

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission

1993
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REPORTS

THE 1993 MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

1993 was a busy and productive year for the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. The Commissioners, with the invaluable support of Jim Hogue, the principle planner in the McHenry County Planning and Development Department, achieved their goals.

Commissioner John Jurewicz designed an insignia which was to be used on all Commission newsletters and letterhead. In February of 1993 the Commission unanimously approved the design as the Commissions logo. (See Appendix A)

The "Commission" completed and submitted to the County Board its Historic Preservation Plan, by laws and nomination form in early 1993. Approval of the Plan, by laws and nomination form was conferred in February 1993.

In the spring of 1993 the "Commission" applied for a property tax freeze for its designated landmarks. The application was approved. The 12 year program consists of an eight year freeze with 4 years of graduated increases. The program criteria stipulates that a specific dollar amount must be spent on restoration to qualify for the program. **(A copy of the Tax Freeze criteria is on file in Planning and Development)**

Also in the spring of 1993 the "Commission" submitted a "Certified Local Government" application to the state Historic Preservation Office. The application was completed by John Dalton, commissioner/attorney. The Commission received approval of their application from the United States Department of the Interior in December 1993. **(A full copy of the approved Certified Local Government application is available in Planning and Development.)**

In May of 1993, during National Historic Preservation week, the Commission hosted a County wide conference for all historic groups. The program was held at the Farm Bureau in Woodstock. Commissioner Jim Keefe presented his program on historic Woodstock and speakers (not exclusive) included Nancy Fike, Rick McGrath, Al Kramka, and Chris Gallagher. Refreshments were served and a social hour concluded the evening.

In accordance with the commissions preservation plan a "Commission" newsletter, which is called, The Chronicle has been published. (See Appendix B).

An offshoot of the Commission is the "McHenry County Old House Support Group". The group publishes its own newsletter and presently has approximately 300 members. Commissioner Richard McGrath founded this group and is its leader. They too, have had an extraordinary busy year, providing support and programs for owners of vintage homes. (See Appendix C).

The Survey sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Al Kramka, continued to survey historic structures and make recommendations of possible landmarks.

The first nomination for landmark status for McHenry county was submitted in May of 1993 by Frederick Stresen-Reuter II, owner. Nominated was the **TRYON GROVE FARM**, circa 1840, home of Captain Charles Tryon. The house is Italinat in style and has been restored in compliance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, The cross gabled home appears to be mostly intact. It is located

in unincorporated Richmond where it is easily seen and recognizable. It is an excellent example of a farmstead with all the outbuildings that remain in very good condition. The original farmstead consisted of several hundred acres, the current farmstead of forty acres is considerably smaller. The remaining acreage is essential to preserve the farmsteads context and to maintain its visibility. The "Commission" unanimously approved the nomination on June 8, 1993.

Due to a severe storm in the county that damaged some of the Tryon Grove Farm, landmarking was postponed until September 19, 1993. Invitations were sent and approximately 60 guests attended. Planning and Development Chairman Donna Schaefer led the Pledge to the Flag, Commission Chairman Gloria Reinhardt Mack welcomed the assembled, State Representative Ann Hughes and State Senator Dick Klemm spoke. The plaque was presented by County Board Chairman Diane Klemm. Frederick Stresen-Reuter opened his home for refreshments and tours. (See Appendix D)

The Commission has approved for landmark status the John Walkup House located in unincorporated Crystal Lake. This house is one of the most historically and architecturally significant structures still existing in McHenry County. It is only one of two remaining structures in McHenry County with Cobblestone facing. The house remains essentially unchanged since its original construction in 1856 with only the addition of indoor plumbing and electricity at the turn of the century. The nomination was made by Michael Walkup, a descendent, and the owners are Mary and Leonard Bodner. (See Appendix E)

Also approved for landmark status is the Diggins School, built in 1914. The structure is not only in excellent condition but its original interior and exterior features are almost entirely intact. The bell tower has been removed but the original bell stands next to the driveway and the owner wishes to restore the tower and the old bell to its rightful place. The school is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Maloney. (See Appendix F)

Development in McHenry County is expected to continue. Rural subdivisions, the expansion of the municipalities, hold potential for the continued loss of structures and landscapes. In light of the development trends, there is a need for governments to protect these resources through public education, the development of a realistic set of regulations and incentives for the renovation and remodeling of privately held structures, and a plan for guiding development which takes into consideration the cultural and aesthetic resources of McHenry County.

Growth is not to be denigrated; indeed, lack of growth would be a matter of concern. It is rapid, unprecedented growth that creates problems - specifically and especially when that growth is inimical to the existing quality of life. Problems arise from increased traffic, commercial strips, over crowding, demands on schools, police, and health services, and, not least of all, loss of some of the finest agricultural land in the United States.

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is committed to creating a balanced perspective for the county. To help preserve that which is best and support a county wide coordinated effort to identify and protect valuable sites and structures before development encroaches upon them.

**cc: State of Illinois Historic Preservation Office
Attention: Amy Slocum**

ANNUAL REPORT
THE CRONICLE

Newsletter for the County Historic Preservation Commission

This year the County Historic Preservation Commission initiated a newsletter. It will be issued quarterly or more frequently as needed. The first issue was the winter '93' issue and the spring '94' is currently at press.

As "The Cronicle" has a somewhat different target readership, in addition to being distributed to those in the "Old-House Support Group" mailing, it is sent to targeted county and municipal offices and personnel.

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate the workings of this commission, highlight the efforts of other, in county, historic preservation related groups, and education/awareness of historic preservation issues.

Copies of the two newsletters are attached to this report.

THE CHRONICLE

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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MCHENRY COUNTY OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Mission Statement:

The "Old-House Support Group", as an outgrowth of the Mc Henry County Historic Preservation Commission, has as its mission the encouragement of "period" sensitive renovation, restoration, maintenance and adaptive reuse of the "older" McHenry County residential and commercial architecture and neighborhoods. The O.H.S.G. will develop programs, services and networking opportunities to assist individual property owners in their individual efforts.

In the past year the O.H.S.G. has continued to grow in popularity, quality of programs and services offered to the public, member involvement, and inter-organizational cooperation.

We currently have on our membership mailing list nearly 300 households throughout the county. Virtually every community is represented. We also distribute our mailings to all libraries and historic preservation related organizations throughout the county. Lastly, and importantly, we include all media outlets that serve our communities, including both newspapers and radio.

Attached to this report are copies of all mail-outs from this past season which runs from September to May. They outline the programs sponsored or co-sponsored by the O.H.S.G.

There are two meetings per month. The primary meeting is a planned program on topics related to residential restoration and maintenance. The second meeting is an unstructured "Open House" that is more social in nature. Average attendance for the "program" meetings is 30, for Open-House meetings, about 18.

The O.H.S.G. has individually sponsored four Program meetings and co-sponsored three with, in succession, the McHenry County College, Crystal Lake Library, and the McHenry County Historic Sites Committee along with the M.C.C.

Also attached to this report is the listing of steering committee members for the O.H.S.G.



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June 27, 1994

Ms. Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services Manager
I.H.P.A.
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Slocombe,

Enclosed please find a copy of the 1993 Annual Report for The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. This documents the activities of the Commission over the last year.

I believe this satisfies one of the requirements of the agreement between McHenry County and The I.S.H.P.A.

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at (815) 334-4560.

Sincerely,

James M. Hogue

Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

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Certified Local Government
(CLG)

Information



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May 14, 1993

Dianne Klemm
Chairman
McHenry County Board
2200 North Seminary
Woodstock, IL 60098

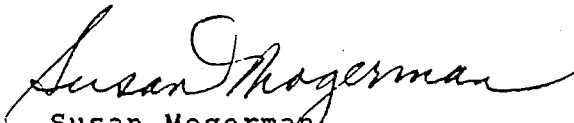
Dear Ms. Klemm:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 1993 requesting approval of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance for the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program. I have reviewed the ordinance and have determined that it is consistent with the program regulations and is hereby approved.

Properties designated as landmarks, and properties contributing to the character of a preservation district designated under this ordinance are eligible to apply for the assessment freeze program. Please keep our office informed of local designations as they are implemented.

Please feel free to contact Michael Ward at 217/785-5042 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Susan Mogerman
Director

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cc: Gloria Mack

June 1, 1993

Michael Ward
Local Government Services Coordinator
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Mr. Ward:

The County of McHenry, McHenry County Historic Commission, hereby submits its application to become a Certified Local Government as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 1980.

The McHenry County Historic Commission has satisfied the minimum requirements for certification as spelled out in the Illinois Procedures for the Certified Local Government Program. Accompanying this letter are all the documents as requested on the application for certification. Should you need any additional materials or have any questions, please call Gloria Mack, Chairperson of the McHenry County Historic Commission, at 815/344-1496.

Sincerely,

Dianne Klemm, Chairman
McHenry County Board
2200 N. Seminary
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

September 10, 1993

Michael Ward
Local Government Services Coordinator
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Springfield, Illinois 62701

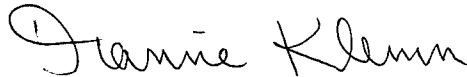
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October 5, 1993

Dianne Klemm, Chairman
McHenry County Board
2200 N. Seminary
Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Chairman Klemm:

Our office has received McHenry County's request for Certified Local Government status, as provided for by the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980. After reviewing the information that your office provided, we have determined that McHenry County meets the requirements for Certified Local Government.

Enclosed is a written agreement setting forth the county's responsibilities as a Certified Local Government. These are the same responsibilities set forth in the state regulations for Certified Local Governments, and that you attested to in your letter requesting certification. Please sign the agreement and forward it to our office. When the agreement has been signed by you and the State Historic Preservation Officer, it will be forwarded, along with the county's application, to the National Park Service for final review. You will be notified directly by the National Park Service of their decision.

We are pleased to have McHenry County participate in the Certified Local Government program. Our office looks forward to working with you and the historic preservation commission in the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217/785-5042 if our office can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Ward

Michael Ward
Local Government Services
Coordinator

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Encl.



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October 5, 1993

Gloria Mack
P.O. Box 204
Ringwood, IL 60072

Dear Ms. Mack,

Thank you for sending McHenry County's application for Certified Local Government (CLG) status. After reviewing the application, I have determined that McHenry County meets the requirements of the CLG program.

I would like to clarify a point in the application under Compliance with Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Division of Preservation Services, Requirements for Certification of Local Governments. On the first page of that section, it states that McHenry County's preservation was enacted pursuant to the Historic Preservation Areas Act. This act is for municipalities, not counties. The authorization for counties is given in the County Historic Preservation Act (Chapter 55, IL Rev. Stat., par 5-30). The ordinance does cite the county enabling legislation on page 6, in Article II, The Historic Preservation Commission. I just wanted to bring that to your attention.

Our office will be sending a CLG agreement to the Chairman of the McHenry County Board, of which you will receive a copy. After the agreement is signed by the Chair and the State Historic Preservation Officer, our office will forward it to the National Park Service for approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 217/785-5730.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services
Manager

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RESOLUTION

Certified Local Government Agreement

WHEREAS, The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has applied to become a Certified Local Government as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 1980; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has satisfied the minimum requirements for certification as spelled out in the Illinois Procedures for the Certified Local Government Program; and,

WHEREAS, in order for this application to be further processed the attached agreement needs to be signed by the Chief Elected Official; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 15, 1993 and was given conditional approval based upon review by the States Attorney's Office and the word "local" be changed to "County" in the agreement; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions have been satisfied;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chief Elected Official is hereby directed to sign the Certified Local Government Agreement between McHenry County and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 23rd day of November, 1993

CHAIRMAN: Dianne Klemm
Dianne Klemm

McHenry County Board

ATTEST: Katherine C. Schultz

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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MCHENRY COUNTY
AND
THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

McHenry County, in consideration of having been granted Certified Local Government status, agrees to carry out the following responsibilities as a Certified Local Government, in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency:

1. Enforce the County Historic Preservation ordinance for the designation and protection of County historic properties;
2. Maintain an adequate and qualified historic preservation commission established by County ordinance;
3. Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties;
4. Provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation program;
5. Review and comment upon nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within its jurisdiction, and, within 60 days of receiving the nominations, submit to the State Historic Preservation Office the written recommendations of the Commission and Chief Elected Official as to whether the property meets the criteria of the National Register;
6. Submit an annual report to the State Historic Preservation Officer of the historic commission's activities during the past year, within 60 days of the end of the local government's fiscal year;
7. Be represented at least one information meeting per year pertaining to the work and functions of the Commission or historic preservation;
8. Monitor and notify the State Historic Preservation Office of any actual or proposed demolition or actual or proposed major alteration affecting any property within its jurisdiction listed on the Illinois Register of Historic Places or National Register of Historic Places;

9. Be responsible, in the case of nominations for historic districts, for verifying the names of owner of properties within the historic district, and providing for a public information meeting at mutually agreeable times and locations;

10. Carry out the general program procedures as outlined in "Certification and Transfer of Local Share of Historic Preservation Allocation to Local Governments".

Dianne Klemm

(Chief Elected Official)

November 23, 1993

Date

(State Historic Preservation Officer)

Date

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United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE
12795 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY
P.O. BOX 25287
DENVER, COLORADO 80225-0287

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Ms. Diane Klemm, Chairman
McHenry County Board
2200 N. Seminary
Woodstock, Illinois

Dear Ms. Klemm:

We have received and reviewed your Certified Local Government Request and Certification Agreement for the county of McHenry, Illinois, from the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). In accordance with both State and Federal regulations pertaining to Local Government Historic Preservation programs, we concur with the SHPO's recommendation that the county of McHenry qualifies as a Certified Local Government.

Thank you for your past and ongoing efforts to encourage historic preservation in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Spude, Chief
Division of National Preservation Programs

cc:

William L. Wheeler, Associate Director, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency,
Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois 62701
Amy Slocombe, Manager, Local Government Services, Illinois Historic
Preservation Agency, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois 62701

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Letters, Memos, and
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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING DATES FOR 1993

January 19, 1993

February 16, 1993

March 16, 1993

April 20, 1993

MEETING May 11, 1993 **CANCELLED**

June 8, 1993

July 13, 1993

August 3, 1993

September 14, 1993

October 12, 1993

November 9, 1993

December 14, 1993

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January 21, 1993

Mr. Mike Ward
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Mr. Ward:

I am writing on behalf of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. We are interested in obtaining copies of model ordinances to enact tax abatements, or "freezes", for landmark properties. Also, we are interested in models or examples of municipal historic preservation ordinances. If you can provide either of the above, we would appreciate it.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

John G. Dalton

JGD:bab
cc: Gloria Mack, Chairperson ✓

March 15, 1993

Ms. Susan Mogerman
Director
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Ms. Mogerman:

As the chief elected official of McHenry County, on behalf of the McHenry County Board and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, it is my pleasure to make application for approval of the attached McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance under the Illinois State Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or comments, or call the Chairperson of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, Gloria Mack, whose address and phone number are shown below.

Very truly yours,

Dianne Klemm
Chairman
McHenry County Board

cc: Gloria Mack, Chairperson
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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Ringwood, Illinois 60072
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FREEZE PROGRAM

PA 82-1023, an amendment to the Revenue Act of 1939, became effective in 1983. The law provides a tax incentive for owners of single family residences who substantially rehabilitate their property. The law also provides for the approval of local historic preservation ordinances in order to make locally designated properties eligible, and for the approval of local historic preservation programs for full participation in administration of the Act. Departmental regulations under which the program operates are enclosed.

The benefit to the homeowner provided by the Act is a freeze on the assessed valuation of his/her property at the level it was when rehabilitation began, for a period of eight years. After this, the valuation will be gradually increased over a four year period to an amount based upon current fair market value. To qualify for this incentive, the following requirements must be met:

1. the home must be single family and owner occupied
2. the home must be designated as historic (listed on the National Register, Illinois Register, or designated under an approved ordinance). Individually designated properties qualify automatically. Properties within historic districts must be certified by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Director as contributing to the character of the district.
3. at least 25% of the fair cash value of the home (a figure determined by the assessor) must be spent in an approved rehabilitation (one that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards)
4. the rehabilitation is substantial (defined as "a rehabilitation project that provides a visible community benefit that enhances or improves the condition of the historic building and involves, at a minimum, the exterior of the historic building")

Of interest to local commissions are the provisions for an approved local ordinance, and for becoming an approved local government. Before going into an explanation of the requirements, it is important to stress that the Property Tax Assessment Freeze is a separate and distinct program, and it should not be confused with the Certified Local Government Program (CLG) or

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the certification of ordinances for the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA). Information concerning these program may be obtained from the Preservation Services Division, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

By having your local preservation ordinance approved for the Property Tax Assessment Freeze, you will enable owners of locally designated properties not on the National or Illinois Registers to participate in the program. The following is a list of elements that your local ordinance must contain in order to qualify as an approved ordinance:

1. authorization for historic preservation (under the Illinois Historic Areas Preservation Act, the Illinois Zoning Enabling Act, or the Home Rule section of the Illinois Constitution)
2. a statement of purpose
3. establishment of an historic review commission with
 - a. at least five members
 - b. demonstrated expertise in preservation related fields
 - c. staggered terms of office for members
 - d. scheduled meetings at least four times per year
4. criteria for designation of landmarks and/or historic districts consistent with the National Register criteria
5. a process for the designation of landmarks and/or historic districts
6. a definition of actions meriting review by the historic review commission which shall include demolitions and major alterations
7. standards and criteria for review of actions within the jurisdiction of the historic review commission
8. procedural due process

Communities may also opt to become Approved Local Governments under the Act. Communities so designated will have complete responsibilities for rehabilitation projects within their jurisdiction. This will include review of all rehabilitations to insure compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, verification that 25% of the fair cash value has been spent in the rehabilitation and approving the final application for a Certificate of Rehabilitation. In these communities, the role of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency will be to certify properties within historic districts as contributing to the character of the district, and to review the final record of the project submitted by the Approved Local Government. In the latter case, the Director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency reserves the right to disallow the Certificate if he feels that program requirements have not been met. Requirements for Approved Local Government status include:

1. enforce legislation for the designation of historic buildings
2. have an Approved Local Ordinance
3. maintain a historic review commission that, in addition to previous requirements: is represented at at least one preservation related meeting/workshop/seminar per year, transmits an annual

March 24, 1993

Ms. Diane Klemm
McHenry County Board Chairperson
McHenry County Board
McHenry County Government Center
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

Dear Diane:

I have enclosed for your convenience and execution correspondence related to The State of Illinois Tax Assessment Freeze program for McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission's landmarks. Also, enclosed is a copy of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance and a copy of PA 82-1023 mentioned in the correspondence.

The tax freeze, mentioned, is in effect for 8 years. This incentive for individuals to landmark their property presents them with a benefit to offset some of the disadvantages of having landmark status.

To date we have finalized our Plan, Rules and Procedures, and Nomination form. We are presenting the aforementioned to the Planning and Development subcommittee on April 2nd. We have not be able to plaque any landmarks as our Plan, and Nomination form must be approved by the County Board prior to beginning landmarking. We hope to landmark our first property by May 1, 1993.

The property that will be our charter landmark is the Kennedy Station, located between Woodstock and Harvard. This property complies with our criteria and truly is an example of McHenry Counties rural past. We will be submitting this property to the County Board for approval ASAP.

It would truly be the Commission's honor if you would ever have time to attend one of our meetings. We meet the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30, in the Government Center Annex conference room.

If you have any questions or comments please call me.

Respectfully,

Gloria G. Mack

McHenry County Historic
Preservation Commission Chair.

GGM/hmj

April 23, 1993

Dear Al,

Just a note to ask you if you might be able to bring some samples of plaques to our next meeting. I know we have discussed the bronze plaque, if you might bring a sample of that one I would appreciate it. I will put "plaques" on the agenda and hopefully we can vote and approve our choice.

I have been thinking about the situation with other historic groups. It was brought up at the meeting that perhaps we might exchange minutes with the other groups. I am not in favor of that direction. I would be willing to attempt to form a council with representatives of other historic groups. Perhaps we could meet monthly and exchange information. I would also be willing to attend the meetings if no one else on the Commission had the time or interest. I would hope that eventually we might not need a Commission member to attend but perhaps the council might appoint someone to attend our meetings as a ex-officio member. Our meeting on May 13th might be an opportunity to introduce that suggestion

Let me know your ideas on this.

May 26, 1993

Ms. Chris Gallagher
3307 Sherwood
Spring Grove, Illinois 60081

Ms. Gallagher:

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to express our support and encouragement in your efforts to preserve Memorial Hall, 10308 Main Street, Richmond Illinois.

As you know the "Commission" jurisdiction encompasses only the unincorporated areas of McHenry County. However, if Memorial Hall was not in the municipality of Richmond it would certainly be landmarked by the Commission.

Memorial Hall has the character and value that signifies the heritage and the cultural characteristics of the community of Richmond Illinois.

Memorial Hall embodies the design, detailing, materials and craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant. It's unique location, on the main artery thru Richmond, establishes it as familiar visual feature. Finally, Memorial Hall establishes a sense of time and place unique to Richmond Illinois that is irreplaceable.

McHenry County is one of the fastest growing counties in Illinois. Preservation is essential to help create a balanced perspective of what is good for the county. We must also be careful that all that is historically significant is not buried under urban sprawl.

Be advised that McHenry County Historic Commission continues to support all your efforts concerning the preservation of Memorial Hall.

Yours Truly,

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Gloria G. Mack

Chairperson

MEMORIAL HALL

A Center for Arts, Education, and Community
10308 Main Street, Richmond, Illinois 815-678-2510
P.O. Box 311, Spring Grove, Illinois 815-675-6524

May 28, 1993

Gloria G. Mack
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
5109 N. Ridgeway
Ringwood, IL 60072


Dear Gloria,

Thanks very much for your letter in support of the Memorial Hall project. I spoke to Benjamin Handy down at the Chicago office of the National Trust and he said we would know something by August. This grant would provide funding to develop a phased restoration plan, with a capital improvement and an operating budget for each phase.

I enjoyed meeting getting to put some faces with names at the meeting up at Farm Bureau and hope to see you again soon.

Thanks again for your help and have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Christina J. Gallagher
President

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DICK KLEMM
SENATOR - 32ND DISTRICT

August 27, 1993

Honorable Jim Edgar
Governor, State of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Edgar:

It has been brought to my attention that you may be visiting Woodstock on Sunday, September 19.

If you do plan to be in the area and can work it into your schedule, I would like to invite you, on behalf of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, to attend the landmarking ceremony of the Tryon Grove Farm at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 19. Tryon Grove Farm is located at the corner of Tryon Grove Road and Greenwood Road.

Included in the dedication are an Italianate house, all outbuildings and 10 acres of adjoining land. This is the first landmarking of the Commission since it was formed in 1991 at the directive of the McHenry County Board.

Please respond to my district office to let me know of your plans. Your attendance would make this an extra special occasion for everyone involved. Hope you can make it.

Sincerely,

Dick
Dick Klemm

DK:fj

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August 30, 1993

Ms. Gloria G. Mack, Chairman
McHenry County Historic
Preservation Commission
P.O. Box 204
Ringwood, Illinois 60072

Dear Ms. Mack:

Thank you for the kind invitation to join you on Sunday,
September 19 at 2:00 p.m. for the landmarking of the Tryon
Grove Farm.

Just want you to know that this event is on my calendar;
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Also, at your request, I've invited Governor Edgar (see
enclosure) and will share his response with you.

Again, thanks for thinking to include me in your
celebration.

Sincerely,

Dick
Dick Klemm

DK:ej
enclosure

NORTHWEST HOMES

Developer decides not to develop

By DEBBIE BERGQUIST
Herald News Service

In January, I covered a story about a new development called Bayside Waterfront Estates. Beautiful five acre lots on the south end of a lake. The lake was Lake Elizabeth. Most of the lake lies in the state of Wisconsin, but the south end stretches into McHenry County almost abutting Route 173.

The lake's lots at the south end were for sale by the Varga family of Richmond.

Most of the shores of the 400 acre lake are in the Kenosha County, Wis., village of Twin Lakes. On the Wisconsin side homes abound. The Illinois side remains undisturbed.

Apparently the Illinois end of the lake will continue to remain undisturbed.

The story on Bayside Waterfront Estates attracted the attention of the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD).

MCCD officials called members of the Varga family. MCCD wanted to add the south end of Lake Elizabeth to its holdings.

Some of the south shore wetlands already were in public domain.

In 1985, the Vargos transferred title to a 56.1 acre parcel just west of Bayside into the public domain as a nature preserve. The MCCD wanted to add Bayside to the nature preserve. Road access to both parcels of property would be by Lakeview Road.

After several months of negotiation between the Varga family and the MCCD, I was again called to do a story on Bayside.

I was expecting to do a story on record sales by a developer of a lakefront development.

Instead I discovered the story to be written was one about a developer who chose not to develop.

On June 30, a total of 60.9 acres known as Bayside was sold/donated by the Varga family to The Nature Conservancy, a private holding agency. The property is being held while the MCCD applies for a grant to purchase the property.

Within a year, title should transfer from the Conservancy to MCCD.

The site will eventually be open to the public as "The Varga Archaeological Site."
Indian artifacts abound.

The MCCD has been aware of this site as being rich in artifacts left behind by early man ever since an archaeological survey was conducted by The Foundation for Illinois Archaeology in 1973.

Stone tools and arrowheads held in private collections of

"It shows how cooperation between the district and individuals can work."

Steve Weller

previous owners have been documented and date back as far as the Early Archaic period, 3,000 to 5,000 B.C.

"Rivers and streams change course, but lakes don't change much," said Steve Weller, executive director of the MCCD. It was Weller who represented the district in negotiations.

The stable water source has attracted animals, which in turn were hunted by early woodland man, Indian tribes, and settlers. The treasures left behind include stone artifacts, points, scrapers, and hammers.

As trading patterns with settlers after 1836 developed, artifacts changed to metal and glass. Even the remnants of a beehive brick oven have been found.

Artifact styles suggest continuous use of the site from, possibly, 15,000 B.C. through 1500 A.D.

"It is the best known documented site in McHenry County," said Weller.

In addition to a rich history, the Weller was equally interested in the site because of the 112 species of native plants. In particular, the small yellow lady slipper, an orchid which is endangered in Illinois.

The downy willow-herb and bog bedstraw are also considered threatened.

Nesting on the adjacent 180 acre Nature Preserve are three endangered bird species, the Sandhill Crane, Black Tern, and Least Bittern.

Rare wildlife recently discovered are the map turtle and pygmy shrew.

The land itself is a combination of sedge-meadow, alkaline floating mat, marsh, glacial lake, and oak savannah, making the Varga site an essential part of the Lake Elizabeth ecosystem.

Upon title transfer, the MCCD plans to map out marked trails for education purposes.

"It shows how cooperation between the district and individuals can work," said Weller.

The Vargos could have made a great deal more money subdividing as originally planned.

In fact, much time, effort, and family discussion went into the lot design.

Their intention was to disturb the land as little as possible.

The parents, Ernest and Eleonore, along with the sons,

BAYSIDE

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Drawing provided

In the spring of 1993 the Varga family of Richmond had plans to subdivide lakefront property into high priced parcels. Family members changed their minds this summer.

E.J. and Edward, and daughter Edith, made the joint decision to turn over the land for public use.

After long hours discussing the matter amongst themselves and MCCD representatives, the Vargos feel they have made the right decision.

As the Varga Archaeological Site, part of the former Varga

farm will become a legacy for the family.

But, even more important for McHenry County residents, it will leave the legacy of early man undisturbed and open for further scientific study.

"I like the fact that the (family) name is being put to the land forever," said E.J.

His brother, Edward, reflected on development in general.

"Now, I can sleep at night. I've given the birds some place to live," he said.

The entire family reflected the sentiment that it feels good not to destroy the site, and to give something back to the community.

But, Eleonore said it best. "It (the land) has the right owner now."

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McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Department of Planning and Development, 2200 North Seminary Avenue Woodstock, IL 60098 (815) 334-4560

TO: McHenry County Preservation Commission
FROM: James M. Hogue, Principal Planner
DATE: September 3, 1993
RE: Final report and recommendation of the McHenry County Preservation Commission in regard to the John B. Walkup House nomination by Michael J. Walkup.

The John B. Walkup House, the second landmark proposed by the McHenry County Preservation Commission, was built of cobblestones from Lake Michigan, on a rubble foundation in 1856.

Only two such houses remain in McHenry County, the other being the Columbus Wallace house on Virginia St. in Crystal Lake.

This fine, old, well preserved Greek Revival Style House is essentially unchanged on the outside and little changed on the inside. The most obvious external changes can be seen by comparing the present condition of the home with an old 1905 photograph. This photograph shows the return cornice work and entablature on the gable ends of the structure still intact and the old chimney still rising through the roof on the east end of the main structure. The house was also fully shuttered in 1905 and the original porch on the south projection was still intact.

With the exception of these superficial changes, the building remains a delight to look at in 1993, and is in an excellent condition.

Commission members who visited the site agree with Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Bodner, the current owners of the property, and Mr. Michael Walkup, the nominator of the property, that this structure easily meets at least nine (9) of the fifteen (15) criteria listed in the nomination form. Only one criterion need be met to satisfy ordinance requirements for nomination.

The Commission therefore enthusiastically recommends this historic building for landmarking. Through it, the memory of John B. Walkup and his family can be kept alive for future generations of County residents and visitors. It is not a small matter that John B. Walkup was one of the first settlers of the County and the founder of the Town of Nunda, now incorporated into the City of Crystal Lake.

On Tuesday, August 3rd 1993 the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing regarding the nomination of this property as a local landmark. At that hearing Mr. Michael Walkup, the nominator, and Mr. Lenard Bodner, owner of the property both spoke in favor of the designation. No members of the general public spoke against the nomination.

The findings of the Commission were that nine (9) of the fourteen (14) criteria for local landmark designation have been met. The Commission voted unanimously to have this property designated as the second local landmark in McHenry County. Attached is a portion of the application submitted for review which documents some of the historical significance of this structure.

WALKUP HOUSE

The "Walkup House" is one of the most historically and architecturally significant structures still existing in McHenry County. A copy of a 1961 article published in the "Crystal Lake Herald" which describes the history and condition of the house at that time in great detail, is attached and is incorporated herein by reference.

To summarize, the "Walkup House" sits on top of a hill on Walkup Road just north of the City of Crystal Lake. It was built in 1856 by John B. Walkup, son of Christopher Walkup, one of the first settlers in McHenry County and founder of the town of "Nunda", which is now incorporated into the City of Crystal Lake.

The Walkup House is unique as being one of only two remaining structures in McHenry County built with "cobblestone" facing. We have estimated that 60,000 to 80,000 individual rounded stones of varying sizes have been placed in perfect straight rows on all sides of the building. It is listed in the book, "A Guide to Chicago's Historic Suburbs, On Wheels & On Foot," by Ira J. Bach, Swallow Press, Chicago, 1981, pp. 211-213, copy attached.

The house remains essentially unchanged since it's original construction in 1856, with the addition only of indoor plumbing and electricity at the turn of the century, oak flooring in the living room in the 1930's, and a modern kitchen installed in the 1970's. Central air has recently been added and the front porch has been restored in the style of the original.

The grounds cover 5.5 acres surrounding the house, including a barn (not the original) and a distinctive horseshoe shaped driveway. Approximately 50 mature oak, walnut and pine trees dot the property many dating from the time of the original construction.

The house has been plaqued by the Polly Crandel Questors and was recently featured in their tour of historic homes in Crystal Lake.

It passed out of the Walkup family in 1972 after the deaths of John M. and Ada Walkup, who had lived in the house since World War II. Prior to that time it had been owned continuously by descendants of Christopher Walkup.

At the present time the house is surrounded by development in the fast growing north Crystal Lake area. It is feared by the Walkup family that the house may be considered by some future owner to detract from the value of the land as a site for new homes or other construction and could be demolished if not given the protection afforded by the Ordinance. The present owners are currently preparing the property for sale.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Department of Planning and Development, 2200 North Seminary Avenue Woodstock, IL 60098 (815) 334-4560

The initial report and recommendation of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, in regards to the Diggins School, 19017 River Road, Marengo, Illinois.

The 1914 Diggins school building easily meets nine of the fourteen criteria listed in Article III, Section Four of the McHenry County Preservation Ordinance.

Not only is it in excellent condition, but its original interior and exterior features are almost entirely intact, thanks to the attitude and efforts of Jerry and Sharon Maloney, the current resident-owners. Though the bell tower has been removed, the original bell stands next to the driveway, and Mr. Moloney has expressed an interest in restoring the tower and installing the old bell to its rightful place.

The original narrow bevelled siding remains on the entire exterior and seems to be in an excellent condition. The original sash for the side windows have been replaced and the fascia around the windows has been sheathed in metal or vinyl of appropriate color. The original sash remain in the front windows. However, even the replaced sash and sheathing do not detract from the overall, fine appearance of the school.

On the property remain the old merry-go-round, teeter-totter, flagpole and flag. Former students sometimes bring their children or grandchildren for a look and a ride. Now, this does help establish a sense of time and place unique to the Marengo countryside.

Sharon Maloney's grandmother, Elizabeth Schacht, taught at this school for a time and the owners have many old pictures that testify to the integrity of the school in 1993.

Diggins school presents an architectural style that is unusual, especially in relation to the somewhat "hooded" entry that graces the front of the building, and is readily seen by the observer, even while just driving by. The school has character that sets it off from the average frame, school-house, some of which can still be seen throughout the county.

Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission recommends this unique structure for Landmarking.

Al Kramka
Chairman
Survey Sub-Committee

The Diggins School was built in 1914 on the corner of River and Standish roads in Seneca Township. Its outside structure has remained the same except for the removal of the bell tower. The actual bell, however, still remains next to the driveway. Many other original features can still be found both inside and out. Inside remain original light fixtures, water coolers, desks, and the original chalkboard. Outdoors you will find the original teeter totter set, merry-go-round, flagpole and flag!

We have attempted to keep the school in its original state as we feel it has historical importance. Its architectural style is unique on its own for school buildings and we have the original blueprints given to us by the grandson of the builder.

We have strong family ties to the house as Jerry's grandfather bought the property in 1950 and it has been in the Moloney family since. Also my grandmother, Elizabeth Schacht was a school teacher and taught at Diggins for a period of time.

We would like very much to have our home established in the community as a historical landmark not only to preserve our memories but also those of who attended the school and still remain in the Marengo area. We often have them as visitors either bringing their children or grandchildren and we would like to be able to share this piece of history with the rest of McHenry County.

Jerry & Sharon Moloney

Mc Henry County Historic Preservation Commission

To: All Commission Members
From: Rick Mc Grath
Date: 10/25/93
Subject: The County Historic Preservation Plan

Just a quick note.

Given all the spare time that we all have... When you have a chance, prior to our next meeting on Nov 9th, would you review the "Goals" and "Strategies" sections of our Preservation Plan.

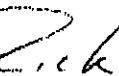
Now that the plan is finally finished, our application for "Certified Local Government" is nearing completion and the pipeline for landmarking seems to be filling, this would be a good time for us to look at:

- Where we are at
- What is yet to be done
- What the priorities are
- Who's doing what. And,
- How to make the most of the time and talents of this commission

Would you give this some thought and perhaps jot down where you think we should be focusing our energy. We can discuss this at November's meeting.

Also, if anyone has any agenda items they wish discussed, please let me know. I want to be sure we allow time.

Thanks;



Rick

Mc Henry County Historic Preservation Commission

To: All Commission Members

From: Rick Mc Grath

Date: 11/12/93

Subject: Who's doing what

O.K., Here we go...

I recognize that we all have a varied and limited amount of time and energy to put towards the work of this commission. We all also have higher priorities of family, work etc.

The fact that we've applied for and accepted nomination onto this commission implies our commitment to devote some portion of our time and energy to this effort. However, probably like yourself, if I am not having some fun with this project there are other things I could be doing.

Having said all this, there are clearly some duties that are more fun than others. And while we have a variety of talents and preferences we should all be willing to carry our portion of the load. to do otherwise either slows the work or shifts the burden.

Currently, my professional work load and other obligations allow me the time to work on this commission. There are periods though, like everyone else, that I simply have no time to work on commission projects. If however, I saw that I no longer had the time to work on this commission I feel the fair thing for me to do would be to resign my seat for someone who had the time.

To help clarify, at least in my mind, who's doing what and how we're progressing I've itemized the following. If I've missed anything please let me know.

John D. - Liaison, State preservation offices

John J. - Survey Subcommittee; Landmarking nominations;
Map project

Jim K. - Survey Subcommittee; Landmarking nominations;
Map project

Al K. - Chair, Survey subcommittee; Landmarking
nominations

Gloria M. - Municipalities liaison & program

Rick M. - Old House Support Group; Newsletter(s)

Donna S. - Preservation Week awards meeting

Betty T. - Public Relations

Nancy W. - Survey subcommittee; Landmarking nomination;
Newsletter contributor

I would also like to institute a change to the agenda. While most of us work in tandem with others on certain projects we should all have some specific responsibility within this project. I would like each individual to at least make a brief comment on the progress of some particular responsibility.

Additionally, I would ask for your cooperation in keeping the side talking to a minimum. We need each others attention and contribution to what each one of us is saying and working on.

I dont intend to belabor any of these issues but I felt they needed to be presented. Pardon the formality of a memo. I felt it best initiated here so that if anyone wished to discuss it further we could do so at the next meeting.

I think we are all fortunate to have the level of talent and commitment on this commission that we do have and I'm confident we can have more fun and get more done.

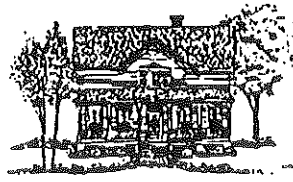
Thanks;

Rick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed. March 2nd County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee Meeting. For info. 815/477-8896. Public invited,
- Thurs. March 3rd Open House Meeting, Trost's. See Newsletter.**
- Mon. March 7th County Historical Society's very popular Sampler Lecture Series entitled "Elements of an exiting past". Every Monday for the next eight weeks. 7:30-9:00 pm, \$25.00 members, \$30.00 non-members, \$6.00 individual program info. 815/923-2267
- Tues March 8th County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. 7:30PM County Government Center, Annex building, Seminary Ave. Woodstock. For info. 815/334-4560. Linda Spates. Public invited.
- Thurs. March 17th Old house Program meeting, Porches.**
- Wed March 30th Colonial Palmer House Association meeting. 10:30AM, Please call first, Betty Wexelburg 815/459-0845
- Sun. April T.B.A. "Pictures of McHenry's Past" Slide show of the city of McHenry's history. Info. 815/385-7838 Ms. Smith
- Wed. April 6th County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee Meeting. See above
- Thurs. April 7th Open House, Ardelle & Ed Pate, Crystal Lake**
- Tues. April 12th County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. See above.
- Mon. April 18th "Algonquin: Once Upon a Town" Part of the Sampler series of lectures sponsored by the County Historical Society. Presented by Mr. Jeff Jolitz. See above.
- Thurs. April 21st Period interior finishes, Anaglipa and Lincrusta**
- Wed. March 2nd McHenry Landmarks Commission (City of) 7:30PM at Municiple Bld. 333 S. Green St. Info. 815/363-2100 (1st Tues. every mo.)
- Wed. May 4th County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee Meeting. See above
- Thurs. May 5th Open House, Gail & Scott Drabant, Richmond**
- May 9-15 National Historic Preservation Week. Lots-O-Good stuff planned. Keep your calendar open and watch this space for details.
- Tues. May 10th County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. See above.
- Sat. May 14th FIRST annual McHenry County Historic Preservation Awards Night!**
- Thurs. May 19th Old House Program meeting — window repair/renovation**
- June 24-26 and July 1-3 Dole Mansion Tours during the Gala Festival Main Beach Area, Crystal Lake
- Sun. Aug. 28th Colonial Palmer House 5K Run. 7:00-7:30 AM, Registration, 8:00 AM start
- Sun. Sept. 11th Elgin's Gifford Park Association, Historic District House Walk.

☛ If you sponsor, or know of any related events that you would like included on this calendar, please let us know. We'll be glad to include it. 815/455-1096



MCHEMRY COUNTY OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

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The Most Common Mistakes in Restoring Old Houses

(and How to Avoid Them)

Don't Destroy the Evidence: Make Tracks

Old buildings usually have a number of later, unoriginal remodelings. When it's decided to remove these later changes and reproduce the original, (or as close as our lifestyle and wallet will allow) the problem is, what had it been like, what was there?

A common mistake is to make all our changes without gathering any evidence. The result may not be as authentic as hoped and current evidence is lost—removed by carpenters and thrown away in overambitious cleanup. How often have I heard of treasures found in attics; windows, woodwork etc.

There are a number of solutions. Often clues are found on site by examining the "ghosts". Telltale variances on floor, wall and ceiling surfaces. The best source though is old photos or personal recollections of previous owners, older neighbors or a local resident "historian". For most current owners you don't need to go back to far to find most of the original house. From the Depression to well after WW II there was little renovation going on, and from the 1920's back it was not as common as from the mid 50's to today. So, if you can get as far back as the 50's you've recovered most of the lost history.

If you can identify your home in an old builders plan book or mail order catalog you have a great resource. And lastly, look for your identical home elsewhere or one built by the same person and get inside. Chances are the homes sustained different changes and there is much to learn.

For the same reasons you're hunting now, you should also leave a record of your changes.

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WE'RE BAAAACK!

Just when you thought it was safe...A big thanks to those that responded to the questionnaire. Your input has helped to shape how and what we're doing to help you in the renovation, restoration or maintenance of your "older" home. This newsletter is only one of the changes. Any additional requests, comments or suggestions are always welcome.

PLANNING TIME

We will be getting together for a half hour prior to each program meeting (as opposed to "open house" meetings) for the purpose of planning future programs and projects. Generally that will mean 7:00, but as programs will need to start at other times occasionally we will target one half hour prior to the start. Any that would have an interest in helping out we would greatly appreciate your involvement.

OPEN HOUSE

From the responses we received on the questionnaire, many expressed an interest in having more time to just get to know each other and exchange ideas and information. Also, it has come up a number of times—why don't we meet at each others homes? This would be fun and some folks have offered to host such a get together. We have not met at homes to date because of unpredictable attendance, general unsuitability given the nature of some programs, need for audio-visuals and the like. We would like to try something new here. Simply, set up a sign up list for anyone that would consider hosting an Open House on the First Thursday of each month through May. There will be no program planned, just time to get to know each other, show off your hard work and learn from each other. Often there is a lot to learn from simply seeing what others have done who are generous enough to share with us. The calendar indicates what dates are open. We would require an R.S.V.P. from those who would like to attend, and would limit attendance on a first come first served basis in consideration for the home owner. You could also bring anything along to these informal gatherings that you think would be of benefit to the rest of the group.

This could be a lot of fun, a great learning opportunity and we'll give it a try. If you would like to host call 815/455-1096.

THE "INS AND OUTS" OF VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE

Victorian architecture brings back the romance of by-gone years. Interior Decorator JoEllen Weingard will introduce you to the different architectural styles and the important authentic interior details necessary to design and reproduce a Victorian Home. Finally, you will learn how to decorate the interior of a Victorian Home. Learn from an expert how to bring back the beauty of the past. 7:00 - 10:00 P.M., Rm. 152, Crystal Lake Central H. S., 512.00. Register through the M.C.C. 815/455-6228.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

"McHenry County Old House Support Group", Functional? Yes. Elegant? Not Really. A lot of words? You betcha! What would you recommend? And while you're at it—a moniker for this newsletter? Hows 'bout an "Old House Journal Restoration Directory" if we use your idea?

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Don't throw original elements away. If unwanted, tag it and store it away. And take lots of pictures. You can do this now. Don't wait for that next big project. Establish your base line now by cataloging the whole house and update as you make additional changes. For many of us the restoration process is slow and this record of "before and after" can be encouraging and a testament to all your hard work. Happy hunting.—RM

Rick McGrath, Editor

Jed Wing, Art Direction

Shelly Trost, Public Relations

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CLASSIFIEDS

Do you have "stuff" of an old house nature you're looking to sell/give away, or that you need? Let us know. We'll post it here and with this network of "old house" lovers, who knows? And it's free! What a deal...

If your selling a "Pre-war" house (that's WW II or older) we would ask for a donation.

MISSION STATEMENT OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

The "Old-House Support Group", as an outgrowth of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, has as its mission the encouragement of "period" sensitive renovation, restoration, maintenance and adaptive reuse of the "older" McHenry County residential and commercial architecture and neighborhoods. The O.H.S.G. will develop programs, services and networking opportunities to assist individual property owners in their individual efforts.

DIRECTORY

We're getting closer. We have a draft and outline for a directory of providers of goods and services specifically targeting the needs of Old-House home owners and others interested in the "period" restoration maintenance and adaptive reuse of older buildings. We will try to ferret out the local talent for you as well as those who can help from wherever. If you have any recommendations on trade, professional and retail talent you can forward that information to us. This will continue to be fleshed out at the planning meetings and you'll be updated in this newsletter.

LETTERS

Thank you for putting me on your mailing list and for planning an evening with Mr. Crowe. At the end of his presentation he confirmed my suspicions of restoring woodwork in our 1852 home. Under layers of paint there is not a varnished layer. This woodwork appears to have only been painted, and, of course the original layer would be nearly impossible to remove and expose woodgrain. I'm glad we didn't start a major stripping project, unable to achieve the stain and varnish look. Although it wasn't a "full house" last night, it was valuable information I wouldn't have found elsewhere. I'm looking forward to future meetings and applaud your efforts.

Laurel G. Torgeson, Marengo

READER RESPONSE

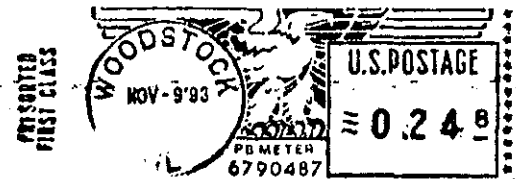
Older homes tend to be a tad higher on maintenance than newer construction. Quite a revelation don't you think? And while we love them, time spent on maintenance (above and beyond any projects we may be pursuing) can seem to be never ending. Again from the questionnaire, it seems a lot of us would like help in this area. After discussion we felt that soliciting your real life experiences and sharing them here would be more effective than using a program meeting to address this. So, ... what time savers have you found, big or small, to get the job done and still maintain a life beyond Old-House homeownership. We'll share these tips with each newsletter. Write or fax us.

McHenry County Old-House Support Group

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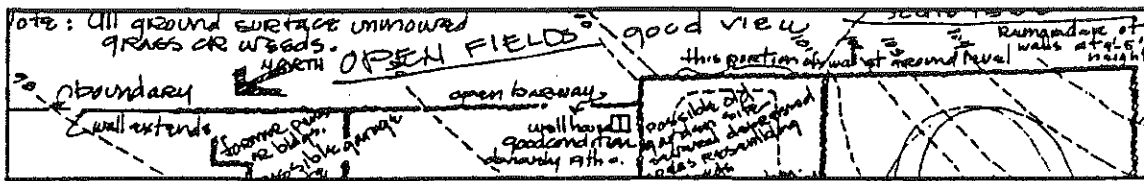
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Rick and Laura McGrath
88 West Franklin Ave
Crystal Lake, Ill 60014



This is your exclusive invitation to attend the next McHenry County Old-House Support meeting. No invitation will be made to the general public through the papers.



We looked all over, made quite an extensive search including numerous phone calls to other like organizations throughout the Chicago metro area to find someone to speak to our humble assemblage on this month's subject.

Actually we had all but given up when we were reminded, yet again, of the wealth of talent in our own "Back Yard".

This month... Period Landscaping!

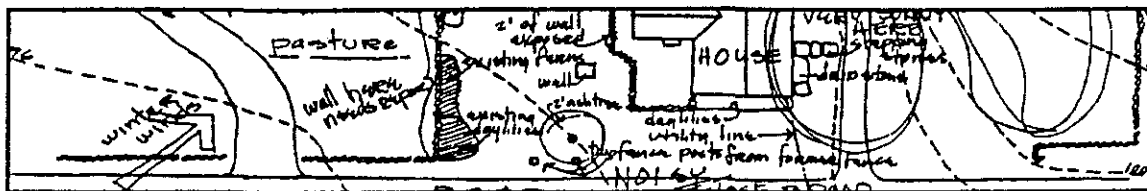
If you attended last year's Questers sponsored Historic House walk, you've seen the marvelous, restored, landscape of the Muellers in Woodstock. Their home is wonderful but their yard is truly unique! Originally designed by a landscape architect and revived by the Muellers, this is a rare opportunity and resource few communities have.

Given the subject, we will be meeting on a Saturday morning rather than our usual Thursday night. And truly this is by invitation only, though you may bring a guest. We want to be mindful of our hosts allowing us all to converge in their yard.

Membership does have its privileges...

Who: Blake & Nanett Mueller
 Where: 382 S. Tyron, Woodstock
 (at Tyron & Dean Streets)

When: Sat, May 8th 10:00 A.M.
 Rain Date: Sat, May 15th 10:00 A.M.





McHenry County Old House Support Group

The weather is warming and you may be starting to think about those *outside* renovation projects around your own "Old-House".

Perhaps you've already done this, and now you're starting to think about condominiums.

Before you switch from *Can do* to *Condo* let's get together.

This month we've paired up another very talented preservation professional with a fascinating location to better address the subject and YOUR projects and questions.



Who? Roger Keys: Contractor, specializing and very experienced in restoration/preservation of commercial and residential work. Currently serves on the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission. Does great work. You will learn something!

Where? Dole Mansion: 401 Country Club Rd., Crystal Lake, circa 1860's. High Victorian style, if you've been there you know. If you haven't, you owe it to yourself. Come See! Maybe we'll get a little "behind the scenes"?

When? Thursday April 15th 7:30-9:00 P.M.

Costs you nothing but... you will be required to bring a question.





OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Let's see now...
Old-House restoration...
Masonry, Plumbing, Electric,
Structural, Weatherproofing, ...
Woodwork! Yes, all that woodwork!
Doors, Windows, Flooring, Siding,
Moulding, Cabinetry, Mantles, Porches,
Stairways...

Yes! This month we'll completely cover all facets of
woodwork restoration throughout your house ... NOT!!

We will however, address woodwork restoration in general as an
introduction into the specific areas you would like to see addressed.

We're very fortunate and happy to have from within our own
ranks Bill Crowe from Harvard, a contractor who specializes
in, and has extensive experience, in period woodwork restoration.
Bill will introduce us to this very broad subject and address your
specific questions or projects.

So bring your questions, photos and as much of your porch as
will fit in the trunk and meet us at:

McHenry County Historical Society
6422 Main Street, Union
7:30 - 9:00 PM Mar. 18th

We'll be meeting in Eckert Hall at the McHenry County
Historical Society.

*McHenry County Old-House Support Group-McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
2200 North Seminary Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098 815/334-4560 or 815/455-1096*

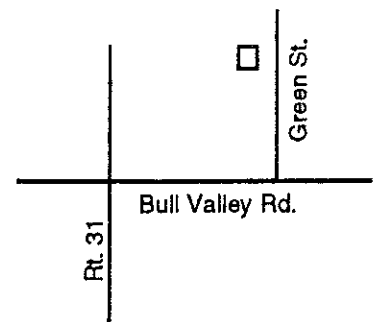


*"Golly Madeline, look at the money we've saved on our taxes!"
"Yes Floyd, aren't you glad we went to that program on Old House Tax
programs sponsored by the Old House Support Group?"*

By Popular Request...

Mike Ward, the Local Government Services Coordinator from the State Historic Preservation Offices in Springfield will be our guest speaker at our January 21 meeting. He will be presenting a program on the Tax benefits and programs available to Old-House home owners involved in renovation/restoration. You won't want to miss this one. Come find out if you can take advantage of any state and/or federal benefits.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 in the town of McHenry at the Government Center on Green St. - just north of Bull Valley Rd., off Rt. 31 - in the "Class Room" on the Main floor.

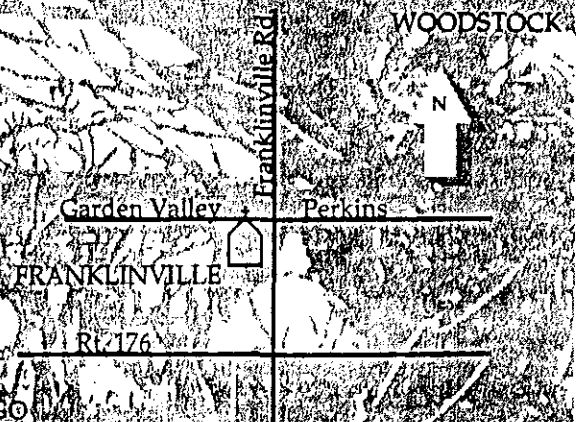


Old House Support Group Christmas Party

What would be an appropriate setting for a Christmas party of old-house lovers (and survivors)? How about an old church, undergone adaptive reuse as the private residence of one of our own members! What a treat!

We'll have an abbreviated meeting so we can get to know each other better. We've got the slide/tape presentation on Victorian House Identification and Conservation we didn't have time for last month.

Location: Lisa Kelly's
3708 Franklinville Rd.
923-5117
Thursday, December 17
7:30



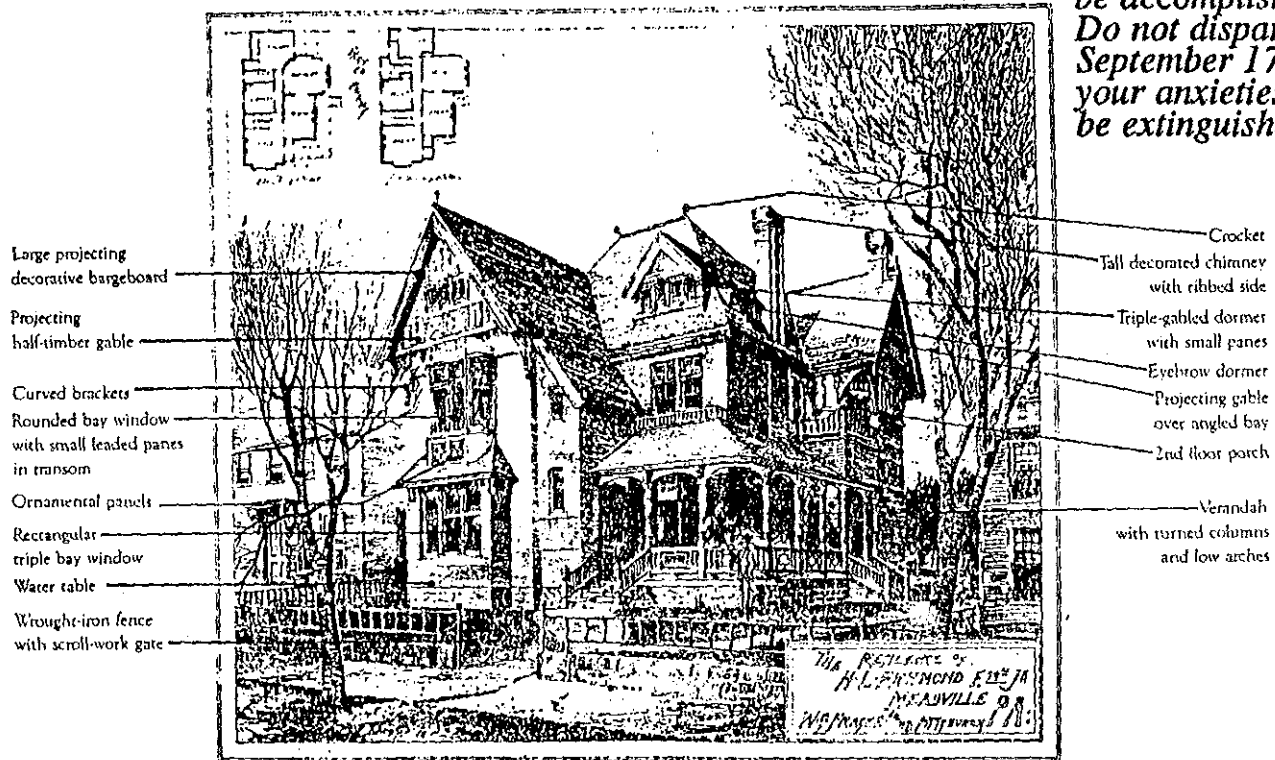
If you could, bring cookies, hors-d'oeuvres or something to pass.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

"WHERE DO I START?....."

This cry is often heard drifting from the dark halls of an old home. The adventurous old home speculator finds himself overwhelmed by the numerous, yet exciting, projects waiting to be accomplished.

Do not dispare. On September 17, 1992 your anxieties will be extinguished.



Architect, John Robertson, will be discussing approaches of tackling the old home project list. Mr. Robertson's expertise on this subject goes beyond his architect's license. He is an active member of the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. He understands the problems of owning a old home and will advise on possible solutions to these problems.

He will be speaking:

- * Thursday, September 17, 1992
 - * McHenry County Government Center
Route 47 north end of Woodstock
Main Building/Main Parking Lot/Main Entrance
 - * 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Questions? Call 815-334-4560, ask for Jill Osth

NEXT MONTH.....WHY RESTORE AT ALL???

This is a presentation of the McHenry County Old-Home Owners Support Group in association with the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.



McHENRY COUNTY
OLD HOUSE
SUPPORT GROUP



WAIT!

We can help you
with your older
McHenry County home!



We're currently putting together our
calendar of the coming year's programs.
And we're preparing for the big "kick-off" meeting
in September. Please join us, meet some neighbors and other
"Old-Home" owners. Let us know what you would like to have addressed.

We'll also have a speaker who'll be talking about the sorts of gains their preservation
organizations have achieved and the benefits they have realized.

HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND!!!

August 20, 1992
McHenry County Government Center
Main Entrance
7:30 .pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug. 18: County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Public invited

At the McHenry County Government Center, (Route 47) Woodstock, 7:30p.m.

Aug. 7: Continuing Historic Survey McHenry County

Contact Al Kramka for date and time and information (338-1490)

Sept. 23: Researching Your Old Home's History

McHenry County College: Contact Molly Walsh (455-8697)

Sept. 12: Salvage One: Architectural Salvage Auction:

11:00 - 4:00 : Contact Rick McGrath (455-1096) or Old Home Support Group

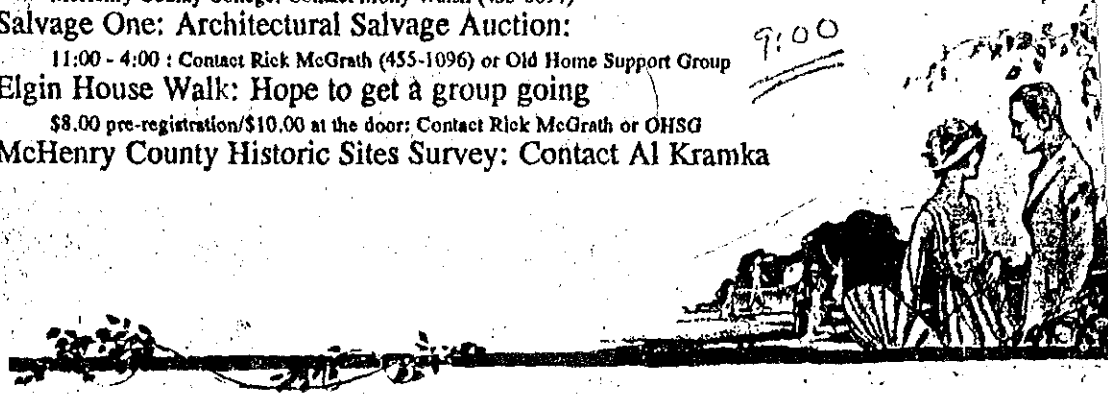
Sept. 13: Elgin House Walk: Hope to get a group going

\$8.00 pre-registration/\$10.00 at the door; Contact Rick McGrath or OHSG

Sept. 17: McHenry County Historic Sites Survey: Contact Al Kramka

Sat

9:00





HEY!

**Why don't you join us for a meeting of the
OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP?**

July 22, 1992

7:30 p.m.

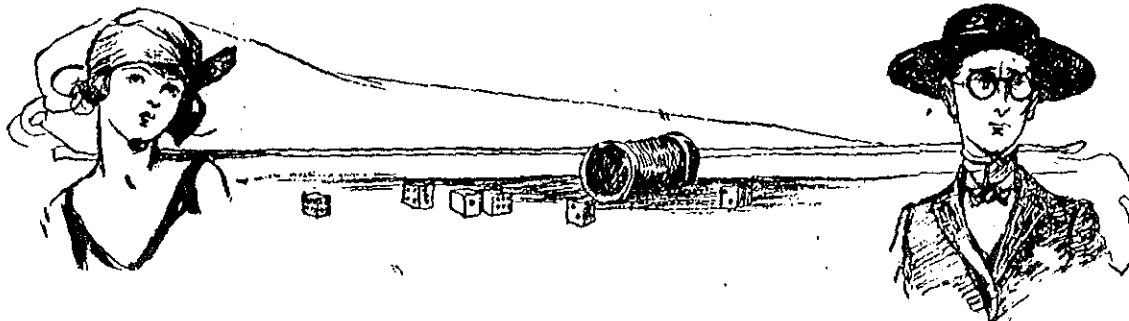
*McHenry County Government Center
Room B170*

*(In the main building. Please use the main entrance,
go left when you enter the parking lot.)*

*We are developing a program of workshops and seminars and other helps to
those renovating or maintaining older properties.*

*This week we are trying to get someone from Restorations of Kane County or
Elgin's Gifford Park Association to offer their insight into this stuff. You can get
help from someone who's already been through most of this.*

It's really great fun.... and it's air conditioned!



sponsored by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

"Hello,
Information?"



"What are the ten
most common mis-
takes made in the
renovation of an old
house and how can
I avoid or correct
them?"

Funny you should ask...

Join us in discussion with some pro's who will be addressing this very subject. Speakers will include:

Mr. Dean Tripp an independent contractor, Dundee.

Mr. Tripp specializes in period work and has 20 years experience including work with Mr. Gilmore on period residential and commercial renovation projects.

Mr. Rick Gilmore of Gilmore Architects, Dundee.

Mr. Gilmore specializes in period restoration work, he is the Vice Chair of the Kane County Historic Commission and is the past Chair of the Dundee Township Historic Sites Commission, and the past advisor of the West Dundee Historic District Commission.

November 19, 1992

7:30 p.m.

McHenry County Government Center
Room C290

enter from the east parking lot, take a right
when you enter the parking lot.

Bring your questions and any photos describing your project or "Challenge". (If time permits, we've got a great slide/tape presentation entitled "the Victorian House: Identification and Conservation" that ties into the above.) Please note the room change. Do not use the main entrance, enter from the east entrance.

Calendar of events:

Sat. Nov. 14: "The history of Historic Preservation in Illinois"
9:00-4:00 at the Newberry Library, Chicago 217/785-4993

Mon. Nov 16: The authors of the "Painted Ladies" series of books on Victorian residential architecture will be speaking for Elgin's Historic Gifford Park association.
7:00 p.m. at the "Old Elgin High School", 355 East Chicago Street
It's FREE!!! For information call Rick McGrath at 455-1096.

Tues. Nov. 17: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Government Center, Annex Bldg.

WHY RESTORE?

Why NOT just replace the old with new?

It's MUCH EASIER AND CHEAPER, right?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE TANGIBLE AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO MORE SENSITIVE PERIOD RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OLDER HOMES?



MR. MARV COMBRINK, A REALTOR WHO DEALS EXTENSIVELY WITH HISTORIC AND OLDER HOMES, AND WHO IS ALSO AN OLD-HOME OWNER, WILL TALK TO US ABOUT PERIOD RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS WHERE MODERN UPDATING IS BEST USED VIS A VIS PROPERTY, RESALE VALUES, AND OTHER VERY TANGIBLE BENEFITS TO PRESERVATION.

JOIN US AT THIS THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M...

THAT IS OCTOBER 15, 1992 AT THE MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,
ROUTE 47 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WOODSTOCK.

QUESTIONS? CALL 815-334-4560 AND ASK FOR JILL OSTLI.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

"OLD-HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP"

DATE SUBJECT

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| SEPT. | WHERE DO I START? PRIORITIES, SEQUENCE, DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS APPROACHES TO TACKLING A PERIOD REHAB. |
| OCT. | WHY RESTORE IN THE FIRST PLACE? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS, FINANCIAL, PERSONAL, "QUALITY OF LIFE", ETC. |
| NOV. | "THE TEN MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE IN PERIOD RESTORATION AND HOW TO AVOID THEM" AND/OR CORRECT PREVIOUS MISTAKES. |
| DEC. | "POLLY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GET THAT STUFF?" DISCUSSION OF SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AND AGAINST. SHORT PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERIOD HOLIDAY PARTY AT LISA KELLY'S HOME (TENTATIVE). |
| JAN. | MIKE WARD FROM THE STATE PRESERVATION AGENCY WILL BE HERE TO DISCUSS TAX INCENTIVES, ETC. |
| FEB. | WOODWORKING DISCUSSION WITH ED JOHNSON WILL BE ATTEMPTED. |
| MARCH | THE PERIOD LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN |
| APRIL | } No PROGRAMS ARE SCHEDULED YET...WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED??? |
| MAY | |
| JUNE | |
| JULY | |
| AUGUST | |

Calendar of other activities:

- OCTOBER 13: THE LASTING INVESTMENT OF HARDWOOD FLOORS: RESTORATIONS OF KANE COUNTY
- OCTOBER 18: MAIL ORDER HOMES: SEMINAR SPONSORED BY THE VILLA PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 708-834-2010
- OCTOBER 20: MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING; MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
- NOVEMBER 12: MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE MEETING, CALL AL KRAMKA AT 338-1490

Is there something not indicated that you would like to see addressed? If you are interested and would like to know more, please call or write to:



Rick McGrath at (815) 455-1096

or

Jill Osth at (815) 334-4560

% McHenry County Historic
Preservation Commission
McHenry County Department of
Planning and Development
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098

The following information would be helpful to us:

Name _____

Address _____

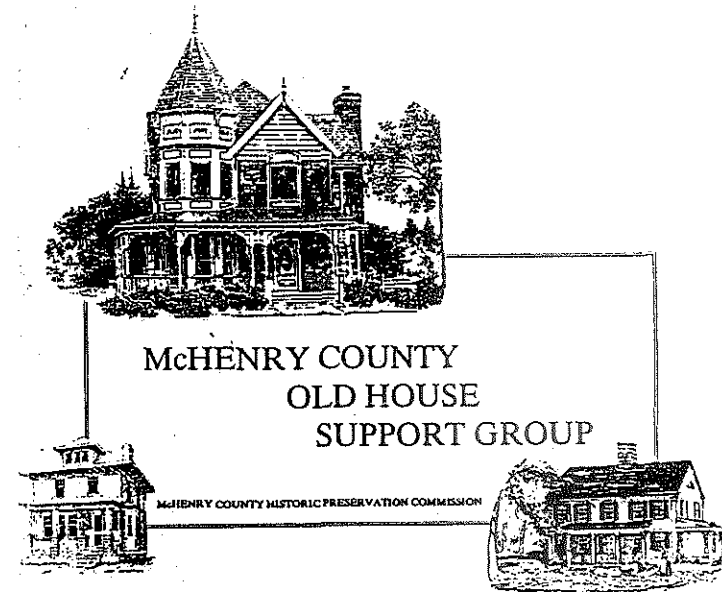
City _____

State/zip _____

Phone _____



The McHenry County Old Home Support Group is an branch of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.



We Would Like To Invite You

To Join Us!!

Do you have an older McHenry County house or other property?

Do you have an interest in its renovation/restoration, or simply maintaining it in an historically sensitive manner?

We would like to invite you to join us!!

The McHenry County Old House Support Group is an association of "Old House" owners who are pursuing the same objectives in your own community and throughout the county.

Often, we "Old-House" owners have interests, projects, problems or concerns that are peculiar to an older home. Finding the information and resources, if we choose to do it ourselves or hire the professional talent that is experienced in and sensitive to period work, is often difficult to find. Well, many times the best help comes from those who are doing the same sort of things, or have done them in the past.

Similar groups in other older communities meet and exchange information. This has been great help to those involved and to the community as a whole.

We meet on a monthly basis and provide programs of demonstration, workshops, and seminars lead by both professionals and experienced members targeted to helping those involved in period renovation and/or maintenance of their older properties.

Future programs will address some of the following subject and more.

- How to plan (and budget) for your renovation/restoration
- How to research the history of your home
- How and where to locate difficult to find old house parts and supplies
- How and where to locate trades people and professional talent who specialize in, or are expert in older property specialties
- Workshops or demonstrations on:
 - * Painting techniques (i.e. woodgraining, marbilizing, glazing, stenciling)
 - * Plasterwork repair and reproduction
 - * Safer and easier paint stripping
 - * Door and window restoration work
 - * Porch restoration and period reproduction
- Period interiors including kitchens and baths
- Home inspection and selection of older properties
- Home safety: radon, asbestos, lead paint
- Period landscaping
- The eight most common mistakes in restoration and how to avoid them
- Masonry problems and corrective alternatives
- *and much more*

We are also looking to develop a directory of those hard to find goods and services for period sensitive work, attend architectural salvage auctions and historic house and cultural tours.

We look forward to participation and support from all with an interest in preservation of our historic resources and quality of life.





THE CHRONICLE



News From The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Volume 1 No. 1

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Gloria Mack

I am pleased to introduce to you our first issue of "THE CHRONICLE", produced by the McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission. With this newsletter, we wish to convey information about the commission's activities as well as those of other like minded organizations throughout the county.

This nine member commission was established by the County Historic preservation Ordinance passed in 1992 and has been hard at work for over a year now. We are thankful for the community support in completing the ordinance directives.

Various committees established the "Preservation Plan", "Rules and Procedures", and the nomination form to be used in landmarking efforts. While this was taking place, the Survey Commission began identifying sites suitable for landmark status. At the first landmarking, the owner of the Tryon Grove Farm expressed appreciation at receiving the protection afforded by the preservation ordinance. We invite you to attend this event scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 1993. A second application for landmarking of the Walup House is currently in process.

The Commission is finalizing its application for "Certified Local Government" status which affords the opportunity to apply for grant funding set aside specifically to support local preservation programs.

Both the county "Preservation Ordinance" and the commissions "Preservation Plan" are on file at the County Department of Planning and Development and are available to the public. These documents explain our mission and the benefits to the community. Two points of particular interest are:

1. There is a tax freeze program available to owners of landmarked sites. Further information is available from the County Department of Planning.

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FIRST LANDMARKING SET

You are invited to join the McHenry county Historic Preservation Commission for our *FIRST* landmarking ceremony at 2:00 PM on Sunday September 19, 1993 at the Tryon Grove Farm. The farm is located at 8914 Tyron Grove Road, Ringwood, IL.

Tryon Grove Farm, residence of Captain Charles Hopkins Tryon until the turn of the century is an outstanding example of Vernacular Bracketed Italianate architecture. Built in the mid 1800's, the farm retains many of its original structures. Later structures reflect advances made in American agricultural practices. Charles Hopkins Tryon was the eldest son of Bela and Harriet Tryon who established the farmstead in 1837.

Charles Hopkins Tryon was the great grandson of Samuel Hopkins, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Tryon served as a captain in the 95th Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War, was a state legislator, and a country surveyor.

This information is taken from the notes of Mr. Frederick A. Stresen-Reuter II. He is the present owner of Tryon Grove Farm and has lovingly restored and cared for the property. Join us for a truly unique experience. Our county has many sites to be proud of, and we think you'll agree that this one is truly awesome. □

COUNTY WIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING

In observance of National Historic Preservation Week, which was held the second week in May, the McHenry county Historic Preservation Commission hosted a gathering of all groups involved in historic preservation throughout the county. The meeting was held at the Farm Bureau building in Woodstock.

The purpose was to gather together folks throughout the county who are involved in historic and preservation related efforts. Also, to have them meet each other. There is much talent spread through these groups and the information exchange and moral support is a benefit to all.

Many participants made a presentation and introduction of themselves describing the groups involvement. Those that spoke included Al Kramka, Chairman of the Survey/Landmark subcommittee of the County Preservation Commission; Nancy Fike, Director of the County Historical Society; Chris Gallagher, representing the Richmond Hall Preservation Association and Rick McGrath director of the McHenry County Old House Support Group.

A slide presentation was given by Jim Keefe, County Preservation Commission member, on the history of Woodstock. He presents this program to area school children and has found it to be a way to encourage greater appreciation for our local heritage.

Our first meeting was a very enjoyable and informative evening. It was agreed that we should continue to meet for such exchanges in the future. We will be getting together again at next year's "Preservation Week", if not sooner. We would welcome your suggestions and involvement. You can reach Rick McGrath at (815) 455-1096. □

PRESERVATION EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Throughout the county there are numerous organizations involved in a variety of preservation efforts we thought you should know about. Some are more regional in scope while others are more focused in their efforts in a specific project or site. In any case they are working to help maintain some of the local historic favorite of our community for the enjoyment of all, as well as generations to come. All are volunteer driven and great fun to be involved with. If you have any questions or interest they would welcome your call. Also, if we have missed anyone please let us know.

ALGONQUIN

The Ad-Hock Historic Committee—Mr. Jeff Jolitz 708/658-9182. Updating village history for inclusion into the comprehensive plan and other projects.

BULL VALLEY

Stickney House Restoration Committee—Ms. Virginia Peschke 338-6544. Restoration of unique 1856 "house with the round corners".

CRYSTAL LAKE

The Colonel Palmer House Restoration Association Inc.—Betty Wexelburg 459-0849. Restoration of the 1858 National Register Landmark Home

Dole Mansion Preservation Society—Ms. Marcia Schwan 459-8309. Restoration of the Circa 1860's Mansion

The Polly Crandal Questers —Ms. Marry Thennes 455-4523. Working on local preservation efforts

HARVARD

The Greater Harvard Area Historical Society—Ms. Marguerite Johnston 943-4919. Maintains a museum, landmarks homes and other activities.

McHENRY

McHenry Preservation Commission—Mr. Carl Fredrickson 386-4198

RICHMOND

Architectural Commission—Ms. Irene Borre. Involved with the historic downtown area.

Memorial Hall Stearing Committee—Ms. Chris Gallagher 675-6524. Working to restore/renovate the Memorial Hall

WOODSTOCK

Environmental Enhancement Committee—Mr. Dave Danielson 338-4300.

COUNTY WIDE

McHenry County Historical Society—6422 Main Street, P.O. Box 434, Union IL 60180 Ms. Nancy Fike 923-2267. Maintains museum and sponsors numerous programs.

McHenry County Historic Sites Committee—Ms. Grace Moline 477-8896. A county historical society committee working to landmark historic sites and other efforts.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Ms. Gloria Mack 653-7131. Working to encourage historic preservation throughout the county through a variety of efforts.

McHenry County Old House Support Group—Mr. Rick McGrath 455-1096. Sponsored by county preservation commission to provide programs to aid in the restoration and maintenance of older properties.

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2. A high priority was given to working with fellow municipalities throughout the county encouraging their adoption of a preservation plan/ordinance. As one of the fastest growing counties in the state, we must work in cooperation with the cities, towns and villages to insure that we protect and maintain the historic and cultural fabric of our community.

Unless continued development is balanced with respect for our local heritage, it's feared this heritage may be lost. It is this same regional heritage that so directly ties into the quality of life that, for many of us, is the reason we choose to make this community our home.

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the annex to the courthouse. I would like to invite you to attend our meetings. For further information, you may contact me at 815/653-7131, or you may write us at the address on the Newsletter. Hope to see you there! □

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