

# METAMORA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## NEWSLETTER

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[www.historicmetamora.com](http://www.historicmetamora.com)



### Hosted Events

Past and future hosted groups

May 6 – Guy Fraker – Bloomington (23 guests),  
May 24 – St Marys 4<sup>th</sup> Graders (11 students)  
**Summer /Fall Open Houses – each Sunday – 1-4 p.m.**  
August 5 – Fuchs Reunion August 10 Woodford County Historical Society (& ice cream social)  
September 11 – Black Partridge DAR October 24 – Bradley Seniors Continuing Education (20 guests)

*Special Event Coming Up... Or a Group Who Would Like a Special Visit?? We'd love to host your group!*

### Old Hotels – Part 3

Where Country Companies stands

Little is known about the American House. It is thought to have been located at the corner of S. Menard and E. Mt. Vernon Streets. Hanson Ross Hanna (1814-1892) and his wife, Levina Ellsbury Hanna (1815-1904) were the owners and operators of this hotel.

*Read more at [www.historicmetamora.com](http://www.historicmetamora.com)*



### Upcoming Art Classes

Tentative Fall Schedule

Mosaic Art – Sept 9. History Meets Clay – Sept 16. Corn Husk Art – October 7 or October 21. Sign up information is available at on the website at [www.historicmetamora.com](http://www.historicmetamora.com) or call Laure at 367-2706.

### On the Wish List

Old movies, etc. needed

**DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD MOVIES?** If we could find enough suitably interesting old Metamora-related movies, we would LOVE to put together a DVD or cassette of historic Metamora. **CAN YOU HELP?** PLEASE CALL US!

Also needed: wooden hangers, an old trunk, pictures, and Don is still looking for an outhouse (gently used... will move, Sears catalogs not currently needed.)

*If you have any old movies – parade, school event, family movies, etc. - please contact us!*

### Metamora Water Towers



**1889.** When the first volunteer fire department was formed, the village constructed the original tower where Casey's is today.

**1912.** The city replaced the 16 foot wooden tank on that tower, which had become unsafe, with a duplicate of the original.

The contract called for work to be completed within 12 days after the tank was drained at a cost of \$1,000. Capacity was 50,000 gallons (compared to today's capacity of 200,000 gallons.)

The tower was made of brick, one foot thick and 100 feet tall. The replacement tank was 16 feet tall and made of white pine.

**1960.** The current tower was built. In April, **1962**, the old tower was razed.

*Visit the Metamora Association for Historic Preservation for more pictures*



**First Water Tower**  
(looking west)

### New Picture Displays

And other interesting additions...

May saw the installation of new picture displays which allow the guests to “page through” more pictures without actually handling the pictures. If you haven't seen them yet, be sure to stop in and take a look. Other recent additions include a stereoscope with 50 viewing cards from Mary Christy, a 1914 wedding dress of Pearl Imhoff to Joseph Benjamin Schertz, a black valise bag that once belonged to Alex Mason from Eugene and Marge Obery, an Edelweiss menu from the 1980's (where Casey's stands today) from Emma Sommer, and a Metamora World War I postcard and Metamora Bank money holder from Linda Kern Moore from California.

TUCK POINTING PROCEEDING. In other “House” news, we are in the process of having tuck pointing and

repair work done on the west side of the house.

**Open House Theme**  
For July and August is...

Be sure to stop by the Stevenson House this month to see Shirley's displays of "History and Plates of Woodford County Villages." Many visitors do not realize that displays are continually changed for different themes.

*[Stop in and See What's New!](#)*

**Contact Us -**  
Questions, Set up a tour,  
Join, Suggestions, Email  
Sign up..?

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