

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE SEPTEMBER 2015

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Suzanne Crandall's Jane Addams Is Series Finale on September 15



Meet Miss Addams

Rockford actress Suzanne Crandall will star September 15 at the Cedarville Museum in the first person presentation of the life of Jane Addams, Cedarville native who founded Chicago's famous Hull-House, the country's first settlement facility.

The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 at the door. Free refreshments will follow the 45 minute program.

The Addams program is Crandall's third in the series of presentations highlighting the three local area women — Ellen Gates Starr, Julia Lathrop and Addams who were involved in early Hull-House.

For more information call Jim Bade , 815-563-4485,

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From Little Comments Big Stories Grow

By Jim Bade
CAHS President

Years ago, most newspapers featured “neighborhood” columns with news about local persons involved in events that had nothing to do with the end of the world. Very few papers do that today.

As an historian, I have always found these journalism exercises interesting because they generally reflect the lives of the “common man” at that time.

I bring this up because the historical society has begun collecting and electronically storing these columns and other small newspaper tidbits related to Cedarville and its residents. Ladona Wardlow, a society member, has done much of the research for this project.

I want to share with you a few items Ladona found from the year 1900, a year when the population of Cedarville was slightly more than 200. To bring the persons involved in the story closer to you, I will add information about them that is not in the original story.

On January 2, the Freeport Daily Bulletin reported that “Prof. Fackler took charge as principal of the village schools.” Little did O. A. Fackler know at that time that he would be an educational fixture and resident of Cedarville for at least the next ten years.



O.A. Fackler, 1904

In 1900 the only village school was the building on the hill that now houses the Cedarville Museum. Fackler had the distinction of witnessing the graduation of the school’s first two-year high school class on June 13, 1903. The five graduates were J. Harry Angle, Paul L. Frank, Maude Moses, Roy D. Cromley and Harry H. Addams. (Any ancestors here?) The class colors were light pink and gas green. (Ugh!) Fackler was also principal in 1909 when parents gave the school the Abraham Lincoln bust that is now exhibited in the museum. The gift was in honor of Lincoln’s 100th birthday. No information on the bust’s cost.

We also learn in that issue of the Freeport Daily Bulletin that farmer William Clingman lost 35 hogs by cholera “and the end is not in sight”, William Leid has sold his residence to Henry Hockman and “William Bruce is somewhat better but is still confined to his room.”

In 1900 William Clingman, a widower for eleven years, was alone and farming the Clingman 1843 homestead on the east side of what is now Illinois Highway 26 immediately north of Angle Road. The house is still there. His mother left the farm with her daughter Eliza in 1874 and moved to 280 Mill Street. In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Siegfred, parents of William’s late wife, lived next to the two women. Rueben was a close friend and business associate of John Addams.

In May, Hockman, a Civil War veteran, was named chairman of the village committee planning the 1900 celebration of what we now call Memorial Day and in September he attended the Grand Army of the Republic encampment in Chicago. Hockman died in 1917. (The historical society has 46 years of the minutes of the Cedarville Memorial Day Committee in the event you are interested in knowing who served on Hockman’s committee.)

William (Billy) Bruce, born in Ireland in 1827, came to the United States in 1856. Bruce was married twice and had one son by his first wife. He moved to Cedarville in 1881 and purchased the house on the southeast corner of Mill and Second streets

He recovered in several weeks from whatever ailed him in this story, but he died in 1909. One of his pallbearers was William Clingman. Bruce’s widow, the former Sarah Lutts, whom he married in 1864, died in 1925 at the age of 95.



Bruce home on Mill and Second streets at the time he lived there.

On January 10 the Freeport Daily Bulletin reported “the ice harvest is over. All the ice houses have been filled with a fine quality of ice.” The life of the ice was extended by insulating it with straw. The late LeRoy Wilson several years ago confirmed what I had always suspected: The ice was cut from Cedar Creek. He added: “Probably from the same area of the creek where the cows had wandered all summer.” (I have no record of any Cedarville deaths or even sickness from contact with this ice.)

On January 19 the Freeport Daily Bulletin announced that the remains of Mrs. Lizzie Addams Tilton, 39, arrived in Cedarville from Cedar Bluff, Ks., where she died. She was the daughter of James Addams, uncle of Jane Addams, also 39.

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Left: Andy Dvorak, Highland Community College instructor, discusses Hull House era with Delbert Scheider who served twelve years on the college board, three as chairman.



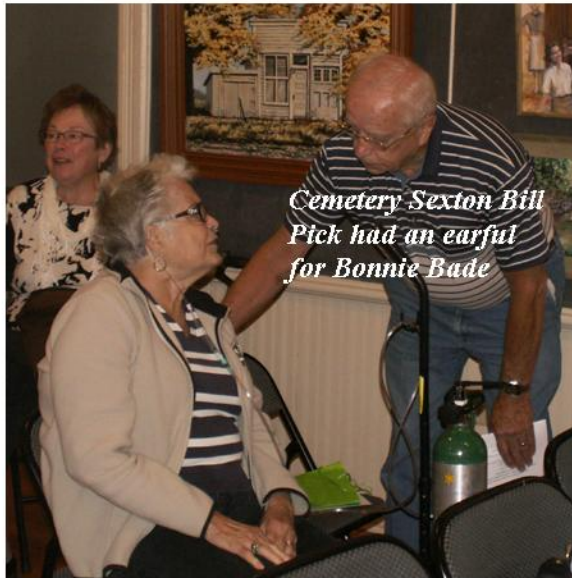
Harriett Gustason, columnist for the Freeport Journal-Standard

Two Programs Twice as Nice

In August the historical society presented the first two of four programs spotlighting Jane Addams, Ellen Gates Starr and Julia Lathrop, three local area women who were instrumental in the birth and success of Chicago's Hull-House. On the left page are some who attended Highland College history instructor Andy Dvorak's August 4 introductory presentation; on the right are some who heard Rockford's Suzanne Crandall's first person story of the life of Ellen Gates Starr from Durand.



Carole Bertram with Vicki and Don Franz, board member



Cemetery Sexton Bill Pick had an earful for Bonnie Bade



Diana and Dan Nye found the library table a good eating spot



Suzanne Crandall and the life of Ellen Gates Starr.

Board member Steve Myers and Lisa Goodwin at the after-program refreshment table. Lisa volunteered to serve as hostess that night for the vacationing Carol Meyers.



(l to r) Roger Goodspeed, Judy Corrie and Delbert Scheider



Jerry Hastings, a great banjo artist. Jerry, did you tell me you were about to be 90 in a few days?

Suzanne had the ear of Harlan Corrie



Join the Jane Addams Birthday Run and Walk on October 3

The Jane Addams 155th Birthday celebration 5K Run or Walk will be Saturday, October 3, on the Jane Addams Trail west of Cedarville. Sponsored by the Cedarville Area Historical Society, the event will start at the Wes Block Trail Head south of U.S. Rt. 20 Bypass and end at Cedarville Road. There is parking at the starting and ending points. The event will take place regardless of weather. **Runners will compete for awards in the separate male and female age groups of 12 and under, 13—19, 20—29, 30—39, 40—49, 50—59, 60 and up.**

Race Day

Late registration at the starting line is 8:30 a.m. Runners start at 9:30 a.m.; walkers a few minutes later. There will be water on the trail, fruit at the end and food at the museum.

Awards

Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Museum. (See map) Trophies will go to the first overall male and female winners of the run. Medals will go to the top three male and female finishers in the seven age groups. All walk or run participants get a special Jane Addams t-shirt.

Registration/Fees

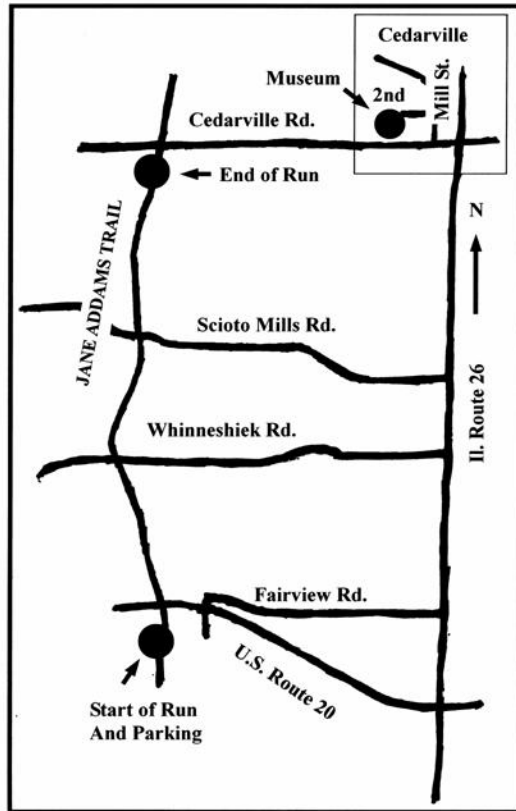
The fee is \$17 for those who register by September 30. Those registering on October 3 will pay \$19. The fee offsets the society's cost of the t-shirts, trophies and medals. **The registration form is on the next page of this newsletter.**

The registration form and a check or money order made out to the Cedarville Area Historical Society should be mailed to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Box 336, Cedarville, IL. 61013.

Food

There will be free refreshments served at the museum at the time of the awards ceremony.

For more information contact Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or bonniebade@comcast.net



5K RUN / WALK REGISTRATION

NAME _____ RACE DAY AGE _____ WALK/RUN _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 CIRCLE ONE CIRCLE ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE HOME
 MALE FEMALE SML MED LRG X-LRG XX-LRG PHONE _____
 WAIVER: I hereby waive and release any and all claims of damages or injuries I may incur as a result of my participation in this contest. This waiver covers the Cedarville Area Historical Society, Jane Addams Trail Commission and other sponsors of the event.
 SIGNATURE _____ (PARENT IF UNDER 18)

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February 13, Freeport Daily Bulletin: "The will of the late Hannah White of Cedarville was filed today. She leaves all her real estate, which is four lots in Cedarville, to the supervisor of Lancaster (*Township*). Wm. Winters is the present supervisor. The above was made on condition that the supervisor take proper care of her and her son Aram Ballinger during their natural lives."

And from April 24, Freeport Daily Bulletin: "George Houser is no longer in the employ of the Cedarville Creamery company." (*I don't know whether George was fired, quit or whether he left town.*)

Yes, Cedarville had a creamery on Second Street a block east of Mill.



Not all the news in the neighborhood columns was frivolous. The Freeport Daily Bulletin on June 7 reported that "Captain Samuel Buchanan died at his home in Cedarville at 11 o'clock this morning after a long illness. He was 66."

Buchanan, commander of Co. G, 46th Illinois Regt. in the Civil War, suffered a severe wound and never fully recovered.

He was buried in Cedarville Cemetery on June 11. Buses brought the large number of mourners to the ceremony.

By 1900 the soldiers who survived the conflict began to succumb to its lingering effects or old age.

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