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Dedicated to the Preservation of the History of Tremont, Illinois

March Meeting: Tuesday, May. 19, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

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

Program: Terry Fountain, Indian Relics

---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 May meeting on Mar. 19. The speaker is Tim Pletkovich, and he will talk about his book, "Civil War Father's Book". He is a very knowledgeable man. Mr. Pletkovich is a middle school teacher in Peoria and will have copies of his book for sale. He has led a very interesting life before coming to Peoria. The meeting is at the Community Center, & it will be at 7 pm. This is not a meeting to miss.

-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 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, 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---

Rachel Berchtold 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 situation.

---Donations---

Donations: Ruth Sinn, Ed Manley, in memory of Wilma Becker – Loren & Kay Gillan & Dale & Carole Pflederer. Ed Manley also donated 5 memberships; (donations in memory of Joyce Carius) Anonymous, Larry & Faye Childress, Loren & Kay Gillan, Scott & Julie Largent, Dave & Janis Lee, Meredith McKee, Craig & Linda Robison, Alan Sanders, Sandra Sanders, & Kenneth Woerner..

Artifacts: We really appreciate the donations. 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.

Memberships: Gifts from Ed Manley – Family, Joan McDonough, Pat & Margie Manley, Rick & jody Getz, Paula Reich, & Nicole Roller.

Correction: Elaine Manley's address is 6901 N. Galena Rd, #323, Peoria, IL 61614.

Since the last newsletter we have lost 3 more members, Ellen Becker & Joyce Carius, Charter members, & Carolyn Key. Joyce was a member of the original society board & has been an active member for years. As you can see we are losing members fast. Encourage your friends and relatives to join us. We especially have had some wonderful programs. We feel bad when we don't have a good crowd to hear our speakers.

---Museum---

Lorraine Frederick is retiring as the chair of getting volunteers to sit at the museum each month. She has done it for years, & she will be missed. Linda Robison has consented to take over as chair.

The museum will be closed the 2nd Sunday in May because of Mother's Day. If anyone wants to go through the museum in May, contact Linda and she will find someone to open the museum for you.

Be sure to see the museum in June. Floyd Hazelman & a number of volunteers put our new display cases together. We want to thank all who helped including Rachel Berchtold & her husband. We are giving the next 5 a 1 year membership for helping, Keith Brown, Rich Luick, Jim Remus, Robert Hazelman, and Dave Dubois. We really appreciate your volunteering.

Be sure to make a trip to the museum to see the new display cases. They are really nice.

---New Board Member---

We have been short a board member for some time. Richard Sauder has consented to fill this position. We feel he will be a great addition to the board.

---Out of the Past---

Continued from Oct. 4, 1907. Spelling and punctuation not corrected.

Our horsemen and farmers do not want to forget the big horse sale of Ben Wilson, which will be held Tuesday, October 22. He will sell twenty-five head of full-blood and high grade Percheron and French draft horses, all of the highest type of their respective breeds. Mr. Wilson has been a breeder of draft horses for the past thirty years and has the reputation of breeding only the best. He has not only bred to size, but bred by quality as well. Breeders that are looking for tops need go no further than this male to find them. All the registered stock have certificates of registry which will go to purchasers on day of sale.

Edward Vontobel has taken a position in Geo. Bird's general store.

Mrs. Geo. Hoffman, of Green Valley, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hazelman, living northwest of town, are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The first number of the Lecture Course was given in the Opera House Tuesday evening, when the wonders of electricity were ably handled by Prof. Louis Williams.

There was a large crowd in attendance and everyone speaks in the highest terms of the address.

Just now the Pekin Times and the Pekin Correspondents to the Peoria Journal are having a rag chewing match, with the result that all the old skeletons are being dragged out and rattled for some one to gain a little advantage over the other. The truth of the matter is the Peoria papers have cut the circulation of the Pekin papers, which should not be, as the home paper is for home first, last and all the time, while the foreign paper is like the mail order houses ----only for self and d----- the other fellow; so we get his money, is all we care for him. We have no interest in his welfare; it is only his money we care for. When you read an article in the home paper, you know it is so. If by some possible chance there is a mistake it is always corrected the next issue and you are correctly informed. But how about the correspondent? He is so greedy for news that everything goes, no matter from what source. What is the result? About one-half the items there is nothing to and are worse than none at all for they are misleading. It has got to be a common expression that when an item is read from a correspondent to hear people say, "Well, I don't know if that is so or not. It may be one of 'them feller's' pipe dreams."

Notice.

Jacob Winzeler and John Dietrich will have a car load of northern Michigan apples here in two weeks, which they will sell reasonable. Leave orders for same with either party. They expect also to handle grapes.

Will Erect Two Bridges.

----- of supervisors and commissioners of highways of Groveland Township have awarded the contract for the erection of two bridges. One across McClellan creek to Walter Porter, of Mackinaw, for \$999. The other over Carter creek was let to the Tremont Bridge and Concrete Company for \$899. The bids for a bridge across a small creek in the northern part of Pekin township near the Little mines, were too high and all were refused.

Tazewell Teachers Have New Plan.

A special committee, composed of three teachers has arranged for a program of entertainment for the two general meetings to be held this year. The old plan of dividing the county into township districts has been abolished, and instead two general meetings are to be held, one in Pekin on November 8, and the other in Morton on January 24. All of the teachers of the county are expected to attend both of these meetings. The teachers will be classified, the high school, the intermediate and primary, and a program for each division will be prepared.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Miss Florence Fuller shoots herself with a ----- revolver.

This community was shocked Thursday morning when it was reported that Miss Florence Fuller ---- teacher in our high school was found dead in her room --- the home of her grandmother, Mrs. E. G. Morse. When she did not appear at the school building at nine o'clock, that morning, Prof. Wilson, the principal, came to this office and telephoned to Mrs. Morse. to find the ----- Mrs. Morse, who answered the -----, informed him that Miss Florence --- must certainly be at the school house -- - when informed by the Professor that she was not, a search of the house was made and she was found in adjoining room dead. Upon examination, it was found that she had shot herself through the head with a .22 caliber revolver, which was found beside her. She was lying up----, her face showing that death had been instantaneous and came without a struggle. No cause is known for the ----- as , her school work had been ----- and satisfactory, both to herself and pupils. Ahe took pride in her work and was loved by the little ones. -----

The coroner was summoned from Pekin and empaneled a jury, who after hearing a number of witnesses, brought in a verdict that the deceased came to her death by a pitol shot fired by herself while suffering from temporary insanity.

Miss Florence Fuller was one of a family of eight children and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fuller of Unionville, Iowa. She was born July 16, 1888 in Elm Grove township and was a graduate of our high school. She taught school last year near her home in Iowa and this year was employed to teach the primary grade in our high school. She was a young woman beloved by all who knew her and one whose death will be mourned by the entire community and one who will be sadly missed by all the young people here and at her home.

No arrangements have been made at this writing for the funeral.

The name of Miss Clara Cooper, of this place has been entered in the Peoria Herald Transcript Piano Contest. Her friends wish her success.

MILLINERY.

At Mrs. Dean's Millinery Parlors in the south part of town. Latest styles and colors.

Fall millinery at Mrs. Dean's.

Hunters and Trespassers take notice.

Anyone caught on land owned or controlled by one of the undersigned will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Signed.

Frank Dillon	C. A. Davis
Fred Hild	Silas Litwiller
A. T. Davis	-- Helleman, Jr.
Benj. Getz	A. L. Robison

T. J. Davis Joseph Keller
Wm. F. Davis

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LOCAL NOTES.

Geo. Lance, of Mackinaw, was a caller here Sunday.

Thos. Litwiller was a business caller in Peoria, Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Horner, of Pekin, visited here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Getz are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. M. Bloompot left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. Ethel Ahrendt, of Mackinaw, was a caller here Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Cody and Miss Beth were shoppers in Peoria Saturday.

Homer Miller, of Mackinaw, was a business caller here Wednesday.

J. W. Barkdoll and family were Sunday afternoon visitors in Mackinaw.

Mrs. Henry Rasel and daughter of Millford, Ind., are visiting relatives here.

Misses Sallie Sparks and Eva Puterbaugh, of Mackinaw, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Emma Quinn -----, Ind., who made ----- visit here, has returned to her home.

Mrs. A. L. Smith arrived on Monday evening for a visit with her daughter, Miss Cleo of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Becker are the proud parents of a baby daughter. All concerned are doing nicely.

Mrs. Ores Foster, of Fisher, who has been visiting friends at this place, has gone to Deer Creek to visit friends.

Jeff Herendon, of southwest Missouri, visited relatives here this week. He is a relative of J. W. Barkdoll and Albert Wilson.

Samuel Riggerbach has gone to Monte Vista, Col., for a visit with friends. He was accompanied by Miss Lizzie Musselman.

John Rebee and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home. The little Miss put in appearance Tuesday morning.

F. L. Hinman held a very successful sale of shoats at the Fred Trout barn last Saturday afternoon. He sold 115 in lots of five to ten at an average of about \$3.25 per head. They were a nice thrifty lot but young.

The second number of the lecture course was given in the Columbia Opera House on Wednesday evening. O.T. Mande, the prince of magicians, demonstrated his ability along this line and is certainly an artist with few equals. Wm Spicker, a violinist of more than ordinary ability, also favored the large audience with some very fine selections. In all it was a first class evening's entertainment. (To be Continued.)

The Pekin Street Fair came to a close last Saturday evening and was the most successful of any they ever held. Large crowds were in attendance each day and the merchants of the city say their trade was something immense. After the opening day the weather could not have been better. The booths erected by the business men were handsome and their display of wares were simply fine. There were not only more booths, but they were handsomer than at former fairs. The business men all took hold and helped make it a success and they should have credit for it.

Special Sale of Wagons.