

# Batavia Historical Society

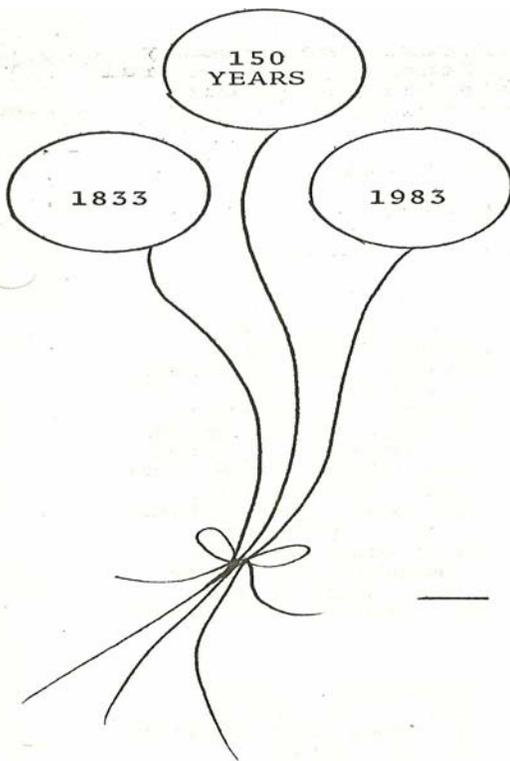
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THE BATAVIA HISTORIAN

Winter, 1983

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!



Please come to the first general meeting of the year.

DATE: Sunday, March 6, 1983

PLACE: The Holmstad,  
Fabyan Parkway entrance

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: "BATAVIA -- A TRIBUTE TO ITS TIME"

Be one of the first Batavians to see this exciting multi-media history of our city filmed in "living color." The presentation begins with Batavia's past and then gives a panoramic view of life in Batavia, circa 1982. "Batavia -- A Tribute To Its Time" was created by Robert Popeck, Tim Mair, Dennis Anderson, and Jeff Schielke. We thank them for this unique birthday gift and hope you will bring family and friends to the March 6 meeting of our Society.

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REMINDER -- 1983 DUES ARE DUE!

Please keep my membership current. Dues for 1983 are enclosed.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

RATES: Single: \$ 3

Tandem: \$5

Sustaining: \$10

Life: \$50

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers were elected at the December meeting of the Society.

President	Leigh and Penny Tracy	)
Secretary	Mary Matteson	) 1 yr. terms
Treasurer	Elliot Lundberg	)
Trustees	Jean Conde	) 2 yr. terms
	William Wood	)

Ed LaMotte and Walter and Georgene Kauth will continue as trustees, serving the second year of their term. The officers, with regret, have accepted the resignation of Earle and Lillian Horton as Vice-Presidents, which now leaves a vacancy on the board. If you are interested in applying for the rewarding position of Vice-President, please contact the Tracys (879-7429).

SESQUI UPDATE

At the January board meeting, the officers unanimously voted to contribute \$500 to the Sesquicentennial general fund, expressing support for Batavia's birthday celebrations. Our own "Sesqui" projects include:

- \* plaquing of 100-year-old buildings
- \* participation in the July 4th Landmark Walk
- \* restoration of the Coffin Bank
- \* promotion of the book "Historic Batavia"
- \* membership recruitment
- \* sale of Depot Museum-Sesquicentennial keychains (delivery approx . mid-April)

BUSY BEES

On most Friday mornings, there is a hub of activity upstairs at the Depot Museum when Dorothy Hanson, Helen Anderson (Mrs. Ray), Marilyn Phelps, Jean Conde, and Penny Tracy meet for their weekly 4-hour work session. Under the professional guidance of Dorothy Hanson, the team of workers sort, catalog, type, mark, and store our Society's artifacts. A current project is the cataloging and storing of photographs. The most difficult part is recognizing people and buildings. The box labeled "to be identified" will soon be filled. Perhaps a "Picture Party" can be part of a future Historical Society meeting where members can aid in our search for names and places. Any member wishing to help with this project (the books are next!) may join the Friday morning group. Please contact Dorothy Hanson (879-7492).

DO YOU HAVE A COPY?

Copies of Historic Batavia by John A Gustafson and Jeffery D. Schielke are still available. The paperback book sells for \$7.50 and gives "a complete history of the city of Batavia, Illinois, from the first settler of this area up to the present year -- 1980." The books are available at the Depot Museum or can be ordered through the Society by mail (please add \$1.50 to cover handling and postage). The books make wonderful gifts, too.

NEW MUSEUM  
ACQUISITIONS

The following donations have been received and add to the wealth of our collection.

- 1) A letter to Mayor John Van Burton, City of Batavia, from L.B. Turner, Vice President, U.S. Wind Engine & Pump Co., dated October 26, 1936; re: sewer connections. (discovered and saved by Walter Kauth)
- 2) A \$500 check from Elizabeth Hall (a director of the Furnas Foundation), "This gift comes to the Society because I love you (Lucile Gustafson) and know how much this worthwhile organization means to you."
- 3) The Winter, 1983 edition of "Windmillers' Gazette" featuring Daniel Halladay and the "U.S." Windmills. Many of the photographs shown are courtesy of the Batavia Historical Society. The issue includes an invitation to visit Daniel Halladay's town and gives a guide to Batavia's historic sites.

We have purchased 200 copies of this issue and will sell them at the Museum.

- 4) An old, wood desk chair believed to be from one of the local banks, for ultimate use in the restoration of the Coffin Bank. (discovered and saved by Georgene Kauth).
- 5) A November, 1933 issue of "Household Management" published by the Household Journal Company, 45 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia, Illinois, Ellen H. Bjorseth, Editor. The journal was "published monthly excepting for the months of May, June, July, August and September." Subscription price: one year, 25¢. (Sent to us by the Curator of the DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County, Ithaca, New York).  
  
Do any of you remember this journal or Ellen H. Bjorseth? And what did she do during those months?
- 6) A copy of the 1860 Kane County Census (purchased by the Batavia Historical Society).
- 7) A folding, wooden lap board used for a writing surface, complete with patent label dated August 18, 1874 -- inventor, John E. Cotton (given by Leigh and Penny Tracy).
- 8) 2 copies of "A Century of Grace: An Eternity in Glory" Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, Illinois -- 1882 to 1982, centennial issues commemorating the 100th Anniversary of this church (given by Pastor Donald W. Moll).

FROM THE GUSTAFSON HOUSE -- We are just beginning to sort boxes of Historical Society files; clippings, and keepsakes and to catalog some wonderful treasures from the Gustafsons' personal belongings. Included in this last category are some Boy Scout memorabilia (equipment catalogs and Scouting magazines). Organized in 1915,

Troop #3 began with a few problems, according to John Gustafson:

"Carl Aspen started a scout troop in St. Charles, the first one in the area. There were those who wanted to start a troop in Batavia, but eight boys were needed to start one, and there were only seven initially interested. But then Arnold Gustafson (John's brother) was asked to join, and he became the needed eighth member. Arnold is the only member of that first troop still living."

"The first leader of the group was Berthe Mann, but it was discovered that the Scouts wouldn't allow a female Scoutmaster. The boys asked Pastor Higginbotham of the Congregational Church, who agreed to become the first Scoutmaster of Batavia."

By 1917, Troop #3 had 27 Scouts.

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FROM THE GUSTAFSON HOUSE -- Another item given to the Museum, is described by Lucile Gustafson "as possibly being one of the most valuable possessions our Society has. The maps were bought years ago by my father." She is referring to 5 sheets which comprise the Sanford Fire Maps of downtown Batavia, as drawn in October, 1885. The maps give the following description of Batavia:

Population --- 4,000  
No Steam and 1 Hand Engine  
No Independent Hose Carts  
Water Facilities --- Not Good  
Prevailing Winds --- W. & S.W.

The maps are drawn to a scale of 50' to an inch, and inventory existing buildings and their uses. The maps are particularly detailed for industrial buildings. An example is the Newton Wagon Company; the map details the equipment inventory, the scale of rooms, the hose connections, the indoor wood storage areas, and the outdoor lumber piles.

We are very fortunate to have such a valuable resource which allows us to see our city as it stood 100 years ago. We plan to preserve and display these maps in the near future.

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The following letter is from someone who had a February birthday. A copy of the original was found in a file folder. You will recognize the name.

Springfield, May 1, 1860

T.C. Moore, Esq.

Dear Sir

I now find it will be impossible for me "to be with you on the 5th. I regret this; but I am not personally very prepossessing; and our good friends in Kane, as elsewhere, have seen all my thoughts on paper; ever hence they will not be much the losers.

Yours truly  
A. Lincoln

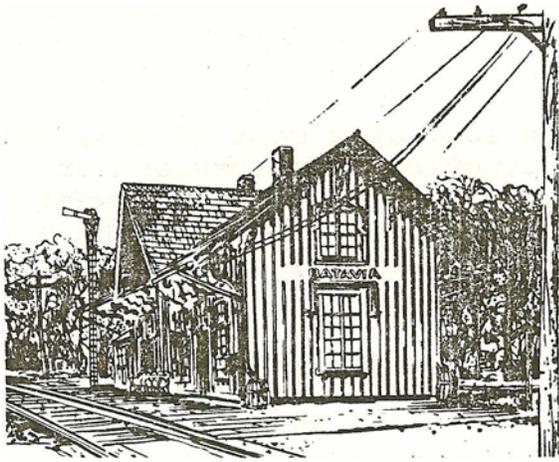
TAKE A WALK! ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER!  
HOW MANY OF THESE HOUSES STILL STAND?



Back in the nineties, each city, town or village boasted of its fine residences, which were referred to proudly as show places. So in 1894, when material was being gathered for the publication of the "Headlight," nothing would do but that the photographer had to come to Batavia, drive up and down the streets with his horse and buggy, and decide which homes were suitable for reproduction in that esteemed publication. And the photographer set his instrument in front of eleven Batavia homes, threw a big black cloth over his head, looked thru the glass to see

that he had his victim spotted, muttered a few words about looking pleasant and snapped his history making pictures. Above we print the results of that afternoon's work on Batavia streets. Many of these homes are easy to recognize. The J. P. Prindle home is now the Hollister Funeral Home. The Captain D. C. Newton home is now the Batavia Public Library. If the fence were removed, the H. K. Wolcott home would look very much the same as it does to day. The other homes are the Oscar Anderson, corner of W. Wilson and Jackson street, now occupied by the

son, W. L. Anderson; the Wm. Van Nortwick home, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Van Nortwick; the E. W. McCullough home on North Batavia avenue; the Geo. Spooner home on Main street, west of Washington street; the Wm. T. Pratt home on First street, occupied by the James Sayers family; the Geo. H. Burnett home on S. Batavia avenue, now occupied by the L. D. Cronk's; the F. E. George home on N. Prairie, now occupied by the Hoag's, and the John A. Anderson home on McKee street in which Mrs. J. A. Anderson still lives.



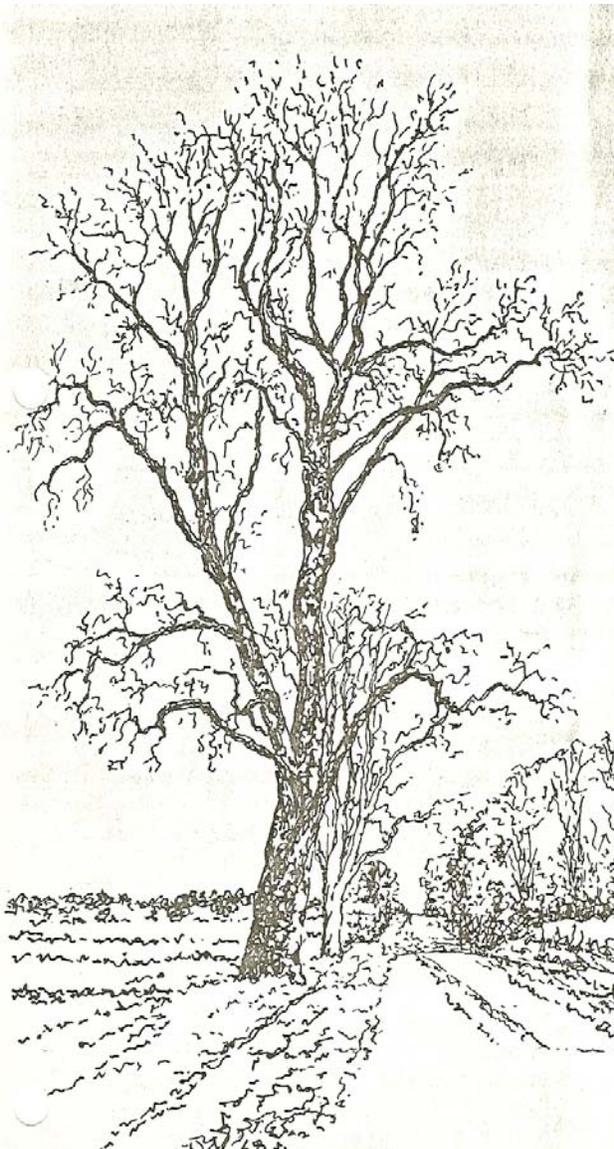
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Spring, 1983



### IN SEARCH OF FAMILY TREES . . . . .

Date: Sunday, May 29, 1983

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Civic Center (upstairs)

327 W. Wilson St.

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Robinson

Ms. Robinson, a local authority; will present an introduction to genealogy. Why trace your ancestors? Where do you begin? Where can you find information? What do you do with the information you have found? Ms. Robinson will display some "family trees" she has researched and will answer questions, following her presentation.

Plan to attend the spring meeting of the Society and discover the exciting world of family history.

(Sketch courtesy of John A. Gustafson, titled "Two Old Cottonwoods, Main St. Road West of Batavia, Ill.")

INSIDE: Special feature "The Burtons and Batavia, Illinois," excerpts from a genealogy compiled by Joseph R. Burton.

**LOYALTY DAY  
PARADE**

Did you see our Newton Wagon as one of the parade entries? Our thanks to Batavian D. Sauter who made it all possible. He located a truck and trailer and, with the help of Chuck Kuhn from the Park District, unlocked the wagon from its storage shed and took her for a drive for all of Batavia to admire. The wagon, purchased by the Society last February, is in such perfect condition, that our experts advised against pulling it with a team of horses until she could be properly “greased and oiled.” So Dan, whose hobbies include wagons and windmills, has offered to get her “in shape” for next year’s parade.

**SESQUICENTENNIAL  
KEYCHAINS**

Our own Historical Society’s birthday souvenirs are now on sale at the Depot Museum for \$3.50 each. The heavy metal keychain is a replica of the Depot with “BATAVIA 1833-1983” imprinted on it. The tags have an antiqued gold finish, and are very attractive and practical. They are great gifts, too. To order keychains by mail, please add 75¢ to cover postage.

**REMINDER**

The Batavia Sesquicentennial Historical Housewalk to benefit Riverwalk Project is just days away. The \$10 donation includes a tour of 6 historic homes plus lunch and crafts demonstration. The date is May 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the First National Bank of Batavia, Batavia Bank, Batavia Savings and Loan, and the Batavia Park District Office.

**UPDATE ON  
UPSTAIRS**

When you next visit the Depot, be sure great Curator Carla Hill in her newly decorated office. Carpeting and cork have replaced the floor boards and bare walls for a very professional and attractive-looking work area. The outer work rooms, where our Friday morning volunteers continue to catalog, sort, and store, are a delight to be a part of. We thank Carla and the volunteers for the behind-the-scenes work they have all done in making our upstairs area a model of organization.

**NEW PROJECT  
PLANNED**

Our insurance company has advised us that a current inventory of artifacts is needed. A pictorial inventory was started several years ago, but never completed. We need a camera person and someone with appraisal skills to help place values on our holdings. If you can meet one or both of these requirements, please contact Carla Hill (879-1800) or Penny Tracy (879-7429).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Two more houses have been plaqued! The proud owners are:

Mr. & Mrs. Mullinix (1865)  
318 N. Van Buren

Mr. & Mrs. Conde (845)  
210 N. Washington

**BOCHURE AVAILABLE**

The Historical Society is proud to announce the printing of a 3-page guide called “Researching Your Home.” The how-to-date-your-house in a step-by-step manner brochure is free and a must for all used home owners. Available at the Depot or by mail.

THE BURTONS AND  
BATAVIA, ILLINOIS

"The Burtons and Batavia, Illinois," excerpts from a genealogy compiled by Joseph R. Burton with a quote from Arthur M. Burton. In 1975, Joseph R. Burton, now residing in Geneva, presented the Historical Society with a copy of his "family tree" which he compiled, at the request of his four children. The charm of this document lies in the personal tone and approach and lies in the accuracy, clarity, and completeness.

He begins with a quote from Arthur M. Burton, who was then 85 years old:

“There are many things I wish I knew about the Burtons; but when one is young, one does not think of those things.”

On the next page is a list called “Cast of Ancestors” which connects family names with relationships. The history begins with Joseph Burton (1817-1896) who left Yorkshire, England in 1852 and eventually settled in Batavia. “He opened a store to cater to the native residents, the French Canadians, who were imported to clear the timber for the railroad right of way and for the Indian tribes whose campsites were nearby . . . the population of Batavia and its surrounding township in 1850 was only 892.” The first Burton store, made of limestone, still stands on East Wilson Street. “In 1853, he built a limestone home on the Wilson St. hill across from the present Jr. High School”. It, too, still stands with a row of small stores across the front. Joseph Burton later opened a second store on E. Wilson.

Another Burton shop in Batavia was owned by George Burton (1839-1913), Joseph's oldest child, and located at the corner of Batavia Avenue and Main Street. George and his wife lived in a brick Greek Revival house that stood where Parkway Press now stands. Mary Burton (1850-1946), Joseph's daughter, opened yet another store, and sold notions and dry goods. Her store is now the north half of Johnson's Drug Store.

Members of the Burton family lived, at one time, on the northeast corner of Batavia Avenue and Houston Street (replaced by a service station), on Union Avenue across from the A. F. Allens, and at 201 N. Batavia Avenue (a stucco house built by Roy Burton (1875-1928) in the early 1900's and currently for sale).

Batavia's Mayor John Van Burton, who served the city in the early 1920's, was a grandson of the first Burton described above.

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We will have this wonderful document, "The Burtons and Batavia, Illinois" on display at the spring meeting (May 29). It is complete with photographs, footnotes, diagrams, and acknowledgements, and may inspire you to begin researching your family's history.

In his letter to the Gustafsons which accompanied the genealogy, the author wrote "Certainly there are items (here) which can be used to substantiate the records of the Batavia Historical Society." The last entry is dated April 14, 1975:

"Yesterday, the Batavia Historical Society opened the doors of its building for the first time. Hundreds toured the premises . . . . Just inside the main entrance is a mannequin wearing Ann Benson Burton's wedding dress and bonnet -- a gift from your Mother and me. Grandmother's picture and a short biography complete the display."

# Batavia Historical Society

Batavia, Illinois



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Summer 1983

The Batavia Historical Society will host its Spring/Summer meeting on Sunday, June 14th at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Main Street and Batavia Avenue. All members and guests of the Society are cordially invited to attend. The program will be as follows:

Welcome and Business Meeting . . . . .

Display of paintings, sketches and drawings  
which depict Batavia . . . . .

A short history of Batavia's Annual Fall Art  
Show on the Library Lawn by Marge  
Rundle.

We are assembling a number of works of art to show off during Sunday's program. Also to be featured will be a presentation to Rev. Green of Calvary Church of a 100 year plaque marking the anniversary of his Church's building construction in 1880. The Society, as was announced at our January session, has revived the Historic Plaque Program which for a number of years was in limbo. Applications for consideration by the board of this program are available at the Depot Museum.

Also at the Museum are a number of "Remembrance Sheets" for members and old-timers of town to write down their memories of life in the Batavia of past years. We recently received a nice remembrance from Mrs. Helen (Cliff) Anderson of her childhood memories of downtown Batavia and some of the faces and places she could recall. We are hoping to develop a storehouse of such tales as told from a personal side into the files of the Depot Museum and we strongly encourage other members to contribute their thoughts and memories. Again, our pre-printed form with ample room for writing out your Batavia memories are available at the Depot Museum.

Sales continue to be strong for the republished version of HISTORIC BATAVIA which the Society printed earlier this year. Copies sold so far have been sent worldwide (Bob Ducar bought several copies which found their way to mainland China to the hands of some scientists who had visited Fermilab and were taken with our community). The color reproduction of the John Falter painting of the "pond" skating scene seems to be a popular attraction for the many customers. The nicely reproduced woodcuts of John Gustafson also seem to be much in demand and help sell plenty of books. John's art work of the old stone bridge along Wilson Street seems to be a widespread attraction to many book buyers.

Speaking of John Gustafson, we have learned that he was recently honored by the American Legion for 62 years of continuous membership in that organization. We also might note as a side comment that the tree which the Society planted to honor John upon his reaching his 90th birthday last August is growing tall and strong along side the Depot Museum site at Houston Street. Chuck Kuhn and his park district maintenance crew have been providing the young tree with TLC (tender, loving, care) and it seems to be responding quite well to its new environment.

The coming summer months are offering a number of interesting community events for us all to part-take in. The 4th of July fireworks show will once more be held on the lawn of the Batavia High School Athletic Field on our nation's birthday (its 205th). The big show once more starts at dusk under the direction of the Batavia Park District with loads of cooperation from other city agencies and governments.

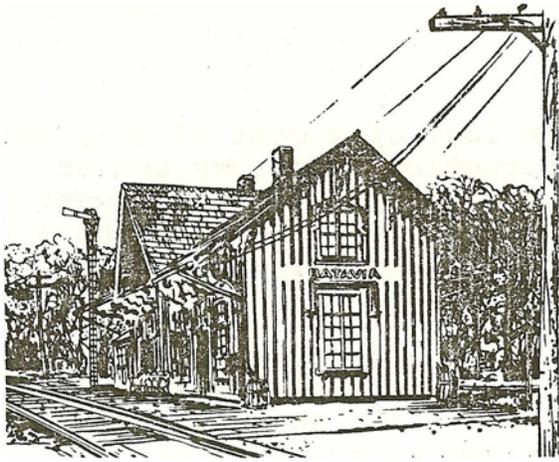
On July 24, 25, 26, the Windmill City Festival will be held in downtown Batavia and the new retail outlets in town should offer plenty of new attractions for all to enjoy. We hear of plans to have an art show on the lawn of the Batavia Junior High School, Wilson St. and Batavia Avenue, the days of the Festival which should add yet more community atmosphere to the celebration.

Saturday, September 12th is the big date for the Annual Outdoor Art Show on the lawn of the Batavia Public Library. This year with the construction of the new library building up the street the appearance of the event may take on some changes but we're sure the spirit and talent of the day will once more be quite apparent. The city has decided to block off West Wilson Street between Batavia Avenue and Lincoln Street to allow for the expansion of the show into the roadway area (and also to take care of the space needs due to the fact that the show lost much of its growing room with the new library). City officials also feel that blocking off this one block of Wilson Street will also add to the safety of the event. At any rate, we'd like to see the Society present and showing off its wares at the Outdoor Art Show in September and hope to secure a display table for just that purpose. Do we have some volunteers who are willing to man our sales and display booth for the Outdoor Show on September 12th?

On Sunday, July 26th, the First Annual Windmill City Family Picnic is being sponsored by the Batavia Chamber of Commerce. A city-wide family picnic is something which our town has long needed and we hope that many organizations will join with the Chamber in making the event an annual one of community fellowship. Does anyone have a suggestion of what the Society could do on the day of the city wide picnic to help promote fun and interest in the event.

Beyond all of this, the city's 150th birthday as a community is just around the corner in 1983. Plans are now being formulated to start the wheels turning to make this a very special event in the history of the city. Look for the appointment of a city-backed commission in the near future to start the whole show into motion.

Lastly, we still need volunteers to help man the Depot Museum on weekends. Those who could volunteer are urged to contact either Georgene Kauth or Jean Conde. We continue to attract a wide variety of visitors to the Depot and want to keep our good record of hospitality in tack.



## *Batavia Historical Society*

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THE BATAVIA HISTORIAN

November, 1983

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THE BATAVIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INVITES YOU TO  
A CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Date: Sunday, December 4, 1983

Time: 5:30 Social Hour  
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 - 7:30 Business Meeting

Place: Holy Cross Hall (parking behind church)

Bring a dish to pass (hot vegetable, salad or dessert) plus your own table service. Meat, beverage and rolls will be provided by the Society.

Reservations required. Please call (by December 1):

Helen or Cliff Anderson (879-3273)  
Georgene or Walter Kauth (879-5290)

We were going to offer a program of holiday music to accompany our dinner, only to discover that the area churches will be combining choirs for a program of Christmas music starting at 4:00 at the Congregational Church. So please join us for a festive dinner following the church program.

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The most important item of business for the Society is the election of officers for the coming year. The Society is governed by 4 officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) and 4 Trustees. The officers serve 1-year terms and the trustees serve 2 years. We need your help. Most of the present board have held board positions for several years and they feel that new leadership (with an expanded committee structure) is vital to the future of our Society. Please consider the many rewards and minor frustrations of a board position. Our Society can only be as active as our members.

From your president:

For those of you who notice such things, I've been remiss in getting out a newsletter and scheduling a meeting before now. Our yearly total has been 3 instead of the planned 4. My three excuses are a return to work (part-time) and to school (part-time), coupled with the responsibilities of full-time motherhood (an active 10-year old son and 2 pre-school daughters).

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your president. I think our Depot Museum is a real treasure and its potential for enriching our lives is unlimited. Our plaqueing of 100-year old buildings in Batavia has just really begun. Our preservation and cataloging of donated artifacts is an on-going project, and finding storage space will soon be a project in itself. The Batavia Historical Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1985 and will have an impressive list of accomplishments to recall at that time. But the story should not end with what we've already done - there is so much more we could do to preserve and promote Batavia's history.

Our Society needs a new president. In fact, we need several officers (vice-president, secretary, and 2 trustees). I am appealing to each one of you to consider taking your turn at leadership. I will be calling many of you within the next week asking you to serve as an officer or trustee. I will be happy to give you a detailed job description at that time and answer any questions you may have about the Society. If you want to call me before I call you, the number is 879-7429. I hope some of you will say yes so we can elect a full slate of officers at the December meeting. The Historical Society needs YOU!

Penny Tracy

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The Society is sad to report the deaths of three members:

Earle Horton  
Eunice Shumway  
Arnold Gustafson

Eunice Shumway was the Society's first president and founding member. Earle Horton was a recent vice-president who shared his long association with Mooseheart with us two summers ago. Mr. Horton and his wife have also been regular Museum volunteers. Arnold Gustafson was the brother of John and Lucile Gustafson and a long supporter of the Society. They will all be missed by many of their Society friends.

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Three interesting pieces of mail have come to the Society in recent months. One was a request from the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country (Mundelein, Illinois) for information on our Depot and the steps involved in turning it into a museum. Ruth Burnham

answered the request for us and forwarded an abundance of material on the "birth" of the Blue Ribbon Committee. A month later she received a newsletter from the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country announcing the move of the "Soo Line Depot" to its new location. The move had been recorded on film and the newsletter announced "It is the climax of many years work and the biggest project our society has ever undertaken. The restoration of the depot will call upon the support and talents of the entire community." Sound familiar?

The second piece of mail came from a young man in Holland who directed his request to the Batavia postmaster, who in turn put the letter in our post office box. The young man had heard of a Dutch windmill near Batavia and wondered if we could send him information. Darlene Larson, coordinator of the Fabyan Preservation Project, supplied us with the detailed history of the Fabyan Windmill which we have since forwarded to Holland.

The last letter read,

Photo showed a beautiful  
fall day, two bikes, a  
woman, and  
ED LAMORTE  
In front of the depot.

"Dear People,

Kindly forward this photo of the attendant of the Batavia Train Station to that gentleman. He was s-o-o friendly. You are fortunate to have him.

P.S. Your riverside trail bike path is the BEST!"

We think Ed LaMorte is a valuable, charming museum guide, too!

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The following memorials have been given to the Historical Society:

For Eunice Shumway . . . .

. . . from the estate of Eunice Shumway (\$1,000)  
. . . from Mr. and Mrs. John Shumway, Sr. (Batavia)  
. . . from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ness (Oswego)  
. . . from David and Nancy Shumway (Batavia)  
. . . from Mrs. Robert Shumway (Batavia)  
. . . from Mary S. Anderson (Aurora)

In memory of Earl Horton, from Walter and Georgene Kauth  
In memory of William Rachielles, from Walter and Georgene Kauth  
In memory of E. Youssi, from Robert and Lillian Brown

. . . The Elaine Cannon Memorial Display Case is now completed and on display at the Depot Museum. There is room for more of her work. If you have any items made by Elaine Cannon and would like to donate them to the Historical Society, please contact Carla Hill (879-1800).

The following items have been donated to the Society for display at the Museum:

From the Yurs Peterson Funeral Home, a radiator (circa 1860) from the dining room of the house built in the early 1850's by Horace Town. Nancy Newlin Pearce, a former owner of the house, recalls her mother using the "warming oven" feature of the radiator to warm the dinner plates and to keep hot dishes warm between servings.

From Marj Rundle, 2 original watercolors of Batavia done by Drusulla Lamkey.

From Vera Colgrove, shoe horns, bingo game, framed photo of employees of Lindgren Foundry.

From Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray Anderson, 5 volumes of The New Students' Reference Work, 1901; various school texts from 1912 - 1919 used by Amy Kline Anderson who was a country school teacher and taught in Batavia Township District 99 from 1919.

From Norma Carlson, issues of the Batavia Herald and a program of "Without Discretion" play based on life of Mary T. Lincoln.

From Annabelle Robertson, long colonial-style dress.

From Batavia Jr. High School, 2 large metal plaques, one with Gettysburg Address, one W.W. I memorial to servicemen from Batavia with special memorial to John Mayo Palmer Benson who "made the supreme sacrifice." Also a framed portrait of Benson.

From Paul & Ruth Hendrickson, Batavia Herald issues, newspaper articles about Fermi Lab, issues of The Village Crier, postcard of interior of Batavia National Bank.

From John & Lucile Gustafson, assorted Boy Scout memorabilia, W.W. I white kid gloves, silk scarves, souvenir handkerchief sent by Arnold Gustafson to his mother, 2 children's books, a school primer McGuffey's Eclectic Third Reader, 1919 issue of "Stars and Stripes", cover of Saturday Evening Post with Batavia Pond picture, certificates of John Lanfalt.

From Hugh Thompson, assorted documentary materials: Appleton and Challenge Co. brochures, vintage automobile manuals.

From Carol Hendrickson Allen, lists of early members of east and west side Batavia Fire Dept., letter from August Hendrickson, Fire Chief, dated 1918, various materials re: ILL Firemen's Assoc.

From Marian Richards (Aurora), 25 photographs including 3 of the Depot and 1 of Depot Agent (Ralph Richards 1900-1926). When the Richards family lived at the Depot, their living room was downstairs (west side rear) with dining room and kitchen adjoining to the south.

From Mary Snow, 2 egg crates, 1 egg basket, 2 ball gowns and petticoat and fancy parasol (costume worn by a member of the Van Nortwick family in 1900), "hand fluter" used to iron ruffles, 2 round concrete grave markers, photos and postcards, Large number of items (documentary) from the Challenge Company, numerous pamphlets, brochures, magazines, Evans Rural Route Directory of Kane County 1916, 1924, Tri-City Directory for 1912-1913, 1924-25, 1928-29, 1936-37, several other books.

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Dorothy Hanson attended a fall workshop on paper conservation in Wheaton sponsored by Congress of Illinois Historical Societies and Museums.