

Second Phase Contributions Reach \$5,530

Sixteen contributors have answered the latest funds request of the Cedarville Area Historical Society with gifts of \$5,530.

That's fifty percent of the \$11,000 goal.

Contributors are: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Youel, Richfield, Mn.; Shirley Schwartz, Cloverdale, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dougherty, Apple River, Il.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baldwin, Chesterfield, Mo.; Mrs. Karen Brander, Rockford; William Gillette, Ontario, Ca.; Elwood Wardlow, Fl.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cronau, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Zipse, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blomberg, Dr. Rose Binns, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Corrie, the Lions Club, all of Cedarville. And Nelda Baker, Hazel Wilson and Galen Bertram, Freeport.



Judy and Harlan Corrie helped prepare the first floor of the 1889 school for the appearance of the contractor who will install the heating and cooling system starting the first week of November.

Historical Art Reminds Former Resident of Past

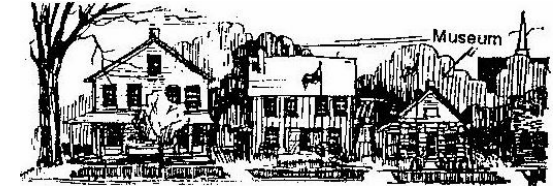
Following publication of the October newsletter with the historical photos, Merle and Ladona Wardlow, Fairview Road, received a letter from Merle's brother Elwood, now living in Florida. One part struck the editor as worth quoting:

"Strohm's store was right at the center of town and for a long time was the center of whatever was going on. I remember it had a good variety of candy, and one of my many moral lapses occurred there. Mom had given me a penny to put in the Methodist collection plate, but I held it back and later ran down to Strohm's for penny candy."

The parents of Elwood (Woody) and Merle were "Matt" Wardlow and the former Jesse Kryder.

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

NOVEMBER 2004



Cedarville Area Historical Society

Historical Society Prepares for Winter School Renovation Work

The long-unused Cedarville 1889 school is scheduled to get first floor heating in November. The action will be the latest move designed to turn the building into a local museum and meeting place for Cedarville Area Historical Society members.

Previous renovation projects have included repair of all windows, installation of first floor storm windows, isolating the second floor from the first, construction of first floor handicapped accessible bathrooms, completion of a new septic system and preliminary landscaping. Much of the work has been done by volunteers.

The heating and cooling work will be done by Boettner Heating Co., Freeport. The cost, including air conditioning to be installed later, will be \$5,600.

With heat available in the building, work can continue in the winter.

(See pages 2 - 3 for photos of old system demolition and construction.)



Ken Bramer, Lions Club vice district governor (left), Art Leverington, Cedarville Lions Club president and his wife Janice recently inspected the 1889 school improvements. The Lions Club is a major supporter of the renovation work.



Volunteers Demolish 1889 School Ancient Heating System

For the better part of three days, Dave Kaiser, Harlan Corrie and Jim Bade tore out much of the old steam heating system in the 1889 school to make room for the new gas-fired, forced air heating and cooling plant that will service the first floor of the building.



Here Dave, and Harlan in the lower left picture, work in the cramped basement space to cut pipes that were in the way of the new ducts. The historical society saved almost \$1,000 by doing this work.



Cedarville Area Historical Society Purchases Three Research Aids

The Cedarville Area Historical Society has purchased two CDs and a book that will help in learning more about Cedarville area history.

Prepared by the Illinois State Archives — an agency under the office of the Secretary of State — the three research aids contain information that has been unavailable to the historical society up to this time. The package cost \$46.

Of immediate value is a CD labeled “The Illinois Federal Township Plats 1804 – 1891.” The disc contains all the plats for Stephenson County during that time period. The hand-drawn plats show the landscape as it was before settlers arrived and legal surveying measurements were employed.

The plats indicate various types of natural features and vegetation, including areas of prairie, barrens, timber, cliffs, mounds, ravines, bluffs, salt licks, salt springs and mineral deposits as well as watercourses, swamps and other bodies of water. For navigable watercourses, the plats show surveys of bank meanders, islands, bars, rapids, cascades and waterfalls. Previously established names of natural features are provided. Man-made

made features occasionally are included, such as wagon trails, roads, settlements, towns, fortifications, buildings, farm fields and Indian traces and sites.

A separate CD containing this information is available for each of the 102 counties in the state.

The second CD is a descriptive inventory of “the archives of the state of Illinois.” Compiled in 1997, it has 940 pages of information.

The book is labeled “A Summary Guide to Local Governmental Records in the Illinois Regional Archives” and it contains 265 pages. It was originally printed in 1999.

“There is no question these resources will be of great help to all members of the historical society who are interested in researching particular items of Cedarville area history,” said Jim Bade, president of the historical society.

“Now we will know where to turn for certain information rather than stumbling around,” he added.

Strohm's Store, Scioto Mills Stories Needed

There are some big gaps in the history of Cedarville and the village's immediate area and the Cedarville Area Historical Society wants to start filling them.

If you have memories, facts, photos or stories related to Strohm's store on Cherry and Mill Streets or the little settlement of Scioto Mills, call Society President Jim Bade, 563-4485. Whatever information and photos that can be gathered will form the basis for new research on the two subjects.

Historical Society Board of Directors

**Jim Bade
Narcissa Engle
Ruth Smith
Jeremy Monigold
Moirra Fenwick
Neal Scheider
Dave Kaiser
Dave Huber
Mary Reed**

A Glimpse Into the Yesterdays

It is, indeed, a privilege and pleasure to turn back the pages of time and learn of the serenity of those to whom we owe our birth.

Today when the entire world seems to be whirling faster and faster; when evil seems to be pursuing the good with a fiendish glow; when we, who know the influence of uplift from our fine ancestry, endeavor to keep pace with the swiftness around us, would it not be rather like an anchor to a ship in a stormy sea, were we to pause and ponder on the wholesomeness of those who first set foot on our wondrous prairie state.

Here in northern Illinois the prairie grass waved over the thousands of rolling acres and the native timber of oaks, elms, nut trees, wild cherry and numerous other specimens that furnished the materials for homes, as well as protection from winter blasts and a screen from the First Settlers, the American Indians.



An opening page of the book and Mrs. Agnes Henney

Great Granddaughter Donates Henney Books

Judy Wolfe, Cedarville, great granddaughter of Agnes Bennethum Henney, has donated 30 copies of Mrs. Henney's autobiography to the Cedarville Area Historical Society.

Written in 1940 when the widow of John Henney, Cedarville's famous buggy maker, was 96, copies of the 34 page

page work are for sale at \$18. Call Jim Bade, society president, 563-4485 to order.

Mrs. Wolfe is the granddaughter of Mary Henney, daughter of Agnes.

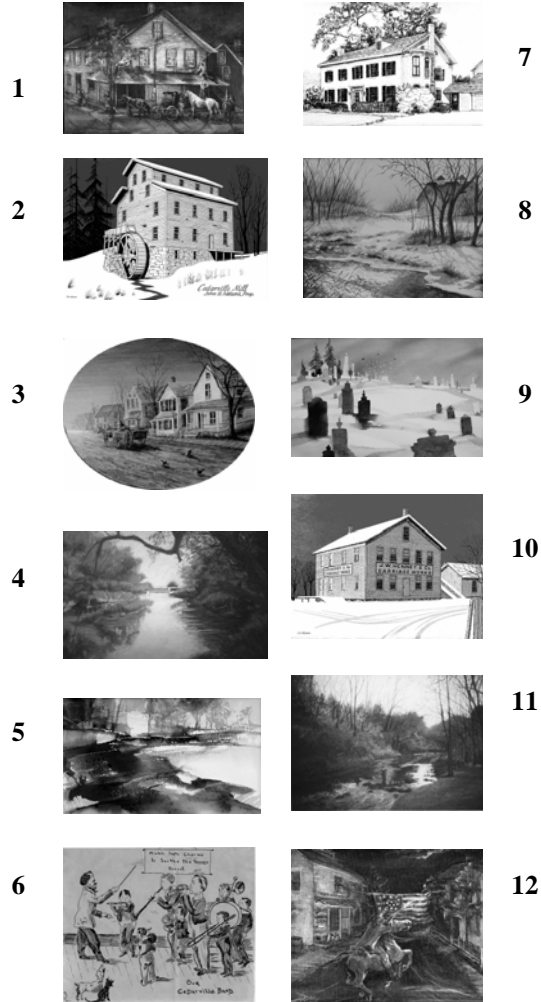
The books were discovered in the attic of Mrs. Imogene Smith, mother of Mrs. Wolfe.



Pictured is Mike Heiden of Boettner Heating and Cooling Co., Freeport

Contractor Moves In Equipment for New Heating Plant

Time to Order Historical Photos and Note Cards As Great Holiday Gifts



The titles and artists of the individual pieces of art are as follows: All are in full color.

1. A village dance on second floor of Strohm's store, Mill and Cherry Streets: Pam Barton
2. John Addams mill: Ron Beam
3. Mill and Second Streets 1910: Roger Goodspeed
4. Cedar Creek with bridge: Duane Smith
5. Cedar Creek south from Mill Street bridge: Harlan Corrie
6. Cedarville band 1908: Bessie Fay Little Bear (1889 – 1960)
7. John Addams Homestead: Duane Smith
8. John Addams barn: Roger Goodspeed
9. Cedarville Cemetery in winter: Harlan Corrie
10. Henney Buggy Co. on Mill and Cherry Streets: Ron Beam
11. Cedar Creek: Duane Smith
12. Eighteen sixty one shooting of the Union flag stretched across Mill Street between Richart's Store and Dr. Bucher's house north of Second Street intersection: Pam Barton

ORDER

I would like to order the following selections of Cedarville historical artwork. I understand I will be billed for the artwork when it is mailed to me.

_____ All twelve 8 x 10 color photographs at one time. Cost: \$110 plus \$5 for mailing. Total: \$115.

_____ All twelve 8 x 10 color photographs mailed to me on a one-a-month basis. Cost: \$10 plus \$2.50 for mailing. Total: \$12.50 each month for twelve months. \$11 per copy each month for multiple packages. State number of 12 month packages.

_____ Copy (ies) of 8 x 10 color photograph number (ers) _____. Cost: \$12.50 including mailing for first copy. \$11 per copy for multiple copies.

_____ packages of note cards 1 thru 6. Cost \$7.50 plus \$1.50 for mailing. Total: \$9.00 each package.

_____ packages of note cards 7 thru 12. Cost \$7.50 plus \$1.50 for mailing. Total: \$9.00 each package.

_____ packages of six note cards number (ers) _____. Cost \$7.50 plus \$1.50 for mailing. Total: \$9.00 each package.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please send your order to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013.