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## *Annual Agricultural Museum Open House*

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Museum Open House will be held on Sunday August 14 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Museum, 501 Old Hwy 26 in Hennepin. Local collectors will be displaying antique tractors and vehicles as usual. The permanent displays are agricultural equipment and tools, wildlife, coal mining and military memorabilia, early 1900s general store, post office, one room school and farm kitchen. The “Crops for College” Tractor Drive hosted by the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau’s Young Leaders group will also stop at the Ag Museum for lunch, so there will be more tractors on hand than usual.



At 1:00 p.m. Filmmaker Stephen Parry invites audiences to discover the story of a changing America, told through the lens of one of early radio’s most popular and influential programs. From the Great Depression through the hardships of World War II, the National Barn Dance celebrated the folk traditions that were fading in an increasingly urbanized America and helped define an identity for a struggling generation. For rural listeners unsure of the future, or for homesick transplants confronting the city, the National Barn Dance served as a touchstone, from its first broadcast in 1924 to its last in 1960. Preceding the success of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville by nearly two decades, it made Chicago the capital of country music prior to World War II.



A Road Scholar Program sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council.

Pork chop sandwiches or hot dogs will be available for purchase, either as lunches including slaw, beans, chips, cookie, and drink or as sandwiches only.

Everyone is invited and admission is free. The Agricultural Museum is handicapped accessible.

Pulsifer House (our historic house museum built in 1844) will also be open for tours. Pulsifer House is not handicapped accessible.

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### *Pulsifer House Hours*

Pulsifer House is open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

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## *In Memoriam*

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years all have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

Agnes Anderson  
Leslie Boers  
Barbara Claus (Life)  
Charles Doty  
Jane Downey (Life)

Diane Ellena  
Karl Fivek  
Kathleen Henning  
Imelda Henkins Holler  
Harold McKay (Life)

Myrle McQuilken  
Norma Moroni  
Edward Paxson  
Herta Stunkel  
Janet Whitaker (Life)

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## *Memorials & Tributes*

The following Memorials honor the lives of members and friends of the Society:

**Charles Doty** – Sharon Clausen, Sidney Whitaker.

**Jane Downey** – Paul & Karen Bailey, Sharon Clausen, Martha Jane Downey.

**Barbara Griffith** –D. Kendall Griffith, Sidney Whitaker.

**Joe Marchiori** – Marilyn Brown.

**Leslie Boers** – Sidney Whitaker.

We mourn the loss of Jane Downey who had, as a long-time member of the Decorating Committee and its Chairman in the 1990's, a great impact on the success of our restoration of Pulsifer House.

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## *Memberships*

Memberships are the life-blood of the Society. Those listed in the Endowment Categories have upgraded their memberships, those in the Annual Categories have not been members previously. We treasure new members and are pleased to welcome the following:

### *Endowment Categories*

#### **Life:**

Joan Anderson  
Rhonda Cross  
Nancy Dauber  
Mary Hufnagel  
Roger Hufnagel  
Kenneth Toedter  
Charles Wheeler

#### **Business:**

D. Kendall Griffith

#### **Family:**

Emil & Diane Capitani

### *Annual Categories*

#### **Contributing:**

George Hawthorne  
Michael Miglio  
Jerry & Carol Patterson  
Francis & Bernice Read

#### **Couple:**

Sherylee & Albert Brady Jr  
Miles & Mary Crook  
Donald & Betty Glenn  
Richard & Cheri Glenn  
Trent & Jan Griffith  
Dave & Thelma Holmbeck  
Jean & Nancy Johnson  
Joe & Ruth Krakovsky

Ron & Marlene Migliorini

#### **Individual:**

Lois Chiado  
Patricia Clark  
Marilyn Donoho  
Margaret Eattoni  
Betty Evans  
Charlene Fassino  
Doris Haub  
Kathy Mekley  
Alice Nash  
Judy Kays Terando  
Ila Weddell

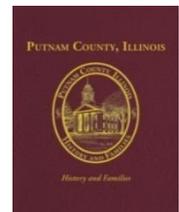
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## *Putnam County History & Families*

Copies of the new Putnam County history book are still available from the Putnam County Historical Society. Orders at \$55.00 for pick-up or \$61.50 for mail delivery can be submitted by mail to:

**Putnam County Historical Society, P.O. Box 74, Hennepin, IL 61327-0074.**

Questions should be sent by email to: [sidneywhitaker25@gmail.com](mailto:sidneywhitaker25@gmail.com) or phone to: 815-303-5104.



## *Recent Donations*

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks the following donors for gifts to the Society in recent months:

**Darrell Alleman** – poetry book Jeanne Alleman “These Flowers Have a Certain Place”.

**Karen Bailey** – small corn design forks for corn on the cob.

**Gary Boggio** – 13 advertising cards, 5 grade school readers (Florid & Hennepin), genealogy Isaac Harrison Family, post-mount drill press, sickle bar sharpener, Ed Miller decoy, stuffed crocodile, Moronts elevator coal shuttle, tool carrier by Vince Bonacorsi, Fred Coleman photo, 1879 Hennepin Congregational Church manual.

**S. Lynn Brinkley** – Dorothy Boyle (Brinkley) 1924 diploma & 1931 nursing certificate.

**Mary Alice Hatton Brown** – WW1 items of Charles Mercy Hatton (sewing kit, soap dish, comb, mirror, canteen, partial tea kit, small bag, duffel bag), 4 child’s outfits, duck hunting photo.

**Jean & Jim Burger** – genealogy on 27 families, cemetery lists (Bureau, LaSalle, Putnam Counties), gravestone photos, miscellaneous papers, Desert Storm stickers.

**Sharon Clausen** – picket fence maker from Charles Doty collection.

**Darlene Cofoid** – 7 barbed wire samples.

**Luann & Kenneth Condit** – Harold Condit papers, Winship family photos, Bible, spelling book, clothes.

**Charles Doty** – Peoria end-gate seeder, 2 tool display boards, small table for Ag Open House.

**Will & Carol Duke** – 48 star flag.

**Corrine Eckard** – miner’s lunch bucket & hat with carbide lamp used by Joe Zagnoni in mark mine.

**Bill & Alba Ellena** – augers, crank & pry bar from Mark mine; 36 election campaign pins.

**Arch, Judy & Tom Hopkins** – men’s and women’s’ clothes ca. 1900, History of Union Grove Church by Homer McVay, papers on closing of Granville Bank, papers on Granville Telephone Company, miscellaneous tools, Hopkins Twp High School 1926 Class photo.

**Nancy & Phil Hopkins** – Hazel Marie Hoyle (Boyle) Swaney diploma (1930), photo 1930 Swaney basketball team, Adam deck envelope.

**Mary Hufnagel** – planter for Pulsifer House porch.

**Norm Langill** – leather wallet marked A. T. Purviance 1840.

**Louis Lenz** – photo of Undercliff Hotel.

**Lyle Litherland** – post drill from Charles Doty collection.

**Beth Mabis** – 1978 sale bill Carr Brothers, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary tile Magnolia Mutual, photos of Royal & Marie Clemens, 2 Griffith Seed Co. cups.

**Janice Marshall** – book “Story of Daniel Webster” 1899.

**Matt Miller** – seed samples & ag books of Herman and Edward Miller, Sand Prairie school books, 1940 Yearbook of Agriculture, 2 Monsanto ag signs, gun club keep out sign.

**Paul Miskowiec** – postcard “Greetings from Hennepin”.

**Emma Jo O’Conner** – smudge pot flare, flag made by Herman Miller, pole for Hennepin street lights.

**Lewis Pletsch Estate** – Rhoda Idelia Puffer (Gallaher) wedding dress, other miscellaneous clothes.

**Karen Richardson Estate** – Miscellaneous old newspapers including 1918 Granville Echo.

**Bruce & Deborah Rogers** – correspondence and business papers of the Pulsifer family.

**Loretta & Lloyd Schrowang** – obituaries, clippings, Westclox travel alarm, printing set, Liberty Bell bookends home remedies pamphlet.

**Charles & Phyllis Sims** – fencing tools and miner’s pick.

**Marcia Thompson** – genealogy Frank & Barbara Lorenz Wolf Family.

**Ron Toedter** – potato plow used by Walter Toedter.

**Sheryl Lee West & Joan Marie Rowney** – wedding ring quilt, 3 wool carders, 10 spools & spindles.

**Charles & Dotty Wheeler** – items owned by Willis & Ermel Wheeler (1890 Marshall-Putnam County plat book, 1937 Putnam County soils report, 1955 Marshall-Putnam Counties aerial history book).

**Sidney Whitaker** – threshing sledge (tribulum), disc gang sharpener, single disc sharpener, sickle bar sharpener from Charles Doty collection.

**Dan & Terri Zilm** – display case, miscellaneous newspapers.

## Remembering Charles Doty (1924-2016)

Many of you may remember Charles Doty of Princeton from the newspaper coverage in 2014 after he received the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal from the Government of France for his service in World War 2. Charles joined the Putnam County Historical Society at our Annual Meeting April 2, 2011 when he was already 87 years old. He was enthusiastic about the Ag Museum and immediately volunteered his help and also began to donate articles from his extensive collection that he thought would fit in.



By the time of the 2011 Ag Museum Open House he had restored our McCormick-Deering grain binder and donated the mine drill for our coal mine display. Before the 2012 Open House, he gave us the 1835 Van Wickle Excelsior Grain Fan and made for us both a maple syrup tap display and a fencing display. During 2013 he made support bases for our Vollenweider carpenter's bench and



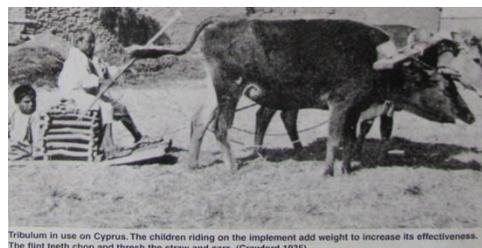
a copper water tank. At the 2013 Open House he gave us the Banner root cutter, a grindstone and a display board of hand-forged wrenches. Before the 2015 Open House he gave us the Peoria end-gate seeder.



Just a week before he died, Charles attended our 2016 Annual Meeting and described a disc gang sharpener he was going to restore and donate. Although he was unable to complete that project, we were able to obtain that sharpener and several other items of his collection (sickle bar sharpener, single disc sharpener, post drill, picket fence tool) from his estate, including his threshing sledge (tribulum), as a fitting memorial to the memory of a great friend to the Society.



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Tribulum in use on Cyprus. The children riding on the implement add weight to increase its effectiveness. The flint teeth chop and thresh the straw and ears. (Crawford 1935)

