

Putnam Past Times

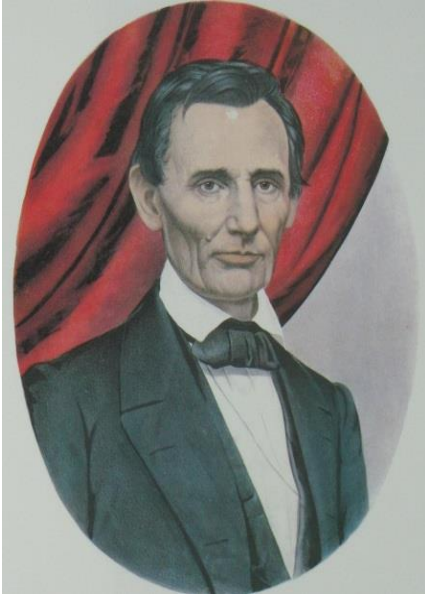
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2017 Winter Quarterly Program Sunday February 12



The Winter Quarterly Program of the Putnam County Historical Society will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday February 12 at the new Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26 in Hennepin.

On Lincoln's birthday, come hear Randy Keller of McNabb share his love of Abraham Lincoln as he discusses his collection of Lincoln memorabilia. Randy has been collecting for many years and will have a variety of items from his collection on display.



Everyone is invited and admission is free. The Meeting House is handicapped accessible.

Pulsifer House Spring Opening

Pulsifer House will reopen at 10:00 am Wednesday March 15, 2017 when the regular hours of Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm will resume.

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.

Robert Boers

Victoria Carpenter (Life)

Dale Drager

Gerald Guisti

Marjorie Haws

Jack Kays

Edward Lapuh

Charles H Loebach

Anne Madson (Life)

Floyd Pederson

Margaret Stansell

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SOCIETY PURCHASES BUILDING FOR MEETING HOUSE

The Putnam County Historical Society purchased the former S.A.M.M.S restaurant building in Hennepin on December 9. The Society Board was considering construction of a new storage building for the past year but the advantages of working with an existing insulated building that would meet our need for a more suitable meeting area led us to pursue the purchase.



The new Putnam County Historical Society Meeting House is a 40'x80' building on about half an acre with gravel parking for about 25 cars located between Pulsifer House and the Ag Museum. Currently we envision using about 30% for meetings, about 40% for display area and about 25% for storage space. We anticipate this will free up about 2,000 square feet of space in the Ag Museum that is currently devoted to meeting space and non-agricultural displays.

The location between Pulsifer House and the Ag Museum will be very convenient and the new building is also handicapped accessible. We are currently removing the restaurant equipment and modifying the space for our purposes.



Memorials & Tributes

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

Gerald Guisti – Sidney Whitaker.

Marjorie Haws – Sidney Whitaker.

Anne Madson – Sidney Whitaker.

Edward Paxson – James & Marie Etter.

Floyd Pederson – Sidney Whitaker.

Recent Donations

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

Bill Bickerman & Kathy Carr – electrified pasta machine used by their mother, Minnie Bickerman, to make ravioli.

Gary Bruch – Gordon's Produce Illinois state licenses for Live Market Poultry and Buying & Selling Eggs; account book; Illinois egg law rules & regulations; 2 Shad-O-Lite egg grader & handler; 2 Speed King egg candler; miscellaneous operating guides and parts lists for egg handling equipment; several Home Bureau bulletins; several Granville Co-operative stock certificates.

Sidney Whitaker – 2 Fred Coleman mallard decoys, old boat paddle with Fred Coleman's name.

Society Board Initiates Capital Campaign

At its January meeting the Putnam County Historical Society Board of Directors started a Capital Campaign to pay for the purchase of the new Meeting House. Members of the Board pledged \$10,000 of the goal of \$96,000 to kick off the Campaign.

Both Pulsifer House (as a restored historic house) and the Ag Museum (with the farm equipment and tools, wildlife, one-room school, country store, post office, and mine) have been wonderful venues for essentially permanent displays of important aspects of Putnam County history. However, with limited free space, we have been unable to display many themed exhibits that would allow people to view more of the variety in our collection. In addition, neither Pulsifer House nor the Ag Museum provided good space for meetings.

We anticipate that the new Meeting House will address both shortcomings, as well as allowing us to expand our agricultural displays in the Ag Museum.

We hope that you will support the Society in this new project. Enclosed with this newsletter is a return envelope if you would like to join this Campaign by cutting out and returning the Campaign contribution form below:

Putnam County Historical Society

Meeting House Capital Campaign

I am enclosing my check for () \$1,000, () \$500, () \$250, () \$100, () \$50,
() \$25, () \$_____ as my contribution to the Meeting House Capital Campaign.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Please make check payable to: Putnam County Historical Society, P.O. Box 74,
Hennepin, Illinois 61327-0074

Year-end Fund Drive

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks all those who have given so far during the year-end Fund Drive. We depend on the generosity of our members and friends during fund drives to cover the annual cost of maintaining Pulsifer House, the Agricultural Museum, our new Meeting House and carrying on our mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy.

Sandra Aeschliman	Betty Evans	Joyce Ann Kemp	Alex & Carole Rolando
Darrell Alleman	Charlene Fassino	Gladys & James King	Edward & Nancy Schrowang
Jay & Linda Allen	Janice Fenske	Ronald Kinkade	Judy Seraphin
Paul & Karen Bailey	First State Bank	Chris & Sharon Kunkel	Carol Serrine
Maxine Bassi	William Gage	Richard & Peggy Lami	John & Lynn Shimkus
Merry Bassi	Norma Gehm	Norman & Jane Langill	Robert Smith
Robert & Deborah Bogatitus	Donald & Betty Glenn	Beverley Lapuh	Bruce Steele
Lisa Boughton	Georgianne Grant	Eleanor Litherland	John & Lyla Striet
Lois Boyle	Estate of Barbara Griffith	Carol McGee	Eric & Kim Swartz
Marilyn Brown	Sheila Haage	Michael Miglio	Alma & Ron Toedter
Susan McGhiey Campbell	Richard & Candace Haar	Marlene & Ronald Migliorini	Angeline Troglio
Lois Chiado	James Hantak	N.L. & Margaret Morine	Charles Turner
Patricia Clark	Doris Haub	Robert & Linda Morrison	Louis & Carol Vaessen
Sharon Clausen	Robert & Mary Helander	North Central Illinois Council of Governments	Ken & Karen Verda
Louise Colby-Dean	Karl Helmer	Margaret Burns Parlato	Ila Weddell
Nancy Dauber	Debra Holmes	Thomas Pomatto	Kathryn Whitely
David & Elaine Day	Carol Hood	Mary Jane Pratt	Diane Wilson
Diane & Stephen Donini	Phil & Nancy Hopkins	James & Mary Pulsifer	Reed & Sydney Wilson
Marilyn Donoho	Cynthia Huchel	Francis & Bernice Read	Janene Yokoyama
Thomas E Dore	Margaret Hundertmark	Don & Verna Reed	
Gilda Dysart	Wayne Hundley	Tony & Gretchen Rigazio	
Dysart-Cofoid Funeral Chapel	Terry & Barb Judd		
