

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE

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Cedarville Area Historical Society



Final Carl Cole Concert October 14

Rockford pianist Carl Cole will be heard Tuesday, October 14, at the Cedarville Museum in his third and final concert of popular songs by American composers.

The 7:30 p.m. program will be in the south room of the museum's first floor. Because of space limitations only 30 series-only tickets were sold; however,

because of a different arrangement of seating, six additional \$7 tickets to the last program are available at the door or by calling Jim Bade at 815-563-4485.

Playing with his name, Cole has scheduled several songs written by composer Cole Porter or sung by Nat King Cole for the October 14 concert. These pieces include "Night and Day", "Let's Do It", "You Do Something to Me", "I Get a Kick Out of You", "Unforgettable", "Sweet Lorraine" and "Smile".

Free refreshments will be served after the 45 minute concert.



Carl Cole at museum's 1906 upright

Program Recordings Soon

All programs of the Cedarville Area Historical Society are recorded and most are made available on either a CD or DVD. This service is especially designed for members who could not attend a program because of distance from the museum; however, it is available to anyone. For more information call Jim Bade 815-563-4485 or e-mail bonniebade@comcast.net.

More and More of Cedarville Minutia

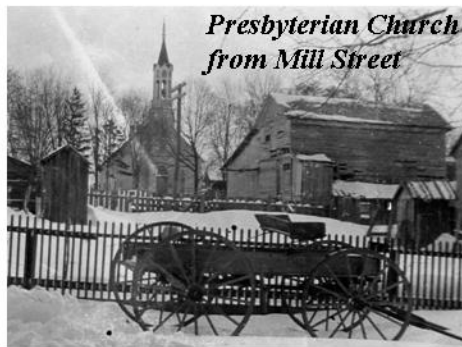
By Jim Bade
President, CAHS

Immediately after finishing last month's article on the minutia of every day life in Cedarville in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, I knew I was hooked for another.

Here's more day to day via the press:

The church at that time was a large part of daily life in Cedarville as it was in most small Midwest rural villages.

The Cedarville Presbyterians on a Thursday in October, 1887, held a church sociable at the home of John Weber Addams with 100 people attending. Weber, Jane's only brother, lived in what is still known as Cedar Cliff, a sprawling house on the west side of Il. Rt. 26, north of the bridge. I'm sure Weber was there, but I'll bet his wife, Lena-born Laura, and their 10-year-old daughter, Sarah, handled the reception with servants.



Not to be outshined by the Presbyterians, the members of the Methodist Church, a block away on Mill Street, dedicated their new house of worship at the beginning of the month. Costing \$3,100, including furniture, the building replaced the original 1850 church. Eight hundred dollars was raised on dedication day.



The 1887 Methodist Church on Mill Street. The tree reportedly was planted by John Addams.

The Cedarville correspondent for the newspaper opined *"The building and appointments are fine and in keeping with the styles and time."*

The churches and the school in small town America were of equal importance. The Freeport Weekly Democrat in a March 1887 issue carried a paragraph about the month's attendance at Cedarville School: *"Days taught 22; No. enrolled 84; average daily attendance 71; neither absent nor tardy:"* followed by the names of 27 students who showed up on time every day of the month.

I quickly recognized several names, especially those of the seven-year-old twins Floy and her brother Roy, children of Francis Washington Clingman, because I included them in a recent study of my wife's Clingman branch of her family.

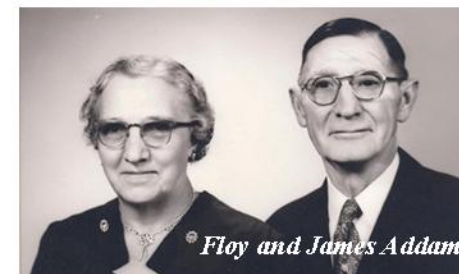
I instinctively muttered, "I know what happened to you, Floy," as if I could project my voice backwards in time more than 125 years. Realizing my mistake, I thought, "How foolish, talking to someone who has long been dead."

However, having gone this far in the story, I will share it with you.

Sixteen years after being recognized for her excellent school attendance, Floy married James John Addams, the grandson of James Huy Addams, the uncle of Jane Addams. The 1903 marriage on the bride's family farm north of the village was the first formal linking of the two Cedarville pioneer families who had a close relationship for three generations. As a fast food chain says in its TV commercial, "What took you so long?"

Following the high noon ceremony that attracted 50 guests, the couple motored to Anoka, Mn., for their honeymoon. There they were the guests of Sheriff Ethol Clingman and his wife. The sheriff was the uncle of the bride who moved to Minnesota after serving two terms as sheriff in Stephenson County.

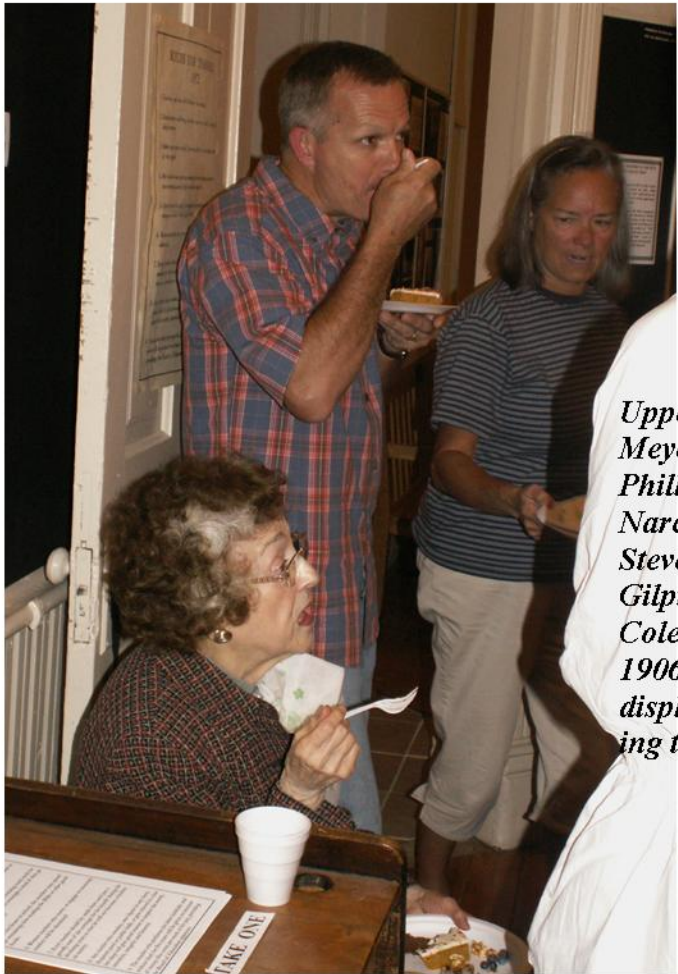
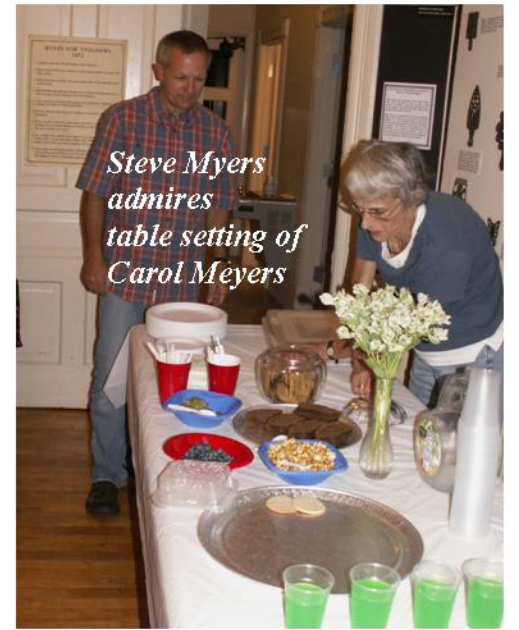
Both the bride and groom were born in 1880, James died in 1958; Floy in 1969.



A week after the Clingman-Addams wedding north of Cedarville a similar event took place in rural Dakota when Miss Marie (Mary Octava) Angle was united in marriage in a morning ceremony with Homer B. Ash, a Chicago attorney.

The bride was the daughter of Luther Angle, a Civil War veteran, and his wife, Sophia.

The bride was a graduate of Interior Academy at Dakota and also of the Dramatic Culture department of Chicago
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Upper left: Carol Meyers, Marjorie Phillips. Lower left: Narcissa Engle, Steve Myers, Wendy Gilpin. Right: Carl Cole at museum's 1906 upright piano displays his fingering technique.



Full House Greet Pianist Carl Cole On First American Music Concert



Harlan and Judy Corrie wait to talk to pianist.



Peeling paint is removed from front by Steve Myers.

Old Village Hall Rehab Underway

For six hours Saturday, September 13, members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society cleaned, scraped and repaired the inside and outside of the nineteenth century village hall and jail on Cherry Street. The next step will be the repainting of the exterior and the installation of a new metal roof. When the work is completed, the building will house many of the historical village artifacts now in storage in the Cedarville Museum. The building was purchased by the society from the village for \$1.



Dale Priewe works on door of attached storage room.



Teamwork from left: Harlan and Judy Corrie, Sharon and Jim Barmore, Galen Bertram

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Musical College.

The newspaper correspondent added that "she is a young lady of many accomplishments and one of the handsomest of the season's brides."

I single out this marriage from 1903 because of later events associated with this couple.

Homer Ash in the 1920s brought the first electric lights to Cedarville when he set up machinery in the former Evangelical Church building and later known as Globe Hall on the east side of Harrison Street. Ash's private company with its sporadic service failed in a few years, but electricity from Freeport soon arrived.

The couple had two daughters. The second was the late Mary Mau of McConnell, a sprightly lady known to many, many Stephenson County residents until she died in 2007, just ten days short of her one hundredth birthday.



Mary Mau and nephew Alan Youel on her 99th birthday

I close this article with an event from 1909 that should interest Cedarville Museum visitors who have wondered about the bust of Abraham Lincoln that is exhibited in the first floor north room.

The Freeport Daily Bulletin in its February 10, 1909, issue reported that "patrons



and friends of the Cedarville public school are cordially invited to be present and participate in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday on Friday afternoon, Feb. 12th at 1:30 in the K(nights) of G(Globe) hall."

That day the students gave a program, a decision was made to present a memorial to the school in honor of the event and the bust of Lincoln was the result of that decision. The cost is unknown.

***Aden Clump, WWII Vet
And CAHS Member,
Dies at 89 in Springfield***

Aden H. Clump, Jr., 89, died Sunday, August 24, 2014, in Springfield, Il.

Aden was born in 1925 in Bear Valley, Wi. He married Dee Wagner in 1970.

A 1943 high school graduate, he served in the U.S. army during World War II and earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star medal for his bravery. After losing both legs and being discharged from the army, he attended Ohio State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1950. He earned a master's degree in 1952 from the University of Alabama.

He was employed by the Kentucky Department of Mental Health from 1952 to 1957, was an administrator of Newport Hospital in New Hampshire from 1957 to 1960 and retired as bureau chief of health facilities construction for the Illinois Department of Public Health in 1991.

He enjoyed golfing, reading, traveling and volunteering with youth soccer. He delighted in the study of genealogy, especially researching his distant relationship to Cedarville's Jane Addams.

He is survived by his wife, Dee, a daughter, a son and three grandchildren. Burial with military honors was in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Il. The family requested memorials to CAHS.



Aden Clump and Narcissa Engle, vice president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, during Aden's 2004 visit to the Cedarville Museum.

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