a reprint of the 836 page 1866 edition of Harper’s Civil War history. Thanks.



Recently he enjoyed participating in the polkafest at Amana, Ia. And soon will join an Anderson tour in Minnesota. Jerry can be heard frequently at Turner Hall, Monroe, Wi.

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The historical society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and as such has been designated as eligible to receive tax deductible gifts under the IRS tax code regulation 501 (c) (3).

Suzy Beggin, Franz DVD's Available

If you missed the Suzy Beggin or Don and Vickie Franz programs, you can still enjoy them via a DVD.

Franz program covered Stephenson County’s role in the Civil War.

Suzy’s June appearance featured a talk and demonstration built around the wool industry in Stephenson County. The July

Either is available for \$15 including mailing by writing the CAHS, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, Il. 61013 or by calling 815-563-4485.



Eleven children from age five to twelve who attend Cedarville’s summer program on July 14 toured the museum for 25 minutes and then enjoyed lemonade and brownies. They slowed down long enough to have their picture taken. In the top row from left are Lindsey and Ashley, program teachers, and Brenten. In the middle row from left are David, Jaryd, another David and Sabree. In the bottom row from left are Timmey, Jillien, Kaylin, Addie and Brooke. With her arms crossed is Seraphine.

Historical Society Publishes Letters

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several reasons:

“They are a wonderful chronicle of daily life several months after the Civil War in both Cedarville and at nearby Rockford Female Seminary.

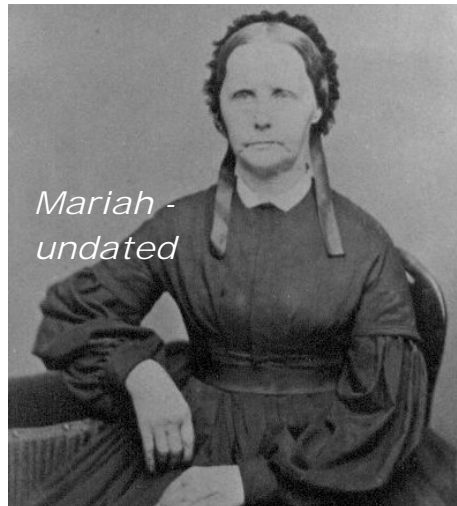
“Second, they are a communication bridge for Cedarville’s pioneer Clingman family because they fall between the family letters and diaries of the 1861-65 Civil War period and Eliza’s 1879 - 1884 and 1892-1902 diaries.

“The letters also have interest to Addams family historians because of the numerous references to Jane’s two older sisters when they were students at Rockford.”

Eliza’s 23 letters were found by a Clingman descendant last year in a small package tied with a frayed, dirty pink ribbon. It took several months to scan and enhance them so they could be read and several more months to transcribe and annotate them.

Sophia’s ten letters had been transcribed previously by the late Burnetta Youel, granddaughter of Sophia. There were undoubtedly more letters by Sophia, but they have not been found.

Eliza, born in 1838, never married. She



died in 1907 after suffering a stroke in 1902.

Sophia, born in 1849, married Luther Angle, son of John Angle and Jane Bell, in 1870. Sophia died in 1934.

The Clingmans were among the first to settle in Buckeye Township, coming to Stephenson County in 1837 from Portsmouth, Ohio. They preceded the John Addams family which arrived in the area in 1844. The two families were close friends and John Addams and Josiah Clingman, father of the two girls, were linked in many business and civic projects.

Josiah died in 1865 at the age of 56 as a result of a weather-related illness he suffered following a train accident. His wife, Mariah, later moved to Cedarville and died in 1917 at the age of 106.

Historical Society to Publish 1866-67 Correspondence of Cedarville Sisters

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will publish 34 letters exchanged in 1866 and 1867 between sisters Eliza and Sophia Clingman of Cedarville.

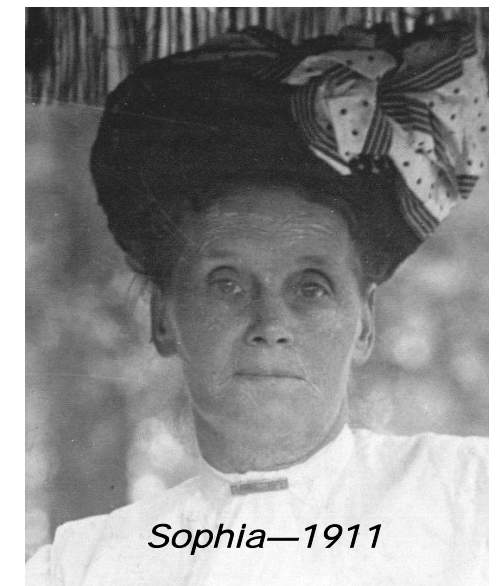
The letters were written when Eliza, 27, lived at the family homestead, a mile north of the village on what is now Illinois Highway 26, and Sophia, 17, was a Rockford Female Seminary student sharing a room with Alice and Martha Addams, two older sisters of Jane Addams.

The book — expected to be considerably more than 100 pages — will be out by late August and will contain the tran-

scribed and annotated 34 letters, photocopies of Eliza’s 23 letters and family photographs. The editor is Jim Bade, president of the historical society.

The cost of this major historical society publication has not been determined because the final number of pages and the printing and binding method are unknown at this time. Those interested in purchasing the book should contact the society for more details.

The letters are not earth shaking, according to Bade, but they are important for *(turn to page 6)*

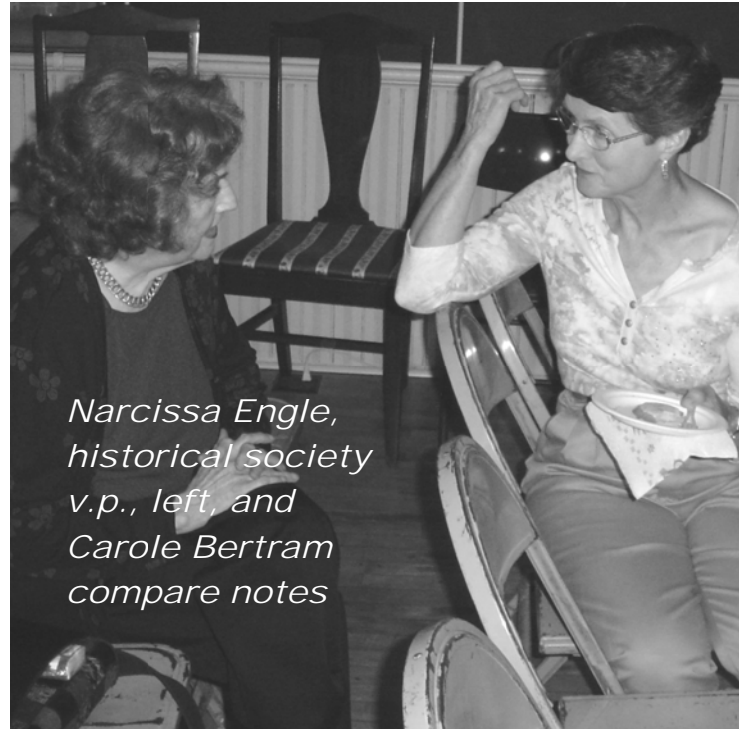




Don makes a point



A little Civil War fife music



Narcissa Engle, historical society v.p., left, and Carole Bertram compare notes



Ruth Smith, Judy Corrie, Mary Reed at snack table after the program



Paul Fry argues point with Don



Betty Folk, left, with Vickie Franz before talk

Freeport's Don and Vickie Franz Entertain 40 July 22 With Music and Stephenson County Civil War History



Steve Myers explains program recording to Tom and Charlene Gaard of Iowa



Cousins Joel Scheider, left, and Tom Scheider