

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission

2000
ANNUAL
REPORTS

**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FY 1999 – 2000 ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW**

Development in McHenry County continues. Rural subdivisions and land expansion by municipalities hold the potential for continued loss of historic structures and scenic rural vistas. In light of development trends, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is committed to creating a balanced perspective for the County, to help preserve that which is best and to support a county-wide coordinated effort to identify and protect valuable sites and structures before development encroaches upon them.

I. Cases Reviewed

In fiscal year 1999-2000 the Commission reviewed and granted one *Certificate of Appropriateness* related to Woodstock Street (the County's 15th local landmark) located within the Village of Huntley. The Certificate was approved and allowed the Village to proceed with the reconstruction project.

No *Certificates of Economic Hardship* were issued.

II. Designations (See Appendix A.)

In fiscal year 1999-2000 the Commission held two (2) public hearings for local landmark designations:

- **#HP 00-01:** The *Allendale Truss Bridge* was formally designated McHenry County's sixteenth local landmark on the 16th of May 2000 by a unanimous vote of the County Board.

The Allendale Truss Bridge is one of the last remaining pre-concrete bridges in McHenry County. Standing as a witness to history, it is set in a picturesque location in Greenwood Township. The sixty-one year old utilitarian structure carries traffic and at the same time helps convey connections to a more rural past. Good consistent maintenance enables it to meet today's life-safety requirements.

- **#HP 99-02:** On 3 October 2000, the McHenry County Board unanimously voted to designate the *Carr-Harrison Cemetery (circa. 1842)*, located within the corporate limits of the Village of Ringwood, as McHenry County's seventeenth local landmark.

Through cooperative efforts an intergovernmental agreement was signed by the Village and County. (The Commission was able to use the standardized agreement developed last year with the State's Attorney's help when the Village of Huntley designated Woodstock Street.) The collaboration not only helped safeguard this private "double" cemetery, it also contributed to the preservation of historic structures in another incorporated area, and to once again facilitate awareness of McHenry's historic resources.

III. Survey

During FY 1999-2000, Jim Pearson and Mike Walkup joined the survey committee. In addition to visiting sites in Alden Township, the Committee surveyed the Allendale Bridge and the Carr-Harrison Cemetery both of which were plaqued during the fiscal year. Mr. Keefe contacted the farm bureau regarding a letter he received about Fred Hatch the inventor of the upright silo. The Committee also compiled a list of all McHenry County cemeteries. And once again, Chairman Keefe represented the Commission at the Civil War Round Table meetings as well as speaking to various groups throughout the County.

IV. National Register

In fiscal year 1999-2000 no National Register nominations were considered by the Commission. No National Register nominations are pending.

V. Monitoring

The Commission did not formally review nor identify any cases of alteration/demolition to National Register or Illinois Register properties in McHenry County. It has, however, been in contact with the owner of the Hibbard House in Marengo. Unfortunately, the Commission could not obtain once again, any assurances about preserving the structure. See December minutes for newspaper article.

VI. Activities

The start of the new year found the Commission working diligently with the Joint Council of Historic Groups preparing for two yearly meetings. The first, scheduled for March 29th and hosted by the Algonquin Historic Commission, was titled the "Restoration of Woodstock Street, a Work in Progress" and featured a presentation / discussion presented by trustees from the Village of Huntley. The second meeting

held in September at Richmond's Memorial Hall, highlighted the re-channelization of Nippersink Creek. Guest speaker for the meeting was Ed Collins.

Gail Drabant was recognized by the McHenry County Board on February 15th. Chairman Tryon awarded Ms. Drabant a plaque acknowledging her work not only with the rural survey, but also her crusade in saving and restoring the Powers-Walker House.

Spring brought about preparation for the Seventh Annual Awards Program. Held once again at the historic Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake on May 16th, the ever popular program recognized winners in ten separate categories. The Awards Committee spent many long hours working to make the afternoon memorable for all.

The Commission recommended two properties for designation during FY 1999-2000. A public hearing was held on May 3rd for the Allendale Truss Bridge in Greenwood Township. County Board Member Don Larson, along with township officials, took part in the landmark ceremony on August 19th. The public hearing for the Carr-Harrison Cemetery (included an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ringwood) was held on September 6th. On October 29th over fifty family members and friends attended the landmark ceremony. Planning and Development Committee Chairman, Donna Schaefer, presented the plaque. (See appendix for designation information.)

In addition to the work implementing the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ringwood, copies of both agreements (Huntley and Ringwood) were sent to the Kane County Department of Planning, Zoning and Environmental Quality and to the Village of Richmond. Hopefully, Kane County will be able to enact a like document and the Village of Richmond will enter into a working relationship with McHenry County.

During the summer months, the Endangered Sites Sub-Committee developed a list of historic structures most threatened by development, taxation, disuse, neglect, forces of nature and vandalism. A form was designed and distributed throughout the County to help residents recognize structures most worthy of saving, to provide direction when possible, and to increase citizen awareness.

Natural Features Chair, Gloria Mack, initiated a "Scenic Road Program" to recognize both roads and streetscapes located in municipal and unincorporated areas. By identifying significant scenic, natural, and historic resources within roadway corridors, the program aims to establish a sense of place through community recognition. The honorarium is intended to be a tribute without restriction. When a funding mechanism is established, signs will be placed along

road sides highlighting scenic vistas for drivers, cyclists, walkers and sightseers alike.

The Commission also made presentations to the Planning & Development and Management Services Committees regarding photo murals of designated County landmarks for public display in the Government Center. With enthusiastic support from committee and department heads the Commission was able to accrue budget monies and has begun to work towards this "artful" goal.

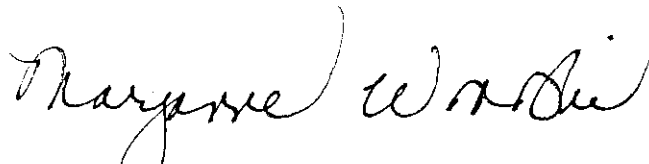
Per the requirements for Certified Local Government status, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe and Maryanne Wanaski attended the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois' seminar held in Lake Forest. It was well organized and very informative. (See appendix for information.)

With much sadness Jim Keefe, local historian and one of the Commission's founding members, submitted his resignation. County Board Chairman, Mike Tryon honored Jim and presented him with a resolution acknowledging his volunteerism over the last decade. Jim will be greatly missed.

Carrie Koster-Horan, a professional archaeologist, with federal and state preservation experience was officially welcomed to fill the vacancy. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a spirit for "liking" hard work with her appointment. The Commission presently has all nine seats filled.

The Commission's on-going work through its Municipal Liaison assisted the City of Marengo and the Village of Greenwood's preservation commissions with help drafting ordinances. The Commission also drafted a format to be used for public hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryanne Wanaski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1/31/01 – Annual Report 2000 Gail Drabant

COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIP:

McHenry County has continued in its endeavor to encourage historic preservation. Specifically the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has contributed in this goal in the past year through the following major efforts.

The Commission conducted a **successful awards program**. We had a large number of nominations. Through recognition of positive efforts, we can encourage more preservation. Also, this program raised the level of awareness of historic architecture. Since much of historic preservation is done by concerned individuals, this educational process is at the heart of preservation. We can accomplish much by preservation through education of individuals as to just what is appropriate historic restoration. We are looking forward to an equally successful awards program this next year.

Also, in trying to raise public awareness of historic structures in McHenry County, we donated the remaining portion of our 1998-1999 budget to the production of a Historic Sites Map of McHenry County produced by the Historical Society. The main benefit of this map is that instead of being available by purchase it is being given out free of charge so that it reaches far more people instead of just the preservation-minded people that would normally purchase such a map. Grant funding was also obtained for this project by the Historical Society. The unveiling and initial distribution was originally scheduled for the Summer of 2000 but due to technical difficulties, the map will not be ready until March/April of 2001.

The FY 1999-2000 surplus budget has been accrued in order to purchase murals for the McHenry County Government Center of the County's local landmarks. Again in an effort to reach out and raise public awareness, the Commission voted unanimously to undertake this special project over the next two years. With full County Board approval and support, it is hoped that these photo murals will promote public awareness of McHenry County's historic resources and once again promote preservation efforts.

In addition to these main areas of emphasis in 2000, we also landmarked a family cemetery and a steel truss bridge. We have had trouble convincing people to landmark their homes, since most are concerned about the ordinance protection as viewed as limitations to future owners. This is an area we will need to clarify in the future in order to encourage more landmark designations.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to chair this Commission for the last three years and am looking forward to continued commission work with someone else as chairman. All organizations need new ideas to keep enthusiasm at its peak while still accomplishing overall goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Drabant, Chairman
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

LANDMARK PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT 2000

ITEMS COMPLETED:

- 1) Researched where the photo murals were created for the Algonquin Historical Commission. (See accompanying fact sheet dated March 20, 2000
- 2) Located existing photographs of plaqued historic landmarks. They are located in the Department of Planning and Development McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building A

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED:

- 1) Select best view of each plaqued landmark
- 2) Make photocopies of best views
- 3) Present photocopies to Commission
- 4) Decide on photomural sizes
- 5) Decide on best location for photomurals in McHenry County Courthouse
- 6) Secure funding for the photomurals
- 7) Finalize project by ordering photomurals
- 8) Have photomurals installed

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

From: James E. Pearson

Re: Special Projects (Photo Murals done by Algonquin Hist. Comm.)

Date: March 20, 2000

Contact Persons: Jeff Jolitz (847-658-9182 - Home)
(847-678-5450 - Work)

Marie Coleman (847-658-9581 - Home)

Murals were done by: Perfect Images (847-297-2277)
Mt. Prospect Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Pictures were done in various sizes 16" x 20"
20" x 24"
26" x 40"

Pictures were mounted on heavy masonite...1/4"

Pictures were covered with a Matt finish to protect photos

Cost for 22 photo murals \$3,000.00

Cost for Brass explanation plaques \$485.00

This company did all the photos in the Ernest Hemmingway Museum in Oak Park, IL

Algonquin Comm. raised the needed funds from sale of a local history book they put together as well as a historic calendar

The womens club sold calendars for \$7.00@ for them, they had a booth at Founders Day (Comm.) and they sold remainder to real estate agents to give to their customers.

Photos could be done in Black & White or Color.

Local McHenry County Landmarks
as of September 1998

1. Tryon Grove Farm
8914 Tryon Grove Road
Ringwood, Illinois 60072
2. John B. Walkup House
5215 North Walkup Road
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
3. Diggins School
19017 River Road
Marengo, Illinois 60152
4. Greenwood School
4614 Greenwood Road
Greenwood, Illinois 60098
5. Ornsby-Stark Home
8909 McConnell Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
6. Holcombville School
6310 Crystal Springs Road
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
7. Newman House
20605 East Brink Street
Harvard, Illinois 60033
8. John James House / Windhill Farm
2719 Greenwood Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
9. Rudolphus A. Hutchinson House /
House of Seven Gables
10308 North U.S. Highway 14
Harvard, Illinois 60033
10. William P. Walkup House
2809 Country Club Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
11. Ostend Cemetery
Route 120
McHenry, Illinois 60050
12. Miller (Müller) Family Chapel
NW Corner of Ringwood & Wilmot Roads
Johnsburg, Illinois 60050
13. Mount Auburn Cemetery
Brink Street
Harvard, Illinois 60033
14. Woodstock St.
Huntley, IL
15. Witness Tree
16. Allendale Bridge
17. Carr-Harrison Cemetery

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
2000 Annual Report - Submitted by Gloria Mack**

Natural Features/Scenic Roads

In January of this year the Natural Features committee initiated a Scenic Road Program. We met with the McHenry County Highway Department and discussed cosponsoring this program. It was suggested by the head of the highway department that a letter be sent to all the government entities in the County seeking their input on this program. I prepared a letter and sent a copy to the Highway Department for their approval. We did not receive a response from the Highway Department until April. At that time we discussed the proposed letter. It was at this meeting that The Highway Department informed us that they decided they would not cosponsor the Scenic Road Program, however, they would serve as advisors.

In July a letter was sent to all the government entities in McHenry County (See Attached). Several municipalities responded that they would be interested in the program. In September it was called to my attention that Kane County had a Scenic Road Program. It was at this time that Scott Berger a Planner from Kane County and myself began a dialogue. He sent me Kane County's Scenic Road information and since Kane County had not used inter-governmental agreements as McHenry County had we shared that information with him.

At this time we are working on an application and informational brochure. It is the committees goal that this program be up and running by June.

Joint Council of Historic Groups

The McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups meets twice a year. Our first meeting this year was on March 29th. The meeting was hosted by the Algonquin Historical Commission. Our program for the meeting was presented by the Village of Huntley on the restoration of Woodstock Street. Sue Lamb a Village Trustee and residents of Woodstock Street presented a brief overview of the Woodstock Street project and then engaged in a question and answer session. Appropriately 35 member of various historic groups attended.

Our fall Joint Council Meeting was held at the historic Richmond Memorial Hall. Our program was presented by Ed Collins a Restoration Biologist from McHenry County Conservation District, who provided a slide program on the restoration of the Nippersink Creek to its original route. It was one of the more interesting programs the Joint Council sponsored.

McHenry County
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Monthly Reports

Memos, and

Attachments

From: Cindy Gomez
To: J. Donald Widick
Subject: Encumbering Historic Pres. Funds

In regards to the conversation we had the other day about the remaining Historic Preservation funds, this is my official request to encumber these funds. I spoke to Maryanne Wanaski and she anticipates about another \$100 to be spent out of this fund. All remaining monies in all line items should be encumbered and available to the Commission to use in the FY 2000-2001. Please use the following company:

Perfect Images
1550 Mount Prospect Rd
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847)297-2277

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me.

Thanks,
Cindy

McHENRY COUNTY BOARD
County Administrator's Weekly
Newsletter
 Activities for the week of August 4, 2000



Management Services Committee 8/01/00 - Committee members recommended approval of a Resolution authorizing an extension of the lease with the McHenry County Fair Association



Transportation Committee 8/02/00 - The Committee interviewed three firms concerning the design of the Ackman Road Extension from Lakewood Road to Haligus Road. The committee approved of Smith Engineering to begin negotiations for this design work.

The committee discussed the LITH airport improvements whereby one alternate is now being looked at more closely. Highway Dept. staff presented comments to the advisory committee on concerns for the realignment of Pyott Road. Those comments are now being reviewed and will be addressed.

A speed study performed on River Road in Marengo Township did not warrant a reduction in speed at this time, but may be addressed in the future if prevailing speeds can be reduced.

Bids were accepted on behalf of Nunda Township for necessary bridge repairs on Bull Valley Road east of Curran Road.



Drug & Alcohol Committee 8/02/00- Committee members discussed the "Law Enforcement" aspect of the Public Hearings. The State's Attorney's office noted a need for an additional DUI prosecutor but stated there is currently a lack of funds to hire an additional prosecutor and a lack of space in the office for additional personnel. It was noted that a Grant could be obtained in January to pay

for the new prosecutor but there would still be the space issue. Sheriff Department personnel noted the need to strengthen the current laws to close the loopholes that suspected drunk drivers seem to get through. If the suspected drunk driver has been stopped or arrested before he already knows to refuse certain sobriety tests in order to weaken a DUI case. The Committee will meet with area Legislators on August 16 to discuss possible legislation changes.



Planning & Development 8/04/00 - Proposed regulations for peaker plants were discussed with several items of importance. The definition of peaker plant, 8 standards and the zoning chart were provided to the Committee for review and discussion at the next meeting. The discussion centered around groundwater and EPA air standards. The 'need' issue will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals rather than decided before hand. The Committee will discuss limiting the zoning by conditional use in Industrial Zoning at the next meeting.

The Committee approved a joint resolution for the Sub-area Residential Planning Demonstration Project.

* The Committee referred local landmark photo item to the Management Services Committee.

- Law & Justice Committee (8/07/00 8:30 A.M.)
- Management Services (8/08/00 8:15 A.M.)
- Finance Committee (8/08/00 10:00 A.M.)
- Liquor & License Committee (8/09/00 10:00 A.M.)
- Merit Commission (8/09/00 10:00 A.M.)
- Valley-Hi (8/10/00 9:00 A.M.)
- Tax Cycle Commission (8/10/00 2:00 P.M.)
- Planning Commission (8/10/00 7:00 P.M.)
- Public Health Committee (8/11/00 9:00 A.M.)



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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July 25, 2000

Dear :

As we stand at the threshold of the 21st century, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to initiate a special project to recognize scenic roads and streetscapes throughout McHenry County. Working together with municipal, township and county officials to designate picturesque roadways, this honorarium is intended to be a tribute without restrictions.

If you are interested in this program or serving on a committee that would monitor this program, please contact Jim Hogue or Maryanne Wanaski of the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development at 815 334-4560 or Gloria Mack, Chair/Scenic Road Program, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission at 815 363-3261. This project will not require an endless commitment, only an organizational meeting or two to set down guidelines, create an application, design signage and discuss signage funding.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim, Maryanne or myself at the above numbers.

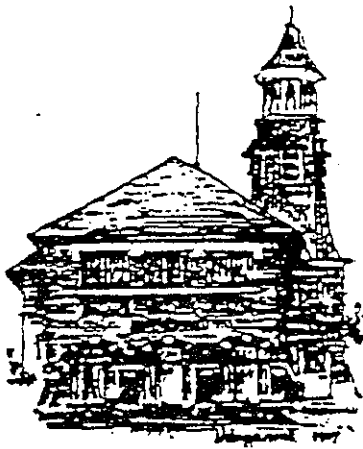
Sincerely,

Gloria G. Mack
Scenic Road Program
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

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Algonquin Historic Commission

"To foster the research, development and preservation of Algonquin's history for current and future generations."



September 7, 2000

Department of Planning and Development
County Preservation Commission
Annex Building A
2200 N Seminary Av
Woodstock, IL 60098

Att: Gloria Mack

Ref: Scenic Road Program

Dear Gloria:

Your recent letter to the Village of Algonquin was forwarded to the Historic Commission for consideration.

Please forward any further information you might have on this program to the Algonquin Historic Commission, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102.

We would be interested in nominating scenic roads and landscapes in the Algonquin area once this program has been finalized.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Jolitz-Chairman
Algonquin Historic Commission

Survey Committee Report 2000

We had two new members added to the survey committee in the past year; Jim Pearson and Michael Walkup.

Our landmarkings this year were the Allendale Truss Bridge located in Greenwood Township and the Carr-Harrison Cemetery in the Village of Ringwood. Turnout for the designation ceremony for the bridge included County Board Member, Don Larson; Nancy Fike and Roger May, nominators and the Greenwood Township Supervisor. For the Carr-Harrison Cemetery about 50 family members attended and Donna Schaefer, County Board Member and Chair of the Planning and Development Committee handed out the plaque.

We visited sites in Alden and handed out literature. We are still waiting for responses. The farm bureau is not interested in following up on Fred Hatch the inventor of the upright silo. The Commission may want to discuss this item again. Amy Duncan of the Conservation District also informed me that the project regarding the Civil War graves near Marengo is on hold for at least the next 5 years.

Our committee reinvented the wheel again by revisiting locations that former survey members had seen. Again, the sites in Alden have been surveyed before.

A Mr. Clarence Chinn, from Harvard, Illinois called last year about his farm house west of town. In talking to him the house has been totally changed and I doubt if it is still historically significant. We visited the site in March and committee members were in agreement that it has been remodeled and is not qualified for landmark status.

As always we continue to send out applications. Hopefully some owners will go the next step.

It is with a sad heart that this is my last year on the Commission. I wish you all bountiful perseverance as you carry out your role as Commission members.

James Keefe, Survey Committee Chairman

2000 Annual Report - McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Communications Committee

Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner

This year the Commission was noted in several newspaper articles. These articles centered mainly on plaquing ceremonies at newly recognized sites. We also received coverage of our Historic Achievement Awards Ceremony, held in May. Most of these articles were printed in the Northwest Herald or the Chicago Tribune.

This was not a banner year for coverage for our Commission. If we are to get credit for the ongoing efforts of Commission members and volunteers, we will have to work harder to get our articles and events in the local papers. Name recognition is something we would like to achieve, and this should be a goal for the next year.

Some of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission related articles included:

- an article about the Powers-Walker House and Commissioner Gail Drabant
- an article about the Commission's involvement with the historic map
- an article about Holcombville School
- an article about Woodstock Street in Huntley
- notification of Joint Council meetings

Endangered Historic Sites Committee

Chairpersons: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais

In an attempt to get this committee in motion, David and I had several discussions as to the direction this project should take. We also brought our committee up for discussion at the September 2000 Joint Council Meeting, in attempt to solicit volunteers and glean ideas and information.

We have come up with a proposed form to be distributed at local museums, city halls, and via McHenry County historic organizations. This form has been submitted to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission for review and revising. At this time there have been no changes made. The form is attached.

One of our goals with this committee is to begin to build a database or catalog of historic sites that meet our criteria of endangerment. We would like to have background information and photographs (then and now) of each property. This information would be maintained in the Commission library.

Another goal is to create interest and to generate a course of action that results in the potentially endangered property being removed off of the endangered list.

A third goal of this committee is to educate interested parties as to what actions may endanger a property and how to rectify ensuing detrimental results, or avoid them entirely.

In the next year, 2001, we need to compile an initial list of potentially endangered sites and begin to catalogue these sites. It is important to have accurate records and good photographs of these sites, as many of them are lost before they can be helped.



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February 27, 2001

Ms. Catherine O'Connor
Local Government Services Manager
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Annual Report for FY1999 - 2000

Dear Ms. O'Connor,

Enclosed please find a copy of the above referenced report. This documents the activities of the Commission over the last year and should, I believe, satisfy one of the requirements of the agreement between McHenry County and the IHPA for Local Government Certification.

Thank you for the "grace" period and for changing next year's due date. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

enclosure



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Memorandum

To: Certified Local Governments

From: Catherine O'Connor, (new) CLG Manager *CO*

Date: January 12, 2001

Re: Hello

On behalf of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Preservation Services Division, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and introduce myself as the new manager of the local government services program. While my predecessor, Amy Slocombe, left some big shoes to fill I am enthusiastic about working with communities throughout the state to preserve the cultural and historical heritage of Illinois.

In the immediate term I am busy learning about your local programs and developing effective marketing tools for our Community Preservation Series handbooks and videotapes designed to enhance your efforts. In the future I will be working with you to support and strengthen the local community historic preservation network with new grants and innovative education programs of the IHPA.

I hope to be able to draw upon my experience of more than a decade of career state agency service in the areas of legislation, communications and planning at the Illinois State Library, and affiliation with both local and statewide historical organizations to further the important mission of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. I anticipate a busy 2001 ahead, and look forward to meeting each of you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (217) 785-5730 or CLG0IHPA@hotmail.com.

(note: that's a zero in the center of the E mail address).

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Report Submitted by Gloria Mack - February 2, 2000

Natural Features:

I faxed a copy of the "Scenic Roads" letter that is to be sent to the townships, cities and villages regarding participation in the Scenic Roads program to the County Highway Department. I requested that Jim Keefe and I meet with the Highway Commissioner, and Bill Dwyer, Chair of the Transportation Committee. This was a verbal request made to Pat Schroeder, I will be sending a written request by the first of next week, as I have not yet received an answer.

Joint Council:

Nancy Fike and I have agreed on March 29th as our next Joint Council meeting. We hope the program will be Village of Huntley, both Village Officials and residents discussing the progress on Woodstock Street and how they got there. The meeting will be hosted by the Algonquin Commission and held at the historic Algonquin Village Hall. Since I have not yet confirmed the program, I have not prepared a mailing. I hope to confirm the program by the end of the week.

Miscellaneous:

Village of Cary/DG

Seminar:

Dave and I have not met.

Annual Report:

A note, the Annual Report is a simple matter if you prepare written reports for each meeting. Review and summarize - The Annual Report.



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February 4, 2000

Dear Joint Council Member:

It is once again time to prepare for the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission's Annual Preservation Awards.

In the past, we have relied heavily upon you and other Joint Council members for nominations. Your knowledge, expertise and familiarity with McHenry County make you a natural for this type of input.

We *GREATLY* appreciate the time and effort you have expended in the past to make the program such a success and hope we may rely on you again this year. Won't you please take a few minutes to nominate one (or more!) deserving individual(s), group(s), or property?

Please look over the enclosed nomination form, fill it out and send it back by the due date (April 1st). Forms may be photo copied or contact the McHenry County Planning and Development Department for additional copies.

Thanks for your continued support of historic preservation.

Yours truly,

Anthony Howard
Awards Committee Chairman

Efforts in Historic Preservation and Restoration in McHenry County to be Recognized

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is seeking nominations for the *Year 2000 Historic Preservation Awards*. The Awards Ceremony, held in May, is designed to encourage efforts in historic preservation by local groups and individuals.

Eleven award categories cover architectural styles over 50 year old, as well as historic structures such as gazebos and bridges, and historic vistas. There are award categories for outstanding achievement by a group and by an individual.

Past award winners have expressed pride and delight at being nominated. Many acknowledge that historic restoration/preservation is a pursuit that is challenging and fulfilling, as well as never-ending. Please take a moment to nominate someone who deserves to be commended for his/her/their historic activities, such as rehabbing an old Victorian house, preserving a Prairie style home, or for working tirelessly with a local historical organization.



Call for your nomination form today!

Potential nominees?



Pre-Civil War

To obtain a nomination application, call the Department of
Planning and Development at 815 334-4560 or e-mail
Jennifer Iftner at jiftner@yahoo.com.

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February 15, 2000

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Maryanne Wanaski, Planner
Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 N. Seminary Ave. Annex Bldg. A
Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Maryanne,

Thank you for submitting McHenry County's Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report for FY99. After reviewing the report, I have determined that McHenry County has met the requirements of the CLG program.

The commission did an excellent job last year and so did you! The annual report was complete, well detailed, and well organized. I was sorry to hear about the Old House Support Group. I hope that it can be resurrected in the near future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 217/785-5730.

Sincerely,

Amy Slocumbe
Local Government Services
Manager

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MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



3/1/00 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

Thank you, Maryanne, for getting our annual report down to Springfield. We certainly appreciate you taking care of this requirement for the commission.

I want to also express many thanks to the McHenry County Board for their recognition and the appreciation plaque. What a surprise, but it feels great!

3/1/00 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

We have received requests for copies of the binders by board members and townships. We have got all the material ready and will produce these as soon as the final feedback from Springfield is received.

PUBLICATIONS:

The revised award nomination form for 2000 was produced based on revision requests from Tony to aid in the clarity. 400 copies were made (& folded by the commissioners) for distribution.

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On hold.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: (*Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.*)

We scavenged single-bead board wainscoting from the Thompson house on Route 120 prior to the gravel pit's demolition. We also scavenged from David's family's house in Powers Lake. We desperately need more clapboard which we were able to take matching clapboard in excellent condition and some missing hardware (hinges, hooks & door knobs) that we also needed. Thanks, David, for this opportunity. There might be more materials that we could "recycle" into the Powers-Walker house.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

March 1, 2000

Report submitted by Gloria Mack

The Joint Council of Historic Groups meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30. It will be hosted by the Algonquin Historic Commission and will be held at the historic Algonquin Village Hall. The scheduled program is the **Restoration of Woodstock Street, a work in progress, in the Village of Huntley**. The presentation will be given by Sue Lamb, Village of Huntley Trustee and residents of Woodstock Street. I put together the notice and updated the set of address labels, I forwarded all to Nina for posting. I am working on updating the Joint Council list and hope to have it ready by the meeting.

The Scenic Road Program - I sent a letter to Pat Schroeder, McHenry County Highway Department Planner (2/7). Since I hadn't received a response I called Ms. Schroeder (2/22). She said she had been out of town and my 2/7 correspondence was her top priority. In my letter I asked if Jim S., Ms. Schroeder, Jim Keefe and myself could meet to discuss the letter submitted for the Villages/Cities.

Barb Bigalke, Marengo Historic Preservation Commission, contacted me about Marengo constructing a preservation ordinance. She asked me to attend their monthly meeting on 3/8 at 5 PM. I will bring them a copy of our ordinance and hopefully be helpful. It is my understanding that their new mayor is very preservation minded.

The McHenry County Civil War Round Table Scholarship Committee is giving a \$500. American History Award to a 12th grade student enrolled in a McHenry County School. A copy of the flier was in your packet, if you have any questions now's the time.

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD
RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENT TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCHENRY COUNTY
SO AS TO HAVE THE MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION SERVE AS THE PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR AND
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD


WHEREAS, the Village of Ringwood has approached the County of McHenry requesting the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission serve as the preservation commission for and within the corporate limits of the Village; and

WHEREAS, 55ILCS 5/5-30004 (17) grants the County of McHenry the power to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, with the Village of Ringwood authorizing the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to exercise the power and authority granted by state statute (ILCS Division 5-30 County Historic Preservation) and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to designate landmarks or preservation districts within the corporate boundaries and to serve as the historic preservation commission for the Village; and,

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the McHenry County Board enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ringwood allowing the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to carry out the duties and responsibilities as granted by state statute and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance to designate landmarks or preservation districts and to serve as the historic preservation commission within the corporate limits of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Ringwood that an intergovernmental agreement be drafted with McHenry County which authorizes the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to exercise the powers and authority as granted by state statute (ILCS 5/30 County Historic Preservation) and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to designate landmarks or preservation districts and to serve as the historic preservation commission within the corporate limits of the Village of Ringwood.

DATED at Ringwood, Illinois, this 20th day of March, 2000.


Richard E. Mack, President
Village of Ringwood

ATTEST:


Susan Kennebeck, Clerk, Village of Ringwood

**Survey Committee report March 15th 2000
In Re: Allendale Bridge #3064**

I have seen and taken pictures of the bridge. I am asking with our minutes of the meeting of April 5th all other members get copies of the pictures enclosed with this report and if they desire they can view the bridge. Some of our members are well aware of the bridge and agree that it is a structure well worth honoring.

This bridge was built in 1939 after the former bridges were washed away in a flood . The first bridge was built at this location in 1846. That bridge was replaced in 1915 and was washed away in 1938. A description of the current bridge, along with pictures is included with this report. There is a lot of history here. It is the only pre concrete bridge left in our county.

This bridge ,because of it's history has 8 of the requirements that we need out of 14.

It was proposed by Nancy Fike of the McHenry Cty Historical Soc and signed by Roger May the Highway commissioner.

We recommend this bridge for designation

Jim Keefe, Survey Committee

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Survey Committee Report... April 5th,00

I followed up on Dave Gervais request to contact the Farm Bureau and see if there is a interest in some recognition for the inventor of the upright silo, Fred Hatch. I spoke with Larry Harris, the executive ^{Secretary} ~~secretary~~ of the Farm Bureau and called Dave Gardner, a district representative for the Illinois Agriculture Association.

Nancy Fike gave me the application for the Allendale Bridge and it was turned over to Maryanne the same day. It will be our second plaguing this year. It should be before the commission this month.

Called Ed ^{COLLINS} Carleson of the Conservation dist. about the Civil War Veterans buried near Marengo. I heard from Amy Duncan that it may not be on the program for at least 5 more years.

Three of the survey committee members attended the joint meeting of McHenry County Historical Groups.

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**McHenry County Farm Bureau
Attn, Larry Harris**

Larry,

I received this letter from one of my commission members. He would like the Farm Bureau to recognize the importance of what Hatch has done to the farming community.

The site we know would not be the best place, but maybe at the corner of Main St and Johnsburg Rd. Somewhere in that area.

Let me know if the board is interested and we can get you all the history. I am sure you have it already.

Jim Keefe, Survey Committee, McH. Cty. Historical Cm.

DAVID R. GERVAIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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10 WEST TERRA COTTA AVENUE
(ROUTE 176 AT WALKUP ROAD)
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS
60014-3506

March 2, 2000

Mr. James Keefe
Keefe Insurance Agency
1212 N. Seminary Ave.
Woodstock, IL 60098

RE: Fred Hatch Silo

Dear Jim:

I am writing to you as someone who shares my interest in local history. While we both presently serve on the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, I am also a past president and life member of the McHenry County Historical Society and have been a resident of McHenry County since the mid-1960s.

It is my opinion that there is only one structure that was ever built in McHenry County that is worthy of national attention, and that structure is the Fred Hatch silo located in Spring Grove. If my memory is correct Mr. Hatch returned to Spring Grove after receiving a degree in agriculture from the University of Illinois. The above-ground silo that he built in Spring Grove in 1873 was the first of its kind.

The site of the Fred Hatch silo was plaqued by the McHenry County Historical Society years ago. Unfortunately the site has fallen into disrepair and the silo itself no longer exists.

I was wondering if the Farm Bureau might have an interest in the production of a replica of the Hatch silo so that more people could become aware of its importance. It is unfortunate that the original silo no longer exists, but a replica would still make people aware of its significance. Eric Sloane in his book An Age of Barns points out that Fred Hatch was the inventor of the silo and that it was not until years later that the silo began appearing on eastern farms.

Although I am not an architect or engineer, I do not believe that the actual construction or the expense of building a replica would be prohibitive. I think it would be nice to have a replica built in the Spring Grove area near the original site. However, I think access to the site would be of equal importance.

Mr. James Keefe
Page Two
March 2, 2000

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. R. Gervais'. The signature is stylized with a large 'D' and a long horizontal stroke.

David R. Gervais

DRG:mks



4/5/00 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

Thanks to all commission members for the wonderful turn-out at the last Joint Council meeting. We were represented by eight of our commissioners.

Thanks also to all commission members who turned in award nominations. This will be our primary focus the next month, but also have the Harrison-Carr cemetery and Allendale bridge landmarkings on the near horizon.

Thanks to Gloria & Dave for getting the resolution for an intergovernmental agreement with Ringwood. Since our liaison efforts in getting local historic preservation ordinances passed has the potential for the greatest amount of historic preservation in the future, we can certainly use all the help we can get on this effort. Therefore, I encourage all commission members to pursue any lines of communication towards this goal in their local areas or where their are existing contacts.

4/5/00 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

We have not yet received the final feedback from Springfield. We will produce the copies as soon as this is received.

PUBLICATIONS:

None this month.

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On hold.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: (*Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.*)

We are just wrapping up inside work so that we can start back on the exterior. We have now rehung the old Greek Revival doors (and trimmed them out replacing modern trim with old or appropriate trim).

Mark your calendar for JULY 15th for the CIVIL WAR ICE CREAM SOCIAL to be held by MCCD at the Powers-Walker house complete with historic interpreters and of course ice cream.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Report - April 5, 2000
Submitted by: Gloria Mack

On March 8th I met with the Marengo Historic Commission. I provided them a copy of the County Ordinance, we discussed landmarking, public hearingsetc. Barbara Bigalke, the Chairman of the Commission will be providing us a copy of the Marengo Ordinance. I think it might adventageous if we have copies of all the Preservation Ordinances enacted by the various municipalities.

Upon receipt of the application for the Harrison/Carr Cemetery which is located in the Village of Ringwood we realized we would need an intergovernmental agreement to protect the cemetery. Ringwood's attorney was out of town, Maryanne suggested that a resolution by Ringwood would allow us to act on the application. Jim Hogue provided me the Huntley Resolution, I amended it to fit Ringwood's situation. I provided each Ringwood Trustee a copy of the application, the County Ordinance, an model inter-governmental agreement and the proposed resolution. In addition, I spoke to each trustee personally to determine if there were any questions. On March 20th Dave Gervais and myself attended the regular Ringwood Village Board meeting. Dave addressed the Village Board and answered all the questions the Trustees had. The Resolution passed unanimously. Dave will be working with Ringwood attorney Bernard Narusis to get the inter-governmental agreement ready for the April Ringwood meeting. It appears the agreement will include the entire Village not just the cemetery.

On March 24th I sent out a reminder post card to the Joint Council members. On March 29th the Algonquin Commission hosted the Joint Council Meeting. I would like to thank all the our Commission members who attended. Huntley gave an interesting presentation. Then we had our usual "brag session". Algonquin provided tours of the historic Village Hall. I estimate there were about 35 members present. We will meet again in September, the location and program are yet to be determined.

Tomorrow morning Jim Keefe and I will be meeting with County Highway Commissioner, Jim S (sp) regarding the scenic road program.

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**Gail Drabant, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission**

Dear Gail,

I have been thinking for sometime now that I have too many different groups and too many meetings. My love for history continues in the Civil War Roundtable and a membership in the Historical Museum. I find myself going to many meetings.

In November of this year I will be completing my 9th year with the Commission and I believe it is time to retire. Please do not plan on renewing my membership.

I am giving you enough time to work in a replacement and if you find one that wants it now, appointment him or her.

It has been a great run from the start and I want to thank the County Board members for my appointment and especially Ann Hughes, who was County Chairman at the time.

Thank you,


Jim Keefe, Woodstock

Dated: April 6, 2000

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

From: James E. Pearson

Re: Special Projects (Photo Murals done by Algonquin Hist. Comm.)

Date: March 20, 2000

Contact Persons: Jeff Jolitz (847-658-9182 - Home)
(847-678-5450 - Work)

Marie Coleman (847-658-9581 - Home)

Murals were done by: Perfect Images (847-297-2277)
Mt. Prospect Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Pictures were done in various sizes 16" x 20"
20" x 24"
26" x 40"

Pictures were mounted on heavy masonite...1/4"

Pictures were covered with a Matt finish to protect photos

Cost for 22 photo murals \$3,000.00

Cost for Brass explanation plaques \$485.00

This company did all the photos in the Ernest Hemmingway Museum in Oak Park, IL

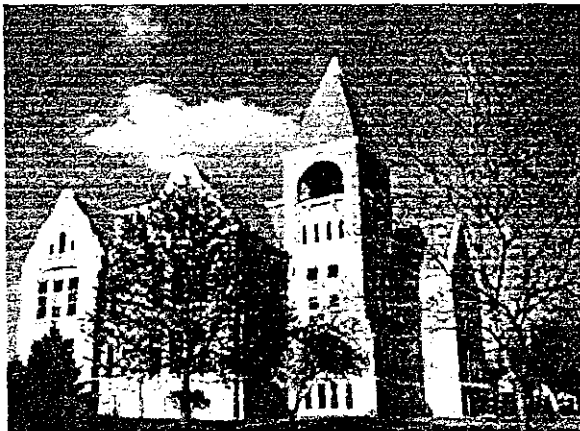
Algonquin Comm. raised the needed funds from sale of a local history book they put together as well as a historic calendar

The womens club sold calendars for \$7.00@ for them, they had a booth at Founders Day (Comm.) and they sold remainder to real estate agents to give to their customers.

Photos could be done in Black & White or Color.

TO: Chicago Tribune Newspaper
FROM: Jennifer Iftner, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission,
815 943 -6776

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:



Central School in Harvard is nominated this year

On Sunday, May 21, the **McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission** will be presenting awards in preservation and restoration. This annual event will take place at the historic Dole Mansion, 401 Country Club Rd., Crystal Lake, at 2:00 pm. There is no charge to attend.

Individuals, groups, structures and vistas have been nominated in 11 categories. Past winners include the Home State Bank in Woodstock, the preserved farm on the Motorola property in Harvard, and the Church-Block building on the Woodstock Square.

The Awards Ceremony will include a slide presentation of the nominees, refreshments graciously provided by the Dole Mansion Preservation Society and tours of the house given by Society docents. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what restoration has been done in this imposing structure, and to honor the efforts of those involved in historic preservation in McHenry County. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Development at 815 334-4560.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
May 3, 2000 Meeting - Gloria Mack's Report

Maryanne and I met with Jim S, McHenry County Highway Commissioner and Pat Schroeder, to discuss the scenic road program. It was decided we would update the letter, see attached. Pat Schroeder said she would mail to the townships and municipalities.

Dave Gervais is working with Ringwood Attorney Bernie Naursis to firm up the intergovernmental agreement with Ringwood. Ringwood would like it on their May agenda.

As we stand at the threshold of the 21st century, the McHenry County Highway Department and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to initiate a special project to recognize scenic roads and streetscapes throughout the county.

Working together with municipal, township and county officials to designate picturesque roadways, this honorarium is intended to be a tribute with restrictions.

If you are interested in this program, or interested in serving on a committee that would monitor this program, please contact me. The project will not require an endless commitment; only an organizational meeting or two to set-down guidelines, create an application, design signage and research funding.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Historic Preservation Commission of Crystal Lake

Dear members of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission,

The Historic Preservation Commission of Crystal Lake is now in its fourth year. Regarding the nomination for the award for the Outstanding Historical Achievement by a Group, I have already sent you a copy of the article published in *The Commissioner*, an IAHPC publication, and a copy of the IAHPC Local Preservation Award for 1999. We are very proud of what we have accomplished. Commission activities for the past year are as follows:

On June 13, 1999, the Commission sponsored its second annual Heritage Tour featuring three homes on N. Caroline Street. Despite a torrential rain, over 100 very enthusiastic people toured these very interesting homes. We are now busy planning our third Heritage Tour on June 11th, which will feature Pomeroy Avenue between Crystal Lake Avenue and Ash Avenue. Five homes will be open to tour and the remainder of the homes will be featured in photos and architectural descriptions.

On September 24th through September 26th, 1999, Joan Sanders and Mary Thennes attended the Illinois Preservation Conference in Quincy, Illinois. At the conference the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission was awarded the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission's Local Preservation Award for a Commission. The award was given on the basis of the significant contributions that we have made to the community in our short history. We are delighted to have the award and trophy on display in the trophy case at city hall.

The Commission recommended for landmark designation one of the featured homes on the June Heritage Tour. The Collen House at 70 North Caroline Street thus became our 4th landmark designation by Ordinance #5220 when it was approved by the City Council on November 16, 1999.

The Winter 2000 edition of *The Commissioner*, a quarterly newsletter published by the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (IAHPC), featured an article written by Mary Thennes titled "Local Preservation in Crystal Lake". This spotlight on Crystal Lake and the Commission included the cover page, two additional full pages and again recognized us as the 1999 award winner.

In December we received an Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) Grant to conduct an Intensive Survey of the Crystal Lake Downtown neighborhood bounded by Crystal Lake Avenue, Walkup Avenue, Terra Cotta Avenue and Main Street. The \$10,000 grant is a 60/40 split between the IHPA and the City of Crystal Lake. The Commission has contracted with Linda Grubb & Associates, an architectural firm located in Barrington, to conduct the survey and to follow the guidelines of the IHPA.

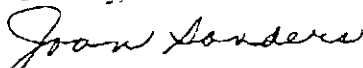
The Commission donated the video *Residential Architectural Styles in Illinois* produced by the IHPA to the Crystal Lake Library. This was the beginning of an alliance with the library, which includes the Commission sharing space in the Local History Room with the Genealogy Society. We are stocking shelves in the Local History Room with copies of preservation magazines and will be creating notebooks with local preservation information. The Library will be also allowing us a display for National Preservation Week on May 14 - 20.

A Guest Editorial on the Dole Mansion, one of Crystal Lake's most significant landmarks, was submitted by Diana Kenney to the Northwest Herald, and was printed in the newspaper on Sunday, April 2nd. The article was written to advance the goal of the Commission, which is to educate the community on the history, culture and architecture of Crystal Lake.

The Commission has been working on a list of Significant Structures in Crystal Lake, the landmarking of Lake Avenue Cemetery, a WEB site, slide presentations, and many other related activities

CLHPC Commissioners: Neil Beaufait, Virginia Engelman, Jim Heisler, Diana Kenney, Patrick Kerin, Joan Sanders, and Mary Thennes. We are very proud of our active membership.

Sincerely,


Joan Sanders

**McHenry County Historical Commission Meeting
6/7/2000 submitted by Gloria Mack**

I spoke to Maryanne briefly last week regarding the "Scenic Road" program. We forwarded the letter that was to be mailed to the members of the Mayors/Village Presidents to Pat Schroder of the McHenry County Highway Department. To date I have not heard anything from her.

Landmark program for the Allendale Bridge. To prevent a conflict with the Historic Society I spoke to Nancy Fike yesterday regarding the landmark program for the Allendale Bridge. We determined that Saturday, August 19th would be good for the Society and the Commission. I am not sure what the program will be just yet, but I hope to have a program arranged by the next meeting.

The September Joint Council meeting is scheduled and notices will be mailed out by September 1, 2000. It will be held in Richmond and the program will be Ed Collins, restoration of the Nippersink channel.

Our spring meeting will tentatively be held at the Hain House in Lake in the Hills

The Greenwood School – I asked Nancy Fike if she would talk to Clara Vogel and ask her to submit a short letter to her Village Board stating she would like her school protected through an intergovernmental agreement with the County. (Greenwood School only)

2000 - PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINEES:

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to congratulate the following individuals for their continued success in historic preservation efforts and specifically in obtaining a level of quality earning them nominations for Historic Preservation Awards in the following categories:

- 1) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED PRE-CIVIL WAR RESIDENCE:**
 - ~ 1A) Terrwilliger House, Mason Hill Rd., Bull Valley
- 2) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED VICTORIAN RESIDENCE:**
 - ~ 2A) Caywood House, Tryon St., Woodstock
 - ~ 2B) Carr House, Jackson St., Woodstock
 - ~ 2C) McNutt House, Jefferson St., Harvard
- 3) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED POST-VICTORIAN RESIDENCE:**
 - ~ 3A) Trost House, Washington St., McHenry
- 4) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED ORIGINAL RESIDENCE WITH ADAPTIVE REUSE:**
 - ~ 4A) Stickney House, Cherry Valley Rd., Bull Valley
 - ~ 4B) Hain House
- 5) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED NON-RESIDENTIAL IN CONTINUOUS USE OR ADAPTIVE REUSE:**
 - ~ 5A) Harvard Retirement Home, Front St., Harvard
 - ~ 5B) Grade School, Calhoun St., Woodstock
 - ~ 5C) Schafer Building, Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake
 - ~ 5D) Old Court House Apts., Johnson St., Woodstock
 - ~ 5E) Starline Industries Building, Lincoln, Harvard
 - ~ 5F) Harvard School, Lincoln, Harvard
- 6) **OUTSTANDING HISTORICALLY SENSITIVE ADDITION:**
 - ~ 6A) Dole Mansion Handicap Access Entry, Crystal Lake
 - ~ 6B) Jeff & Amanda Jolitz House, Harrison, Algonquin
 - ~ 6C) Schafer Building, Crystal Lake
- 7) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED BARN:**
 - ~ 7A) Trout Valley Barn, Stonegate Rd., Trout Valley
 - ~ 7B) Anderson Barn, Springbrook, Crystal Lake
- 8) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVED OUTBUILDINGS AND MAN-MADE STRUCTURES:**
 - ~ 8A) Smokehouse, Main St., Algonquin
- 9) **OUTSTANDING PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION OF A NATURAL AREA:**
 - ~ 9A) Nippersink De-channelization, MCCD, Harts Rd., Ringwood
 - ~ 9B) Dole Mansion Victorian Garden, Crystal Lake
- 10) **OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENT BY A GROUP:**
 - ~ 10A) Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission
 - ~ 10B) Friends of Wingate Prairie
 - ~ 10C) Cary-Grove Historical Society
 - ~ 10D) Dole Mansion Preservation Society
 - ~ 10E) Lake-in-the-Hills Historical Society
- 11) **OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL:**
 - ~ 11A) Nancy Fike
 - ~ 11B) James Clegg
 - ~ 11C) Gail Drabant



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MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: August 10, 2000
Re: September meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your September 6th meeting. Due to a lack of a quorum, there was no August 2nd meeting. Before I leave this subject, I would ask all Commissioners to please call the office (Nina or myself) and let us know if you are not going to attend. I realize we all get very busy, BUT it is not fair for four out of nine people to show up only to turn-around and leave. Again, please call if you cannot make a meeting.

Gloria did drop-off a letter from the Village of Ringwood requesting the Commission hold a public hearing on the Carr-Harrison Cemetery. This public hearing is scheduled for September 6th at 7:00 p.m. here in Planning and Development's conference room. Your regular meeting will begin immediately after.

I have copied a letter from Amy Slocombe and Mike Ward along with information on the state-wide preservation conference being held in Lake Forest from September 14th through September 16th. If you would like to attend, please let Nina know. Remember that in order to keep the County's CLG status "alive and healthy," the Commission must be represented at one conference per year.

As a reminder, the Allendale Truss Bridge designation ceremony will be held on August 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, **not at the bridge.**

See you soon. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

Rec'd 8/10/00



**Illinois Historic
Preservation Agency**

1 Old State Capitol Plaza • Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507 • (217) 782-4836 • TTY (217) 524-7128

July 31, 2000

Dear CLG Chair/Staff,

The 20th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, "Pro-Active Preservation for a New Century" will take place in Lake Forest from September 14th -16th. The conference is co-sponsored by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation. You should be receiving a brochure with conference information soon.

This year we will not be holding a Certified Local Government meeting. Instead, we would like to invite you to attend the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions' (IAHPC) annual meeting at the conference. The meeting will take place on Friday, September 15th at the Gorton Center, located on 400 E. Illinois Street. Immediately following the BRIEF business meeting, the IAHPC will be hosting a social hour where light refreshments will be served. We hope that you will come and meet other preservation commissions from around the state and share your issues, successes and concerns with others in this informal setting.

Please share this with the rest of your commission. We hope to see you there!

Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services
Manager

Michael Ward
Local Government Services
Coordinator

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
August 2, 2000 – Gloria Mack**

Scenic Road Program

Pat Schroeder of the McHenry County Highway Department informed me that they did not want to co-sponsor the Scenic Road Program, but would serve as an advisor. I relayed that information to Maryanne and we determined that the Commission and P & D would be the sponsors for the program. Thanks to Nina, who kindly removed my feet from the fire, 70 letters were sent to all municipal & township officials, see attached.

Allendale Bridge Landmarking

The landmark ceremony for the Allendale Bridge will be on Saturday, August 19th at 11:00 AM. The ceremony will be held at the Greenwood Township Offices at 5211 Miller Road, Greenwood due to limited parking at the bridge. I sent out press releases to the NW Herald, the Daily Herald and the Tribune on July 24th. I also sent out personal invitations to each Village of Greenwood elected official and several names Nancy Fike gave me, including Clara Vogel owner of the Greenwood School. Nancy Fike will present the program and we are hoping that some of those present will share their recollections of Greenwood and the County at the time the bridge was constructed (1939). This date 8/19 date was coordinated with the Historical Society.

Joint Council

The Joint Council meeting of September 27th will be held in Richmond Community Hall. Ed Collins, MCCD, will give the program on Nipersink resortation.

I have prepared the notices for Nina to mail on August 29th. I have also prepared follow-up reminder post cards for Nina to mail on September 22nd.

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From: "Jennifer Ifner"
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2000 11:33 AM
Subject: Commission Report to fax

Fax to 815 337-3720

McHenry County Historic Planning Commission

August 2, 2000

Committee Reports
Submitted by: Jennifer Ifner

Communications & Scrapbook
No Report

Endangered Historic Sites
Chairpersons Jennifer Ifner and David Gervais:

On June 22, 2000, David Gervais and I met to discuss this committee. We agreed on the importance of developing a philosophy for this area as well as firm, well understood policies.

To avert possible ill-will and misunderstanding, we decided that a more appropriate title might be "Potentially Endangered Historic Sites." This relieves the committee/Commission from a certain degree of responsibility or decision about the site at the beginning of the process.

We discussed that the site must be historic in its own right and that cause to be considered a potentially endangered historic site would be any action/condition that would endanger the site.

We would like to develop an "application" form which would include details about the site. We would also like photographs to be taken, and research to be done on each site as

an archive of the property. This is especially important as some endangered historic sites are demolished and the chance to preserve at least the memory of the site is lost.

Our initial checklist for status as an endangered historic site included:

1. Criteria to determine historic value - we can use the same criteria and point scale that the commission uses to determine if a site has sufficient historic significance. This could require a visit by some sort of survey committee.
2. Criteria to determine if the site is potentially endangered
 - a. it is in an at risk location (i.e. is a bypass planned through the site)
 - b. it is at risk because it is in an area slated for development or prime for development
 - c. it is at risk due to demolition by neglect
 - d. it is at risk due to abuse or modification
3. Document sites determined to be potentially endangered in a binder with photographs and a history of the site
4. Update yearly - each year check on the status of each site and document findings/contacts made
5. Presentation - at a pre-determined event, with an award for the Top 10 in improvements or moving toward being removed from the list or a special award if moved off the list (no longer deemed potentially endangered)
6. Draft a letter to be sent to those considered for this list. The letter should clearly state that this status is solely for education purposes only, to aid the site owner, and is not being used to force a course of action.

By the Joint Council of Historic Groups meeting in

08/02/2000

September, we hope to have an application form developed which we will distribute at that time.

Commission Member Status

It is with deep regret that I have decided not to seek renewal as a member of this Commission. I have thought extensively about my participation, and what I can offer the Commission at this time. Unfortunately, family and work prevent me from serving fully the Commission and devoting the amount of time monthly that is requested.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Commission.

It is a worthwhile pursuit and well as an educational one. I also hope that in the future I will be able to rejoin the group as a member.

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**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
September 6, 2000
Gloria Mack – Report**

On Tuesday August 22nd, I met with the McHenry County Board, Management Services Committee, regarding the placement of pictures of the County Landmarks in the Government Center. The Committee was in favor of the idea and assigned the Commission to work with Larry Anderson to determine the area, etc.

The first step for the Commission should be for us to inventory the landmarks, and design a plan for their display. I need someone to look at each landmark and determine the best way to have it shown, either horizontal or vertical. We also need to decide if all the pictures should be the same size.

After step one is complete it will then be possible for us to determine what it will cost us. Upon completion of these two steps I will then pursue funding. I realize we can apply for a block grant, however I know that the survey is equally important. We should decide what our priority is and go from that point. I will talk to Amy Slocum at the Preservation Conference and see if there would be another avenue for us to pursue for funding. We need to move quickly as this is an election year and a good time to ask our legislators if there is any money that could apply to this project

Jim Keefe and I will be attending the State Preservation Conference in Lake Forest on September 16th.

Don't forget the Joint Council Meeting on September 27th at Memorial Hall in Richmond.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



10/4/00 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

I have been pleased to serve as the commission chairman the last three years. However, change is good to encourage fresh ideas. I will continue to serve on the commission as a member, but now it is time for someone else to step up to this position. Thank you for your support. It has been an honor to be in this position.

Thanks to Gloria for coordinating the Joint Council of Historic Groups. We had a successful meeting with 22 people in attendance. Also, the commission wants to extend many thanks to Ed Collins for his very informative slide program on the Nippersink Creek Restoration project (& thanks to Denise for volunteering him!).

Thanks to Jennifer & David for taking the next step in addressing our Endangered Landmarks. Their presentation at the Joint Council meeting stimulated conversation and hopefully preservation.

10/4/00 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

We have now gotten the go-ahead from Springfield to distribute the survey. We will work that in around the fall painting season (for those of us painting historic structures).

PUBLICATIONS:

Program for the Allendale Bridge plaquing was produced.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: (*Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.*)

Restoration work continues at full speed now that the Nippersink Creek Restoration project is done (several of our volunteers also worked on the creek) and cool weather has arrived. Exterior woodworking should be done next week.

Mark your calendar for **NOVEMBER 11th for the "HARVEST CELEBRATION of 1858"** to be held by MCCD at the Powers-Walker house complete with historic interpreters and harvest activities.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Report – October 4, 2000, submitted by Gloria Mack**

State of Illinois Preservation Conference – Lake Forest – September 16th. Jim Keefe and I attended the state conference on the above date. It was well organized and very informative. I attended the City of Evanston Historic District seminar. It was very interesting. Evanston has two historic districts and when they proposed the third they didn't foresee problem. However, a group organized the vehemently opposed the district. The plan commission chair spoke, the citizens that were proponents of the district spoke and an Alderman from the City of Evanston spoke. The Alderman spoke last and wrapped up by stating that the city redrew the lines of the proposed district, eliminating the area where the opposition resided and passed an amended district. I thought it was an interesting approach to a very difficult problem. It was a great learning tool. Jim attended the Restoration of your Historic Home seminar. We both attended the Jens Jensen seminar (see brochure), one of the original natural landscape designers. We both then took the tour of Lake Forest Great Homes and Gardens. We toured three historic home and breath-taking gardens. It was a wonderful experience.

Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting – Richmond Memorial Hall – September 27th. Approximately 22 people attended the Joint Council Meeting. Ed Collins of MCCD presented a most interesting and educational program detailing the restoration of the Nippersink Creek to its 1950's path. If you didn't attend, you missed a wonderful program. In addition, we have scheduled the next joint council meeting for the third Wednesday in March, tentatively at the Hain House in Lake in the Hills. A program has not been decided upon yet.

Scenic Roads Meeting – McHenry County Department of P & D – October 12th
When I was at the state conference I spoke to Mike Ward of the State Department of Historic Preservation regarding the scenic road program. I asked him if he was aware of any other scenic road program. Only one, Kane County. I called Scott Berg, planner for Kane County. He informed me that their program has been incorporated into their Preservation Ordinance and Plan. He will be providing me the information. I would appreciate it if the Commission would discuss this option tonight and inform me if you would be interested in going in this direction.

Landmark Pictures for the County Government Center
I spoke to Jim Pearson and he has agreed to inventory the landmarks and design a grouping. I haven't gotten my letter composed requesting funds for the project yet. We hope to have the design for the grouping by our January meeting. Maryanne will provide Jim with the landmark pictures tonight.

Landmark – Carr-Harrison Cemetery – (October 22nd or 29th (??) help!!) 1 PM
I will be contacting David Harrison to see if he will speak on behalf of the Harrison's. Since it is late in the year and outside I hesitate to plan a long program. Anyone, who wishes to come in historic dress, feel free. If it's not too cold I will.

McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association



Contact Dean Rowe
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Hebron, Illinois 60034

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Ms. Betsey Warrington
Recreational Director,
Huntley Park District
P.O. Box 146
Huntley, Illinois 60042

Dear Betsey:

First of all, thank you for the time you spent showing me and other members of the McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association, the magnificent antique barn that your park district has recently acquired.

In all our minds that day was the thought that we were truly touring a building that deserves landmark status. From the hand-hewn beams to the extra wide boards, everywhere we looked we marveled at the agricultural treasure that is now a part of your park system. It was obvious to us that this old structure could be a wonderful tool to educate today's youth about farming life more than a hundred years ago.

It is our hope that the City of Huntley, and the Huntley Park District, will be able to take this opportunity and do what mending is necessary to make this great McHenry County barn safe and secure for the public to appreciate for many generations to come.

The McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association is ready to assist you in your efforts in whatever way we can. The wrecking ball would destroy more than a century of this piece of Huntley's history. We plead with the powers that be, to help us create a county-wide drive-thru museum where hundreds of farming icons can be visually enjoyed by travelers. Observing our barns as they drive across the landscape will take them back to a less stressful time when McHenry County was the cream of the crop.

To honor those who make history, we must make proof available for all those yet to come.

Please help us keep McHenry County's historical barns **OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELDS.**

Dean Rowe

President,

McHenry County Historical Presv. Survey report for Oct, 2000

Today I did an inspection of a farmstead that was obtained by the Huntley Park Dist. This was done at the request of Maryanne. Paul Olstrander, park manager had a meeting on Sept 26th and needed some direction from our commission.

The farmstead is the first location on Main St, Huntley on the west .It was owned by the Diecke's. He was a farmer and an insurance co owner. He donated Diecke Park to the city. This land is 42 acres and it adjoins the park and the High School property.

The plans of the district are to make this a historical farm. The McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association has already checked it out and they are in approval. I have attached their letter.

There is a historical barn(circa 1890 ish), a smoke house, a corn crib, and a milk house. These are the old buildings. However there is a garage (1960) and the house which has had additions on it over the years. The house itself has handhued and pole rafters in parts. The stone foundation is also from the 1890's but the rafters make the original house much older.

The survey committee can look it over but my feelings are that the whole farmstead can be designated. Pictures are also enclosed.

The person doing the planning is Paul Olstrander 1-847-669-5463 It will be a intergovernmental agreement with Huntley.

Jim Keefe

HIST PRES MEETING - LAKE FOREST - (JOINT COUNCIL)
HUNTLEY CALLED - ITS A NO.!

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



11/1/00 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

It is important that as we move into the next fiscal year we actively strive to encourage preservation of all types. We need to constantly recheck our ordinance to make sure we are on tract with this endeavor.

11/1/00 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

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McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
November 1, 2000 Meeting
Submitted by, Gloria Mack

Maureen Taylor of the Village of Cary and I met to discuss the Scenic Road Program. We met at Panerra Bread and had a great talk (and a delicious pecan roll and coffee). She is an employee of the Village of Cary and has been assigned to this program. She and I will work together to put together criteria and design an application. I talked to Scott Berger, again, Kane County Planner and he will be forwarding their Scenic Road Program information. He did inform me that the application requires owner approval. He said that even though many of the major landowners do not reside in Kane County the County Board would not approve non-owner approval. However, I think we would be better served not to make this program part of our ordinance at this time. I think this is the wrong year, election time makes elected officials nervous.

In my discussions with Scott, he also informed me that Kane County had revised their Preservation Ordinance and cleaned up some of the unclear areas. I asked him to send us a copy of Kane County's revised ordinance and he said he would.

The landmarking at the Carr/Harrison went well. It was a beautiful day and the ceremony was well attended. I estimate approximately 40 people attended from the families. Jim Pearson, Gail, and myself attended from the Commission and the Village of Ringwood President and one Trustee attended.

Carr - Harrison Cemetery

This is a double cemetery that became one over the passing of time. Joseph Carr brought his family here in 1837 and purchased this land including the western half of the cemetery. John Harrison settled in McHenry County in 1839 and in 1842 purchased the land which includes the eastern half of the cemetery. It is somewhat unusual for adjacent neighbors to develop separate adjoining cemeteries. Harrison came from a large family with many of his siblings and their families already living in this area. Carr had a large family of his own with nine children. It was a grim fact of life in those days that a large family could easily fill a small cemetery.

Since both families had an English background and lived so close together, it was inevitable that they would eventually intermarry. In 1860, Richard Carr and Jane Harrison were joined in matrimony. Since that time the cemeteries have been like a married couple - united but still separate entities. The deeds for this cemetery were officially recorded in 1891 for the Harrison portion and in 1899 for the Carr portion.

It is a tribute to the Carr and Harrison families that this unique double cemetery has been in continual burial use by both families through the passing of time and is still in use by both families now 160 years later.



Carr ~ Harrison Cemetery

LANDMARK CEREMONY PROGRAM

Pledge of Allegiance ~ David Harrison

*Introductions ~ Gail Drabant, Chairman,
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission*

*Historical Information ~ Gloria Mack,
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission*

*Plaque Presentation ~ Donna Schaefer,
McHenry County Board*

Closing Comments ~

Carr & Harrison families