



History Matters!

Newsletter of the Effingham County Cultural Center
and Museum

Effingham, Illinois

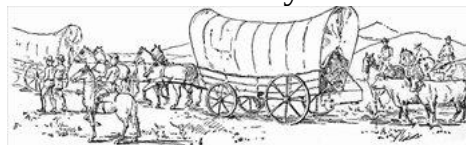
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This National Road kiosk was recently erected and dedicated on the Jefferson Avenue side of the Old Courthouse Museum grounds. According to **Phil Lewis**, ECCCMA member and National Road Association President, the National Road in Illinois spans a distance of 164 miles, commencing in Marshall and ending in East St. Louis. It runs through the full width of Effingham County.

Sometimes the National Road is called the Cumberland Road or the Cumberland Trail. It was the first federally funded highway, and it was intended to help the pioneers move west with their families and their possessions. The sale of public lands in the west provided the money for the original construction, and road and bridge tolls paid for upkeep. The kiosks were designed by Joe Richardson and they are intended to educate people about the National Road and to honor the brave pioneers who used it on their way to a new life far from their original homes.



ECCCMA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Museum is to establish, maintain, and operate a museum for the general public, and to collect, research, care for and interpret materials and artifacts of cultural and historical interest to the residents of, and visitors to, Effingham County, Illinois. Our vision is that the 1872 Effingham County Courthouse remains as an architectural gem that instills a sense of community pride and provides a venue to educate and showcase the history, art, and transportation of Effingham County. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Hours

Usual hours March-December: Tuesday & Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM
Other hours by special arrangement
Closed to the general public January-February, except for special programming
or by appointment

Accessibility

The museum is wheelchair accessible from the east side entrance just off the parking lot. Toilet facilities that are wheelchair accessible can be found in the west exhibit room.

Collection Building

The scope of the Museum's collection is directed by its Mission Statement. Donations are accepted of objects that relate directly to the Museum's mission of collecting materials and artifacts of cultural and/or historical interest.

Board and Officers

President	Delaine Donaldson
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Upcoming Event

2016-2017 Historic Lecture #1

Thursday, November 10, 2016

7:00 PM

Second floor Event Center

150 Years of History - Effingham's St. John's Lutheran Church

Presenter: Mr. DEAN MANUEL



1869



2016



ECCCMA member **Dean Manuel** will share the history of his iconic church, which has been a landmark at 901 West Jefferson Avenue for many years. Dean is the Anniversary Chair of congregation's 150 years celebration. He will relate the early history of St. John's, as well as the many ways the Church is integrated into the lives of its members from birth to death. In the early days, services were in German. But in 1911, German co-existed with English, and then in 1935, English replaced German at all the services. The present church's cornerstone was laid in 1935, and the bell from its predecessor can be seen on display on the front lawn. Dean will talk about the various pastors over the years, and some of

the later names will stir the memories of today's listeners. Dean has written a history of the church, and information will be available regarding the purchase of this work.

ECCCMA Membership Application

Please print clearly.

Detach and mail to: ECCCMA, P. O. Box 324, Effingham, IL 62401

Name _____

Mailing address _____

email address: _____

Check # _____ enclosed for one year membership:

_____ **\$25.00 individual** _____ **\$ 50.00 family**

Membership can also be obtained via PayPal by visiting the ECCCMA website:

www.effinghamcountymuseum.org

Old Settler's Reunion 2016



Local American Legion presents the Colors



Antique tractors - Old Mill Thresherman's Ass.



Farmer's Market Goodies on the Grounds of the Old Courthouse Museum



Dan Koester and his trusty mule team provided wagon rides around the courthouse square.



Exquisite early 20th century fashion (1930s) on display



Kingery Brothers and the Smoke House Gang entertained



Jennifer DeWeese did the face painting little girls love

An important Old Settler's Reunion tradition is to present awards. To qualify as an OLD SETTLER, a resident must have lived in the County for at least 30 years. And, you must register. No registration, no prize!

This year's winners are:

Oldest man - Graydon Horath, age 99 years

Oldest woman - Loreen Macklin, age 100 years

Youngest man - Jim Mayhood, age 53 years

Youngest woman - Jennifer Deweese, age 30 years

Longest marriage - Charles and Gert Harris - 70 years of matrimony

A Historic Event Preserved by Ham Hampton's Artistry



A copy of this beautiful painting will be hung at the Courthouse Museum when exhibits are revised at the end of 2016. The original was auctioned on September 9th at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital as a fund raiser for the local Boy Scouts. The lucky winner of the original artwork was Henry Siemer of Teutopolis. The auction was facilitated by ECCMA member **Dan Wormhoudt**.

About the artist: Ham (Harold) Hampton is part of our County's History. He was born in Effingham in the old St. Anthony's Hospital in 1938. He went to West Side, Central and Effingham High School. Ham worked at Norge and at various gas stations. In 1975, he joined the Sheriff's Department. Over the years worked with Sheriffs Kenneth Moore, Art Kinkelaar and Ron Meek. He retired in 2000. In retirement, he exercised and expanded his artistic gifts. This painting has as its basis a photograph of scouts raising funds for the new St. Anthony's.

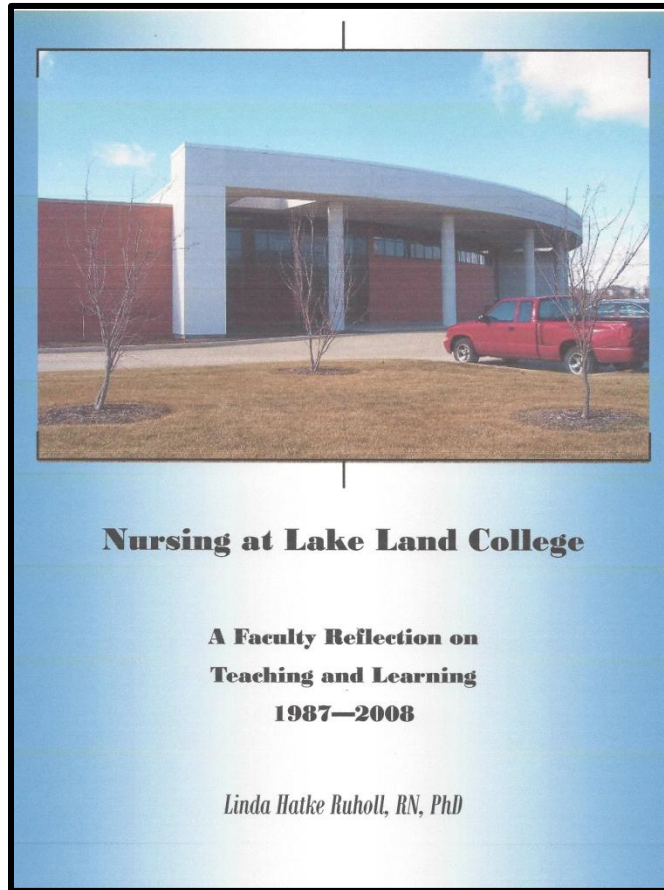
The boys in the painting are part of our history, too!

Darwin Manuel (left) was born in Effingham in 1936. He attended Effingham High School and became an Eagle Scout. Later he attended SIU-C and Western State College in California, where he earned a JD degree. He taught law and real estate at Fullerton.

Harold Tarrant (center) was born in 1936 and died in 2006. He graduated from Effingham High School. Harold served with the Illinois State Police from 1964 to 1991.

Dobie Langenkamp (right) attended Effingham High School. He earned a BA from Stanford and a JD from Harvard Law School in 1961. He was employed as a Professor of Law at the University of Tulsa, and as Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Institute there.

New Book Will Benefit Museum and Lake Land College Nursing Students



ECCCMA member **Linda Ruholl** recently published a memoir of her time with the Lake Land College nursing program.

This volume describes the beginnings of professional nursing in Illinois, details the 1966-67 origins of Lake Land College, and explains how the 1957 Mattoon School of Practical Nursing and the 1987 Associate Degree Nursing Program all came together as part of the new community college.

The book is composed of:

- *390 pages
- *39 faculty profiles
- *110 graduate profiles
- *600 photographs and illustrations
- *412 footnotes
- *Name index
- *Subject index

It was produced and printed in Effingham County.

Cost of the book is **\$25.00**. All proceeds are donated to charity. 80% (\$20) goes to the Museum Association, and 20% (\$5) goes to the LLC Shirley Clements Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

There will be a book signing at the Effingham Public Library on November 29 from 2-6PM. If you cannot come, you can order a copy of the book by mail.

Lake Land College Nursing History Book Order form (print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

Inscription desired, if any _____

Check # _____ for \$32.00 (\$25.00 book + \$7.00 priority mail).

Mail form and check to: Linda Ruholl, 17120 East 1650th Avenue, Teutopolis, IL 62467
You can expect to receive your book in less than two weeks.

1872 Celebration and Grand Ball October 1, 2016
A BRIEF TIME LINE OF A WONDERFUL DAY IN MUSEUM HISTORY



10:30 AM Phil Lewis & *Looking for Lincoln*



3:00 PM Chris Vallillo in Concert



5:00 PM The elegant period refreshments table awaits the guests



6:00 PM The FACE Orchestra, Bev Marshall Director



President & Mrs. Grant at entrance



The Salt Creek String Band played



And so did the little girls!



Comments on volunteer Jane Ries' Effingham County Courthouse Facebook page:

- *...the room had been chopped up into 3 small cramped rooms...with dark paneling...What a restoration. (St. Louis, Missouri)
- *We had a great time and hope this is an annual event. All the music was wonderful. Special kudos to FACE...you sounded amazing! (Effingham, Illinois)
- *That's my granddaughter, Nevie!!! (Teutopolis, Illinois)
- *Love this! (Chandler, Arizona)
- *I bet Greg Sapp was fantastic. (Lincoln, Illinois)
- *...From seeing this museum 2 years ago...enjoying the finished work...it is amazing(Olathe,Ks)
- *WOW! (Lusby, Maryland)
- *...The room looked wonderful...looks like people are having a good time. (Wakiso, Uganda)
- *Love it! Thank you for posting! (Celina, Ohio)



There was a Victorian "Ladies Retiring Room"



And a wardrobe malfunction or two...



But they danced all night!

**We are sorry if you missed it in 2016!
We hope to repeat this event in October 2017.
Stay Tuned!**



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Open 10AM-2PM	2	3	4	5 Open 10AM-2PM
6	7	8 Open 10AM-2PM General Meeting 6PM Board Meeting 730PM	9	10 1st Historic Lecture Dean Manuel 7PM	11	12 Open 10AM-2PM
13	14	15 Open 10AM-2PM	16	17	18	19 Open 10AM-2PM
20	21	22 Open 10AM-2PM	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Open 10AM-2PM 4PM Downtown Christmas
27	28	29 Open 10AM-2PM	30			



December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 6-8 PM	3 Open 10AM-2PM
4 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM	5	6 Open 10AM-2PM	7	8 Second Historic Lecture 7PM Speaker TBA	9	10 Open 10AM-2PM
11	12	13 Open 10AM-2PM General Meeting 6PM Board meeting 730PM	14	15	16	17 Open 10AM-2PM
18	19	20 Open 10AM-2PM	21	22	23	24 CLOSED
25	26	27 Open 10AM-2PM	28	29	30	31 CLOSED

Christmas Open House 2016

*Come enjoy your Old Courthouse Museum
decorated for the
Holidays*

Refreshments will be served!

Friday, December 2 ~ 6 to 8 PM

Sunday, December 4 ~ 2 to 4 PM

