

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2005

About a month ago Pee Wee purchased a new Symphonic television which will adapt to videos and dvd's. Also, he purchased a new HP copy machine. He has interviewed many C. V. veterans with our video camera over a few years. Now we can show these interviews on our television when we are open to the public.

On June 5 seventeen of our members & spouses enjoyed our spring trip to Beloit. We lunched at Jessica's Restaurant, & then viewed the Lincoln Center (a museum owned by the Beloit Historical Society), the 1857 Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead of many rooms. & the acreage on which stood a large barn with many old tools & artifacts, a school house, & a nine-hole outhouse. This homestead is also owned by the Beloit Hist. Soc.

Our annual picnic for members, spouses, or guests will be July 10th at 12:30 & an ice cream social for the public from 2 to 4pm at the pavilion behind the tennis courts. Also, we will have live folk music. The C. V. Reunion will be on July 30th 11 am to 4 pm. We will eat at 1 pm.

The following former Cherry Valley residents have died since the last newsletter: Edward Albert Schulenburg (83) April 23 and John (Jack) Forster (82) May 21.

We have the following items for sale in our museum: T shirts \$10, sweatshirts \$20, stationery \$5, postcards \$2, hometown collectibles \$15, mugs \$5, and Our Memories Are Warm books \$50.

Thomas Powers requested that our society send him an article about Cherry Valley. John Larson (our historian) recently wrote a very informative article about 'Cherry Valley's Beginings'. Thomas Powers is the newsletter reporter for the Nugetts of History for the Rockford Historical Society. Please stop in & read the article. John spends tireless evenings at our museum checking over news articles, obituaries, and pictures, and placing them in order. We appreciate John's efforts.

This was found in a steno pad written in pencil about C. V.: First store was operated by John Waterman. First hotel was operated by a man called Ingram & called his hotel Ingram's Tavern. First postmaster was Joseph Riddille. First grain warehouse was built in 1851. Kishwaukee means "clear water" in Indian. First settler was Joseph Griggs. Joseph Griggs sold his land to Edwin Fitch who recorded the first Plat of the Village on 11/17/1849. The railroad was completed to C. V. in Feb., 1852. First school principle was Miss Mary Drits. In 1877 there were 120 pupils in school here. The first school was built in 1848 & later it was decided to build another. A battle raged to see on which side of the river it would be located & in 1869, \$18,000 was spent to build the present school. In 1877 two farmers (John Brown & Hugh Mackey) worked 300 acres each. They each employed 25 to 30 men raising broom corn for the factory in C. V.

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