



Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Newsletter

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50 Civil War Veterans To Be Honored 11-11-15

On Veterans Day last year, the walk leading up to the Old Courthouse Museum was lined with 40 luminaria honoring the County's Civil War veterans. Each luminary contained the face and the name of an individual veteran.

Luminaria will line the walk again on Veterans Day this year, and ten additional Civil War veterans have been added:

Gilbert BAILIE
William BECK
Carl BECKER
Benjamin BRADLEY
William ENSIGN
William EYESTONE
George PARKS
David PATTERSON
Fred RANSOM
Ira WOOD

These gentlemen were honored in 2014 and will be included again in 2015:

John Bellchamber	William Compton	William Cooper	James Devore
George Duckwitz	Thomas Dunn	Henry Eversman	Lewis Field
John Funkhouser	Robert Gibson	Adalbert Gravenhorst	John Groves
John Gwin	David Holloway	Emmanuel Knierim	John LaCrone
John Ludwig	Samuel Mc Elhiney	John Mc Kinnon	George Michels
Jesse Newman	Sidney Newcomb	Thomas Ransom	Lucius Rose
Hiram Shouse	John Snook	Riley Shrigley	Joseph Siddens
Charles Smith	John Starner	John Taylor	Henry Uptmore
Edward Upton	George Wade	James Wallace	Addison Webb
Perigrine White	John Wilson	Benson Wood	Owen Wright

The Veteran's Day Luminaria Project is a collaborative effort of the ECCCMA and Teutopolis American Legion Post 924. Profiles of the newly added veterans have been placed in the Civil War Veterans binder in the Museum Veterans Room Annex.

ECCCMA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Museum is to establish, maintain, and operate a museum for the general public, and to collect, research, care for and interpret materials and artifacts of cultural and historical interest to the residents of, and visitors to, Effingham County, Illinois. Our vision is that the 1872 Effingham County Courthouse remains as an architectural gem that instills a sense of community pride and provides a venue to educate and showcase the history, art, and transportation of Effingham County. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Hours

Usual hours March-November Tuesday & Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM
Other hours by special arrangement
Closed to the general public December-February, except for special programming

Accessibility

The museum is wheelchair accessible from the east side entrance just off the parking lot. Toilet facilities that are wheelchair accessible can be found in the west exhibit room.

Collection Building

The scope of the Museum's collection is directed by its Mission Statement. Donations are accepted of objects that relate directly to the Museum's mission of collecting materials and artifacts of cultural and/or historical interest.

Board and Officers

President	Delaine Donaldson	
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Rodeo Parade June 17, 2015



Many locals watched the rodeo parade from the vantage point of the Effingham Courthouse Museum lawn last June.

Rain didn't scare them away, and neither did the shots fired in the gun fight reenactment on the corner by Scrubby's Pub.

The Caledonia Fire truck, which responded to the 1949 St. Anthony fire disaster, was one of the parade participants.

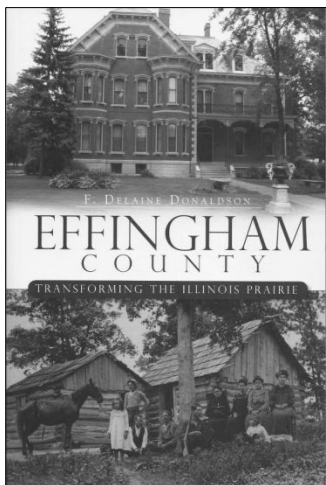
The rodeo riders presented themselves as a group to the crowd, seated on a flat bed.



The Museum was open and a good time was had by all!



Available for Purchase at the Museum - Proceeds benefit museum projects



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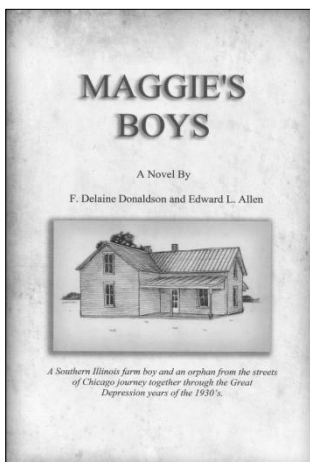
Author: F. Delaine Donaldson

Published: 2010, The History Press, Charleston, SC

126 pages 6 inch x 9 inch PB ISBN: 978.1.59629.965.8

Price: \$20.00

Description: A history of Effingham County drawn from local and other sources from the time of the Native Americans through the mid-20th century. Includes a complete list of sources. Fifty-seven period and current illustrations, including photographs from Effingham, Altamont, Mason, Teutopolis, Montrose, and Edgewood.



Title: Maggie's Boys

Authors: F. Delaine Donaldson & Edward L. Allen

Published: 2013, Kingery Printing Company, Effingham, IL

166 pages 5.5 inch x 8.5 inch PB

Price: \$10.00

Description: A fictionalized account of life during the Great Depression in Effingham County, as experienced by two teen aged boys, Frank and Pete. Original art work by local artists Vera Keplar and Jonathon Donaldson, who is the nephew of the first author.



Title: Mother Mary Ann Brown Newcomb: Effingham Civil War Nurse

Author: Linda Hatke Ruholl

Published: 2013, BeeSquared Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio

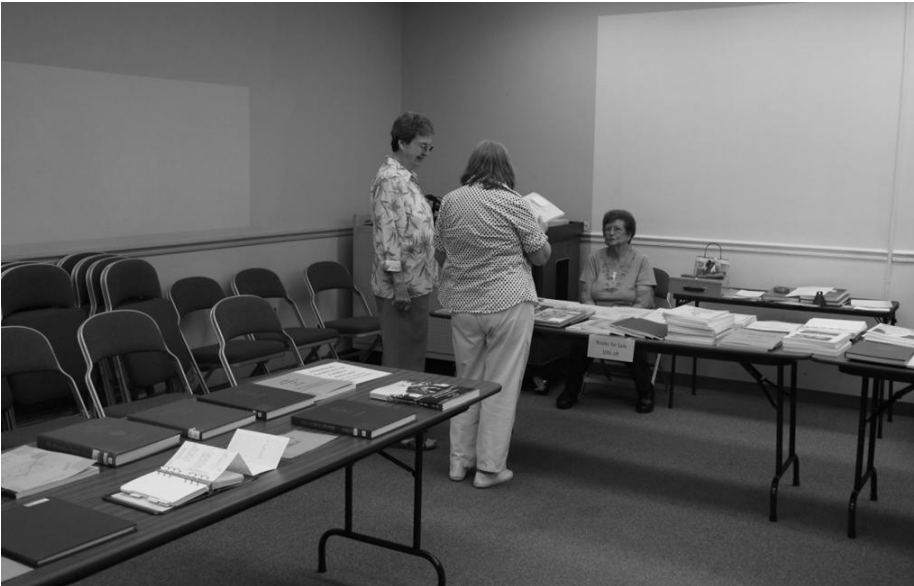
308 pages 6 inch x 9 inch PB ISBN: 978.0615855301

Price: \$20.00

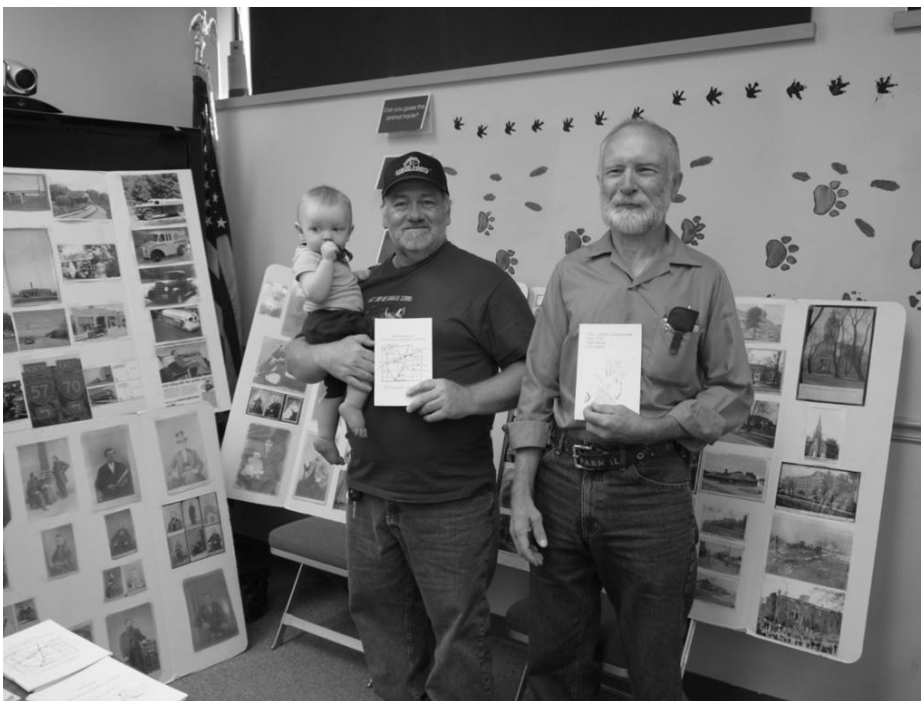
Description: Account of the experiences of a local Civil War volunteer nurse who served 1861-1865 with Grant's Army. End notes in Chicago Manual of Style. Full bibliography, index and 267 B & W illustrations.

35 Years and Counting

The Effingham Genealogy and Historical Society, our sister organization, celebrated their 35th Anniversary on June 27, 2015 with an Open House in the Luttrell Room of the Helen Matthes Library. Multiple exhibits of historical photographs, family histories, family trees and cemetery stone photographs were on display. Those attending were eligible for a 10% discount on the Society's vast assortment of publications. Some lucky visitors walked away with door prizes, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



Elenor Poe Bounds(L) & Catherine Heiden (R) discussed publications with a visitor at the Open House.



Kevin Roberston (L) and Howard Rentfrow (R) won copies of Effingham County Bicentennial Commission publications. **Jane Ries'** display of historic photographs are in the background.

An Artifact Speaks



ECCCMA members **Delaine Donaldson**, **LoElla Baker**, and **Linda Ruholl** attended "An Artifact Speaks," a workshop sponsored by the University of Illinois at the Effingham Extension Center on July 7, 2015. The speaker was **Kim Sheahan**, Assistant Director of Education at U of I Spurlock Museum. Ms. Sheahan shared various ways teachers can present social studies content to grade school children through artifacts, games, folktales and hands-on activities.

The ECCCMA docents will be using Kim Sheahan's suggestions for engaging students during field trips to the Old Courthouse Museum. All local school districts are struggling with budget constraints, and the County Museum is ready to help those teachers and students.

Educators who want to schedule a field trip to Old County Courthouse are encouraged to contact President Delaine Donaldson at the museum, 217-540-8655. Outside of regular hours, leave a message, and we will get back to you.

ECCCMA Membership Application

Please print clearly.

Detach and mail to: ECCCMA, P. O. Box 324, Effingham, IL 62401

Name _____

Mailing address _____

email address: _____

Check # _____ enclosed for one year membership:
_____ \$25.00 individual _____ \$ 50.00 family

Membership can also be obtained via PayPal by visiting the ECCCMA website:
www.effinghamcountymuseum.org

New in the Train Room



A Model of the Museum in the Museum

The Old Effingham County Courthouse is now featured in the Train Room, just to your right as you enter from the central hallway. **Jo and Russ Thomas** have done it again - a beautiful scale model of an Effingham County icon!

Documented visitor statistics

First quarter (Jan.-Mar.)	142 (Jan. & Feb. open for special events only)
Second quarter (April-June)	845
Third quarter (July-Sept.)	<u>540</u>
Year to date	1,527 *

*numbers account for approximately 2/3 of actual visitors because many do not sign the register

EffingHAM JAM July 24-25, 2015



The Old Courthouse Museum was surrounded by delicious tastes and smells on the evening of Friday, July 24 and all day Saturday, July 25.

The south and west sides of the square around the Museum were lined with tents and trailers and portable cookers, as contestants from all over Illinois and surrounding states gathered to display their BBQ skills with various cuts of pork and chicken.

The north side of the square housed the Farmers' Market. Local vendors provided attendees with fragrant peaches and juicy sweet corn, green beans, zucchini and many varieties of melon. Authentic German rye and sweet breads were available to the person looking for something to go with that first cup of coffee. Handmade rugs and blankets, creative doggie treats, and jewelry made with semi-precious stones or from repurposed items vied for visitors' dollars. Few people went away empty handed.

The Museum was open and enjoyed by many Ham Jam visitors.





October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Museum open 10-2
4	5	6 Open 10-2	7	8	9	10 Open 10-2
11	12	13 Open 10-2 Membership Meeting 6PM Board meeting 7:30 PM	14	15	16	17 Open 10-2
18	19	20 Open 10-2	21	22	23	24 Open 10-2
25	26	27 Open 10-2	28	29	30	31 Open 10-2



November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Museum Open 10-2
8	9	10 Open 10-2	11	12 First in 2015- 2016 Historic Lecture Series 7PM Media Room	13	14 Open 10-2
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29	30					



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Historic Lecture Series 2015-2016

Doors open 6:00 PM

Presentation starts @ 7:00 PM



November 12, 2015

December 10, 2015

January 14, 2016

February 11, 2016

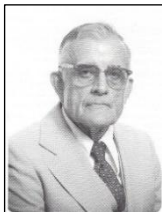
March 10, 2016

Join Us on **Thursday ~ November 12, 2015 @ 7:00 PM @ the Museum** for the 1st lecture
Doors open 6:00 PM

"Early History of the Effingham County Health Department"

Rebecca Merten of the Health Department and **Linda Ruholl** of the Museum

will explain how these two volunteers set the stage for a county health department...



Clinton Cutright



Marie Loy

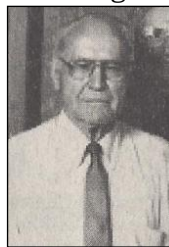
and how these three Board Members launched the organization...



Dr. Henry Runde



J.H. Griffin



Dr. Herb Webb

and how these two ECHD professionals arranged for 928 safe home deliveries of 937 babies after the 1949 St. Anthony's fire, with no maternal deaths.



Marj Schafie, RN



Dr. Fred Tonney