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September 18, 7:00 PM **Program**
 Lincoln Library, Carnegie Room North

The Enos Family

Linda Garvert

Enos Park, Enos School - the name Enos has been familiar to Springfield residents since 1823. It was in that year the Enos family moved to Springfield so Pascal Paoli Enos, Sr. could assume his appointed role as Receiver of Lands for the federal government. The land office opened and settlers could purchase Sangamon area lands. (See picture on page 5) At that time Enos was enticed to join with Elijah Iles, John Taylor and Thomas Cox in the plan to establish a town. Unlike Iles, Taylor, Cox and many of the other settlers who originated in Kentucky and Virginia, the Enos family were New Englanders from Vermont. Their cultural differences with their neighbors did not hold them back from creating an impressive legacy in Springfield which extended far beyond the senior Enos' role in the land office.

Linda Garvert is well known to us all as a one of the wonderful, helpful librarians in Lincoln Library's Sangamon Valley Collection and co-author of the many books written by the librarians there.

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Annual Meeting Report

Taylor Pensoneau, Society president, presided over the annual meeting, held June 19th at the Sangamo Club. A moment of silence was held in memory of long-time, supportive member, Bob Larsen, who died on June 16th. The business of the evening was then dispatched quickly with the acceptance of the Treasurer's report and the election of new directors and officers. (The names of the officers, new and old directors appear on the sidebar of the first page of this issue.) Outgoing president, Taylor, then provided a synopsis of the year's activities, presented a copy of his book on the Shelton gang to officers and committee chairmen and introduced incoming president, Carolyn Moore. In turn Carolyn introduced Tim Krell, Society president, 1997-1998, and the master of ceremonies for this year's program.



Tim had concocted a 'test' (and competition) for each table of guests of Sangamon County history utilizing the computer and power point expertise of his nephew, Russ Friedwald. (Creator and webmaster of springfield-drewind.com, about which you can read elsewhere in this newsletter.) The 'test' consisted of four categories of five questions each. The first had Russ showing present-day businesses on the screen and Tim asking what the name of the business was in a given year. One example being a picture of Café Brio with the question of what business was in the building in 1964, and the answer being Coe's book store. The next category featured noted people with Russ showing either a picture or hints about them; the next a potpourri of questions pertaining to the county's history with the questions again being illustrated. A large part of the audience was delighted to know the answer to what school's nickname is held by only one other school in the country because they had attended the April program on New Berlin and knew about the New Berlin 'Pretzels'. The last category featured a reverse of the first one, with an old picture of a particular building and question of what is that now. It was a fun 'test' and beautifully executed by Tim and Russ.

The traditional raffle followed, with lots of books for prizes this year, which seems appropriate with Taylor as president, and donator of several. Curtis surpassed all his earlier efforts as a raffle fundraiser by bringing in a grand total of \$242.00, an incredible gain of \$15 over last year!



Master Raffle Mann

September 1-2 10:00 & noon –
5:00 PM
Old State Capitol
Once Upon a Prairie Storytelling
Festival with:
Mary Wills, Momma Kembe, Jim
May

Around Town

September 11,18,25,Oct 2
11:30-1:30 PM
UIS Lunch and Learn Series
Of Time & the Mississippi
For information:
www.uiaa.org/spfld/

September 15 9:30 AM
Vachel Lindsay Home
Saturday Mornings at 603
"Yesterday's Voices", Bud Bartlett

September 29, 9:15—11:00
Vachel Lindsay Home/
Old Aristocracy Hill Neighborhood
Annual Neighborhood Walk



Publication list

The adjoining chart shows the books available from the Society. While many of the earlier books are no longer in print, the two Krohe books from the Bi-centennial series have been re-printed and very limited quantities exist of the Simmons and Kwedar books. Used copies can occasionally be purchased at Prairie Archives.

See below for information about our very newest book:

*In Lincoln's Shadow:
Oak Ridge Cemetery
Chronicles!*

SCHS Book Inventory

Author	Title	Year pub	Price/ Member disc. Price
Bi-centennial series			
Krohe, Jr., James	<i>Summer of Rage</i> (reprinted 2000)	1973	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Krohe, Jr., James	<i>Midnight at Noon</i> (reprinted 2005)	1975	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Simmons, Mark W.	<i>1876, The Centennial Year in Springfield</i>	1976	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Kwedar, Melinda Fish	<i>Unsung Heroines</i>	1977	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Program books			
Chapin, Charles A	<i>CC Brown</i>	2002	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Hart, Richard A.	<i>Springfield's Early African-Americans</i>	2002	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Pokorski, Douglas	<i>Frank Zito</i>	2002	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Pokorski, Douglas	<i>The Illinois Watch Company</i>	2003	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Brady, David	<i>Hero or Hellion?</i>	2005	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Kelley, Boston	<i>Utopian Socialism in Sangamon County</i>	2006	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Fulgenzi, Sr. Darlene	<i>Ursuline Sisters in Springfield, Illinois</i>	2006	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Brady, David	<i>Panic of 1815</i>	2007	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Special printings			
Petterchak & Mann	<i>Vignettes from Cemetery Walks in Oak Ridge Cemetery</i>	2004	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Petterchak, Janice	<i>Union Derby, The 1928 Trans-Continental Foot Race</i>	2006	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Hart, Richard	<i>Underground Railroad</i>	2006	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Notecards			
Pokorski, Doug	<i>Springfield Stories</i> (SJ-R anniversary edition)	2001	\$5.00/2 for \$8
		2006	\$20.00
DVD			
	<i>9th Annual Cemetery Walk</i>	2005	\$10.00
Note: Barringer books privately printed and donated to SCHS by the Barringer family			
Barringer, Floyd S.	<i>A Walk Through Oak Ridge Cemetery</i>	1967	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Barringer, Floyd S.	<i>Tour of Historic Springfield</i>	1971	\$6.00 - \$5.00
Books no longer in print			
Blankmeyer, Helen	<i>The Sangamon Country</i>	1965	
Heath, Caroline R.	<i>Four Days in May</i>	1965	
Iles, Maj. Elijah	<i>Early Life and Times</i>	1995	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Bicentennial series			
Bunn, Jr., George W.	<i>The Old Chatterton</i>	1974	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Howard, Robert	<i>A New Eden</i>	1974	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Russo, Edward J.	<i>Helmie & Helmie</i>	1974	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Skoczynski, Christine	<i>The Best of All Possible Worlds</i>	1974	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Cooke, Sister M. Francis	<i>Doors That Never Close</i>	1975	\$4.00 - \$3.00
Krohe, Jr., James	<i>A Springfield Reader</i>	1976	\$15.00

In Lincoln's Shadow: Oak Ridge Cemetery Chronicles
First Day sale at Cemetery Walk!

Taking a page from the very successful Harry Potter marketing scheme, the Project Awards committee has chosen this year's 11th annual Cemetery Walk as the inaugural sale date for the book created from the combined efforts of Oak Ridge Cemetery and the Society.

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Memorial gratefully received

In memory of
Dr. Floyd Barringer
 Dr. Mark K and Jackie Hansen

Donations gratefully received

Mrs. Walter F. Brissenden
 Richard McLane

We Welcome New Members!

Life Members

Mary Blumle
 Kay Van. Hattoon Hofman
 Logan H. Schlipf

Sustaining Memberships

John & George Anne Daly
 Hella Holman
 Richard McLane
 John S. Melin

Regular & Family Memberships

Gary & Jan Adams
 Bill & Kathie Adams
 M/M John Henderson Buck, Jr.
 James H. FitzGerald
 Russell Friedwald
 Donald Gottschalk
 M. L. Kelly
 Ian J. Patterson
 Ruth & Ernie Ponai
 Robert and Mary Sneed
 Jone VanWinkle

Membership renewal notice!

While it is wonderful to have such an extensive list of new members, and members who have 'upgraded' their membership, we still have too many of you who haven't renewed your membership for the current year.

Next month will be the last issue of the Historico that non-renewed members will receive. In it we will have a complete list of current members, so please renew now and have your name included. (And help us save stamp money!)

While you are thinking about membership, consider giving a membership to friends and/or family who might be interested in learning more about the history of the area.

Rochester Cemetery Walk

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society is holding its annual Cemetery Walk at South Ford Church of Christ, Rochester on Sunday, September 23 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Of particular interest is the celebration of the visit to the site by Abraham Lincoln in 1857 to present a Temperance speech. That particular day was commemorated in local print at the time and in several paintings, some of which were used by the C&IM Railroad in their calendars of the 1940s and '50s.. Darrell Maxheimer, a member of the RHPS and a talented speaker will portray Lincoln.

The South Fork Church will also offer an ice cream social for visitors to the event.

In Lincoln's Shadow continued

In addition to a history and map of the cemetery, there are 43 stories contributed by some 35 individuals who primarily tell about their ancestors or family memories of them. A very few of the stories tell about family plots at Oak Ridge Cemetery. In addition there are four pages of pictures and about 30 brief outlines of others with family plots at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The collection provides a wonderful insight into the development of the community as many ethnic, occupational and religious groups are represented.

After October 7 books will be available for purchase at Oak Ridge Cemetery and the SCHS office, 308 E. Adams. We also hope to have copies available for purchase at Prairie Archives and Barnes & Noble.

Congratulations to Iles House Foundation!

In May the Iles Foundation was named "City Preservationist of the year at the 15th annual Mayor's Awards for Historic Preservation. The Foundation was recognized for both its restoration of the Iles House and its more recent commitment to restore the Strawbridge/Shepherd House.

And congratulations to Melinda Iles for her very successful strawberry party and community sing on July 6th. It proved to be a most popular event. Watch for it in 2008!

11th Annual Walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery: Echoes of Yesteryear

This year's Cemetery Walk promises to be interesting! The walk will feature the stories of immigrant families from Switzerland, Norway and Germany; a widow, an orphan from New England who achieved great success and a settler turned politician, turned financier.

The 'Historama' area will again feature exhibits by historical associations, and again have Society authors available for book sales and signings. The popular Prairieland Dulcimers will be providing a musical background; and the concession promises to be better than ever!

Parking will be in the usual place, with the trolley available to take visitors to the start of the walk and back again. And you might be forewarned that sometimes the crowds arrive en masse at 12:00 and there may be less of a wait for the trolley, if you came a bit later. (Last tour starts about 3:15, so don't come too late!) Weather permitting, visitors arriving from 2:30 on will be parked in a new area to make their return to their cars easier.

Dave Barringer is Overall Chairman of the walk, and Paul Mueller is Historama Chairman. Both have lots of fresh ideas to make your day more interesting than ever!

Do plan to come and experience Sangamon County's history in a delightful setting!

Fun website!

Just pass your mouse pointer across your monitor on Springfield Rewind's webpage, and the picture will change from one taken some year in the past to a current view of the same vista — taken from exactly the same angle and elevation. A great many of the old pictures are from the Sangamon Valley Collection, though quite a few have been contributed by others since the site went up.

The up-to-date pictures have all been taken by creator/webmaster, Russ Friedwald, and he does an incredible job of it.

If you want to have an intriguing experience and see how the community has changed, try:
www.springfieldrewind.com.



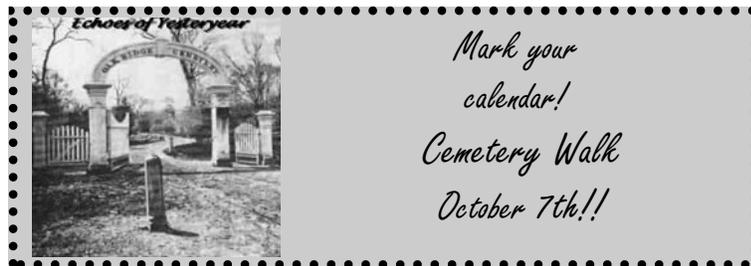
Courtesy of Sangamon Valley Collection

This is an artist rendition of the double log cabin occupied by the Pascal Enos family. Part of the cabin was used as the federal land office of which Mr. Enos was the Receiver of Lands. The cabin also housed the family of Philip Fowler, a carpenter.

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New Marker Ready for Lindbergh's Cantrall Landing Site

My interest in Lindbergh's emergency landing site in Sangamon County on a Cantrall clover field by what is now the Irwin Bridge Road on September 30, 1926 was piqued after the Menard County Historical Society (MCHS) placed a marker on October 7, 2005 at the Dirks' farmhouse in Athens, now owned by the Bruce Kugler family, where Lindbergh slept for the night. This was reported in the October 2005 issue of the SCHS' *Historico*. During that installation, MCHS president, Ron Krause, and Athens resident, Charles E. Nance, encouraged this author, who was the SCHS president attending the installation at that time, to consider planting a similar marker at the landing site. Similarly interested in the idea, the president presented it before the SCHS Board which eventually approved it during the following term of President Taylor Pensoneau.

The owner of the farm field, Elmer Cramer, and his son, Ronald E. Cramer, agreed to have the marker installed on the south side of Irwin Bridge Road about 275 feet from the landing site behind it. The first contact with the Illinois Department of Transportation in Springfield to request for permission to install the marker led to a referral to the Sangamon County Highway Department and then the Fancy Creek Township in Cantrall where Fancy Creek Township Road Commissioner Edward L. Brown gave permission to the SCHS for the installation. With help from the Menard County Highway Department which arranged for the sign to be made like the one done for the Dirks' farmhouse, the marker is now ready to be installed, the time and date to be decided by the new SCHS Board under the charge of president Carolyn Moore.

The marker reads:

"Charles A. Lindbergh made an emergency landing here (275 feet behind marker) on September 30, 1926 on his mail run from St. Louis to Chicago. He slept at the Dirks farmhouse in Athens 1.5 miles north and left the following morning after repairing his plane. Lindbergh made the first solo nonstop flight from New York to Paris on May 20, 1927. - SCHS."

By Virgilio R. Pilapil, M.D.