

METAMORA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

NEWSLETTER

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What's New?

Thanks to patrons...

Last month we were pleased to add 9 hats, a hat chest and boxes and had the organ stool recovered in a period material by Betty Doremus. Also, received was a set of 6 engraved commemorative spoons from the 1974 100th Anniversary of Old Settlers. (Yes it has been 33 years!) The spoons originally sold for \$4.50 each. We are grateful to the patrons who generously continue to share memorabilia at the Stevenson House with the community.

What's Coming Up

Spring begins the renovation season...

- Upcoming projects include work on the front door stoop, painting the windows, flower planting, the replacement of the front door side windows, and of course, the big one – the re-pointing of the east outside wall, which is expected to cost around \$15,000. Fortunately, this is the last wall to be redone.
- MAHP will welcome the Bertha Snyder Society meeting from Snyder Village at the Stevenson House on April 19 from 4-5:30 p.m.
- Don thinks his "authentic period toilet" project is a go.
- A fund-raising project that would sell engraved bricks to redo the sidewalk is also being reviewed.
- Also under review are "fun activities," such as a scavenger hunt for the younger set.

Open Houses and Group Meetings

Groups invited to hold their meetings...

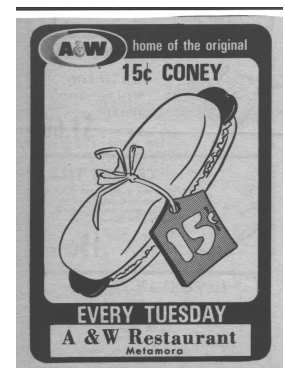
- **Open Houses** will resume on Sundays starting in May. Visitors are also reminded that the Timber House in Black Partridge Park will be open at the same time. Look for further announcements in April.
- The Stevenson House is also available to **groups for meetings**. Groups find it both interesting and convenient and appreciate the guided tour. We were pleased to have 15 ladies from the Oakmora Home Extension meet on January 22. Rene Parks' group also met in February.

From the Files...

Remember when...

- **May 30, 1930.** The class of 1930 of Metamora High School received their diplomas last Friday evening. Class honors went to Margaret Sheppard, with Perle Attig second in line. Richard B. Bradley of Peoria was the speaker.
- **1930 Census.** Census figures include Metamora, 707, and Woodford County, 18,793.
- **June 17, 1955.** Complaints of reckless and excessively fast driving on Metamora's streets have led the major, Frank Giehl, Sr. to issue the warning that the village speed limit of eight miles per hour (four m.p.h. for corners) will be strictly enforced.
- **1960 Census.** Metamora's population grain from 1950 to 1960 stands at 439, to 1,808. Worth Township is 2,535; Eureka is 2,535; Roanoke is 1,821; Washburn is 992. (Both Metamora and Roanoke had 1,368 residents in 1950.)
- **1975 Track Season.** Keith Zobrist was lost for the season with a blood clot in his leg and Vince Friederich was lost with a broken arm. The team, coached by Chuck Danner, still won the County and broke individual records.

Thanks to relentless researcher Shirley Adams for these contributions.



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Civil War Roster...

Recognize any names?

STODDARD, ALONZO D PVT F 77 IL US INF, STODDARD, DANIEL W PVT E 108 IL US INF, STODDARD, EPHRIAM S SGT F 77 IL US INF, STODDARD, LEWELLEN PVT E 108 IL US INF, SUMMERS, ANDREW PVT E 108 IL US INF, SUNDERLAND, JOSEPH PVT D 8 IL US INF, SUNDERLAND, RICHARD W PVT E 108 IL US INF, SUNDERLAND, THOMAS J PVT E 108 IL US INF, TAYLOR, HENRY R PVT D 51 IL US INF, TAYLOR, HENRY R PVT D 51 IL US INF, TAYLOR, JOSEPH W PVT D 51 IL US INF, TOBIN, MICHAEL PVT E 108 IL US INF, TOMB, JOHN PVT A 86 IL US INF, TRUMP, JOHN PVT F 77 IL US INF, TRUNNEL, D H PVT G 17 IL US INF, TRUNNELL, WILLIAM H PVT A 86 IL US INF, WAGONER, JOHN PVT D 108 IL US INF, WALKE, SAMUEL L PVT 8 1 US ARMY CORPS, WALKER, H M PVT A 33 IL US INF, WALTON, EDWARD D PVT D 51 IL US INF, WALTON, GEORGE F PVT E 108 IL US INF, WALTZ, MARTIN PVT K 44 IL US INF, WALTZ, MARTIN PVT K 44 IL US INF, WATSON, WILLIAM L PVT K 108 IL US INF, WAUCIL, LORENZ PVT E 108 IL US INF, WEISCHAUPT, FRANZ PVT E 108 IL US INF, WENDEL, LAWRENCE PVT K 108 IL US INF, WICKOFF, L H PVT G 17 IL US INF, WILES, FREDERICK M PVT E 108 IL US INF, WILES, TITUS F CPL E 108 IL US INF, WILSON, HOLLIS N PVT E 108 IL US INF, WOLF, JEROME PVT A 33 IL US INF, YERKES, HENRY PVT D 51 IL US INF, YERKES, HENRY PVT D 51 IL US INF, YORK, HENRY PVT D 51 IL US INF

Country Schools...

In 1910...

	41	42	43
64	63	62	
65	71	72	73

Schools in Metamora Township - Key:

41 – Hazel Dell *(down from Grandview Orchard); 42 – Morsetown;
43 – Harmony; 62 – Mt. Pleasant; 63 – Lowell; 64 – Metamora Grade;
65 – Engel (1909 to Metamora); 71 – Maple Grove; 72 – Happy Hour
(Poor Farm until 1909); 73 – Tomb

Names of the schools were chosen according to the location or the name of the people in the area who established the schools. The country schools were closed in the 1950's and the children were bussed to Metamora Grade.

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