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Annual Dinner Meeting and Program Saturday April 28

The Annual Dinner Meeting and Program will be Saturday April 28 at the Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26, in Hennepin. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief meeting and the program.

After the meal, the Templeton Family Band from Lostant, IL will entertain us with old time blue grass, Celtic and Gospel music. They are a dynamic group and have been performing since 2007 at community events and festivals, including the 2010 National KSMU Youth in Bluegrass Contest in Branson, MO.



Come join us and view the result of the renovations to the Meeting House that have been underway for the past year. Everyone is welcome and the Meeting House is handicapped accessible.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any Board Member (Dick Ashdown, Karen Bailey, Gary Boggio, Sue Bruch, Sue Campbell, Darlene Cofoid, Will Duke, Kevin Kunkel, Lonna Nauman, Sid Whitaker), at any of the banks in the county, or phone 815-303-5104.

Winter Quarterly Program a Great Success



The Winter Quarterly Program of the Putnam County Historical Society was Sunday February 25. Fred Lippincott of Hennepin spoke on his interests in decoys, calls, and hunting in the Illinois Valley and his experience as a guide for hunters. He also demonstrated calling using both his voice and several of the calls he had on display.



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Walter Durley Boyle Charitable Trust Makes Major Distribution

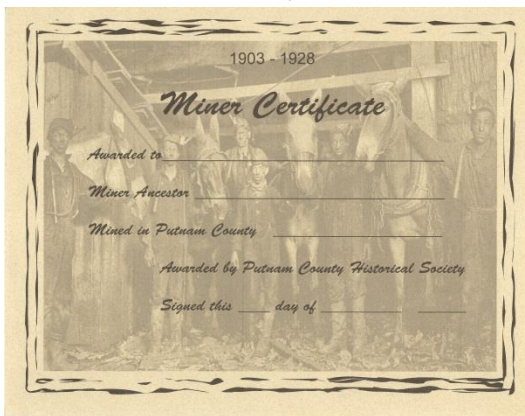
In March, the Walter Durley Boyle Charitable Trust distributed \$110,862.24 for alterations to three of our four buildings made in 2016 and 2017. The distribution was made following the terms of Durley Boyle's Will. It covered replacing the roof of the Carriage House at Pulsifer House, replacing the utilities and roof of the Meeting House, doing interior renovations (including handicapped accessible bathrooms) in the Meeting House, and installing a concrete floor and LED lighting in the Annex to the Agricultural Museum. Photos of many of these alterations were included in the Annual Fund Drive letter in December.

Work is now underway on a lean-to exterior storage/display area on the east side of the Agricultural Museum for tractors and larger equipment.



Historical Society Introduces Miner's Certificate

The Putnam County Historical Society will now issue Miner's Certificates to direct descendants



of those who came to Putnam County to work as miners between the dates of 1903 and 1928. As with Pioneer Certificates, we hope to encourage family research in an effort to increase our knowledge of the miners, their work, and their rich cultural addition to Putnam County. The information received will be kept at Pulsifer House as an additional genealogical resource. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for the certificate. Applications for the Miner's Certificate can be obtained at Pulsifer House, by mail and on the internet at our website.

Illinois Bicentennial 2018

As Illinois celebrates its 200th birthday, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum has a new project giving you a chance to speak out on what you love about the state. The Illinois Top 200 project lets you vote online for the top people, places and things in Illinois history, from authors and inventors to movies and buildings. Every two weeks throughout the year, you can help select the top 10 in a new category. You can share your opinions at www.IllinoisTop200.com

Illinois began a year-long celebration of its Bicentennial on December 3, 2017. Information about events can be found at <https://illinois200.com>.

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.

Darrell Alleman (Life)

David Holly

Darlene Norris

Norman Sendelbach (Life)

Memorials & Tributes

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

Lois Boyle – Robert & Janice Schuster.

Sandi Palm – Marie Etter, Joan Zellmer.

Howard Schrowang – Sharon Clausen, Lloyd & Loretta Schrowang, Sidney Whitaker.

Memberships (see Dues Request on last page)

Memberships are the life-blood of the Society. We treasure our members.

Listed below are renewing and new members since the last newsletter.

Individual:

Allen County Public Library

Joseph Engelhaupt

James Gleason

Contributing:

Neil & Grayce Haworth Mesner

Life:

Viola Strout

Recent Donations

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

Janice Edgerley – framed Audubon print of Pileated Woodpeckers and miscellaneous kitchen utensils.



Sidney Whitaker – framed linen banner for a Grand Army of the Republic encampment and a pewter ink well.

Board Members Resign

It is with regret that we announce the resignations of Teresa Clausen and Sheila Haage from the Board of Directors of the Putnam County Historical Society. Teresa was appointed to the Board to replace Mary Martha Healey who retired in 2001. She became Secretary when Joel P. Whitaker left the Board and served for 16 years (15 as Secretary).

Sheila agreed to join the Board when Luke Holly resigned in 2015. Both now have other commitments that prevent them from continuing to serve and they will be sorely missed.

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 Meeting House, and the Agricultural Museum and carrying on our mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy. The following people have given since the last newsletter.

Alice Bohlen

Carol Kirk

Neil & Grayce Haworth Mesner

Nola Smith

Village of Hennepin

Margaret Stipp Woodfill Trust

Summer Fund Raiser Raffle

It has been some time since we have held a raffle. This year we have a beautiful mid-19th century Jacquard coverlet that was likely made in New England and transported to the Great Plains where it was purchased from an estate by Craig W. Illa Antiques of Palmyra, MO. The coverlet is 6 feet 2 inches wide by 6 feet 9 inches long. We will be showing the coverlet at the Annual Meeting and the drawing will be at the Ag Museum Open House in August. Entries in the raffle are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. If you would like entries list how many you want on the back of the Membership Form and add the cost to your membership dues. You do not have to become a member to participate in the raffle.



Membership Dues Request

Dear Friends:

Fifty-five years ago, the Putnam County Historical Society was organized as a 501(c) non-profit charitable organization with 30 charter members on March 17, 1963 with the mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy.

Please help us carry on that mission by joining us or renewing your membership in the Society. Memberships are the single largest source of funds for covering the annual cost of maintaining Pulsifer House, the Meeting House, and the Agricultural Museum. Without you, the Members, we could not keep Pulsifer House open and provide the services that we do – the genealogical research, the speakers at our programs, the tours for area schools, and the additional exhibits for the Ag Museum Open House.

Despite our rising costs, our membership rates remain the same:

Individual \$ 15.00	Business \$ 50.00
Couple \$ 20.00	Life Member \$ 100.00
Student (18 or under) \$ 5.00	Golden Member \$ 500.00
Contributing \$ 30.00	Platinum Member \$ 1,000.00
Family \$ 45	Diamond Member \$ 5,000.00

Make your check payable to **Putnam County Historical Society** and return it with the Membership Form in the enclosed envelope. Sign and keep the Membership Card.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sidney Whitaker, President