

come to Pennsylvania from Switzerland in the 1740's. In 1844 his great-grandfather, Roland Weaver Diller, arrived in Sangamon County. Hughes is a third generation member of the Sons of the American Revolution; his membership dates to 1941. The April issue of the "Illinois Patriot," the publication of the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution, features Part I of an account of "The Dillers of Springfield - 3 Generation SAR's." The conclusion will appear in the July issue. In the fall we will have a more complete account of Hughes' family and their significant place in the history of Springfield.

#### NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

An Associated Press release describes a new prize offered to stimulate research into the era of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and the Civil War. The donors, New York financiers Lewis Lehrman and Richard Gilder, will give \$50,000 annually for the best scholarly work dealing with Lincoln, the Civil War, or related subjects. The award will be administered by Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, to be presented there each year on Lincoln's birthday. Several noted historians serve as judges this year.

National Historic Preservation Week will be observed May 13-19.

The latest drive to add to our state symbols proposes a State Dance - the Square Dance. We will try to keep you up-to-date on the progress of this important project.

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