

Alton Museum of History and Art, Inc.

Spring 2007

News & Views

2809 College Avenue, Alton, Illinois 62002

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Special Interest Articles:

- Wood River Massacre
- Miles Davis Celebration
- Museum Tours interpreted into American Sign Language

Reminder:

*AMHA
Annual
Membership
Meeting*

*April 10,
2007
7:00 p.m.*

Loomis Hall

Women's History Month

DAVID CULP, Past President, Exhibit Chairman and Museum Artist of the "FANCY WORK" Exhibit has rendered in memory of his grandmothers, Mrs. Jessie Belle Culp and Mrs. Neva Belle Unterbrink, in whose hands the simplest of materials could become FANCY WORK.

Maintaining collections is a drain on finances. We need YOUR help so we can purchase the necessary material to preserve the textile pieces for future generations.

WE APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE.

DRESS; circa 1875: brown cotton velveteen with ottoman, maple leaf print decorated with ornate buttons and closures at the high neck and ending in a half bustle and being all hand stitched.

Donated by Jean Scatizzi, the dress has been in the Museum collection for 25 years. The dress was worn by Jean's grandmother, Louise Leeper Curdie in the 1890's. She was one of 5 daughters of Ella and John Leeper of Godfrey, Illinois.

Jean wore the dress to a costume party, when she was 13.

Riding Habit; 1920: linen, silk tie. This outfit was worn by Ms. Eunice Smith. The skirt is made flowing for riding side saddle and could be buttoned up for street wear.

Ruth Means, American; WATSON HOUSE, oil on canvas, twentieth Century. Photograph: RUTH MEANS IN HER STUDIO: twentieth Century.

Artifacts

DRUM: Alton Museum of History & Art appreciates all the great donations. In our Civil War Collection is a bass drum donated by Rosalie Johnson. The drum belonged to Rosalie's father-in-law,

Francis "Frank" Johnson and once belong to Frank's father. Frank Johnson was in the original Upper Alton Memorial Day Parade.

WADLOW ROOM Graduation Gown; Twentieth Century: cotton. Worn 26th mid-year Commencement (1-24-1936) by Robert Wadlow. Donated by Alton High School.

Remembering Pauline Roller

A life member of the Alton Museum of History & Art, Inc., Pauline Roller passed away May 25, 2006.

Mrs. Roller was also a long time member of the Alton Area Historical Society, which is now a

committee of the Alton Museum.

She shared her enriched knowledge of the history of the greater Alton Area.

Dedicated to her home and garden at 1516 State Street, at the corner of Patterson Place, she lived

all her life at this address. This was the former home of William Post, the 20th mayor of Alton.

The center of her life was her family. A true lady, Pauline exemplified dignity.

She is greatly missed.

Volunteers Needed

Here is a list of tasks for which the Museum needs your help...

Grant Writer
 Newsletter/Editor
 Brochure Delivery
 Tour Guide/Gift Shop
 Organizing Volunteer Program
 Cataloging/Photographing Artifacts
 Organizing Storage
 General Housekeeping
 Painting/Carpentry/Electric

*"History outlives those
 who would destroy it."
 ...anonymous*

MILES DAVIS JAZZ CELEBRATION

Saturday
 May 26, 2007
 7 p.m.

HATHEWAY HALL
 LEWIS & CLARK
 COLLEGE
 5800 GODFREY ROAD
 GODFREY, ILLINOIS

Admission
 \$15.00 Adults
 \$10 Students/Seniors

Tickets available
 at sponsors:
 Alton Museum and
 WBGZ Radio

Robert Wadlow's Cousins

Distant cousin, Joann Worden, and her husband, Bill Worden, Co-Ancor Channel 2 News in Utica, New York, were recent visitors in the Museum.

Joann would like to hear from Wadlow family members and other distant cousins.

Joann is a descendant of Clyde Wadlow of Missouri. Clyde Wadlow was Harold Wadlow's brother.

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Museum Commodities Game

Selling its good name to a for profit company, is an abdication of museum responsibility, integrity and standards.

Museums, having devalued their principles for short-term gains, corrupt ethics and undermine bedrock goals like preserving collections and upholding the public interests.

1814 ~ Massacre at the Fork of the River

A fascinating bit of local history has recently been in the headlines. The directors of the Alton Museum of History and Art would like to take this opportunity to tell the story, which includes both facts and lore, as they understand it.

On Sunday, July 10, 1814, most of the adult members of Moore's Settlement (located in the West Fork of Wood River Creek, near the current intersection of Rt. 140 and Fosterburg Road) were at church. Mrs. Reagan stayed home to care for six children – her own son and daughter, plus two sons of Abel Moore, and two sons of his brother William Moore. The settlers returned to find the scalped bodies of Mrs. Reagan and the six children, presumably killed by members of the Kickapoo tribe. The event became known as the "Wood River Massacre."

It is believed that a sandstone slab, with an inscription reading "William and Joel Moore were killed by the Indians July 10, 1814," was carved by Abel Moore as a memorial for his sons. It is not known whether the stone was intended to mark the boys' grave (in what is now Vaughn Cemetery), or to mark the site where the massacre occurred (Fosterburg Road).

At some point – we don't know when – the stone was placed at the boy's grave. It was later removed by members of the Moore family, after they discovered that the grave was not being

properly tended.

The family gave the stone to a museum in Springfield. The museum either lost or abandoned the stone. It resurfaced on July 10, 1979 – coincidentally, the anniversary of the massacre – when Brenda Kelley unearthed it while gardening in her back yard near Springfield.

Mrs. Kelley loaned the artifact to the Alton Museum in November 1980, for a period of two years. The loan was extended by written agreement which said that if Ms. Kelley did not call for the stone within a reasonable time after January 1988, the Alton Museum became the owner of the stone. This type of agreement is common with regard to items loaned to museums. In fact the practice was later codified in the Illinois Disposition of Property Act, a purpose of which is to establish ownership of loaned property that has been abandoned by the lender. That Act provides that a lender is deemed to have donated loaned property to a museum if he or she fails to claim the property for more than two years after the expiration date of the last written loan agreement.

Since Ms. Kelley never contacted the Alton Museum to claim the stone or renew the loan, Alton Museum became the owner of the stone in January 1990.

Fifteen years later, in mid-2005, members of the Wood River Heritage Council contacted Ms.

Kelley, and persuaded her to give the stone to them. However, she could not give away something that she no longer owned.

Ms. Kelley has expressed her appreciation to the Alton Museum for the care and protection that it has given this artifact since 1980. The artifact is a small, fragile piece of sandstone, which arrived at the Alton Museum in pieces. Were it to be exposed to harsh weather, as it would be in Vaughn Cemetery, it would quickly crumble. In fact, the Interim City Manager of Wood River agreed with the Alton Museum that the stone should not be placed at the Vaughn Cemetery, where it would be exposed to the elements and to vandalism. Since 1980, the stone has been displayed in a protective case in the Alton Museum.

The Alton Museum is in the business of sharing local history, not hoarding. To that end, the directors have offered to have a cast replica of the stone made for placement in the Vaughn Cemetery. That offer was refused. Perhaps the Wood River Heritage Council will reconsider the offer in light of recent legal developments.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the 1814 massacre, and the Moore family and its descendants, is welcome to visit the Alton Museum of History and Art. It is located at 2809 College Avenue, Alton. Call (618) 462-2763 for hours.

Welcome New AMHA Members

*Thomas M. Allen
SIUE Foundation*

*R. Clark & Carol Amos
Oakwood Plaza, LLC*

Alton Foot and Ankle

Leonard Berg

Terri Cameron

*Dr. Felipa L. Huels, MP
Alton Podiatry*

*Brad Kreider
Affiliated Ins.*

Harold M. Johnson

Brenda Walker McCain

Robert A. Norman

John C. Rain, Jr.

Smurfit Stone Container

*St. Anthony's
Health Center*

*Raymond S. Stillwell
Stillwell Office, PC*

*Jack W. Tueth
Business Manager
Local Union 649*

Thank you Volunteers!

*Dennis Reed Cox
Nathan Ryan Cox
Margery Erwin
Charlene Johnson
Lora Keene*

Genealogy

ABEL & MARY BATES MOORE CHILDREN

JOEL MOORE – 1803-1814
WILLIAM MOORE – 1806-1814
RACHEL MOORE – 1809-1853
JOHN MOORE – 1810-1849
NANCY MOORE – 1814
SARAH "Sally" MOORE – 1815-1851
JOSHUA MOORE – 1817-1852
LYDIA MOORE – 1821-1901
ANNA MOORE – 1814-1879
FRANKLIN MOORE – 1826-1905

Joel Moore, born 1803, age 11 yrs. and William Moore, born 1806, age 8 yrs., killed by Kickapoo Indians July 10, 1814, in the Moore Settlement, Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois. (The Moore Settlement was situated on the West Fork of Wood River Creek in Upper Alton Township.)

Rachel Moore, born November 5, 1809, in the Moore Settlement, Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, married John Waggoner, January 30, 1825 in Madison County, Illinois and died July 29, 1853.

John Moore, born December 10, 1810, in the Moore Settlement, Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, died July 16, 1849, married Mary T. (unknown), born 1812, she died January 28, 1846, age 34 yrs., 5m's, 7d's. John Moore 2nd married Sarah (unknown), born January 15, 1825. Sarah died July 16, 1849, same day as John. All three are buried in Deck Cemetery, Foster Township, Bethalto, Madison County, Illinois.

Nancy Moore, born 1814 in the Moore Settlement in Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, married George Hedden and lived in Bear Valley, San Diego, California in 1880. Nancy's correspondence was known to be with the Alton Historical Society.

Joshua Moore, born 1817 in the Moore Settlement in Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, died November 29, 1852, aged 35 yrs., 8m's, 23d's, married Mary or Polly Williams in 1836, in Madison County, Illinois. Joshua Moore is buried in Short Cemetery. Mary Moore, daughter of Joshua Moore, married John S. Culp April 6, 1869. John S. & Mary Moore Culp had two sons. 1. Frank E. Culp, born in 1869, married Mary Huddle November 11, 1895. They had one daughter, Edith Florence Culp, born in 1899. 2. Herbert L. Culp, born 1872, married Hattie Greenwood August 12,

1890. They had 3 children, Randal Culp, born November 5, 1890; Edna Culp, born September 30, 1896; and Lester Culp, born October 5, 1900.

Lydia Moore, born in 1821 in the Moore Settlement in Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, died in 1901, married Madison Williams, born 1813, died January 25, 1868. Lydia Moore Williams, daughter of Captain Abel & Mary Bates Moore, and Madison Williams are buried in the Short Cemetery.

Sarah "Sally" Moore, born March 7, 1815 in the Moore Settlement in Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, died April 29, 1851, married David S. Beeman, in Madison County, Illinois. Sarah "Sally" Moore Beeman is buried in Short Cemetery. David S. Beeman, born September 10, 1823, died February 1856 and is buried in Short Cemetery.

Anna Moore, born 1824 in the Moore Settlement in Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois, died March 18, 1879 married Lewis T. Hamilton. Lewis T. Hamilton was born in 1823, died September 9, 1861, age 38 yrs., 11m's, 4d's. Lewis T. & Anna Moore Hamilton are buried in the Deck Cemetery. Joseph W. Hamilton, son of Lewis T. & Anna Moore Hamilton, died December 21, 1845 (?) of consumption. Nancy Jane Hamilton, daughter of Lewis T. & Anna Moore Hamilton died April 5, 1858 of measles. They are buried in Deck Cemetery (Oakwood).

Major Franklin Moore, born September 2, 1816, Madison County, Illinois, died July 12, 1905, buried Upper Alton Cemetery, owned the OLD ROCK HOUSE, College Ave. & Clawson in Upper Alton. His son Frank Moore lived in Chicago.

LYDIA MOORE & MADISON WILLIAMS CHILDREN

Erby Williams – born June 8, 1840, never married.

J. Abel Williams – 1841-1854 (age 13) killed by oxen, buried in Short Cemetery.

Mary J. Williams Flick – born Sept. 30, _____, died July 6, 1866, daughter of Madison & Lydia Williams, buried in Short Cemetery.

Joel M. Williams – born September 17, 1848 – 1913, never married, buried in Short Cemetery.

Luella Williams Hamilton – born August 29, 1856, died May 5, 1940, buried in Upper Alton Cemetery.

Lettie Ann Williams Sargent – died June 16, 1942, buried in Upper Alton Cemetery.

NARRATIVE

Captain Abel Moore operated the first grist mill in Madison County.

People came in their ox-carts from miles away, in order to have their corn ground.

Lydia Moore, 1821-1901, was born in the Moore Settlement, Upper Alton Township, Madison County, Illinois. Lydia Moore married Madison Williams about 1839 in Madison County.

Madison Williams, 1813 – January 25, 1868, and Lydia Moore Williams are buried in the Short Cemetery in Foster Township.

In 1879, the surviving children of Abel & Mary Bates Moore marked the family graves. A headstone was placed on Abel & Mary Bates Moore grave (surrounded by a black iron fence), across highway 140 from Gordon Moore Park, and on the grave of the victims of the Wood River Massacre in Vaughn Cemetery.

Lydia Moore Williams had the family artifact, the sandstone or creek stone, "William and Joel Moore were killed by Indians, July 10, 1814." After Lydia's death in 1901, her sons Erby & Joel M. Williams had the stone (1912).

Luella Williams Hamilton, companion and housekeeper, was single and living with her brothers, Erby & Joel Williams in 1912.

Hugh Williams Sargent (Lettie Williams Sargent's son) died June 29, 1983, and is buried in Upper Alton Cemetery. Alvarita Sargent, wife of Hugh Sargent, died January 14, 1989, is buried in Upper Alton Cemetery.

(THE MUSEUM ENCOURAGES ADDITIVE INFORMATION.)

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH REQUEST

AMHA members are asked to follow this outline and send the information to the Nominating Committee. This will be of help in finding various talents for committees.

Full Name: _____	Education: _____
Date: _____	_____
Address: _____	_____
_____	Last School Attended: _____
Marital status: _____	_____
Spouse's Full Name: _____	Years Completed: _____

Federal Service: _____	Please Use Extra Page to Describe:
Date: _____	1. Brief Employment History
Branch: _____	2. Community and Civic Organization Experience
	3. Special Talents or Interests

Good Friend....

Recently, we have touched base with Mari Reynolds, a longtime friend of the Alton Museum of History & Art. Mari, a past paid executive director kept wonderful Minutes, a permanent record of Alton Museum's early days. Mari has fallen and broken her leg. She is receiving cards at 775 Rice Street in Wood River. Friends may call her at (618) 254-3315.

Welcome Most Recent Life Member

Marjorie A. Duvivier, contributed to the Museum for her life Membership. Welcome, Marjorie, to our group of Museum life members.

We are grateful to
JOHN DALE STOBBS & JULIA M. TRACY
 for your pro bono work in the recent museum litigation.
 Thanks so much!

Thank you Dan Brannan...
 ...for the support you've given to AMHA. The financial support from you book "Boy Giant" has been appreciated. We think you are just wonderful!!!!

MUSEUM FRIEND

*C. Dana Eastman,
 THANK YOU, for your contributions, for your advice, and for your membership.*



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Spring Events Sponsored by Alton Museum

March & April – Women's History Month (Rail Bus between Alton & Grafton)

March 20, 2007 - Lecture on the "Dinky" by Dale Jenkins, President of Illinois Traction Society at 7:00 p.m., Loomis Hall, 2809 College Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

April – Annual Membership Meeting

April 29, 2007 – Shurtleff College Reunion, Loomis Hall in the Grace Monroe Classroom, 2809 College Avenue.

May – Election of Museum Officers

May 26, 2007 - Miles Davis Jazz Celebration, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Hathaway Hall on the Campus of Lewis &

Clark Community College. Co-sponsors: "The Alton Foundation", Alton Museum and WBGZ Radio station.

May 19, 2007 – Western Military Academy Reunion. Graduates & former cadets will be visiting the Museum to see WMA memorabilia.

Museum Tours Interpreted into Sign Language

February & March – Southwestern Illinois College's Sign Language Studies/Interpreter Training Program is providing student interpreters every weekend in February and

March to interpret museum tours into American Sign Language.

SWIC STUDENT INTERPRETERS:
Brittany Hubbard, Katy Grider, Christy Ondo,

Jamie Mendoza, Alicia "AJ" Julen, Katrina "Kat" Bier, Amber Clemmons, Danette Lemkee, Lisa Shields, Sharon Nealon, and Mary Jo Ganey. Their instructors are Becki Combs and Susen McBeth.

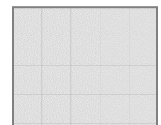
About Our Organization...

The Alton Museum of History and Art was founded in 1971 to preserve the great heritage of our

community. Through the exhibits, we share with you our past and present so that you too may discover the

people, places and events that influenced our ancestors and continue to shape our destiny.

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TO: