

# TREMONT TALES and TAILS

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Dedicated to the Preservation of the History of Tremont, Illinois

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**March Meeting:** Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2015

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Hosts: Location:** Tremont Community Center on South Sampson across from the library.

**Program:** Terry Fountain, Indian Relics

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## ---Web Page---

Our new web page is <http://www.tremontil.com/organizations/historicalsociety/index.html>. Much information about our society is listed at this sight. Contact Floyd Hazelman (925-5020) if you have something to put on our web page.

## ---January Meeting---

A special thanks to all who brought something to show & tell. It was well attended . It was also one of the better "Show & Tell"s. Thank you everyone.

## ---March Meeting---

Don't miss the March meeting on Mar. 17. The speaker is Terry Fountain, and he will talk about Indian relics. He is a very knowledgeable man so if you have any relics you want to find out something about, bring it, & he will probably be able to give you information on it. The meeting is at the Community Center, & it will be at 7 pm.

## -ITEMS FOR SALE-

The society has many articles for sale. Tremont Obituary Book, Volume II may be purchased by sending \$40 plus \$5 postage to the Tremont Museum and Historical Society, PO Box 738, Tremont, IL 61568. Books are also available at the museum.

We still have some copies of Tremont Obituary Book, Volume I. They are also available by sending a check for \$30 plus \$5 postage to the society. Don't forget we have a number of other items for sale at the museum. Some of the items include note cards, 50 Tremont Biographies, Tremont Depot Telegrams (Sept. & Oct. 1912), photos, items from the Sesqui-centennial and Don Nieu Kirk's book of Tremont and Pekin postcards, from which incidentally, we get \$10 for each book sold.

Janis Lee has transcribed and indexed the Diaries of Henry Clay Vawter, from 1869 through 1871. The resulting book is \$15 plus \$5 for postage. Henry Vawter was a farmer living and farming on Section 27 of Tremont Township. He kept a diary from 1869 to 1921 when he died and is the great grandfather of David Lee. He built the Rick Vance house and the Lee farm with his parents and siblings in about 1848. His father, Jephtha D. Vawter is the great great grandfather of both David

Lee and Loren Gillan. Check the index for familiar and not so familiar Tremont names.

Barn CD's are also still available for \$15. You can acquire one by contacting Floyd Hazelman at 925-5020.

**All the items we have for sale can also be purchased at the Tremont Gallery.**

## ---Cataloging---

We will again be cataloging our collection on most Wed. mornings when the weather hopefully improves. Rachel Berchtold is helping us at other times when her busy schedule allows. She has consented to chair serving food at Merchants Day at the Turkey Festival. If anyone wants to help her, be sure to volunteer. We would welcome anyone who is interested in cataloging items in our collection. The program is one that most museums use or is suggested for their use. It keeps track of all items that are donated & where they are located. We have a long way to go to get everything cataloged, but that is the ideal.

## ---Donations---

Donations: Dr. & Mrs. Dan Baer, Westin & Rachel Berchtold, Estate of Frances Bloxam, Dennis & Connie Neville, Dale Sauder, Caol Stuber, Mrs. LaVern Stuber, Bernadtte Wellenraiter and donations at the potluck to defray the cost of the chicken.

Artifacts: We have long neglected to mention that Don Nieu Kirk donated the 70 Tremont postcards that he used in his book. We really appreciate the donation. At the moment we have a temporary curator, Rachel Berchtold, so we are behind on mentioning our artifact donations.

## ---Membership---

Dues are \$10 for a Single Membership, \$15 for a Family Membership and \$150 for a Life Membership. A membership list is published in the January newsletter.

Memberships may be obtained at the museum or by sending a check to the Tremont Museum and Historical Society, PO Box 738, Tremont, IL 61568. A newsletter is published five times a year. Anyone interested may belong.

Errors in the Jan. Newsletter –  
Deceased – Marilyn Henry, LaVerne Stuber, Nola Koch, & Virgil Schmidt.  
Missed Mike Endress – Life Member

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Manley – Life Members  
Elaine Manley – 6901 N. Galena Rd, Peoria, IL 61614  
Wrong address – Don Nieu Kirk – 7401 E. Lakeside Dr.,  
Tuscon, AZ 85730  
Paul Woerner – 1400 Parkside Av, #138, Morton, IL  
61550

Renewed Memberships: David Lutz & Merla Evans - Life  
Jim & Mary Ann Benson, Westin & Rachel Berchtold,  
Pyllis Emmons, Charles & Jill Stout, Marthajane Hillman,  
Sherry McDonald Family, Randy & Lu Ann Rowell, Mr. &  
Mrs. Richard Sauder, Robert Schurter, Carol Stuber,  
James Zimmerman

### ---Out of the Past---

Continued from Sept. 13, 1907.

#### Royally Entertained.

Thursday, September 5. Twenty ladies from the M.E. church society including several visitors, responded heartily to a cordial invitation from Mrs. Frank Gearien ----- At her home five miles west of town. The day was ideal. The ride delightful, and all in all in the best of spirits and full of glee as a crowd of school girls. They seemed to vie with one another who should be the queen of wit and repartee. I am determined in my own mind who won the laurel: but as the child said "I know gut won't tell."

Arriving at our destination about ten thirty, we were welcomed by Mrs. Gearien and her daughters in such an easy and charming manner that we at once felt at home. We had been forbidden by our hostess to bring any society work as the day was to be devoted to pleasure, but a few of the industrious carried their fancy work. I doubt if it was carried home intact. The time until noon was spent in special chat and croquet. Dinner being announced, we entered the dining room and beheld a table laden with chicken and all the fresh vegetables of the season and delicacies unheard of. a dinner fit for a king. I need not say we did justice to a meal as perfectly served, thus proving our genuineness when we voted Mrs. Gearien the champion cook in our society. Being renewed to vitality by thus feasting, we indulged in games and outdoor pastimes, when lo? We were again summoned to the dining room, this time to be refreshed with the most delicious ice cream and cake to be dreamed of. After the cream preparations were made for the home going, after first expressing to Mrs. Gearien our thanks and appreciation of her efforts in so abundantly providing for our comfort and pleasure as a momento of the ever-to-be-remembered day. took our departure reaching home before dark. (by one of the ladies)

Mrs. S. R. Schmutz has traveled to her home in Mayview, MO after a visit in this place.

Ward Stegner of Sus---, Ind., is visiting his brother, Clarence at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Kurth have gone to Euclid, Miss. To visit their daughter, Mrs. John Koch.

Miss Lina Adams, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheppard, returned the first of the week to her home in Wilder, Tenn.

A large number of our base ball "fans" attended the Peoria-Decatur game in Peoria Sunday. There were 6,300 people there which was the record-breaking crowd of any Three-eve league game this season.

Mr. Jacob Winzler of Tazewell County, Illinois, who came to the Bear River Valley two months ago to superintend the new German Church at Tremont, left here for his home near Tremont, Illinois. Mr. Winzler made his first trip to Utah ten years ago with three other German friends to investigate the prospects for farming in the valley. The report of the committee was most favorable and as a result about five thousand acres of land have been purchased by the German people and are now in a high state of cultivation, with many beautiful homes where little but sage brush could be seen those few years ago. Another railroad now penetrates this valley, an immense sugar factory consumes the product of more than 5,000 acres of sugar beets, a telephone system, free rural mail delivery and gravel roads are more than Mr. Winzler expected at the time of his recent visit. The crops of hay, grain and potatoes are larger than in Illinois, but that state excels this in corn. Mr. Winzler still thinks the valley the best place he has seen for young men to get a start, but his investments and the large number of relatives and friends back east will probably keep him there, but are relatives and friends here who will extend him a cordial greeting ---- if he find it convenient to ---- the Bear River Valley. - Tremont Times, Tremont, Utah.

#### UNDERTAKING

J. W. Winzler, No. 506 Main Street, Peoria, Ill., attends promptly to all calls day or night. Office phone 858 (?) residence phone 942.

Chris Smith, of Cissna Park, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. Hermann, Jr.

Frank Davis, who has been having serious trouble with his eyes for several weeks past, is some better, but is unable to attend to his duties at the Tremont Bank.

#### The Tremont News.

Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois, Friday, Oct. 4, 1907.

#### LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. J. C. Becker visited friends in Pekin, Sunday.

Perry Moneymaker was a Sunday visitor in Pekin.

Mrs. E. I. Colter left last Friday for a visit with relatives in Iowa.

Samuel Bolliger moved this week into the R. I. Smith property.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cottingham, of Pekin, visited at this place Sunday.

Attention is called to the change in the ad U. S. Stegner in this issue.

Several of our people are attending the State Fair in Springfield this week.

C. C. Binkele, of Monte Visa, Col., visited friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. Alva Wetz and son Glen and Earl Cottingham were callers in Pekin Sunday.

A. C. ---- and wife expect to leave next week for Texas, where they will make their future home.

Edward Colter was taken very sick Monday evening and was confined in his home until Wednesday evening.

Rev. Allen, recently appointed by Conference for this place, took charge of the pulpit at the M.E. church last Sunday.

Mrs. T. I Wibray has been very sick this week. She is at the home of M. Shurtleff, where Mrs. Shurtleff is taking care of her.

Joseph Meier has sold his residence in the southeast part of town that he recently purchased from Daniel Johnson, to Irvin Tadner. The consideration was \$1000.

Joseph Jeanpert attended a reunion of the Forty-Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry in Peoria last Friday. These reunions are held annually and Joe never fails to attend.

The six-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morris died Saturday at their home near town. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Antioch church, the interment being in the Antioch cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Remember Russell & Son's sale on Tuesday, October 29. They will sell 193 head of horses and mules on that day at their stock farm one and one-half miles west of Allentown. Fifty-seven head of the lot are full-blooded and high-grade Percheron and French Draft horses and forty-six head of Missouri mules. The mules were bought by Russell & Sons at weanlings and have grown up on their farm, so they are acclimated which has its advantages to the buyer. The mules were two years old last spring and will be ready for farm work next spring. Among the horses there are twenty-five head of brood mares weighing from 1000 to 2000 pounds and all bred to imported horses.

Fred Homfeld was a business caller in Pekin Saturday.

Miss Margaret Homfeld, of Peoria, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Velde, of Mackinaw were callers here Sunday.

Wm. Talbot and wife of Waterville, Kansas, are here visiting friends this week.

Jolin Martin of Oregon is visiting relatives in this section. He has been gone from here for thirty years.

School will be closed today (Friday) to give the teachers and pupils a chance to attend the Atate Fair.

Jack Ryan left Tuesday for Utah where he expects to do some ditching on a farm there owned by Dr. Cody.

Arthur Campbell has moved here from Hopedale and is now occupying the house recently vacated by Alva Rhorer.

Notice – Having sold my business, all parties owing me are requested to call and settle at once.

Edward Cooney

The Misses ---- ----- and Margaret Homfeld and Messers. Leslie Bennett and Alva Studyvin attended the opera in Pekin Sunday evening.

F. J. Davis, whose eyes have been giving him, so much trouble for the past two months, is still unable to here at his place of business. His eyes are much better than they were but they are still weak.

The young people's class of the Baptist Sunday School will give a Swap Soup Social in the Baptist church parlors Tuesday evening, October 8, 1907. Soup served from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Price 15 c. Everybody invited.

Martin and Chas. Boyle, who are arranging to buy stock this winter, have arranged with the Big Four Ry, for a switch along side of the acre of ground they recently purchased west of town. They will put up scales and yards on their ground.

H. M. Miller, who lives one mile south of Allentown, will hold a public sale on Friday, October 18, 1907. Mr. Miller has rented his farm and will sell all his stock and farm implements without reserve. See large bills for further particulars.

Frank Strickland, of this place, had on exhibition at the Tazewell county Farmers' Institute in Morton last week some Syrian huckleberry bushes covered with fruit. They are a rare article and attracted much attention.

Frank Strickland, of this place, has on exhibition at Velde's store a sample of garden huckleberries that are something new and also something nice. They are planted each year and produce a big crop. They promise to take the place of other fruit and are always a sure crop.

This office has added a new 12 x 18 Chandler & Price job press for its equipment. The press is direct from the factory and is the best make of job press on the market. It takes the place of a 10 x 15 Challenge, placed in about eighteen months ago, but which was found not to be large or strong enough to stand the work of the office. The new press is fitted with power, fountain, etc., and is guaranteed to a speed of 1,800 impression per hour.

(To be continued in May)