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LOOKING AHEAD - A VISIT TO CAMP LINCOLN

The Sangamon County Historical Society will meet at the Camp Lincoln Museum at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 24, for a program by Col. Don Kuntzweiler and Illinois National Guard Historian Charles Muni, CW4, who will guide us on a tour of the museum's unique exhibits. One of the most unusual will be the display of the Mexican General Santa Anna's wooden leg - a relic of the Mexican War taken in 1847 after Illinois troops had participated in the Battle of Cerro Gordo. After the program we will walk to the nearby Adjutant General's headquarters where refreshments will be served in the cafeteria area. SCHS Board member Polly Myers has arranged the evening's activities. Before his retirement Polly's husband, Brigadier General Louis L. Myers, Jr., was the Illinois National Guard Chief of Staff with offices at Camp Lincoln.

Members and guests should enter the main gate at Camp Lincoln located on MacArthur Blvd. about a block north of North Grand Ave. Signs will be posted guiding the way to the museum building.

Any donations of Illinois military memorabilia to the museum are welcomed. These would include letters, diaries, artifacts, etc., from any military activity in which Illinois armed forces played a part, from the state's earliest days to the present. Any articles of this nature may be brought to the Apr. 24th meeting if desired.

SPRING CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 P.M. - program at Camp Lincoln Museum

Sunday, April 29, 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. - Pioneer Park picnic.

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 P.M. - at Lincoln Library - "The Manner of Nature Painting - Past and Present", by Artist-Naturalist Robert G. Larson.

Saturday, May 19, 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. - Spring Tour to Bishop Hill.

SPRING PICNIC - PIONEER PARK

The Annual Potluck Picnic at Pioneer Park will take place on Sunday, April 29, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. If the weather turns bad (it wouldn't dare, would it!?) we have a rain date set for Sun., May 6. Please bring a covered dish to pass, your choice of beverage, table service and lawn chairs - and do invite

friends. Kim Efir'd's committee has planned a fine afternoon of entertainment, starting with a flag presentation by the 114th Illinois Regiment, Reactivated, from 2:00 to 2:30 and again from 3:00 to 3:30 we'll hear the music of El Grupo Latino, local musicians who like to share their love of Spanish music.

How to get to Pioneer Park? Take Fifth St. south out of town; continue south on I-55 to Exit 88 (Chatham exit). At the end of the exit ramp turn right; continue south on the frontage road for 2½ miles. Go under one overpass, then past the Best Holiday Trav-L-Park, and go under a second overpass. Turn right on the road immediately beyond the second overpass. Continue west, then turn left at the next road, then left again at the next road after that, to a T-intersection. Turn right and in a short distance you will see the Sugar Creek covered bridge, adjacent to Pioneer Park. (There are "Covered Bridge" signs at the roads where you will turn after going under the second overpass - if vandals have not gotten to them first!) There is parking space in a small lot and along the road at the park. (Useful information - there will be portable sanitations on the grounds.) Along one of the country roads as you near the park you may see a weathered, pyramid-shaped marker on your right - it denotes the location of the 1817 Pulliam cabin, the first log cabin in Sangamon County.

SPRING TOUR TO BISHOP HILL

The tour committee has set the time schedule for our trip to Bishop Hill on Saturday, May 19, as follows:

- 8:00 A.M. Bus leaves parking lot across from the State Museum; arrives at Bishop Hill at 10:30 A.M.
- 10:30 - 12:00 View a short orientation film, followed by a guided tour of the village.
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch "on your own." There are several Good places to eat in the village.
- 1:30 - 2:30 P.M. Tour of the Henry County Historical Society Museum.
- 2:30 - 3:45 P.M. Time to shop or visit historic sites of your choice. There will be a quilt show in progress at the Colony School which may be of interest to some of our members. There is a \$1.00 admission fee.
- 3:45 P.M. Leave for nearby town of Galva.
- 4:00 - 4:30 P.M. Tour of the Galva Historical Society's museum, the Wiley House.
- 4:30 - 5:00 P.M. En route to Galesburg.
- 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. Dinner at Jumer's in Galesburg; order from the menu, "Dutch treat."
- 6:30 P.M. Leave Galesburg; arrive back in Springfield about 8:30 P.M.

The fee for the tour is especially a bargain for members - only \$17.00, which covers the bus fare and gratuities to guides and driver. The non-member fee is \$22.00. We will "break even" if there are 35 on the bus, and if 40 go, we'll make a profit! Reservations may be made with checks made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and taken or sent to our business office at 308 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701 (Robinsons Advertising Service, tel. 522-2500).

A LOOK BACK - THE JAMES GRAHAM HOUSE

On March 20th the Sangamon County Historical Society enjoyed both a program by Attorney Bruce Beeman on the James Graham home and a tour of the historic house.