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**STEVENSON HOUSE OPEN HOUSE** -mark your calendar for August 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, for an open house at the Stevenson House (104 W Walnut) from 1pm-3pm. Lots of new artifacts – including the Heinzmann paintings below!

**TOUR HISTORIC METAMORA** – the driving tour of historic Metamora is now up and running. Lots of old pictures, lots of amazing history! You'll find the video on YouTube by typing in Metamora Association for Historic Preservation in the search bar on your phone. A great project on a warm summer day! Check it out! And if you prefer not to drive the tour, it's still a terrific educational experience just watching it on YouTube. (Side note – you can also view the 1986 Old Settlers Parade.)

**Mary, George, and furry pal Lucy Wawro** stopped by the Stevenson House on May 27 on their way from their home in St. Paul, MN to Maine. The purpose of their visit was to present MAHP three paintings which were painted by Mary's great grandmother, Mary Schiltz Heinzmann. The first Mary was the wife of prominent Metamora physician, Dr. Charles (C.B.) Heinzmann.



The painting above is of Dr. C.B. and Mary Schiltz's daughter, Mary Barbara Heinzmann as a child. Sadly, in 1913 while on a trip in Iowa, the family car blew a tire and young Mary, 16 at the time, was killed instantly in the crash. (See story below.) Her father died unexpectedly a few days later.

They, along with mother Mary (Schiltz) (1868-1934) are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.



Mary (nee Schiltz) was an extremely talented artist whose goal when she was younger was to study art in France. While those plans never materialized, Mary was able to continue her work while living in Metamora.



G-granddaughter Mary felt the middle picture was the artist's favorite. The painting on the right used a black background, which was very stylish at this time. The subject was calla lilies and Mary Wawro believes it was painted around 1889.



View the pictures at the Stevenson House Open House.

Dr. C.B. Heinzmann (1866-1913) was the father of Carl Heinzmann, who was the father of Dr. Charles Richard (Dick) Heinzmann (1924-1988), a longtime Metamora dentist. By the way, Dr. C.B.'s mother's name was Barbara.

# DR. HEINZMANN DIES IN DES MOINES HOSPITAL

## Metamora Physician, Injured in Accident in Which Daughter was Killed, Dies at 1:30 a. m. Yesterday

### DEATH COMES UNEXPECTEDLY

#### Particulars Not Received, But Sudden End is Believed to Have Resulted From Blood Clot Affecting Vital Organs—Was Recovering From Injuries

As an overwhelming finale to the fatal automobile accident near Malcom, Iowa, Thursday morning of last week, in which Miss Mary Heinzmann was instantly killed, Dr. C. B. Heinzmann, father of the dead girl, who sustained severe injuries in the accident, died yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock in Mercy hospital, Des Moines.

This news came as a stunning blow to the dead doctor's family and relatives, already overwrought in grief over the death of the daughter of the family, and in view of the fact that every report from the hospital and letters written by the doctor himself gave every assurance that he was not in the slightest danger.

No particulars have been received as to the cause of death, but fellow physicians of the doctor agree that undoubtedly death was due to the formation of an embolus, a clot of blood getting into the circulation from an injured part and affecting either the lungs, heart or brain. In either case death would be reasonably certain.

The body was shipped from Des Moines at 1:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon and it was expected that it would reach here late last night. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

That Dr. Heinzmann's death was sudden and unlooked for is evidenced by the confidence both himself and his physicians gave relatives and friends in news from the Des Moines hospital. In fact, a letter written by himself to his family reached here two hours after the message was received telling of his death. It had presumably been written the afternoon before he died, when he had not the slightest thought that

here, setting at rest the numerous conjectures and rumors that had begun to circulate. The party consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Heinzmann, their daughter, Mary, and sons, William and Francis, who left here early Wednesday morning of last week, reached Iowa City safely in the evening, where they put up for the night. In that city they met E. H. Schiltz of Grinnell, a brother of Mrs. Heinzmann, and his wife. The fol-



The Late Mary Heinzmann

such assistance to the injured as was possible on the spot.

The coroner at Grinnell was notified of the accident, as was also Wm. Heinzmann and Mr. Schiltz, who had shortly before reached that city. The three made the trip to the scene in an auto. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary on learning the details of the accident.

The body of the dead girl was taken in charge by the funeral director at Malcom and prepared for shipment home, while Dr. and Mrs. Heinzmann were placed aboard a train for Des Moines at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and taken to Mercy hospital, where they were cared for by Dr. Nicholas Schiltz of that city, a brother of Mrs. Heinzmann, with whom they had intended visiting. The body of the dead girl was shipped from Malcom homeward at 7 in the evening, accompanied by her two brothers.

The full extent of Dr. Heinzmann's injuries could not be learned here immediately and relatives feared the worst from the first, but assurances came that the nature of his injuries were such that no alarm need be felt. An X-ray showed that the hip bone had been fractured in three places, but aside from that the other injuries were considered slight. Michael Heintzman left for Des Moines on Saturday and found the doctor cheerful and looking forward to his return home as soon as the fractured bones had united firmly, which was expected to be about four weeks from the time of the accident.

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Relatives here had arranged to have the funeral Monday morning at 9 o'clock, but on the arrival of Mrs. Heinzmann and the distant relatives it was found that the latter could not all remain until Monday. The funeral was therefore held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of friends viewed the remains at the family residence from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, after which it was taken to St. Mary's church, where services were conducted by Father Eusebius. The church was crowded.

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Dr. Heinzmann was 47 years old and had practiced in Metamora for the past 17 years, arriving at that period in his profession when success crowns long experience and diligent effort. Prior to establishing himself in Metamora he had practiced for several years in Iowa and Illinois. While in Iowa he was united in marriage with Mary Schiltz, who survives him with six children. His mother, Mrs. Barbara Heintzman, four sisters, Sister Lawrence and

in the evening, where they put up for the night. In that city they met E. H. Schiltz of Grinnell, a brother of Mrs. Heinzmann, and his wife. The following morning the party, with Mrs. Schiltz taking the place of Wm. Heinzmann, who went with his uncle by train proceeded towards Grinnell.

When within about 14 miles of Grinnell and about two miles north of the station of Malcom, with everything running nicely and the track perfectly smooth on what is known as the river to river road running across the state, one of the rear tires went flat. The track ran on one side of the well graded road at this point, causing the car to

slue violently sidewise down grade. The car was running only at the ordinary road speed, but the heavy lurch was too much and with one or two zigzags it went over. It rolled over once completely and stopped on the next quarter turn, resting on its side. On the first turn Dr. Heinzmann was caught under the car, while the others were thrown in advance. It was on the last turn of the car that Mary Heinzmann was caught, one of the wheels and a fender resting on her body and crushing out her life.

The accident happened at a quarter past ten, directly in front of a farm house, the occupants of which noted the overturning of the car and rushed to give assistance. Dr. Heinzmann, although suffering fearfully from a broken hip and other injuries managed to crawl to the car and shut off the engine, which was still running, before help arrived. Mrs. Heinzmann lay some distance in the roadside, unconscious, with a broken wrist and painful bruises. Mrs. Schiltz, whose injuries were slight, soon recovered herself, while Francis Heinzmann, a lad of about 14 landed right side up without a scratch. Mrs. Heinzmann was carried into the farm house when help arrived, where she lay unconscious for half an hour, while telephone calls were sent for physicians.

Near by farmers arrived in numbers and gave such assistance as was possible in the meantime. The car was removed from the dead girl and by request she was brought to her father's side who lay helpless on an improvised stretcher. He felt for her pulse and had the painful pangs of finding her beyond human aid. Several physicians were soon on the scene from nearby towns and gave

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Thanks to Newsletter reader Doug Depauw for sharing these pictures of his Waldschmidt ancestors. Many of you will remember Doug's parents, Bob and Victoria. You may have bought a Lincoln plate from Doug's artist father, Bob.

You may also remember Doug's older brother, Greg, who, despite an accident that left him partially incapacitated, was also a renowned artist in his own right.

The pictures below are from Doug's extensive collection of old Metamora pictures.

Joe and Josie Waldschmidt were Doug's grandparents.

Thanks for sharing, Doug!!



### The Waldschmidt Brothers

Ed (2), John (4), Leo (6), Andrew (7), George (3), Joe (5), Henry (1)

These are the children of Adam and Walfreida (Herzog) Waldschmidt. They grew up on Adam and Walfrieda's homestead which was east on Metamora near what is today Route 116. The family also included 3 daughters—Kate, Anna, and Maggie. The sons were all successful businessmen around Metamora.

Adam's father and 2 brothers came from Alsace Lorraine and homesteaded in a log cabin on Banta Road at the bottom of Banta Hill.

Joe and Josie Waldschmidt lived at 206 S Davenport. They were the parents of Doug Depauw's mother, Victoria Waldschmidt Depauw.

They originally lived on that corner in a smaller home, but moved it next door (east) when they built the larger home that is still in the family. (Interesting side note: favorite newsletter reader Bob Rimmert lived next door in the house that was moved and loved to go talk to Joe and Josie. Bob says they were great folks.)

If you are a related to any of these folks, we'd sure like to hear about their live(s).



Birds Eye View—Legion Site; Dr. Knoblauch's Small Office



East Side of Park Looking North 1864



Square After Trees Were Planted—1868



East Side of Square looking north



North Side of Square



Looking "South from Bank"—1867



Portman Store and Ingersoll and Cassell Law Office South of Bank—East Side of Park Looking North 1868



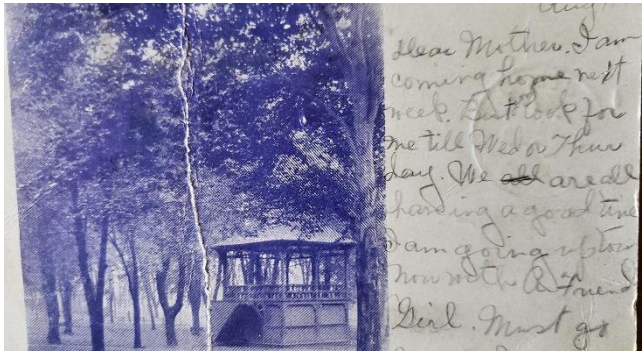
First Brass Band 1866—Lt—Right JC Irving, Milt Graham, Ed Neve, TA Causey, Jos Liveweder, Gor. Wilson, Nig Portman, TC Alden, JM Ellis, Newt Fordyce, Chas Crane, A Kuhl—Absent



Camps Grain Dump Factory

The Camp Dump Factory operated from 1905-1908. It was located “where the Standard Oil gas tanks now stand—West Locust Street.”

Does anyone have any information about this?



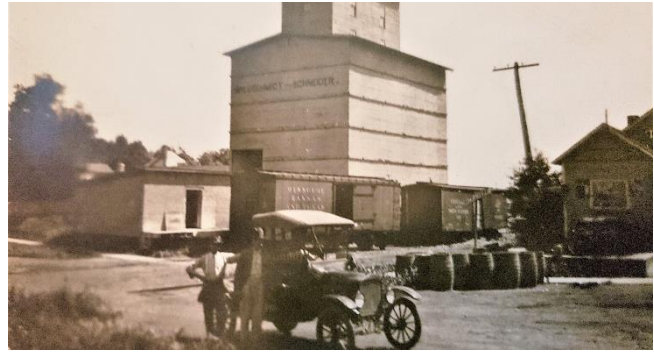
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Birds Eye View of the Train Station and Elevator



Metamora Train Station



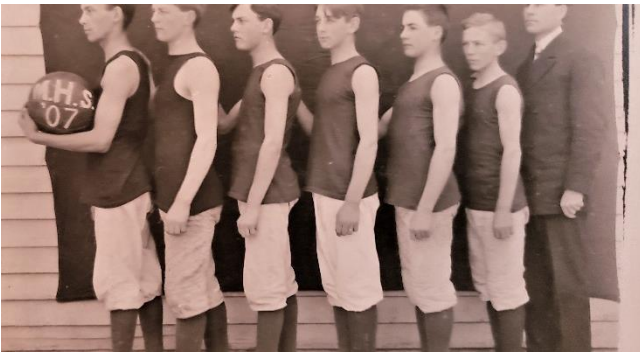
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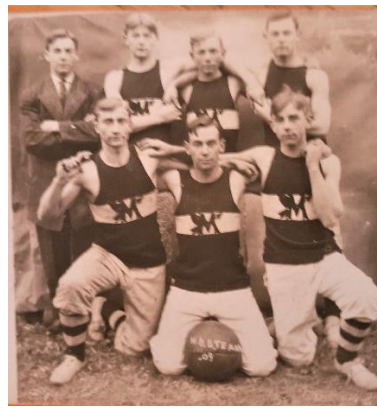
Local Train Wreck



Delivery Truck by the Tracks (Looks Like Coal)



1907 Basketball Team



1909 Basketball Team



Isch's—John Isch on Right



Not Sure Where This was Taken



Germantown Grocery Store



416 E Chatham Metamora



Getting Ready for the Parade. This was taken in front of the Waldschmidt home on South Davenport Street.

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