

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2005

We have our six cases all cleaned, painted, & filled with artifacts! Our room is looking more like a museum all the time. We finished this project in time for the C. V. Reunion on July 30th. Over 200 folks attended the reunion & about three dozen came through our museum. Everyone enjoyed the visiting and bountiful tables of delicious food. We were very pleased by the attendance, and many thanks to all who helped.

We are planning a fall trip to Grand Detour, IL on October 2. The details will follow in our next newsletter. Our museum will be open to the public on November 12 when C. V. holds their annual Veterans Day celebration.

Do you have any history about your family (present and past) that you would like to share in our newsletter? At present we have sixty-two members. Many of you remember Donna & Jesse Roberts. They pastored our C. V. Methodist Church in the 1940's. Donna died in December, 2004, and Jesse has alzheimers.

The following former Cherry Valley residents have died since the last newsletter:

Harry Eckhart (80)
Vi Cooper (92) June 2
Wes Peterson (81) July 2
Rose Oldham (57) July 8
John N. Gable (95) July 10

Rockford Morning Star May 29, 1960: "County Pupils in Boat Crash" Twenty-three students & seven chaperones were aboard an excursion steamer which struck a harbor breakwater in heavy fog Saturday near Milwaukee on Lake Michigan. None of them were among the eleven persons injured in the mishap. This was an annual event for C. V. eighth graders. The complete news article can be read in our museum.

Stage Coach Travel: Frink, Walker & Co. first ran its stage lines only from Chicago to Rockford. The coaches were always drawn by four horses. In 1840 the schedule time was advertised to be 24 hours. Horses were changed at intervals of 15 miles at stations built for this purpose. Coaches left Chicago every Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday, and returned on alternate days. The fare was \$5.00. Stories passed down from parents & grandparents relate of three homes located in C. V. at 301 W. State St., 809 Elgin St. (built by John Fitch around 1853), & the southwest corner of W. State & Mill Rd. (part of this home served as a hotel at one time). This article was taken from Our Memories Are Warm book. This book is filled with very interesting information about C. V. Our price for the book is \$50.

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