TREMONT TALES and TRAILS

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Tremont Museum and Historical Society
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Tremont, Illinois 61568
Dedicated to the Preservation of the History of Tremont, Illinois

---Meetings for the Year---

We meet the 3rd Tue of the month every other month except July in the summer at 7pm. The next meeting will be on Tue, Mar. 19.

May, we will meet on May 17.

September, the meeting is Tue, the 13.

November, we meet on Tue, Nov. 15.

---November Meeting---

Thanks to Cleo Koch for his talk about “How Things were in Tremont in the ‘20’s & ‘30’s. He kept a record of every penny he spent at the time. It was especially interesting to hear the price of many items at that time. Also thanks to Barbara Wagenbach & Rachel Berchtold, our hostesses.

---January Meeting---

Our January meeting is the usual pot luck & show and tell. It will again be held at the Tremont Community Center on South Sampson across from the library. We have a new president, Richard Sauder, and he will conduct the meeting. It will start at 7 pm. Floyd Hazelman will be the host. We need a count of who is coming to order the chicken. You can call Floyd at 925-5020, Faye Childress at 925-3229 or Janis Lee at 925-5262. We will ask for donations for the chicken, but we supply drinks & table service. Maybe someone would volunteer to help Floyd at least by making the drinks. (Tea, coffee & water.) Everyone will need to bring a dish to pass & hopefully something to show & tell us about.

-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 Sesqua-centennial and Don Niekirk’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, Jeptha 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.

---Items Donated to the Museum---

Our museum will not hold large items unless it is of special value to the history of Tremont. Before donating something, please take a photo of the item(s) & give it to us with a list. The board will then vote on whether we can accept the item(s) or not. Next month we will publish some of the things we are interested in & others that we are not.

---New Newsletter Editor---
This is the last newsletter I will be writing. Our new newsletter editor is Lori Fuoss. She will start with the March newsletter. If you have something you want to put in the letter, you will need to get it to her.

---Donations---

Monetary donations since the last newsletter – In memory of Robt. Ferguson (brother of Faye Childress) from Dave & Janis Lee, in memory of Donald Nieukirk from Lori Fuoss, donation from Robt. Myers.

---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.

This is the month we publish the membership list. If you have any questions, let us know. Occasionally we miss someone or have an address wrong. There could very easily be errors made. If you forgot to pay your dues, it is never too late.

Our year runs from September 1 to September 1. We publish the names of those paid memberships in the January newsletter. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so now.

Life Memberships
Dr. Daniel Baer - 15881 Toepfer St., Tremont, IL 61568
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David Vinton – 501 N. Minnesota, Morton, IL 61550
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Fred Woerner – 16810 Red Shale Rd, 61554
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**Single and Family Memberships**
Ray & Margaret Ackerman – 4101 W. Iles #2207, Springfield, IL 62711
Allen County Public Library – PO Box 2270, Genealogy Periodicals, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270
Wilma Becker – 107 Tremont St., Hopedale, IL 61747
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James Zimmerman – 24704 Sauder Rd, Tremont, IL 61568

Be sure to check your address to make sure it is correct. If there is an error, let us know.

---Out of the Past---
Continued from June 5, 1908. Spelling & punctuation not corrected.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**
Yourself and friends are cordially invited to attend a Public Demonstration in the Automatic Double Electrical System of Vault Protection which has recently been installed in our banking house by The American Bank Protection Company of Minneapolis, Minn. Our entire vault is now lined with a double plate of steel, constantly charged with electricity. Any attempt to enter the vault, either ------------------------ by the use of a drill, or any explosive, or the burning of the door handle or lock, results in the ringing of immense gongs located about our building.

This same system is used by hundreds of banks all over the United States and it has never been defeated. It is fully guaranteed by a strong and reliable company to protect our bank against burglary for all time to come.

We are sure that you will be greatly interested in the precautions we have taken to protect the interests of our patrons and we urge you to call upon us next week and see the demonstration, which will be in charge of the Company’s expert.

**THE TREMONT BANK,**
Tremont, Ill.

Mrs. Milo Callahan and children were Pekin visitors Thursday.
Willard Harness of Delavan, was a caller here Thursday.
Mrs. James Cottingham visited with friends in Mackinaw, Wednesday.
Mrs. Frank Schmitt and little son have returned to their home in Peoria, after a pleasant visit at this place.
The Misses Westapher, daughters of Albert Westapher of Peoria, are visiting friends here this week.
Ashley McCullough, who has been confined in a Peoria hospital for several weeks, is visiting relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hillman were visitors in Eureka last Saturday.
(To be continued)
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. (one of the ladies)
Harry Zelle returned Saturday evening from his second trip to Spring Lake. He brought back a bountiful supply of ducks as he usually does.

Have McQueen and son repair and put your screen doors and windows in shape before the fly season. Leave orders with the Schmitt Construction Company.

Attention is called to the change in the ad of W. T. Shepperd in this issue. He has a few articles left in winter wear that he is closing out at almost your own price.

The big Four morning train west bound was four hours late Tuesday morning. They were snow bound east of Bloomington and were compelled to use a double header to get through.

Card of Thanks.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother. We assure them their many acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

Chris Hellemann and Family.

J. I Hollingsworth if limping around as the result of a badly sprained ankle.

Martin Boyle was chosen this week by the board of supervisors as the next grand juryman from this place.

The Gearien Brothers are putting in new fixtures in their building and when they open, which will be about the first of the month, they will have an up-to-date restaurant.

Read the new add of Mrs. Wm. Dean. She will hold her millinery opening on April 3 and 4, when she invites all the Tremont ladies to come and see her stock.