

Newsletter

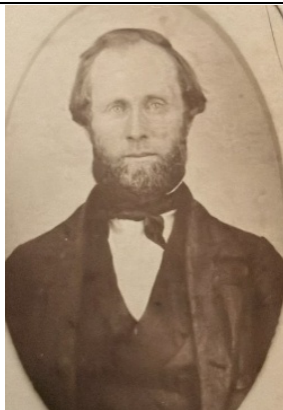
April 2026



www.historicmetamora.org

Digging Up Old Portraits Helps Us Connect to the Past

Thinking back to the Captain Parker Morse family, here's pictures of Orin Cheedle, wife Martha Cheedle (daughter of Deacon Parker Morse and granddaughter of Captain Parker Morse), Joel Waldo Cheedle (Orin and Martha's son), Mary Elizabeth Kindig Cheedle (Joel's wife), Next Row – Bill Cheedle (grandson of Joel Waldo and Mary Elizabeth) as a youth with his 4-legged chicken, Susan and Bill today (Bill is a spry 94), Parker Cheedle (Joel Waldo's brother), and Rev Jacob and Phebe Kindig (Mary Elizabeth's parents who lived in the country near Metamora). Thanks so much to dad Bill and his daughter Susan for sharing these relatively close links to our UGRR roots and some old family history. Joel Waldo's son – Bill's father – was Joseph Glenn Cheedle.



Orin Cheedle



Martha Cheedle



Joel Waldo Cheedle



Mary Elizabeth Cheedle



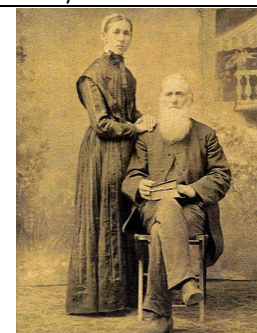
Bill Cheedle w/ 4-legged chicken



Susan and dad Bill Cheedle (94) today



Parker Cheedle



Rev Jacob & Phebe Kindig

GERMANTOWN HILL

\$780 for Reducing GH Hill was pledged for money and labor in 1917 to reduce Germantown Hill and extend Cat Trail from East Peoria, GH, Metamora, Cazenovia, and Benson to Pontiac by the Metamora Good Roads Club. *Herald 2/16/1917*

LET CONTRACTS FOR PAVING

The A.D. Thompson company of Peoria won the bid for paving the streets with a bid of \$15, 257.60. This was \$838.96 below the engineer estimate. Work is to be completed by July 15, 1915. Owners of frontage can have the work done themselves for a 10% discount. *Herald 5/7/1915*

FREE MOVIES FOR CHILDREN

Through the kindness of Hon. John McGuire, the children of Metamora between the ages of 4 and 14 will enjoy a show at the Midget Theater on Saturday Dec. 30 for free. Tickets can be found at Theena's Hardware. Adults may attend the show by paying the regular ticket price. *Herald 12/22/1916*

NEW GARAGE WILL ENTER BUSINESS

Schierer, Volz, and Brickner is the name of the new concern. They will deal in automobiles and farm implements. They will erect a garage adjoining and at the rear of the Schierer, Volz Implement House. It will deal in Oakland automobiles. *Herald 1/7/1916*

LOW POINT OPERA HOUSE

Rebecca's Triumph starring Faye Grove, Ruth Giehl, Madeline Isch, Mayme Hockenbury, Gay Stivers, Lillie Cheedle, Freda Newton, Mabelle Wagner, Ida Belsly, Mabel Malone, Ruth Newton, Ethel McGuire, and Hazel Grove. Admission 25 cents, children under 12 15 cents *Herald 4/23/1915*

FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Commence exercises for the first 4-year class from Metamora High will be May 20, 1915. Members of the class are Faye Lillian Grove, Clara Mable Malone, Alvena Claire Knoblauch, and Clarence Dominique Griggs. *Herald 5/17/1915*



1947 St Mary's Basketball Team – need help with the names!



1949 Eureka vs Metamora. Help with names, please!

Metamora Township High School Show Choir members are: Colleen Cash, Laurie Pfeiffer, Laura Alkerson, Stephanie Gardner, Alisa Rush, Amee Thompson, Becky Schaefer, Paul Mueller, Tina Kramer, Jason Morris, Carla Teller, Chris Fuller, Wendy Fry, Miss Jodwell, Brett Burdette, Kelly Willard, Steve McHugh. Not pictured are Rachel West, Madeline Ferguson. Director Rhonda Anderson and Choreographer Chris Mangione.



The Metamora 11- and 12-year old Bronco Traveling Team finished their season at 13-5. They finished second in the league during the regular season and took first place in the league tournament. The team includes: Andy Roeb, Brandon Noll, Mark Fandel, Anthony Burns, Matt Guith, Jason Trotter, Matt Hart, Coach John Cummings, Aaron Shuda, Josh Springer, Jason Springer, Ben Noll, Todd Cheek, Ron Woods, Brad DuBois, Coach Mike DuBois. Photograph appeared in the Herald 1988-08-25



The Metamora Youth Sports Association fifth grade basketball team won first place in its annual tournament at Metamora. Team members are: Jason Trotter, J.P., Smith, Scott Loringo, Jacob Burke, Brian Cools, David Aig, Matt Hart, Nick Delinski, Jay Springer, Mark Fandel, Andy Reeb, head coach Bob Springer and assistant coach Ron Smith. Photograph appeared in the Metamora Herald 1988-01-28



R.W. Rauh, president of the Metamora Telephone Company, watches the installation of the new dial apparatus in 1958

New Buildings Total Nearly \$54,000

Four New Business and eight new residences lead the county. Ray Schneider barber shop, billiard room, and theater - \$6,000 Herald Office - \$1,600; Wm Broennle hardware store and shop - \$2,000; Waldschmidt and Heininger garage - \$8,000; Mrs. Holsinger - \$1,500; Michael Schierer - \$4,500; Henry Theobald - \$3,600; David Greenagle - \$3,500; Orville Graves - \$3,500; John McGuire- 8,000; J.C. Snyder - \$8,000; Henry Waldschmidt - \$3,000F. *Herald* 1/8/1915



First prize in Agra-Mechanics – Keith Grove, Scott Kiefner, Curt Mitzelfelt, Phil Schertz, Tom Remmert. 5/30/1985

Banta House Not an Underground Railroad Station

Diane Zoss of Metamora, whose father and brother Vyrl and Robert Gronewalk live in the aging “steamboat Gothic” structure, said the house was never used to actually shelter slaves. *Pantagraph* 12/30/1990

Support the Metamora Association for Historic Preservation with a donation at...

<https://historicmetamora.org/become-a-member/>

Contact Us Questions, Ideas – Love to hear from you! Laure Adams, President, 369-2353 or jrfarmer@mtco.com; Adam Bockler, Vice President, adam.bockler@gmail.com, Jenny Micheletti, Secretary, 657-3197, jennybee811@gmail.com; Jack Weddle, Treasurer, 645-0963, jackaweddle@gmail.com; Board members: Lee Summer, 367-4059, 635-0259, lsummer@mtco.com; Rick Lotz, 648-2010, lots@mtco.com; Ken Schmillen, 309-369-0538 schmik63@gmail.com

