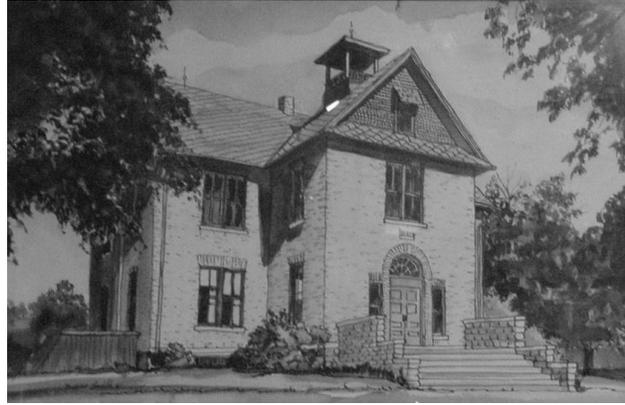


# **ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE**

## **September-October 2025**

***Cedarville Area Historical Society***



## **Museum Updates**

Our 2025 season continues to be busy and rewarding for the museum. We are thrilled with the building of partnerships with the museums and historical venues of Stephenson County. Of course the presenters of our programs have been at the top of their game. July and August we were honored to have presentations by Andy Dvorak and John Reed. We had great turnouts for both programs, Please take note of some of the remaining event/program dates and mark them on your calendar.

Our remaining 2025 programs and activities are listed below with each program beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- September 6th-Jane Addams Birthday Tea Party 1:00pm
- September 16th-Cedarville Historical Spoof (a Video presentation from the original 2009 live program) 7:00pm
- October 7th-History of Cedarville School and the Neighborhood (Board members and audience participation) 7:00pm
- December 2nd- Back by popular demand. Holiday Potluck Dinner-7:00pm

In reviewing our documents we realized that we were incorporated as an organization on June 10th, 1975 meaning that we have been in operation just over 50 years. Although our founding fathers are no longer with us, we are extremely proud of our membership. When incorporated in 1975 the purpose of the organization was “to establish and maintain a historical museum in which shall be collected and displayed items of historical interest from the Village of Cedarville area.” In February 2004 our Mission Statement was published as “The mission of the Cedarville Area Historical Society is to collect, preserve, display and interpret the history of the Cedarville area for the benefit of the public of today and the future”. We believe our members, board and community have met and continue to meet and these goals. Thank you to all who have supported us in achieving and exceeding the goals that were set forth when we were first founded in 1975.

Our October program is going to be dedicated to identifying the location and placement of the community’s historic homes and businesses. We, with your help and that of enlarged maps will be identifying and placing markers where homes and businesses were located (as far back as 1860). We urge you to use any tools at your disposal to start identifying home and businesses in anticipation of October. Photos, newspaper articles, maps, memories, all are fair game. We urge all of you to attend and bring others who can assist us in the identification our homes and businesses.

Message to our members who receive our newsletter via USPS ....The cost of mailing each newsletter has increased with the new postal rates (78 cents). Each hard copy mailing is now roughly \$1.00 (printing and mailing). If you are able to accept the newsletter via email rather than USPS, please let us know and we will begin emailing you the newsletter rather than mailing it. Lisabgood1@sbcglobal.net or galen.bertram@gmail.com

**REMEMBER:** If during your household cleaning you come across items (photos, postcards, apparel, school items, military, historic retail items, etc.) that have significance to the history of our surrounding community and you are thinking of throwing them out STOP. Those items may be of historic importance to our community and we would love to have them for current/future displays. We have recently received items from members and community residents. Give us a call (224-639-3436) or email us at [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org). A huge thanks to those of you who have brought in some great items for inclusion in future exhibits.

This summer we have had many many special visitors who have visited the museum from as far away as Pennsylvania. They have stopped in to collect information about relatives, the community and see the museum in general.

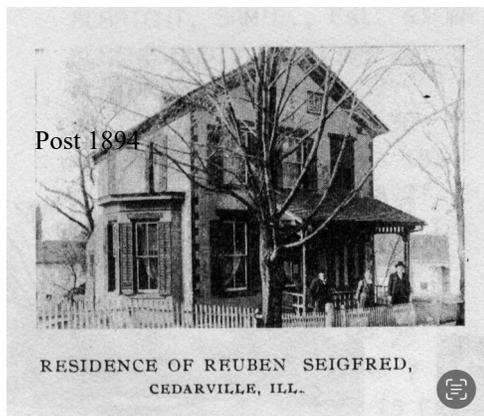
This past week we had the family of Kathryn Burington Scheider come and visit us. Kathryn was in the Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII. Back in 2022 her family donated some of her uniform items, a photo and newspaper articles from her time in the Corps. We incorporated those items into our updated military display this year. Kathryn’s son Doug, her grandson Dan and her great-grandchildren Wyatt and Ella visited us and shared photos of their visit. Love that they stopped in.



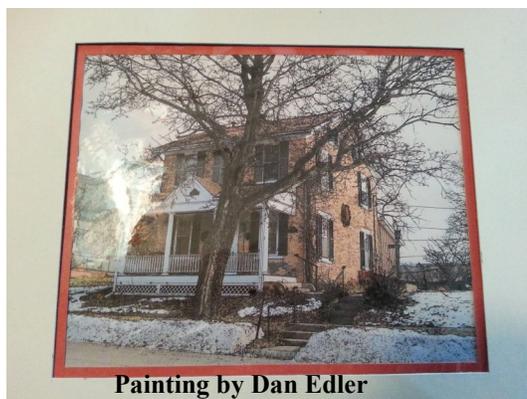
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## CEDARVILLE HOMES

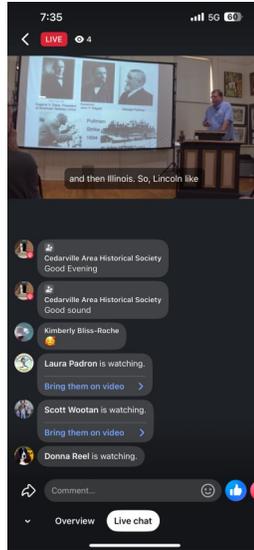
**270 N. Mill Street:** This brick house that has been labeled a Pennsylvania Georgian was built in 1851 by William Irvine. It was sold to Capt Joseph Reel for a reported sum of \$650 and was occupied by him at the time of the Civil War. Capt Reel was commander of Company G, 93rd Illinois Infantry Regiment. He was a professional millwright and repaired much of the mill machinery in the Cedarville area. The home, like other early structures, is built of local Canfield brick with walls four bricks thick. The bay window was an addition during the later Victorian era. The porch is original with the exception of the ramp entrance showing much Dutch influence in the Detailing. Chris Fry, Freeport architect, comments: "Greek revival residence with some Victorian details with a Victorian porch including brackets, turned columns and original porch ceiling and frieze. Asymmetrical front with bay on south side, star bracket and turnbuckles to tie brick walls together". Mr. Fry's comments were from August 2006. Residents of this home included: Irvine, Reel, Siegfried, Cox, Wagner, Cole and not confirmed as of yet is AJ Seyler



**215 N Mill Street:** This well-constructed brick home (Canfield Bricks) was built in 1851 after the lot was transferred from George Ilgen to Peter Woodring for \$100. The house was sold in 1857 to John and Daniel Coble for \$1750, a high price for that time. Local surveyor Marcus Montelius resided here from 1860 through the Civil War days when it was sold to Philip Rassweiler (note: Marcus Montelius was named the county surveyor in 1847). Rassweiler constructed a weaving shop on the corner of the lot where he produced jacquard wool coverlets, popular in the county and beyond where they were sold from a peddler's wagon. The home was built with no closets. The upstairs bedrooms have wide wood moldings near the ceiling with large wooden pegs for hanging clothing (note this is as of 2006 and changes have occurred). Recently sold this home has been owned by the Osadjans. Rassweiler descendants occupied the home for more than 100 years. Comments from Chris Fry, again from 2006: "Brick Federal residence with wood frame addition. Greek Revival porch from the late 1800's. The porch is intact with Doric columns, tongue and groove fir flooring and bead board ceiling. Original operable shutters are still on the building". Residents of this home included: Ilgen, Woodring, Cements, Coble, Montelius, Rassweiler, Rutter, Joyce, Osadjan



# History Programs July with Andy Dvorak



# August With



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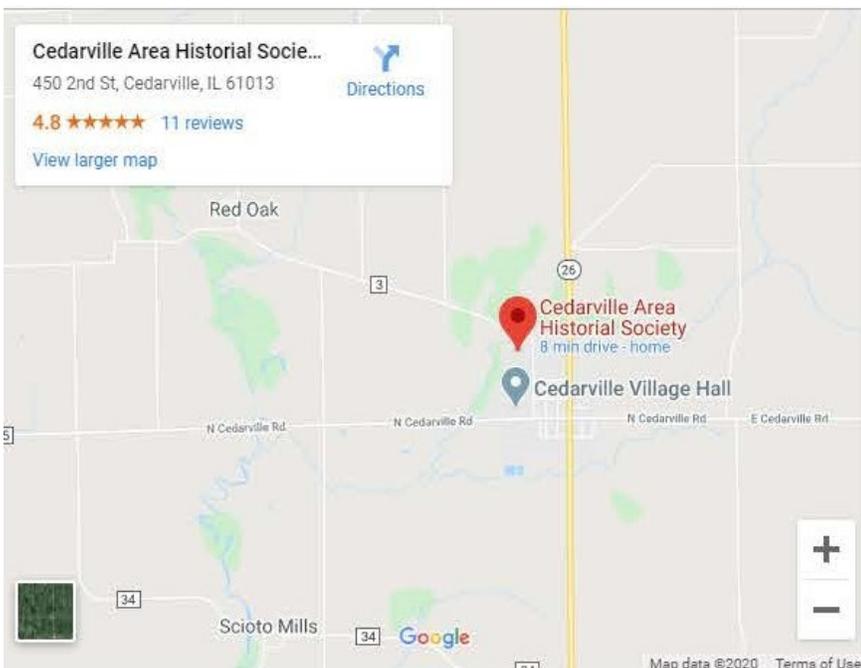
During non-open hours you can utilize the Ring doorbell and we will do our best to respond and meet you at the museum

Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)

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



**We thank those of you who have donated items to the museum. If you or someone you know have any items that you feel would be of interest to Museum members and visitors, please email us at: [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org)**



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