

2001
ANNUAL
REPORTS

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FY 2000 - 2001 ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW

Development in McHenry County continues. Rural subdivisions and land expansion by municipalities hold the potential for continued loss of historic structures and scenic rural vistas. In light of development trends, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is committed to creating a balanced perspective for the County, to help preserve that which best represents the heritage of the County, and to support a county-wide coordinated effort to identify and protect valuable sites and structures before development encroaches and they are forever lost.

I. Cases Reviewed

In fiscal year 2000-2001 no *Certificates of Appropriateness* were issued. However, the Commission sent a letter to Springfield accepting the finished re-bricking project for Woodstock Street (the County's 15th local landmark via an intergovernmental agreement) located within the Village of Huntley.

No *Certificates of Economic Hardship* were issued.

II. Designations (See Appendix A.)

In fiscal year 2000-2001 the Commission held one (1) public hearing for the following designation:

- **#HP 01-01:** The ***Stowell-Deicke (Sun Valley) Farmstead*** was formally designated McHenry County's eighteenth local landmark on the 21st of August 2001 by a unanimous vote of the County Board. The farmstead, owned and maintained by the Huntley Park District, was nominated through an intergovernmental agreement entered into between the County of McHenry and the Village of Huntley in 1999.

The farmstead was established in 1839 by the Stowell family who traveled to McHenry County from Massachusetts. Not much is known about the family except that the first recorded death in Grafton Township was the two-year-old daughter of Charles Stowell.

In 1940 Edwin Deicke, a son of a German immigrant farmer, purchased the farm. After that the Deicke family bought at least one farm per year thereby ex-

panding operations and eventually owning over 1,000 acres on the west side of the village. This farmstead, which is part of a 40-acre tract, is one of those annual purchases. The conclave of farms was christened with the collective name of "Sun Valley" because their fresh, prosperous appearance harmonized with the name. In 1999, the Huntley Park District purchased the land from Lois Deicke, Edwin's widow, in part with a grant awarded from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The farmstead is significant not only because of hand-hewn beams evidenced in the barn but also because many of the outbuildings date back prior to 1880. The upright silo appears to be a very early type. The smokehouse is also another contributing structure to the site's historical significance simply based on the fact that there are not many smokehouses left which are in such pristine condition. The house, likewise, is a full post-and-beam construction completed with angle braces mortised and tenoned with wood pegs. The farmstead contains some of the oldest structures in the area and, once restored to its rightful heritage, will be a stellar example of early settlement habitation in McHenry County.

III. Survey (See Appendix A.)

During FY 2000–2001, in addition to the Stowell-Deicke farmstead, the Committee surveyed a cheese factory in Riley Township along with various structures within the City of Marengo for the McHenry County Housing Authority and a site in Hebron Township.

A CLG grant application was prepared and submitted for Phase II (Burton, Greenwood, Dorr, and Coral Townships) of the County's rural survey project.

IV. National Register

In fiscal year 2000-2001 no National Register nominations were considered by the Commission. No National Register nominations are pending.

V. Monitoring

The Commission did not formally review nor identify any cases of alteration/ demolition to National Register or Illinois Register properties in McHenry County. But once again, the Commission voiced concerns about the Hibbard House in the City of Marengo. After several previous failed attempts to help the uninterested absentee owner save the structure, the Commission decided to keep watch on the property for the present time.

VI. Activities

The Commission worked diligently with the Joint Council of Historic Groups and prepared for two yearly meetings. The first, on March 28th and hosted by the Lake-in-the-Hills Historical Society, was held at the Historic Hain House. This structure was saved and restored through a community-wide preservation effort. The second meeting, held on September 26th at Senator Lorimer's Pistakee Bay estate, allowed local historians and preservationists a glimpse of an old-time gentlemen's "play-house".

In addition to the Joint Council meetings, the Commission hosted a meeting with the McHenry County Historical Society on August 1st. Consensus generated a plan to meet on a semi-annual basis and to possibly work on one or two collective projects in 2002.

The Commission decided to move the Eighth Annual Awards Program to November because of so many conflicts (graduations, weddings, etc.) during the month of May. In addition, this year's program was held on a weekday evening which allowed more nominees and nominators to attend. Held in Union, Illinois, at the McHenry County Historical Museum, the ever popular program recognized winners in nine separate categories. The Awards Committee spent many long hours working to make the event successful and memorable for all.

The Commission recommended one property for designation during FY 2000-2001. A public hearing was held on August 1st for the Stowell-Deicke (Sun Valley) Farmstead which is owned and operated by the Huntley Park District. A unanimous vote by the County Board designated the farmstead the 18th local McHenry County landmark on August 21st. Board members Ann Gilman, Chuck Klausen, Don Larson and MaryLou Zierer, along with Mayor Chuck Saas, took part in the well attended landmark ceremony on November 4th.

Natural Features Chair, Gloria Mack, experienced some bumps in the "Scenic Road Program" but was finally able, after many meetings and presentations, to get the program up and running through county and municipal cooperation. The Commission is targeting the Spring of 2002 as a launch date.

The Commission accrued monies from its 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 budgets for the photo mural project (of designated County landmarks) for public display in the Government Center. The Sub-Committee is currently seeking bids from several companies. Landmarks will be re-photographed in the Spring of 2002.

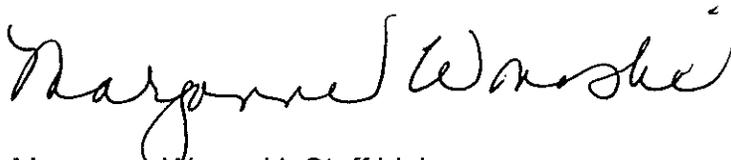
Per the requirements for Certified Local Government status, Kevin Hough attended the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois' seminar held in Springfield. Also through a CLG program, Commission members prepared a grant application to

complete Phase II of the Rural Intensive Survey for five more townships (Burton, Richmond, Greenwood, Dorr and Coral).

The Commission said good-bye to Tony Howard, Jim Pearson and Jennifer Iftner and extended a warm welcome to David Stack, Kevin Hough and Todd Laughman. At the end of fiscal year 2000-2001, all nine seats were filled.

Lastly and as a side note, the Powers-Walker House, built in 1854 by Elon and Mary Powers, (owned and operated by the McHenry County Conservation District) is still a work-in-progress. Restoration continues on a strictly volunteer basis lead by McHenry County Preservation Commissioner, Gail Drabant. In addition, the Conservation District also acquired the Kennedy Way Station, circa 1853, a site the Commission has long slated as a potential landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2001

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission fulfilled the purpose and intent of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance by continuing with *previously established projects and by also undertaking new efforts to promote the preservation of local history.*

The 2001 Historic Preservation Awards were again successful. For the first time the presentation of the awards took place in November instead of during the summer. The change was in part due to an attempt to obtain more photogenic slides for the award presentation and also to avoid conflicts with summer activities. The Preservation Award Program involves a substantial amount of work including identifying the nominees, categorizing the nominees, taking photographs of the sites and, finally, voting on the nominees to determine the winners. Gail Drabant is to be commended for assuming the bulk of the workload. The McHenry County Historical Society graciously provided the site for the award ceremony.

An endangered sites committee was developed to identify endangered historic sites within the county. The commission now has a standing committee to consider potentially endangered historic sites. The intention of the commission is to provide better public awareness of the endangered sites and with the hopes that potentially endangered, historic sites may be saved before they are destroyed by neglect, demolition, or alteration.

The commission is continuing its work to purchase murals of the McHenry County landmarks for permanent display at the McHenry County Government Center. The McHenry County Board has approved the funding of the project and a purchase order for the work has been submitted. The final photograph selection is being conducted at this time.

McHenry County continues with intense development. More and more land is being annexed into municipalities and is no longer under the auspices of the County or the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. In many instances the municipalities lack sufficient resources to provide for historic preservation. The commission has been fortunate to enter into intergovernmental agreements with a number of municipalities in order to encourage historic preservation.

Thanks to an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Huntly, the Commission was able to recognize and plaque the Stowe-Diecke farmstead. The site contains one of the older barns remaining in McHenry County.

Previously the Commission received a grant to complete an intensive rural survey for the townships in McHenry County. The survey is one of the best resource tools available to document structures that exist outside of municipal limits, a lot of them have existed since 1945. The Commission was recently awarded a new grant which will enable work to go forward in the next phase of the project. Without the commitment and dedication of our Commission, the rural survey would not be available.

Respectfully submitted,

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David R. Gervais, Past Chairman
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Vice Chair 2001 Annual Report - Gloria Mack**

2001 was a very busy year for the Vice Chair. It began with vacancies on the Commission. In an effort to target Architects and/or Real Estate Professionals as our Ordinance requires we not only advertised in our local newspapers but we sent a letter to all the architectural firms in the County announcing the vacancy. We received several inquiries and applications were sent.

In an effort to increase public awareness of McHenry County Landmarks the Commission began working on a project that would have a photographic chronicle of all County Landmarks displayed in a prominent place in our Government Center. We anticipate this project will be complete in 2002 and hope to have it's completion coincide with Preservation Week.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Municipal Liaison 2001 Annual Report. - Gloria Mack**

In May of 2001 an article appeared in our local newspaper (see attached). Upon reading this article a Commission member suggested we inspect the barn as they were concerned with Mr. Bott's plan for the barn. I spoke to Mr. Paul Ostrander of the Huntley Park District and requested that the Commission Survey Committee be allow a site inspection. He concurred and upon inspection it was determined that the barn and several other contributing structures were suitable for landmarking (see attached report). Upon the Huntley Park District's review of the report they enthusiastically decided that they would submit the entire farmstead for landmark status.

In late July Paul Ostrander telephoned me and asked the Commission to inspect an old barn that was slated for demolition to see if the material was compatible with the Huntley Barn as they would like to scavenge it for future use. I enlisted our in-house expert Gail Drabant's help and upon her inspection she found the material comparable to the Huntley Barn.

I worked cooperatively with Paul Ostrander and Jerry Nepperman of the Huntley Park District and on August 1, 2001 the Stowell/Deicke farmstead was unanimously designated a McHenry County Landmark. It's Huntley long range plan to restore the barn as a working barn, and use it as an educational tool for Huntley and the County youth.

The Landmarking Ceremony was on held on November 4th. Approximately 35 people attended. All 4 County Board Members from the Huntley district presented the plaque. Dean Rowe of the Barn Preservation was the speaker. Also the Mayor of Huntley spoke a few words. Huntley presented the Commission members with their sesquicentennial book, At Home in Huntley.

This landmarking was truly a pleasure. Inter-Governmental cooperation at its best

Endangered Sites Committee Annual Report
Submitted by:
Carrie Koster-Horan
January 9, 2002

The endangered sites committee for the year 2001 included Jennifer Iftner (chairman), Denise Collins, and Carrie Koster-Horan. Carrie Koster-Horan became the chairman of the Endangered Sites Committee in the Spring. Several meetings were scheduled throughout the year to facilitate the process of distributing application forms throughout the community. Jennifer Iftner had already created 'Potentially Endangered Historic Site' Submission Forms and 'Potentially Endangered Sites' Data Forms which were brought before the entire commission for approval in the early fall. Both the submission form and data form were approved by the commission.

It was the Endangered Sites Committee's intent to distribute the submission forms throughout the community in such places as antique stores, retail stores, resale shops, museums, the McHenry County Historical Society, Chambers of Commerce, public libraries, the Woodstock Opera House, etc. in hopes of creating a public awareness of potentially endangered sites throughout McHenry County. Several of these venues were visited in advance by Carrie Koster-Horan and asked for the permission to leave submission forms for the public. Submission forms that are completed and returned to the commission are to be given to the Endangered Sites Committee for recordation. Site information is to be entered on the Data Form and a picture taken of the site. Updated information on the sites would be recorded regularly by the Endangered Sites Committee.

Although Jennifer Iftner is no longer on the commission, Maryanne Wanaski was to contact Jennifer to obtain the original copy of the submission form so that copies could be made for distribution. At this time it is unclear whether this transaction ever took place. The goal for January 2002 is to distribute the submission forms throughout the county.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1/09/02 - Annual Report - 2001 - Gail Drabant

2001 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:

The eighth annual McHenry County Historic Preservation Awards were presented in November sponsored by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. Awards were presented in 9 categories. We had a good assortment of nominations & had a good attendance of award nominees at the ceremony held at the Historical Society in Union. We switched this year to a fall format with the presentation during the week instead of on the weekend which seemed to help attendance.

This event is becoming more widely known around the county. We are hoping for another very successful awards program in 2002. Many thanks to Gloria who served an active part on the committee. The commission greatly supports this program that encourages and recognizes historic preservation efforts in McHenry County. See attached publications for details on the specific categories and award winners.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

This year we again updated the McHenry County Comprehensive Landmark List. This was distributed as the Joint Council of Historic Groups Council.

PUBLICATIONS:

Publications produced in 2001 included:

- ~ County Preservation Awards press releases, award certificates, award ceremony programs and recipient's listing.
- ~ Joint Council of Historic Groups handouts, mailings and programs.
- ~ Comprehensive Landmark List update (several items added on both the long & short forms).

Historical Restoration: MCCD Greek Revival Restoration:

(Re: Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)

The commission continued to encourage and support the volunteer efforts to restore this house this year. The outside restoration was completed. Next year we hope to rebuild the summer kitchen as per the photographs that we have obtained. Volunteers spent 2,500 hours on this project last year including 9 public programs for adaptive reuse.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Joint Council Annual Report - Gloria Mack**

The Joint Council of Historic Groups is an effort by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and the McHenry County Historical Society to meet on a semi annual basis with the other historic groups in our County. Originally our mailing included only the chairpersons of the groups and we expected them to inform their membership of our meetings. This year we requested membership lists from the chairpersons of the historic groups and expanded our mailings to 300.

Our first program this year was held on March 28th at the Hain House in Lake-in-the-Hills (LITH). The Hain House was threatened with demolition when a group of citizens organized to save this important part of the history of Lake-in-the Hills and provide the community with a new center. The program for the evening was presented by the LITH's Historical Society and was titled "Saving the Hain House" a successful adaptive reuse story.

Our second program for 2001 was held on September 26th at the historic Senator Lorimer Estate on Pistakee Bay. The meeting was held in the gentlemen's playhouse which was complete with period bar, fireplace, tavern tables, old photographs and hunting trophies on the walls. An interesting program was provided by Nancy Baker on Senator Lorimer's history and some of his prominent Pistakee Bay neighbors (1890's).

Please see attachments for the announcement notices that were sent .

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Scenic Streets & Roads Annual Report - Gloria Mack**

2001 began with completion of the application for the Scenic Streets & Roads program (see attached). The committee continued meet with the County Highway Department in an effort to include them in the program. The Highway department had some questions and concerns regarding the program. We continued to meet throughout the year and in the fall the Highway Department decided they did not wish to co-sponsor the program.

In addition they had the following stipulations for the program:

- 1) The MCHD will act in an ex-officio capacity for the program.
- 2) All nominations will be reviewed by a Standing Scenic Road and Street committee (TBD), with supplemental representation by individuals accountable to governmental road agencies responsible for nominated streets or roads.
- 3) Designation will be for two (2) years after which the designated road or street will be reviewed and reevaluated to determine if criteria of the program are still applicable.
- 4) Sign costs will not be part of the application fee but rather part of the designation process. If a road/street meets criteria and is accepted as a scenic road/street, then the cost of signage will be paid by the governmental agency responsible for the road/street.
- 5) Program is designed to require installation and maintenance of signage to be the responsibility of the government agency responsible for the road/street.
- 6) This is a volunteer/honorary program, therefore, is understood the Township Road Commissioners would have to be in agreement with the program in order to accept a nomination, pay for signage; and install and maintain said sign.
- 7) The program is NOT designed to interfere with posted speed limits
- 8) Scenic road/street signage should be and is proposed as a low priority item regarding sign installation and repair.
- 9) Residents whose property abuts a nominated road/street will be sent notification that the road/street has been selected along with an explanation of the honorarium.

Now that all the details have been agreed upon, 2001 will be the birth of McHenry County's Scenic Road and Street program.

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McHenry County Historic Commission
January 10, 2001 - Gloria Mack

Joint Council

I have arranged to have our next Joint Council Meeting on March 28th at the Hain House in Lake-In-The-Hills. The LITH's Historical Society will host our meeting and provide refreshments. Nancy Fike and I talked and thought an appropriate program would be about "Saving the Hain House" a successful adaptive reuse story. The LITH's Historical Society was happy and excited to provide the program.

I have composed a brief letter to be sent to all Joint Council Members requesting their membership list, except the McHenry County Historical Society, the Marengo Historical Commission, and the Crystal Lake Historical Society as they have provided us their membership lists already.

Natural Features/Scenic Roads

Melissa Taylor of Cary and I will be meeting on Monday January 15th to review the application for the Scenic Road Program. I delayed this meeting as Chairman Gervais has enlarged this committee and I would like the new members to have input into this important feature of the program.

Special Project

A possible joint-venture has been offered to the Commission. Dean Rowe of the McHenry County Barn group has contacted me. He has been approached the Chicago Architectural Foundation who have a Michigan Avenue Museum about a project "Barns of McHenry County". He would like the Commission to be involved. He intended to come to our meeting this evening but he had a presentation he had to make Thursday AM and was unable to join us. He will be contacting myself and Dave, he hopes to set up a meeting with us and several other organizations and municipalities who will be involved in this project.

Landmark Pictures

I have been working on the letter to our elected officials regarding possible grants for this project. I think we would have a much better chance at getting noticed if we put together a letter, pictures of the landmarks and the mock-up of the proposed grouping and the possible location in the County building.

Dave - Dean Rowe's home # 648-4848 - work # 338-5555



"Keep McHenry County's Barns Outstanding in Their Fields"

Address: 8313 Stewart Road Hebron, IL 60034
Phones: 815-338-5555 or 815-648-4848
Email: frontrow@mc.net
Website: www.crystallakenet.org/mcbarns
Links: www.barnagain.org
<http://www.museum.cl.msu.edu/barn>
<http://www.nphp.org>

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President: Dean Rowe
Vice-President: Peter Tinkler
Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Fiske

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Aavang	Henry Boi	Nancy Burgess
Nick Chirikos	John Hammer	Bill Holden
Barry Valentine		

Consultant: Nancy Fike,
Executive Director
McHenry Country Historical Society

Input and participation by any who shares an interest in McHenry County barn preservation is welcome. For more information and future meeting dates, please contact Dean Rowe.
Phone: (815) 648-4848 E Mail: frontrow@mc.net

Community

Historical society hosts workshop to save county barns

By DON PEASLEY
Special Correspondent

Officials of the McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association are heartened with response to their twin efforts to save historically significant barns in McHenry County following their Nov. 18 program, "Barns Today and for the Future."

Ken Fiske, Woodstock, secretary of the association, said the afternoon workshop attracted persons interested in saving old barns and learning about professional tradesmen capable of helping with preservation.

"After listening to several master builders, participants realized the only way to save an old barn from a financial viewpoint is to find an alternative use," Fiske said. Alternative uses might include a home, garden center, conference center, nature center, restaurant or church.

"The village of Bull Valley and the village of Ringwood are converting barns for village offices," said Fiske. "The Cary Park District is converting a barn into a nature center. The Chalet Golf Club is using a barn for storage. The Coach House Restaurant on Crystal Lake Avenue was once a barn."

The determination to preserve old barns comes with the realization that a significant part of our county's heritage

is rapidly disappearing. Barns are symbols of our farm families. They are reminders of simpler times when families worked together to provide a living.

The interest stirred up by the Smithsonian's "Barn Again" exhibit, sponsored by the McHenry County Historical Society, emphasizes the emotional tie to barns.

The afternoon workshop panel included John Hamner, architect; Dr. William Kimball, national authority on barn restoration; and Rick Bott, Bryon Perona and Dan Master, master builders involved in barn restoration contracting. The group toured the Concorde Center, converted from a barn on the farm owned for many years by John Eggum.

At the evening dinner program Dean Rowe, president, and other officials explained the goals of the Association and recognized several organizations responsible for restoration projects.

Awards were presented as follows: Motorola for preserving the barn on its property north of Harvard; Kemper Insurance for financing and producing a video on historical barns for the McHenry County Historical Society; McHenry County Conservation District for preserving the Wiedrich Barn at Glacial Park; McHenry County Historical Society for its participation in the "Barn Again" project and focusing at-

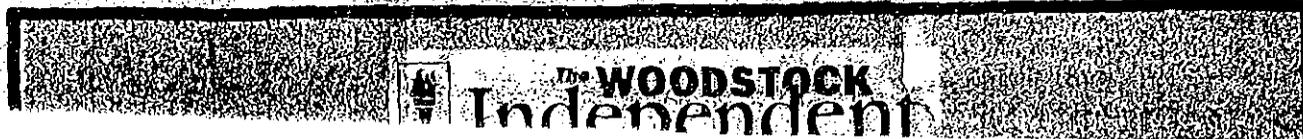


Two photos by Don Peasley: Dean Rowe, president of the McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association, (left) and Dr. William Kimball discuss steps required to save historically significant barns in McHenry County. Kimball, a Michigan State University professor, was the featured speaker at the association's Nov. 18 program on barn preservation.

attention on the need to preserve old barns; and Al Gillette, retired vice president in charge of research for Starline Company Starline, a long-time Harvard manufacturer, came up with several

firsts for farmers: automated cow drinking cup, chain barn cleaner, and the cannonball covered door track.

The evening program included people such as developers, bank officials, real estate developers and contractors — those who have shown the most interest in preserving old barns. Fiske said he has received calls in recent months from developers who had never thought about preserving old barns at a time



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**MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON REPORT
FOR MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2001**

Everyone please take a few moments to review the new agenda format. You will note that the agenda contains the changes that were implemented during our last regular meeting. We will use the format on a trial basis. If there are any proposed changes, please forward them to me or staff.

All committee heads from last year are reminded that annual reports providing a summary of accomplishments by the committees must be submitted at our February 7 meeting.

The agenda for February 7 is fairly simple. For the long range planning session please come to the meeting prepared with a list of ideas or possible suggestions that you wish to have discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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David R. Gervais
Chairperson

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2001
7:00 P.M.
MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ANNEX
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Financial Report/Disbursements
- V. Matters from the Public
- VI. Items from Commissioners
- VII. Business Items/Changes, Additions, Deletions
 - A. Action Items
 1. Old Business
 2. New Business
 - a. Long range planning session
 - b. Committee and task force meeting schedule
- VIII. Staff Reports
- IX. Committee Information Items
 - A. Municipal liaison
Gloria (chair), Denise. No written report
 - B. Awards
Gail (chair). No written report
 - C. Historic sites
Mike (chair), Carrie, Jim. No written report
 - D. Communications and scrapbook
Gloria (chair), Jennifer, Tony. No written report
 - E. Endangered sites committee
Carrie (chair), Jennifer, Denise. No written report
 - F. Education
Jennifer (chair), Gloria, Denise. No written report
- X. Task force information items
 - A. Website
Denise (chair), Jennifer, Gail
 - B. Landmark photograph display
Jim (chair), Tony, Gail
 - C. Scenic road
Gloria (chair), Carrie, Gail
- XI. Adjournment

FEATURES OF SCENIC ROADS

NATURAL FEATURES:

- Expansive views, such as those that overlook stream valleys.
- Unusual land forms, ridgelines, ravines, narrow valleys, or rock outcrops
- Water
- Woods
- Wildflower glad, flowering native trees, or shrub masses
- Autumn color
- Evergreen groves
- Other areas of natural vegetation

BUILT FEATURES:

- Churches, old cemeteries
- Farmsteads
- Architecturally and/or historically significant buildings
- Monuments, memorials, or statues
- Historical markers
- Railroad and accessory features
- Landscapes
- Roadway pavement, drainage, bridges, tunnels, or other features
- Local activity centers, such as farm supply stores, village stores, inns, mills, factories, or institutions

BACKGROUND:

In the spring of 1998, . . .

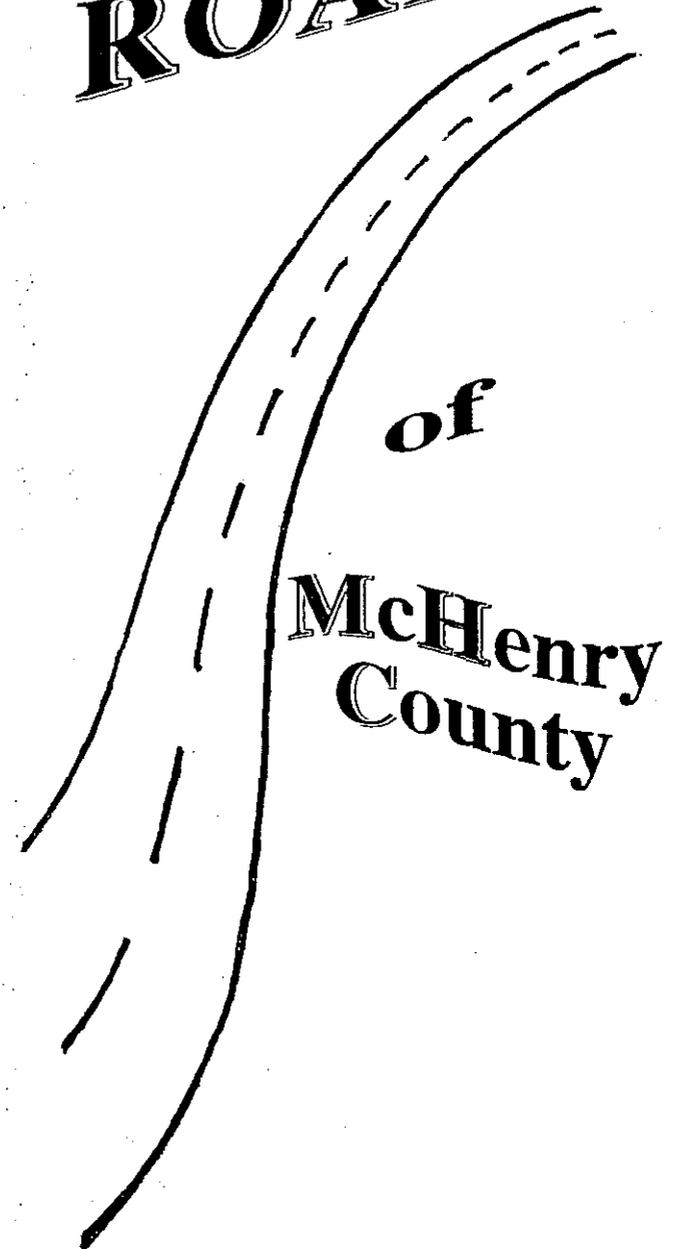
Gloria Mack
(McHenry County Historic Commission),
Ders Anderson
(Open Lands project),
Ed Collins
(McHenry County Conservation District), and
Nancy Fike
(McHenry County Historical Society)

. . . met to discuss possible projects that would recognize natural features of McHenry County. The Scenic Road Program was an idea that was proposed to facilitate this recognition of natural features.



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098
815 - 334 - 4560

SCENIC ROADS



FEATURES OF SCENIC STREETS & ROADS

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- Churches, old cemeteries
- Farmsteads
- Architecturally and/or historically significant buildings
- Monuments, memorials, or statues
- Historical markers
- Concrete automobile club guideposts
- Railroad and accessory features
- Landscapes
- Roadway pavement, drainage, bridges, tunnels, or other features
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

MCHENRY COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS

PHONE: - _____



OF THE ROADS IN MCHENRY COUNTY reveal the character of the area. Views of the countryside along these roads, both natural and man made, add to the enjoyment of roadside scenery and to a sense of place. In McHenry County, roads provide views of gently rolling woods and expansive farm fields, the Fox River and its tributaries, autumn color, schools, economic centers, activity centers and urban areas.

Roadside land is often the first and most visible land to be converted to residential or commercial uses. McHenry County has taken the lead in establishing the Scenic Streets & Roads Program to recognize some of its rural roads and scenic vistas for future generations. The Scenic Streets and Roads Program promotes:

1. **A SENSE OF PLACE**, by recognizing community identity and quality of life;

2. **RESOURCE PRESERVATION**, by identifying the significant scenic, natural, and historic resources that are often located within scenic road corridors.
3. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, by generating tourist revenue through the promotion of our scenic streets and roads.
4. **RECREATION**, by providing enjoyment for those who enjoy walking, biking, or driving for pleasure or sightseeing.

BACKGROUND

OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS

The Scenic Streets and Roads program was established to recognize both roads and the surrounding features that create their character (the road corridor). The program applies to all roads located in McHenry County, including city streets, residential streets, and rural roads.

Completed application forms will be reviewed by the McHenry County Scenic Streets Roads Commission. The Commission consists of representatives from throughout McHenry County.

Scenic Streets and Roads designation does not "freeze" roads in time. Traffic and life safety issues continue to be addressed while those significant features are acknowledged. The program is intended to recognize roads that are important to the life of McHenry County.

SCENIC ROADS & STREETS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Information

Detailed instructions for completing this form, preparing required attachments, and submitting a nomination are attached. Please print in ink or type. Questions regarding the preparation and submission of nominations, or the Scenic Roads and Streets Program in general, may be forwarded to the McHenry County _____ at 815 _____.

1. Name or road corridor: _____

2. Township(s) in which road corridor is located: _____

3. Length of road corridor included in this nomination: _____ mile(s)

4. Description of road corridor boundaries: _____

5. **Attachment Checklist:** The attachments indicated below are properly completed and enclosed with this nomination form:

- Attachment #1: Written Statement
- Attachment #2: Maps
- Attachment #3: Photographs

6. Criteria for Designation: Indicate which of the following criteria for designation apply to the road corridor. (Check all that apply).

Scenic: Road features natural and built features that are visually beautiful or interesting. Scenic elements can include fields, buildings, structures, water, vegetation, skylines, and the sky itself, which are visible from the road and provide pleasure or inspire awe.

Natural: Landscapes and ecological systems exist in the road corridor such as shorelines, wetlands, prairie, and natural habitats for birds and animals.

Historic: It is the site of a significant local, county, state, or national event. Buildings or property may be historically significant. There may exist physical evidence of past human settlement, including buildings, bridges, fence-rows, burial sites, and less tangible features such as land in agricultural use, historic transportation systems, or development patterns.

Cultural: The road has distinctive expressions of local community life. Such expressions can include traditionally recognized cultural qualities such as public art, museums, libraries, and annual festivals. Others may be less obvious, such as particular industry, resource, or event responsible for the growth and identity of the community.

Archeological: The road features physical remnants of past human society, their unique customs, traditions, folklore, or rituals, including artifacts, buildings, ruins, landscapes and abandoned trails.

Architectural: Structure(s) within the road corridor embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials. Property within the road corridor may be identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, county, state, or nation. Structure(s) within the road corridor are particularly fine or unique structures with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

7. Name(s), home address(es), telephone, and fax number(s), e-mail address(es), and signatures(s) of person(s) submitting this nomination. Attach additional sheets if necessary. (At least one contact person is required).

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number(s): H: () _____ - _____ W: () _____ - _____

Fax Number: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____
(Signature) (Date)

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number(s): H: () _____ - _____ W: () _____ - _____

Fax Number: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____
(Signature) (Date)

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number(s): H: () _____ - _____ W: () _____ - _____

Fax Number: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____
(Signature) (Date)

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT #1

Written Statement

Prepare a written statement on this form when nominating a street or road. Detailed instructions for preparing the statement are attached. Please print in ink or type. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM - ATTACHMENT #2
Cover Sheet for Maps

The following maps are attached to this nomination:

- Map showing the location of the road corridor in McHenry County; and
- Map showing the boundaries of the road corridor and adjacent properties.
- Other _____

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT #3
Cover Sheet for Photographs

The following photographs are attached to this nomination:

Photo #	Date Taken	Subject	Location / View
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

(Attach additional sheets if necessary).

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM

Instructions for Preparing a Nomination

1. **Name of Corridor:** Enter the name of the nominated road corridor.
2. **Township(s) in which road corridor is located:** Enter the name(s) of the township(s) in which the nominated road corridor is located.
3. **Length of road corridor included in this nomination:** Road corridors do not have to include the entire length of the road. A particular section of a road may be nominated under the Scenic Streets and Roads Program. In the space provided, enter the length of the road corridor for which the nomination is being prepared.
4. **Description of road corridor boundaries:** Boundaries may be described in terms of legally recorded lot or parcel lines or manmade and natural topographic features such as road intersections, fencelines, rivers, streams, ditches, etc. Select boundaries that encompass the significant concentration of scenic and natural features, buildings, structures, objects, and sites that make up the road corridor. For example: "____ Road, from its intersection with ____ Road to ____ Creek."
5. **Attachment Checklist:** Indicate the attachments that will accompany the nomination form.
6. **Criteria for designation:** Nominations must be eligible under at least one of the criteria for designation listed on the nomination form. Indicate which criteria apply to the road corridor.
7. **Nominator's Information:** Enter the nominator's name, home address, phone and fax number(s), email address, and signature (dated).

PREPARE THE ATTACHMENTS (See attached forms):

1. Attachment #1: Written Statement

Prepare a written statement explaining why the road corridor is suitable for preservation and how it is eligible for designation under the criteria indicated on the nomination form. Describe the road corridor's intrinsic qualities as they relate to the listed criteria, especially those which make it unique and different from other roads in McHenry County.

Indicate on the statement who uses the road (autos, trucks, bicyclers, joggers, etc.), how the road corridor has changed over time, and how it has been affected by influences from outside the community. Finally, describe the vision for the road corridor in the future and what will be achieved by designating it a Scenic Street or Road. At the end of the

statement, list sources of information, including bibliographic references, if any were used.

2. Attachment #2: Maps

Attach cover sheet and maps showing:

- A. the location of the road corridor in McHenry County; and
- B. the boundaries of the road corridor; and
- C. any other maps you feel may help the Scenic Streets and Roads Committee

3. Attachment #3: Photographs

Attach cover sheet and color prints showing the significant features of the road corridor.

SUBMIT THE NOMINATION:

Submit the properly completed nomination form and required attachments to:

McHenry County Department of Planning and Development

Contact the McHenry County _____ at the above address and phone number, with questions or for assistance in completing the nomination.

Ladies of the 1860's Tea & Fashion Review



**Sunday
March 25
4:00 - 6:30**

***In the
Rainbow Room
at the Historic
Baker Hotel
in Downtown
St. Charles***

Enjoy a Victorian Dessert Tea
and learn about the Influences on Fashions
of the Era including a Period Style Show

For Tickets \$25.00 call Mrs. Malay (630)660-4443
Reservations limited - Deadline March 20.

Proceeds to benefit
The Farnsworth Mansion
Civil War Museum

The History of the Farnsworth Mansion

The Farnsworth Mansion was built in 1860 by General John F. Farnsworth. In 1907 it became Mount St. Mary's Academy and then, in 1971, it was sold to Valley Lutheran High School. The Mansion was used as a thrift shop until 1992. It was then, against great opposition from the public, that the Mansion began to be dismantled. In 1993, after removal of the stone facade and interior trim was completed, the remainder of the Mansion was demolished.

In October of 1999 the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission received the stone facade, and in January of 2000, received the interior trim that was salvaged. It was then decided that the Mansion must be rebuilt.

WHAT IS THE FARNSWORTH MANSION FOUNDATION?

The Farnsworth Mansion Foundation is a not-for-profit organization formed to oversee the rebuilding of the Farnsworth Mansion. The organization is made up of volunteers who strongly believe this project is important to the Community.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE FARNSWORTH MANSION FOUNDATION?

The goals of the Farnsworth Mansion Foundation are :

- ❖ To determine if the project is feasible
- ❖ To heighten awareness and support for the project
- ❖ To raise funds for the project
- ❖ To oversee the project to its completion

THE FARNSWORTH MANSION PROJECT

In February of 2000, The City Council gave approval to rebuild the Mansion on the south end of Langum Park located on Rt. 25. This site was once know as Camp Kane. This was a Civil War training camp for the 8th Illinois Cavalry formed by General Farnsworth, who owned the property at the time. Once the Mansion is completed it will be used as a Civil War Museum.

Construction costs are currently estimated at over \$2,000,000.00, and it is our hope that work can begin in the Spring of 2002. This project will be funded by private donations and anticipated funding from grants. Although cash contributions are extremely appreciated, we would also welcome and invite donations of labor and material in an effort to reduce the cost of construction. The Farnsworth Mansion Foundation wants to encourage community-wide involvement in this projects!

To find out more information about the project, to join the foundation or to make a donation please contact, the Farnsworth Mansion Foundation at (630)660-4443.

Model Outline of Motions for Planning Commissions and Zoning Boards

by David J. Allor

1. CALL TO ORDER

NS | ND | NA | NV

Action of the chairperson to bring the members, staff, and audience into order.

2. CALL FOR QUORUM

NS | ND | NA | NV

Action of the chairperson, with confirmation by the secretary, that the commission may conduct official business.

3. CALL TO FOLLOW THE AGENDA

NS | ND | NA | NV

Action of the chairperson to proceed with the agenda as published, so that persons attending and possibly wishing to testify may know the order of issues to be heard and decided.

4. Motion to AMEND THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

S | D | A | V

For very specific reasons, other than those of inconvenience or unpreparedness, a commission member may move to alter the order but not the content of the agenda.

5. Motion to FIX THE TIME TO ADJOURN

S | ND | A | V

Once the order of the agenda has been decided, a planning commission is under an obligation to estimate how much of its work it can reasonably and responsibly conclude within a single meeting. Where a public hearing is required, the chairperson can impose reasonable but equitable time constraints upon public testimony.

6. Motion to APPROVE THE MINUTES

NS | ND | A | V

Action to approve the minutes of a previous meeting. The minutes are amendable to improve clarity, accuracy, and completeness, but not to re-open debate on a previously decided agenda item.

The following outline modifies, withdraws, and inserts motions into the order provided within *Robert's Rules of Order* (Revised 1971 and Newly Revised 1990). However, the motions are not presented in order of precedence, but in the order in which they are most likely to appear within the meeting of a commission or board. In this outline, a single public hearing is heard within a deliberative meeting.

Borrowing from Jon L. Ericson's *Notes and Comments on Robert's Rules* (1991), each motion is coded in four categories:

requires Second (S), or not (NS),
is Debatable (D), or not (ND),
is Amendable (A), or not (NA),
and requires Vote (V), or not (NV).

A simple majority is required, unless otherwise noted. Immediately below the motion and its codes is a brief explanation of the motion's use and relevance.

7. Motion to RECONSIDER

S | D | NA | V

A procedural motion, used where a commission member in the majority on a previously decided item wishes to have the commission reconsider its vote. The motion is appropriate only where: (1) crucial information, not available at the time of the initial vote, is now available, or (2) there has been a substantial change of circumstances since the initial vote. Great care should be taken with respect to this motion so as to not violate notice requirements or time limitations on action. If the motion for RECONSIDERATION is passed, the item is re-presented in total, after which a new substantive motion may be made.

8. Motion to RECESS INTO PUBLIC HEARING

S | ND | NA | V

To this point the commission is in regular deliberative meeting, it now may RECESS INTO PUBLIC HEARING in order to take public testimony on a specific agenda item. During a public hearing, a commission member may not make substantive motions.

9. Motion to ACCEPT FOR THE RECORD

S | ND | NA | V

A procedural motion to officially incorporate an application, agency report, consultant's report, letter, petition, or other written or visual materials into the public record.

10. Motion to CLOSE THE PUBLIC RECORD

S | ND | NA | V

If the planning commission wishes to proceed with debate on the item, it must close the public record. Both the record of written and visual materials and the oral testimony form the basis of consideration and decision. Where the commission is to deliberate the case at a future meeting, it may leave the public record open for a specific period of time, usually two business days, to receive any additional written materials.

11. Motion to CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

S | ND | NA | V

A procedural motion made when all public testimony has concluded; the planning commission has now returned to deliberative meeting.

12. CALL TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION

NS | ND | NA | NV

After broad discussion and deliberation among the members of the planning commission, the chairperson may invite, but may not make, a motion.

13. Motion to CLOSE DELIBERATION

S | ND | NA | V

A procedural motion to test whether the planning commission is ready to move from deliberation to decision. For smaller commissions, the CALL TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION (see #12) would be sufficient to move the commission toward substantive motion.

14. Motion to APPROVE, APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS, or converse motion to DISAPPROVE

S | D | A | V

A substantive motion (often called the MAIN motion); it may take one of two forms: (1) a definitive action, or (2) a recommendation. Requires recitation of reasons in support of the motion; both the Mover and Seconder must concur in the reasons and in the conditions, if such are attached. A tie vote constitutes defeat of the motion. When a motion to DISAPPROVE is defeated, a converse motion should be made to secure APPROVAL or APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

15. Motion to AMEND the Previous Motion

S | D | A | V

Amending motions may be either procedural or substantive. When a motion has been moved and seconded and is within the period of debate, it is subject to substitution, alteration or perfection. When an amendment is seen as "friendly," that is, compatible with the previous motion, the initial mover and seconder, the amendment may be incorpo-

ted directly into the previous motion by verbal assent; where the pending motion is seen as "unfriendly," it must be debated and decided first. All motions to AMEND the previous motion must be decided prior to deliberation and vote on the MAIN motion (see #14).

6. Motion to RECESS

S I D I A I V

A procedural motion to permit a very brief suspension of public hearing or deliberative meeting to facilitate commission operations or for the comfort of the public. Planning commission members should avoid contact with interested parties during recess.

7. Motion to DEFER TO A SPECIFIC TIME

S I D I A I V

Where testimony on a public hearing or deliberation by the commission on an agenda item cannot be concluded within a single session, a motion to DEFER TO A SPECIFIC TIME, that is, the immediately next meeting, is appropriate. The deferred item comes the first item in the succeeding agenda. Care must be taken to not violate notice or time limitation requirements (as with Motion to RECONSIDER).

8. Motion to EXTEND THE TIME TO ADJOURN

S I D I A I V

Having already fixed the time of adjournment (see #5, Motion to FIX TIME TO ADJOURN), the commission may nevertheless extend such time, but by a two-thirds vote.

9. Motion to ADJOURN

S I D I N A I V

While a motion to ADJOURN is always appropriate, planning commissions are obligated to expedite items on the meeting agenda. A Motion to ADJOURN is in order when all agenda items have been DECIDED or REMAINING UNDECIDED (see #17).

An additional number of motions are necessary to facilitate the internal operations of the commission or acknowledge rights of its members. The following motions have no order of precedence.

20. Motion to ADOPT or the converse motion to REJECT

S I D I A I V

Action to incorporate, alter, or eliminate policies which guide the decision-making of the commission or board. Policy adoption requires only a voting majority; adoption of, or amendment to, by-laws requires a two-thirds vote.

[Editor's Note: For more on by-laws, see David Allor's "Keeping Things In Order: Planning Commission By-Laws, in PCJ #14].

21. Motion to REFER TO COMMITTEE

S I D I A I V

Some larger planning commissions have provision in their by-laws allowing referral of specific issues to smaller committees for deliberation and subsequent recommendation back to the full commission. This does not delegate power to the committee to decide the issue.

22. Motion to DIVIDE A MOTION

S I N D I A I V

Where a motion has been both moved and seconded and is under deliberation, but where that motion is considered as complex. Any member of the commission may seek to divide the motion, thereby permitting independent votes on specific issues. Care must be taken not to divide a motion in such a manner as to subsequently make contradictory decisions among the features of the divided motion.

23. Action to WITHDRAW A MOTION

S I N D I N A I V

Where the Mover finds that an initial motion is flawed, inappropriate, or premature, the Mover may seek to withdraw the motion in whole. This action is not permissible if the original motion is either subject to an amending motion or has been amended.

24. Motion to SUSPEND THE RULES

S I D I A I V

Where, in extraordinary conditions, established rules would hinder rather than promote effective deliberation, specific rules may be suspended for specific time within a meeting — the reasons for such suspension should be entered into the minutes of the meeting. Any suspension of rules requires a two-thirds vote. Great care must be taken under a suspension of rules to avoid the appearance (or the fact) of unfairness. No rule may be suspended which is otherwise required by law.

25. Action to RULE OUT OF ORDER

S I N D I N A I N V

To assure the orderly progress of a meeting or hearing, the chairperson may rule individuals — whether members of the commission, staff, or the public — out of order where: (1) comments are irrelevant to the item under discussion, (2) comments have already been made, (3) the specified period of time in which to speak has expired, or (4) comments are disruptive to the order of the meeting.

26. Instruction to DISREGARD

S I N D I N A I N V

To assure the objectivity of the hearings and meetings, the chairperson may instruct the members to DISREGARD comments and/or written or visual materials that are inflammatory or prejudicial. Such comments, however, are retained

in any recordings or transcribed minutes of the meeting, and in the public record.

27. Motion to APPEAL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

S I D I N A I V

A right of members of a commission to challenge the action of a chairperson, so as to ensure that proper procedures are followed, not to impede deliberation and decision.

28. A POINT OF ORDER

S I N D I N A I N V

A right of members of a commission to request that the chairperson follow proper order. The intent is to assure proper progress of deliberation, not to contest action of the chairperson (as in #27 Motion to APPEAL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR). The point of order seeks to address an immediate concern, not debate larger procedural issues. Repeated use of A POINT OF ORDER to delay or frustrate decision is inappropriate and damages the continuity of deliberation.

29. A POINT OF INFORMATION

S I N D I N A I N V

A right of members of a commission to request the specific inclusion or clarification of matters of fact from the chairperson.

30. A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

S I N D I N A I N V

A right of any member of the commission to express matters of serious concern. For example, if a member of the commission is aware of a conflict of interest in a specific case, that member should at the time that the case is brought forward on the agenda, raise A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, declare that a conflict of interest exists, and withdraw from all further participation on that case. As a special note: I encourage that a member, having declared a conflict of interest, leave the chamber until that case has been decided. ♦

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

LANDMARK PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT 2000

ITEMS COMPLETED:

- 1) Researched where the photo murals were created for the Algonquin Historical Commission. (See accompanying fact sheet dated March 20, 2000
- 2) Located existing photographs of plaqued historic landmarks. They are located in the Department of Planning and Development McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building A

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED:

- 1) Select best view of each plaqued landmark
- 2) Make photocopies of best views
- 3) Present photocopies to Commission
- 4) Decide on photomural sizes
- 5) Decide on best location for photomurals in McHenry County Courthouse
- 6) Secure funding for the photomurals
- 7) Finalize project by ordering photomurals
- 8) Have photomurals installed

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

From: James E. Pearson

Re: Special Projects (Photo Murals done by Algonquin Hist. Comm.)

Date: March 20, 2000

Contact Persons: Jeff Jolitz

Marie Coleman

Murals were done by: Perfect Images (847-297-2277)
Mt. Prospect Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Pictures were done in various sizes 16" x 20"
20" x 24"
26" x 40"

Pictures were mounted on heavy masonite...1/4"

Pictures were covered with a Matt finish to protect photos

Cost for 22 photo murals \$3,000.00

Cost for Brass explanation plaques \$485.00

This company did all the photos in the Ernest Hemmingway Museum in Oak Park, IL

Algonquin Comm. raised the needed funds from sale of a local history book they put together as well as a historic calendar

The womens club sold calendars for \$7.00@ for them, they had a booth at Founders Day (Comm.) and they sold remainder to real estate agents to give to their customers.

Photos could be done in Black & White or Color.

Local McHenry County Landmarks
as of September 1998

1. Tryon Grove Farm
8914 Tryon Grove Road
Ringwood, Illinois 60072
2. John B. Walkup House
5215 North Walkup Road
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
3. Diggins School
19017 River Road
Marengo, Illinois 60152
4. Greenwood School
4614 Greenwood Road
Greenwood, Illinois 60098
5. Ornsby-Stark Home
8909 McConnell Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
6. Holcombville School
6310 Crystal Springs Road
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
7. Newman House
20605 East Brink Street
Harvard, Illinois 60033
8. John James House / Windhill Farm
2719 Greenwood Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
9. Rudolphus A. Hutchinson House /
House of Seven Gables
10308 North U.S. Highway 14
Harvard, Illinois 60033
10. William P. Walkup House
2809 Country Club Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
11. Ostend Cemetery
Route 120
McHenry, Illinois 60050
12. Miller (Müller) Family Chapel
NW Corner of Ringwood & Wilmot Roads
Johnsburg, Illinois 60050
13. Mount Auburn Cemetery
Brink Street
Harvard, Illinois 60033
14. Woodstock St.
Huntley, IL
15. Witness Tree
16. Allendale Bridge
17. Carr-Harrison Cemetery

Date: 3/7/01 1:02PM
Subject: MCHPC Meeting - Can not attend tonight

Hello Commission members,

This is to advise you that I am sick in bed with a raging cold, and will not attend tonight's meeting.

Special projects - lapel pin: As far as special projects are concerned, I did phone several local jewelers about a lapel pin. I was told that without original artwork, or a design in mind, a price could not be determined. I guess it is important to decide what design we want, how large, etc... before we can get a price. I don't think this is something we can accomplish by next month. But I do think it is something we should work on and finalize for the future. Ideas?

Education Committee - I would like to request that each commission member e-mail or fax me a list of prospective speakers for our info-meetings. I am not active enough in the county to be familiar with all of our local personalities. Please give me names, areas of expertise and phone or e-mail contacts. Some ideas I have to date are: Beau Kimball of Salvage I on architectural salvage; Carrie or her company on archaeology in our county; Jim Keefe on the Civil War activities; please, I need more ideas!

Potential Endangered Sites - I had hoped to turn over to Carrie the small file that I have tonight. My schedule has not allowed this and my apologies to Carrie. I will make this a priority and I propose that members of this committee meet one night in the next two weeks. Carrie, let me know what evening and I will do my best to make it!

Again, I regret not making the meeting this evening. I am glad this is my first bad cold of the season. Think Spring!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Iftner

Do You Yahoo!?
Get email at your own domain with Yahoo! Mail.

McHenry County Historical Society

Historic Sites Committee

Box 434, 6422 Main Street

Union, IL 60180

815-923-2267

February 28, 2001

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE IN ALL McHENRY COUNTY EDITIONS:

Please include events calendars

The "*Landmarks Discovery Tourmap*," will be unveiled at a reception and slideshow presentation on Saturday, March 10th, at 1:30 p.m. at the McHenry V.F.W. The public is invited to attend. The V.F.W. is located at 3002 W. Rte. 120, on the north side of the street, east of the Fox River.

The map, which features 86 McHenry County landmarks, was created by the McHenry County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee. Sites and structures plaqued by the Historical Society, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and the National Register of Historic Places are included on the map. Twenty-three of these are featured in drawings by local artist Lori Wilhelm.

The Historic Sites Committee will be distributing 50,000 maps, free of charge, to foster appreciation for McHenry County landmarks preservation. The project, over two years in the making, was made possible by grants from the Illinois Arts Council, the Illinois First program through state representative Jack Franks office, and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.

For more information about the map, or the unveiling, please call the McHenry County Historical Museum at 815-923-2267.

Submitted by: Shelly Trost

McHenry County Civil War Round Table

AMERICAN HISTORY

2001

\$500 Scholarships

The McHenry County Civil War Round Table will offer two \$500 scholarships this year to senior students in McHenry County High Schools. The awards are made on the basis of written essays submitted to a panel of Civil War Round Table members who will grade the entries on the basis of originality, grammatical construction, neatness and evidence of student research on the chosen topic. The essay is to be no longer than 750 words, typewritten on regular letter sized paper and double spaced. A bibliography of references is required and footnote citations are strongly encouraged by the essay committee. All 12th grade students enrolled in McHenry County's public and private high schools are eligible to participate in this contest which will be held during the month of March.

The award, aimed at promoting an interest in American Civil War History, will be given to two students to further their college or technical education after high school.

Entry forms for this competition can be obtained from school counselors and the completed entry form must accompany the submitted essay postmarked no later than April 9, 2001

The award winning contestants will be introduced at the regular meeting of the McHenry County Civil War Round Table at 7:30 PM on Tuesday evening, May 8th at the County Historical Museum in Union, Illinois.

The Essay Theme For 2001

Robert E. Lee, after many years of military service, resigned from the United States Army in April of 1861 and went on to become a preeminent military leader of the Confederate States of America. Your essay should document and discuss the many personal, political, and military considerations that influenced Lee and the consequences that followed his decision.

Essay Entry Forms are available in all McHenry High Schools

**For further information contact school counselors or call :
Ed Wilt : 815 385-5141**

McHenry County Civil War Round Table

AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

ENTRY FORM

NAME Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ Age _____

HOME ADDRESS : Street _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

HOME PHONE : () _____

HIGH SCHOOL

Explain how the American History Award can assist you in achieving your post high school educational and career goals. List some of your current scholastic interests and activities

Applicant Signature _____

Name of School Official _____

Signature of School Official _____

SUBMITTED ESSAYS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS COMPLETED ENTRY FORM

MAIL ESSAY AND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO :

McHenry County Civil War Round Table

605 N. Green St.

McHenry, Illinois 60050 Attn. Dr. Ed Wilt

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2001

Travel magazine features McHenry, Kane county barns

The NORTHWEST HERALD

WOODSTOCK - The March issue of "Travel Holiday" magazine contains a feature on the barns of McHenry County, as well as the restored Teepel barn in Kane County.

A New York freelance writer was researching a story about barns when he came across the website of the McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association at www.crystallakenet.org/mcbarns.

Association President Dean Rowe and Secretary-Treasurer Ken Fiske took the writer on a tour of area barns last summer.

The preservation association has been in existence since

1999. It was founded by a group of volunteers working on the "Year of the Barn" celebration, an event sponsored by the McHenry County Historical Society in 1997.

The association meets at 3 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the McHenry County Historical Museum in Union. The public is invited.

Its focus is barn preservation, restoration and promotion. Rowe said plans are in the works for a possible 2002 photo exhibit in Chicago of McHenry County barns sponsored by the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

The March issue of "Travel Holiday" magazine came out this week.

*Dance The Weekend Away With
Dick Jurgens 13 Piece Orchestra*

Direction of Don Ring

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
March 19, 2001
Endangered Sites Committee Meeting
Submitted by: Carrie Koster-Horan

The Endangered Sites Committee was to meet on Monday March 19, 2001 to discuss future plans for endangered sites in McHenry County. To be present were David Gervais, Denise Collins, Carrie Koster-Horan, and Jennifer Ifner. David and Carrie met at the Woodstock Library at 7:30p.m. David briefly discussed the endangered sites and what he and Jennifer have already accomplished. He also shared with me some of his ideas regarding endangered sites.

Now that I have my feet wet, I hope to begin taking on a more active role in the commission. I sincerely hope we can reschedule the Endangered Sites meeting sometime soon when our schedules are not so busy.

Potentially Endangered Sites Data Form

Historic site name (if applicable): _____

Location/Address of historic site: _____

Age of property/structure (Year built): _____

Name and phone number of owner/s: _____

Please check any or all that apply:

This historic site is potentially endangered due to:

- road improvements/construction
- natural forces (fire, wind, tornado, flood, etc...)
- inability to maintain due to costs of maintenance
- inability to maintain due to lack of expertise
- commercial development
- residential development
- vandalism
- neglect

Name of contact person: _____

Phone number of contact person: _____

Additional comments: _____



For MCHPC use only
Date property status verified: _____
Next update scheduled: _____
Update performed: _____
Next update scheduled: _____
Update performed: _____

Name: _____
 Street _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

McHenry County
 Historic Preservation
 Commission



Potentially
 Endangered
 Historic Site
 Submission Form

Please
 affix
 postage

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
 c/o McHenry County Department of Planning & Development
 2200 North Seminary
 Woodstock IL 60098

Purpose

One purpose of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is to preserve historic sites located in McHenry County, Illinois.

The Commission recognizes that not all historic sites can be saved, but awareness of potentially endangered historic sites increases the possibility of their preservation.

The purpose of the "Potentially Endangered Historic Sites List" is to recognize those sites most worthy of saving, provide direction when possible, and to additionally recognize those sites which have been removed from endangered status.

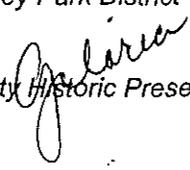
Our goal is to ultimately have all noted potentially endangered historic sites removed from this list.

What is an endangered site?

Everything deteriorates with time. However, a potentially endangered historic site is any historic site that is threatened by one or more of the following influences:

- development
- taxation
- disuse
- neglect
- inappropriate remodeling
- cost prohibitive upkeep & repairs
- forces of nature
- vandalism

To: Paul Ostrander
Village of Huntley Park District

From; Gloria Mack 
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Date: July 11, 2001

Re: Barn Restoration Contractors

The following were recommended to me by Nancy Fike – she said they were very nice men and easy to work with.

GOOD LUCK! As always it is a real pleasure working with you.

Dan Otto, Elburn IL
630-365-6354

Robert Przewlocki, Wayne IL
630-443-0411

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
August 1, 2001 Meeting**

Vice Chair - I telephoned the architects that expressed interest in joining the Commission. Maryanne resent the information and application. Tonight I would like to review the 3 applications and make a recommendation to the County Board.

Scenic Roads - I spoke to Joe Korpalski, McHenry County Highway Department, earlier this month. I asked him if the Transportation Committee had received my written response to their questions. He said he had put it in their packets. He informed me that the Highway Department was compiling a list of questions/concerns and he would provide me that list by August 1st. I haven't received it yet.

Municipal Liaison - I have been working with the Huntley Park District regarding the Stowell Barn. Please see the attached for a record of my activity. In addition Paul Ostrander, Huntley Park District, telephoned me regarding a Barn in McHenry that was slated for demolition. He asked me if the Commission would inspect it as it was offered to the Park District. Our in-house expert, Gail Drabant, went out once, the directions were sketchy and could not find the barn. Paul telephoned with more complete directions and Gail went out again, inspected the Barn and found the material comparable to the Huntley Barn. Thanks Gail.

Joint Council - The meeting date and program are in place. By the end of the month I will send out the flier and also include an award application.

construction. Although the **slant-roof chicken coop** form is common in our county, the fenestration pattern is truly unique! I have not yet encountered any other chicken coops in our county with this configuration of central door flanked with symmetrical windows and two separate coop-bays on each end with a central walkway.

The **smokehouse is definitely** a contributing structure to this site's historical significance simply based on the fact that there are not very many smokehouses left in McHenry county. It is in good condition structurally and the evidence of the smoke is still in the interior. However a concrete floor was later added to facilitate adaptive reuse as storage. Since there is sufficient storage in this farmstead site, it is recommended that the concrete be removed and that archaeologists determine original surface.

There is also a depression between the chicken coop and smokehouse that might indicate some other past structure (**possibly an outhouse**). Not only is it recommended that archaeologists dig this area for determination of additional information of the original owners, it is noted that Illinois Law requires such digging be supervised by a licensed archaeological firm when done on publicly held land. It was common to have multiple locations for outhouses since as one would get quite filled, a new hole would be dug moving the outhouse. Then the normal household garbage would be put in the old hole covered by the topsoil from the new hole. Such a dig could net fascinating information concerning the entire farmstead site that would give clues as to how the site could be historically interpreted.

The final structure inspected was that of a **non-historical garage** that although on site, it is recommended that this structure be considered as a non-contributing structure and is not historically significant with respect to the other structures, since it is from a much later time period.

Further observations include that not only the entire farmstead with respect to structures be considered for landmark status, but that the **yard be considered into the historic significance**. This is evidenced by the "peddler pines", the older varieties of perennials, the original rock boulder walkway for the stock behind the barn and the stone lined well as well as other features.

OVERALL INITIAL RECOMMENDATION:

Without any reservation, I whole-heartily recommend the Huntley Park District's "Stowell/Deicke Farmstead" (entire farmstead containing approx. two(?) acres) for landmark status by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.

ADDITIONAL HOUSE INFORMATION:

The above represented a general overview of structures with respect to their historical significance. The following information is provided simply to **further document the residential structure.**

This house is one of the few remaining original frame structures in McHenry County that **date from the 1840's.** It is built using **full post-and-beam construction** methods which include angled braces, mortise and tendon joints, complete with wood pegs. Its massing is that of a **gable-side wing** combination.

It is presumed that the **upright portion and the side-wing portion were built at the same time** since the construction techniques exactly match. However, the **original summer kitchen was replaced** with a new addition. This is evidenced by the hand-hewn structure in the crawl space visible in the basement, but the structure above it has newer construction. It is common to find the summer kitchens of these houses replaced, since they were not on a full basement, they had more susceptibility to wood rot and deterioration.

It is interesting to note that since this is before the time of concrete footing posts, large boulders were used as additional support in the corners under the house including a **very large boulder in the center of the upright portion** which would have been support under the staircase and chimney which were later removed.

Obviously this house does not look as old as it is due to the **modern siding,** new porch, and newer roofing. However upon closer examination, it was determined that this siding was placed over other siding which was in turn **placed over the original clapboard.** This determination was made at the sill plate, but of course full confirmation of this is not possible without the removal of at least one small area of siding.

This **house is in very good shape** since it is not showing any signs of wood rot, decay or water damage. Although the house was modernized, it was done in such a way that it can be reversed. In the meantime however, its **restoration can be phased in at a later date** since there are no current conservation of structure problems. Would it not be an interesting day to see this house **"un-wrapped"** and all of its **physical mysteries exposed?**

Further examination of the structure indicated that there was a **central chimney in the upright portion** (over the central support boulder, next to the stairway). This was common to have multiple chimneys, since there would have been a **cook-stove** in the kitchen area and a **wood-burning parlor stove** in the lower upright portion.

Another note on the interior structure is that there were **2 stairways originally**, not one. It was common for these houses to have an **indoor woodshed** since their houses were heated by wood-burning stoves. The physical evidence of the stairway in the upright section is still in place. It was common for the indoor woodshed to be the second storey of the sidewing of the house.

Although it is hard for us to understand **carrying up all that wood for an entire winter's** heat, it was far better to do this and have dry wood, rather than having to fight the elements every time you needed more wood. Also, since the woodshed would commonly have small critters/ bug living in it, they did not want this in their sleeping areas.

Therefore, it was common **not to have the upstairs connected between the woodshed portion and the sleeping rooms** for the family. In most of these houses, the upper rooms are not on the same level due to the fact they were not originally connected. Also, in the oldest houses, the **stairways were enclosed so that they could control the loss of heat**. Later, when a furnace was put in negating the need for the indoor wood shed, the upper portions were connected and the extra stairway removed. Note also that the cookstove would actually use the most wood and be started early in the morning, so that the wood was easily accessed from the kitchen stairway up to the wood shed.

I personally **do not believe** that there is any evidence of this house being used as a station for the **underground railroad**. The two "secret" rooms upstairs are not secret at all. One of them is attic area above the then-unheated back porch. This attic area room would be walled-off as it is to help control the loss of heat. The other room in the upper side wing could have been used for cold storage separate from the woodshed area so it would stay cleaner and be less susceptible to mice.

Although it is possible, it is **not plausible that either of these rooms were used for hiding slaves**, since both are not hidden and are in plain view and that there is not a second exit from either of them. They would have either had to have been hidden from easy view or have alternate exits in order to be effective for hiding slaves. However, if oral or written history can be obtained connecting this site to the Underground Railroad then this issue would have to be further examined.

This house is surely one of the **oldest in this area** and is worthy of **historical preservation** simply based on its construction techniques. It is hard to understand how much work went into making all of the **hand-hewn beams** for both the barn and the house when they trying to do so much other tasks just **struggling to survive**.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



8/1/01 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

AWARDS:

LOOK for OLD HOUSES being PAINTED NOW!!! (or other worthwhile preservation efforts) Nominations are now being accepted. Don't wait to the last minute to make your TWO nominations. The deadline is Friday after the Sept. Joint Council meeting.

SURVEY & LANDMARKING:

Huntley Park District barn/farmstead. After a site inspection, the report was produced that was attached to your July minutes. Pictures are also available from the inspection. This should definitely be considered for landmark status. *+ did a site inspection & photo of McHenry barn for "photo" scavenger.*

I was also contacted concerning a house in rural Hebron to provide more insight to the new owners of an old Italianate house on the corner of Hebron & Johnson roads.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

The revised list was produced & attached to the July minutes. Please take the time to take this off of the minutes & review it to further familiarize yourself with our county's landmarks. Keeping this comprehensive list is one of our functions as a commission as specified in our ordinance. Additional copies will be available at the August meeting & the September Joint Council meeting.

RURAL SURVEY:

So, are we ready to start doing other townships? If we apply for a grant this year, by next year we should be ready to continue with this project.

PUBLICATIONS:

None this month & nothing outstanding.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration:

(Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.)

We have completed the northeast facade & are near completion of all exterior woodworking.

Besides a number of birding programs (next one is Aug. 15th at 6:00pm) that the Powers-Walker house will be open for, two major public programs remain for this year:

- ~ Sat., Sept. 29 - **HARVEST GATHERING** of 1858 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- ~ Sat., Nov. 10 - **TEXTILE TECHNIQUES** of the 1850's (1:00pm-4:00pm)

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



9/5/01 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

Last Meeting Feedback (with Historic Sites Committee of Historical Society):

I am concerned that this meeting was too negative. I had thought the purpose was to work together. The discussion in the middle about the duplication of effort was quite lengthy and did become tense. I hope the Historical Society understands that it was not our intent to be negative of their plaquing program. We apologize if there were any misunderstandings and commend them on the great job that they have been doing through the years in documenting all of these historic sites.

AWARDS:

HAVE YOU TURNED IN AT LEAST 2 AWARD NOMINATIONS? If not, you only have three weeks left. If we do not have adequate support from our own commissioners, why are we even doing this program? Award forms are to be available at this meeting.

SURVEY & LANDMARKING:

A site inspection of the **Riley property** that the commission received a landmark nomination form was not done, since the application was not available at the last meeting. We are now in violation of our own ordinance on the 30-day initial response. (Article III.5) The 30 days start ticking when the application is received at P&D. The application is dated 7/14/01. It was turned over to the commissioners as attachment to the July minutes received 8/26/01. Has anything been done on this? Possibly other commissioners have responded and I simply am not aware of this.

As requested, I did a site inspection of the **Hebron house** located on the southwest corner of Hebron and Johnson Roads. Although this house looks at first glance to be a square simplified, vernacular Italianate, it turned out to be much older, complete with hand-hewn beams in the basement. It is in fact a pyramidal-roofed Greek Revival with full pilasters at the corners (instead of the normal cornice returns). It also was modified about 100 years ago at the turn-of-the-century when the summer kitchen was rebuilt and the porch enclosed. The new owners are doing a good job of exterior restoration. (It hadn't had any paint on it for at least 50 years.) It is now going to be light tan with ivory trim and brick-red accent. Thank you Nancy Fike for the referral. They were just looking for more information & that is one way we can be of service to old house owners in our county.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

Have you read your updated Comprehensive Landmark List? Additional copies were not available at the August commission meeting for our guests. Keeping this comprehensive list is one of our functions as a commission as specified in our ordinance. Additional copies are to be available at the September Joint Council meeting.

RURAL SURVEY:

Do we want to apply for a grant this year to do this next year?

PUBLICATIONS:

None this month & nothing outstanding.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration:

(Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.)

Mark your calendars if you would like to see the exterior near completion for:

~ Sat., Sept. 29 - **HARVEST GATHERING** of 1858 (10:00am-4:00pm)

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Endangered Sites Committee
Committee Report
by
Carrie Koster-Horan

Fortunately, I have been on vacation a lot lately, however, I have not had the time to talk to Denise or Jennifer or meet with them regarding endangered sites. I did take an opportunity to stop into a few businesses in Marengo within the last couple of days to see if they would allow us to display our endangered sites application for the public. Stores that complied with my request include Levin's Dry Goods, Bank Block Antiques & More, Grandma's Attic Resale Shop, The Marengo Public Library, and P & R Behm Framing and Crafts. I hoped to get a feeling of how the community felt regarding saving endangered sites and overall the feeling seemed to be good and all were more than happy to oblige.

I informed them that hopefully I would be back with applications within the next couple of weeks. I wish to leave stacks of the applications on the counters of most of the stores I spoke with, however, the library has a "Community Events" section which would be a good place to leave forms. Between Denise, Jennifer, and myself, we should have no problem covering all areas of the county and will hopefully get some quick responses.

***Rebecca Hunter of the National Sears Home Directory will be speaking next Thursday September 13th at 7:00p.m. at the Elgin Public Library. She will be discussing how to identify a early twentieth century Sears mail-order home. I will be attending this presentation with one of my co-workers.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
September 5, 2001 Meeting
Report Submitted by Gloria Mack

Scenic Roads/Streets - The McHenry County Highway Department has submitted a list of concerns regarding the Scenic road program, the least no being that do not wish to co-sponsor the program. At this time I would like to get the Commission's input on our response.

Joint Council - Nancy Fike put together the notice for the Joint Council Meeting on September 26th. In my haste to see that it was out before the end of the month I failed to ask Nina to include an award application. Perhaps we could send the wared application and a brief note, to McHenry County Joint council members. There won't be any publicity for this meeting, as it's a private residence and space is limited. Please care-pool if at all possible.

Municipal Liaison - I spoke to Paul Ostrander, Huntley park District, regarding the Stowell Landmarking. I would appreciate it if someone would begin the process of obtaining the plaque. Paul was going to meet with the Park District and set a date for the landmarking.

Meeting Notice
Joint Council of Historic Groups
Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: the old Senator Lorimer Estate on Pistakee Bay
3324 N. Rocky Beach Rd. in Johnsburg. See enclosed map.
Please try to carpool as parking is limited.
Bring your own chair.

Please join other local history/preservationists at the gentleman's "playhouse" on this beautiful privately owned estate home overlooking Pistakee Bay. William Lorimer, who had the house built in the 1890's, was one of Chicago's most prominent Republican politicians in the last part of the 19th and early part of the 20th century. Like other important Chicago businessmen and politicians, Lorimer had an estate on the Bay. With 13 children he needed a big place. Lorimer was referred to as "the Blonde Boss" who bought votes, made deals and controlled Cook County officials, mayors and even governors.

The meeting will be held inside the gentleman's playhouse complete with period bar, fireplace, tavern tables, old photographs and heads— it's a step back in time to when cigar smoke, cognac, perspiration and power combined and big time business and political deals were struck. You don't want to miss seeing this. It is not open to the public.

Nancy Baker, Woodstock City Staff Representative to the Woodstock Historic Commission will make a short presentation on the Lorimer history and of some of their Pistakee neighbors. Group updates will follow. Any questions contact Gloria Mack, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission— her work number is 815-344-1496 or Nancy Fike, McHenry County Historical Society at 815-923-2267.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - ANNEX BUILDING A
2200 NORTH SEMINARY AVENUE
WOODSTOCK, IL 60098
815/334-4560 FAX # 815/337-3720

September 19, 2001

Mr. J. Korpalski
McHenry County Highway Department
12104 County Club Road
P.O. Box 369
Woodstock, IL 60098

RE: McHenry County Scenic Road and Street Program

SENT VIA EMAIL WITH HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

Dear Joe:

Gloria Mack, Chair of the McHenry County Scenic Road and Street Program, asked me to reply to your fax dated 8/17/01. On behalf of Ms. Mack and the Historic Preservation Commission, please accept the following as a formal disposition as requested by the Transportation Committee.

1. Per the direction of the Transportation Committee, MCHD will act in an ex-officio capacity for the Scenic Road and Street Program sponsored in whole by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.
2. All nominations will be reviewed by a "Standing Scenic Road and Street Committee" (TBD), with supplemental representation, by individuals accountable to governmental road agencies responsible for nominated roads.
3. An application process has already been developed which stringently sets forth criteria to determine if a road qualifies as a scenic roadway. (Submitted previously to Committee and MCHD staff.)
4. Designation will be for two (2) years after which the designated road or street segment will be reviewed and re-evaluated to determine if criteria of program are still applicable.
5. Sign costs will not be part of the application fee but rather part of the designation process. (If a road/street does not qualify for the program up front money is not necessary. If a road/street meets criteria and is accepted as a scenic road/street,

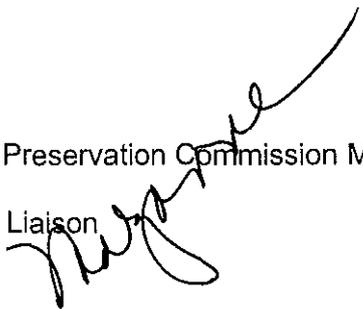
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Survey and Landmarking Committee
Preliminary Committee Report
September 19, 2001
Carrie Koster-Horan

On Sunday September 9th, 2001, The Survey and Landmarking Committee met in regards to two properties; the Pleasant Grove Cheese Factory in Marengo and a historic property on Prairie Street in Marengo. The property on Prairie Street is an Italianate style structure that has been gutted due to a fire. A large addition had been placed off the south face of the house. All the plaster on the inside has been removed and it appears as though someone, perhaps the housing commission, is currently fixing it up. As of right now it sits in disrepair although structurally it appeared to be sound.

The Committee also visited the Pleasant Grove Cheese Factory along Pleasant Grove Road south of the town of Marengo. A subsequent meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19th, 2001 at the home of Michael Walkup to discuss the application of the cheese factory and whether or not to give it landmark status. After careful review of the application, it was deemed incomplete. The application packet makes reference to three separate cheese factories throughout the county, one in Section 11, one in Section 32, and one in Section 22. The property in question is the factory located in Section 11. Michael Walkup received some new information from the McHenry County Historical Society, however, it was not enough to warrant making a decision at this time. The owners were to be contacted and told of these findings. A formal report will be written and submitted to the commission upon receiving more information on the property in question. A decision on whether or not to give landmark status will be done at this time.

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 19, 2001
To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Re: October meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your October 3rd meeting. The attached packet includes the following information:

- meeting agenda;
- roster; and
- minutes from the Commission's regularly scheduled September meeting along with revised minutes from the August 1st meeting and revised minutes from the Public Hearing related to the nomination of the Stowell-Deicke (Sun Valley) Farmstead.

After reading Sub-Committee reports attached to last month's minutes, I requested clarification regarding any ordinance violations. To set the record straight, Article III sets not only a timeframe for acting on an application (Article III.5) but also spells out what information is necessary for a completed application (Article III.3.A-F). As stated, nomination forms are to be filed with the Planning Department but **it is the responsibility of the Commission to determine the adequacy of the application along with criteria for designation.**

Be that as it may, that 30-day timeframe for Commission review and survey report may be too short. In addition, Article III.6 (NOTIFICATION OF NOMINATION) which requires that within thirty (30) days from completion of the initial report and recommendation, the Commission shall set a public hearing date. There are many months, depending how dates fall, that regularly scheduled meetings are 31-35 days apart such as May 2nd to June 6th of this year. There are also times due to weather and/or lack of a quorum, that the Commission could also unintentionally violate ordinance requirements.

With everyone's busy schedules along with the formality of rules and procedures adopted by the Commission, this may be one area of the ordinance worthy of closer review. Hence, staff will start a "folder" for suggestions related to possible ordinance revisions. Please submit your comments and/or concerns in writing regarding this issue.

As always, and more especially in these troubled times, stay well. If we've learned anything from the past few days I hope it's that we all remember to focus on the big picture. See you on the 3rd.

McHenry Co. Historic Preservation Commission
10/03/01 Meeting

Joint Council

The September 26, 2001 Joint Council of Historic Groups was a success. A groups of approximately 25 members attended. Nancy Baker, Staff Representative to the Woodstock Historic Commission will made a presentation on the history of the Pistakee Bay area. The gentlemen's playhouse was truly a visit to days gone by. With hunters trophy's hanging on the walls, a beautiful hand carved bar, and old picture handing on the walls. The ambiance made you feel as though you stepped back in time.

Scenic Street & Roads

As you can see in your packets we have responded to the Highway Department and it appears that we are ready to begin the McHenry Co. Scenic Road Program. I will begin now to contact the people who have expressed an interest in serving on the Committee and prepare to meet as a committee for the first time at the beginning of 2001. By spring of 2001 we anticipate beginning to accept applications.

Municipal Liaison/Vice Chair

I contacted Paul Osterander, of the Huntley Park District regarding a ceremony for the Stowell - Deicke Farmstead. We have a tentative date of 11/4/01 at 2:PM. I would appreciate any ideas you might have for the program.

I also contacted Stuart Gibbons, President of the Village of Greenwood, regarding the Greenwood School. I mentioned to him that the County would have a photographic display of their landmarks and this brought to mind that the Greenwood School issue was still outstanding. I also explained that it would be very sad if the Greenwood School was not recognized in this display. He noted that Greenwood might put together their own Preservation Ordinance. I brought to his attention that many landmarks have more than one plaque awarded to them. He asked me to mail him a letter and also a copy of an inter-governmental agreement. I will do this in the next month with copies to Van Vogel, owner, and Nancy Fike.

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



10/3/01 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

AWARDS:

Even though **only 3 commission members turned in nominations**, we still received 22 nominations with only one category not used and there were at least 2 nominations all but two categories. Please continue this meeting to an awards committee meeting on Oct. 24th at location to be determined.

SURVEY & LANDMARKING:

After the site inspection of the **Riley Cheese Factory property** & the continued committee meeting the following Wed., we determined that the application was missing parts and therefore was not considered as a completed application. Therefore, I stand corrected that due process was followed. The original stone walls definitely convey the presence and feel of the historic structure even though numerous modifications have been made. See attached photos from site inspection.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

We will need to update this again for the addition of the Stowell-Deike Farmstead in Huntley.

RURAL SURVEY:

Thanks for the vote of confidence that we should leap into **Phase 2** of this project. Thank you Carrie for your agreement to work on this. Also, thanks to MaryAnne for preparing very thorough documentation of Phase 1 figures as requested. MaryAnne & I presented this, plus a ball-park estimate to Sue Erhart, Director of P&D on yesterday. She has approved us continuing in this process, so it will be presented to the P&D committee on Friday. If approved, then staff (i.e. MaryAnne) will use the presented figures & the last phase's proposal to write the new grant application proposal.

We will be applying for a 60/40 split grant of \$25,000.

PUBLICATIONS:

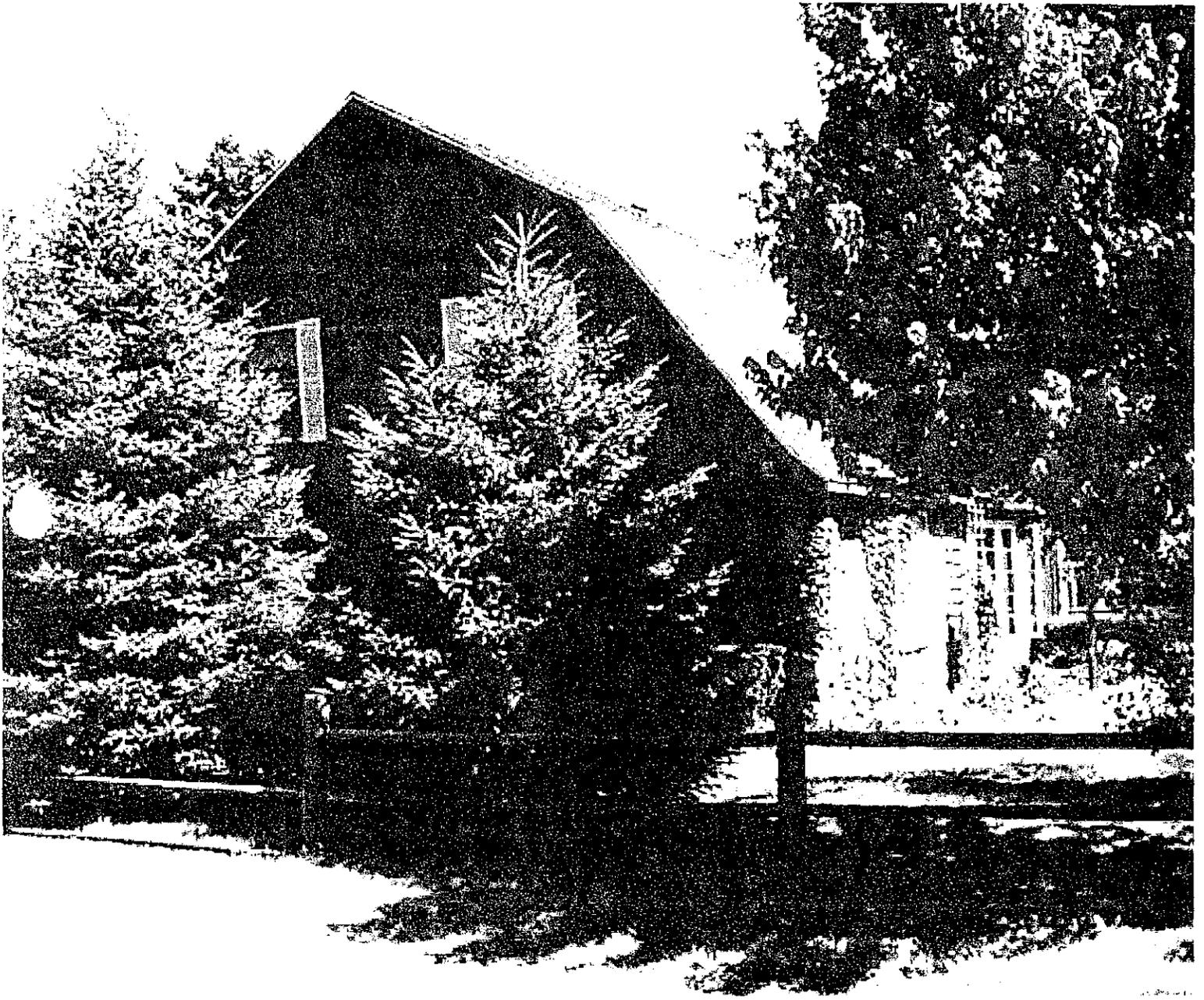
I will generate business cards for our new members.

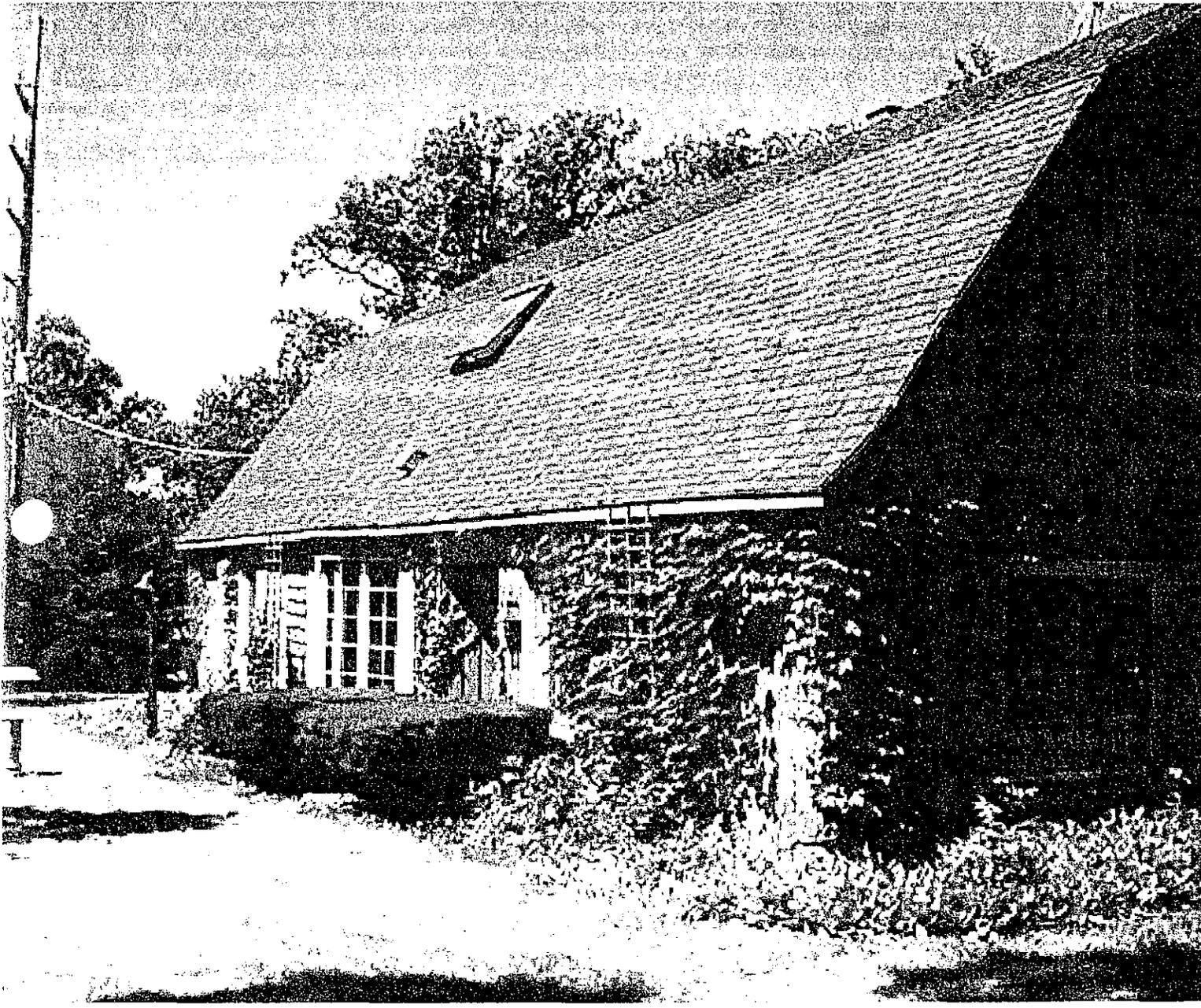
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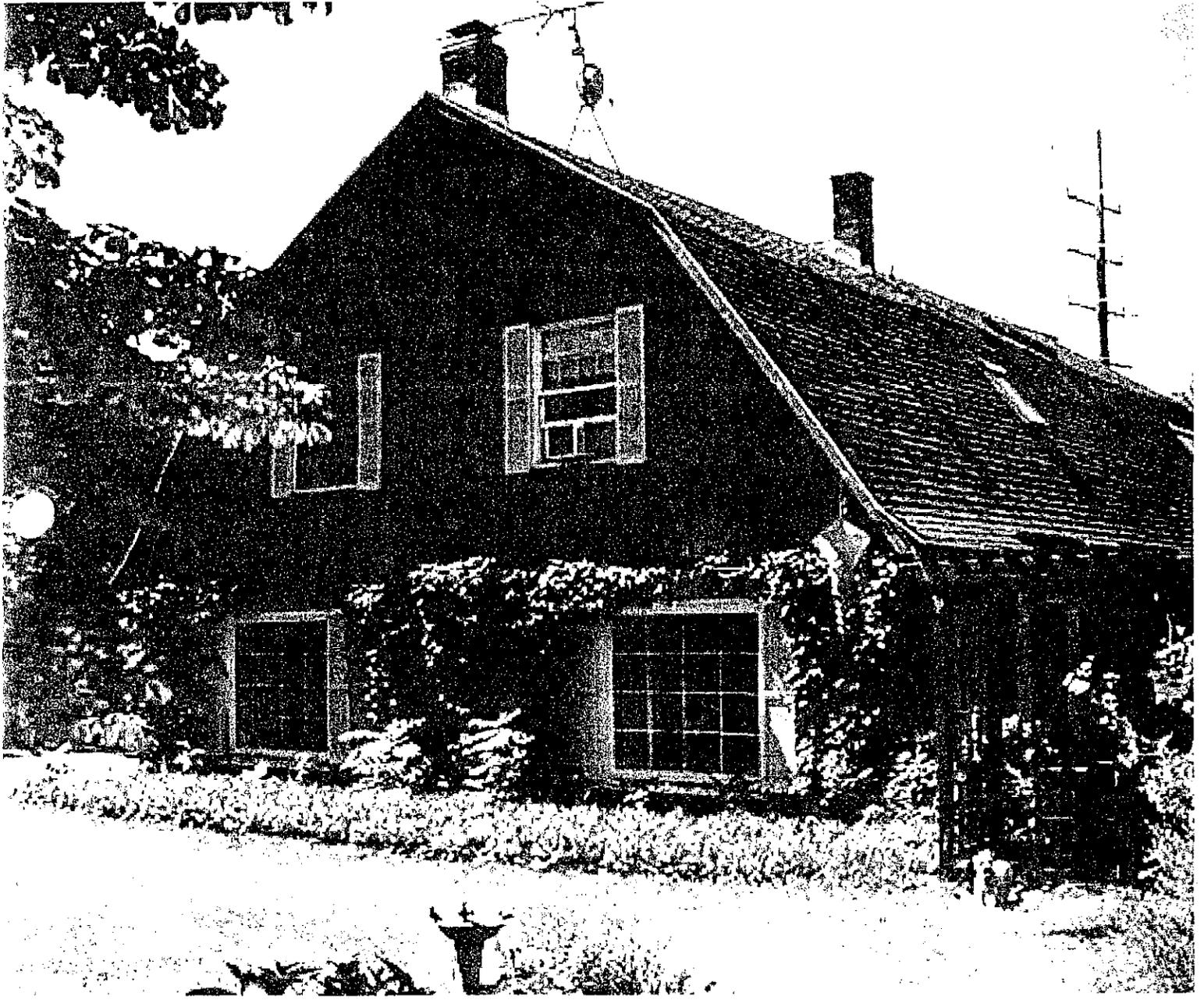
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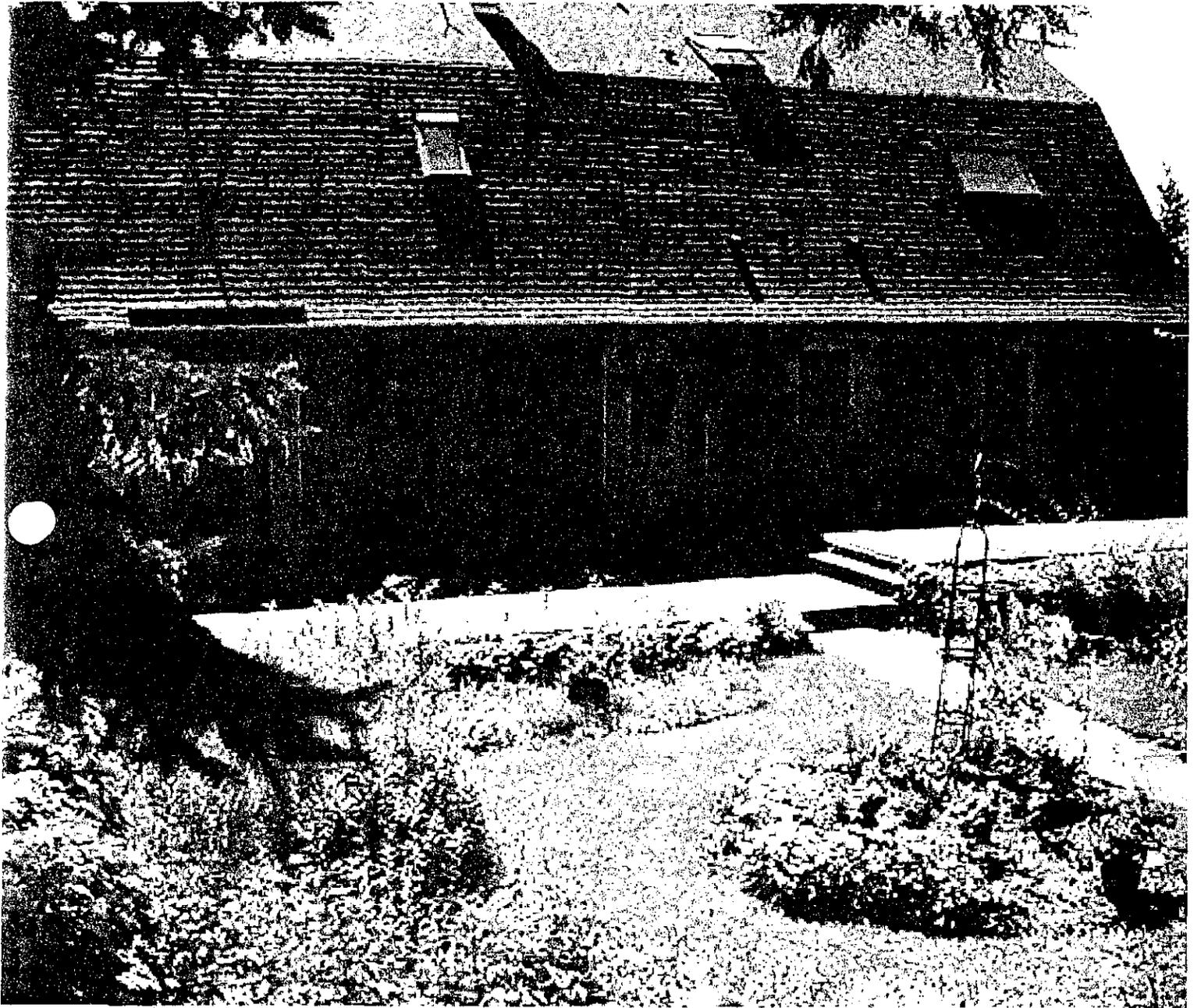
Yet another side has been completed. Thank you for all of your support since 4 commission members volunteered their time to be costumed reenactors for the Harvest Gathering with another commissioner in attendance. We had 87 people in attendance with 19 costumed reenactors.

ATTACHMENT 73









**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Survey and Landmarking Committee
Preliminary Committee Report**

10-4-01

David G. Stack

Attention Maryanne Wanaski

The property at 225 E. Prairie, is an Italianate style Victorian. The exterior of the structure is in excellent condition. A room addition was put onto the south end of the house. A small amount of the original siding could be replaced. All of the buttresses are in good shape. The interior of the building was remodeled into a 2 flat. The front stair case and railing is original and in excellent condition, but closed off to the first floor level and is used only to gain access to the second floor apartment. Most of the original woodwork and hard wood floors are intact. There is a cast iron fireplace front, but the fireplace opening has been bricked up to accommodate for venting the heating appliances. The lime stone foundation is in good condition. On the exterior, the structure is an excellent example of the Italianate style architecture.

9/13 - 9/15

Notes from 2001 Landmark Historic
Preservation Council Annual Meeting.
attended by Kevin Hough

I statewide or national programs:

A. Property Tax assessments Freeze Program

Mike Ward LG-SC, IHPA Residential
Property can have 8 year freeze on
property assessments. Won't be penalized
for improvements. Taxes gradually brought
up to full assessments after 12 years.

Property must be on Historical register, either
Local Landmark or National.

Owners must spend at least 25% of
assessor's market value of house

B. Easement program: allow for property
owner to take tax deduction if property
is donated. Easements provide Rock
solid status. Preserves as much as little
as wanted.

Tax deduction: after donation value
taken when house is sold? - before donation value
= tax deduction -

Property must be part of National Register to be
allowed.

Could be adapted to county uses by offering
easements on specific features - similar to
road program.

Benefit: ~~is~~ it's like Plaquing but with teeth.
single family residences to industrial

C. Discussion of dissolution of Illinois Registry of
Historic Places versus NRHP. Illinois offers no teeth.
offers extra step - leads into preservation Duplicative.

III Questions and comments

A: - Get software that can overlay improvements to property - or have architectural firms available for recommendations.

- What happens to county landmarked property that becomes incorporated?

Should we sponsor County Historic Preservation Conference.

Historic landmarks should have same rules as those under IEPA wetland rules. Builders must show impact.

Requestor: CLGOMEZ
Performance Accounting

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Date/Time of Report: 11/14/2001 13:46:07

County of McHenry
Expenditure Financial Analysis Inquiry
Fiscal Period: Month 12 2001 Appn Yr: 2001
Act/Bal: Year Activity

Style: Tabular
Dept: 10
Org:
Summarize by: OCA 100020 Historic Preservation
Primary Detail by: Object Lvl 3 Secondary Detail by: (None)

Object Lvl 3	Object Lvl 3 Title	Appn Budget	Enc/Preenc	Expend	Balance
4005	Association Dues/Membersh	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$40.00
4055	Contractual Printing	\$2,641.07	\$1,051.07	\$269.00	\$1,321.00
4060	Legal Notices & Advertisem	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$639.56	(\$389.56)
5010	Office Supplies	\$955.60	\$755.60	\$0.00	\$200.00
5050	Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5060	Photography	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
5210	Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$63.60	\$36.40
		\$4,296.67	\$1,806.67	\$1,082.16	\$1,407.84

Faxed to David Ciervais 11-14-01 

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
November 7, 2001 Meeting
Gloria Mack Report

Municipal Liaison - I sent the Village of Greenwood an example of an intergovernmental agreement with a letter outlining our purpose (see attached). I sent copies to Van Vogel and Nancy Fike. Van Vogel called me and thanked me for the copy of the letter and requested a copy of the Ordinance. Jim Hogue mailed him a copy of the ordinance and a copy of the original application. If I don't hear anything from anyone in the next week or two I will contact Greenwood and see if I can be on the agenda of their next meeting.

I spoke to Dave Baughman of the LPCI regarding their upcoming annual conference. He told me that the 2002 meeting will be in the Chicago area and has been decided upon. He also said we should put together a packet for the 2003 conference and send it to LPCI in Chicago. I spoke to Nancy Baker, planner for the City of Woodstock, and hopefully we can work together to see the conference in Woodstock.

Huntley Landmarking went well. I worked with Paul Ostrander to plan the ceremony, Gail provided the programs. About 35 people attended. I sent invitations to all 4 County Board Members, (see attached) they all attended and presented the plaque. The plaque situation was close to a disaster. After Tony left and Jim left, no one picked up the ball. It has historically been the Survey Chairs responsibility to order the plaque. Let's decide this tonight. Maryanne, and Nina scrambled to get the plaque, The vendor provided us a temporary plaque suitable for indoor use. It was very nice. The Park District hasn't decided where to affix the plaque so this all worked out. The Huntley Park District presented us with "At Home in Huntley 1851 - 2001 History Books". I sent a thank-you note on behalf of the Commission. (see attached)

~~Christmas Party~~ and Jennifer's bon voyage - I checked into places that had rooms, in my area. (Joey T's), The Village Squire, and The Old Country Buffet, Crystal Lake. Nicolino's said they had a room, but in fact they didn't. Let's plan tonight so we can post and make reservations.

See you all next month.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



11/7/01 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

AWARDS:

We will be voting on the awards tonight. However, results will not be available until next week, Nov. 14th, at the presentation ceremony to be held at the Historical Society Museum in Union (7:30pm). I took slides of all of the nominated structures & Gloria sent congrats/invite letters to all nominations.

We will be giving awards in 9 categories. All commission members are to attend the ceremony (with name tags on). Thank you Gloria Mack & Michael Walkup for your nominations. Those, plus mine, plus some from other historic groups netted an impressive field of preservation efforts. This is one "feel-good" program that we do that gives positive reinforcement thus encouraging more preservation.

SURVEY & LANDMARKING:

The Huntley farmstead landmarking went very well, greatly due to Gloria's organization effort. Thanks Gloria. However, it is this committee's responsibility to order the plaque which we surely will be better organized for this next time. Thanks to Maryanne for getting a excellent substitute for the permanent plaque (It is brass mounted on wood & looks very professional).

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

We will need to update this again for the addition of the Stowell-Deike Farmstead in Huntley.

RURAL SURVEY:

Thank you, Maryanne, for jumping into the proposal part of this and getting it written & submitted on time. Hopefully we will get a positive response.

PUBLICATIONS:

I will generate business cards for our new members.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration:

(Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located in Glacial Park.)

The fourth and final side of the house has been completely restored and painted, thus completing phase 1 of this project. I heartily thank all of our volunteers for a job well done. By using volunteer labor we were able to adhere to a higher level of quality in our work (yes, we are all perfectionists).

We will continue working on smaller inside projects on the house and continue to take care of any needs of general maintenance so as to not add any burden to the staff. We are also planning continuing with the public programs we have been able to do at the house. Afterall, the house and its setting are too special not to share it with members of the community.

The McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission



*cordially invites you and your guest to attend
a dinner meeting to celebrate
the beginning of the holiday season*

*at Joey Jo on the Fox
1202 North Riverside Drive
McHenry, Illinois
on Wednesday December 5, 2001
at 7:15 in the evening*

Cash Bar - Purchase off the menu

*R.S.V.P. by December 3rd, 2001
Regrets only (815) 334-4560 (Nina)*

