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October 22 Meeting

Seasonal Treat In Store for Historical Society Members When Tale-Tellers Look at "Spooky Sangamon County"

Boo!
Oops. We don't mean to scare you.
Then again, yes we did...but only in a historical sense!

Halloween is coming and in the spirit of the season, on Tuesday, October 22, the Sangamon County Historical Society will be bringing together three experts to discuss the "Spooky Side of Sangamon County," a program filled with history laced tales that will both inform and surprise you.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. at historic Edwards Place, 700 North Fourth Street, Springfield, home to the Springfield Art Association and its Edwards Place Historic Home.

Spinning tales of Sangamon County's links to the supernatural will be **Garret Moffett**, creator and owner of Springfield Walks, whose popular walking tours include the Lincoln Ghost Walk in Springfield; **Cathy Mosley**, a professional story-teller and newly-elected member of the Society's board who has been sharing folklore

with audiences here and elsewhere for more than 26 years; and **Tara McClellan** author, playwright and freelance journalist whose history columns have appeared in the *State Journal Register* history and *Illinois Times*. Her vast research into area history includes a Sangamon connection to the creator of one of the world's



Tale Spinners Mosley, Moffett, McClellan

most fascinating Halloween happenings. McClellan is also a member of the Society.

Moffett, a native of Macomb, Illinois and now a resident of Lincoln, is a descendant of southern aristocracy. His family once owned the antebellum plantation home, *D'Evereaux*, in

Natchez, Mississippi, a Greek Revival-style mansion now part of the Natchez Historic Home Tour.

Moffett earned a degree in nursing, but his love for history was always in the back of his mind. Working off and on as a nurse, Moffett spent several months at a time traveling in Japan and Europe and eventually began escorting families and small groups through Europe on short trips.

Returning to the states, Moffett served as vice-president of the Western Illinois Regional Museum, Macomb in 2004 and chaired the Historic Task Force under the wing of Macomb's Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee from 2004-2006.

Moffett has also written numerous articles for local history publications and penned three books: *Lincoln's Ghost: Legend and Lore*, published in 2009, *Haunted Macomb*, published in 2010, and *Haunted Springfield*, published in 2011.

In 2002, Moffett created Macomb's

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Revving Up for the Future with an Eye on the Past

It's not like we're counting the numbers, but we are. The Society continues to grow as you can tell from our expanding Membership Roster for 2013-2014 in this issue. We've included a coupon at the end of the listing for those of you who want to get an early start on holiday giving or want to donate a membership to a local school or public library. Your gift of membership will go far and could spark some youngster's (or oldster's) interest in local history.

We're working hard to keep our upward trend continue in the future, expanding both programming and our role in the history community and beyond. In coming months you will be hearing about some major, long-term projects on which we are already working and others that are about to come off the drawing board.

Some of these projects are being done in advance and conjunction with the 200th anniversary of Sangamon County. Others are part of our long-range mission to encourage an awareness of our county's history and to be able to provide a comprehensive county-wide data base of our historic sites, history organizations, collections and collectors, references, museums, specialized history experts and services for those in need of these resources.

Several members of our board and volunteers from the general membership are already working in this direction. If you would like to be part of that effort, please contact me at schspress@gmail.com.

We have a energetic program season ahead of us and in some instances, have had to move some of the dates of our general meetings to accommodate what we think are excellent speakers and sites worthy of the switch.

This month's program, which falls a bit later than usual, should be pure fun wrapped around some historic facts and legends of the season. Our trio of speakers—each super tale spinners in their own right—will tie together all those ghosties and goblins that haunt history. We'll have some holiday treats and cider to wrap up the evening.

Sam Wheeler, our hard-working coordinator, has put together a special Veterans Day program, (albeit a few days beforehand) for next month that we're sure will be of great interest not only to our members, but to the general public as well.

Dr. Wheeler has reached out to experts on World War II and the Korean War—those who studied it and those who lived it—that makes for thoughtful listening and contemplation.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Oral History program, whose director, Dr. Mark DePue, will be one of the presenters, is to be thanked for keeping the experiences of war veterans from being lost to history. Those recollections along with the stories of others in a variety of areas, will be of extreme value to future researchers, students of history and those motivated to find out more about our past.

Roger



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How We Remember Historical Events

November 5 SCHS Program to Put Focus On World War II, Korean War

Memories of World War II and the Korean War may be fading with time, but not for veterans of both historic events and the researchers who want to record their experiences for future generations.

Members of the Sangamon County Historical Society will get a first hand look at both the process and the stories of what for some were life-changing episodes on Tuesday, November 5 when the Society holds its general meeting at Brookens Auditorium on the Springfield campus of the University of Illinois.

The meeting, a change in the regular meeting schedule to accommodate both the speakers and as a pre-Veterans Day salute, will begin at 5:30 p.m. The general public is invited. A reception will follow.

Panelists will include Cecilia Stiles Cornell, an associate professor at UIS-Springfield, who will address ways in which we remember both wars. Her research interests include the early years of the Cold War and the transition on the home front from World War II to the post-war era. She holds a Ph.D. in American History from Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Cornell, who now teaches 20th Century American and U.S. foreign relations, will be joined by Mark DePue, since 2006, director of Oral History at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library; World War II veteran Kenneth "Tuck" Belton; and Korean War veteran Bernie Goulet, who have shared their experiences with Dr. DePue for the Presidential Library's Oral History Program website that includes veterans interviews.

Dr. DePue launched the Oral History website on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008 with the posting of 50 veterans' interviews. Since then, extensive collections on Illinois politics, agriculture, and several

other topics, 400 in all, have been added to the website.

A 1976 graduate of the United States Military Academy, Dr. DePue spent over five years on active duty. He began graduate studies in history at the University of Iowa in 1981, and joined a Field Artillery unit in the Illinois National Guard at the same time.

He received a Ph.D. in Contemporary U.S. and Military History in 2004 from the University of Iowa and was an assistant professor of military science at Western Illinois University before moving to Springfield to work full-time for the Illinois Army National Guard.

Dr. DePue, who also taught United States history courses at Lincoln Land Community College extension centers for several years, retired from the Guard in 2001. He is the author of two books, *Patrolling Baghdad: A Military Police Company and the War in Iraq*, based on a series of oral history interviews conducted Springfield's 233rd Military Police Company, and *Lineage and Honors of the Illinois Militia and National Guard*.

Belton was a B-17 pilot whose plane was shot down over Holland in early 1945. He spent the next several months with the Dutch underground, participating in several missions with the underground before slipping across to Allied territory.

Goulet served with the 7th Division during the first, tumultuous year of the Korean War.

He has some vivid memories during the battle around the Chosin Reservoir against the Communist Chinese. After the survivors' evacuation from Hungnam, Goulet saw more combat in South Korea as the front line moved back and forth before finally settling down near the 38th parallel.



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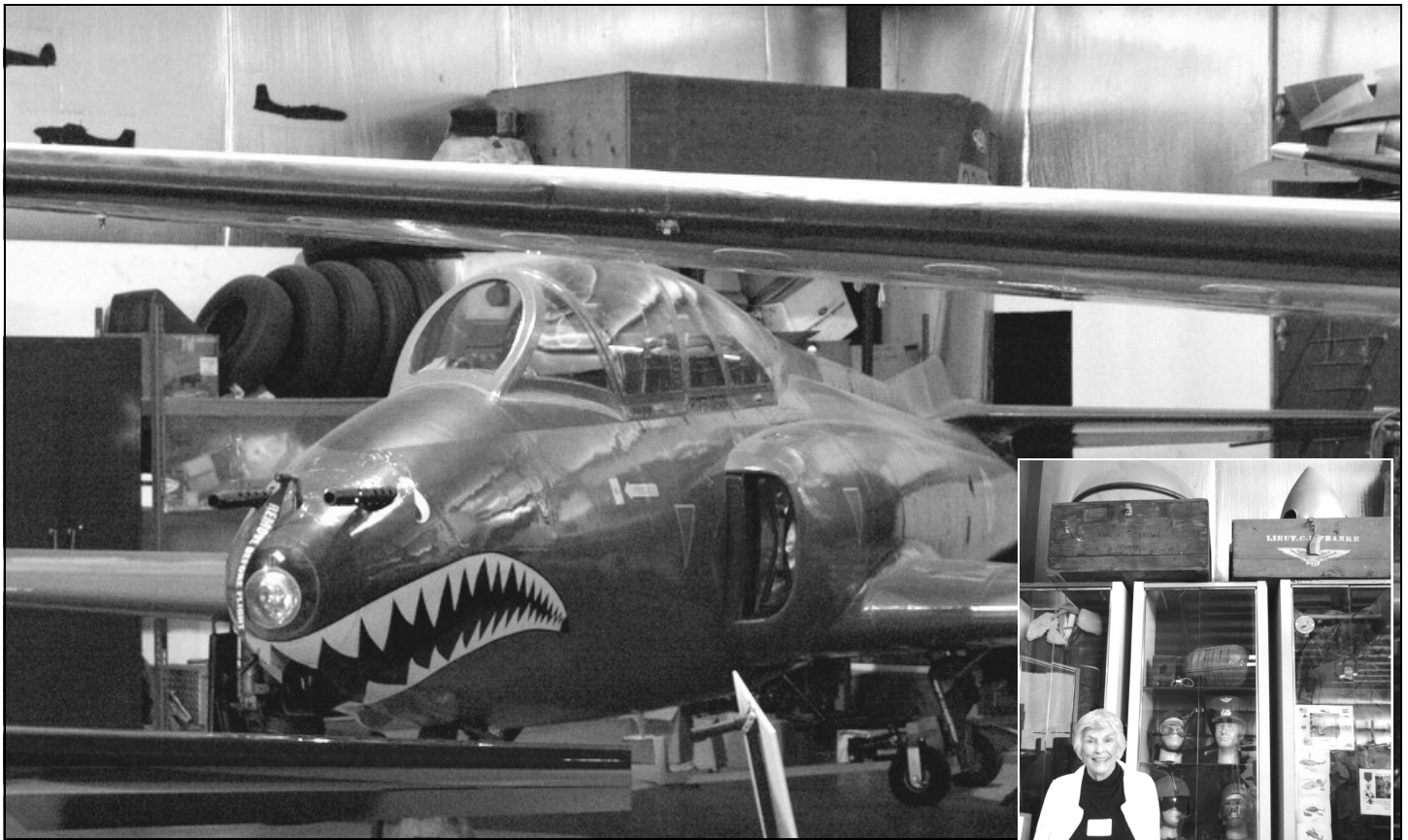
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Up, Up, And Away



MEMBERS of the Sangamon County Historical Society gathered at Mike George's private Air Combat Museum in Springfield that reflects the Springfield businessman's passion for flight and the instruments that make it happen. The meeting, at the Museum on the eastern end of Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport, drew some 70 airplane buffs who were more than sated not only by both the history of the planes and other memorabilia on display but also George's intimate knowledge of each piece of equipment and its place in history. Afterwards, members got a close up look at some of the planes in the collection. Clockwise, from top, the toothed Sokol G-21 Galeb, the first Yugoslavian jet (*Ben Kinningham photo*); Life Member Bette Franke, next to a display of World War II memorabilia including items worn by her late husband, Navy pilot Carl "Coke Franke Jr. Below, the huge Vought F4U-5N Corsair with its inverted gull wings, dwarfs onlookers. At left, Mike George, the man behind the museum; to his left, a meeting goer gets an up close look at George's P-51 mustang. Above, left, George addresses the crowd. (*Donna Catlin photos*)



October Meeting a Blend of History and Halloween

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first haunted history tour that received several local awards over five years. In 2005, his Haunted History Walk took the top honor in the state out of 55 other communities vying for the prestigious Governor's Main Street Award for Historical Development.

With the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Moffett's attention turned towards Springfield. His "Ghost Walk" tours began here in August 2005. Since then, he has continued to develop walking tours in downtown Springfield.

Mosley has had a life-long passion for folklore, particularly Irish, Scottish

and Welsh. It shaped a future career that eventually led to performances at the St. Andrew's Society Highland Games and to the chairmanship of its Heritage Area.

Owner of White Fox Productions--Mosley's storytelling company--she is president of Nature In Legend and Story (NILAS), a national organization focused on an interdisciplinary approach to nature education. A popular performer at area historical sites, she has shared her tales with young and old at events such as Clayville, Iles House, and Lincoln Memorial Garden.

McClellan's roots reach back at least five generations in this area. Her recent works include a book on local

history, "*Stories of Springfield: Life in Lincoln's Town*" published in 2010, a play about comical local people and events, "*The Lighter Side of Springfield History*" performed at Lincoln's New Salem and the Hoogland Center and "*Prairie Dreams: The Story of Clayville*," a commissioned work performed last year at the Pleasant Plains Historical Society's Clayville site. She has written articles for more than three dozen publications, including the *Chicago Tribune Magazine* and *Illinois Issues*, and has produced or helped produce radio pieces for *National Public Radio*, *Christian Science Monitor Radio*, *Illinois Public Radio*, and the *BBC*.

HISTORY HAPPENINGS AROUND SANGAMON COUNTY

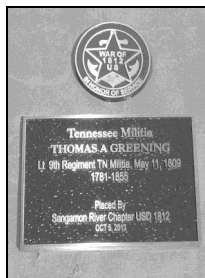
Local National Society Daughters of 1812 Chapters to Unveil Grave Markers October 5

Members of the Sangamon River Chapter, National Society Daughters of 1812 will be joined by its Kaskaskia Chapter counterpart on October 5 to unveil new War of 1812 markers that its members have placed on graves in Christian and Sangamon County.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony which begins at 10 a.m. at Hunter Cemetery east of Mt. Auburn in Christian County and then travels to Oak Grove Cemetery in Chatham here in Sangamon County for ceremonies that begin at 1:30 p.m., says Mary Barringer, a member of the Sangamon County Historical

Society and president of the NSD's Sangamon River Chapter. The Illinois Society, War of 1812, the Illinois Society Daughters of 1812 and the Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is co-sponsoring the event.

The bronze plaques, like the one pictured above, mark the graves of War of 1812 veterans and their daughters who are buried in local cemeteries. It's



part of an ongoing effort by the organization to research and recognize the service of these early war veterans and their daughters. The ceremonies will include re-enactors portraying some of the soldiers and providing insight on the battles they fought.

At Mt. Auburn, a plaque will be unveiled on the grave of Samuel Whiteside, a captain with the Illinois Militia.

In Chatham, nine graves will be marked with bronze plaques at the cemetery located six miles west of Chatham. Getting plaques will be the graves of John Bradley, a private in the First Regiment of

Western Tennessee; John Darneille, a Lieutenant in the 16th Regiment, Kentucky Militia; Thomas A. Greening, a Lieutenant in the 9th Regiment, Tennessee Militia 1809; Daniel A. Jacoby, a Private with the 1st Rifle Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers; Simon Lindley Sr., a Private in the Captain Jones Company, Illinois Militia; James G. Webb, a Private in the Fifth Regiment (Lewis) Kentucky Militia; Samuel Wyckoff, a Private in Trimble's Military Regiment, Ohio Volunteers; Elizabeth Lindley Harbour, Real Daughter; and Mary Jacoby Darneille, Real Daughter.

Military Museum to Stage a "Great War Encampment" November 16 & 17 in Springfield

Many historians say that World War I was the most significant event of the 20th Century because, among other things, it set the stage for World War II, toppled the Russian, Austro-Hungarian and Turkish empires, promoted the rise of communism, drew the boundaries of modern-day Iraq, and set the stage for the establishment of the state of Israel.

In Illinois, the National Guard mobilized about 33,000 soldiers. Many of the Illinois Naval Militia were among the first called to

WWI sea service, and the Air Guard can trace its lineage to an aero recon squadron formed at Kelly Field near San Antonio.

With that in mind, the Illinois State Military Museum in Springfield has scheduled a weekend of free events on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17 telling the history of World War I.

The "Great War Encampment," will be staged from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is located at 1201 North MacAr-

thur Boulevard.

Among the special presentations will be an early war skirmish, a trench raid, a 1918 Medal of Honor scenario, lectures by Chris McDonald, professor of political science and Lincoln Land Community College and Military Historian Rick Ford of the 372nd Living History Group, discussing "The Evolution of the Infantry Rifle". Presentations will also be made on "Sangamon County in the Great War"; the all-black 8th/ 370th Illinois Infantry that served in

France; the flu epidemic at Camp Grant; and "Acts of Heroism."

There will be plenty of displays to view plus some 40 "Living Historians" in uniforms of the armies of France, Britain, Scotland, Germany, Austro-Hungary, and U.S. They will discuss their uniforms, equipment and to explain a Soldier's life. Attendees also will be able to visit a reconstructed trench to better understand "trench warfare."

This is the fourth time the Museum has hosted the event.

2013-2014 Membership Roster



All levels of Sangamon County Historical Society memberships are considered "family" and include spouses, significant others and/or children and/or other related persons 16 and over living in the same household. Except for Life Members, memberships are renewed annually. Our fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, October 5: Grave Marking Ceremony, Sangamon River and Kaskaskia Chapters, National Society Daughters of 1812. (For site and time information, see story, page 6).

Wednesday, October 9: Sangamon County Historical Society Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Carnegie Room South, City of Springfield's Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh Street, Springfield. (Board meetings are always open to members).

Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12: Clayville Haunted House & Haunted Trail Ride, Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains. Repeated on October 18 & 19, and October 25 & 26). 7 p.m.-10 p.m. with special "Lights On" Version for children on October 12, 19, & 26 at 5 p.m.. Children 5 and under are admitted free, ages 6 to 12, \$5, ages 13 and over, \$8.

Friday, October 25 & Saturday, October 26. Haunted Nights of Civil War History, Edwards Place, Springfield. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. Edwards Place will be overrun by Civil War ghosts this Halloween when the Springfield Art Association, which operates the historic site at 700 North Fourth Street, Springfield, partners with the 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry to present a historical haunted house including a Victorian funeral, a visit to a Civil War dentist, singing severed heads, and a ghostly dance. Tours will be offered every 15 minutes. This is a lighthearted, family-friendly take on a historical haunted house. Call 217-523-2631 for information. Admission for adults is \$5, children \$3.

Tuesday, November 5, Sangamon County Historical Society General Meeting,

"Memories and Reflections on World War II and the Korean War", 5:30 p.m., Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois at Springfield. (See story, page 3.)

Wednesday, November 13, Sangamon County Historical Society Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Carnegie Room South, City of Springfield's Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh Street, Springfield. (Board meetings are always open to members).

Saturday, November 16 & Sunday, November 17. Great War Encampment, Illinois State Military Museum, Springfield. (For information, see story, page 6).

Tuesday, December 10: Sangamon County Historical Society Annual Holiday Party, Old State Capitol, Springfield. (Details and ticket information for this members-only event will appear in the November issue of *Historico*).

Friday, December 13: Victorian Christmas Tea in the Parlors of historic Edwards Place, Springfield. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Advanced registration required by December 9) The Tea Ladies return with a program that celebrates the splendor of Victorian Christmases. \$25 for Springfield Art Association members / \$30 non-members.

December 14: "An Historic Christmas" Holiday House Walk, Holiday Tours of the Elijah Iles House, Vachel Lindsay Home, Illinois Executive Mansion, Lincoln Home, Edwards Place, and Pasfield House, Noon to 5 p.m. Free. Step back in time at each house in this self-tour and enjoy the beautiful decorations of holidays past as well as Christmas carols performed by the Sound Celebration Chorus, refreshments, and visits with Abraham and Mary Lincoln.

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